It has always been puzzling why the holiest day of the year “Yom Kippur” begins with the emotionally charged chant of Kol Nidrei, which is basically a halachic procedure for annulling certain oaths and vows, obviously there has to be more to Kol Nidrei than meets the eye. It’s possible that the real reason behind Kol Nidrei is based on a Zohar that kabbalistically Kol Nidrei is an appeal to G-d to nullify his oath that will banish or exile the Jewish people because of their sins. The Talmud (Bav Basra 74A) relates that Rabba Bar Chana heard a heavenly voice saying “Woe is me that I swore to exile my people, but now that I have sworn, who can annul it for me”. The Kol Nidrei implies that just as we seek to absolve ourselves of vows and oaths so too G-d may also annul his oath to withdraw his presence from the Jewish people. Therefore Kol Nidrei is a prayer and a supplication to G-d to quickly end the bitter exile and bring salvation to the Jewish Nation. May this time come speedily in our days.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos and Gmar Tov!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
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Sukkot Dinners

Please join us for Sukkot dinners on Sunday September 23 and 24 after davening
Cost: $65/member, $80/nonmember, $45/child
Please RSVP by September 17 to the Shul’s office 305 866 0203, yakira@yicbh.org
**Space is limited!**

Sukkot Club: We are looking forward to sustaining our annual tradition of having kiddush in our shul Sukkah each day of the holiday. As in past years, we look forward to getting as many sponsor families as possible, at the modest amount of $100 per family. Stuart Harris z”l worked very hard organizing this each year, and let us strive together to sustain this beautiful shul-wide tradition. Please contact Yakira (yakira@yicbh.org) or Shelly Lisbon (slisbon7346@aol.com) if you would like to be part of our Sukkot Club.

The talent of Stuart Harris z"l for continuously sustaining kiddush sponsorship on a weekly basis was truly amazing. Our wonderful kiddush tradition has allowed members and friends to get to know one another and socialize in a place of kedusha, holiness. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition, and we ask for your ongoing support. We are looking for sponsors for the second day of Sukkot.
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Reminder: Kol Nidrei Appeal

The Annual Kol Nidre Appeal is one of our major fundraisers of the year, and provides essential support to our growing membership and annual operations. We kindly ask that you please show your support in the form of a generous contribution to our shul. If you have not yet sent in your contribution please contact the office at your earliest convenience. In the merit of your generosity may Hashem increase the blessings to each of you and your entire family for the coming year.

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Shmooze News
Parshas Vayelech, September 15, 2018

**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharis.
- Father and Child during Seuda Shlishit upstairs.
- Community learning program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra starting Monday October 8th till January 14, 8:00PM-8:45PM at Young Israel
- Sunday September 16, 8:00PM Shiur by Rabbi Yaakov Moskowitz at the home of Aaron & Tammy Attias 145 Biscay Drive. Topic: Yom Kippur: What Should I feel, What should I think.

**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- This week’s Kiddush is unsponsored, if you are interested in sponsoring this week’s Kiddush please contact the Shul’s office and we will announce it in next week’s Shmooze News.
- A warm welcome to our new members Emily & David Aaron and Andrew & Ester Bales.
- Rabbi Citron will be selling lulavim and esrogim in the Young Israel this Sunday morning (9/16) after shacharis. To buy at other times, please contact him at 786-3165934

**Building Fund**

Please pay your Building Fund pledge as soon as possible. We would like to pay off our Building Fund loan obligation to the bank to avoid paying continued loan interest.

**Refuah Sheleimah**

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Howard Barbanel, Shelly Lisbon.

**Youth Program**

- An extensive High Holiday Youth program has been prepared. Please see separate flyer for details
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting or attend via Skype please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seuda Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

**Important: High Holidays Seat Assignment and Posting Information**

- All men & women seats are assigned by name and seat number.
- Seat assignments will be posted at the sanctuary entrances on the main and balcony levels.
- The seat assignment information will be posted in two forms:
  a) Names shown directly on the seating chart configuration;
  b) In a table by family name, in alphabetical order.
    Two copies of this information will be posted on each level.
  c) Some seat assignments have been changed from Rosh Hashanah. Please check updated seating charts carefully.
- Please make sure to follow the seat numbering on the arm of each seat.
- We ask everyone’s cooperation in respecting the seat assignments, and further respecting that each seat is assigned for the duration of the service, regardless of when the individual enters the sanctuary.
- Please note that permanent seat holders who will be with us have, of course, been assigned their seats. For those reserving seats, every effort has been made to accommodate seat reservation requests. We ask everyone’s understanding and cooperation.
**If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis,** please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

**E-mail communication**
When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to yakira@yicbh.org NOT yibh.org
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@yicbh.org

**Community notice**
Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

**Support our Shul with Amazon Smile**
When you shop on Amazon through the program called Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases can be donated to the Shul. Please visit www.smile.amazon.com and sign up your amazon account with Young Israel Congregation (National Council of Young Israel – Surfside). Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Young Israel every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our Shul. Click here to go to smile.amazon.com and begin supporting the shul.

**In less than three weeks, two million Floridians will receive mail in ballots and voting will begin for the November 6 general election. Your vote will be critical to the future of statewide scholarship programs to attend nonpublic schools. Request your mail-in-ballot or register to vote at https://teachadvocacy.org/florida/**

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