This Shabbos Chol Hamoed Succos we read from the book of Koheles. King Solomon says (5:11)

"Sweet is the sleep of the laborer whether he eats little or much; but the satiety of the rich does not let him sleep."

The simple understanding of this verse is that the hard work and very simple needs of the worker allow him to sleep peacefully whereas the wealthy man’s many business pursuits and investments cause him much anxiety and do not give him the peace of mind to have a restful night’s sleep. As it says in Pirkei Avos 2:7 – the more possessions a person has the more worry he has. The Ksav Sofer has a completely different explanation of this verse. He says that the word him at the end of the verse does not refer to the rich man but rather the poor laborer. So what King Solomon is saying is that although the laborer should sleep well it is the wealth and success of the rich man that does not allow him to sleep, meaning it’s the jealousy he has of this wealthy individual that gives him no rest. The insight of King Solomon is that the trait of jealousy, which is part of the human condition, is so destructive to our emotional wellbeing and happiness in life. The book of Koheles at first glance may appear to be a depressing book, but really it is the wisdom of King Solomon teaching us what are the real
impediments in living a happy and fulfilled life, and there is no question that the trait of jealousy has ruined the lives of many families. The Talmud tells us in Yoma (38B) that whatever is destined for you to have will be yours and whatever is bashert for someone else to have will be theirs and there is no force in the universe that can change that. Therefore, the key to living a life of simcha is to be happy with the lot the Almighty has given us, as it says in Pirkei Avos "Who is the rich man? The man who finds satisfaction with his designated portion in life.” Sefer: Ateres Avraham

Have an inspiring Shabbos and Chag Sameach!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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Meir Cosiol, Mikey Szafranski, and Jared Plitt -- Gabbaim, for ensuring the smooth, efficient flow of our davening

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Rabbi Avi Fried -- for leadership of Youth Program, accommodating so many children, across many age groups

Max Dekelbaum -- for singlehandedly arranging all aspects of our two shul Sukkot dinners -- arranging catering, ordering and picking up supplies, and overall oversight

Yakira and Florence -- Our office staff that has had to handle an extraordinary number of Yomim Noraim - specific details over more than the past month, in addition to their "normal" set of activities and obligations
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

Congregational Family and Shul News
- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Michael & Judy Levine commemorating the yahrzeit of Judy’s father Cantor David Jacob z”l.
- This Shabbos early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Nicole and Michael Strongin and family in thanks to the Young Israel community for being so welcoming when we visit. The early minyan Kiddush on second day Yom Tov was sponsored by Rafi and Tamar Greenbaum in honor of Tamar's maternal grandfather's 97th birthday, Arnold Buxbaum. May he be happy and healthy until 120 years
- Kiddush on Shmini Atzeret is co-sponsored by Gerry & Sandy Seligsohn commemorating the yahrzeit of Gerry’s father Avraham Mordechai ben Gershon z”l; and by Marc & Nicole Gleitman commemorating the yahrzeit of Nicole’s father Meyer ben Shimon z”l; and by Bella & David Krieger on the celebration of the simchat bat for their daughter Olivia Patrice (Luba Shifra).
- Simchat Torah Kiddush is sponsored in memory of Stuart Harris z”l by: Nicole & Marc Gleitman, Susan & Jack Gluck, Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein, Fran & Alan Hirmes, Shaynee & Dr. Martin Kessler, Alex & Ann Lebowitz, Miriam & Shelly Lisbon, Naomi & Solomon Mayer, Carol & Seymour Pinewski, Helen & Menno Ratzker, Mali & Steve Schwartz, Stephanie & David Schwartz, Sandy & Gerry Seligsohn, Susan & Aaron Weinberg, Joni & George White, Toby & Gerald Wolf.

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, Shelly Lisbon.

Youth Program
- 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 Seudat 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.
Yahrzeits September 29 – October 5, 2018

20 TISHREI  Brent Levison for his father, Moshe Levison, on Shabbos, Sep. 29
20 TISHREI  Linda Laulicht, Charles Kushner for their father, Joseph Kushner, on Shabbos, Sep. 29
20 TISHREI  Judy Levine for her father, David Jacob, on Shabbos, Sep. 29
20 TISHREI  Simon Trzman for his mother, Sarah Trzman, on Shabbos, Sep. 29
21 TISHREI  Linda Rothschild for her father, Max Rosenstock, on Sunday, Sep. 30
21 TISHREI  Jerry Seligsohn for his father, Max Seligsohn, on Sunday, Sep. 30
22 TISHREI  Alfredo Frohlich for his father, Ernst Frohlich, on Monday, Oct. 1
23 TISHREI  Batya Wolf for her father, Laaziz Yaish, on Tuesday, Oct. 2
23 TISHREI  Bella Brenner for her mother, Leah bas Shlomo Zev Hakohen, on Tuesday, Oct. 2
24 TISHREI  Golda Jacobs for her mother, Libby Katz, on Wednesday, Oct. 3
24 TISHREI  Linda Storch for her father, Bernard Schwartz, on Wednesday, Oct. 3
25 TISHREI  Susan Gluck for her father, Yechiel Michl, on Thursday, Oct. 4

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Yahrzeit Plaques Now Available

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on the newly installed automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, space is limited, so please fill out the form recently emailed as well as mailed to you and return to our office. If you have any questions, please speak to David Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website www.yiplaques.com.

The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds. Please donate directly to the Young Israel indicating on your check, or alternative payment, that it is specifically for the Refuah Fund. Special thanks to Susan Gluck and Susan Packer for establishing and continuing this very important mitzvah.

The future of state scholarship funding for private schools in Florida is at risk in the upcoming November election. Get familiar with the candidates and issues by checking out the sample ballots on your supervisor of elections website. Keep an eye out for candidate surveys to know where people stand on your issues. To register to vote or for help getting a sample ballot, email teachflorida@ou.org.

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