“Spices for the anointing oil and for the spice-incense”
Shmos 25:6

The Talmud (Yoma 38A) tells us that two items used in the holy temple were prepared by a secret method. The house of Garmu possessed the secret for the making of the lechem hapanim (showbread) and the house of Autinas made the ketores (incense). When these families refused to reveal their secrets, the rabbis hired craftsmen and bakers from Alexandria, Egypt to duplicate the secret processes. These experts were unsuccessful and the rabbis were forced to reinstate the two families. The Talmud explains that when Ben Azai heard what happened that they had to reinstate the families which they fired he said the following: “A person will be called by the name he deserves, seated in the position destined for him, and sustained with the livelihood designated for him.” The rabbis could not dislodge two families from their positions because that was the livelihood G-d had set aside for them. Why was Ben Azai so inspired by the story of these families? They possessed a trade secret that they shrewdly guarded from any outsider, and the process was complicated so that experts could not
duplicate it. Where did Ben Azai see such convincing evidence of G-d’s protection of one’s livelihood? The answer is that the power exerted by the rabbis to extract the secret was a force greater than any other possessed by man. When the sages act on behalf of the Jewish people, they can even silence the Heavenly angels. A case in point is when Rosh Hashana falls out on Shabbos. The halacha is that in such a case the shofar is not blown. The Talmud tells us (Rosh Hashana 16B) that the purpose of the shofar is to confuse satan (accusing angel) and prevent him from prosecuting against the Jewish people, but if you don’t blow shofar when Rosh Hashana falls out on Shabbos, the satan will have a field day against the Jewish people! Tosafos explains that when the sages legislate a prohibition on blowing shofar on Shabbos, they have the ability to decree that the satan can not prosecute against the Jewish people. This is how powerful the sages are, yet Ben Azai saw that even the incredible force of the rabbis could not budge the two families from their position. So we see that what is destined by Heaven for a person to have, whether it’s position, honor, or livelihood, it will remain his, despite all the powers in the universe. (Sefer-Majesty of man- My Rebbe HaGaon HaRav Henech Leibowitz z”l)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Youth Program News and Upcoming Events

- Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim preparations please speak to Rabbi Fried
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details
- This Shabbos, all Youth can turn in the tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the Aipac conference in Washington DC please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- Save the date: February 28th there will be a special Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th graders) program. Flyer & details to come.

Our 15th Annual Journal Dinner
The event is this Sunday, February 14th.
Reservations are closed. There will be NO walk-ins.
6:00pm Hors D'oeuvres 7:00 Dinner

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, next Shabbos, Feb 19-20
We are looking forward to our Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, with Rabbi J J Schacter, The Shabbaton will include excellent lectures by Rabbi J J Schacter -- on Friday evening during the Shabbaton Dinner; Shabbos morning, Shabbos afternoon before Mincha, and during Seudah Shlishis. The Shabbaton Friday night dinner will be catered and will take place in our beautiful new social hall. Members and friends are urged to attend this wonderful event, and we strongly encourage all those planning to attend the Shabbaton dinner to make reservations as soon as possible. 

Please make your reservations deadline is Tuesday February 16, 2016
# Classes and Upcoming Events

- **Talmud Shiur** by Rabbi Gruenstein, 6:30AM Mon-Fri in Classroom upstairs.
- **Daf Yomi** with Rabbi Citron, every day after Shacharis.
- **Ladies Tehilim group**, Mondays 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- **Parsha of the week** shiur, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis.
- **Father and Child Learning** Saturday night at **7:30PM** in the social hall; sponsorships are welcome.
- **Lunch & Learn** Mondays 11:30AM; sponsorships are welcome
- **Beis Midrash Night** every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM.
- **Classes for women** by Rebbetzin Baumann each Thursday, 10:00AM-12:00PM.

- **Feb. 17 -- Rabbi Tuvia Lieff**, Wed evening, **8:00PM**.
- **Feb. 24 -- Rabbi Elias Ovadia**, Wed evening, **8:00PM**.
- **Feb. 15,22,29 (Mondays)** – Lectures on Modern Orthodoxy; Maxine Jacobson, 8:00PM at Young Israel.
- **Mar 2 -- Rabbi Shay Shachter**, Wed evening, **8:00PM**.
- **Mar. 17 -- Rabbi Y Y Jacobson**, Thur evening, **8:00PM**.
- **Save the Date:** Purim and Purim Seuda, Thursday March 24, 2016.

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# Congregational Family and Shul News

- **Kiddush** this week is co-sponsored by Aaron & Susan Weinberg in honor of their 3 children and 10 grandchildren; and Stuart Harris is co-sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Penny Harris and Meir Cosiol, the dynamic Co-Chairs of the 15th Annual Journal Dinner.
- **Seuda Shlishit** this week is sponsored by Jack & Susan Gluck, commemorating the Yahrtzeit of Jack's mother, Chana Bas Yitzhok Isaac, Edith Gluck z"l.
- **Mazel Tov** to Linda & Murray Laulicht on the engagement of their grandson Avi Hirt, the son of Pamela and Ari Hirt of Teaneck, NJ, to Estee Siegel, the daughter of Lisa & Larry Siegel of West Hempstead, NY.
- **Mazel Tov** to Dr. Jared and Tami Plitt – Benveniste on the birth of their son Yehuda Hillel.
- **Our thanks** to Yakov & Rachel Allouche for donating a Kiseh Shel Eliyahu (chair of Eliyahu) to our Young Israel.
- **Our thanks** to Fred & Judy Farbman and Gerry & Sandy Seligsohn for donating 25 siddurim and 25 Chumashim to our Young Israel.

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# Building Fund News

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following families for their generous donations to our new Building Fund:

- Max and Gino Dekelbaum for increasing their donation by $36,000 to a total of $72,000
- Robert and Esther Friedman for increasing their donation by $36,000 to a total of $56,000
- Aaron and Chaya Elbogen for their donation of $36,000
- Shimmy and Devorah Gardyn for increasing their donation by $10,000 to a total of $30,000
- Andrew & Basya Lowinger for their donation of $25,000
- Ira & Shirley Marder for their donation of $2,000

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If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203
Our Siyum on the Tanach is being postponed till Shavuos, when we will have a community wide celebration. Although most of the Neviim and Kesuvim have been taken, the majority of the Chumash has not. Please click below to view what was taken and what is still available.

The membership directories are now available for pick up at the Shul’s office. For those members that are not in Florida please contact the Shul’s office and we can either mail it to you or e-mail you an electronic version.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 8 AT 1:30 PM
YOUNG ISRAEL SISTERHOOD EVENT BEING HELD AT NEIMAN MARCUS
"PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP SEMINAR"

Please note that when writing a check to our Young Israel, the check should be payable to Young Israel of Bal Harbour (not Young Israel Congregation).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

We can now accept on-line donations via our shul website directly through PayPal. Please use this link http://www.yicbh.org/payment.php, or first go to the website (www.yicbh.org), click on Membership & Donation, and press Donate. Please note, it is very important that you indicate in the "payment notes" the specific donation that is being paid for (membership, kiddush, aliyah, etc.).