The great Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, once saw a simple Jew accidently drop his Teffilin on the ground. The man immediately picked it up, carefully wiping off the dirt. He then lovingly kissed the Teffilin and put them back in their bag. The Berditchever Rebbi lifted his eyes to heaven and in his inimitable fashion said to G-d, “Master of the world look down from heaven and see how a simple Jew honors and cherishes your Teffilin. Why don’t You too lift up your downtrodden Teffilin, your nation of Israel about whom it is written, ‘And who is like, your people Israel, a unique nation on earth-- they have been laying on the ground in disgrace and shame for 2,000 years. G-d why don’t You pick them up and hug them and kiss them. Remove the mud and grime of sin that has accumulated upon them after so many centuries in exile. Why, G-d should Your Teffilin (the Jewish people) be treated worse than the Teffilin of your people. Parshas Bo describes the exodus from Egypt, the Paschal offering and, among many
other things, the Mitzvah of Teffilin. " May we soon experience the great day when G-d will fulfill the request of the Berditchever Rebbi by picking up his Teffillin and redeeming His people from this long and tragic exile. May it happen speedily in our days.

(Sefer- Emrei Kohen)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Shabbos Lectures with

Rabbi Elchonon Zohn

Shiur before Mincha

Topic: Ethical Wills: Articulating and Imparting Your Legacy

Seuda Shlishis Dvar Torah

Topic: Recognizing the Power of Tzelem Elokim

Announcing This Year’s Distinguished Dinner Honorees

Susan & Aaron Weinberg

Co-Chairs
Meir Cosiol Penny Harris

Please save the Date:
Annual Dinner February 14, 2016

Invitations have been sent out, and please respond at your earliest convenience -- this is our most important fund raiser of the year.

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, next Shabbos, Jan. 22 - 23
We are looking forward to our Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, with Rabbi Elazar Muskin, The Shabbaton will include excellent lectures by Rabbi Muskin -- 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 for the Friday night dinner as soon as possible
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 10:30 AM in the Beis Medrash.
- Parsha of the week shiur, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis.
- Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:15PM in the social hall; sponsorships are welcome. This week’s is sponsored by Sarah Cook.
- Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gruenstein, Monday 11:30AM; sponsorships are welcome.
- Beis Midrash Night every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM; with Talmudic Scholars from Talmudic University. Cholent and kugel are served; sponsorships are welcome.
- Classes for women by Rebbetzin Baumann each Thursday, 10:00AM-12:00PM.
- Jan. 20 -- Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Jan. 27 -- Rabbi Eli Mansour, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 1 -- Rachelle Sprecher Fraenkel, Mon evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 10 & 24 – Rabbi Elias Ovadia, Wed evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 17 -- Rabbi Tuvia Lieff, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 8,15,22,29 – Lectures on Modern Orthodoxy; Maxine Jacobson (Mondays), 8:00PM at Young Israel.
- Save the Date; Purim and Purim Seuda, Thursday March 24, 2016.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Edward & Rochelle Senker in honor of Eddie's 70th birthday.
- Seuda Shlishis is sponsored by the Sussman family for Aliyas Neshama of Dorothy Sussman z”l, Devorah Bas Zev OBM—7 Shevat Wife of Eli and Mother of Joel and Debra, Ira and Marsha and Perri and Akiba
- Please note: all ladies seating will continue to be OPEN SEATING in the ladies balcony until the mechitza downstairs is completed.

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Huberfeld for their generous donation of $25,000 to our new building fund.

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.  

Upcoming Shabbos Events at our Young Israel
• Jan. 22-23 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton; Rabbi Elazar Muskin, Rav of YI Century City  
• Feb. 19-20 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton; Rabbi J.J.Schachter

Screening of Jerusalem U’s New Film – Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 PM at our Young Israel  
“Crossing The Line 2—The New Face of Anti-Semitism on Campus”; A new documentary that reveals the rise of anti-Israel activity and anti-Semitic rhetoric on campus, and demonstrates when reasonable criticism of Israel ‘crosses the line’ into anti-Semitism. Film followed by a post-screening dessert reception. Graciously sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias, Michelle & Bob Diener, and Evelyn & Shmuel Katz. RSVP at http://ctl.stepupforIsrael.com/miami/

Emunah Dinner  
Emunah of South Florida invites you to attend its Annual Dinner on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, 2016 at 6:30PM, to be held at Young Israel of Bal Harbour. Please contact Emunah of South Florida for detailed information.

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.).

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