A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Yosef

Shmos (1:8)

The Talmud Sotah 11A mentions the disagreement between Rav and Shmuel about this verse. One says there was actually a new Egyptian king appointed. The other holds it was the same king who had ruled during the life time of Yosef but who now issued a new set of decrees turning his back on Yosef. According to the opinion that it was an old administration with a new policy, this is a classic example of a lesson that expresses itself again and again throughout Jewish history. Jews should not place their trust in the goodwill of the nations of the world. This is clearly seen in the behavior of Pharaoh, who had been so gracious and generous to the Jewish people but then violently turned against them despite the fact that Egypt owed their entire existence to Yosef. We also find in Jewish history during the period before the destruction of the first Temple, the Jewish nation put their trust and hope in an alliance with its friend and neighbor at the time, Egypt. The Prophet Yirmiyahu (2:37) warned his people that this would lead to disaster, but the people did not listen and this eventually led to destruction of the 1st Temple. In the beginning of their 20th century years before the rise of Hitler and his Nazi party, Rav Meir Simcha of Dvinsk wrote prophetically in his great commentary on Chumash, (Meshech Chochma) about “Those German Jews who say that their Berlin is Jerusalem.” They were enamored with the culture, science and poetry of their fellow Germans and felt very comfortable in the Father Land.
They were confident that the warm reception and generous hospitality found in Germany would last forever. Rav Meir Simcha warned that this is dangerous thinking. The violent backlash of the holocaust followed a few decades later. History constantly repeats itself with variations in the cast of characters and localities. Although we are thankful to G-d for allowing us to live in a “Medinah Shel Chessed” benevolent country like America. We still must not lose sight of this important lesson in Jewish history. We hope the day will come very soon that we will not have to rely on the nations of the world but rather we will stand tall and proud, as our redemption finally arrives may that time come speedily in our days. (Sefer: Emrei Kohen)

_Wishing you inspiring Shabbos!_  
_Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein_

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**Young Israel / NCSY Partnership Shabbaton**

We are looking forward to our annual YI/NCSY Partnership Shabbaton, which is fast approaching on January 8th and 9th. We are excited that this year, once again, we will host Southern NCSY’s teen leaders, advisors and staff. We look forward to yet another exciting Shabbos filled with ruach and inspiration.

In order to accommodate our guests, we are still looking for homes that can each accommodate 3 or more guests; please specify how many males or females you can host. Additionally, we are still looking for homes for Shabbos lunch, inviting 4 or more NCSY teens or staff.

If you are able to host sleepover guests or help with Shabbos lunch invites, please contact, as soon as possible, either: Tammy and Aaron Attias, (786) 566-2102, tammyattias@gmail.com; or Freda Greenbaum, (305) 632-8360, fredafg51@yahoo.com.

Your support to this wonderful annual event is greatly appreciated.

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**Please welcome our speakers at Seudah Shlishis: Rabbi Daniel Rosenstein, Executive Director of the Hebron Fund, with a brief introduction, and then Yoni Bliechbard, Chief Security Officer of Hebron, who will provide an inside report on the security situation in Hebron and Israel. All are encouraged to attend.**
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Talmud Shiur 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 short class, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis.
- Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:15PM in the social hall.
- Lunch and Learn, Mondays 11:30AM in Beis Midrash. This week’s Lunch & Learn is sponsored by Raquel Juroviesky in memory of her mother Sarah bas Malka z”l.
- Beis Midrash Night every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM; with Talmudic Scholars from Talmudic University. Cholent and kugel are served; sponsorships are welcome.
- Women's Rosh Chodesh Luncheon, Jan 11, 12:00PM. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the Shul’s office.
- Classes for women by Rebbetzin Baumann each Thursday, 10:00AM-12:00PM.
- Jan. 13 -- Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet, Wed. evening, 8:00 PM.
- Jan. 16 -- Rabbi Elchanan Zohn, Guest Speaker Shabbos afternoon.
- Jan. 20 -- Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Jan. 27 -- Rabbi Eli Mansour, 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 co-sponsored by Jacob & Julie Schorr commemorating the yahrtzeit of Julie's mother Renee Bohm z"l; and by Alan & Debra Kestenbaum in honor of Birthday.
- Please note: all Ladies Seating will continue to be OPEN SEATING in the Ladies balcony until further notice, and until such time that the mechitza downstairs is finished.

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following families for their generous donations to our New Building Fund:
- Joel and Sherry Wiener for increasing their donation by $150,000, bringing their total donation to $400,000
- Jayne Shapiro for her donation of $36,000
- Ira and Laura Nutis for their donation of $36,000
- Reuven and Iris Herssein for their additional donation of $24,000 bringing their total donation to $100,000
- Jake & Helaine Harman for their donation of $20,000
- Allen & Madeline Dorkin for their donation of $18,000
- Marc and Nicole Gleitman for their donation of $10,000
- Harvey and Barbara Dubrofsky for their donation of $10,000
- Asher and Nechama Lieber for their donation of $10,000

Youth Program News and Upcoming Events

High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203
Shul and Community Interest Announcements

**New Mailing Address:** 9580 Abbott Ave, Surfside FL 33154.
PO Box 545895, Surfside, FL 33154-5985.

**Shabbos/Holiday Schedule:** To view the schedule please go to our website [www.yicbh.org](http://www.yicbh.org) and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info

**Email Addresses:** Please use the following email addresses to contact the Rabbi, Office, Youth Director, and Gabbaim, Please Email Rabbi@yicbh.org; yakira@yicbh.org; Rabbifried@yicbh.org; gabbai@yicbh.org

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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.

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**UPCOMING SHABBOS EVENTS AT OUR YOUNG ISRAEL**

- **Jan. 8 -9** -- YI/NCSY Shabbaton
- **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

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**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/

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**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.

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We can now accept on-line donations via our shul website directly through PayPal. Please use this link [http://www.yicbh.org/payment.php](http://www.yicbh.org/payment.php), or first go to the website ([www.yicbh.org](http://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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