



# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

שמיני עצרת-שמחת תורה-שבת בראשית  
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 Robert Rosenberg, President

October 23, 2024 / 21 Tishrei  
 Rav Yaakov Marcus, Rabbi Emeritus

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**CONDOLENCES**

- ★ Susan Bermish on the loss of her husband, Rabbi Martin Bermish. Shiva will be observed Sun-Mon at 1190 Willowbrook Road and Tues-Wed at 37 Rock Hall Road in Lawrence, NY.
- ★ Pessie Friedman on the loss of her brother Moshe Roth. Shiva will be observed at 32 Oakville Street through Thursday morning.
- ★ Judy Tuchinsky on the loss of her husband, Rabbi Yitzchok Tuchinsky.

**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ **Nechama & Ben Schofield and Rebbitzin Michele Garner** on the birth of a daughter and granddaughter.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before NOON Thursday at [office@yisi.org](mailto:office@yisi.org) or 718-494-6700, Ext. 0 with the wording and spelling of names that you want placed in the announcements. Should you choose not to notify the office directly, please note that correct spelling of names cannot be guaranteed. **Resident Members only.**

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**We would like to thank the following for their Charity Fund Contribution:**

- ★ Mrs. Sheryl Jacobowitz for the yahrzeit of her brother, Melech ben Ephraim a"h, on 25 Tishrei.
- ★ Nina & Bob Levine for the yahrzeits of her dear father, Gedalia ben Baruch Mordechai a"h and her grandfather, Baruch Mordechai ben Gedalia a"h. May their memories be a blessing.

**Shul Announcements**

**SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH:** A Kiddush for all Shul members will take place following the conclusion of the Main Minyan on Simchat Torah. We hope to see everyone there. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

**L'zchus refuah shelemia for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira,** all children are welcome to come into the Sfarid Minyan on Simchas Torah morning for a chocolate candy extravaganza giveaway while we dance with the Torah.

**FOLLOW OUR SHUL ON WHATSAPP!** Join us at: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KLaU8dEeB14GWcz403Hqbb>.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE SIYUM HASHAS:** An evening of Torah, Tefillah and Achdus. *L'iluy nishmas* the Kedoshim of October 7 and all terror victims. Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, October 31, at the Young Israel of Staten Island. Maariv 7:15 PM; Program 7:30 PM. Featuring Guest Speaker Rav Eytan Feiner. Buffet Seudah following program.

**HOSTAGE TEHILLIM INITIATIVE:** YISI is sponsoring the printing of Tehillim booklets, *L'iluy Nishmas Chaya Malka bas Menachem Tzvi*, Chaya Padawer. Please take one and "adopt" a hostage. To support this project, please see Rabbi Lehrfield or Zavel Pearlman, or send a check to the YISI Charity Fund with the memo "Hostages-Tehillim."

**IF YOU ARE OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT** and want it on record with the shul, please contact the office if you have not done so already.

**DAILY LEARNING AT YISI:** A meaningful way to start your day!  
**Sun – Fri: Daf Yomi**

- Rabbi Rosenberg: Mon - Fri after 6:30 AM Shachris
- Rabbi Perlstein: Mon & Thu at 6:25 AM; Tue, Wed, Fri at 6:30 AM; Sun at 8:30 AM
- Rabbi Winzelberg: Sun at 7:45 AM
- Mon – Thu: YISI / Kollel Ba'al HaBatim Zichron Avraham Dov**
- 9:00 AM: Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Lehrfield in the MPR
- 9:50 AM: Rabbi Gary Kopstick on Parshas HaShavua. Via Zoom or phone: 520-453-7185. Saved on: [www.kolhalashon.com/ToraBank/](http://www.kolhalashon.com/ToraBank/).
- 10:30 AM: Rabbi Goldberger on Tanach in the MPR or via phone: 605-313-5890, code: 399719.
- 11:35 AM: Rabbi Goldstein on Gemara Beitza in the MPR or via phone: 425-436-6399, code 489260.

**A Day of Learning** at the YISI Kollel Ba'al HaBatim may be sponsored in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a joyous occasion, for \$135. Please see Gil Cohen or the office for a request form.

**YOM TOV / SHABBOS LUACH**

Eruv is up on both sides	
<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>	
Candle Lighting	5:45 PM
Mincha	5:55 PM
<b>Thursday, October 24</b>	
Mincha	5:50 PM
Candle Lighting	After 6:47 PM
<b>Friday, October 25</b>	
Candle Lighting	Before 5:43 PM
Mincha	5:50 PM
<b>Shabbos, October 26</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Z'man Krias Shema	10:00 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:30 PM
Daf Yomi	4:50 PM
Mishna Yomis	5:30 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 5:40 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on: Who wrote the Pesukim of Moshe Rabbeinu's demise?	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:44 PM

**WEEKDAY LUACH**

Earliest T&T	6:33 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Thur 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thur 5:45 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	There is a widespread custom to conduct Hakafot (literally, "encirclings") on Simchat Torah, both at night and by day, after Maariv and Shacharit. We walk around the Bima seven times, singing praises to Hashem, dancing and clapping in the Torah's honor. Despite the fact that clapping and dancing are generally forbidden on Yom Tov and Shabbat, it is nevertheless permissible to dance and clap on Simchat Torah to give honor to the Torah. In fact, not only does Halacha permit clapping and dancing on Simchat Torah, it is considered an important Mitzva to do so. The Vilna Gaon would fervently clap and dance on Simchat Torah, his eyes fiery like a torch as he celebrated in honor of the Torah.
Monday - Thursday	Rabbi Lehrfield Gemara Shiur 9:00 AM in MPR or via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236</a> Meeting ID: 560 851 5236 / Passcode: 12345
Wednesday	Rabbi Weiss – Tefilla 8:30 PM & Parsha 9:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

**See the Yom Tov handout for detailed schedule and davening times**

**ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM:** Learn one amud a day, with a review of the previous day's amud. Given immediately after Maariv, Mon-Thur, and Sun at 9:45 AM. To join, contact Louis Emmer at 718- 938-5414 or [louisemmer@gmail.com](mailto:louisemmer@gmail.com).

**YISI BOOK CLUB:** Oct. 28 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. Sarah Chasky will facilitate the discussion. Copies are on reserve at the Todt Hill Library under #2936. Please return after reading so others can enjoy as well. Contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309 with any questions.

**Youth Announcements**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who hosted our youth for the Sukkah Hop and to all our Simchat Torah sponsors.

**SHEMINI ATZERET:** Thursday, October 24

- Morning Groups only
- Children's Hakafot: 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Gym

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**SIMCHAT TORAH:** Friday, October 25 – No Groups

**SHABBOS MORNING GROUPS:** 9:30 AM – end of davening.  
Weekly sign-up required for toddler groups.

**SHABBOS AFTERNOON GROUPS:** 3:00 - 4:30 PM

**YISI FLAG FOOTBALL:** Games continue after Sukkot - this Sunday, October 27.

## Community Happenings

**COJO OF STATEN ISLAND 57th Annual Legislative Forum:**

Sunday, Oct. 27 at 9:30 AM (doors open at 9:00 AM). At the JCC of Staten Island, 1466 Manor Road. A light breakfast will be served. No charge for admittance. We will be briefed by our elected officials and by candidates running for office. As Israel finds herself in a war for her survival and with the rise in antisemitism, it is imperative that our elected officials and candidates running for office hear our concerns.

**STAND TOGETHER UNITY EVENT:** The National Council of Young Israel, in collaboration with Jewish Federations and the Conference of Presidents, invites you to join us in Washington, DC on Sunday, Nov. 10 at an event of Unity, Strength, and Resilience. Please note this is a ticketed event on a first come first served basis so register ASAP at: [Register for Unity Event](#).

**AMIT NEWS:** If you haven't received a calendar, please call Myra or Esther. Cards for all occasions can be purchased from Aviva Brum.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE:** Call Dave Bodner at 718-761-0707.

**SHAATNEZ TESTING** in the Willowbrook area: Same day service available. Contact Rabbi Avraham Zachter @ 646-286-4658.

**BAR MITZVAH LESSONS:** Learn how to lain and daven. Call Rabbi Yaakov Gifter at 917-691-8477.

**Let Willowbrook Shoe Shine** take the edge off your Erev Shabbos!  
Call/text/WhatsApp: 917-691-8477.

## Tehillim Circle

List will be updated at the beginning of each month. If you have a name you want listed, contact Yehudis Loewenstein at 917-868-5417, or [yudisl@aol.com](mailto:yudisl@aol.com). Names given should only be people of our community or their relatives. Please continue to say Tehillim for those seeking refuah.

- Boruch Tzvi Ben Chana Gittel
- Pessel bat Rochel
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel Leba
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Simcha Yitzchok ben Mireleh Yudka
- Dov Berish ben Chaya
- Shayna Golda bat Chaya Gitel
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Bracha Devorah bat Sarah Henna
- Menachem Mordechai ben Zeesel
- Raphael Pesachya Yaakov Halevi ben Aviva Sarah
- Bracha Rivka bat Miriam Leba
- Sura Shaindel Bat Tilla Royza
- Etel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel

## Community Gemachs

- ♦ **Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- ♦ **Simcha Gowns** – Debbie Berkovits 718-494-1905, leave a message.
- ♦ **Chair Gemach** – If you need to borrow chairs for company or a simcha, call Chana Reichman at 718 404-6708.
- ♦ **Be'er Miriam v'Rachel Centerpiece Gmach** – Rachelit 718 983-9664 or Rena 718 370-7438.
- ♦ **School Uniforms** - Rachelit 718 983-9664.
- ♦ **Bris Pillow & Outfit** - David at 347 661-4760 or Emunah at 718 813-1977.
- ♦ **Baby on the go Gemach** - Liluy Nishmat Rafi Toback - items available for loan for newborn needs and baby travel. Call Emunah Toback, 718 813 -1977.
- ♦ **Mom to Mom** - Fresh, hot, kosher lunches for a week delivered to new moms on Staten Island, absolutely free. To order, call or text 347-254-8112.
- ♦ **Precharged phone battery chargers** (with AC connection to recharge). Comes with built-in connector for iPhone and USB. Leave a \$5 deposit check which will be returned. Text 917-710-5611 or 718-570-5920.
- ♦ **Mezuzot Inspections** - Have your Mezuzot picked up, inspected, repaired, replaced, and returned. No charge for transporting the Mezuzot! Contact Scott Diamond for info: 917-674-3317/[slzdiamond@hotmail.com](mailto:slzdiamond@hotmail.com).

## Chessed Opportunities

- **Any member of the congregation in need of assistance** due to infirmity or age, please contact 718 494-4343. Help is a phone call away no matter how big or small the need is!

- **Bikur Cholim** is looking for: Volunteers to visit Jewish residents in Staten Island nursing homes. Call Brenda Kellerman at 718-761-6521. Volunteers to straighten out Bikur Cholim room at Staten Island University Hospital once a week. Contact Sheryl Jacobowitz at 917-445-8887.
- **Chevra Kadisha of Staten Island** is looking for additional individuals, both men and women, who can assist on a regular basis. If you are available or would like additional information, contact Larry Cohen at 718-612-3474.
- **Hebrew Free Burial Association** has a constant need for men, Bar Mitzvah age and up, to help in the performance of "Chesed Shel Emet" by serving as Levaya Minyan Volunteers at the Mt. Richmond Cemetery, 420 Clarke Ave. Contact Scott Diamond at (917) 674-3317 or slzdiamond@hotmail.com.
- **Clothing Donation – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – no drop-offs.** In good condition - nothing torn, soiled or outdated. Goes directly to people in our neighborhood. All sizes needed. Teachers, call if you have a student in need! If you need clothing, or to schedule a drop-off, call Rachelit at 718-983-9664.
- **Beautiful ketubot available at no charge.** Medium and small sizes. Please contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664.
- If you need help in **writing in Hebrew for a matzeva**, contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664. No charge. Also available for writing in Hebrew for a simcha.
- **The Willowbrook Pantry** is open by appointment only. Call Beverly Israel at 646- 530-1495 or Noga Kugel at 347-776-2977. Cleaning items & toiletries can be dropped off at 511 Buchanan Ave. or 154 Oakville St. anytime.
- **Israel Connect:** In Israel, English proficiency is the biggest barrier to university entry for underprivileged students. Using Zoom, you can tutor a student in Israel from the comfort of your home. The interaction is simple and enjoyable, and makes all the difference for the student. Click on the video [here](#) to see more or email [israelconnectscheduling@gmail.com](mailto:israelconnectscheduling@gmail.com).

## Job Opportunities

- The Jewish Foundation School is looking for a Kindergarten teacher for General Studies and a Middle school Morah for small group work. Please send resumes to [office@ifssi.org](mailto:office@ifssi.org).

**We want to share in your Smachot!** Please notify the shul office of major life events such as births, bar mitzvahs and weddings so that we can wish you a Mazal Tov in our weekly announcements (**Resident Members only**; non-Resident members can make a donation to the Simcha Fund). Donations to the **Simcha Fund and Charity Fund of \$54** or more will be acknowledged in the corresponding section of announcements. You may **sponsor a shiur** in honor of or in memory of a loved one with a donation of **\$100** or more. **To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office BY NOON THURSDAY at [office@yisi.org](mailto:office@yisi.org) or 718-494-6700 ext. 0.**

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