

# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת וישב  
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December 20, 2024 / 19 Kislev  
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**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ Sarah & Dr. Yossi Rudman on the birth of a daughter, Devorah Nechama.
- ★ Sonia Emmer on the birth and bris of a great grandson Ezra Moshe, born to Perry & Avi Skidelsky, daughter of Robin & Israel Eckman.
- ★ Paul & Elkie Jacobson Trenk on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to their grandchildren Yoel Dovid & Shaindy Weichbrod, children of Laya Malka & Simcha Weichbrod.
- ★ Annie & Barry Goodman on the aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son Ricky Moe to Eliana Weitz. Mazal tov to the Bubbie Esther Hutman.

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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| Contact the following for requests to utilize shul facilities: |  |
| Building use   | Uri Gertelman 718-666-8386                                   |
| Catering/Space Rental  | <a href="mailto:Bookings@yisi.org">Bookings@yisi.org</a>     |

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

- ★ Paul & Elkie Jacobson Trenk in honor of the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Yoel Dovid & Shaindy Weichbrod. Shout out to grandparents Laya Malka & Simcha Weichbrod.

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

- ★ Rabbi Bruce & Magda Ochs for the yahrzeit of his mother, Miriam bas Avraham, on 15 Kislev.
- ★ The Ochs Family in memory of their wife and mother Bracha Sura bas Pinchas
- ★ Susan & Izzy Geisler for the yahrzeit of his father, Chaim Alter Elazar ben Shalom a"h, on 21 Kislev.
- ★ Pauline & Morty Shapiro for the yahrzeit of his beloved father Jack Shapiro, Yaakov ben Nachum Yehuda, on 25 Kislev.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**MEMBERS' KIDDUSH:** Shabbos Chanukah, Dec. 28, in honor of Rabbi Katzman's appointment as Assistant Rabbi. If you would like to sponsor in Rabbi Katzman's honor or for any other reason, please contact Zalman Zimmerman 646-206-1002.

**YISI ANNUAL CHANUKAH MESIBAH:** Monday, Dec. 30 at 5:30 PM in the YISI Social Hall. Live DJ, dairy buffet, sufganiyot, merch and more! For sponsorships contact Zalman Zimmerman 646-206-1002. Donations can be made at yisi.org or at the door.

**RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored by:

- Lewis & Diana Frohlich in honor of their grandson Aiden, son of Richard & Michelle Frohlich, and their daughter in law Dr. Aliza Frohlich, both being honored at this year's NJ Yachad annual dinner.
- Barry & Feige Glass in loving memory of Feige's father, Binyamin Zev ben Avraham Yosef Yoska Halevi, a"h, on 20 Kislev.
- Nina & Bob Levine for the yahrzeit of her mother Miriam Pomerantz, Miriam bas Yaakov Tzvi a"h, on 20 Kislev.

**RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR** is sponsored by:

- Miriam & William Schreiber in memory of her beloved father, Moshe Yonatan HaKohen.

**ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM:** Learn one amud a day, with a review of the previous day's amud. Given Mon-Thur at 6:00 PM, and Sun at 9:45 AM. To join, contact Louis Emmer at 718- 938-5414 or [louisemmer@gmail.com](mailto:louisemmer@gmail.com).

**YISI AND MATAN present JEWISH HEROINES THROUGH THE AGES:** The MaTaN Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program. Ten two-hour zoom sessions led by MaTaN-trained teachers, delving into the lives of Jewish heroines, from the matriarchs to modern day leaders, for Bat Mitzvah aged girls (6th grade) and their mothers. For more information, contact Leah Cohen ([leahscohen2015@gmail.com](mailto:leahscohen2015@gmail.com)).

| SHABBOS LUACH   |  |
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| Eruv is up on both sides  |  |
| <b>Friday, December 20</b>  |  |
| Candle Lighting   | 4:14 PM                                |
| Mincha  | 4:25 PM                                |
| <b>Shabbos, December 21</b>   |  |
| Shacharis   | 7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarad (F) |
| Rabbi's Parsha Shiur  | 8:25 AM                                |
| Z'man Krias Shema   | 9:35 AM                                |
| Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)             | 3:00 PM                                |
| Daf Yomi  | 3:30 PM                                |
| Mishna Yomis  | 4:00 PM                                |
| Mincha  | 2:30 & 4:10 PM                         |
| Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on: The Most Wonderful Time of the Year? A Jewish View | Between Mincha & Maariv                |
| Shabbos Ends  | 5:17 PM                                |

| WEEKDAY LUACH                         |   |
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| Earliest T&T                          | 6:23 AM   |
| Early Mincha                          | Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM  |
| Mincha/Maariv                         | Sun-Thur 4:25 PM  |
| Late Maariv                           | Sun-Thur 9:00 PM  |
| Halacha of the Week                   | <p>My wife works in the city and comes home late. Should I light Chanukah candles at the prescribed time, or should I wait until she comes home?</p> <p>While lighting Chanukah candles is a mitzvah that is especially beloved, it should not come at the expense of family harmony and peace in the home. If one only has one candle on Friday, and cannot procure another, it should be used for Shabbos candles and not for Chanukah candles, because Shabbos candles were instituted to foster shalom bayis. In our case as well, lighting candles without waiting for one's wife to arrive will potentially have a negative impact on shalom bayis, and one should therefore wait until his wife comes home.</p> <p>Indeed, the Chafetz Chaim related that his Rebbi, R' Nochum of Horodna, was always exceedingly careful to light Chanukah candles at the proper time – but when his wife was late in coming home, he delayed lighting candles until she arrived.</p> |
| Motzei Shabbos                        | Father-Son Learning 6:15 PM in the First Shul   |
| 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<br>Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#  |
| Friday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Chanukah | Mincha 12:40, 3:00 & 4:25 PM  |

**YISI BOOK CLUB:** January 6, 2025 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Danielle Zevin. Copies are reserved at the Todt Hill Library under #2936. Looking forward to see you there.

**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

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## 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.

## Youth Announcements

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

**SHABBOS AFTERNOON GROUPS:** 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

**JR. CONGREGATION** with Rabbi Ben Schofield: Shabbos morning at 9:30 AM in the Gym.

**TEEN MINYAN:** Shabbos morning at 9:30 AM in the Beis Medrash. Parents are encouraged to send their kids to the teen minyan.

**CHANUKAH PUPPET SHOW:** Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:45 PM in the YISI MPR. Enjoy a show, pizza and gelt! Free to members; non-members \$15. Sign-up at: <https://forms.gle/9UrYrVts5VXzMEbQA>.

**CHANUKAH TRIP:** Friday, Dec. 27, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Join YISI Youth for a special Chanukah trip to Kids' Empire. Members \$10; non-members \$25. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/vRdF1ay7LXYCC29R9>.

## Community Happenings

### CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTINGS:

- COJO at Borough Hall - with Borough President Vito Fossella. Thursday, Dec. 26, at 6:00 PM.
- COJO with Chabad at the Staten Island Mall. Sunday, Dec. 29, at 5:00 PM.

**OHEL CHANUKAH GIFT DRIVE:** Please partner with Ohel Children's Home & Family Services to bring joy to the hearts and smiles to the children, teens and adults of our community. Drop off your gift in the box in the lobby, or see our Amazon registry to place an online order: [2024 Chanukah Amazon Gift Registry](https://www.amazon.com/registry/ref=AEM_Chanukah). Please call Debbie at 718-686-3103 with any questions.

**WINTER CLOTHING FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS:** Our men & women of the IDF are currently fighting not only against Hamas & Hezbollah but also the biting cold that they face every night in Gaza & Lebanon. It is **OUR** responsibility to keep them warm both in body & mind so that they can function till victory. We will provide them with thermal wear; jackets; scarves; and gloves that we have arranged with a supplier in Israel to distribute. We are not accepting clothing. Monetary donations only. Please mail or bring your check made out to JAC - Jewish Assistance Corp. - to 237 Woodward Ave. Thank you!

**AMIT NEWS:** Purchase cards for all occasions 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.

**Punchlist Handyman Services:** Reliable and skilled handyman for all your home repair and maintenance needs. Call/Text/Whatsapp 680-786-2433.

## Community Gemachs

- ♦ **Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- ♦ **Simcha Gowns** – Contact Debbie Berkovits 718 494-1905.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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).

## 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.

- Sorah Shoshana bas Dreiza Leah
- 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 Gittel
- 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

## 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.
- **Chevre 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](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) 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@jfssi.org](mailto:office@jfssi.org).

## Real Estate Listings

If you would like to list an apartment for rent or a house for sale on the YISI website, please call 718-494-6700 or email [office@yisi.org](mailto:office@yisi.org). If you know of anyone looking to move into our community, please point them to our listings at <https://www.yisi.org/community/real-estate/>.

**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.

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