



# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת ויחי  
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**MAZAL TOV**

- ✦ **Shelly & Heshie Chesner** on the birth of a great granddaughter, Yael, born to their grandchildren Rachel & Moshe Simon, children of Bashie & David Simon.
- ✦ **Susan & Izzy Geisler** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Zachary (Zacharia Avraham), son of Beth & Adam Geisler.
- ✦ **Eileen & Dr. Kenneth Horowitz** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maddie – Miriam Rivka – daughter of Dr. Heather & Dr. Steven Horowitz.
- ✦ **Debbie & Harry Mark** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Emma, daughter of Felisa & Chezkie Mark.
- ✦ **Janet & Roy Schmukler** on the engagement of their granddaughter Adina, daughter of Shoshy & Yaakov Schmukler, to Shloimy Richter of Lakewood.

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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 Building use Uri Gertelman 718-666-8386  
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**We would like to thank the following for their Simcha Contribution:**

- ✦ Susan & Izzy Geisler in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Zachary Geisler this Shabbos, Parashat Vayechi.
- ✦ Janet & Roy Schmukler in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter Adina Schmukler to Shloimy Richter.

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

- ✦ Phyllis & Mel Zachter on the yahrzeit of her mother Ruth Sitzer, Rochel bas Yehuda, on 6 Teves.
- ✦ Fran Tambor, Yonit, Zev, Atara and Eliana, in loving memory of her husband, their father, Jeffry Tambor, Yitzchak Ben Aharon z'l, on his 1<sup>st</sup> yahrzeit on 13 Tevet. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ✦ Rita & Michael Kaufman on the 1<sup>st</sup> yahrzeit of our dear beloved friend, Dr. Jeffry Tambor – Yitzchak ben Aharon z'l, on 13 Tevet. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ✦ Shea & Zahava Weiss and the Weiss family on the 6<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit of their father Shmuel Tzvi ben Avrohom, Sammy Weiss, on 13 Teves.
- ✦ Sarah & Judah Chasky for the yahrzeit of her brother, Avrohom Baruch ben Moshe, on 15 Teves.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored in memory of Walter Mandelbaum.

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

- Diane & Robert Rosenberg for the 8<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit of Robert's mother, Carol Rosenberg.
- Barry & Feige Glass on the yahrzeit of Barry's mother Gertrude, Chana Gittel bas Aryeh Leib, on Shabbos, 11 Teves.

**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).

- **Mazal tov to the members of the Orasya shiur** on completing Mesechta Beitsah and to Rabbi Lehrfield for his time and efforts preparing such an amazing Shiur. Join us as we begin Mesechta Megillah this Monday. Any questions, please contact Louis Emmer.

**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	
Eruv is up on both sides	
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	
Mincha	4:25 PM
Candle Lighting	4:30 PM
Fast Ends	5:20 PM
<b>Shabbos, January 11</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:42 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:45 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:15 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:25 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: Asarah B'Teves – Yom Kaddish Klali	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:34 PM
WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:25 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM
Mincha/Maariv	Sun-Thur 4:45 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	<p><b>QUESTION:</b> I always taste the soup and other dishes on erev Shabbos to see if they need more spices. This erev Shabbos will be Asara B'Teves. Am I permitted to taste the food?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> The Mishnah Berurah writes that it is a mitzvah on erev Shabbos to taste the food you prepare to make sure it is properly spiced. This is part of the mitzvah of honoring Shabbos. Yet one is not permitted to eat food on a fast day even if the intent is only to check on the spices. Nonetheless, Shulchan Aruch writes that on a fast day (except Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av) one may taste a small amount of food, provided it is spit out and not swallowed. The Rema disagrees and writes that food may not be placed in the mouth, even if it will be spit out. The Mishnah Berurah cites the Chayei Adam that if one is preparing a seudas mitzvah, and without tasting the food it will not be possible to tell if it was spiced properly, one may rely on the Shulchan Aruch and taste the food and immediately spit it out. This leniency applies to preparing the Shabbos seuda as well.</p>
Motzei Shabbos	Father-Son Learning 6:45 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 Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

**HOSTAGE TEHILLIM INITIATIVE:** YISI is sponsoring the printing of Tehillim booklets, *L'Ily 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.

**THE YISI BOOK CLUB** was rescheduled and will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.

**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.

**The Kollel thanks** Fagie & Yehuda Greenberg for sponsoring a Day of Learning in memory of Shmuel Avigdor ben Yishai HaLevi Mandel.

## 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.

If you'd like to get involved or help sponsor our next event, please email [youth@yisi.org](mailto:youth@yisi.org).

## Community Happenings

**SHMIRAS HALASHON GOUP FOR WOMEN:** Join us this Shabbos, Jan. 11 at the Emmer home, 176 Walcott Ave. Learn 2 halachos and ways to elevate your speech.

## INTRODUCING STATEN ISLAND DOLLAR A DAY ([SIDAD.org](http://SIDAD.org)):

A local Tzedakah initiative that makes it easy to fulfill the Mitzvah of giving Tzedakah daily while strengthening our Staten Island Jewish community. Contributions are pooled and distributed to local Jewish organizations providing essential services. Tizku L'mitzvot! Please join today at [www.SIDAD.org](http://www.SIDAD.org).

**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:** Our 2025-26 calendar cover will honor our members with ties, past or present, to AMIT schools, students, teachers, etc. Contact Vera Jonas or Esther Loewenthal with names. Cards for all occasions may 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.

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

## 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 Shandel Bat Tilla Royza
- Etel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel

## 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).

## 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](#) 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. **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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