



# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת שמות  
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 Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi

January 17, 2025 / 17 Teves  
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**CONDOLENCES**

★ Shlomie Liberman on the loss of his sister, Mrs. Sara Perlstein. Shiva will be observed on Motzei Shabbos and on Monday at 93 Washington Avenue.

**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ **Rabbi Mendy & Rebbetzin Malka Katzman** on the birth of a daughter, Chaya Risa. Mazal tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Moshe & Rebbetzin Chani Katzman.
- ★ **Atara & Lazer Goldgrab** on the birth of a grandson Alec James, Eliyahu Yaakov, born to their children Ricki & Josh Goldgrab.
- ★ **Chani & Yanky Weisz** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zev.
- ★ **Stacey & Dr. Louis Emmer and Mrs. Sonia Emmer** on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter Naomi to Dovid Gettinger.

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
Catering/Space Rental	<a href="mailto:Bookings@yisi.org">Bookings@yisi.org</a>

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

★ Atara & Lazer Goldgrab in honor of their new grandson Alec James (Eliyahu Yaakov). Mazel tov to our children Ricki & Josh, big sister Kaylie and all of his aunts, uncles and cousins, great grandmother Debbie Erlbaum and grandparents Devorah & Nahum Marcus.

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

- ★ Millie & Aaron Sued for the yearzeit of his father, Shaul ben Yitzchok, on 11 Teves.
- ★ Helene & Ronnie Shuter for the yearzeit of her father, Yeshayahu Leib ben Eliezer, on 19 Teves.
- ★ Jay Goldstein for the yearzeits of his brother, Yisroel Issar ben Yonah Leib, on 19 Teves and his mother, Rachel bas Yisroel Issar, on 25 Teves.
- ★ Heidi & Steven Schwartz for the yearzeit of her mother, Malka bas Avraham a"h, on 20 Teves. May her neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Sarah & Judah Chasky for the 7<sup>th</sup> yearzeit of his father Hilbert Chasky, Tzvi Pinchas ben Yitzchok Menashe, on 22 Teves.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored by:  
 • Sara & Phil Altmark in observance of the yearzeit of Phil's father Sidney Altmark, Ziskind Noach ben Yerucham Fishel, on 18 Teves.

**RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR** is sponsored by:  
 • Moishe & Hedy Berkower on the yearzeit of his mother Lillian, Leba bas Yaakov Tzvi HaLevi, on Shabbos, 18 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).

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

**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 17</b>	
Candle Lighting	4:38 PM
Mincha	4:50 PM
<b>Shabbos, January 18</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarad (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:41 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:45 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:25 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:35 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on: The Hostage Deal, Good or Bad? What does Halacha say?	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:42 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:23 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM
Mincha/Maariv	Sun-Thur 4:50 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Havdalah—sitting or standing? When a person is making Havdalah for others, the Rishonim differ on whether it should be recited sitting or standing. Some say that people who are being yotzei must share the same kevius (setting) as the one who is motzei them, and this is best achieved when they are all sitting. Others say that since we are escorting the King at the time of Havdalah (as the Shechina departs at the end of Shabbos), it is respectful to be standing. In their view, the kevius is achieved as long as everyone is gathered for the same purpose. Practically, there are two customs; some Gedolei Yisroel were mavdil standing and others were known to sit.
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#

**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.

**Youth Announcements**

**Due to Winter Break, there will be NO SHABBOS GROUPS (both morning & afternoon) and NO JR. CONGREGATION this Shabbos and next, 1/18 and 1/25.**

”והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם”

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**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

**COJO GROCERY BOX DISTRIBUTION:** Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan, 1180 Rockland Ave. (at Merrymount Ave). This is a drive-through event. First come, first served. Any questions, please contact Iva Reuven, COJO, Food Pantry Director, at [ivacojosi@gmail.com](mailto:ivacojosi@gmail.com).

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

**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 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** – 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 Gemach** – 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@ifssi.org](mailto:office@ifssi.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.**