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CONDOLENCES

★ Suri Last on the loss of her father, Shmuel Rychik. The levaya is taking place in Eretz Yisrael.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ Varda & David Korn and Esta Korn on the birth of a grandson and great grandson, born to their children Dasi & Phil Blass.
- ★ Chaya & Rafi Dersovitz on the birth of a great grandson born to their grandchildren Aliza & Judah Willig, children of Keren & Yudi Fromowitz.
- ★ Barry & Feige Glass on the engagement of their granddaughter Sara, daughter of Rabbi Asher & Tovah Vogel, to Moishe Castle.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before NOON Thursday at 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 Bookings@yisi.org

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

★ Barry & Feige Glass in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter Sara, daughter of Rabbi Asher & Tovah Vogel.

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

- ★ Aviva & Barry Hamber on the 3rd yearzeit of her mother Baila Rivka bas Yehoshua Hershel, Judy Zellermaire, on 22 Teves and on the 14th yearzeit of his father Brachyahu ben HaRav Pinchas HaLevi, Bernie Hamber, on 28 Teves. May their neshamas have aliyot.
- ★ Rita & Michael Kaufman on the 1st yearzeit of our dear friend Harry Weiser z'l, Tzvi ben Aharon, on 27 Tevet. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ★ Sherry & David Snyder in memory of Frank Herskowitz, Ephraim ben Asher Anshel, on his 8th yearzeit on 29 Teves. We continue to miss him every day.
- ★ Judi & Martin Engel for the yearzeit of his mother, Yutah Sarah bas Ephraim Fischel HaLevi, on 2 Shevat.
- ★ Pauline & Morty Shapiro for the yearzeit of her beloved mother Lillie Podbielak, Leah bas Elazar Yehuda HaLevi, on 1 Shevat.
- ★ Sarah & Zvi Spiler for the yearzeit of her father, Aryeh Leib ben Shalom, on 2 Shevat.

Shul Announcements

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

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.

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.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Feb. 10 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "The House of Eve" by Saqeda Johnson. Books are reserved for us under # 2936 at the Todt Hill Library. We hope you can join us. Please contact Sarah Spiler, 646-321-3309, with any questions.

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).

SHABBOS LUACH Mevorchim Shevat	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, January 24	
Candle Lighting	4:46 PM
Mincha	4:55 PM
Shabbos, January 25	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarad (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:40 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:40 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:30 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:40 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will be speaking on the topic: "Living in Egypt"	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:51 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:19 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thur 5:00 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Can a woman recite Havdalah? The Rishonim disagree on whether a woman is obligated in Havdalah. Women should be stringent and make sure to fulfill the mitzvah. In deference to the opinion that women are exempt, Rema rules that women should not recite Havdalah themselves, but should hear it from a man. Others question this ruling and maintain that even if a woman is exempt, she is still permitted to say the brachos. Practically, a woman should try to hear Havdalah from a man. If this is difficult, she should recite it herself and drink the Havdalah wine. On Motzei Yom Kippur, if a woman is hungry and wants to break her fast before her husband comes home from shul, she can make Havdalah herself and break the fast.
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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236 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#

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/.
- 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 Elkie & Paul Trenk and Howard & Sharon Lindenauer for sponsoring a **Day of Learning** for the yearzeit of Elkie and Howard's mother, Sheva bas Mordechai, on 29 Teves.

Youth Announcements

Due to Winter Break, there will be NO SHABBOS GROUPS (both morning & afternoon), NO JR. CONGREGATION and NO TEEN MINYAN this Shabbos, January 25.

If you'd like to get involved or help sponsor our next event, please email youth@yisi.org.



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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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.

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. Tizku L'mitzvo!

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.

PEACEFUL WALK IN SOLIDARITY R4TL for the hostages. Every Sun, 9:30 - 10:30 AM at La Tourette Golf Course. Meet: Forest Hill Rd & Rockland Ave. To Join: <https://run4lives.org>.

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. 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

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 or 718-494-6700 ext. 0.**

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