

YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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February 14, 2025 / 16 Shevat
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CONDOLENCES

★ David Yelloz on the loss of his brother, HaRav Refael Yechiel Yelloz. Shiva will be observed at 271 Martin Avenue, 12-8 PM, through Monday morning.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Caren & Jeffrey Kazan** on the birth of a grandson, Naftoli Tzvi, born to Faigie & Chaim Kazan. Mazal tov to the great grandparents Pearl & Alvin Kazan and the entire family.
- ★ **Esther & Sam Gross** on the engagement of their granddaughter Ariella Necha, daughter of Etti & Dov Zyskind of Baltimore, to Eli Weiss, son of Didi & David Weiss of Kew Garden Hills.
- ★ **Ronee Sklar** on the engagement of her granddaughter Emily, daughter of Kevin & Beth Sklar, to EJ Ehrlich, son of Laykie & Michael Ehrlich.
- ★ **Leah & Ari Cohen, Henry Cohen** and Marcia & Arnold Feldman on the aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son and grandson Aaron to Aliza Rosenbaum.
- ★ **Rena & Yossi Landes** on the upcoming wedding of Yossi's son Jordan to Dahlia Panitch of Potomac and Herzalia.
- ★ **Phyllis & Mel Zachter** on the marriage of their granddaughter Shira, daughter of Cindy & Eli Becker, to Dovi Ruzohorsky.

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:

- ★ Esther & Sam Gross in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter, Ariella Necha Zyskind, to Eli Weiss.
- ★ Ronee Sklar in honor of the engagement of her granddaughter, Emily, to EJ Ehrlich.
- ★ Nina & Bob Levine in honor of the birth of a great granddaughter, Leora Estelle – mazal tov to grandparents Shira & Ozi Glass. And in honor of the birth of great granddaughter Hadassah Miriam – mazal tov to grandparents Dina & Daniel Katz.

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

- ★ Helene & Ronnie Shuter for the yahrzeit of Helene's mother, Dubka bas Abba Chaim HaLevi a"h, on 5 Shevat.
- ★ Zelda Farkas, Rachel, Yehudit, Frumie and Yossi in loving memory of Izzy's 2nd yahrzeit on 17 Shevat. May his neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Goldie & Peretz Buchsbaum for the 7th yahrzeit of her mother, Hadas Chaya bat Dov Ber, on 19 Shevat.
- ★ Evelyn & Victor Schipper for the yahrzeit of her father David Susswein, Yitzchok Dovid ben Yehoshua a"h, on 20 Shevat.
- ★ Vicky & David Wortman in commemoration of the 16th yahrzeit of David's father, Menachem ben Avigdor, on 23 Shevat.

Shul Announcements

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

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Shirley & Sheldon Schwartz for the yahrzeit of his father, Mordechai Tzvi ben Chaim Zev HaKohen, on 18 Shevat.
- L'iluy Nishmas Yaakov ben Avraham, Walter Mandelbaum.

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.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, February 14	
Candle Lighting	5:12 PM
Mincha	5:25 PM
Shabbos, February 15	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:30 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	4:15 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:55 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 5:05 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will be speaking on the topic: <i>Getting an Aliya: A Reenactment of Har Sinai</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:16 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	5:58 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thur 5:25 PM
Late Maariv	Mon-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	<p>QUESTION: Must a cup be used when washing netilas yadayim for bread?</p> <p>ANSWER: Yes. The Magen Avrohom (159:1) explains that Chazal instituted the mitzvah of netilas yadayim based on the way the Kohanim would wash their hands in the Beis Hamikdash. Just as the Kohanim washed their hands with water from a utensil (the Kiyor), so too, when we wash for bread, we use a cup. The cup may be made from any material, so long as it holds a revi'is of water (approximately 3-4 ounces).</p>
Motzei Shabbos	Father-Son Learning 7:15 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#

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.

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.
 - 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.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, March 10 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "The Instrumentalist" by Harriet Constable. Copies are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library under #2936. If you have any questions, please call Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.



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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.

Community Happenings

STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY ERUV is excited to once again be offering **PURIM CARDS** for sale. These 5x7 cards are available for immediate purchase and will support an amazing community cause. 10 cards for \$36. Free delivery on Staten Island. Please call Elissa Brodsky 917-547-9873, Chana Reichman 718-404-6708 or Rachelit Reichman 718-673-7174.

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.

18 MINUTES - 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
- 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
- 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.

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.
- **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@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. 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.**