

WELCOME TO STATEN ISLAND!

THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF STATEN ISLAND'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE
HAS COMPILED THIS WELCOME WAGON INFORMATION GUIDE
TO ASSIST YOU IN BETTER ACQUAINTING YOURSELF WITH
YOUR NEW SURROUNDINGS.

Please feel free to call on any one of the WELCOME WAGON committee members or the Rabbi for any further information.

Elissa Brodsky	917-547-9873
Stacey Emmer	718-938-5412
Stefanie Sturm	917-803-4452
Rena Kimmel	718-370-8882

For any and all Halachic problems and questions, please call Rabbi Yaakov Lehrfield @ 646-872-3631 or 718-761-2240 or Rabbi Josh Sturm @ 646-637-7840.

CATERING

The Young Israel's exclusive caterer is Signature Caterers. Please call Roselynn Zachter for information at 698-5564 or email Signaturecaterer@aol.com.

MIKVAH

The COMMUNITY MIKVAH is located at the rear of the shul (entrance on Willowbrook Road) with a strictly private answer phone and security. For information please call 494-6700, Debbie Mark at 917-434-7515 or Laya Leeder Alster at 356-5119. (Men who come to shul in the evenings are asked not to park their cars on Willowbrook Road, near the entrance). Laya also offers Kallah classes to all those who are interested.

The KAYLIM MIKVAH is located at the rear of the first shul (Uxbridge Street). The lock combination is written in Hebrew on the left side of the gate. If any problem arises with Tovlim Kaylim, call the Rabbi.

ERUV

There is an Eruv in the community. Please refer to the enclosed guide or call Mark Brodsky @ 917-776-6349 for any questions.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Director of the Youth Department is Rebecca Silberman who may be reached by e-mail address Youth@YISI.org.

The Young Israel of Staten Island Youth Department is geared for our children starting with pre-school through College. Every Shabbos morning for children in grades Nursery through 6th grade, there is a children's davening and playgroup. For ages 8 and up, there are various Tefillah groups. Every Shabbos, there is a Teen Minyan upstairs in the Bais Medrash.

In addition, there are Shabbos afternoon groups for children in grades Nursery through 5th Grade. Throughout the year there are movies, game night and other special trips. The Teen Department, as well, is fully staffed with activities throughout the year. Should you desire any further information, kindly contact Rebecca Silberman at 917-566-0420.

DAY CAMP

The Young Israel of Staten Island Day Camp continues to provide a quality summer program for children. They enjoy a summer filled with learning groups, arts & crafts, music, swimming and gymnastics. There are magic show, Onegs, costume parties and trips. We look forward to even more successful years to come. The playground and sports facilities located across the street the Young Israel serve the various recreational needs of the Shul, Youth Department and Day Camp. For further information, please call the Shul office at 494-6700.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Young Israel runs a very popular and successful Shomer Shabbos Little League program. For more information, please call Josh Spierer at 370-2611.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This group runs various social function and fundraising events during the year (Boutiques, trips, etc.). Please contact Chani Friedman at 698-7540 for more information.

KARATE

Lessons are offered for all age groups at various levels. Please call Jack Newman at 698-2528 for more information.

TALMUD TORAH

The New Springville Jewish Center runs a successful Talmud Torah after school hours. To register your child or for any information, please call Debbie Weiss at 983-8063.

BIKUR CHOLIM/EZRAS ACHIM/LEV YAEL

For information regarding this community organization, please call Mindy Fried at 494-0966 or Barbara Gertelman at 983-1116 (for Shiva only).

COMMUNITY KOLLEL BAAL HABATIM OF WILLOWBROOK

The community Kollel is attended by retirees from all over Staten Island. Shiurim are scheduled from 9:45 am to 12:45 pm, Monday through Thursday and include Mishna, Sefer HaTodaah, Mishlei and Gemara. There is also a half-hour period of Chazorah and preparation for the Gemara shiur. On Friday mornings, there is a guest lecturer on the Parsha, open to men and women. The Kollel meets in the Young Israel Beis Medresh.

MINYANIM

There are several minyanim on Shabbos morning: Hashgama (Beis Medrash), Sfarad (old shul downstairs), Main Shul, Young Community's minyan, Early minyan (old shul upstairs).

COMMITTEES

The Young Israel welcomes your active participation in the committees of the Board of Directors. By giving of your time and talents, you will have an opportunity to meet with other interesting members while contributing to the growth of the community. Please contact our President, Zavel Pearlman at President@YISL.org regarding your interest in any of the following committees:

ADULT RECREATION & CULTURE	ERUV	MIKVAH
ALIJAH FUND TRUSTEE	FUNDRAISING	NATIONAL COUNCIL
APPEALS	GABBAIM	NEWSLETTER/P.R.
BIKUR CHOLIM	G'MACH DEVELOPMENT	ONEG SHABBAT
CATERING	HEALTH CARE/SENIOR CITIZENS	OUTREACH
CHAIN CALL		PARK
CHEVRA MISHNAYOT	HELP WANTED/NEEDED	PUBLIC AFFAIRS
COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	HOUSE/BLDG. UTILIZ.	SAFETY & SECURITY
COMPUTER	ISRAEL ACTION	SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
CORRESPONDENCE	LEGAL	SHALOS SEUDOT
DAY CAMP	LITTLE LEAGUE	SINGLE PARENTS
DINNER/JOURNAL	MEMBERSHIP	YOUTH

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The main library on Staten Island is the St. George branch, located at 10 Hyatt. The phone number is 442-8560. The nearest branch is the Todt Hill/Westerleigh branch at 2550 Victory Boulevard, 494-1642. Kindly call these numbers for the library hours.

POLICE - 121st Precinct

The police precinct is located at 970 Richmond Avenue. The phone number is (718) 697-8700.

POST OFFICE

The General Post Office for Castleton Corners is located at 550 Manor Road.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

AMIT WOMEN

Formerly American Mizrahi Women. An organization which works for children's schools, institutions and social services in Israel. There are many fund-raising projects in addition to periodical meetings, including the Staten Island Chapter calendar. For further information on volunteering and membership, please call:

Brenda Kellerman 761-6521

Myra Lanter 761-6918

BERNIKOW JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The J.C.C. is located at 1466 Manor Road. Swimming pools (indoor/outdoor), gymnasium, workout gym facilities and many programs are offered during the year. For membership and other information, please call the Center at 447-5330.

HATZOLAH

The Staten Island Chapter is affiliated with the state-wide organization. For any medical emergency FIRST CALL THE POLICE AT 911, AND THEN CALL HATZOLAH AT 387-1750.

For information regarding HATZOLAH on Staten Island please call Ben Welwart at 698-9375 or Wayne Greenberg at 494-1446.

CPR

Classes in CPR are offered in our community. For further information contact Jerry Jacobson at 983-0138.

DRIVER EDUCATION & DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

Courses are given during the year. For further information regarding these classes, call Dave Bodner @ 761-0707.

SCHOOLS ON STATEN ISLAND

1. Jewish Foundation School (JFS) – Rabbi Richard Ehrlich – Dean
For further information, please call the main school at 983-6042 or the preschool at 494-7477. Pre-School Director – Mrs. Zahava Manies
2. Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah (Formerly RJJ) Boys – Rabbi Mayer Friedman – Dean
For further information, please call the school at 979-6333.
3. Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah (Formerly RJJ) Girls – Mrs. Esther Ackerman – Principal
Preschool Director – Mrs. Leah Leeder Alster
For further information, please call the school at 982-8745.

SHOMER SHABBOS SHOPS

Dairy Palace	2210 Victory Blvd.	761-5200
Holy Schnitzel	438 Nome Avenue	761-4659
Chopshtix	2003 Victory Blvd.	720-7100
Payless Glatt Kosher Meats	77 Richmond Hill	370-1788
Scoops Ice Cream	949 Jewett Ave.	554-6868

Kosher products are also available at Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Met Food and Trader Joe's. For any questions about kashrus, please contact the Rabbi. The "K" does not necessarily designate a kosher item.

J.F.S. Division Wine is available through Roy Schmukler. You can reach him at 494-7774.

There is an extensive coupon program available where the local Yeshivas receive a percentage of all sales purchased with coupons. For further information, please contact Roy Schmukler at 494-7774.

HOSPITALS

1. Staten Island University Hospital (NORTH)
475 Seaview Ave.
Emergency Room 390-9140
General Information 390-9000
2. Staten Island University Hospital (SOUTH)
375 Sequine Ave.
General Information 356-1900
3. Richmond Medical Center
355 Bard Ave.
Emergency Room 390-1301
General Information 390-1234

CEMETARIES/FUNERAL HOMES

Baron Hirsch Cemetery – 1126 Richmond Avenue, 698-0162
Mt. Richmond Cemetery/Hebrew Free Burial Society – 420 Clark Ave., 239-1662
United Hebrew Cemetery – 122 Arthur Kill Road, 351-0230
Menorah Chapels – 2145 Richmond Avenue, 494-7700

For any additional information you may need, please call any of the Welcome Wagon Committee members.

For other information about the Young Israel of Staten Island, log onto our website at www.yisi.org .

The following are the membership categories available at the Young Israel of Staten Island:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applies to:</u>
Resident Family	\$950	Families residing in Willowbrook consisting of husband and wife either one under 65 years of age. *First two years of membership 50% discount
Resident Single	\$375	Single individuals or single parents residing in Willowbrook under 65 years of age.
Resident Senior	\$317	Single individuals over 65 years of age or families residing in Willowbrook consisting of husband and wife <u>both</u> 65 years of age.
Non-Resident S.I.	\$217	Single individuals or families residing in Staten Island but not in Willowbrook.
Non-Resident	\$60	Single Individuals or families not residing in Staten Island.