

# WELCOME WAGON

WELCOME TO STATEN ISLAND! THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE WELCOME WAGON OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF STATEN ISLAND HAS COMPILED THIS 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.

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For any and all Halachic problems and questions, please call Rabbi Lehrfield at 646-872-3631 or 718-761-2240 or Rabbi Ralbag at 917-224-9676 or 982-0760.

## **CATERING**

The Young Israel's exclusive caterer is K & S Enterprises of S.I., Inc. Please call the Shepetofsky family for information at 761-4537.

## **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 or Mrs. Leeder at 356-5119. (Men who come to shul in the evenings are asked not to park their cars on Willowbrook Road, near the entrance). Mrs. Leeder 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 combination on the lock corresponds with the Jewish Year. Therefore, as of September 2000, the combination is 5761. If any problem arises with Tovlim Kaylim, call the Rabbi.

## **ERUV**

There is an Eruv in the community. Please refer to the enclosed guide.

## **YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

The Chairman of the Youth Department is Yudi Zuller who may be reached at 761-5066. The Youth Director is David Cutler who may be reached at 698-1468.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday night, Shabbos morning and Shabbos afternoon.

In addition, there are Shabbos afternoon groups for children in grades Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 David Cutler at 698-1468.

## **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 Irvin Loewenstein at 761-7748.

### **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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

### **DANCING**

Israeli and Simcha Dance lessons are offered in the community at various times during the week. Please contact Anita Naider at 698-5244 or Mindy Feder at 698-9030 for more information.

### **KARATE**

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

### **OUTREACH PROGRAM**

An Outreach Program has been organized for the Jewish population throughout Staten Island. If you know of any adults or teenagers who are interested in volunteering or benefiting from this program, please contact Jerry Jacobson at 983-0138.

### **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.

### **BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

For information, please contact Sheldon Meiner at 698-2977.

### **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.

## 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, Moishe Berkower at 494-8471 regarding your interest in any of the following committees:

ADULT RECREATION & CULTURE	ERUV	MIKVAH
ALIYAH 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	HELP WANTED/NEEDED	PARK
CHEVRA MISHNAYOT	HOUSE/BLDG. UTILIZ.	PUBLIC AFFAIRS
COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	ISRAEL ACTION	SAFETY & SECURITY
COMPUTER	LEGAL	SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
CORRESPONDENCE	LITTLE LEAGUE	SHALOS SEUDOT
DAY CAMP	MEMBERSHIP	SINGLE PARENTS
DINNER/JOURNAL		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 -122nd Precinct**

The police precinct is located at 2320 Hylan Blvd. The phone number is 667-2211

## **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 J.N.F. Trees. For further information 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**

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. Annie Goodman
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  
For further information, please call the school at 982-8745.

### **SHOMER SHABBOS SHOPS**

Carmel Judaica	10 Carmel Avenue	761-8480
Dairy Palace	2210 Victory Blvd.	761-5200
Famous Kosher Bakery	2208 Victory Blvd.	494-1411
Kosher Coffee Shop	1970 Victory Blvd.	816-0800
Kosher Island Take Out	2206 Victory Blvd.	698-5800
Kosher Depot	460 Bradley Ave.	477-1584
Payless Glatt Kosher Meats	77 Richmond Hill Road	370-1788

Kosher products are also available at Pathmark, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop and Waldbaums. 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 at the home of Yudi and Aviva Zuller. You can reach them at 761-5066 (please call before 9:00 pm).

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. St. Vincent's 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](http://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	\$650	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	\$325	Single individuals or single parents residing in Willowbrook under 65 years of age.
Resident Senior	\$217	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.