



פרשת מצורע - שבת הגדול
 Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi
 Rav Joshua Sturm, Assistant Rabbi

April 19, 2024 / 11 Nisan
 Rav Yaakov Marcus, Rabbi Emeritus
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MAZAL TOV

- ★ Naomi Cikk and Debbie & Fredi Berkovits on the birth of baby girl to their grandchildren Leah & Naftali Yehuda Pessin in Israel.
- ★ Danielle & Dr. Jonathan Leibowitz and Emily & Edward Leibowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson Albert.
- ★ Orit & Phillip Jackier on the Sheva Brachot of their children Olivia & Elai.

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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| Contact the following for requests to utilize shul facilities: | |
| Minyanim for Smachot | Dovid Newman 917-364-3686 |
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| Catering/Space Rental | Bookings@yisi.org |

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

- ★ Emily & Edward Leibowitz in honor of their grandson Albert, son of Danielle & Dr. Jonathan Leibowitz, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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

- ★ Sylvia Friedman and Judy Rosner in memory of their beloved mother Frimit Chava bat Yaakov Yitzchak & Chaya Sarah a"h.
- ★ Chaya & Rafi Dersovitz for the yahrzeit of his father Herman Dersovitz, Yehoshua Tzvi ben Raphael, on 14 Nisan.
- ★ Sarah & Judah Chasky on the yahrzeit of her mother Anna Kitajewitz, Chasha bat Avraham a"h, on 17 Nisan.
- ★ Mrs. Rachel Cohen, Tzippy & Teddy Cohen and Aviva & Seth Brum commemorating the 4th yahrzeit of Albert Cohen - Avraham ben Yisrael Natan HaKohen, on 18 Nisan.
- ★ The Farkas and Freed families express our deepest and heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Lehrfield and the entire Staten Island community for all of your warmth and sympathy in our time of mourning for our beloved father, Moshe Freed. May we all share in only simchos in the future and May Hashem continue to protect Eretz Yisroel.

Shul Announcements

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

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA is sponsored by:
 • The Loewenstein Family for the 4th yahrzeit of their beloved husband, father and Opa, Irvin Loewenstein, Yitzchok ben Yehuda a"h, on 13 Nisan.

YISI PESACH APPEAL: We hope you will consider supporting our appeal to fund improvements to our park and playground area, and to enhance our shul and our community. Thank you to all who already responded. Your early payment is greatly appreciated.

SANITATION PICKUP times are Sun. April 21, 4 - 10 PM and Mon. April 22, 6 AM - Noon. Please bag garbage and recyclables properly and do not leave any garbage on the street.

COMMUNAL BIUR CHOMETZ: Mon. April 22, 7:30 - 10:30 AM, in front of the YISI park under the supervision of Jeff "Smokey" Steltzer. Please do not bring any plastics or hazardous materials.

- There will be a SIYUM BECHORIM** after each minyan Monday morning, Erev Pesach. Thank you to the Siyum sponsors:
- In memory of Irvin Loewenstein, Yitzchok ben Yehuda.
 - Sara & Philip Altmark in memory of her brother, Gershon ben Moshe.
 - Magda & Rabbi Bruce Ochs in memory of his father, Mordechai Yitzchok ben Chaim Dovid.
 - Shirley & Sheldon Schwartz in memory of his mother, Bella bas Yitzchok.
 - Toby & Jeff Steltzer in memory of his mother, Adina bas Herschel.

SHABBOS LUACH
Shabbos HaGadol

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| Eruv is up on both sides | |
| Friday, April 19 | |
| Candle Lighting | 6:35 / 7:22 PM |
| Mincha | 6:10 / 7:35 PM |
| Shabbos, April 20 | |
| Shacharis | 7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarad (F) |
| Rabbi's Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Sturm | 8:25 AM |
| Z'man Krias Shema | 9:32 AM |
| Women's Learning Group: Mesilas Yesharim (Main Shul – Women's Section) | 3:30 PM |
| Daf Yomi | 6:00 PM |
| Mishna Yomis | 6:50 PM |
| Mincha | 3:00 & 7:00 PM |
| Rabbi Lehrfield Shabbos HaGadol Drasha "The Secret to Defeat Hamas" | 7:25 PM |
| Shabbos Ends | 8:26 PM |

WEEKDAY LUACH

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| Earliest T&T | 5:16 AM |
| Early Mincha | Sun & Thur 1:45 PM |
| Mincha/Maariv | Sun 7:35 PM |
| Late Maariv | Thur 9:00 PM |
| Halacha of the Week | There is a custom to read part of the Pesach Haggadah on Shabbat HaGadol, beginning from the paragraph that begins with the words "Avadim hayinu" ("We were slaves") up until the words, "lechaper al kol avonotaynu" ("to atone for all our sins"). One reason for this custom is that Shabbos HaGadol was the beginning of the redemption and the miracles. Another reason is to familiarize the children with the contents of the Haggadah, in fulfillment of the mitzvah of "You shall tell your children on that day." Yet another reason is that the reading from the Haggadah on Shabbat HaGadol is like a rehearsal for the Seder night, and helps us to become more familiar with the text. |
| Please see the Pesach handout for detailed schedule and davening times. | |

Main Shul will be closed Sunday after 9 AM for carpet cleaning and will reopen Monday morning. Mincha/Maariv Sunday evening will be in the First Shul.

LATE MAARIV: There will be no 9:00 PM Maariv on Sunday night. There will be a 9:00 PM Maariv on Thursday night.

Please be careful with medications and alcohol during Pesach.

YISI YOM HASHOA COMMEMORATION PROGRAM: Mon, May 6 in the Main Shul. Mincha at 7 PM; Program at 7:30 PM. Includes readings by our youth, candle lighting ceremony, inspirational message by Rabbi Lehrfield and a presentation by Holocaust survivor Arthur Spielman. Particularly in these difficult times, we urge everyone to attend.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Mon, May 13, 7:15 PM (please note new time) in the MPR. We are reading "The Matchmaker's Gift" by Lynda Cohen Liogman. Books are reserved in the library under #2936. Please return after reading so others can read it as well.

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. Afternoon groups from 3:00 - 4:30 PM.

JR. CONGREGATION with Rabbi Ben Schofield: Shabbos morning at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall.

TEEN MINYAN: Shabbos morning at 9:30 AM in the Beis Medrash. Parents are encouraged to send their kids to the teen minyan.



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PRE-PESACH ESCAPE ROOM: Sun, April 21 at YISI in the MPR.
2:00-3:30 PM. Ages 5 and up. Use your wits and Pesach knowledge to crack the code and escape from Egypt!

YISI DAY CAMP: Join us for a fun-filled Summer 2024! Amazing in-camp programming, exciting trips, diverse specialties, and our outdoor pools! Contact Rabbi Mendy Katzman at daycamp@yisi.org with any questions. Register at: 2024CampApplication.

Save the Date

Sun, June 2: For the first time ever, YISI will be marching together in the **Salute to Israel Parade!** Please look out for sign-up information right after Pesach.

Community Happenings

JFS: PESACH WINE - FINAL PURCHASE & PICKUP at JFS Gym, 400 Caswell Ave. Sunday April 21, 10:30 AM – 2 PM.

ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM: Initiated 4 years ago, Oraysa has grown to over 20,000 participants across the globe. The program calls for learning one amud a day, Sun-Thur, with a review of the previous day's amud. Beginning at YISI on Sun, May 5, starting with Masechta Sukkah. Given by Rabbi Lehrfield daily before Mincha. Acquire the Masechta. Make it yours! To join, contact Louis Emmer at 718-938-5414 or louisemmer@gmail.com.

CHAI DEFENSE: Led by martial arts professionals and IDF veterans, learn Krav Maga fundamentals that empower participants with practical self-defense techniques. In the YISI gym Sundays 6 - 7:30 PM. Class is divided for kids (ages 10+) and adults. Men's only (boys/men 12+) class Thursdays 6 - 7 PM. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. To register or for more information, email ChaiDefense@gmail.com.

AMIT NEWS: Four new learning centers were put into operation for the evacuated children of Sderot. Support AMIT at amitchildren.org.

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER Miriam Blau is available off-hours. 7 Ismay Street. Call 646-580-7333.

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.

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.

- Aliza Chaya Sora bat Shoshana
- Chana bat Miriam
- Pessel bat Rochel
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel Leba
- Ettel Faiga bas Hanna Rachel
- Hinda Chaya bat Chana Malka
- Eliezer ben Leah
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Yisroel Alter ben Chava Chana
- 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

Community Gemachs

- ◆ **Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- ◆ **Simcha Gowns** – Debbie Berkovits 718 494-1905, leave a message.
- ◆ **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 or Rena 718 370-7438.
- ◆ **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.

Chesed 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.

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.

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