פרשת עקב Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi August 15, 2025 / 21 Av Rav Yaakov Marcus, Rabbi Emeritus Robert Rosenberg, President

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CONDOLENCES

- ★ The Novetsky Family on the loss of Dr. Allan Novetsky, beloved husband of Chaikie and father of Hillel, Ayelet and Akiva, and a past president of the Young Israel of Staten Island.
- ★ The Broker Family on the loss of Sharon Broker, beloved mother
 of Rochelle, Tzvi and Shaindy.

MAZAI TOV

- **❖ Diane & Robert Rosenberg** on the wedding and sheva brachos of their daughter Hanna to Dor Cohen, son of Gali & Moty Cohen, in Eretz Yisrael.
- ★ Yifat & Stephen Altmark and Sara & Phil Altmark on the wedding and sheva brachos of their daughter and granddaughter Chaviva to Eli Sabo, son of Debbie and Chaim Sabo.
- ★ Rochelle & Jerry Markovitz on the upcoming wedding of their grandson, Eitan Noach Markovitz, to Nechama Banarer of Dallas, Texas. Mazal tov to their parents Nina & Ron Markovitz and Dr. & Dr. Salomon Banarer.
- ★ Naomi Cikk and Debbie & Fredi Berkovits on the birth of a baby girl to their children Naftali & Leah Pessin in Eretz Yisrael. Mazal tov to grandparents Rav Moshe & Yehudit Pessin.

TO HAVE A NOTICE LISTED IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY 5 PM WEDNESDAY 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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We would like to thank the following for their Simcha Contribution:

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

- ❖ Nancy Norit Shrem for a refuah shelaima for her husband Yaakov Chaim ben Avraham & Rachel.

- ★ Rita & Michael Kaufman for the 3rd yahrzeit of our beloved friend David Berezin-Bahr z'l, Micha'el Dovid ben Shaul & Miriam, on 23 Av. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ★ Shelly & Heshie Chesner and Shari & Jonathan Schiff in memory of Dr. Allan Novetsky z"I.

Shul Announcements

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

THE SHUL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THU, AUG 21 - TUE, AUG 26. If you have an item for the weekly announcements, please contact the office by 5 PM, Wed, Aug 20.

The Shul would like to purchase SFARD MACHZORIM for the Yomim Noraim. If you would like to sponsor, please contact Louis Emmer or Daniel Slomnicki.

YISI DAY CAMP is in session. We respectfully request that you not park in front of the shul on Mon - Fri, 8 AM - 4 PM, through August 20. Thank you for your cooperation.

DAF YOMI SUNDAY - FRIDAY:

- Rabbi Rosenberg: Mon Fri after 6:30 AM Shacharis
- 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

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, August 15	
Candle Lighting	6:45 / 7:36 PM
Mincha	6:20 / 7:45 PM
Shabbos, August 16	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:34 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:30 PM
Mishna Yomis	7:10 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 7:20 PM
Shul-Wide Shaloshudis	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	8:37 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH Earliest T&T 5:17 AM Early Mincha Sun-Thur 1:45 PM Mincha / Maariv Sun-Thur 7:35 PM What is the meaning of the word "Amen"? The Tur writes that the word "Amen" means affirmation. When answering Amen, one should have in mind that the bracha is true and that I (the listener) believe that as well. The Bach adds that if the bracha contains a request, such as the middle brachos of Shmoneh Esrei (as well as Retzei and Sim Shalom), one should also have in mind that Hashem should fulfill the request. Halacha of the The Kitzur Shulchan Aruch writes that when one Week responds Amen to Kaddish, which is a prayer for the future, one should have in mind that Hashem should make this happen quickly. The Rama writes that one should teach young children to answer Amen to brachos, because in the merit of answering Amen, the child will merit a portion in the world to come. However, the child must understand the meaning of the word Amen, i.e., that he is declaring that the bracha that was said is true. Rabbi Weiss - Tefilla 8:30 PM & Parsha 9:00 PM Wednesday Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Sara & Phil Altmark in observance of the yahrzeit of Sara's mother Gittel bas Menachem Mendel, Gertrude Ashenberg, on 23 Menachem Av.
- Betty & Howard Zavin for the yahrzeit of Howard's brother Jerry Zavin, Yehoshua Getzel ben Shepsel Zelig. May his neshama have an aliya.

SHUL-WIDE SHALOSHUDIS: Between Mincha & Maariv in the MPR. This week's shaloshudis is sponsored by:

• Fern & Yudi Weiss in honor of their grandchildren. If you are interested in sponsoring an upcoming Shaloshudis, please contact Louis Emmer or the shul office.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, Sept. 8. We are reading "The Time Keepers" by Alyson Richardson. Copies are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library; please return after reading so that others can enjoy it as well. Looking forward to seeing you at our next book discussion. Please contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309 with any questions.

Youth Announcements

SUMMER GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. No Afternoon Groups.

AFTERNOON GROUPS, TEEN MINYAN and **JR. CONGREGATION** will resume after the Summer.

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Community Happenings

A KID'S LIFE IN ISRAEL: Israel has plenty of resources to help our kids deal with anxiety. But what about kids outside of Israel? How do we deal with their fears for Israel from the news they are hearing? "Yonatan's Sky" is an English picture book, aimed at kids living outside of Israel. A story of real life in Israel, seen from the perspective of 8-yrold Israeli Yonatan, full of strength and hope. For a copy of the PDF, email office@yisi.org.

CHAI DEFENSE: Krav Maga based self-defense, situational awareness and de-escalation techniques taught by former IDF Special Forces veterans. Every Tues. & Thur. 7:30-8:30 PM at the Manor Rd JCC.

AMIT NEWS: Update! Our 2025-26 calendars are in production and design and should arrive in the AMIT office by August 25. If you can join us at the office on Wed., August 27 to help prepare the mailing, call Myra or Evie.

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.

- Reuven Zev ben Rivkah
- Mordechai Meir ben Fryda Mah-ree-am
- Yisroel Alter ben Chava Chana
- Boruch Tzvi ben Chana Gittel
- Simcha Yitzchok ben Mireleh Yudka
- Dov Berish ben Chaya
- Menachem Mordechai ben Zeesel
- Raphael Pesachya Yaakov Halevi ben Aviva Sarah
- Sender Aryeh ben Leba Zelda
- Yisroel Gedalia HaKohen ben Chana
- Leah bat Golda
- Sorah Shoshana bas Dreiza Leah
- Pessel bat Rochel
 Chave Father has But
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel Leba
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
 Octobro Chaya Tova
- Shayna Golda bat Chaya Gitel
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Bracha Devorah bat Sarah HennaBracha Rivka bat Miriam Leba
- Etel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel
- Etel Felga bas Hellya Ruche
 Esther Bat Golda Perel
- Zeesel Perel Bat Leah Gittel
- Breindel Bat Chana Raizel

Community Gemachs

- Precharged phone battery chargers (with AC connection to recharge).
 Comes with built-in connecter for iPhone and USB. Leave a \$5 deposit check which will be returned. Text 917-710-5611 or 718-570-5920.
- ◆ 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.
- 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.
- 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. Cleaning items & toiletries can be dropped off at 511 Buchanan Ave. 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

- JFS has several open positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Please text resumes to 917-225-4765
- Exciting teaching and assistant position opportunities for the upcoming school year at Oorah's Little Star Preschool in Eltingville. Should be warm, caring and professional with a genuine interest in Kiruv. Full time, 8:30 -3:30. At least 90 college credits required for teachers. Email resume: info@jewishlittlestar.org. (718) 948-7827.
- RJJ of Staten Island has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant to the business administrator. Must have good organization and communication skills with strong computer skills. Summer: Mon-Thur 9-2. Sept.-June: Mon-Thur 9-3, Fri 9-12. Call or text 718 938 5412.
- Floortime Support Program is seeking male and female paraprofessionals/ shadows for September 2025 school year. Full-time, part-time, after school hours and subbing positions available. Experience working with kids a plus. Training and supervision provided on the job, opportunities for professional growth. Must be enthusiastic! Option for free transportation. Please email: info@floortimepartners.com or pm Yossi 848-245-3746.

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.

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