



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת בראשית
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October 17, 2025 / 25 Tishrei
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CONDOLENCES

★ Hedy Berkower on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Dorothea Adler. Shiva will be observed at 8645 Bay Parkway, Apt. B1, through Tuesday morning. Shiva hours are 12 - 6 PM. Hedy can be reached at 917-596-2657.

MAZAL TOV

★ **Barbara & Ken Kaplan** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yosef Shalom, son of Yehudis & Yisroel Margulies.

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

- ★ Barbara & Ken Kaplan in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yosef Shalom Margulies on Shabbat Bereishit. Mazal Tov to the proud parents, Yehudis & Yisroel Margulies.
- ★ Rita & Michael Kaufman and family in honor of our newest grandson, Ezra Lev.

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

- ★ In honor of our father and husband, Dr. Louis Emmer, for the tireless work he did for the shul as the gabbai for the Yom Tovim - we are proud of you. May Hashem continue to give the strength to do good for so many. The Emmer Mishpacha.
- ★ Yolanda & Sam Shuster and family in memory of our beloved Ima and Savta, Rachel bat Shmuel v'Bella A"H on her 5th yearzeit, 2 Cheshvan.

Shul Announcements

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

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Sara & Phil Altmark on the observance of the yearzeit of Phil's grandmother, Sarah bas Nissan, on 2 Cheshvan.

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.

FOUND: Key with leather tag and blue plastic disc with the number 0023 scratched on it. Contact Gil Cohen at 646-479-7140.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Oct. 22 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "The Banned Books Club" by Brenda Novack and Sarah Chasky will facilitate the discussion. Copies are reserved at the Todt Hill Library under #2936. Please return after reading so others can enjoy as well. Hope to see you there.

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. Saved on: www.kolhalashon.com/ToraBank/.
- 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.

The Kollel thanks Esther Kornecki for dedicating A Day of Learning in memory of Jack Kornecki.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, October 17	
Candle Lighting	5:54 PM
Mincha	6:05 PM
Shabbos, October 18	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:56 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:30 PM
Daf Yomi	4:50 PM
Mishna Yomis	5:40 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 5:50 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Birchat HaTorah</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:56 PM
WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:24 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Th 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Th 6:00 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Th 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Every Shabbos, a new parsha (portion) of the Torah is read in public by a baal koreh (the one who reads the Torah aloud), and the members of the congregation are obligated to listen to this reading. In addition, the Gemara relates that every individual has a personal obligation to privately read "Shenayim Mikrah" (the Torah portion twice) and "Echad Targum" (the translation of Onkelos or the commentary of Rashi one time) each and every week. This mitzvah is recorded as halacha in Shulchan Aruch. This mitzvah is part of the general obligation of learning Torah, and therefore only men are obligated. Igros Moshe writes that reviewing the parsha each week Shnayim Mikra V'echad Targum is a Rabbinic obligation which cannot be absolved by studying other areas of Torah instead.
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#

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.

YISI FLAG FOOTBALL 2025: Games continue this Sunday at 2:30.

Community Happenings

NYC MAYORAL ELECTION 2025: The outcome of this election will have major consequences. We encourage everybody to exercise their right to vote. Research shows that turn out is two to three times greater when early voter ballots are utilized. Please obtain a ballot at RequestBallot.vote.nyc.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6:45 PM in the MPR. By attending the class, you will save 10% on your NY auto insurance Liability & Collision coverage for the next 3 years. Cost is \$70 per person. Reservations required. To reserve please call 718-339-1300 or email your name & cell number to haloleasing@aol.com.



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RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Motzei Shabbat, Oct. 25 at 8 PM. Learn how our students are engaged in vast Torah and academic opportunities, inspired by countless experiences outside the classroom, and empowered to find their voices in an environment where every student matters. Please pre-register at www.jkha.org/RKYHSOpenHouse. For more information, contact Allison Lyons at alyons@rkyhs.org or 862-437-8050.

JEC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please join us on Nov. 11 at 6:30 PM. Register at jechs.org. Come experience the warm, nurturing and student-centered learning environment that may be right for your son. Reach out to arosenbaum@thejec.org with any questions.

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: If you haven't received our calendar, or wish for more than one, please contact Myra. AMIT cards for most occasions can be purchased from Aviva Brum.

SHAATNEZ TESTING in the Willowbrook area: Same day service available. Contact Rabbi Avraham Zachter @ 646-286-4658.

BAR MITZVAH LESSONS: Learn how to lail 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.

- 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
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel Leba
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Shayna Golda bat Chaya Gitel
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Bracha Devorah bat Sarah Henna
- Bracha Rivka bat Miriam Leba
- Etel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel
- Esther Bat Golda Perel
- Zeesel Perel Bat Leah Gittel
- Breindel Bat Chana Raizel

Community Gemachs

- ◆ **Apartment available** for weekends or if someone has a simcha. Joseph Avenue. Text 347-488-1536 to reserve.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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

- Attention Staten Island Residents! Achievement Behavior Services is hiring RBTs, Behavior Techs, and BCBAs in your area. We offer after-school hours cases, competitive pay, flexible scheduling, a supportive team, and a wide variety of cases to choose from. Whether you're experienced or just starting out, we'll help you grow. Apply today at Info@abcachieve.com.
- JFS has several open positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Please send resumes to office@ifssi.org
- The JCC is looking to hire teachers, teachers assistants and substitutes for their daycare program. Please contact Rachel at 718-475 5230.
- 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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