

YOUNG ISRAELofSTATEN ISLAND

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MAZAL TOV

- ☆ Sara & Yitzy Weisz on the birth of a daughter, Hodaya Rivkah.
- ☆ Sarah & Moshe Rotenstein on the birth of a great grandson, born to their children Nava & Rafael Rosenfelder in Israel.
- ☆ Taube & Michael Import on the marriage of their granddaughter, Sahar, daughter of Smadar & Steven Import, to Yehoshua Gruenspecht of Beit Shemesh.

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

- ☆ Judy & Tomi Karfunkel on the yahrzeits of Judy's father, Yaakov ben Shamshon a"h, on 9 Kislev, her mother, Chaya Sureh bas Binyumin Zev Hakohen a"h, on 26 Kislev and her sister, Alte Baila bas Yaakov a"h, on 12 Kislev. May their neshumas have aliyas.
- ☆ Toby & Hayden Papir for the yahrzeit of her mother Chana bas Yaakov Yehuda a"h on 10 Kislev.
- ☆ Evelyn & Victor Schipper for the yahrzeit of her mother Laura Susswein, Ahuva Liba Breindel bas Shmuel Zev a"h, on 11 Kislev.
- ☆ Blossom & Jack Newman in observance of the 10th yahrzeit of Blossom's dear father Martin Fogel, Mordechai ben Tzvi a"h, on 12 Kislev. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ☆ Barbara & Josh Gertelman for the yahrzeit of Josh's father Dov Yechezkel ben Mordechai Zev Halevi a"h on 14 Kislev.
- ☆ Carol & Chaim Jacobowitz for the yahrzeit of Carol's dear mother Shaindel bas Zvi Hersh Moshe a"h on 14 Kislev. May her neshama have an aliya. She is truly missed every day.
- ☆ Susan & Leslie Klein for the yahrzeit of Leslie's father, Dovid Aryeh ben Mordechai a"h, on 14 Kislev.

Shul Announcements

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

THANK YOU to all who sponsored the repair of our Tefillin: Sara & Philip Altmark, Diana & Lewis Frohlich, Esther & Sam Gross, Betty & Sheldon Roth, Sarah & Zvi Spiler, Caryn & Yossi Weinblatt, Chana & Irwin Ziment, Etty & Zalman Zimmerman.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Judy & Tomi Karfunkel for the yahrzeit of Judy's father, Yaakov ben Shamshon a"h, on 9 Kislev.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Anna Wittenberg in memory of her father Michael Ben Wolf a"h on his 16th yahrzeit, 2 Kislev.

On December 4th at Maariv, we begin to say *V'Ten Tal U'Matar L'Bracha*.

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.

A Day of Learning at the YISI Kollel Ba'al HaBatim may be sponsored for \$135. Please see Gil Cohen or the office for a request form.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, November 28	
Candle Lighting	4:12 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM
Shabbos, November 29	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:22 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:20 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:00 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:10 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Yaakov & Eisav, Part 2</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:15 PM
WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:07 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Th 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Th 4:25 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Th 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	The poskim discuss whether it is permissible on Shabbos to eat or cut a cake that has words or pictures on it. Being that cutting or eating the words will make them no longer readable, doing so may be forbidden based on the melacha of erasing. It is only a question of a Rabbinic prohibition, however, since the erasing is not done with the intention of writing afterwards. Practically, some poskim forbid cutting words but do allow eating them on a piece of cake. They explain that since that action is done through eating and not directly by erasing, it is lowered to the category of an issur mid'rabanon. It then takes on the leniency of a double Rabbinic prohibition, since it is not being done with intent of rewriting. Furthermore, there is no intention to erase and it is only a psik reisha. Therefore, this opinion holds that a person may eat the cake even though letters are being erased.
Motzei Shabbos	The Chaim Ozer Father-Son Learning Program 6:15 PM in the First Shul
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 8:00 PM & Parsha 8:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM: Revolutionize your Torah Learning. Master the most common halachos that arise daily. Join over 4500 participants worldwide who are learning the same halachos. Given by Rabbi Lehrfield Wednesday evenings at 9 PM in the Beis Medrash. Chazara (review class) with Rabbi Katzman Mondays at 9:15 PM.

ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM: Learn one amud a day, with a review of the previous day's amud. Sunday-Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Beit Medrash. Given by Rabbi Yosef Goldstein. Please contact Louis Emmer with any questions.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading “We Were the Lucky Ones” by Georgia Hunter. There are copies reserved for the group at the Todt Hill Library. Please return after reading so others can enjoy it as well. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.

Save the Date

YISI COMEDY NIGHT: Motzei Shabbos, Dec. 27. Featuring Dovi Neuberger. A dairy buffet will be served. Stay tuned for more details!

Community-wide Women's TEHILLIM-ATHON: Monday, Dec. 29. Special Guest Speaker Jackie Bitton. More details to follow!

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Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. Afternoon groups from 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

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

THERE WILL BE NO JR. CONGREGATION THIS WEEK.

CHANUKAH PUPPET SHOW: Sun, Nov. 30 at 5:00 PM in the MPR. Enjoy the show with pizza and Chanukah gelt! Free for members; non-members \$20. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/DuY3CuSQK65aEUvW6>.

Community Happenings

CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE hosted by RJJ PTA at the Young Israel of Staten Island. Sun, Nov. 30, 5-10 PM. Many amazing vendors all in one central location! You don't want to miss this epic community event! For more information contact 347-885-8846 or e-mail rjjpta400@gmail.com

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: AMIT cards for most occasions can be purchased from Aviva Brum.

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.

- 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
- Menachem Mordechai ben Zeesel
- Raphael Pesachya Yaakov Halevi ben Aviva Sarah
- 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 Aviva Brum 718-801-2405 or Sarah Chasky 917-575-0749.
- ◆ **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

- Congregation B'nai Jeshurun is looking to hire two teachers for January-June 2026, Sunday mornings 9:00-12:00. Need one Pre-Aleph teacher (ages 5-7) to teach Shabbat, Jewish holidays, arts and crafts, music and games. Need one Jewish Studies Teacher (ages 8-12) to lead morning prayers, Shabbat, holidays, parsha, culture, ethics, etc. Please forward your resume to principal@cbjsi.com.
- The JCC of Staten Island is seeking a full time Russian speaking Case Assistant for older adults. Responsibilities include initial intakes, benefits/entitlements, and other assistance to English and Russian-speaking adults ages 60+; entering case notes into DFTA software system and other data entry; programmatic support; responsible for all Holocaust related assistance and tracking; assisting with evening or weekend meal and special event programs as needed; experience working with constituents on a one-to-one basis and experience working with active adults a plus; Russian speaking required; fluency in English required; Knowledge of Holocaust survivor resources a plus. Contact Michele Weinstein at 718-517-7449 for more information, or send resume to mweinstein@sjjcc.com.
- The Jewish Foundation School of SI is looking to hire a part-time (mornings) secretary/class assistant. Candidates must be computer proficient. Please send resumes to office@ifssi.org.

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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