פרשת ויגש Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi December 26, 2025 / 6 Tevet Rav Yaakov Marcus '7", Rabbi Emeritus Robert Rosenberg, President

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CONDOLENCES

★ Tirza & Guy Rossman on the loss of their son, Dovi. Shiva will be observed through Wednesday morning at 37 Ismay Street.

MAZAI TOV

- **❖ Mindy & Saul Feder** on the birth and bris of a great grandson, Akiva Aharon, born to Leora & Evan Feder, children of Howie Feder.
- **萃 Esta Korn and Varda & David Korn** on the birth of a great-grandson/grandson, born to Eliana & Aryeh Korn.
- ❖ Rena & Yossi Landes on Michalie Landes' engagement to Shimon Benzaquen, son of Rabbi & Mrs. Jonathan Benzaquen of Boca Raton. Florida.

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

- ★ Shelly & Heshie Chesner in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.
- **❖** In honor of Shelly & Heshie Chesner's 65th wedding anniversary from their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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

- ★ Fran Tambor, Yonit, Zev, Atara and Eliana, in loving memory of her husband, their father, Jeffry Tambor, Yitzchak Ben Aharon z'l, on his 2nd yahrzeit on 13 Tevet. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ★ Shea & Zahava Weiss and the Weiss family on the yahrzeit of their father Shmuel Tzvi ben Avrohom, Sammy Weiss, on 13 Teves and grandfather Tzvi Yaakov ben Yehoshua Halevi on 7 Teves.

Shul Announcements

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

DUE TO THE FORECAST, for safety reasons, the Main and Sfard entrances and the MPR exit will be closed this Friday evening and Shabbos morning. Please use the center (Gym) doors.

YISI COMEDY NIGHT: Join us this Motzei Shabbos, Dec. 27. Enjoy a dairy buffet and a night of laughter with the hilarious Dovi Neuberger. Member price of \$60 per person; \$75 for non-members.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Mindy & Saul Feder in honor of the birth and bris of a great grandson, Akiva Aharon. Mazel Tov to grandfather Howie Feder; parents Leora & Evan Feder; and siblings Rina & Avi.
- Sarah & Moshe Rotenstein in honor of the Pidyon HaBen of Aharon Avraham, born to Nava & Refael Rosenfelder.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Sarah & Moshe Rotenstein in honor of the Pidyon HaBen of Aharon Avraham, born to Nava & Refael Rosenfelder.
- Barry & Feige Glass in loving memory of Barry's mother Gertrude Glass, Chana Gittel bas Aryeh Leib, on her 57th yahrzeit on 11 Tevet.
- Diane & Robert Rosenberg for the yahrzeit of his mother Carol Rosenberg, Chasheh Matah bas Yosef HaCohen, on 11 Tevet.

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.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, December 26	
Candle Lighting	4:17 PM
Mincha	4:30 PM
Shabbos, December 27	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:38 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:20 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:05 PM
Mincha	12:30 & 4:15 PM
Rabbi Katzman will speak on the topic: Dances With Wolves	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:21 PM

Earliest T&T 6:25 AM Early Mincha Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Th 12:40 PM Mincha / Maariv Sun-Th 4:30 PM Late Maariv Sun-Th 9:00 PM Oil and wicks that were designated for Chanukah (huktza limitzvoso) may not be used for any other purpose than to light the menorah. Remaining oil may be used the next day, but once Chanukah has ended, the leftover oil and wicks must be burned so they are not accidentally used for other purposes. Using them for another mitzvah such as Shabbos candles is forbidden, as one may not benefit from the light of Chanukah candles. If it is impractical to burn the oil, Rav Elyashiv and Rav Chaim Kanievsky hold that one may pour the

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oil down a drain. Halacha of the Rav Soloveitchik zt"l opines that as Chanukah oil is Week reminiscent of the oil of the menorah of the Beis Hamikdash, it is a mitzvah to burn the leftover oil and not just dispose of it, just as it is a mitzvah to burn p'sulei ha'mukdashim (offerings which became invalid). According to this opinion, one should try to burn the leftover oil and not pour it down the drain. Simply intending to use oil and wicks for the menorah does not create a "huktza limitzvoso" status. Only oil and wicks that were lit but did not fully burn are considered huktza limitzvoso. Rav Yosef Karo maintains that there is a presumption that the individual only designates the requisite shiur for the mitzvah. The Chaim Ozer Father-Son Learning Program Motzei Shabbos 6:30 PM in the First Shul Rabbi Lehrfield Gemara Shiur 9:00 AM in MPR or Monday -

EARLY MINCHA THIS SHABBOS will be at 12:30 PM instead of 2:30 PM.

via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/56085152

Meeting ID: 560 851 5236 / Passcode: 12345

Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

Rabbi Weiss - Tefilla 8:00 PM & Parsha 8:30 PM

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

Thursday

Wednesday

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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.

YISI / Kollel Ba'al HaBatim New Year's Learning & Breakfast: Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Lehrfield. Thursday, January 1, 9:00 AM in the MPR. Commemorating the Shloshim of Louis Kaplan, z"l. All are invited. A full breakfast will be served. If you would like to sponsor, please contact Zavel Pearlman at 917-567-7383.

Youth Announcements

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

Community Happenings

THIS MONDAY EVENING: Inviting all women and high school girts to a COMMUNITY-WIDE TEHILLIM-A-THON. Monday, December 29 at 8:00 PM at the Young Israel of Staten Island. Special Guest Speaker JACKIE BITTON.

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.

- Solomon Zalmen ben Sheindel
- Reb Yosef ben Rebbetzin Tilla Roiza
- 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 LeahPessel bat Rochel
- Pessel bat Rochel
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel LebaTehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Shayna Golda bat Chaya Gitel
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Bracha Devorah bat Sarah Henna
- Bracha Rivka bat Miriam LebaEtel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel
- Esther Bat Golda Perel
- Zeesel Perel Bat Leah Gittel
- Breindel Bat Chana Raizel

Community Gemachs

- Free 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 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.
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- 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 seeks full time Russian speaking Case Assistant for older adults. Responsibilities include intakes, benefits/ entitlements, and other assistance to English and Russian-speaking adults ages 60+. Enter case notes into DFTA software system and other data entry; programmatic support; Holocaust related assistance and tracking; assist with evening or weekend meal and special events as needed. Experience working with constituents on a one-to-one basis and 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@sijcc.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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