



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi

February 6, 2026 / 19 Shevat
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CONDOLDENCES

- ★ **Sherry & David Snyder** on the loss of their son Dr. Isaac Aryeh Snyder, husband of Yael and brother of Tamar and Shlomo. Shiva will be observed at 127 Joseph Ave Motzei Shabbos, Sun. & Mon.
- ★ **Reva Szczupakiewicz** on the loss of her father, Rabbi Shimshon Pattashnick. Shiva will be observed at 32 Drysdale Street through Motzei Shabbos. From Sun. through Tues. morning, she will be sitting at the FountainView in Monsey.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Malka & Bentzi Berson** on the birth of a son.
- ★ **Yolanda & Sam Shuster** on the brit of their grandson Chaim Menachem Mendel (aka Miles Jojo), born to Liana & Jeremy Zborowski.
- ★ **Betty & Howard Zavin** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noah, son of Miriam & Josh Brum.

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

- ★ Yolanda & Sam Shuster in honor of the brit of their grandson Chaim Menachem Mendel (aka Miles Jojo) Zborowski.
- ★ Betty & Howard Zavin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noah Brum.

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

- ★ Evelyn & Victor Schipper for the yahrzeit of Evelyn’s father David Susswein, Yizchok Dovid ben Yehoshua a”h, on 20 Shevat. May his neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Mrs. Edith Mandel and Karen & Lenny Mandel for the yahrzeit of Zev Avraham ben Yehuda a”h on 22 Shevat.
- ★ Vicky & David Wortman on the 17th yahrzeit of his father, Menachem ben Avigdor, on 23 Shevat.

Shul Announcements

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

THE RABBI’S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Celia & Jacob Mammon for the yahrzeits of his brother, Igal ben Yocheved & Gavriel, and his sister, Rivka bat Yocheved & Gavriel. May their neshamas have aliya.
- Shirley & Sheldon Schwartz for the yahrzeit of his father, Mordechai Tzvi ben Chaim Zev HaKohen, on 18 Shevat.
- Vicky & David Wortman on the 17th yahrzeit of his father, Menachem ben Avigdor, on 23 Shevat.

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.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, February 23 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading “Leaving Eastern Parkway” by Matthew Daub. Copies are reserved for us 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.

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

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, February 6	
Candle Lighting	5:02 PM
Mincha	5:15 PM
Shabbos, February 7	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi’s Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z’man Krias Shema	9:35 AM
Women’s Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women’s Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	After 7 AM Shacharis
Mishna Yomis	4:50 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 5:00 PM
Rabbi Katzman will speak on the topic: <i>Rambam to the Rescue</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:06 PM
WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:07 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Th 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Th 5:10 PM
Late Maariv	Mon-Th 9:00 PM - No Late Maariv on Sun, Feb. 8
Halacha of the Week	<p>The Rambam writes that there is an obligation to answer Amen when hearing a bracha, even if one did not hear the entire bracha and even if he is not obligated to recite this bracha. However, the Beis Yosef believes the Tur to be saying that answering Amen to a bracha is optional. The Bach and others believe the Tur agrees with the Rambam. The Shulchan Aruch rules in accordance with the Rambam that if one hears a bracha, there is an obligation to answer Amen.</p> <p>The Mishnah Berurah writes that the obligation to respond Amen to a bracha is based on the Biblical verse, When I call the name of Hashem, bestow greatness to our G-d (Devarim 32:3).</p> <p>Reb Yossi states that answering Amen is a greater mitzvah than reciting the bracha (Brachos 53b), and the Talmud relates that the gates of Gan Eden are opened for those who answer Amen with all their strength (Shabbos 119b).</p>
Motzei Shabbos	Chaim Ozer Father-Son Learning Program 7:15 PM in the First Shul
Sunday - Thursday	Oraysa Amud V’Chazara Program with Rabbi Yosef Goldstein – 7:30 PM in the Beis Medrash
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 – Parsha 8:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

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 Rabbi’s Tuesday Morning Shiur is sponsored by Vicky & David Wortman on the 17th yahrzeit of his father, Menachem ben Avigdor, on 23 Shevat.

A Day of Learning at the YISI Kollel Ba’al HaBatim was sponsored by Manette Gampel for the 1st yahrzeit of her husband Dr. Ezra Gampel, Ezra Zion ben Reuven.

”והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם”



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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.

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

Join us as we launch the S.I. WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE.
Come together for learning, support and wellness. Classes begin the week of February 16. For more information contact Stacey Emmer 718-938-5412 or Allan Zachter 347-922-1586.

STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY ERUV is excited to once again be offering **PURIM CARDS for sale.** These 5x7 cards are available for immediate purchase and will support an amazing community cause. 10 cards for \$36. Free delivery on Staten Island. Please call Elissa Brodsky 917-547-9873, Chana Reichman 718-404-6708 or Rachelit Reichman 718-673-7174.

COJO Announces the Rabbi Joe Harris Essay Contest, in honor of a visionary leader of the Staten Island Jewish community who has devoted his career to uniting the community and fighting antisemitism. Contest open to students in Middle School, High School, and College. Judges will award 1st and 2nd place prizes for each of the three levels; 1st place prize \$118. Pick one of these topics and write an essay, or create a poem or video: (1) What Jewish value affects your daily life? (2) If I was Mayor of New York City, what steps would I take to deal with antisemitism? (3) How does antisemitism impact you? (4) React to this quote by Josephine Baker: *"I don't like the word hatred ... We weren't put on Earth for that, more to understand and love each other."* Essays must be typed and between 2–4 pages in length. Deadline: March 20, 2026. Submit entries by email with the subject "COJO Essay Contest" to mendy.mirocznik@gmail.com. Include your name, school name, grade/level, email address and phone number.

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: Work has begun on our 2026-27 calendar. We need help in securing ads from local businesses. Please contact Myra. 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.

- 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 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

- ♦ **Free Apartment available** for weekends or if someone has a simcha. Joseph Avenue. Text 347-488-1536 to reserve.
- ♦ **Recharged 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 or 718-673-7174.
- ♦ **School Uniforms** - Rachelit 718 983-9664 or 718-673-7174.
- ♦ **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 or 718-673-7174.
- **Beautiful ketubot available at no charge.** Medium and small sizes. Please contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664 or 718-673-7174.
- If you need help in **writing in Hebrew for a matzeva**, contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664 or 718-673-7174. 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

- Seeking a reliable para to work with a boy with autism in the evenings or on weekends. Training and support provided. Great pay! Please contact Sharone at 917.484.3391 for more info.

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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