



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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MAZAL TOV

★ Naomi Cikk, Debbie & Fredi Berkovits on the birth of a great-granddaughter and granddaughter, born to their children Avi & Penina Berkovits.

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 Charity Fund Contribution:

- ★ Chaya & Rafi Dersovitz for the yahrzeit of his mother, Sara Freidel bas Moshe, on 27 Shevat.
- ★ Zita Dzhurinskaya for the yahrzeit of her husband, Efraim ben Bentzion & Batya, on 29 Shevat.
- ★ Jacob Shrem for the yahrzeit of his mother, Rachel bat Refael v'Sarah, on 1 Adar.
- ★ Helene & Ronald Shuter for the yahrzeit of his sister, Sara Hadas bas Anshel, on 1 Adar.
- ★ Mrs. Naomi Cikk for the yahrzeit of her mother, Alta Esther bas Eliezer Zvi, on 3 Adar.

Shul Announcements

FOLLOW OUR SHUL ON WHATSAPP! Join us at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KLaU8dEeB14GWcz403Hqbb>.

This week's Haftorah of PARSHAT SHEKALIM ushers in the Purim and Pesach season when we are called upon to give generously to support those in our community who are in need. **We ask you to please contribute to our CHARITY FUND APPEAL.** Payment can be made online at <https://www.yisi.org/online-payments/>, by check to "YISI Charity Fund" or via Zelle to finances@yisi.org. Note 'Matanot L'Evyonim' and/or 'Maot Chitim' in memo.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- The Dzhurinskiy Family for the 4th yahrzeit of their husband and father, Efraim ben Bentzion & Batya, on 29 Shevat.
- Barry & Feige Glass for the yahrzeit of Barry's father, Yechiel Mechel ben Tzvi Hersh, on 29 Shevat.
- Miriam Schreiber in memory of Billy's mother, Nechama bat Avraham.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- The Dzhurinskiy Family for the 4th yahrzeit of their husband and father, Efraim ben Bentzion & Batya, on 29 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.

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
- 10:00 AM: Rabbi Gary Kopstick on Parshas HaShavua. In the MPR or via phone: 520-453-7185.
- 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 Beitzah in the MPR or via phone: 425-436-6399, code 489260.

A Day of Learning at the YISI Kollel Ba'al HaBatim was sponsored by Sheldon Grossberg in memory of his father, Menachem Mendel ben Yehoshua Yitzchok.

SHABBOS LUACH

Shabbat Shekalim – Mevorachim Adar

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| Eruv is up on both sides | |
| Friday, February 13 | |
| Candle Lighting | 5:11 PM |
| Mincha | 5:20 PM |
| Shabbos, February 14 | |
| Shacharis | 7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F) |
| Rabbi's Parsha Shiur | 8:25 AM |
| Z'man Krias Shema | 9:31 AM |
| Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section) | 3:00 PM |
| Daf Yomi | 4:15 PM |
| Mishna Yomis | 5:00 PM |
| Mincha | 2:30 & 5:10 PM |
| Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>The Majesty of Queen Esther</i> | Between Mincha & Maariv |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:15 PM |

WEEKDAY LUACH

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| Earliest T&T | 5:59 AM |
| Early Mincha | Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Th 12:40 PM |
| Mincha / Maariv | Sun-Th 5:25 PM |
| Late Maariv | Sun-Th 9:00 PM |
| Halacha of the Week | When is the proper time to give the Zecher L'Machtzis Hashekkel? The Gemara teaches us that the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people in the time of Purim was in the merit of the mitzvah of Machtzis Hashekkel (the half shekel given each year for the communal sacrifices). Although we can no longer bring the sacrifices, as a remembrance for this mitzvah and the salvation, there is a custom to give a Zecher L'Machtzis Hashekkel each year before we read about the evil decree of Haman. Maseches Sofrim writes that the coins should be given before reading Parshas Zachor. However, the Rama writes that this is no longer the custom. Instead, the Zecher L'Machtzis Hashekkel should be given on Taanis Esther before davening Mincha. Some explain that we specifically give the Zecher L'Machtzis Hashekkel before Purim and not on Purim so as not to confuse these coins with Matanos L'evyonim. It is customary to give the coins as close to Purim as possible. |
| 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 – Tefilla 8:00 PM; Parsha 8:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236# |

MONDAY IS PRESIDENT'S DAY: Shacharis minyanim will be 6:25, 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 AM.

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.

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.



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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

THE SHMIRAS HALOSHON GROUP FOR WOMEN will be held this Shabbos at the home of Stacey & Louis Emmer, 176 Walcott Ave, at 3:30 PM. Come learn 2 halachas and ways to elevate your speech.

Join us as we launch the S.I. WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE: Come together for learning, support and wellness. Classes begin the week of Feb. 16. Visit <https://siwomenslearningcircle.com/> for more information or 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**. These 5x7 cards are available for purchase and 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.

AMIT NEWS: Our **PURIM CARDS** are now available. \$3 per card or 10 cards for \$25. Call or text Aviva Brum at 718-801-2405. Mazel Tov, get well, and condolence cards also available.

SAVE THE DATE! - SUNDAY MARCH 1ST: Jewish Foundation School Open House (10-11am) and Purim Carnival (11am-1pm). Free Admission - BMX Stunt Show! – Games. Children must be accompanied by Parents to attend.

HELP SUPPORT THE STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER OF RCCS: Join us Motzei Shabbos, March 14 at 9:00 PM at YISI for a Night Out filled with much entertainment. World-renowned mentalist **Yoel Spielman** followed by words of inspiration from our very own **Rabbi Mendy Katzman** and a personal account by **Rivky Orlik**. We will have **The Ace of Wines** for a wine tasting experience like never before. Team up with friends and neighbors to support this vital organization which helps families deal with the financial and medical burden of caring for a loved one. Funds raised go directly to benefit Staten Island families. Please contact Shea Weiss at joshweiss10314@gmail.com for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

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.

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 yudis@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
- Rivka Leah bas Dvora Shoshana 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 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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