

# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ **Sylvia & Itchy Friedman** on the engagement of their grandson Shai Friedman to Racheli Phillips of Boca Raton.
- ★ **Barbara Goldfarb** on the engagement of her grandson Shmuel, son of Susan & Meir Laub, to Devora, daughter of Dina & Dov Zvi Sokol.
- ★ **Zahava & Duvie Shepetofsky** on the engagement of their daughter Ariella to Rafi Dryer in Yerushalayim, son of Adrienne & Simon Dryer of London, England.
- ★ **Phyllis & Mel Zachter** on the engagement of their granddaughter Rochela, daughter of Cindy & Elie Becker, to Chaim Goldstein.

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

- ★ Mazal tov to Lori Guterman on the birth of a granddaughter, Serach Ahuva (aka Chuvi), born to Yocheved & Eliezer Guterman.
- ★ Barbara Goldfarb in honor of the engagement of her grandson Shmuel Laub to Devora Sokol.
- ★ Zahava & Duvie Shepetofsky in honor of their daughter Ariella's engagement to Rafi Dryer.
- ★ Phyllis & Mel Zachter in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter Rochela Becker, to Chaim Goldstein.

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

- ★ Tova & Hanoch Dubitsky on the yahrzeits of Hanoch's father, Meir ben Yaakov a"h on 13 Adar and Tova's grandfather, Gershon ben Aryeh Yehuda Leib ha-Levi a"h on 3 Adar. May their memories be for a blessing.
- ★ ZC & Robby Rosenbloom on the yahrzeit of ZC's father, Binyamin ben Aharon on 9 Adar and Robby's mother, Henya Chemda bas Shmuel on 27 Adar.
- ★ Janet & Roy Schmukler on the yahrzeit of her father Henry, Tzvi ben Sender, on 6 Adar.
- ★ Rita & Michael Kaufman for the 1<sup>st</sup> yahrzeit of Rita's mom, Sara bat Moshe z"l, on 11 Adar. May her neshama have an aliyah.
- ★ Rita & Michael Kaufman for the 18<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit of Michael's father, Shlomo Mendel ben Moshe Eliyahu, on 12 Adar. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- ★ Leonore Greenberg for the yahrzeit of her husband, Harvey Greenberg, on 15 Adar.
- ★ The family of Esta Shepetofsky a"h on her 7<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit. May her neshama have an aliya.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored:

- *L'iluy nishmas* Walter Mandelbaum, Yaakov ben Avraham.
- By Diana & Lewis Frohlich for the yahrzeit of his mother, Rochel bas Meir, on Taanis Esther.

**MATANOT L'EVYONIM & MAOT CHITIM:** For the Yom Tovim to be complete, we must fulfill the mitzvah of helping those in need. We ask you to please give generously 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](mailto:finances@yisi.org). Note 'Matanot L'Evyonim' and/or 'Maot Chitim' in memo.

**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 Perlestein: 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 Parshas Zachor	
Eruv is up on both sides	
<b>Friday, February 27</b>	
Candle Lighting	5:27 PM
Mincha	5:40 PM
<b>Shabbos, February 28</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Additional Zachor Reading	11:30 (M)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:20 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	4:30 PM
Mishna Yomis	5:15 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 5:25 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Thoughts on Megillat Esther</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:31 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	5:40 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Th 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun, Wed-Th 5:40 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Th 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	<p>Why do we give Mishloach Manos on Purim? This is the subject of a well-known dispute. Manos Halevi explains that the Purim story took place because Haman libeled the Jews, saying that they engage in personal feuds and do not get along. This is alluded to in the verse 'yeshno am echad mefuzar umeforad bein ha'amim', there is one nation which is dispersed and scattered among the nations, i.e., lacking unity. To prove the falsehood of this charge, Mordechai and Esther instituted that Mishloach Manos be given - to foster camaraderie among the Jews and to show that we do not engage in conflict, but rather in friendship.</p> <p>Terumas HaDeshen however, explains that the purpose of giving Mishloach Manos is to ensure that poor people enjoy a festive Seudas Purim. Although most people are not poor and do not need food given to them for their Seudah, Chazal instituted that Misloach Manos be given to the wealthy as well, so as not to embarrass the poor.</p>
Motzei Shabbos	Chaim Ozer Father-Son Learning Program 7:15 PM in the First Shul followed by Melave Malka
Sunday - Thursday	Oraysa Amud V'Chazara Program with Rabbi Yosef Goldstein – 7:30 PM in the Beis Medrash
Monday – Taanis Esther	Fast Begins 5:16 AM; Fast Ends 6:20 PM Megillah Reading 6:35 & 9:15 PM
Tuesday – Purim	Shacharit & Megillah: 5:40, 7, 8, & 9 AM Parshat Zachor 9:35 AM followed by Megillah
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	Rabbi Lehrfield Gemara Shiur 9:00 AM in MPR or via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236</a> Meeting ID: 560 851 5236 / Passcode: 12345
Wednesday	Rabbi Weiss – Inyanei Pesach 8:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#
<b>See Purim handout for detailed schedule and davening times</b>	

**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 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.

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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.

**PURIM SUNDAY FUNDAY:** March 1, 3:30-6:00 PM. Help pack Mishloach Manot for the less fortunate. Costume contest, reptile show and pizza dinner! Members: \$10/child, non-members \$20/child. For children ages 3+, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Little League**

**YISI Little League Registration is now open!** BOYS DIVISIONS: Grades 1-2; Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8; GIRLS DIVISIONS: Grades 1-2; Grades 3-8. PRICE: Grades 3-8 (Boys & Girls) \$150 Members / \$200 Non-Members; Grades 1-2 (Boys & Girls) \$75 Members / \$100 Non-Members. Register at: <https://forms.gle/KDNzuQadP3M63zfK6>. Contact Daniel Slomnicki at [Daniel.Slomnicki@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel.Slomnicki@gmail.com) or (718) 757-8298 with any questions.

**A special thank you to Uri Gertelman for his years of service as our League Commissioner.**

**Community Happenings**

**S.I. WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE:** The first women's wellness event has been re-scheduled due to the snow and will now be held on Tues, March 17 at 7:45 PM at 176 Walcott Ave: *How to Step into your Day with Greatness - Tefillah, Positivity, Affirmation and Movement* - Stacey Emmer and Ofira Furhang - [Women's Learning Circle](#).

**STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY ERUV** is once again offering **PURIM CARDS** for purchase. Support an amazing community cause! 10 cards for \$36. Free delivery on Staten Is. 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.

**SUPPORT THE STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER OF RCCS:** Join us Motzei Shabbos, March 14 at 9 PM at YISI for an entertainment-filled **Night Out**. World-renowned mentalist **Yoel Spielman** followed by words of inspiration from our very own **Rabbi Mendy Katzman** and a personal account by **Rivky Orlik**. **The Ace of Wines** will provide a special wine tasting experience. Join friends and neighbors to support this vital organization that helps families deal with the financial and medical burden of caring for a loved one. Funds raised go directly to benefit Staten Island families. for more information and sponsorship opportunities contact Shea Weiss at [joshweiss10314@gmail.com](mailto:joshweiss10314@gmail.com).

**ONE MITZVAH LEADS TO ANOTHER:** Rachelit is collecting surplus Mishloach Manot. Your contribution will supply snacks to our families, children and hospital patients. Food can be left at front door of 1097 Willowbrook Rd. Sun-Thurs, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM or call 718-673-7174. Closed packages only with appropriate kosher supervision. No home-made goods. **Thank you!**

**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.

**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 Aviva Brum 718-801-2405.
- ◆ **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](mailto:slzdiamond@hotmail.com).

**Tehillim Circle**

If you have a name you want listed, contact Yehudis Loewenstein at 917-868-5417, or [yudisl@aol.com](mailto: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
- Rivka Leah bas Dvora Shoshana Raizel

**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](mailto: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](mailto:israelconnectscheduling@gmail.com).

**Job Opportunities**

- US tax preparation positions available in top US tax firm in Israel for US CPAs who made Aliyah. Great work environment. Offices in Bet Shemesh & Jerusalem (Har Chotzvim). Hybrid/remote options available. Please send resume to: [tovah@pstein.com](mailto:tovah@pstein.com).

**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.  
**TO HAVE A NOTICE LISTED IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY NOON THURSDAY at [office@yisi.org](mailto:office@yisi.org) or 718-494-6700 ext. 0.**

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