



פרשת ויקרא
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MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Adrienne & Gary Bendel** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Yehuda Aryeh, son of Rochel Leah (Kathy) & Gavy Petegorsky.
- ★ **Taube & Michael Import** on the wedding of their grandson William, son of Alisa & Brian Glickman, to Yael Algaranatti of Aventura, Florida.
- ★ **Odelia & Avi Shure** on the wedding of their daughter Yael to Yochi Reich.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office **BEFORE 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 Simcha Contribution:

- ★ Taube & Michael Import in honor of the upcoming wedding of their grandson William Glickman, to Yael Algaranatti.
- ★ Shirley & Shelly Schwartz wishing mazal tov to Fran & Milton Pfeiffer on their 60th wedding anniversary. May you have many more to come with a happy life together.

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

- ★ Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith for the yahrzeit of Sol Koltun, Sol ben Israel, beloved father of Barbara J. (Basha Yehudis) Koltun, on 22 Adar.
- ★ Orit & Phillip Jackier for the yahrzeit of his mother, Yenta bas Yosef Yitzchok, on 28 Adar.
- ★ Sheila & Albie Zachter, Phyllis & Mel Zachter and Miriam Zachter for the yahrzeit of Albie & Mel's father Leo Zachter, Eliezer ben Avraham Leib a"h, on 29 Adar.
- ★ Phyllis & Mel Zachter in memory of Phyllis' brother David Sitzer. May his memory be for a blessing.
- ★ Moti Schwartz on the shloshim of his beloved wife Halina, Chaya Sara bat Yehuda Leib and Rachel. Deepest gratitude to Rabbi & Leah Lehrfield for their wisdom and support, and to our friends and community for your kindness and care during this difficult time.

Shul Announcements

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

There will be a **SIYUM BECHORIM** after each Shacharis minyan on Erev Pesach. Please contact the Rabbi if you can be Mesayaim.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ: The Rabbi will be available in his office Sunday - Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 PM. You can also sell your chometz online through the link that was emailed out, or on the YISI website at www.yisi.org. Click "Mechiras Chometz" at the top of the page.

KINDLY GIVE TO OUR MAOT CHITIM appeal. Complete the Yom Tovim by fulfilling the mitzvah of helping those in need. Donate online at <https://www.yisi.org/online-payments/>, by check to "YISI Charity Fund" or via Zelle to finances@yisi.org. Note 'Maot Chitim' in memo.

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 Perlstien: 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 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, March 20	
Candle Lighting	6:10 / 6:50 PM
Mincha	5:45 / 7:10 PM
Shabbos, March 21	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	10:01 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:00 PM
Mishna Yomis	6:35 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 6:45 PM
Rabbi Katzman will speak on the topic: <i>Haggada Tidbits</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	7:54 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:06 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Th 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun, Wed-Th 7:05 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Th 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Although the Rema refers to Ma'os chitim as a minhag (custom - which connotes that it is not a full-fledged obligation), the Mishnah Berurah cites poskim who question this: The Yerushalmi states that there is an obligation to give ma'os chitim. The Mishnah Berurah explains that there is indeed an obligation to give to make sure that the needs of the poor are taken care of for Yom Tov. However, the custom of ma'os chitim requires that we not only give money to the poor for Pesach, but that we provide them with grains (or with actual matzah) to enable them to prepare for Pesach. Rav Betzael Zolty also writes that ma'os chitim is an obligation and included in the mitzvah of Simchas Yom Tov. This is based on the Rambam who writes that one who eats and drinks but does not feed the poor has not fulfilled the mitzvah of Simchas Yom Tov. Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach ruled that each person must make this determination, how much to give, themselves. Since there is no specific amount imposed, he ruled that one may donate to ma'os chitim using funds from one's ma'aser kesafim.
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 Lehrfield: Semichas Chaver Program 9:00 PM in Beis Medrash. Chazara (review class) with Rabbi Katzman Mondays at 9:15 PM.
Wednesday	Rabbi Weiss – Inyanei Pesach 8:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

YISI YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM: Tues., April 14 at 7:30 PM in the Main Shul. With Guest Speaker Marvin Raab, Vice Chair of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS IN THE COAT ROOM. Any items left there will be removed and discarded before Pesach. Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Date

May 31, 2026: Join YISI in the annual Israel Day on 5th Parade! More information and sign-up details will be shared after Pesach.

November 24 - December 6, 2026: Chesed Mission/Tour of Eretz Yisrael led by Rabbi Lehrfield, under the sponsorship of Mizrahi. Sign up now and go with all your friends! For travel and cost details, contact Allan Gomberg at 917-613-3101.

”והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם”



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YISI Book Club

Tues. March 24 at 7 PM in the MPR. We are reading "Rock Paper Scissors" by Alice Feeney. Copies are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library. We look forward to seeing you at the next discussion. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.

YISI Little League

Teams were drafted and coaches should have reached out. Season will begin after Pesach.

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. **Afternoon groups 3:00 - 4:30 PM - note the time change.**

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

JFS PASSOVER WINE SALE will be on again this year at 400 Caswell Ave. Sun, March 22, 10:30 AM - 2 PM. Motzei Shabbos, March 28, 9 - 11:30 PM. Hundreds of bottles will be available. Cash or checks made out to JFS accepted. Sorry, no credit cards or Zelle.

SHAIMOS PICK UP: Truck will be in front of the Shul on **Mon, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.** Shopping bag - \$15; garbage bag - \$40.

COJO PRE-PASSOVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Wed. March 25, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan, 1180 Rockland Ave. (corner of Rockland Ave. & Merrymount St. This is a drive-through distribution (first-come, first-served basis while supplies last).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help pack food items for the COJO Pesach Distribution on Wednesday, March 25. If you can help, please contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.

AMIT NEWS: Purchase Mazel Tov, get well, and condolence cards. Call or text Aviva Brum at 718-801-2405.

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

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
- 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 Gittel
- 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
- Esther Simcha bas Tziporah Leiba

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.

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 ketobot 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

- 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.

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 donate 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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