



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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 Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi
 Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi

March 27, 2026 / 9 Nisan
 Rav Yaakov Marcus ל"ו, Rabbi Emeritus
 Robert Rosenberg, President

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MAZAL TOV

★ **Barbara & Josh Gertel** on the birth of a great grandson, born to Nechami & Rueven Chaim Fish, children of Rachel & Ari Fish, in Neve Yaakov.

★ **Anita & Fred Naider** on the engagement of their grandson Matan, son of Shoshana & Betsalel Steinhart of Ramat Bet Shemesh, to Shachar, daughter of Tzurit & Dovid Somer of Moshav Nechusha.

★ **Odelia & Avi Shure** on the wedding and sheva brachot of their daughter Yael to Yochi Reich, grandson of Hannah & Walter a"h Mandelbaum.

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 Charity Fund Contribution:

- ★ Rosalyn & Solomon Liberman for the yahrzeit of Rosalyn's father, Mordechai ben Naftali a"h, on 11 Nisan. May his neshama have an aliya and watch over all of us.
- ★ Chaya & Rafi Dersovitz for the yahrzeit of his father, Yehoshua Tzvi ben Raphael, on 14 Nisan.
- ★ Sarah & Judah Chasky for the yahrzeit of her beloved mother Anna Kitajewitz, Chasha bat Avraham, on 17 Nisan.
- ★ Aviva & Seth Brum in memory of the 6th yahrzeit of Avraham ben Yisrael Natan Hakohen on 18 Nisan.
- ★ Aaron Sued, with heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Lehrfield and to Mark Weiss for their efforts and assistance during his daughter's health emergency in North Carolina.

Shul Announcements

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

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA is sponsored by:

- The Loewenstein Family for the 6th yahrzeit of their beloved husband, father and Opa, Irvin Loewenstein, Yitzchok ben Yehuda a"h, on 13 Nisan.

NO FOOD IN THE BUILDING AFTER MONDAY MORNING, except for the Siyum Bechorim, which will be confined to the lobby. Thank you for your cooperation.

YISI PESACH APPEAL: We hope you will consider supporting our appeal to fund replacing the air conditioning system of our building and strengthening our security measures, ensuring the continued comfort and safety of our membership. Thank you to all who already responded. Your early payment is greatly appreciated.

There will be a SIYUM BECHORIM after each minyan Wednesday morning, Erev Pesach. Thank you to the Siyum sponsors:

- In memory of Irvin Loewenstein, Yitzchok ben Yehuda.
- Sara & Philip Altmark in memory of her brother, Gershon ben Moshe.
- Magda & Rabbi Bruce Ochs in memory of his father, Mordechai Yitzchok ben Chaim Dovid.
- Shirley & Sheldon Schwartz in memory of his mother, Bella bas Yitzchok.
- Toby & Jeff Steltzer in memory of his mother, Adina bas Herschel.

SANITATION PICKUP times are Tues. March 31, 4 PM - Midnight and Wed. April 1, 6 AM - 1 PM. Please bag garbage properly and do not leave any garbage on the street. We have also arranged for regular (home) curbside pickup Wed. morning, April 1.

COMMUNAL BIUR CHOMETZ: Wed. April 1, 7:30 – 11:00 AM, in front of the YISI park under the supervision of Jeff "Smokey" Steltzer. Please do not bring any plastics or hazardous materials.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ: The Rabbi will be available in his office Sunday - Monday, 8:00 - 9:30 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.

SHABBOS LUACH Shabbos Hagadol

Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, March 27	
Candle Lighting	6:15 / 6:58 PM
Mincha	5:50 / 7:10 PM
Shabbos, March 28	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:54 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:00 PM
Mishna Yomis	6:30 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 6:40 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield Shabbos HaGadol Drasha <i>The Never-Ending Exodus</i>	7:00 PM
Shabbos Ends	8:02 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH

Earliest T&T	5:54 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Tue 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Tue 7:10 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Mon 9:00 PM

Halacha of the Week	<p>How is the mitzvah of <i>Sipur Yetzias Mitzrayim</i>, relating the story of the Exodus - which is specific to the night of the Seder - different from <i>Zechiras Yetzias Mitzrayim</i>, remembering the Exodus, a mitzvah which one is obligated to fulfill every night? Rav Chaim Soloveitchik, zt"l explained that while <i>zechirah</i> requires a mere mention of the fact we were once enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt and now we are free men, <i>sipur</i>, as the name implies, means relating the story in a more elaborate manner. For <i>zechira</i>, it is sufficient to remind oneself, while <i>sipur</i> is relating the story to others through questions and answers, as the Torah states, <i>ki yishalcha bincha</i>, when your son inquires. This is why the seder begins with the children asking <i>Ma nishtana</i>. Second, for <i>zechira</i> it is sufficient to relate that we left Egypt, while <i>sipur</i> requires that the entire story be told in detail. We trace our ignoble beginning (<i>maschil bi'gnus</i>, Israel's disgrace) and culminating in the redemption from Mitzrayim (<i>mesayeim bi'shvach</i> - Israel's glory). Third, the mitzvah of <i>sipur</i> is fulfilled only if we explain the reason why we were commanded to eat the Passover Sacrifice, Matzah and Maror.</p>
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Please see the Pesach handout for detailed schedule and davening times

ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM: Learn one amud a day, with a review of the previous day's amud. Please contact Louis Emmer at 718-938-5414 for the Pesach schedule.

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.

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
 The Kollel will resume after Pesach. **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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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.

YISI Little League

Season will begin after Pesach. **Opening Day – Sunday, April 19!**

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.

MODEL MATZA BAKERY: Sunday March 29, 3:00-4:00 PM. RSVP Required. \$10/member, \$25/nonmember.

PRE PESACH TRIP TO CHUCK E CHEESE: Tuesday March 31. Grades 4K and up. Give yourself more time to prepare for Yom Tov and get "Chol HaMoed" started early. RSVP Required, \$20/member, \$40/non-member.

Email youth@yisi.org for more information on Youth Dept. events.

Community Happenings

SHMIRAS HALOSHON GROUP FOR WOMEN: This Shabbos at 4:00 PM at the home of Stacey & Louis Emmer, 176 Walcott Ave. Come and learn 2 halachas and ways to elevate your speech

JFS PASSEOVER WINE SALE: 400 Caswell Ave. 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.

HATZOLAH of Staten Island Annual Campaign is LIVE! Don't miss our exciting raffle! Easy payments – spread over 12 months. We're here for you 24/7, 365 days a year – now we're asking you to be there for us. Take a chance. Save a life. Click here to donate & enter the raffle: <https://www.rayze.it/winbig>.

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.

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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Bris Pillow & Outfit** - David at 347 661-4760 or Emunah at 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.

Tehillim Circle

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
- 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
- Bracha Rivka Leah bas Dvora Shoshana Raizel
- Esther Simcha bas Tziporah Leiba

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

- 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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