



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת כי תשא - פרשת פרה
 Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi
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March 6, 2026 / 17 Adar
 Rav Yaakov Marcus ז"ל, Rabbi Emeritus
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CONDOLENCES

★ Aviva Gottesman on the loss of her father, Mr. Erwin Fried.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Susan & Elie Kopstick, Margaret & Gary Kopstick** and Elkie & Harry Bram on the birth of a granddaughter/great granddaughter, Esther Malka, born to Baily & Moshe Kahan.
- ★ **Judy & Tomi Karfunkel** on the birth of a great grandson, born to their grandchildren Chaya & Azriel Respler, children of Benji & Yitty Karfunkel.
- ★ **Myra & Bernie ז"ל Lanter** on the aufruf and wedding of their grandson Jack, son of Jennifer & Avi Winkler, to Tamar Schoen.

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

- ★ Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith with extreme gratitude to Hashem for another birthday, March 6. Also, my sincere appreciation to all of you for the telephone calls, texts, emails, and messages that continue to support me through my time of healing.
- ★ Barbara J. Koltun in honor of the birthday on March 6, 13 Adar, of Dr. Alan L. Smith, CI, a loving, kind & funny man, and the strongest man I know. May your days be filled with joy, laughter and good health.

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

- ★ Barbara J. Koltun for the yahrzeit of her beloved mother, Tillie (Tibel) bas Isidore, on 17 Adar.
- ★ Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith for the yahrzeit of Tillie (Tibel) Koltun, the kind and loving mother of Barbara J. (Basha Yehudis) Koltun, on 17 Adar.
- ★ Susan & David Bodner for the yahrzeit of his mother, Necha bas Shmuel Menachem a"h, on 18 Adar.
- ★ Chaya & Rafi Dersovitz for the yahrzeit of her father, Moshe Aryeh ben Yehoshua David HaKohen a"h on 18 Adar.
- ★ Lori Guterman, in loving memory of Nachie Guterman on his 18th yahrzeit on 18 Adar.
- ★ Arlene & Marty Friedman for the 24th yahrzeit of Marty's father, Yosef Simcha ben Mordechai Mayer a"h.
- ★ Michele Garner and Nechama & Ben Schofield on the 2nd yahrzeit of their husband and father, Rabbi Eliezer ben Avraham Avinu a"h, on 19 Adar. May his neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Barry & Aviva Hamber and family on the 10th yahrzeit of his mother and their grandmother, Gittel Tova bas Pesachya, Gloria Hamber on 19 Adar. May her neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Debbie Deanna Jacobs for the yahrzeit of her husband, Shlomo ben Pesach a"h. May his neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Ellen & Robert Leibowitz for the yahrzeit of Leon Leibowitz - Asher Lemel ben Necha & Yehoshua Zev, and Maxine Leibowitz Blaustein - Miriam Reizel bat Mindle Shprintza & Asher Lemel, fine role models.
- ★ Barry & Annie Goodman and Barbara Rosenfeld for the yahrzeit of their mother, Devorah bat Chaim Yonah, on 22 Adar.
- ★ Yolanda & Sam Shuster and family for the yahrzeit of Sam's father, Moshe ben Izchak Izak v'Mina, on 22 Adar.
- ★ Susan & Menachem Gottlieb, in memory of Menachem's beloved mother, Rachel bat Menachem a"h, 23 Adar. She is deeply missed. May her brachot be fulfilled.
- ★ The Farbowitz, Lindenber, Mezuman, Bernhaut and Padawer families for the 18th yahrzeit of Rochel Malka bas David. We miss you so very much and think of you each day. Yihi zichra baruch.
- ★ Good friends of Rochel Farbowitz remember her with love & fondness on her 18th yahrzeit, 23 Adar. Though many years have passed, her absence is still sorely felt. May her neshama have an aliya.

Shul Announcements

THANK YOU to our MEGILLA READERS: Rabbi Mendy Katzman, Dovid Adress, Herschel Baum, Shmuel Besser, Josh Speirer and Rabbi Avraham Zachter.

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. Note 'Maot Chitim' in memo.

SHABBOS LUACH

Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, March 6	
Candle Lighting	5:35 PM
Mincha	5:45 PM
Shabbos, March 7	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:14 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul - Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	4:35 PM
Mishna Yomis	5:20 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 5:30 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Starting a War on Shabbos</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	6:39 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH

Earliest T&T	6:29 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Th 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun, Wed-Th 6:50 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Th 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Shulchan Aruch writes that there is an opinion that Parshas Parah is a Torah obligation, and one who lives in a town that has no minyan must come to the city for Shabbos to hear it read with a minyan. The Mishnah Berurah writes that many poskim conclude that the mitzvah is not a Torah obligation but rather Rabbinic; however, even a mitzvah derabbanan requires you to listen carefully with intent to perform the mitzvah. It would seem that as Mishnah Berurah considers listening to Parshas Parah obligatory, missing a word would require you to listen again. However, the Mishnah Berurah rules that even if the shliach tzibur skipped an entire pasuk, there might not be a need to repeat the reading. He explains that the first ten psukim of Parshas Parah are not crucial to the mitzvah and if one was skipped, there is no need to repeat the leining. Only the last twelve must be read (and listened to) in their entirety.
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#

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

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Sara & Phil Altmark in observance of the yahrzeit of Sara's father, Moshe ben Gershon, Moses Ashenberg, on 18 Adar.
- Diana & Lewis Frohlich wish mazal tov to our granddaughter Haily, daughter of Michelle & Richard Frohlich, on her acceptance by Shalevim for a year of study in Israel and our granddaughter Ruti, daughter of Drs. Aliza & Jonathan Frohlich, on being awarded a Yeshiva University Fellowship to study Psychology in Israel.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Yolanda & Sam Shuster and family for the yahrzeit of Sam's father, Moshe ben Izchak Izak v'Mina, on 22 Adar.

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

”והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם”



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Save the Date

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

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.

Little League

Register now! 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. Contact Daniel Slomnicki at Daniel.Slomnicki@gmail.com or (718) 757-8298 with any questions. Register at: <https://forms.gle/KDNzuQadP3M63zfK6>.

Community Happenings

S.I. WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE: The first women's wellness event will 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. Rabbi Lehrfield's class on Megillas Rus starts this Monday at 10am in the Beis Medrash. For other learning opportunities visit [Women's Learning Circle](#).

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.

WAGNER COLLEGE HOLOCAUST CENTER 2026 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARDS: Honoring **Rabbi Mendy & Malka Katzman**, Mr. Leo Ullman, Dr. Jane & Mr. Mark DeFazio, Kara Freedman '27, and Dr. Daniel Messina. Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM, Wagner College Union Building, Dining Hall. RSVP required by March 11. Register at: [Community Mitzvah Awards 2026 - Wagner College](#).

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!**

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.
- ◆ **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.

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
- 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 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

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 for 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.
TO HAVE A NOTICE LISTED IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY NOON THURSDAY at office@yisi.org or 718-494-6700 ext. 0.