



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשיות תזריע-מצורע
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April 17, 2026 / 30 Nisan
 Rav Yaakov Marcus ל"ו, Rabbi Emeritus
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CONDOLENCES

★ Susan Geisler on the loss of her husband, Israel Izzy Geisler. Shiva will be observed Friday until 1pm at 160 Oakville St. in Staten Island and on Motzei Shabbos & Sunday at 66 Surrey Lane in Bergenfield.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Vicky & David Wortman**, Harriet & Avery Gross and Shlomzion & Dr. Shye Wortman on the birth of a great grandson and grandson, born to Ayelet & Itay Tusson in Israel.
- ★ **Martin Ehrlich** & family on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Rivky & Michoel Fuld in Ramat Beit Shemesh.
- ★ **Barry & Feige Glass** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Moshe Yosef, son of Rabbi Asher & Tovah Vogel, in Ramat Shlomo this coming Shabbos.
- ★ **Betty & Shelly Roth** on the engagement of their son Aaron to Rebecca Saidlauer.
- ★ **Susan & Dave Bodner** on the engagement of their grandson Dov, son of Jeff and Yael Bodner, to Leah, daughter of Chaya & Daniel Rosen.
- ★ **Judy & Tomi Karfunkel** on the wedding of their grandson Binyamin, son of Rifky & Rabbi Elie Karfunkel, to Raizy Franken.
- ★ **Bonnie & Shmuel Winzelberg** on the sheva brachot of their grandchildren, Bracha & Moshe Michoel Winzelberg.

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

- ★ Vicky & David Wortman in honor of the birth of a great grandson, born to their grandchildren Ayelet & Itay Tusson in Israel.
- ★ Betty & Shelly Roth in honor of the engagement of their son Aaron to Rebecca Saidlauer.

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

- ★ Karen & Mark Raden for the yahrzeit of Karen's father, Zev ben Avigdor Avraham a"h, on 25 Nisan.
- ★ Susanne & Barry Weiss for the 1st yahrzeit of Susanne's father, Marshall Schlesinger, Moshe Yosef ben Yonah a"h on 26 Nisan.
- ★ Millie & Aaron Sued for the yahrzeit of his mother, Sarah bas Aharon, on 4 Iyar.

Shul Announcements

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

THANK YOU to Miriam Schreiber and Dr. Louis Emmer for organizing a truly moving Yom HaShoah program. Thank you to Professor Raab for his informative presentation, to the students of JFS and RJJ for their beautiful readings and to Mendy Wiater for technical assistance.

YISI YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION: Join us on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 PM for music & dancing, merch, and **Boots For Israel** packing. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by parent. Free to members. Sponsorships available, contact Shea at 917-755-1813. Boot packing donations suggested, \$100/family can be made [here](#).

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 Beitza in the MPR or via phone: 425-436-6399, code 489260.

Thank you to Barbara & Josh Gertelman for dedicating **A Day of Learning** in memory of his mother, Chaya Esther bas Yehoshua.

SHABBOS LUACH Rosh Chodesh

Eruv is up on both sides

Friday, April 17

Candle Lighting	6:30 / 7:20 PM
Mincha	6:05 / 7:30 PM

Shabbos, April 18

Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:34 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:20 PM
Mishna Yomis	7:05 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 7:15 PM
Rabbi Katzman will speak on the topic <i>The Sadness of Sefirah</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	8:24 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH

Earliest T&T	5:18 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Thu 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thu 7:35 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thu 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	As Erev Rosh Chodesh Iyar falls out on a Friday this year, many are wondering: can one take a haircut in the midst of Sefirah? While the question may sound theoretical, the halacha is quite clear. The Mishna Brurah (493:5) permits one to get a haircut when Rosh Chodesh Iyar falls on Friday, Erev Shabbos. The rationale is that one is getting the haircut for two reasons: In honor of Rosh Chodesh and in honor of Shabbos. When both reasons come together, even those that keep the first Sefirah may shave and get a haircut. And this ruling even trumps the custom of avoiding haircuts on Rosh Chodesh (Rav Yehudah haChassid).
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 – Tefilla 8:30 PM & Parsha 9:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Sara & Phil Altmark in observance of the yahrzeit of Sara's brother Jerry Ashenberg, Gershon ben Moshe a"h, on 22 Nisan.
- Diana & Lewis Frohlich for the yahrzeit of Diana's father, Shabtai ben Aryeh a"h.
- Shirley & Shelly Schwartz for the yahrzeit of Shirley's father, Avrohom Hersh ben Menachem Mendel a"h.
- L'iluy nishmas Chaya Malka bat Menachem Tzvi a"h on her 2nd yahrzeit.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- In honor of Bracha Kaplan's special birthday, from her friends.
- Barbara & Josh Gertelman for the yahrzeit of his mother, Chaya Esther bas Yehoshua.

YISI PESACH APPEAL: We hope you will join in supporting this year's appeal, focused on replacing our aging air conditioning system and strengthening our security measures, ensuring the comfort and safety of our membership. Thank you to all who have already responded.

Save the Date

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

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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

Opening Day this Sunday, April 19! Thank you to all our sponsors. Looking forward to a great season!

YISI Book Club

April 20 at 7 PM in the MPR. We are reading "Last Twilight in Paris" by Pam Jenoff. 20 copies are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library; please return your copy after you have finished reading it, so others can read it as well. We hope to see you at the next book discussion.

YISI Day Camp

Registration is in full swing for summer 2026 at Camp Gan YISI. Please visit <https://www.yisi.org/youth/day-camp/>.

Gan YISI is **hiring staff for the summer!** Interviews will be held Sun, April 26 so apply now at: <https://forms.gle/rGa9BxjtSRjBLTwg7> or email Daycamp@yisi.org to apply.

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

BIKUR CHOLIM of Staten Island 3rd Annual Club 83 Campaign: Uniting 1,000 people to give just \$83.33/month. These funds provide critical support including medical assistance, food programs, rent relief, hospital meals, and more. Step up and be part of a community ensuring no family is left behind: bit.ly/BCofSIClub83.

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>.

WAGNER COLLEGE – Sunday April 19, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Join us for a screening of the film *Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire*, introduced by the President of the Claims Conference, Gideon Taylor, and Professor Lori Weintrob. Panel discussion with co-producer Annette Insdorf. Begins with kosher dessert reception in Manzulli Boardroom, Foundation Hall, Wagner College, One Campus Road.

COJO GROCERY DISTRIBUTION: Wed. April 22, 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan, 1180 Rockland Ave (at Merrymount Ave). This is a drive thru event. First come, first served. Contact Iva Reuven, Food Pantry Director, at ivacojosi@gmail.com with any questions.

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 judisl@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
- Nachum Moshe ben Hensha
- Leah bat Golda
- Sorah Shoshana bat Dreiza Leah
- Pessel bat Rochel
- Chaya Esther bat Rochel Leba
- Tehilla Basya bat 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 bat Dvora Shoshana Raizel
- Esther Simcha bat 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.

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.

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