



פרשת במדבר
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 Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi

May 15, 2026 / 28 Iyar
 Rav Yaakov Marcus שליט"א, Rabbi Emeritus
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CONDOLENCES

★ Betty & Sheldon Roth on the loss of their granddaughter, Sammy (Samantha), daughter of Dvora & Dan Roth.

MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Caryn & Yussie Weinblatt** on the birth and bris of their grandson, Emmitt Nathan, born to their children Rena & Matty Goldwyn.
- ★ **Malki & Jay Gelbein** on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to their grandchildren Tammy & Dovid Gelbein, son of Rabbi Moshe & Dina Gelbein in Israel.
- ★ **Ronee Sklar** on the birth of a grandson, Shmuel, born to her children Shoshana & Sholom (Steven) Sklar of Beitar Illit.
- ★ **Naomi Cikk, Fredi and Debbie Berkovits** on the bar mitzvah of their great grandson and grandson Akiva Nachum Berkovits, son of Aviva & Yoni Berkovits in Brooklyn.

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

- ★ Malki & Jay Gelbein in honor of the birth of a great-granddaughter. Mazal tov to the parents Dovid & Tammy Gelbein and to the grandparents Moshe & Dina Gelbein.
- ★ Ronee Sklar in honor of the birth of a grandson, Shmuel, born to her children Shoshana & Sholom (Steven) Sklar of Beitar Illit

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

- ★ The Roth Family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to Rabbi & Rebbetzin Lehrfield and to the community and our dear friends for their support and concern at this difficult time for our family.
- ★ Elana & Moshe Hollander for the 30th yearzeit of Moshe's mother, Nechama Tzila bas Amiel, on 24 Iyar.
- ★ Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith for the yearzeits of his beloved Uncle Jack (Yaakov ben Abraham) on 25 Iyar, and his beloved grandmother, Mama Sallie (Sarah Malka bas Abraham) 26 Iyar.
- ★ Reggie & Gene Lerman for the yearzeit of her brother Arthur Rettig, Asher Baruch ben Pesach Leib HaLevi, on 2 Sivan.
- ★ ZC and Robby Rosenbloom for the yearzeit of ZC's mother Gizella Jacob, Gitel bas Meir a"h, on 2 Sivan.

Shul Announcements

YISI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: In accordance with the YISI Constitution, a general membership meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 3, following Mincha/Maariv.** Agenda to follow.

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

GREETERS PROGRAM: As part of our ongoing initiative to enhance the security of our building while maintaining a warm and welcoming environment, we are seeking volunteers to assist our security staff during services and events. If you are interested in participating in this important initiative, please contact us at office@yisi.org. Thank you for helping to keep our shul safe, secure, and welcoming for all.

JOIN YISI IN THE ISRAEL DAY ON FIFTH PARADE! We look forward to celebrating the spirit, innovation, and pride of Israel with you on Sunday, May 31. All info will be posted in the WhatsApp parade chat - make sure to join by clicking [here](#).

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.

CHESED MISSION/TOUR OF ERETZ YISRAEL Nov. 24 – Dec. 6, 2026: Led by Rabbi Lehrfield, under the sponsorship of Mizrachi. Sign up now and go with all your friends! For travel and cost details, contact Allan Gomberg at 917-613-3101.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, May 18 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See and books are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library. Please return after reading, so others can enjoy it as well. Looking forward to seeing you at the next book discussion.

SHABBOS LUACH Mevorchim Sivan	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, May 15	
Candle Lighting	6:55 / 7:47 PM
Mincha	6:30 / 8:00 PM
Shabbos, May 16	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:16 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:55 PM
Mishna Yomis	7:30 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 7:40 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Megillat Ruth - Why is it Chosen for Shavuot?</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	8:51 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	4:39 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Wed 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Wed 8:00 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Wed 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	<p>The Rama offers this reason why we customarily eat dairy on Shavuos: The korban (sacrifice) of Sh'tei Ha-Lechem, "Two Breads," was brought on Shavuos. We serve both dairy and meat on Shavuos, as this necessitates eating from two different loaves of bread. Why? Bread served at a dairy meal may not be served with meat (because some dairy residue may have gotten on it). By serving dairy and then meat, there must be two separate loaves at the table (which symbolizes the mizbei'ach), and this commemorates the korban of Sh'tei Ha-Lechem.</p> <p>Rav Belsky, zt"l said that even those who follow the Zohar and are careful not to eat dairy and meat at the same meal throughout the year (many will not even eat meat within an hour of eating dairy), may eat meat immediately after dairy on Shavuos. The Mishnah Brurah adds that there is no need to bench between the two parts of the meal, and Rav Belsky points out that it is preferable to not do so, since this would be a needless bracha (bracha sheino tzricha). While we may eat meat after dairy on Shavuos, one must first clean one's mouth by drinking some liquid and eating a piece of solid food, such as challah.</p>
Sunday - Wednesday	Oraysa Amud V'Chazara Program with Rabbi Yosef Goldstein – 7:30 PM in the Beis Medrash
Monday – Wednesday	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 Shavuos 8:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Jay & Malki Gelbein for the yearzeit of Jay's mother, Sarah Faigel bas Avrohom, on 26 Iyar.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Barbara & Josh Gerteman in memory of her father Barry Lampel, Baruch ben Tzvi Lipa.

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

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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.

YISI Day Camp

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

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. Afternoon groups 3:00 - 4:30 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.

SHAVUOT LATE NIGHT LEARNING: First night Shavuot beginning at 11:00 PM. Learn with your Dad. Snacks and learning material will be provided. For girls & boys age 9+

TEEN SHAVUOT ALL NIGHT LEARNING: First night Shavuot – starts at midnight. Learn with your friends. Special guest speakers. Stump Rabbi Lehrfield!

ASERET HADIBROT READING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: First day Shavuot - Friday, May 22 - at 4:30 PM in the YISI Gym.

Community Happenings

COJO SHAVUOT FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Wed, May 20, 5:30-6:30pm at Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan, 1180 Rockland Ave. (at Merrymount Ave). This is a drive-thru event. First come, first served. Any questions contact Iva Reuven, Food Pantry Director at ivacojosi@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the COJO food distribution on May 20 at Aur Torah. If you can help pack food items during the day, 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 yudisi@aol.com. Names given should only be people of our community or their relatives. Please continue to say Tehillim for those seeking refuah.

- Refael Moshe Ben Sara
- Reb Yosef ben Rebbetzin Tilla Roiza
- Reuven Zev ben Rivkah
- 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

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 Debbie Berkovits 718-494-1905.
- ♦ **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 & 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.

Chesed 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

- Local Staten Island bookkeeping firm has open positions for FT/PT employees. Starting rate \$25/hour. Email your resume to jobs@dimco.com.
- JCC of SI is hiring a **Director of Cultural Arts:** Develop arts and education programs for various age groups from teens to older adults; collaborate with Israeli emissaries and partners; programs should reflect Jewish values, and include lectures, concerts, films, trips, workshops, and holiday celebrations. Bachelor's degree required, advanced degree or in arts administration, cultural programming, or related field preferred. Knowledge of Jewish history, culture and Israel required. Flexible schedule, some evenings / weekends. Please send resume to Randie Vitucci at: rvitucci@SIJCC.COM.
- The JCC of SI is hiring a full time **Russian speaking Case Assistant for older adults:** Provide case assistance, benefits/entitlements, initial intakes, for English and Russian-speaking adults ages 60+; enter case notes into data system; programmatic support; responsible for all Holocaust related assistance; assist with evening and/or weekend meal and special events as needed; Russian speaking required. Please contact Michele Weinstein at 718-517-7449 or send resume to: mweinstein@SIJCC.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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