



פרשיות בהר-בחקות  
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May 8, 2026 / 21 Iyar  
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**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ **Eileen & Dr. Kenny Horowitz** and the whole mishpacha on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Grayson, son of Heather & Dr. Michael Horowitz.
- ★ **Cathy & Wayne Greenberg** on the engagement of their son Jake to Jessica Cohen, daughter of Joy Cohen and Larry & Terry Cohen.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before NOON Thursday at [office@yisi.org](mailto: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:**

- ★ Miriam & Howard Moses in honor of the birth of their first great grandchild, Lior Shaya, son of Shoshana & Andrew Korman and grandson of Tova & Natan Jeselsohn.

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

- ★ Jeffrey Kazan for the yearzeit of his wife Mindy, Chaya Mirlin bas Eliyahu, on 23 Iyar.
- ★ Jay & Malki Gelbein for the yearzeit of Jay's mother, Sarah Faigel bas Avrohom, on 26 Iyar.
- ★ Susan & Leslie Klein for the yearzeit of Susan's mother, Sara bas Devorah Malya, on 26 Iyar.
- ★ Elissa & Mark Brodsky for the 24<sup>th</sup> yearzeit of her father, Stanley Rothman, Shmuel Eliah Hirsch Binyamin ben Reuvein, on 27 Iyar.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**OHEL SHABBOS:** YISI welcomes Dr. Chaim Neuhoff, Director of Clinical Program Development and Community Outreach at Ohel, who will speak following Late Mincha on the topic of "From Stress to Strength: Unlocking Resilience Within". All are invited to attend.

**EISHES CHAYIL KIDDUSH:** Join us this Shabbos, May 9, for an Eishes Chayil / Mothers' Day Kiddush following davening. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored by:  
 • Diana & Louis Frohlich in honor of their grandchildren.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GREETERS PROGRAM:** As part of our ongoing initiative to enhance the security of our building while maintaining a warm and welcoming environment, we are restarting our Greeters Program. 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](mailto: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!** Celebrate the spirit, innovation, and pride of Israel with us on Sunday, May 31. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to march together in one of the most vibrant and meaningful community events of the year—we look forward to celebrating with you! Sign up by May 13 by clicking [here](#).

**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.

**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 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.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
<b>Friday, May 8</b>	
Candle Lighting	6:50 / 7:41 PM
Mincha	6:25 / 7:50 PM
<b>Shabbos, May 9</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarad (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:19 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	6:50 PM
Mishna Yomis	7:25 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 7:35 PM
Dr. Chaim Neuhoff will speak on the topic <i>From Stress to Strength: Unlocking Resilience Within</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	8:46 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	4:46 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Thu 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thu 7:55 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thu 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Igros Moshe writes that the proper time to count sefira is after ma'ariv. One should not count sefira before ma'ariv, because of the rule "tadir kodem" (the mitzvah that is more frequent should be done first). Since ma'ariv is recited every night of the year, and sefira is only recited between Pesach and Shavuot, one should daven ma'ariv before counting sefira. An individual who relies on the fact that he always davens at a set minyan so as to eat before ma'ariv, may rely on this as well regarding sefiras HaOmer. Rav Moshe argues that in this case, since he has a set minyan where he always davens, it is better for him to eat his meal and recite sefira after ma'ariv than to recite sefira before the meal, which would be out of order. Nonetheless, if one is afraid that they might forget to count sefira if they wait until after ma'ariv, they may count before ma'ariv as well.
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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236</a> 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.

**IF YOU TAKE A SEFER FROM THE SHUL, PLEASE RETURN IT.**

**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.

**The Kollel thanks** Barbara & Josh Gerteman for sponsoring **A Day of Learning** in memory of her father Barry Lampel, Baruch ben Tzvi Lipa.

**YISI Little League**

Games continue this Sunday.



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## 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.

## Community Happenings

**SHIMRAS HALOSHON GROUP FOR WOMEN** will take place next Shabbos, May 10 (note date change) 5:30 - 6:30 PM at the home of Stacey & Louis Emmer, 176 Walcott Ave. Come and learn 2 halachos and ways to elevate your speech and your life.

**SI WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE** is spotlighting the Navi Chuburah - this Monday at 7:45 PM - at 25 Uxbridge Street - come and learn life lessons from the Navi for your life.

**AN EVENING WITH LONE SOLDIERS ON THE FRONT LINES:** Monday, May 4, 7-9 PM. Hear directly from Lone Soldiers as they share firsthand accounts of service and life on the front lines during this critical moment for Israel. Location will be sent upon registration. Register at [SIJCC.org/IsraelEvents](http://SIJCC.org/IsraelEvents).

**PRE-SHAVUOS HEADWEAR SALE** by *Fancy That Hat*. Wed, May 13, 7:00 - 10:00 pm at the home of Chanie Waxler, 106 Joseph Ave. Pretied Tichels • Square Tichels • Beanies • Headbands • Scarves • Berets • Bandanas • Snoods • Wig Grips • Caps & More! *A portion of the proceeds to benefit "Kallahs for Esti"*

**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](mailto:ivacojosi@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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
- 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 Gitel
- 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:israelconnectscheduling@gmail.com).

## Job Opportunities

- 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 and weekends. Please send resume to Randie Vitucci at: [rvitucci@SIJCC.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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.  
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