



# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשיות חקת-בלק  
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June 26, 2026 / 11 Tamuz  
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**MAZAL TOV**

- ★ **Sara & Jerry Schreiber** on the engagement of their granddaughter Aleza Schreiber (daughter of David & Bracha) to Nathan Ginsburg.
- ★ **Zahava & Duvie Shepetofsky** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter Ariella to Rafi Dryer and on Ariella's Shabbos Kallah this Shabbos in Yerushalayim.
- ★ **Daryl & Paul Lebowitz** on their 50th wedding anniversary this Shabbat June 27. Looking forward to many more years together.

**TO HAVE A NOTICE LISTED IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY 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:**

- ★ **Happy birthday to Rabbi Yaakov Lehrfield. Ad me'ah v'esrim!**
- ★ Sherry & David Snyder in honor of the birth of their new grandson, Ephraim Menachem Snyder, and in memory of their son Dr. Aryeh Snyder - Yitzchak Aryeh ben David Yakov HaLevi.
- ★ Betty & Howard Zavin in honor of their grandson, Moshe Friedman, upon his graduation as Salutatorian.
- ★ Betty & Howard Zavin in honor of their grandson, Noah Brum, becoming a finalist in the Chidon HaTanach program.
- ★ Tova & Hanoch Dubitsky in honor of their grandchildren's graduations - Yitzchak Dubitsky from Yeshiva University and Shoshana Dubitsky from Stern College, both the children of Rabbi Michael & Amy Dubitsky of Phoenix, Arizona.

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

- ★ Miriam Zachter for the yahrzeit of her dear father, Baruch ben Moshe a"h, on 9 Tamuz. May his neshama have an aliya.
- ★ Josh Hartman, Alex Zucker and Gideon Fentin for the yahrzeit of their wife and mother Iris Padawer-Hartman, Aidel Nechama bas Aharon HaCohen, on 13 Tamuz.
- ★ Lois Padawer, Arthur Ackerman and family for the yahrzeit of their sister and sister-in-law, Iris Padawer-Hartman, Aidel Nechama bas Aharon HaCohen, on 13 Tamuz.
- ★ Ed Finkelstein for the first yahrzeit of Iris Hartman. Her memory lives on.
- ★ Elaine & Jack Weintraub for the yahrzeit of their mothers, Anna Sussman - Henya Ruchel bas Eliyahu a"h and Lillian Weintraub - Leah bas Mordechai a"h, on 15 Tamuz.

**Shul Announcements**

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

**THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR** is sponsored by:  
 • Anna Wittenberg for the yahrzeit of her husband Jeff, Yehuda Chaim ben Avraham, on 18 Tamuz.

**THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR** is sponsored:  
 • In memory of Walter Mandelbaum, Yaakov ben Avraham.

**YISI DAY CAMP HAS BEGUN.** We respectfully request that you do not park in front of the shul Mon-Fri, 8 AM -4 PM, through August 19. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE SHUL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3 – 6.** If you have a notice you want listed in the weekly announcements, please contact the office by 4:00 PM Wednesday, July 1.

**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

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
<b>Friday, June 26</b>	
Candle Lighting	<b>7:05 / 7:40 / 8:13 PM</b>
Mincha	<b>6:40 (M) / 7:15 (F) / 8:25 (M)</b>
<b>Shabbos, June 27</b>	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:13 AM
Women's Learning: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	4:00 PM
Daf Yomi	7:10 PM
Mishna Yomis	8:00 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 8:10 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Origins of Idioms</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	9:16 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	4:27 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Thu 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thu 8:25 PM
Halacha of the Week	<p>All personal pleasures, other than eating and drinking, are permitted on Shiva Asar B'Tamuz. However, a baal nefesh (a religiously inspired individual) should avoid taking a hot shower or hot bath on the fast day. There are no restrictions on taking a cold shower or on washing one's face, hands and feet with hot water other than on Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av.</p> <p>It is preferable not to go swimming on a fast day, such as Shiva Asar B'Tamuz. However, swimming is permitted on the night before the fast.</p> <p>Shulchan Aruch writes that one should not rinse their mouth with water on a Taanis Tzibur (such as Shiva Asar B'Tamuz), even if they are accustomed to doing so every morning. Nonetheless, the Mishnah Berurah writes that one who is in great discomfort may rinse their mouth with water or vinegar, provided they tilt their head downward so they do not inadvertently swallow.</p> <p>The Be'er Moshe allows those who have bad breath to rinse with mouthwash, if they would otherwise be embarrassed and brush their teeth.</p>
Sunday - Thursday	Oraysa Amud V'Chazara - Rabbi Yosef Goldstein: 45 min before Mincha in the Beis Medrash
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 9:00 PM & Parsha 9:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY:** Over the past 26 years, with your help, we have given assistance to hundreds of families. This year, with the number of requests we have received, YISI Adopt-A-Family urgently needs your help. Please donate to our families, who are in the most dire of circumstances due to devastating personal loss. Mail your checks to YISI-Adopt-A-Family, c/o Allan Gomberg, 4 Fillmore Ave. Staten Island, NY 10314. Or donate online at <https://www.all4israel.org/donate.cfm>.

**Youth Announcements**

**SHABBOS GROUPS:** Summer Groups schedule - there will be no afternoon groups. Morning groups: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning.

**JR. CONGREGATION & TEEN MINYAN** will resume after the Summer.

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## Community Happenings

**THE KOLLEL BA'AL HABATIM** thanks Barbara & Josh Gertelman for sponsoring a **Day of Learning** in memory of Shirley Lampel, Seryl Matel bas Shmuel Aharon, on 7 Tamuz.

**SHIMRAS HALOSHON GROUP FOR WOMEN** will take place this Shabbos, June 27 at 5:30 - 6:30 PM at the home of Stacey & Louis Emmer, 176 Walcott Ave. Come learn 2 halachos and ways to elevate your speech.

**THE SI WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE** is spotlighting the Navi Chaburah - this week, Monday at 7:45 PM at 25 Uxbridge Street. Come and learn practical lessons from the Navi for you life.

**RJJ PRESCHOOL** has a few open 3K seats for Sept 2026. Free tuition, lunch, and snacks. Call Mrs. Leeder-Alster 917-687-8965.

**AMIT NEWS:** 2026-27 calendar update - on Tuesday morning, July 7, we will be proofreading submitted personal listings. If you can help, please contact Myra. Mazel Tov, get well, and condolence cards are available for purchase - 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
- 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
- Pesach Yehuda ben Chava Rochel
- 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
- 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.
- ♦ **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).
- ♦ **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 Sarah Chasky 917-575-0749.
- ♦ **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.

## 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

- Local Staten Island bookkeeping firm has open positions for FT/PT employees. Starting rate \$25/hour. Email your resume to [jobs@dimco.com](mailto:jobs@dimco.com).
- JCC of SI seeking **Director of Cultural Arts:** Develop programs for age groups from teens to older adults; collaborate with Israeli emissaries and partners; programs should reflect Jewish values and include lectures, films, concerts, trips, workshops, and holiday celebrations. BA required, advanced degree in arts administration 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](mailto:rvitucci@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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