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September 4, 2026 / 22 Elul
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- ✧ **Linda Horowitz** on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Rivki & Moshe Silver.
- ✧ **Rabbi & Mrs. Hershel Baum** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Efrayim Meir, son of Dr. J.A. & Ricki Bruckner.
- ✧ **Temimah & Ari Dubitsky, Tova & Hanoch Dubitsky and Lydia & Sydney Semel** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Ilan.
- ✧ **Stacey & Louis Emmer and Sonia Emmer** on the Sheva Brachot of their children, Devorah & Sruli Schonfeld.
- ✧ **Chaya & Mordy Glaser** on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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- ★ Daniel Shuster, in honor of the Three-Time Grandparents, Yolanda & Sam Shuster.
- ★ Temimah & Ari Dubitsky, in honor of their son Ilan's Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to the grandparents, Tova & Hanoch Dubitsky and Lydia & Sydney Semel.

- ✳️ Atara & Lazer Goldgrab on the yahrzeit of his father Herbert Goldgrab, Ephraim Yechiel ben Chaim Schneur z"l, on 24 Elul and Nancy Morgenstern, Chana Perel bat Chanoch Henach hy"d, on 23 Elul.
- ✳️ Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith & Family for the yahrzeit of their loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Grace (Bracha bat Behia & Abraham) Smith, 28 Elul. May she continue to be a source of inspiration to all of us.
- ✳️ Dr. Alan L. Smith and Barbara Smith for the yahrzeit of their dear mother Grace Smith, Bracha bas Bahia, on 28 Elul.
- ✳️ Molly Lederman for the yahrzeit of her beloved sister Grace Smith, Bracha bas Bahia, on 28 Elul.
- ✳️ Barbara J. Koltun, in loving memory of Grace Smith - Bracha bat Behiya & Abraham a"h, loving mother of Dr. Alan L. Smith on her 11th yahrzeit on 28 Elul. May she be a source of inspiration to us all.
- ✳️ Irwin & Marlene Bash with heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Lehrfield and our membership for the kindness, support, and comfort shown to us following the passing of our beloved brother Paul. It is comforting to know that we are part of such a caring community. Your calls, messages, prayers and visits were deeply appreciated. We are very grateful to you all for your friendship, love and support.

FOLLOW OUR SHUL ON WHATSAPP! Join us at:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KLaU8dEeB14GWcz403Hgbb>.

LEIL SELICHOS FARBRENGEN with Rabbi Mendy Katzman.
Event for men and women. Motzei Shabbos, Sept. 5, at 9:30 PM.
Hosted by the Eber Family, backyard at 953 Westwood Ave.

YISI BOOK CLUB: Oct. 5th at 7:15pm in the MPR. We are reading "The Secret Life of Colette Marceau" by Kristian Harmel. Books are reserved for us in the Todt Hill library. Hope to see you for the next book discussion.

SHABBOS LUACH	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, September 4	
Candle Lighting	6:20 / 7:05 PM
Mincha	5:55 / 7:15 PM
Shabbos, September 5	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:41 AM
Daf Yomi	6:00 PM
Mishna Yomis	6:50 PM
Mincha	3:00 & 7:00 PM
Rabbi Katzman will speak on the topic: Shofar vs. Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	8:07 PM
Motzei Shabbos - Selichos	10 PM & 12:50 AM

Earliest T&T	5:39 AM
Early Mincha	Sun-Thu 1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thu 7:10 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thu 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Mishnah Berurah explains that we always begin Selichos on Motzei Shabbos so there should be a uniform starting date for Selichos. Another explanation is offered by Sefer Leket Yosher, a 15th century student of the Trumas HaDeshen. He writes that we begin Selichos on Sunday because we want to connect Selichos with Shabbos. After Shabbos, we carry a sense of simcha from the Torah we learned and from fulfilling the mitzvah of Oneg Shabbos. That spirit of joy is the proper frame of mind for beginning Selichos, because the Divine Presence rests not upon sadness, but upon the simcha that comes from performing mitzvos. For this reason, Motzei Shabbos—while we are still uplifted by the joy of Shabbos—is an especially fitting time to begin asking Hashem for forgiveness.
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#

- Dr. Alan L. (Avraham Leib) Smith for the yahrzeit of his loving mother Grace (Bracha bat Behia & Abraham) Smith, 28 Elul, one of the founders of this fine community.

- 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

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

A Day of Learning at the YISI Kollel Ba'al HaBatim may be sponsored for \$135. Please see Gil Cohen or the office for a request form.

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Regular schedule resumes this Shabbos. We are excited to welcome everyone back!

JR. CONGREGATION with Rabbi Ben Schofield: Shabbos morning at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall.

YOMIM NORAIM GROUPS: For Nursery-3rd grade. Free to Resident Member children and their guests. Non-Members: \$30 per day per child for Rosh Hashanah and \$35 per child for Yom Kippur; or \$85 per child for all 3 days. Refreshments will be served on all 3 days. Advance registration required. No unregistered child will be allowed to participate. Parents must be in the building while their children are in groups. Register at <https://forms.gle/B5b9LzL8fQghnTYn6>.

AMIT NEWS: 2026-27 calendar update - contact Myra if you haven't received it. To purchase mazal Tov, get well, or condolence cards please call or text Aviva Brum at [718-801-2405](tel: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.

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.

- 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 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
- Yaffa Baila bat Esther

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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. Leave a message.
- ◆ **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.

- **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.

- Local Staten Island bookkeeping firm has open positions for FT/PT employees. Starting rate \$25/hour. Email your resume to jobs@dirnco.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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