



# YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת ויקהל-פקודי  
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 Rav Joshua Sturm, Assistant Rabbi

March 20, 2020 / 24 Adar  
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## CONDOLENCES

★ Menachem Gottlieb on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Rochel Gottlieb. Shiva will be observed by phone through Wednesday morning. Menachem: 646-772-5053 or Susan: 646-772-7744.

## MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Drs. Leorah & David Landman** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Sarah & Dani Landman in Israel.
- ★ **Rachel & Joseph Ribalt** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Reena & Danny Papir last Friday.
- ★ **Drs. Janet & Roy Schmukler** on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children Jen & Elie Schmukler.
- ★ **Malkie & Ira Farkas** and **Anise & Moshe Freed** on the engagement of their son and grandson Raphi to Tehila Shapurkar of Ashdod, Israel. Mazel Tov to Raphi's sister Yaffa and to the entire family.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before 3:00 pm Thursday at [office@yisi.org](mailto:office@yisi.org) or 718-494-6700 ext. 0. Please leave a detailed message 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.

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Catering	<a href="mailto:Bookings@yisi.org">Bookings@yisi.org</a>

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

- ★ Lori Guterman and family in loving memory of Dr. Howie Guterman, on his 23rd yahrzeit, on 29 Adar.
- ★ Fran & Jeff Tambor on the 10th yahrzeit of Fran's mother, Kayla bas Nasan.
- ★ Sheila & Albie Zachter on the yahrzeit of his father, Eliezer ben Avraham Leib, on 29 Adar
- ★ Bella Zavin in memory of her dear mother Goldie Lava – Golda bas Yitzchak A"H, on her yahrzeit on 27 Adar.

## We would like to thank the following for their contribution to the Simcha Fund:

- ★ Tova & Hanoach Dubitsky in honor of the marriage of their granddaughter Shana to Amichai Segal in Israel
- ★ Malkie & Ira Farkas in honor of the engagement of their son Raphi to Tehila Shapurkar.
- ★ Joseph & Rachel Ribalt and family in honor of the birth of their grandson. Mazal tov to the great-grandmother, Nelly Gertner.

## Shul Announcements

**Please check your email** for information on Pesach preparations, virtual shiurim, and more. Due to technical difficulties resulting from the recent flurry of emails, be sure to check your spam folder as well. We are trying to hold as many virtual shiurim and davenings as possible, and will update you regularly via email.

**We implore everyone to please stay home over Shabbos.** Rabbi Lehrfield and Rabbi Sturm will be davening from home. Please help prevent this disease from spreading by avoiding unnecessary contact with others. Wishing everybody a healthy and peaceful Shabbos.

**While we are practicing social distancing, be sure to check in on your elderly or infirm neighbor to make sure they are ok.**

**A \$125 SECURITY FEE** has been assessed for all member families and \$65 for single members. Your timely payments are appreciated.

If you are **observing a YAHRZEIT** and want it on record with the shul, contact the office or Morty Shapiro if you have not done so already.

If anyone is interested in purchasing or replacing an **EITZ CHAIM LEAF**, please contact Becky Berlin at 718-698-0038.

**You can have your simcha and photos posted on the DIGIZMAN BOARD!** Or advertise your business to hundreds of YISI families! Call Zavel Pearlman at 917-567-7383 for information.

## PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MINYANIM AND SHIURIM ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SHABBOS LUACH Shabbos HaChodesh	
Eruv is up on both sides	
Z'man Krias Shema	10:00 AM
Plag Mincha	5:53 PM
Candle Lighting	6:10/6:51 PM
Virtual Mincha / Kabbalas Shabbos	6:00 PM
Shabbos Mincha	6:45 PM
Shabbos Ends	7:55 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH	
Earliest T&T	6:05 AM
Earliest Mincha	1:35 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Th 7:05 PM/Approx 13 minutes after Shkiah
Halacha of the Week	<p>It is customary to abstain from eating Matzah beginning from Rosh Chodesh Nissan. Some have the custom to refrain for 30 days before Pesach. The reason for this is so that the Matzah at the Pesach Seder should be eaten with a hearty appetite.</p> <p>It is customary to shape the hand-baked matzah in a round shape. (a) The Torah (Shemos 12:39) says "And they baked the dough into cakes (<i>ugos</i>) of matzah." We find elsewhere that the word <i>ugah</i> (cake) refers to something round (Mes. Taanis 23a). (b) The round shape emphasizes that we place our faith in Hashem who has no beginning and no end (like a circle).</p>

VIRTUAL SHIURIM – VIA ZOOM	
Tuesday	Rabbi Sturm's Shiur 8 PM
Thursday	Rabbi Lehrfield – Parshat HaShavuah 9 PM

## REMINDER: THIS SHABBOS – ROSH CHODESH BENTCHING

This Shabbos is Mevorchim Nissan. Don't forget to bentsh Rosh Chodesh. Rosh Chodesh Nissan is Thursday, March 26.

## DAILY LEARNING PROGRAMS – CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – Check your email for information on virtual shiurim!

Please come join one or more of our daily learning programs:

- The Daf Yomi will be learning Shabbos at 6:30 AM & 7:10 AM in the Social Hall on weekdays, at 8 PM in the first shul Sun - Thurs, and before Mincha and between Mincha/Maariv on Shabbat.
- Our Kollel Baal Habatim takes place every morning Mon-Thur.
- Daily Mishnayot is learning Bechorot after most morning minyanim.
- Daily Gemara class following the 8 AM Shachris.

## Youth Announcements

**GROUPS & TEEN MINYAN:** As the shul is closed in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, there will be no morning or afternoon groups, Jr. Congregation or Teen Minyan. We ask that parents please not have house groups or play dates at this time.

**LITTLE LEAGUE: Deadline to register is March 27!** Boys League: \$100 for members; \$125 for non-members. Girls League: \$80 for members, \$100 for non-members. Forms are available at [www.yisi.org](http://www.yisi.org) and can be emailed to [Yisilittleleague@yisi.com](mailto:Yisilittleleague@yisi.com).

**DAY CAMP: Registration is open for Summer 2020!** Visit <https://www.yisi.org/youth/day-camp/> for forms and information.

**ZOOM-DAY SUNDAY:** This Sunday Youth@YISI will be hosting an exciting "Zoom Day."

- **Dance with Dori - 12:00 pm:** Dance & Movement with our very own Dori-Ruth Goodman, geared for children 3-7.
- **Magic with Amore - 2:00 pm:** Exciting magic show for children of all ages!

Check your emails for the Zoom invite/Meeting IDs! If you would like to sponsor a youth Zoom event in the future please reach out to Rebecca!

”והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם”



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## Community Happenings

### ONE MITZVAH LEADS TO ANOTHER

Rachelit is collecting surplus Mishloach Manot. Your contribution will help supply our families, school-children and hospital patients with snacks. No appointment needed - food can be dropped off at the front door of 1097 Willowbrook Rd., **Sun. & Mon. from 10am-6pm**. Please remember, closed packages only with appropriate kosher supervision. Absolutely no home-made goods. **No drop-offs after Monday evening**. Thank you to all who contributed.

### COJO / YISI PRE-PESACH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island (COJO) together with the Young Israel of Staten Island will distribute food for Pesach outside the Young Israel building at 835 Forest Hill Rd. on **March 25, 12:30-3pm and then from 4-7pm while supplies last**.

We strongly encourage you to come by car down the Uxbridge St. side of the Young Israel. The food will be set out along Uxbridge St. and a volunteer will bring the food packaged to your car. The goal is to avoid foot traffic completely and to minimize as much contact as feasible.

If you are unable to come by car we encourage you to ask a neighbor or friend to assist in that matter. If that is not possible please contact Scott Maurer, CEO and Executive VP of COJO at [info@cojosi.org](mailto:info@cojosi.org) and we will make our best efforts to bring to you a package.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Scott Maurer, CEO and Executive VP of COJO at [info@cojosi.org](mailto:info@cojosi.org).

## Tehillim Circle

There is a women's tehillim Shabbos group following the main minyan in the womens' section. All names listed will be included in the tefillos. If you have a name to add to this week's list for refuah, please contact Yehudis Loewenstein at 718-761-7748 or [yudisl@aol.com](mailto:yudisl@aol.com). Names given should be people of our community or their relatives. Please say Tehillim for those seeking refuah:

- Shlomo Yaakov ben Chaya Frumit
- Yeshia ben Freda
- Menachem Mendel Shlomo ben Chaya Rochel (Mendy Eisenberg)
- Yisroel Yaakov ben Rus
- Bracha Rivkah bas Miriam Leiba
- Refael Pesachya Yaakov HaLevi ben Aviva Sarah
- Shayna Golda bas Chaya Gitel
- Leah bas Rochel Lazarovics
- Shmuel Michel ben Priva Esther Lazarovics
- Avigdor Chai Avraham ben Rachel Layah Kaiman Lifshutz
- Benyomin Tzvi ben Yehudis
- Yitzhok ben Hinda
- Chaya bas Leah
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Menachem Mordechai ben Zeesel
- Yaakov Refael ben Chana Rivka
- Rachel bat Behia
- Chana Miriam bas Sara Rachel
- Yisroel Alter ben Chava Chana
- Ephrayim Betzalel ben Yehudis

## Community Gemachs

- ♦ **Chair Gemach** – If you need to borrow chairs for company or a simcha, call Chana Reichman at 718 404-6708.
- ♦ **Furniture** - [Winiarzfamily@aol.com](mailto:Winiarzfamily@aol.com) or call 718 983-8136.
- ♦ **School Supply Gemach** - If you or someone you know cannot afford school supplies, please contact Rebecca at 917 566-0420. Teachers, please contact if you notice a student in need!
- ♦ **School Uniforms** - Rachelit 718 983-9664.
- ♦ **Centerpieces** - Rachelit 718 983-9664 after 4:30pm or Rena 718 370-7438.
- ♦ **Simcha Gowns** - Debbie Berkovits 718 494-1905.
- ♦ **Wedding Gowns** - Anna Wittenberg 718 477-1991 or 917 847-4781.
- ♦ **Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- ♦ **Food Pantry** - Noga Kugel 718 494-8451.
- ♦ **Mom to Mom** - Fresh, hot, kosher lunches for a week for new moms on Staten Island, delivered to their door, absolutely free. To order, call or text 347-254-8112.
- ♦ **Bris Pillow & Outfit** - David at 347 661-4760 or Emunah at 718 813-1977.
- ♦ **Baby on the go Gemach** - Liluy Nishmat Rafi Toback - items available for loan for immediate newborn needs upon arriving home and for baby travel for parents/guests. Contact Emunah Toback at 718 813 -1977.
- ♦ **Apt. for Simchas** - If you need to host people for a Shabbos simcha, furnished 2 BR apt. available free of charge. Call Chaim Jacobowitz at 516 241-6725.
- ♦ **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 any 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. Hours are flexible. For more info, please call Brenda Kellerman at 718-761-6521. Also, a man to go to Williamsburg once or twice a week to pick up food and deliver it to Staten Island University Hospital. Includes some heavy lifting. And, volunteers to straighten out the room once a week. Please contact Penny Feuer at 917- 582-7831.
- **Chai Lifeline** is looking for volunteer drivers to drive Staten Island patients to city hospitals. No waiting, just pick up or drop off. If you are available to be part of this tremendous mitzvah, please call Faige @212 699 6641. Tizku Lemitzvot!
- **Chevre Kadisha of Staten Island** is looking for additional individuals, both men and women, who can assist on a regular basis. If you are available or would like additional information, contact Larry Cohen at 718-612-3474.
- **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; here on Staten Island at the Mt. Richmond Cemetery, 420 Clarke Avenue. Contact Scott Diamond for details: (917) 674-3317 or [slzdiamond@hotmail.com](mailto:slzdiamond@hotmail.com).
- **Nachas Unlimited** has successfully raised funds to ease the lives of sick children in our community. If you or anyone you know has a child in need of assistance directly related to illness, please call Rachelit at 718-983-9664. All calls are confidential.
- **Clothing Donation – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – We are no longer accepting drop-offs.** We are only accepting clothing in excellent condition. No torn, soiled or outdated clothing. Clothes go directly to people in our neighborhood who cannot afford to buy their own. **All sizes needed.** Teachers, please call if you notice a student in need! If you need clothing, or to schedule a drop-off appointment, please call Rachelit after 4:30pm at 718-983-9664.
- Anyone in need of help in **writing in Hebrew for a matzeva**, please contact Rachelit after 4:30pm at 718-983-9664. Help is also available for writing in Hebrew for a simcha.
- **The Willowbrook Pantry** is open by appointment only. Please call Beverly Israel at 646-530-1495 or Noga Kugel at 347-776-2977 to schedule. We are collecting cleaning items & toiletries that can be dropped off at 511 Buchanan Ave. or 154 Oakville St. anytime.

## Job Opportunities

- US accounting firm in **Israel** (with offices in Jerusalem & Bet Shemesh) is looking to hire **experienced US CPAs** for our individual tax department (with a minimum of 2 years of tax experience). Great working environment. Ideal for recent Olim. Please email resume to: [tovah@pstein.com](mailto:tovah@pstein.com).
- JEC High School seeks full-time **administrative assistant**. Collegial and professional work environment. Responsibilities include routine school office work as well as the management of our Learning Management System; basic computer skills are a must. Office experience required. Email resume to [aleykin@thejec.org](mailto:aleykin@thejec.org).
- Seeking **full time entry and mid-level employees** for Jewish company with offices in NY & NJ. E-mail [resumes@staffconnectny.com](mailto:resumes@staffconnectny.com) or text 347-471-1789.
- **Dentist** in Staten Island nursing home looking for someone 1 day a week to do **clerical work and interact with the staff and patients**. Contact [jacobsdds@gmail.com](mailto:jacobsdds@gmail.com) or 718-853-5345.
- **2020 Census** - the U.S. Census bureau is offering thousands of people on Staten Island a job opportunity. These jobs include **enumerator and field supervisor positions**. \$28 - \$31 an hour. Flexible hours, full or part time. Paid training. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

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