

YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשיות ויקהל-פקודי
 Rav Yaakov Lehrfield, Rabbi
 Rav Joshua Sturm, Assistant Rabbi

March 17, 2023 / 24 Adar
 Rav Yaakov Marcus, Rabbi Emeritus
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CONDOLENCES

★ We regret to inform you of the passing of our longtime member Mike Lazarovics, father of Abraham, Jonathan and Claudette.

MAZAL TOV

★ **Tina Berezin-Bahr and Family** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Dahlyt & Moshe Kase-Berezinbahr.
 ★ **Miriam & Howard Moses** on the engagement of their granddaughter Shoshana, daughter of Tova & Natan Jeselsohn, to Andrew Korman.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before 2 PM Thursday at 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 engagement of their granddaughter Shoshana Jeselsohn, to Andrew Korman.

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

- ★ Valerie & Dr. Phil Harris for the yahrzeit of his mother Tzipora Hindel bas Leah & Nachman on 24 Adar.
- ★ Fran & Jeff Tambor in loving memory of Fran's mother, Kayla bat Nusan, for her yahrzeit on 26 Adar.
- ★ Paul, Daryl, Sandy, Howie and Lebowitz Family in loving memory of our dear Mom, Yenta bas Ita, a"n, on her 1st yahrzeit, this Shabbos.
- ★ ZC & Robby Rosenbloom for the yahrzeit of Robby's mother, Henya Chemda bas Shmuel, on 27 Adar.
- ★ Bella Zavin for the yahrzeit of her dear mother, Goldie Lava - Golda bas Yizchok a"n, on 27 Adar.
- ★ The Guterman Family in memory of Dr. Howie Guterman's 26th yahrzeit on 29 Adar (Bet). There isn't a single person who knew him that does not miss him still.
- ★ Pauline & Morty Shapiro for the yahrzeit of his beloved mother, Rae Shapiro - Rachel Leah bas Mordechai Zalman, on 29 Adar.
- ★ Shoshana Goldsman and Leah Traube for the yahrzeits of their father, Mr. Dovid Klein a"n - R. Dovid ben R' Mordechai, on 27 Adar and their mother, Mrs. Giseh Klein a"n - Giseh bas R' Meir HaLevi, on 29 Adar.

Shul Announcements

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- The Motechin Family in memory of their father, Mayer ben Avroham Dovid, on his 20th yahrzeit.
- Bernie Zimmerman in memory of Mike Lazarovics – a sweet man, a nice guy, and he will be missed.

SHMURAH MATZAH FROM ERETZ YISRAEL: YISI is glad to be able to offer our members Royale Handmade Shmurah Matzah at a greatly reduced price. Place your order at <https://www.yisi.org/matzah-order/>. **Deadline Rosh Chodesh Nissan - Thursday, March 23.**

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ: The Rabbi will be available in his office on Mon-Thurs from 10:30 AM - 12 Noon. You can also sell your chometz online through the link that was emailed out, or on the YISI website at www.yisi.org. Click "Mechiras Chometz" at the top of the page.

YISI RETIREE CLUB invites everyone to a pre-Pesach shiur on March 21 at 6 PM in the first shul.

YISI POLAND TRIP: May 28 – June 2, 2023. Final date for registration is March 21. Please make all deposits by then. For more information or any questions, contact allanjgomborg@gmail.com.

YISI SISTERHOOD Dinner & Decor Night: Wed, March 22 at 8 PM in the MPR. Join us for a fun night decorating beaded serving spoons and napkin rings for your Pesach table! Meet new friends and enjoy a delicious Chinese buffet. \$30 members/\$40 non-members. To RSVP email yisisisterhood@gmail.com. Reservation valid upon payment.

| SHABBOS LUACH Shabbat HaChodesh | |
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| Eruv is up on both sides | |
| Friday, March 17 | |
| Candle Lighting | 6:10 / 6:47 PM |
| Mincha | 5:45 / 6:55 PM |
| Shabbos, March 18 | |
| Rabbi's Parsha Shiur | 8:25 AM |
| Z'man Krias Shema | 10:04 AM |
| Women's Learning Group: Mesilas Yesharim (MPR-Sfard Minyan Room) | 4:00 PM |
| Daf Yomi | 6:00 PM |
| Mishna Yomis | 6:30 PM |
| Mincha | 2:30 & 6:40 PM |
| Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic "Taanis Bechorim – the strange fast" | Between Mincha & Maariv |
| Shabbos Ends | 7:51 PM |

| WEEKDAY LUACH | |
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| Earliest T&T | 5:39 AM |
| Early Mincha | Sun-Th 1:45 PM |
| Mincha/Maariv | Sun-Thur 7:00 PM |
| Late Maariv | Sun-Thur 9:00 PM |
| Halacha of the Week | <p>Shulchan Aruch (OC 418:1) writes that it is forbidden to fast on Rosh Chodesh. The Beir Halacha (418, sv Rosh Chodesh) adds that it is not even permitted to fast for part of the day (taanis sha'os). On Rosh Chodesh there is a mitzvah to increase one's meal (Shulchan Aruch OC 419:1). It is not required to eat bread on Rosh Chodesh, but it is proper to eat a full seuda. The Mishnah Berurah writes it is appropriate to honor Rosh Chodesh by preparing an extra dish that one would not have ordinarily served. The same is true even when Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbos. Furthermore, Chazal teach that just as expenditures for Shabbos do not diminish the portion that Hashem has allotted to us for the year, so too with Rosh Chodesh. Women have an additional way to honor Rosh Chodesh, by refraining from doing certain forms of melacha.</p> |
| Sunday | Young Professionals Kollel 9:45 AM |
| Monday - Thursday | Rabbi Lehrfield Gemara Shiur 9:00 AM in Social Hall or via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236 Meeting ID: 560 851 5236 / Passcode: 12345 |
| Tuesday | Rabbi Sturm Shiur - Hilchos Mezuzah 8:00 PM In person in Social Hall |
| Wednesday | Rabbi Weiss - Tefilla 8:00 PM & Parsha 8:30 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236# |

YISI YOM HASHOA COMMEMORATION PROGRAM: Tues., April 18, in the Main Shul. Mincha at 7pm, program at 7:30pm. Featuring candle lighting ceremony, readings by our youth, inspirational words by Rabbi Lehrfield and a presentation by Holocaust survivor Stefania Hecht, who grew up in northern Romania (then part of Hungary), and survived the ghetto and Auschwitz. She will be joined by her daughter Elvira and her grandson Dan Glasman, advisory board member of the Wagner College Holocaust Center. Her son, Dr. Alex Hecht, founded the first Northern Transylvania Holocaust Museum. Dr. Lori R. Weintrob, director of the Wagner College Holocaust Center, will introduce the Hecht Family.

We are in the midst of a major renovation of our SOCIAL HALL. Construction will run through end of May. Please note that there is no access to or through the Social Hall during this time. Main Shul will be closed except for Friday night & Shabbos. Weekday minyanim that normally take place in the Main Shul will take place in the First Shul until further notice. Mincha/Maariv in First Shul; late Maariv in MPR.

SHABBOS SHACHARIS

- 7:00 AM – Main Shul
- 9:00 AM – Main Shul
- 8:00 AM – First Shul
- 9:30 AM – Sfard-MPR

WEEKDAY SHACHARIS

- Sundays & Holidays: 7, 8 & 9 AM – First Shul
- Mon & Thur: 5:50 (F), 6:25 (BM), 6:55 (F), 7:30 (MPR) & 8 (F)
- Tue, Wed & Fri: 5:50 (F), 6:30 (BM), 7 (F), 7:30 (MPR) & 8 (F)

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DAILY LEARNING AT YISI (MONDAY – THURSDAY)

A wonderful and meaningful way to start your day. Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Lehrfield at 9 AM, followed by three sessions of the YISI/Kollel Ba'al HaBatim:

- 9:50 AM: Gary Kopstick on Parshas HaShavua. In person in Social Hall, via Zoom or via phone: 978-990-5384, code: 3850876#. Saved on: www.kolhalashon.com/ToraBank/.
- 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.

Kindly give to our **MAOT CHITIM** appeal. Complete the Yom Tovim by fulfilling the mitzvah of helping those less fortunate. Pay online at <https://www.yisi.org/online-payments/> or make out your check to "YISI Charity Fund." Please write 'Maot Chitim' in the memo.

YISI DAY CAMP: We are excited to kick off Summer 2023 and welcome our new staff members: Yifat Altmark, Fannie Maryles and Diane Rosenberg! Join us for a fun-filled summer with amazing in-camp programming, exciting trips, diverse specialties, and our outdoor pools! Stay tuned for registration information and more details.

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. **Afternoon groups times are changing to 3:00 - 4:30 PM.**

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

TEEN MINYAN: 9:30 AM in the Beis Medrash. Parents are encouraged to send their kids to the teen minyan.

BASKETBALL in the YISI Gym for high school boys: Sundays 8-11 PM.

Community Happenings

SHMIRAS HALOSHON GROUP FOR WOMEN will meet this Shabbos from 4 - 5 PM at the home of Stacey & Louis Emmer. Please come and join us to learn 2 halachas and ways to elevate your speech

There is a new MUSSAR VAAD for women forming in Staten Island based on Rav Wolbe's Alei Shur, overseen by Rabbi Leib Kelemen and led by one of Rabbi Kelemen's talmidim. If you are interested in learning more about it, please call Stacey Emmer at 718-938-5412.

ONE MITZVAH LEADS TO ANOTHER: Rachelit is collecting surplus Mishloach Manot. Your contribution will supply our families, children and hospital patients with snacks. Food can be dropped off in front of 1097 Willowbrook Rd. Sun-Thurs, 9 AM - 6 PM. No Friday or Shabbos drop-offs. **Last day to drop off - Thurs. March 23.** Closed packages only with kosher supervision. No home-made goods. **Thank you!**

COJO PRE-PESACH FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Thurs, March 23, 5:30-6:30 PM at Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan, 1180 Rockland Ave. This is a drive thru event. Pre-registration required which is on a **first come first served basis**. For more information or to register contact Iva Reuven, COJO Service Committee Chairperson at ivacojosi@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for COJO Pre-Pesach Food Distribution Thursday, March 23 at Aur Torah Minyan (Rockland & Merrymount Aves). If you can help package food items during the day and/or with distribution in the evening, please call Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309.

SHABBOS MEDICATION EMERGENCIES: SI Pharmacy at 1807 Victory Blvd, 718-448-5200, has been kind enough to offer to help the frum community and settle up AFTER Shabbos. Free deliveries.

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER Miriam Blau is available off-hours. 7 Ismay Street. Call 646-580-7333.

AMIT: Call Aviva Brum for mazel tov, get well, and condolence cards.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: Call Dave Bodner at 718-761-0707.

Tehillim Circle

Due to COVID the Shabbos Tehillim group that met after the main minyan has been suspended. A current list will be printed at the beginning of each month. If you have a name you want listed, contact Yehudis Loewenstein at 917-868-5417, or yudis@aol.com. Names given should only be people of our community or their relatives. Please continue to say Tehillim for those seeking refuah.

- Dovid Natan Nata ben Sima Yenta
- Hinda Chaya bat Chana Malka
- Eliezer ben Leah
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Yisroel Alter ben Chava Chana
- Yisrael Gedalia haCohen ben Chana
- Simcha Yitzchok ben Mireleh Yudka
- Esther Baila bat Rivka Yenta
- Dov Berish ben Chaya

- Shayna Golda bat Chaya Gitel
- Devorah Aliza bat Chana Liba
- Bracha Devorah bat Sarah Henna
- Menachem Mordechai ben Zeesel
- Raphael Pesachya Yaakov Halevi ben Aviva Sarah
- Bracha Rivka bat Miriam Leba

Community Gemachs

- 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.
- Chair Gemach** – If you need to borrow chairs for company or a simcha, call Chana Reichman at 718 404-6708.
- 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.
- School Uniforms** - Rachelit 718 983-9664.
- Be'er Miriam v'Rachel Centerpiece Gmach** - Rachelit 718 983-9664 or Rena 718 370-7438.
- Simcha Towels** - Debbie Berkovits 718 494-1905.
- Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- 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.
- 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. A man to pick up food in Williamsburg and deliver to SI University Hospital. Volunteers to straighten out room once a week. Contact Penny Feuer at 917-582-7831.
- 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 at the Mt. Richmond Cemetery, 420 Clarke Ave. Contact Scott Diamond at (917) 674-3317 or slzdiamond@hotmail.com.
- 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.
- 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.
- Beautiful ketubot available at no charge.** Medium and small sizes. Please contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664.
- If you need help in **writing in Hebrew for a matzeva**, contact Rachelit at 718-983-9664. 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 or Noga Kugel at 347-776-2977. Cleaning items & toiletries can be dropped off at 511 Buchanan Ave. or 154 Oakville St. anytime.

Job Opportunities

- Staten Island Dentistry PC is looking for a part time secretary/front desk for one Sunday a month. If you do not have experience in the dental field, we are willing to train. Possibility for full-time job. If interested, please email: dentalsigroup@gmail.com or call 718-698-1885 and ask for Katerina.
- Bookkeeper needed for RJJ Business Office. Duties include managing data in QuickBooks, payroll management, and data entry related to tuitions and fundraising. Experience essential, salary commensurate with experience. 3-4 days/week, 9am-3pm. Send inquiries and resumes to Rabbi Pinchas Avruch, Executive Director, at pavruch@rjisi.org.

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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 make a donation 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 2 pm Thursday at office@yisi.org or 718-494-6700 ext. 0.**

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