

WELCOME TO STATEN ISLAND!

THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF STATEN ISLAND'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE
HAS COMPILED THIS WELCOME WAGON INFORMATION GUIDE
TO ASSIST YOU IN BETTER ACQUAINTING YOURSELF WITH
YOUR NEW SURROUNDINGS.

Please feel free to call on any one of the WELCOME WAGON committee members or the Rabbi for any further information.

Elissa Brodsky	917-547-9873
Rena Landes	718-370-8882
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Stefanie Sturm	917-803-4452

For any and all Halachic problems or questions, please call Rabbi Yaakov Lehrfield at 646-872-3631 or 718-761-2240 or Rabbi Josh Sturm at 646-637-7840.

CATERING

To book an event at the Young Israel, e-mail Bookings@yisi.org.

MIKVAH

The COMMUNITY MIKVAH is located at the rear of the shul (entrance on Willowbrook Road) with a strictly private answer phone and security. For information please call 494-6700, Debbie Mark at 917-434-7515 or Laya Leeder Alster at 356-5119. (Men who come to shul in the evenings are asked not to park their cars on Willowbrook Road, near the entrance). Laya also offers Kallah classes to all those who are interested.

The KAYLIM MIKVAH is located at the rear of the first shul (Uxbridge Street). The lock combination is written in Hebrew on the left side of the gate. If any problem arises with Tovlim Kaylim, call the Rabbi.

ERUV

There is an Eruv in the community. Please refer to the eruv map on www.YISI.org or call Mark Brodsky at 917-776-6349 for any questions.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Directors of the Youth Department are Miriam & Yoni Leykin who may be reached by e-mail address Youth@YISI.org.

The Young Israel of Staten Island Youth Department is geared for our children starting with pre-school through College. Every Shabbos morning for children in grades Nursery through 6th grade, there is a children's davening and playgroup. For ages 8 and up, there are various Tefillah groups. Every Shabbos, there is a Teen Minyan upstairs in the Bais Medrash.

In addition, there are Shabbos afternoon groups for children in grades Nursery through 5th Grade. Throughout the year there are movies, game night and other special trips. The Teen Department, as well, is fully staffed with activities throughout the year. Should you desire any further information, kindly contact Yoni Leykin at 917-831-7868.

DAY CAMP

The Young Israel of Staten Island Day Camp continues to provide a quality summer program for children. They enjoy a summer filled with learning groups, arts & crafts, music, swimming and gymnastics. There are magic show, Onegs, costume parties and trips. We look forward to even more successful years to come. The playground and sports facilities located across the street the Young Israel serve the various recreational needs of the Shul, Youth Department and Day Camp. For further information, please email yisidc@gmail.com.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Young Israel runs a very popular and successful Shomer Shabbos Little League program. For more information, please email Uri Gertelman at uri@gbiny.com.

KARATE

Lessons are offered for all age groups at various levels. Please call Jack Newman at 718-698-2528 for more information.

TALMUD TORAH

The New Springville Jewish Center runs a successful Talmud Torah after school hours. To register your child or for any information, please call Debbie Weiss at 718-983-8063.

BIKUR CHOLIM/EZRAS ACHIM/LEV YAEL

For information regarding this community organization, please call Mindy Fried at 718-494-0966 or Barbara Gertelman at 983-1116 (for Shiva only).

COMMUNITY KOLLEL BAAL HABATIM OF WILLOWBROOK

The community Kollel is attended by retirees from all over Staten Island. Shiurim are scheduled from 9:45 am to 12:45 pm, Monday through Thursday and include Mishna, Sefer HaTodaah, Mishlei and Gemara. There is also a half-hour period of Chazorah and preparation for the Gemara shiur. The Kollel meets in the Young Israel Multi-Purpose Room.

MINYANIM

There are several minyanim on Shabbos morning: Hashkama (7:00 am – Main Shul), Early minyan (8:00 am - First Shul, upstairs), Main Shul (9:00 am), Sfard (9:30 am – First Shul, downstairs), Teen Minyan (9:30 am – Beis Medrash).

Weekday morning minyanim: 5:50 am – Main Shul, 6:30 am - Beis Medrash, 7:00 am – Main Shul, 8:00 am – Main Shul. Sunday morning: 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 – Main Shul.

COMMITTEES

The Young Israel welcomes your active participation in the committees of the Board of Directors. By giving of your time and talents, you will have an opportunity to meet with other interesting members while contributing to the growth of the community. Please contact our President, Robert Rosenberg, at President@YISl.org regarding your interest in any of the following committees:

ADULT RECREATION &
CULTURE

APPEALS

BIKUR CHOLIM

CHAIN CALL

CHEVRA MISHNAYOT

COMMUNITY DEVELOP.

DAY CAMP

DINNER/JOURNAL

ERUV

FUNDRAISING

GABBAIM

G'MACH DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH CARE/SENIOR
CITIZENS

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

HOUSE/BLDG. UTILIZ.

ISRAEL ACTION

LITTLE LEAGUE

MEMBERSHIP

MIKVAH

NATIONAL COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER/P.R.

PARK

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAFETY & SECURITY

SHALOSH SEUDOT

YOUTH

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The main library on Staten Island is the St. George branch, located at 10 Hyatt. The phone number is 718-442-8560. The nearest branch is the Todt Hill/Westerleigh branch at 2550 Victory Boulevard, 718-494-1642. Kindly call these numbers for the library hours.

POLICE - 121st Precinct

The precinct is located at 970 Richmond Avenue. The phone number is 718-697-8700.

POST OFFICE

The General Post Office for Castleton Corners is located at 550 Manor Road.

AMIT WOMEN

Formerly American Mizrahi Women. An organization which works for children's schools, institutions and social services in Israel. There are many fund-raising projects in addition to periodical meetings, including the Staten Island Chapter calendar. For further information on volunteering and membership, please call:

Brenda Kellerman 718-761-6521

Myra Lanter 718-761-6918

BERNIKOW JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The J.C.C. is located at 1466 Manor Road. Swimming pools (indoor/outdoor), gymnasium, workout gym facilities and many programs are offered during the year. For membership and other information, please call the Center at 447-5330.

HATZOLAH

The Staten Island Chapter is affiliated with the state-wide organization. For any medical emergency FIRST CALL 911, AND THEN CALL HATZOLAH AT 718-698-8171. For information regarding HATZOLAH on Staten Island please call Mark Weiss at 646-772-1000.

DRIVER EDUCATION & DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

Courses are given during the year. For further information regarding these classes, call Dave Bodner at 718-761-0707.

SCHOOLS ON STATEN ISLAND

1. Jewish Foundation School (JFS) – Rabbi Yaakov Wasser, Principal: Judaic Studies
Mrs. Ruth Gerber, Principal: General Studies
Early Learning Center - Mrs. Zahava Manies, Pre-School Director
For further information, please call the main school at 718-983-6042 or the preschool at 718-494-7477.
2. Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah (Formerly RJJ) Boys – Rabbi Yablonsky – Principal
For further information, please call the school at 718-979-6333.
3. Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah (Formerly RJJ) Girls – Mrs. Esther Ackerman – Principal
Preschool Director – Mrs. Laya Leeder-Alster
For further information, please call the school at 718-982-8745.
4. Staten Island Hebrew Academy – Dr. Chana Uzhansky – Head of School
For further information call the school at 718-987-9700.
Website – <http://sihebrewacademy.org>

SHOMER SHABBOS SHOPS

Taster's Market	330 Bradley Ave.	718-477-2300
Dairy Palace	2216 Victory Blvd.	718-761-5200
Holy Schnitzel	438 Nome Avenue	718-761-4659
Meat Up	2005 Victory Blvd.	347-855-2202
Island Kosher	2200 Victory Blvd.	718-650-2200

Dunkin Donuts, 995 Manor Road, is Kosher but not Shomer Shabbos.

Kosher products are also available at Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Met Food and Trader Joe's. For any questions about kashrus, please contact the Rabbi. The "K" does not necessarily designate a kosher item.

J.F.S. Division Wine is available through Roy Schmukler, 718-494-7774.

There is an extensive coupon program available where the local Yeshivas receive a percentage of all sales purchased with coupons. For further information, please contact Roy Schmukler at 718-494-7774.

HOSPITALS

1. Staten Island University Hospital (NORTH)
475 Seaview Ave.
Emergency Room 718-390-9140
General Information 718-390-9000
2. Staten Island University Hospital (SOUTH)
375 Sequine Ave.
General Information 718-356-1900
3. Richmond Medical Center
355 Bard Ave.
Emergency Room 718-390-1301
General Information 718-390-1234

CEMETERIES/FUNERAL HOMES

Baron Hirsch Cemetery – 1126 Richmond Avenue, 718-698-0162

Mt. Richmond Cemetery/Hebrew Free Burial Society – 420 Clark Ave., 718-239-1662

United Hebrew Cemetery – 122 Arthur Kill Road, 718-351-0230

Menorah Chapels – 2145 Richmond Avenue, 718-494-7700

For any additional information you may need, please call any of the Welcome Wagon Committee members.

For more information about the Young Israel of Staten Island, visit our website at www.yisi.org.

The following are the Membership categories available at the Young Israel of Staten Island:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applies to:</u>
Resident Family	\$950	Families residing in Willowbrook consisting of husband and wife. *First two years of membership 50% discount
Resident Single	\$475	Single individuals or single parents residing in Willowbrook.
Non-Resident S.I.	\$217	Single individuals or families residing in Staten Island but not in Willowbrook.
Non-Resident	\$80	Single individuals or families not residing in Staten Island.

In addition, Members will be charged an Annual Security Fee of \$125 - Resident Family, or \$65 - Resident Single.