



YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

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November 29, 2024 / 28 Cheshvan
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MAZAL TOV

- ★ **Caryn & Dr. Marty Garfinkle** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Lilah Garfinkle.
- ★ **Sonia Emmer** on the engagement of her granddaughter Yael, daughter of Dafna & David Emmer, to Elie Kupietzky of Rananna.
- ★ **Sylvia & Itchy Friedman** on the wedding of their granddaughter Eliana Friedman, daughter of Jen & Simmy Friedman, to Efraim Zellermeister.
- ★ **Bracha Kaplan** on the marriage of her daughter Talia Kaplan to Yudi Smolarcik in the Judean Hills, Israel.
- ★ **Barbara & Josh Gertelman** on the marriage and Sheva Brachot of their grandson Reuven Chaim Fish, son of Rachel & Ariel Fish, to Nechami Gelman in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

To have a notice listed in the weekly announcements, please notify the office before NOON 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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Shul Announcements

The next YISI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9:15 PM in the Main Shul. There will be two agenda items for approval: 1) 2024-2025 Budget; and 2) Assistant Rabbi. More details to follow next week.

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

RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:
 • Mindy & Saul Feder and Caryn & Yussie Weinblatt in memory of Mindy's and Yussie's father Yaakov Yitzchak ben Chaim a"h on his 15th yahrzeit, 29 Cheshvan. May his neshama have an aliyah.

RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:
 • Blossom & Jack Newman, Malky & David Gottlieb, and Dovid & Theresa Newman in observance of the first yahrzeit of their granddaughter and niece Esti Orlik, Esther Bayla bas Yehoshua Mordechai a"h. She taught us so much in the short time she was with us. May her neshama have an aliyah.
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ORAYSA AMUD V'CHAZARA PROGRAM: Learn one amud a day, with a review of the previous day's amud. Given Mon-Thur at 6:00 PM, and Sun at 9:45 AM. To join, contact Louis Emmer at 718- 938-5414 or louisemmer@gmail.com.

Join us for a course exploring Jewish wisdom for building deeper, richer connections in ALL your relationships. Led by Rabbi Mendy Katzman. Six Sundays starting December 15 at 10:30 AM. Free for YISI members (optional \$25 book fee) \$75 for non-members. This course offers continued education credits for medical and mental health professionals. Bagel and schmear too! Go to myjli.com to register or text 6464043237.

HOSTAGE TEHILLIM INITIATIVE: YISI is sponsoring the printing of Tehillim booklets, *L'Ily Nishmas Chaya Malka bas Menachem Tzvi*, Chaya Padawer. Please take one and "adopt" a hostage. To support this project, please see Rabbi Lehrfield or Zavel Pearlman, or send a check to the YISI Charity Fund with the memo "Hostages-Tehillim."

YISI BOOK CLUB: Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:15 PM in the MPR. We are reading "Someone Else's Shoes" by JoJo Moyes, and 20 copies are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library under #2936. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Spiler at 646-321-3309. We look forward to seeing you at the next discussion.

YISI AND MATAN present JEWISH HEROINES THROUGH THE AGES: The MaTaN Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program. Ten two-hour zoom sessions led by MaTaN-trained teachers, delving into the lives of Jewish heroines, from the matriarchs to modern day leaders, for Bat Mitzvah aged girls (6th grade) and their mothers. For more information, contact Leah Cohen (leahscohen2015@gmail.com).

SHABBOS LUACH Mevorchim Kislev

Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, November 29	
Candle Lighting	4:12 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM
Shabbos, November 30	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfarid (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:22 AM
Women's Learning Group: Orchos Tzadikim (Main Shul – Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:30 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:00 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:10 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: <i>Yaakov and Eisav: The Perfect Partnership</i>	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:15 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH

Earliest T&T	6:09 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM; Mon-Thur 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun-Thur 4:25 PM
Late Maariv	Sun-Thur 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	On a simple level, Kiddush Levana is a special bracha recited at the renewal of the moon each month. Some maintain that Kiddush Levana is a birkas hanehenin (blessing recited on enjoyment), as man derives benefit from the illumination of the moon, and the bracha expresses appreciation for the renewed moon. Others view it as a birkas hashevach (blessing of praise), to praise Hashem for creating this magnificent celestial body. In either case, the Mishnah Brurah writes that a blind person can recite the bracha, since he too benefits from the light of the moon (as those who assist him utilize the moonlight). Nonetheless, the Beior Halacha notes that it is preferable for one who can see to recite the bracha on behalf of a person who is blind. Chazal saw another, deeper significance in this bracha. The Gemara states that reciting Kiddush Levana in its proper time is akin to greeting the Shechina (Hashem's Presence). This is derived from the use of the word "zeh" (this), both in reference to the sighting of the new moon ("hachodesh hazeh lachem," Shemos 12:2), and the beholding of the Shechina at the splitting of the Red Sea ("zeh Keili v'anveihu," Shemos 15:2). The Pri Megadim states that when we see the rebirth of the moon, it reminds us of how all the celestial bodies obey Hashem's command. From this we can catch a glimpse, so to speak, of the majesty of the Almighty.
Motzei Shabbos	Father-Son Learning 6:15 PM in the First Shul
Monday - Thursday	Rabbi Lehrfield Gemara Shiur 9:00 AM in MPR or via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5608515236 Meeting ID: 560 851 5236 / Passcode: 12345
Wednesday	Rabbi Weiss – Tefilla 8:30 PM & Parsha 9:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

IF YOU ARE OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT and want it on record with the shul, please contact the office if you have not done so already.

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

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Mon – Thu: YISI / Kollel Ba'al HaBatim Zichron Avraham Dov

- 9:00 AM: Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Lehrfield in the MPR
- 9:50 AM: Rabbi Gary Kopstick on Parshas HaShavua. Via Zoom or phone: 520-453-7185. 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.

A Day of Learning at the YISI Kollel Ba'al HaBatim may be sponsored in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a joyous occasion, for \$135. Please see Gil Cohen or the office for a request form.

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS MORNING GROUPS: 9:30 AM – end of davening. Weekly sign-up required for toddler groups.

SHABBOS AFTERNOON GROUPS: 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

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

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

YISI FLAG FOOTBALL: Playoffs continue this Sunday, with the championship game taking place next Sunday!

Community Happenings

MELAVEH MALKAH: Agudah of Staten Island and TOV of Staten Island invite all men in our community to join together for an Evening of Bitochon, featuring Guest Speaker Yehuda Mandel. This Motzei Shabbos, Nov. 30 at 8:15 PM at the Agudah, 46 Birchard Avenue.

PEACEFUL WALK IN SOLIDARITY R4TL for the hostages. Every Sun, 9:30 - 10:30 AM at La Tourette Golf Course. Meet: Forest Hill Rd & Rockland Ave. To Join: <https://run4lives.org>.

AMIT NEWS: Cards for all occasions can be purchased from Aviva Brum.

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.

Punchlist Handyman Services: Reliable and skilled handyman for all your home repair and maintenance needs. Call/Text/Whatsapp 680-786-2433.

Tehillim Circle

List will be updated at the beginning of each month. 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.

- Boruch Tzvi Ben Chana Gittel
- Pessel bat Rochel
- Chaya Esther bas Rochel Leba
- Tehilla Basya bas Chaya Tova
- Simcha Yitzchok ben Mireleh Yudka
- 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
- Sura Shaindel Bat Tilla Royza
- Etel Feiga bas Henya Ruchel

Community Gemachs

- ♦ **Chuppah Tefillah cards** – Please contact Rivka Gold 917-836-1408.
- ♦ **Simcha Gowns** – Contact Aviva Brum 718-801-2405 or 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.
- ♦ **School Uniforms** - Rachelit 718 983-9664.
- ♦ **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 newborn needs and baby travel. Call Emunah Toback, 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.

Chessed 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.
- **Chevra 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.
- **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.
- **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.

Job Opportunities

- The Jewish Foundation School is looking for a Kindergarten teacher for General Studies and a Middle school Morah for small group work. Please send resumes to office@ifssi.org.

Real Estate Listings

If you would like to list an apartment for rent or a house for sale on the YISI website, please call 718-494-6700 or email office@yisi.org. If you know of anyone looking to move into our community, please point them to our listings at <https://www.yisi.org/community/real-estate/>.

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.

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