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YOUNG ISRAEL of STATEN ISLAND

פרשת ויצא
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Rav Mendy Katzman, Assistant Rabbi

November 20, 2026 / 10 Kislev
Rav Yaakov Marcus זצ״ל, Rabbi Emeritus
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MAZAL TOV

- **Diane & Robert Rosenberg** on the birth of a grandson, Leo, born to their children Hanna & Dor Cohen in Israel.
- **Elkie & Paul Trenk** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Yishaiah Levi, son of Anna & Chaim Gavriel Jacobson, Thursday - 9 Kislev at the Kotel in Eretz Yisrael.
- **Susan & Izzy a"h Geisler** on the engagement of their grandson Eitan, son of Beth & Adam Geisler, to Alex, daughter of Chani & Avi Brandsdorfer.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING-THURSDAY, NOV. 26. TO HAVE A NOTICE LISTED IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY 4 PM WEDNESDAY 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:

- Jay Goldstein in honor of the birth of his 7th great grandson, Yedidya Simcha, born to Rena & Leor Rapps.
- Susan & Izzy a"h Geisler in honor of the engagement of their grandson Eitan Geisler to Alex Brandsdorfer.

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

- Marlene & William Miska for the yahrzeit of his father, Michoel ben Zev, on 6 Kislev and her mother, Tema bas Menashe HaLevi, on 10 Kislev.
- Judy & Tomi Karfunkel on the yahrzeits of Judy's father, Yaakov ben Shamshon a"h, on 9 Kislev, her mother, Chaya Sureh bas Binyumin Zev Hakohen a"h, on 26 Kislev and her sister, Alte Baila bas Yaakov a"h, on 12 Kislev. May their neshumas have aliyas.
- Blossom & Jack Newman and Malkie & Heshy Fogel for the 11th yahrzeit of Blossom and Heshy's dear father Martin Fogel, Mordechai ben Tzvi a"h on 12 Kislev. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- Barbara & Josh Gertelman for the yahrzeit of Boris Gertelman - Dov Yechezkiel Ben Mordechai Zev Halevi z"l, on 14 Kislev.
- Carol & Chaim Jacobowitz for the yahrzeit of Carol's dear mother Shaindel bas Zvi Hersh Moshe a"h on 14 Kislev. May her neshama have an aliya. She is truly missed every day.
- Susan & Leslie Klein for the yahrzeit of Leslie's father, Dovid Aryeh ben Mordechai a"h, on 14 Kislev.
- Evelyn & Victor Schipper for the yahrzeit of his father, Mordechai ben Eliyahu a"h, on 16 Kislev. May his neshama have an aliya.
- The Dubitsky family extends sincere thanks to HaRav Lehrfield for all his advice, concern, and support over the past several difficult months towards our dear husband and father, Hanoch a"h. It was much appreciated. Rav todot.

Shul Announcements

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

MAIN MINYAN KIDDUSH: Please join us this Shabbos, Parshas Vayeitzei, Nov. 21 for a modest Kiddush following the Main Minyan. A special thank you to Zavel Pearlman for volunteering to help make this possible. Hope to see you there!

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS MORNING SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Malki & Jay Gelbein in honor of the wedding and Sheva Brachot of their grandchildren Sarah & Yitzchok Bondi.

THE RABBI'S SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR is sponsored by:

- Barbara & Josh Gertelman for the yahrzeit of Boris Gertelman - Dov Yechezkiel Ben Mordechai Zev Halevi z"l.

If you are interested in leining a parsha on Shabbat in the coming months, please contact Louis Emmer at least 4 weeks in advance.

Congratulations to all the participants of the ORAYSA SHIUR on completing Mesechet Yevamot. Come join on Sunday at 7:30 PM in the Beit Medrash as they begin Mesechet Kiddushin.

SHABBOS LUACH

Eruv is up on both sides	
Friday, November 20	
Candle Lighting	4:17 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM
Shabbos, November 21	
Shacharis	7 (M), 8 (MPR), 9 (M), 9:30 Sfard (F)
Rabbi's Parsha Shiur	8:25 AM
Z'man Krias Shema	9:16 AM
Women's Learning Group (Main Shul, Women's Section)	3:00 PM
Daf Yomi	3:20 PM
Mishna Yomis	4:00 PM
Mincha	2:30 & 4:10 PM
Rabbi Lehrfield will speak on the topic: *Yaakov & Eisav – The Origin of Division*	Between Mincha & Maariv
Shabbos Ends	5:19 PM

WEEKDAY LUACH

Earliest T&T	5:59 AM
Early Mincha	Sun 1:45 PM, Mon-Thu 12:40 PM
Mincha / Maariv	Sun -Thu 4:25 PM
Late Maariv	Sun -Thu 9:00 PM
Halacha of the Week	Customs vary regarding the number of Shabbos candles to light. The minimum obligation is to light at least one candle that remains lit until dark. There is also an obligation to have light in every room that will be used; this is generally provided by leaving electric lights on. The prevalent custom is to light at least two candles, as an allusion to *Zachor* and *Shamor* – the positive and negative commandments of Shabbos. Other common customs include lighting seven candles (for the days of the week), lighting ten candles (for the Ten Commandments), or lighting one candle for each family member. A guest in someone else's home will often light only two candles.
Motzei Shabbos	Father-Son Learning Program 6:15 PM in 1st 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	**Semichas Chaver Program** w/ Rabbi Lehrfield and Rabbi Katzman – 9:00 PM in Beis Medrash
Wednesday	Rabbi Weiss – Tefilla 8:30 PM & Parsha 9:00 PM Via Phone: 425-436-6327, Code: 435236#

THE 7:30 WEEKDAY SHACHARIS MINYAN will begin at 7:20 AM on Mondays and Thursdays. If you can commit to coming on a regular basis to help strengthen and maintain the minyan, please contact Josh Gertelman or Louis Emmer. Thank you!

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

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

- 9:00 AM: Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Lehrfield in the MPR
- 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 Beitza in the MPR or via phone: 425-436-6399, code 489260.

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

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YISI BOOK CLUB: New day & time - Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 PM. We are reading "Sipsworth" by Simon Van Booy. Books are reserved for us at the Todt Hill Library. Please return your copy after reading, so others can enjoy it as well. We hope to see you at the next discussion.

Youth Announcements

SHABBOS GROUPS: 9:30 AM (early drop-off 9 AM) every Shabbos morning. Afternoon groups 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

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

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

CHANUKAH PUPPET SHOW: Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:15 – 6:15 PM in the YISI MPR. See a show and enjoy pizza and Chanukah gelt! Members: free with sign-up; non-members: $20. Sign up at: https://forms.gle/Suq2GPHGofErf9mPA.

YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Monday:	Girls Soccer, Pre-1A – 4:00-4:45 PM Girls Soccer, Grades 1-3 – 4:50-5:35 PM Boys Basketball, Grades 2-3 – 5:40-6:25 PM
Wednesday:	Boys Soccer, Pre1A-1st – 5:15-6:00 PM Boys Basketball, Grades 4-5 – 6:05-6:50 PM Girls Basketball, Age 9-12 – 6:55-7:55 PM
Thursday:	Girls Dance, Grades 1-2 – 6:30-7:15 PM Girls Dance, Grades 3-4 – 7:20-8:05 PM
Motzei Shabbos:	Boys Flag Football – 15 minutes after Avos u'Bunim Girls Basketball, Age 8-10 – 1 hour after Shabbos ends

Save The Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16: 2nd Annual Staten Island Community-wide Women's TEHILLIM-A-THON. Special Guest Speaker CHARLENE AMINOFF. More details to follow!

Community Happenings

STATEN ISLAND WOMEN'S LEARNING CIRCLE: Megillat Esther with Rabbi Mendy Katzman. Mondays, 11 AM – 12 Noon in the Beis Medrash. Visit www.siwomenslearningcircle.com for more classes.

CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE: Hosted by the RJJ PTA. Taking place at YISI on Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Lots of amazing vendors to check out! Come shop and support our local school!

OHEL ANNUAL CHANUKAH GIFT DRIVE: Let's make a difference in the lives of others! Join us by donating Chanukah gifts, from toys and games to sports equipment and gift cards, for individuals at Ohel. Drop off a new gift to the Ohel box in the YISI lobby, at JFS, or choose a gift and donate via Amazon registry: https://tinyurl.com/OhelGiftDrive2026.

HELP OUR CHAYALIM!!! The war with Hamas and Hezbollah is still raging and our soldiers are still in harm's way. Winter is coming and it is **OUR** responsibility to keep them warm in body & mind to maintain a sharp edge until victory. We are not accepting clothing. Donations will fund winter gear and unique military items available only in the US, which have already saved lives. Mail or drop off a check payable to The Jewish Assistance Corp. to 237 Woodward Ave. Thank you!!!

AMIT NEWS: To purchase Mazal Tov, get well, or condolence cards please call or text Aviva Brum at 718-801-2405.

CHAI DEFENSE: Krav Maga based self-defense, de-escalation techniques and situational awareness taught by former IDF Special Forces veterans. Every Tues. & Thur. 7:30 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.

Reliable and experienced car transport to Fla or anywhere south/ north. Shomer Shabbat; mature driver. Please DM/PM for details. Howie Lebowitz: 516-993-3775.

Community Gemachs

- **Free Apartment available** for weekends or if someone has a simcha. Joseph Avenue. Text 347-488-1536 to reserve.
- **Precharged phone battery chargers** (with AC connection to recharge). Comes with built-in connecter 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.
- **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.

Tehillim Circle

To have a name 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
- Raphael Pesachya Yaakov Halevi ben Aviva Sarah
- Yisroel Gedalia HaKohen ben Chana
- Nachum Moshe ben Hensha
- Pesach Yehuda ben Chava Rochel
- Manya Miriam bat Raizel
- 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

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. 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.

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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