



# Young Israel of St. Louis

SHABBAT DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025 – FRIDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
23 KISLEV 5786 – 29 KISLEV 5786  
PARSHAT VAYESHEV SHABBAT MEVORCHIM

## ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

Ethan & Debby Schuman to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Ethan's mother, Zelda Schuman.  
Rita Bresler and family to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Yechiel (Charles) Bresler, father of Sidney (Red) Bresler.  
Howard & Jackie Oppenheimer to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Jackie's grandfather, Max Jacobsohn.

### Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Candle Lighting – Mincha .....4:22 pm

### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

*Sof Zman Kri'at Shema* .....9:33 am

Shacharit – (Hashkama)..... 7:30 am

Parsha Class .....8:15 am

Shacharit .....9:00 am

Teen Minyan.....

Shabbat Youth Groups ..... 10:00 am

Pre-Mincha Shiur .....3:45 pm

“The Mobile Menorah” - The Travelers Guide to Chanukah –  
Part 2

Mincha .....4:15 pm

Shabbat Ends.....5:24 pm

V'shinantam.....6:40 pm

### Hashkama Kiddush:

**Main Kiddush:** We welcome you to our Shabbat Mevorchim Kiddush, sponsored by the members listed on the poster in the

lobby and on the attached flyer. We thank everyone who participated in the kiddush and helped to arrange it.

**Seudah Shlishit:** Sponsored by Young Israel.

**V'shinantam:** Our parent sponsors this week are Evan Axelbaum and Rabbi Dr. Chanan & Ayalah Freilich.

### Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday .....8:00 am

Monday through Friday - Chanukah .....6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv .....4:25 pm

First night of Chanukah..... Sunday night, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Rosh Chodesh Tevet .....Next Shabbat/Sunday – Dec 20/21

## UPCOMING YAHTZETS

23 Kislev	Ralph Gabriel Raskas	26 Kislev	Jack A Heisler
23 Kislev	Zelda Schuman	28 Kislev	Beverly Ariel
25 Kislev	Charles Bresler	28 Kislev	Leah Yacha Rakusin
25 Kislev	Max Jacobsohn		

## Refuah Shelaimah

מרים זלדה בת חנה	יהושע בן זהבה
מרים בת שרה	ברוך בן מאשא
סמריה בריאלה בת הינדא בוניא	משה בן יהודית שרה
ברכה אהובה בת חיה אסתר	נתן שלמה בן ברכה
דורית חנה בת אורה	משה אהרן בן לאה ביילה
רייזל גיטל בת רחל	אליעזר בן רויזא
חיה חמדה בת קירה	מיכאל אריה בן חיה רבקה
מעין גב ההר בת חיה חמדה	אברהם שמואל בן קרינדל יהודית
דבורה טובה בת חיה	דניאל צבי בן פייגא טויבא
בתיה עטא בת חנה פעשא	רפאל צבי בן חנה פארל
טובה בת ברייגא רבקה	דוד אפרים בן דבורה
אלנה שרה בת אסתר לאה	
יעל בת שרה	
ליטל מאירה בת איתנה מלכה	
אסתר רייילה בת משה לאה	

**Ethan & Debby Schuman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Andi, daughter of Mike & Dini Klein of LA.

**Rita Bresler** on the engagement of her great-granddaughter, Sarah, daughter of Ari & Yael Schulman of NY, to Ben Mandelbaum, son of Zahavit & David Mandelbaum, also of NY, and to grandparents, Alan & Hannah Bresler.

**Jackie & Alan Gerson** on the engagement of their granddaughter Temmy Gerson, daughter of Shai & Tova Gerson, to Ari Fenster, son of Jennifer Fenster Salem and Raphi Salem and Matthew Fenster z"l.

**Rob & Shani Wexler** on the birth of a son, and to grandparents Bill Weiss and Hilary Givner Weiss, and Ron and Susan Wexler. Information about the Bris will be forthcoming. A meal train has been set up for them at: <https://mealtrain.com/3ynk1y>.

**Jeff & Renee Kanefield** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Lily and Chris Brassell of Chicago

## MAZAL TOV TO....

**Alan & Bryna Kandel** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Yael, daughter of Rabbi Jeremy & Dr. Shira Donath of Fair Lawn, NJ.

**Hillel & Jackie Abramson** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Moshe Chaim, son of Rabbi Shlomo & Miriam Abramson of Jackson, NJ.

## SHUL NEWS

### THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Ellen Siegel and Betsy Zimbalist.
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Judy Haber and Seth Near

**LOST & FOUND:** Please check the downstairs coat rack.

**KOL HANE'ARIM TALLIT FLASH SALE:** Act now to add the name of your pre-bar/bat mitzvah child or grandchild to the beautiful Simchat Torah tallit used for Kol Hane'arim, please contact the office. \$54/name before December 31, 2025, and \$72/name thereafter.

**AMUD SHAVUI GEMARA SHIUR:** Continues on Tuesday at 8:00 pm in the Beit Midrash, studying the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Maseches Sotah.

**NEW D'VAR TORAH WHATSAPP GROUP!** Please join to receive brief Divrei Torah shared at Young Israel after Shacharit and between Mincha/Maariv. Additional Torah recordings will be shared here as well. Join using the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ib9BTxL9c0gLMhZ1MMTVVJ>

Sponsorship opportunities available!

**V'SHINANTAM:** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:40 pm, in the Young Israel Beit Midrash. Please notify the office if you would like to be a parent sponsor in the upcoming weeks.

**YOUNG ISRAEL CHANUKAH PARTY:** Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. *THIS EVENT IS DAIRY.*

**CHANUKAH INSIGHTS:** “8 Inspirational Insights throughout Chanukah” will be posted each day of the chag on the YISTL Whatsapp. Stay tuned for speakers.

**WOMEN'S CHANUKAH SHIUR AND SINGING - REDEDICATION AND RENEWAL:** Teachings from the Hasidic Masters on Chanukah 🕯️ with Leora Balinsky-Glauber. Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lisa Baron, 7929 Stanford Ave, at 8:00 pm.

**YI BOOK CLUB:** Our next book is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Our meeting will be on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Lorraine Landy's home.

**TREE OF LIFE:** We are submitting another order for leaves for our Tree of Life. Once again, thank you to all who have purchased leaves thus far. If you would like to buy a leaf, branch leaf or stone at this time, **please submit your order form (brochure is attached or you can find one in the Shul lobby) to Judy in the office by January 15th.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The Annual St Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive -** Sun Jan 11, at Young Israel, 10 am – 4 pm. Please participate in this life saving *chesed*.
- **Meet-N-Eat –** Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**AISH CAMPAIGN – SHARE THE LIGHT:** 36 Hour Matching Campaign, December 14 – 15. Click [here](#) to donate.

**ATTENTION - EVERY TAX DOLLAR IS NEEDED TO FUND THIS VITAL PROGRAM:** The deadline to secure MOScholars tax credits for this year is December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have questions or want help with the process, please contact Hillel Anton for more information. 314-200-5781 or [hanton@agudahmo.org](mailto:hanton@agudahmo.org).

**AISH DISCOVERY DAY:** December 25<sup>th</sup>, at NHBZ, 10 am – 3 pm. Registration is required. Cost: \$25/ person (does not include lunch). Lunch is an additional \$25/ adult, \$18/ child (ages 8-12). To RSVP, call 314-862-2474 or email [cgoldstein@aishstl.com](mailto:cgoldstein@aishstl.com).

**NEW FELLOWSHIP:** The Webber-Jacob's Fellowship is a new program in 2026 to give the young adults of St. Louis a chance to grow and enhance their skills in leadership and philanthropy while beginning the process of leaving their legacy on the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. This is a 6-session cohort for our mid 20's and early 30's adults that begins in February 2026, and we ask that you apply by February 5th to be considered. Apply at: [www.jfedstl.org/programs/webber-jacobs-fellowship/](http://www.jfedstl.org/programs/webber-jacobs-fellowship/).

**SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S TEHILLIM GROUP:** We ask all group members to say their tehillim from home. For more information or for tehillim to say, please call or text Marcia Esrig at 314-313-3677. The Tehillim hotline (names and updates) email is: [ptjill@yahoo.com](mailto:ptjill@yahoo.com).

### SHUL OFFICE & CONTACT INFO

[www.youngisrael-stl.org](http://www.youngisrael-stl.org)

Office Hours: Mon, Fri 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs 11 am – 4 pm  
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#### **Weekly sponsorship opportunities:**

Classic Kiddush (\$250),

Prime Kiddush (375), Seudah Shlishit (\$136), Hashkama Kiddush (\$40),

Weekday Learning (\$36), Announcements (\$36), Teen Minyan (\$36)

Youth Group Kiddush (\$36), V'shinantam (\$72),

**Tribute cards:** available in the office.

#### **Purchase for the shul:**

Siddur (\$40), RH or YK machzor (\$50 each) or Chumash (\$60) to honor or memorialize a friend or family member.

To receive shul emails, including weekly announcements and news about members, life-cycles and programs, send an email to:

[yistl+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:yistl+subscribe@groups.io) with your request.

FACEBOOK: Like Our Shul's FACEBOOK page:

[facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis](https://facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis)

Join the WhatsApp group at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHBoogv8EsKIE9J6TppnO>