



Young Israel of St. Louis

SHABBAT JANUARY 3RD 2026 – FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH 2026
14 TEVET 5786 – 20 TEVET 5786
PARSHAT VAYECHI

ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

Rita Bresler in honor of Yechiel & Davina Bresler and family visiting Shabbat Chanukah, and Danny & Shira Riemer and family visiting last Shabbat.

Tamar and Giela Fredman to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of their grandmother, Clara Fredman.

Alan & Jackie Gerson to commemorate the *yahrtzeits* of Alan's father, Bernard Gerson, Boruch ben Moshe HaLevi, and his grandfather, Morris Gerson, Moshe ben Boruch HaLevi.

Lorraine Landy to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of her husband, Charles Landy.

Friday, January 2nd

Candle Lighting – Mincha4:33 pm

Saturday, January 3rd

Sof Zman Kri'at Shema9:42 am

Shacharit – (Hashkama)7:30 am

Parsha Class8:15 am

Shacharit9:00 am

Teen Minyanno teen minyan this week

Shabbat Youth Groups10:00 am

Pre-Mincha Shiur3:45 pm

Honoring Grandparents - Part 2

Mincha4:25 pm

Shabbat Ends5:37 pm

V'shinantam6:50 pm

Hashkama Kiddush:

Main Kiddush: Sponsored by Young Israel.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsored by Dov & Tziona Zeffren to commemorate the *yahrtzeits* of Dov's father, Dr Lester Zeffren and his brother, Rabbi Gershon (Jonathan) Zeffren.

V'shinantam: Our parent sponsors this week are Yosef & Bekka Rube and Max & Sabrina Gornish.

Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday8:00 am

Monday, Thursday6:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday6:40 am

Mincha/Maariv4:35 pm

UPCOMING YAHRTZEITS

14 Tevet	Bernard Gerson	17 Tevet	R Gershon (Jonathan) Zeffren
15 Tevet	Clara Fredman		
16 Tevet	Roberta Oberlander	18 Tevet	Harold Wilensky
16 Tevet	Lester Zeffren	19 Tevet	Morris Gerson
17 Tevet	Nison Miller	19 Tevet	Charles Landy

Refuah Shelaimah

מרים זלדה בת חנה	יהושע בן זהבה
מרים בת שרה	ברוך בן מאשא
סמריה בריאלה בת הינדה 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 החר 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 בריינא רבקה	דוד אפרים בן דבורה
אלנה שרה בת אסתר לאה	משה ראובן בן שושנה צפורה
יעל בת שרה	
ליטל מאירה בת איתנה מלכה	
אסתר רייילה בת משה לאה	

MAZAL TOV TO...

Jackie & Alan Gerson on the birth of a great-granddaughter born to Aleeza & Elisha Gerson of Carmei Gat, and to grandparents Seth & Lori Gerson and Jon & Aggie Hartstein.

Debbie & Joel Garbow on the bris of their grandson, Yehuda Leib, son of Moshe and Shula Hus, in Yerushalayim.

SHUL NEWS

THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Shana Katz and Debby Schuman
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Sam Zitin and Seth Near.

LOST & FOUND: Please check the downstairs coat rack. All items left by January 14th will be donated.

BLOOD DRIVE: There is a critical shortage of blood! The St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, January 11th, from 10 am - 4 pm at Young Israel. If you are unable to scan the code on the flyer for an appointment, you can register online at www.bloodcenter.org/group and use the code 11448, call 800-747-5401 or call Bob Hellman @ 314-324-6935. We urge you to donate and help save lives! Please note: The blood collected will help save lives in our region.

V'SHINANTAM: January 3rd, 6:50 pm, in the Young Israel Beit Midrash. Please notify the office if you would like to be a parent sponsor in the upcoming weeks.

AMUD SHAVUI GEMARA SHIUR: The Gemara shiur this week *only* will take place at the Kollel at 8:15 pm on Tuesday night, followed by a light fleishig buffet and closing remarks. See flyer for full details.

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

MEN'S BREW CREW- Torah, Chevra and Chill. Sunday January 11th, 8:30 pm, at the Isseroff home, 8311 Cornell Ave.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH SHIUR: Given by Rabbi Fink, Sunday, January 18th at 8:15pm at the Fink Home, 8116 Amherst Ave. Topic: "The Whole Fruit: Living a Life Without Waste, Maximizing Every Tree, Meal and Moment"

YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER: Please join us Sunday, February 22nd, at the Clayton Plaza Hotel for our Annual Dinner, this year celebrating the Rabbinic Installation of Rabbi Dov and Sara Fink. Binyan Habayit Awardees: The Rabbinic Search Committee: Jonty Felsher, Chanan Freilich, Joel Garbow. Max Gornish, Robyn Haspel, Andy Koshner, Liz Rosen and Shani Wexler, and the Teen Chesed Awardee: Yehudah Greenberg. This year's dinner chairs are Elie & Aliza Freilich. The Journal chairs are Judy Haber and Devorah Stein.

Ad Blanks for the Dinner Journal have been emailed. Please send in your ads to the office by February 5th. The website for registration and ad submission is up and running.

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 to Judy in the office by January 15th.**

YISTL D'VAR TORAH WHATSAPP GROUP: Please join to receive brief Divrei Torah shared at Young Israel after Shacharit and between Mincha/Maariv. New series starting now studying Birchot Hashachar!

Sponsorship opportunities available.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Meet-N-Eat** – Wednesday, February 25th. Stay tuned for details.

SCHOOL NEWS

The entire community is invited to an inspiring evening on Wednesday January 7th at U. City Shul, as a zechus for a refuah shlaima for Shaina Tehilla bas Shulamis. Michael Rothschild, Founder and Director of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation will be coming to St. Louis to speak on "From Ordinary Living to Extraordinary Blessing". 8:15 to 9:00 pm, with Maariv to follow. This event is sponsored by MTI.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDDUSH AT U.CITY SHUL THIS WEEK: The community is invited to U.City Shul this week, January 3rd, to a farewell kiddush to say goodbye to Rabbi Yaakov & Aliza Gertzulin as they prepare to move to Lakewood. We wish them much *hatzlacha*.

MOVING GIVE-AWAY: Rabbi Yaakov & Aliza Gertzulin are moving to Lakewood and are downsizing. This is not a sale. It's an attempt to find good homes for their furniture, appliances, sefarim, and knickknacks, etc, from now until January 12th. Please, no drop ins. By appointment only by calling Rabbi Gertzulin at 314-306-1149.

MEETING: A representative of the Sand Real Estate Group and Berger Towers, Katamonim will have an information meeting at the home of Jimmy & Elana Fendelman, January 12th, 7:30 pm.

TZNIUS SWAP: The Yearly Tznius Swap is around the corner. Prepare your new or gently used tznius clothes for drop off in January. (Signature needed affirming clothing as having been **recently** examined will be available). Donation dates & swap information to follow. For questions or to volunteer please contact Aliza Trevino 414-630-3605 ntliza18@gmail.com.

HOSPITAL GOWN GEMACH: A gemach has been formed to provide tznius hospital gowns, with snaps up the long sleeves for iv access, and modest closure in the back. Sizes are Small – XXL. \$5 donation is requested. You can choose to launder or have the gown laundered after returning it. Question? Please contact Rivka Dushoff-Tobin at 314-397-3931.

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.

SHUL OFFICE & CONTACT INFO

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 (\$72), RH or YK machzor (\$72 each) or Chumash (\$90) 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 with your request.

FACEBOOK: Like Our Shul's FACEBOOK page:

facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis

Join the WhatsApp group at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHB0ogv8EsKIE9J6TnpnO>