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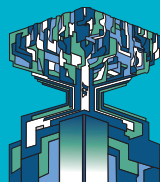
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WE STAND WITH ISRAEL!



Young Israel
of Scarsdale

Living Inspired. Growing Together.





The YIS Parsha Project

We are joining together with 30 shuls/schools across the country in an effort to learn/read through the entire parsha each week - in the merit of our brave IDF soldiers and Am Yisrael. By joining this WhatsApp group and exciting initiative, you will receive info regarding the OU's incredible AllParsha site and app, plus access to weekly Parsha insights from Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Rabbi David Fohrman, Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin and many others. The YIS Rabbis and community members will also contribute periodically on the chat, with timely Divrei Torah and insights.

**EVERY YEAR
WE HEAR OTHERS READ IT
BUT HAVE YOU EVER
READ IT YOURSELF?**

**DOWNLOAD THE FREE ALL PARSHA APP
READ THE PARSHA DAILY
LET THE APP KEEP TRACK OF YOUR WEEKLY PROGRESS**

ALL PARSHA
אלפכנסים למקרא
THE PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE!

Young Israel of Scarsdale



YIS Summer Family Mission to Israel August 2024

The Young Israel of Scarsdale is planning another Family Mission to Israel in August 2024. We will explore sites in Jerusalem, the Galil to the Dead Sea and everything in between. We will visit Israel's South and stand in solidarity with the Jews and Chayalim of those communities. The Mission will once again be led by the talented and insightful YIS guide, Maayan Leshem along with Rabbi Morgenstern, and will culminate in an inspiring Shabbat in Yerushalayim. This trip is a beautiful way for our children to explore Israel and create a bond with our homeland.

Please stay tuned for more information including exact dates, prices and a full itinerary.





R' Aryeh Lebowitz @ YIS



**Men's Mission to Israel, February 2023
Tefillat Mincha in ancient Beit El**





Weekly Daytime Shiurim

YIS Daf Yomi

w/ Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein

Sunday @ 7:30 am

Monday-Friday @ 6:15 am



We are excited that the Young Israel of Scarsdale has its own *Daf Yomi* shiur. It is taught by a prolific Rabbinic scholar, Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein on WebYeshiva.org. Rabbi Dr. Rothstein received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University (1991) and his Ph.D. in Medieval Jewish History from Harvard (2003). He has served as a synagogue rabbi, a high school Judaic Studies faculty member at several yeshiva high schools, and an adult educator. He is a highly sought-after speaker and we are so privileged to have him teaching Torah in our community.

Sunday Morning Halacha Shiur

w/ Rabbi Nuriel Klinger

Sundays @ 7:45-8:30 am, Live and on Zoom

This class is a serious text study to fuel the day and enhance one's knowledge of Jewish practice and observance. Participants study practical Halacha with the *Mishnah Berurah* and *Arukh HaShulchan*, on the Laws of Shabbat. Men and Women are welcome.

Women's Tehillim Recitation

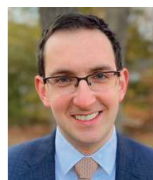
Mondays @ 9:30 am

Continuing the enduring legacy of Esther Trencher z"l, the Tehillim group meets every Monday at the home of Vicki Bienenfeld (15 Reyna Lane, New Rochelle).



Rabbi Jonathan
Morgenstern

Meet the Team



Rabbi Nuriel
Klinger





Torat Rav Kook: Insights on Talmudic Tales relating to Jewish Life and the Jewish Soul

w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

Tuesdays @ 7:40-8:10 am, after the 7 am Shacharit, Live and on Zoom

A fascinating exploration of the famous *Aggadot* in *Masechet Brachot* through the unique and insightful lens of Rav Kook. Men and women are welcome.

Daf HaShavua

w/ YIS Talmidei D'Scarsdale

Wednesdays @ 7:40-8:30 am, after the 7 am Shacharit

Have you always wanted to learn *Gemara*, but just never got a handle on it? Do you love learning *Gemara*, but just can't find the time? Well, then join us every Wednesday at this weekly shiur on *Masechet Megillah*! Men and women are welcome.

"This Week's Parsha:" Uncovering the Hidden Dimension of the Weekly Torah Portion

w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

Fridays after the 7 am Shacharit Minyan, Live and on Zoom



This popular gathering – that continues to grow more and more each year – will delve into the weekly Torah portion through the lens of the *Kli Yakar*, a classical commentary written in the 17th century by R' Shlomo Ephraim Luntschitz. Stay for a bagel, eggs & shakshuka - and truly feel the weekly Parsha come to life!

The Short Vort w/the YIS Rabbis

Fridays via Whatsapp and the shul email

Every Friday the Rabbis will share a short insight into the weekly *parsha* to get ready for Shabbat. It is sent out via WhatsApp and through the shul email.

Shabbat Morning Post-Hashkama Learning Groups

- **Insights on the Weekly Parsha**
- **Mishnah Berurah** w/ Dr. Steve Keller

Pirkei Avot

w/ Richard Bienenfeld

Shabbat Afternoons in the Spring/Summer (40 minutes before Mincha)



Weeknight Lectures

Tehillim Treasures: **An In-depth Study in Sefer Tehillim** **Winter 2023-2024, Dates TBD**

Tehillim are deep and profound poems of seeking a meaningful connection to God and, as a result, they serve as the basis of our *Tefillot*. We will study a number of chapters that are frequently recited to gain a better understanding of what it is that we are saying. This class will be taught in a way such that it will stand on its own. You do not need to attend any previous classes to be able to gain and benefit from the learning.



"Israel's Clandestine Operations: Mossad in Action"

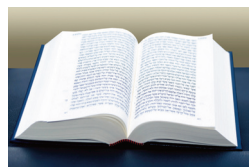
w/ **Rabbi Evan Hoffman, YIS Gallery**
10/23, 10/30, 11/13 @ 8:00 pm

In the two decades after the establishment of the State of Israel, the country's intelligence service developed an international reputation for unparalleled skill and effectiveness. But the Mossad differed not merely in the quality of its work. Israel's clandestine services were tasked with a range of responsibilities including: a) bringing to justice the worst perpetrators of the Holocaust, b) protecting Jews in the Diaspora, c) weakening the military capability of Israel's hostile neighbors. This mini-course will focus on three episodes from the early 1960s in which the Mossad acted on these responsibilities.





Monthly/Periodic Programming



Lunch & Learn w/ the Rabbis Monthly at Greenwich and Delancey in CT

Enjoying the finest deli around, while exploring some of the finest ideas and insights that the Torah has to offer.

Please contact Eli Moore, elimoorelaw@gmail.com, if you would like to sponsor a Lunch & Learn session.

The first two Lunch & Learn sessions will take place on November 7th and December 12th.





Soul Time: Chassidut

w/ YIS Rabbis & Guest Presenters

Get together with the guys for great food and drinks and enjoy the warmth of the Torah of Chassidic masters through the generations taught by the YIS Rabbis. This Chabura will meet occasionally throughout the year. If you would like to host or sponsor one of the Chaburot please be in touch with Greg Aubrey and Dan Fiskus.



Living Room Learning: Women's Exploration of Tefillah & Torah

w/ YIS Rabbis & Guest Presenters

This periodic Women's Chaburah will be a wonderful opportunity to interactively study Torah in a relaxed environment in different homes in the community and will be led by the YIS Rabbis. If you would like to host or sponsor please be in touch with Caroline Bryk or Russie Berger.





Special Programs

Eitan Katz Rocked YIS!



EITAN KATZ IN CONCERT LIVE AT YIS!

Simchat Beit Hashoeva Concert

OCTOBER 4, 2023

DOORS OPEN: 7:45 pm • CONCERT: 8:30 pm



Join Us For A Lively Evening of Music, Community and Spirit!

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$15 (includes 2 tickets)

SPONSOR: \$100 (includes 2 tickets)

RESERVATION: \$100 (includes 2 tickets, VIP seats, 2 specialty cocktails)

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Chassidut Chabura from the Depths of the Jewish Soul

w/ Rabbi Judah Mischel

Januray 4th @ 8:30 pm



Rav Judah Mischel is Executive Director of Camp HASC, the Hebrew Academy for Special Children. He is the *Mashpia* of OU-NCSY, founder of Tzama Nafshi and the author of *Baderech: Along the Path of Teshuva*. Rav Judah lives in Ramat Beit Shemesh with his wife Ora and their family.

YIS on Location: Private Tour of the YU Museum Rambam Exhibition

w/ Exhibition Curator Dr. David Sklar

November TBD

The story of Maimonides and his legacy crosses centuries, continents, and cultures. Exploring the life and impact of this multifaceted luminary and great Jewish sage, this exhibition presents rare manuscripts and books on loan from famed repositories in Europe, Israel, and the US. Exhibition highlights include manuscripts in Maimonides's own handwriting, a carved 11th century door to the Torah ark from Cairo's Ben Ezra Synagogue, and beautifully illuminated medieval manuscripts.



An Evening w/ Nissim Black December TBD



Nissim Black is an American-Israeli Rapper/Singer and influencer who is taking the world by storm. We are excited to be hosting him at YIS for a blowout pre-Chanukah benefit concert, to support our *Acheinu Bnei Yisrael* in Israel. More details to follow.

Biblical Dinner @ Barnea Bistro: Eating Through Exodus Winter 2024





Outstanding Shabbat Speaker Program

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah @ YIS

w/ Mrs. Ora Weinbach

October 6-8, 2023

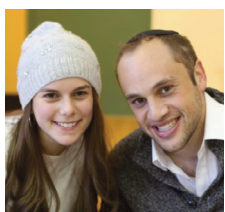


We were privileged to have Ora with us over *Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah* enhancing our women's and community learning engagements throughout the *Chag*. We look forward to having her back periodically throughout the year.

Teen Shabbat @ YIS

w/ Rabbi Andrew and Racheli Israeli

November 17-18, 2023



Rabbi Andrew Israeli graduated from Yeshiva College in 2013 with a degree in Psychology and received his *Semicha* from RIETS in 2016. He is a popular Rebbe at the Frisch School, where he has taught and built meaningful relationships with his students over many years. During the summers, Rabbi Israeli serves as the head *madrish* and director of recruitment for the NCSY Kollel. He also serves in a Rabbinic capacity at Congregation Keter Torah, in Teaneck.

Racheli Israeli is a beloved Judaic Studies teacher and mentor of teen girls at the Frisch School. She has spearheaded special programming for young women looking to engage with Torah and Mitzvot through learning and growth oriented women's initiatives. She graduated from Stern College with a degree in Psychology and Judaic Studies. Racheli holds a masters degree in Social Work from Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Previously, she served as the Director of Programming for New Jersey Yachad and the City Director of NCSY's Monsey chapter.

YIS Community Shabbat of Inspiration

w/ Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik

December 1-2, 2023 sponsored by the YIS Living Torah Fund



Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik is one of the world's preeminent Jewish thinkers and educators, and he's one of America's most influential religious leaders. He is the senior rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in Manhattan, the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States. He is also director of the Zahava and Moshele Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Soloveichik has lectured internationally to Jewish and non-Jewish audiences on topics relating to faith in America, the Hebraic roots of the American founding, Jewish





theology, bioethics, wartime ethics, Jewish-Christian relations, and more. He writes a monthly column in *Commentary* magazine, and his writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Mosaic*, *First Things*, *Azure*, *Tradition*, the *Jewish Review of Books*, and many other outlets. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and studied at its Beren Kollel Elyon. He has also studied at Yale Divinity School, and in 2010, received his doctorate in religion from Princeton University.

Shabbat Am Yisrael

w/ **Rabbanit Shani Taragin**

February 9-10, 2024



Shani Taragin began her B.A. studies in Stern College and completed her bachelor's and master's degrees in Tanakh and Talmud from Bar-Ilan University. She is also a graduate of the Matan Scholar's Program and of Nishmat's Keren Ariel Program for certification as a halachic advisor (*yoetzet halacha*) in issues of family purity law. Shani is the educational director of Matan Eshkolot Tanakh teachers' education program and Mizrachi-MTV Lapidot teachers of Torah *shebeal-peh*. She is a *Ram* and *Mashgicha Ruchanit* at Midreshet Torah v'Avodah and directs their *Taach and Tiyl* Seminar. Shani has also directed, taught and continues to teach, lead tours and coordinate programs in numerous adult education programs in Israel. Shani and her husband, Rav Reuven, live with their family in Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion-Israel.

21st Century Shabbat

w/ **Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin & Special Guest Chazzan**

April 5-6, 2024



David Bashevkin is the director of education for NCSY, the youth movement of the Orthodox Union, and an instructor at Yeshiva University, where he teaches courses on public policy, religious crisis, and rabbinic thought, and the Founder of 18Forty.org, a popular Jewish podcast. He completed rabbinic ordination at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, as well as a Master's degree at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies focusing on the thought of Rabbi Zadok of Lublin under the guidance of Dr. Yaakov Elman. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Public Policy and Management at The New School's Milano School of International Affairs, focusing on crisis management.





Shabbat HaAtzmaut

w/ the UJA @ YIS

May 2024

Celebrate Medinat Yisrael w/ YIS & our special friends at the UJA at our annual UJA Shabbat at YIS.



UJA Federation
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Peace of Mind Shabbat

w/ IDF Combat Veterans

June 7-8, 2024

Peace of Mind is a therapeutic intervention in which IDF veterans receive time and space to process their combat experiences. Run by the Metiv Israel Psychotrauma Center in Jerusalem, the program strengthens their emotional and mental wellbeing, allowing for a healthier transition from military to civilian life.



Shavuot@YIS

w/ Dr. Marc Shapiro

June 11-13, 2024



Marc B. Shapiro holds the Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies at the University of Scranton. A graduate of Brandeis (BA) and Harvard (PhD), he is the author of numerous books, articles, and reviews and is a popular scholar in residence at synagogues around the world. Among other works, he has written *Between the Yeshiva World and Modern Orthodoxy* and *The Limits of Orthodox Theology*, both of which were National Jewish Book Award Finalists. He regularly publishes widely-read scholarly articles on the Seforim

Blog and is currently writing a book on the thought of Rav Kook. Dr. Shapiro leads a number of the Torah in Motion Jewish history trips.

Annual Yoetzet Shabbat

w/ Yoetzet Lisa Septimus

June 2024



Lisa Septimus is a graduate of Nishmat's first U.S. Yoatzot Halacha cohort and has worked as a Yoetzet since 2013. She holds a masters in Bible from Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School and is a graduate of Stern College's Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies, where she subsequently served as the program's *shoelet u'meishiva*. She teaches Judaic Studies at North Shore Hebrew Academy High School in Great Neck, NY, where she also serves as director of Special Programs. In her active role as rebbetzin at the Young Israel of North Woodmere (NY) she is integrally involved with adult education and youth programming. She currently serves as our community's Yoetzet Halacha & is proud to have been raised in the YIS community.





Shabbat Torat Yisrael

w/Rabbi Ari Cutler

June 28-29, 2024



Rabbi Cutler teaches at Yeshivat HaKotel as a *Ram*. He takes pride in his close relationships that he develops with talmidim. His vision to synthesize the development of his students' Torah identity with a commitment to the greater Jewish community drove him to begin the Yeshivat HaKotel Bergman Family Leadership Program. Rabbi Cutler's experience as a teacher for more than two decades at various institutions, such as Camp Moshava Enismore, Machon Maayan and Yeshivat HaKotel, guides the educational philosophy of the program. Under his leadership, the program has grown into a fully developed program that provides classic lectures, interactive group learning and opportunities for independent, hands-on experience.

The Living Torah Fund Special Memorial Shabbat Series



This year, we are proud to host one Shabbat that will feature famed Rabbi, noted lecturer, author and Torah scholar, **Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**, and the other will feature one of the leading Torah-oriented podcasters and among the most popular Jewish personalities on social media in the Modern Orthodox community, **Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin**.

And hot off the press, the full collection of Collective Conversation *divrei* Torah is being prepared for publication. Soon, the Torah that so many of us have shared with the rest of us will be permanently bound and available to us all. And all of us who never expected to be published *divrei* Torah authors will soon be just that! The process will take some time, but the book is coming!

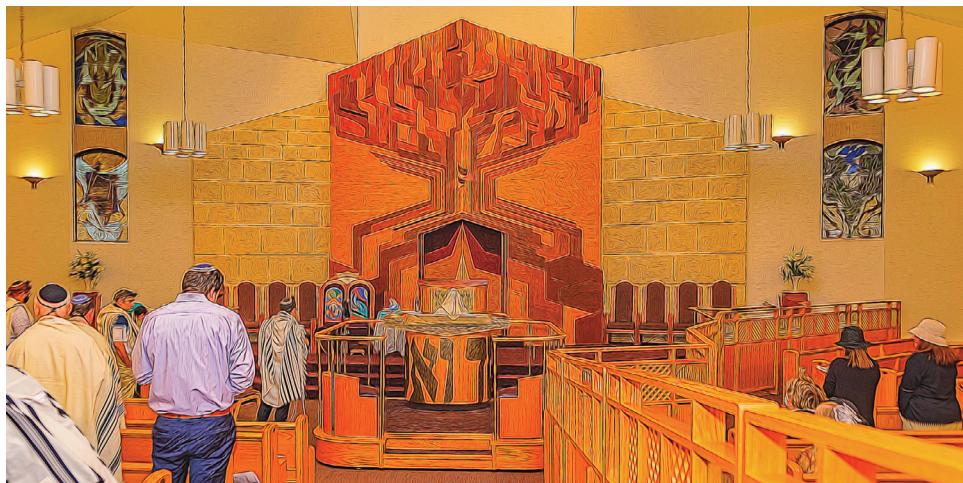
Additional programs with exciting and relevant content are in preparation.

A big THANK YOU to our donors for making these events possible!

Use the drop-down menu on YISNY.org to join the list of sponsors.

Contact Steve Smith for more information @ 914 473-2956.





Tefillah Schedule

Shacharit

(including Rosh Chodesh)

Sunday 7:00 am & 8:30 am

Monday - Friday 7:00 am & 8:00 am

Mincha/Maariu

With Sunset

Minyan Moves to Shiva home when applicable



To sponsor the Friday Morning *Shiur* and Breakfast or
Seudah Shlishit or for all other inquiries,
please contact the shul office at
914-636-8686 or email yisny@yisny.org



