



YOUNG ISRAEL OF WEST HARTFORD
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Thank you to the **Bernstein** and **Trencher** families for hosting our **Amiel BaKehilla** delegation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dor L'Dor Family Learning Program THIS SATURDAY NIGHT



Join for an evening of family Torah learning, **pizza, raffles and prizes!**

Bring something to learn or peruse specially curated learning options

Open to children of all ages, parents, and grandparents. 2/9 and 2/23 at 6:40-7:40 pm (NEW TIME) at the Young Israel of West Hartford

Come by 6:40 and receive two entries to the evening raffle for amazing prizes! *All children in attendance will leave with a prize!*

Sponsored in memory of **Dr. Al and Helen Weisel** אברהם שלום בן ניסן אריה ורייזע גיטל חיה בת יוסף אברהם who dedicated their lives to Jewish education by their family

Shabbat South of the Border

Friday Night, February 22nd

Join us for a spirited Mexican themed Shabbat dinner with your friends at Young Israel and hear first-hand accounts of Jewish life in Mexico from West Hartford's own **Peter Lang!**

RSVP today at

www.youngisraelwh.org/event/over-the-border

93QUEEN

Young Israel at the Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 PM

93QUEEN follows Rachel "Ruchie" Freier, a Hasidic lawyer (now judge) and mother of six who is determined to shake up the "boys club" in her Hasidic community Hatzalah by creating Ezras Nashim, the first all-female ambulance corps in NYC. Tickets will available from the Young Israel -More details to follow.

3rd Annual Chulent Cookoff

Shabbat, March 16th

Who will claim the Golden Ladle?

Shabbat Parashat Terumah
 Feb. 8th-9th, 2019 ☆ 4 Adar I 5779

Kiddush is sponsored by the Young Israel of West Hartford



Seudat Shlishit is sponsored by the Young Israel of West Hartford



New Members

Ronit & Rafi Kaufman and family
Rivka & Chaim Peck and family

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to someone new over Shabbat!

Mazal Tov

Ronit Kaufman on successfully defending her dissertation 🐝

Sally & Bumi Gelb and Eli Gelb on the birth of a great & granddaughter, **Batya Chana Leah**, to **Shani & Yaakov Gelb**.

YOUNG ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

This month's book: *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo: A Novel* by Michael David Lukas
 Questions? Contact Debbie Luger

Contemporary Halakhic Quandaries

Returns Next Shabbat, 2/16
Abortion and Jewish Law
 4:15 pm before Mincha

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

March 24th-26th

Join the **Young Israel delegation** as we gather in Washington, D.C. for the AIPAC Policy Conference. To sign up or for more information, either please contact **Rabbi Brander** or **Judy & Sam Leichtberg**.

Weekday Mincha & Maariv

Our Mincha Maariv minyan Monday - Thursday will be BACK at the Young Israel!
 Mincha & Maariv this week is at **5:00 PM!** *Due to the early hour, please try to support our minyan.*
 For a complete winter Mincha Maariv schedule visit our website, www.youngisraelwh.org.

Rabbi: Rabbi Tuvia Brander (Rabbi@youngisraelwh.org)
 Coordinator: Les Loew (Coordinator@youngisraelwh.org)
 To submit something for the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@youngisraelwh.org

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

SHABBAT MORNING GROUPS

Groups meet weekly on Shabbat from 10:15 AM-11:15 AM. Children ages 5 and under are invited to **Junior Groups** on the carpet downstairs. Children Grades 1-5 are invited to partake in our **Junior Congregation**, also downstairs.

DOR L'DOR: FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAM

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the Dor L'Dor Program. If you are interested, please speak to Rabbi Brander or Shayne Kesler.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Thank you to all those involved in the coverage and rotations. **If you are interested, please contact Oren at security@youngisraelwh.org.**

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING GEMARA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Brander as we explore the 8th chapter of Sanhedrin over a light breakfast.

KIWI: INTERMEDIATE TALMUD STUDY

Join Monday nights at 7 PM to explore the intricacies of the tractate of Bava Metziah.

**PONDERING THE PARASHA
SPECIAL GUEST RABBI REUVEN SPOLTER**

Explore the weekly Parasha over lunch with Rabbi Brander. Wednesday from 11:45-12:45 at the JCC.

KIWI: WEEKLY PARASHA EXCHANGE

Each week join friends to share and hear insights on the Torah portion — share your own idea or find one online! Meets Thursday Evenings at the Young Israel at 7:00 PM.

SHABBAT MORNING SHIUR

Travel through the tractate of *Talmud Topics* of Ketubot with Chaim Davis exploring topics in the final 2 chapters Shabbat mornings at 8:15 AM.

**WOMEN'S SHABBAT AFTERNOON
MISHNAH CLASS**

Examining the mishnayot of Bava Metziah which make up the foundation of Jewish commerce laws.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shabbat Shebang

The Bess & Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy invites you to a Shabbat celebration with the preschool for children 0- 4 years old
The second Friday of every month (2/8) 9-10 am at the Hebrew Academy
RSVP at office@sigelacademy.org or 860-243-8333

HINENI COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

“Russian Jewry: Reclaiming Russian Jews Through Education” with Mikhail Libkin of World ORT
Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 12 noon to 1:30 PM
Kosher Lunch provided.
Location will be provided upon registration.
RSVP to ssingh@jewishhartford.org

Purim Is Just Around The Corner

Would you like to be part of our Women's Megillah Reading? Contact Ruth Alcabes at ralcabes@sbcglobal.net to be a part or volunteer to learn to read.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

Thank you for your end of the year donations. Tax letters have gone out and should have been received in the mail. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our bookkeeper, Maria, at bookkeeper@youngisraelwh.org.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Please send all acknowledgements to Young Israel so that they may be processed, cards may be sent out, and notices may be placed in the weekly bulletin.

SCRIP

NEED SCRIP? \$100 cards available for Big Y, Crown, ShopRite, Stop & Shop or Whole Foods. All your shopping needs. Contact Debbie Luger or Edy Winokur to pick up cards or have them delivered.



Shop online with smile.amazon.com, select Young Israel of West Hartford as the charitable organization of your choice, and Amazon will donate a percentage of eligible purchases to the Young Israel!

Yahrzeits in a Leap Year

As this is a leap year and there are two months of Adar, there are a number of questions that come up regarding individuals who have Yahrzeit during Adar.

Here are some general guidelines:

- If one's relative passed away in a Leap Year in Adar Rishon, the Yahrzeit is in Adar Rishon. Similarly, if one's relative passed away in a Leap Year in Adar Sheini, the Yahrzeit remains in Adar Sheini.
- If one's relative died in a regular, non-leap year, then Kaddish can be said on that date in both Adar Rishon and Adar Sheini (customs vary). However, the date of one's Yahrzeit and one's "rights" to the Amud to lead davening are in Adar Rishon only and one is "entitled" to an Aliya on the Shabbat before one's Adar Rishon Yahrzeit only.
- If it is one's custom to light a candle or fast on a Yahrzeit, one may do so in both Adar Rishon and Adar Sheini.
- **For Sephardim**, the main Yahrzeit date is in Adar Sheini and Kaddish should only be said then.

Of course if there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Rabbi Tuvia Brander

A Voluntary Tax? Dvar Torah by Rav David Silverberg

Parashat Teruma begins with God's command to Benei Yisrael to collect donations of materials for the construction of the Mishkan "me'it kol ish asher yidevenu libo" – "from every person whose heart wishes to give."

Seforno comments that the Torah requires collecting specifically from people "asher yidevenu libo" to emphasize that no coercion should be used, and no pressure should be applied. The materials for the Mishkan were to be donated on a strictly voluntary basis, and not as a mandatory tax. (The exception is the machatzit ha-shekel donation, the half-shekel tax imposed upon every member of the nation for the construction of the sockets that formed the foundation of the Mishkan.) Along similar lines, Rav Shimshon Raphael Hirsch writes that the root of the word "yidevenu" – n.d.v. – denotes "the most complete freedom of will," emphasizing that the materials for the Mishkan were to be motivated by pure idealism and volunteerism, without any coercive component.

A different insight into this verse is offered by Rav Leibele Eiger, who finds it significant that the Torah formulates the word "yidevenu" in the future tense ("yidevenu," as opposed to "nedavo"). He suggests that the Torah alludes here to somebody who does not yet feel pure sincerity, who is not truly, wholeheartedly driven and inspired to donate. God here indicates to Moshe that He wants the contributions of even those "asher yidevenu libo," who aspire to the level of pure, genuine sincerity, even if they are not quite there yet.

This Chassidic insight into the word "yidevenu" teaches us that we expected to make our "contributions" at our current level and stature, no matter how far we still are from our ideal standards. We should not wait until we feel genuinely inspired to "build" our "Mishkan," our spiritual beings and our spiritual build. We are expected to "contribute" as much as we can to this process regardless of our current stature, and even if our motives are as yet not perfectly pure and sincere. God wants the work and effort of each and every one of us to build his or her own "Mishkan," to strive to be as "sacred" as we can, rather than waiting until we feel especially inspired and driven, until our intentions are pure and pristine. In whatever condition we find ourselves in, we are able – and expected – to build our "Mishkan" and strive to bring God's presence into our lives.

☆ Young Israel of West Hartford Schedule of Services ☆

February 8th—14th, 2019

Shabbat Parashat Terumah

Friday, February 8th - Erev Shabbat

Shacharit

6:35 a.m.

Candle Lighting

4:57 p.m.

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

5:02 p.m.

Shabbat, February 9th

Ketubot Class

8:15 a.m.

Shacharit

9:00 a.m.

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

9:30 a.m.

Youth Groups

10:15 a.m.

Women's Mishnah Class

4:55 p.m.

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

4:45 p.m.

Shabbat Ends & Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 10th—Thursday, February 14th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

6:01 a.m.

Shacharit...Sunday

8:15 a.m.

Shacharit...Monday & Thursday

6:40 a.m.

Shacharit...Tuesday & Wednesday

6:45 a.m.

Mincha & Maariv

5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Thursday @ Young Israel

Friday, February 15th - Erev Shabbat

Shacharit

6:45 a.m.

Candle Lighting

5:05 p.m.

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

5:10 p.m.

It is easy to sponsor a *Kiddush* or *Seudah Shlishit!*

To sponsor a *Kiddush*, please email Kiddush@youngisraelwh.org. All payments must be received by the Young Israel office the Sunday prior to your *Kiddush* date. Payments may be made online.

To sponsor *Seudah Shlishit*, please contact Steve Luger at swluger2@yahoo.com. Please send checks to Young Israel of West Hartford or Steve Luger.

To view upcoming *Kiddushes*, go to youngisraelwh.org/Kiddush.



Be sure to check out our Facebook page to keep up with all Young Israel happenings

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Check out the weekly schedule on the Young Israel of West Hartford website youngisraelwh.org/times

Yayin l' Kiddush Ul'Havdalah

Judy & Sam Leichtberg
in memory of their parents

Israel & Abraham &
Frída Weiss Miríam Leichtberg

אברהם בן שמואל ומרים בת ישראל בן דוד וטויבה פרידה
בת עזרא יעקב אריה

Kiddush Supplement

Deanna & Josh Perew
In memory of Basia Wittenberg
בתיה בת משה

Seudah Shlishit Supplement

Margy-Ruth and Perry Davis

Pat La'Orchim

Audrey and Leon Laufer

Ner La'Maor - Lights

Juanita and Yitz Moss

Handy Man

Ann and Jeremy Pava

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Marc Rifkin

Candy Man

Steven Bernstein

Good Humor Man

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Jeremy Pava