



Young Israel of St. Louis

SHABBAT DECEMBER 20TH 2025 – FRIDAY DECEMBER 26TH 2025
30 KISLEV 5786 – 6 TEVET 5786
PARSHAT MIKETZ ROSH CHODESH CHANUKAH

ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

Zvi & Angela Tannenbaum to commemorate the *yahrtzeits* of Zvi's parents, Irving and Judith Tannenbaum.
Howard & Jackie Oppenheimer to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Jackie's father, Victor Feldman.

Friday, December 19th

Candle Lighting – Mincha4:24 pm

Saturday, December 20th

Sof Zman Kri'at Shema9:37 am

Shacharit – (Hashkama)7:30 am

Parsha Class8:15 am

Shacharit9:00 am

Teen Minyan9:30 am

Shabbat Youth Groups10:00 am

Pre-Mincha Shiur – Rabbi Shulman3:30 pm

Chanukah in Israel: A National Holiday
Does it Unite or Divide Us?

Mincha4:15 pm

Shabbat Ends5:27 pm

V'shinantam6:45 pm

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by Shirley & Elliott Franklin, Roberta & Larry Gornish, and Debbie & Joel Garbow in celebration of Shabbos/Rosh Chodesh/Chanukah.

Main Kiddush: Sponsored by Young Israel.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsored by Young Israel.

V'shinantam: Our parent sponsors this week are Daniel & Frieda Aaronson in honor of Dalia, David, and Maya's December birthdays.

Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday – Rosh Chodesh8:00 am

Monday, Thursday6:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday6:40 am

Mincha/Maariv4:25 pm

Rosh Chodesh Tevet Shabbat/Sunday – Dec 20/21

UPCOMING YAHRTZEITS

1 Tevet Lawrence Ariel	4 Tevet Anna Greenstein
1 Tevet Harold Esrig	6 Tevet Lee Feldman
2 Tevet Leona Needle	6 Tevet Victor Feldman
3 Tevet Irving Tannenbaum	6 Tevet Judith Tannenbaum

Refuah Shelaimah

מרים ולדה בת חנה	יהושע בן זהבה
מרים בת שרה	ברוך בן מאשא
סמריה בריאלה בת הינדה בוניה	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
בטיה עטא בת חנה פעשא	רפאל צבי בן חנה פארל
טובה בת בריינא רבקה	דוד אפרים בן דבורה
אלנה שרה בת אסתר לאה	
יעל בת שרה	
ליטל מאירה בת איתנה מלכה	
אסתר ריילה בת משה לאה	

SHUL NEWS

THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Lisa Baron and Judy Hellman.
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Sam Zitin 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 SHAVUIGEMARA SHIUR: Continues on Tuesday at 8:00 pm in the Beit Midrash, studying the 9th chapter of Maseches Sotah.

V'SHINANTAM: December 20th, 6:45 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: Thank you to Sara Fink and Michal Koshner, and their crew for organizing our wonderful Chanukah Chagigah last week.

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

BLOOD DRIVE AT YISTL: The St Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will be Sunday, January 11th, 10 am - 4 pm at Young Israel of St Louis. Please come and donate!

2025 IS ENDING SOON: It's time to fulfill your previous pledges, make new ones, and clear your account in order to

receive the maximum tax deduction for 2025. To that end, another statement run will be issued next week. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the dinner. The website for registration and ad submission is still under construction and will be available soon.

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.**

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

JSU NEWS

The JSU House will be open Shabbat afternoon at 2:30 pm until Mincha.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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 knick knacks, etc, from now until January 12th. Please, no drop ins. By appointment only by calling Rabbi Gertzulin at 314-306-1149.

AIISH DISCOVERY DAY: December 25th, 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.

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/.

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 (\$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 with your request.

FACEBOOK: Like Our Shul's FACEBOOK page:

facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis

Join the WhatsApp group at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHBoogv8EsKIE9J6TnpnO>