



Young Israel of St. Louis

SHABBAT JANUARY 17TH 2026 – FRIDAY JANUARY 23RD 2026
28 TEVET 5786 – 5 Shevat 5786
PARSHAT VA'ERA – SHABBAT MEVORCHIM

ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

Bob & Judy Hellman to thank the Rabbi, Max, Dr. Daniella Hermelin and the Impact Life staff, and Judy; and to thank all the donors who helped make the Annual St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive so successful! We collected 70 units.

Kol HaKavod!!

Dov & Tziona Zeffren in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Mali Schuss (Malka Perel), named after Tziona's mother, and daughter of Chaim & Talia Schuss.

Harvey & Dorit Daphna-Iken to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Dorit's father, Shalom Dafna.

David & Sharon Pollack to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Sharon's father, Joel Bolker.

Larry & Roberta Gornish to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Roberta's mother, Sally Rich.

Friday, January 16th

Candle Lighting – Mincha4:47 pm

Saturday, January 17th

Sof Zman Kri'at Shema9:44 am

Shacharit – (Hashkama)7:30 am

Parsha Class8:15 am

Shacharit9:00 am

Teen Minyan9:30 am

Shabbat Youth Groups – *new time*9:30 am

Pre-Mincha Shiur3:45 pm

Did Moshe Wait between Milk and Meat? – Part 2

Mincha4:40 pm

Shabbat Ends5:49 pm

V'shinantam7:05 pm

Hashkama Kiddush: Co-sponsored by Debbie & Joel Garbow to celebrate the birth and *bris* of their grandson, Yehuda Leib Hus, and to welcome Rabbi Dov & Rena Winston and family, who are visiting from Rochester; Happy Birthday Rena! and by Shirley and Elliott Franklin to welcome Rivkah & David Felman and family, who are visiting from Teaneck.

Main Kiddush: Sponsored by Zev & Shana Katz in honor of Leah's Bat Mitzvah.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsored by the entire Gornish family to wish a *refuah shelaimah* to cousin Joey Rimel in Israel.

V'shinantam: Our parent sponsors are Noam Grysman & Ruth Shach in honor of Oran's birthday, and Elie & Aliza Freilich in honor of Dov's birthday, and the extended Freilich and Bergman families joining us for the occasion.

Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday8:00 am

Monday – Rosh Chodesh6:20 am

Thursday6:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday6:40 am

Mincha/Maariv4:50 pm

Rosh Chodesh Shevat Monday, January 19th

UPCOMING YAHRTZEITS

29 Tevet Joseph Sherberg	3 Shevat William (Bill) Solomon
1 Shevat Morris John Mandel	4 Shevat Louis Zeffren
2 Shevat Dorothy Goldstein	5 Shevat Sally Rich
3 Shevat Joel Bolker	

Refuah Shelaimah

מרים זלדה בת חנה	יהושע בן זהבה
מרים בת שרה	ברוך בן מאשא
סמריה בריאלה בת הינדה בונייה	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	משה ראובן בן שושנה צפורה
יעל בת שרה	
ליטל מאירה בת איתנה מלכה	
אסתר רייילה בת משה לאה	
ברכה בת מינקה	
גילה ברכה בת מיכל אילנה	

MAZAL TOV TO...

Leah Katz on her Bat Mitzvah, her parents **Zev & Shana Katz**, grandparents Dov & Naomi Katz of Bet Shemesh Israel, and Heshy & Helen Greenfeld of Passaic, New Jersey.

Dov & Tziona Zeffren on the birth of a granddaughter, Mali (Malka Perel), born to Chaim & Talia Schuss.

Danny & Sara Wachsstock and **Ami & Izzy Rosenbloom** on the birth of a grandson born to Aharon & Davita Rosenbloom in Israel.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Dovid & Yael Miller of the Kollel, on the birth of a son. The Shalom Zachor will be at their home, 8032 Amherst Ave.

SHUL NEWS

THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Ruthie Asher and Kim Vonk.
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Evan Axelbaum and Yosef Rube.

V'SHINANTAM: January 17th, 7:05 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: Continues on Tuesday at 8:00 pm in the Young Israel Beit Midrash, studying the 1st chapter of Maseches Sotah.

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

POST SHABBAT MEVORCHIM KIDDUSH: Our next Shabbat Mevorchim Kiddush will be **Shabbat, January 24th** for the month of Shevat. Sponsorships can be sent to the office at any time. If you would like to sponsor, say thank you, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or commemorate a *yahrtzeit* etc., please submit a *minimum* sponsorship of \$36 to the office no later than **noon, Tuesday, January 20th**, to ensure your name is listed on the poster in the lobby.

SPECIAL SHIUR IN HEBREW: At the home of Ruth & Andy Koshner, on Wednesday, January 28th, at 8 pm. Elisheva Zur, who recently moved from Israel, will be presenting a Shiur in Hebrew: *ובן אדם יתאמץ בך - על השקפתו של הרב עמיטל בעבודת ה'*, Insights from Rav Amital, founding Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush). Open to both men and women.

YI BOOK CLUB: Our next book is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Our meeting will be on Sunday, February 1st, at 7 pm at Lorraine Landy's home.

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.

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:

Liquor & Laughs – Motzei Shabbat, February 7th, 8:30 pm

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMP STONE MEETING: Meet the Director of Camp Stone at a meeting hosted by Sandy & Jennifer Cohen, 11 Bon Price Lane, 63132, on Tuesday, January 27th, 7:30pm.

BLOOM & RISE: Batya presents a ladies babka baking Tu B'Shevat celebration benefiting United Hatzalah, and featuring Mandylicious & psychotrauma medic, Hadas Rucham. Sunday, February 1st. Doors open at 6:45 pm, at The Gallery @ The District. \$54/person. Please register at: <https://batyastl.com/events/bloom-rise>.

TZNIUS SWAP: The Yearly Tznius Swap will be Sunday, February 1st. Drop-off your new or gently used tznius clothes Tuesday, Jan 20th and Tuesday, Jan 27th, 8 am - 8 pm at the Nitsun's home: 820 Saxony Ct. 63130, or Motzei Shabbos Jan 31st, 8-10 PM at Torah Prep Girls' School. (signature required affirming clothing as having been **recently** examined will be available). To volunteer please contact Aliza Trevino 414-630-3605, ntliza18@gmail.com. See flier for more details.

ORTHODOX COMMUNITY DAY OF ADVOCACY – FEBRUARY 3: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason will be hosting the **Third Annual Orthodox Community Mission to the Missouri State Capitol** on Tuesday, Feb 3, 2026. This Day of Advocacy gives members of the Orthodox community the opportunity to meet with Missouri legislators and present traditional Jewish values on issues such as antisemitism, marriage & family, and the sanctity of life at 9:30 am–1:30 pm. **Location:** Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City. To participate, contact Rabbi Smason.

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:

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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHBoogv8EsKIE9J6TpnPO>