



Young Israel of St. Louis

SHABBAT DECEMBER 27TH 2025 – FRIDAY JANUARY 2ND 2026
7 TEVET 5786 – 13 TEVET 5786
PARSHAT VAYIGASH

ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

StL Eruv to commemorate 31st anniversary of the Eruv (Parshas Va'Yigash 1994) and to recognize Stuart Zimbalist, Joel Garbow, Mickey Ariel, and Alan Haber for all their leadership.

Jonty and Juli-Ann Felsher to welcome our precious granddaughter, Scarlett, on her debut trip to STL....
and her parents Josh and Stef too :)

Larry & Barbara Poger to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of their son, Brad Poger.

Tamar and Giela Fredman to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of their grandfather, Neil Fredman.

Jonathan & Naomi Shanker in memory of Jonathan's uncle, Tommy Jagendorf, who recently passed away.

Friday, December 26th

Candle Lighting – Mincha4:28 pm

Saturday, December 27th

Sof Zman Kri'at Shema9:40 am

Shacharit – (Hashkama).....7:30 am

Parsha Class..... *no class this week*

Shacharit9:00 am

Teen Minyan..... *no teen minyan this week*

Shabbat Youth Groups10:00 am

Pre-Mincha Shiur3:45 pm

Of Heritage and Honor:
Kibbud Av V'eim for Grandparents

Mincha4:20 pm

Shabbat Ends.....5:31 pm

V'shinantam.....6:45 pm

Hashkama Kiddush:

Main Kiddush: Sponsored by Danny & Sara Wachsstock in honor of Sara's birthday on Rosh Chodesh Tevet/New Year's Day and in commemoration of the *yahrtzeit* of Emmanuel Levinas on the second day of Tevet.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsored by Young Israel.

V'shinantam: Our parent sponsors this week are Seth & Becca Near and Nachum & Sophia Matten.

Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday8:00 am

Monday6:30 am

Tuesday – Fast Day..... *see below*

Thursday – New Years Day8:00 am

Wednesday, Friday.....6:40 am

Mincha/Maariv – except for Tuesday4:30 pm

Tuesday, December 30th – Asara B'Tevet

Fast begins.....5:53 am

Shacharit.....6:15 am

Chatzot12:05 pm

Mincha.....4:15 pm

Fast Ends5:33 pm

UPCOMING YAHRTZEITS

7 Tevet	Sylvia Fredman	10 Tevet	Neil Fredman
8 Tevet	Brad Poger	11 Tevet	Esther Miller
9 Tevet	Saul Mirowitz	13 Tevet	Al Adelman
10 Tevet	Judith (Iza) Falman	13 Tevet	Charles Baron

Refuah Shelaimah

מרים זלדה בת חנה	יהושע בן זהבה
מרים בת שרה	ברוך בן מאשא
סמריה בריאלה בת היגדה 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 ההר בת חיה חמדה	אברהם שמואל בן קרינדל יהודית
דבורה טובה בת חיה	דניאל צבי בן פייגא טויבא
בתיא 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 רייילה בת משה לאה	

MAZAL TOV TO...

Joel & Debbie Garbow and to Miriam Garbow on the birth of a grandson / great-grandson born to Moshe & Shula Hus in Israel.

Rabbi Dov & Rivkey Nimchinsky on the engagement of their daughter Liora to Shai Boruhov, son of Richie & Elana Boruhov of Queens NY.

SHUL NEWS

THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Jackie Abramson and Kim Vonk.
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Judy Haber and Yosef Rube

LOST & FOUND: Please check the downstairs coat rack.

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!

KOL HANE'ARIM TALLIT FLASH SALE – LAST CHANCE: 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.

V'SHINANTAM: December 27th, 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.

AMUD SHAVUI GEMARA SHIUR: Continues on Tuesday at 8:00 pm in the Beit Midrash, studying the 9th chapter of Maseches Sotah.

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.

2025 IS ENDING SOON: There is still time to fulfill your previous pledges, make new ones, and clear your account by December 31st, in order to receive the maximum tax deduction for 2025. 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. 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.

JSU NEWS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

KIDDUSH AT U.CITY SHUL NEXT WEEK: The community is invited to U.City Shul next 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*.

KOLLEL LEARNING: St. Louis Community Kollel presents Legal Holiday learning for men with Rav Yonason Sacks, live via zoom, Thursday, January 1st at the Kollel. 9:15 am learning seder, 10:00 AM shiur followed by brunch.

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.

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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Education & Engagement Coordinator, Rabbi Jonny Fruchter:
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President, Max Oppenheimer: mioppenheimer@gmail.com

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/HvHBoogv8EsKIE9J6TpnPO>