



**MEN'S BREW CREW:** Torah, Chevra and Chill. Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 pm, at the Lefton home, 1012 Laval Dr.

**POST SHABBAT MEVORCHIM KIDDUSH:** Our next Shabbat Mevorchim Kiddush will be **Shabbat, February 21<sup>st</sup>** for the month of Adar. 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, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, to ensure your name is listed on the poster in the lobby.

**YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER:** Please join us Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

Reservations for the dinner are still available. Please contact the office.

**SPECIAL PURIM GIFTS TO IDF SOLDIERS!** Our Shul is proud to participate in this effort to express our support for the brave men and women of the IDF through **Mishloach Manot Purim baskets for IDF soldiers!** Starting at \$20, you can send Mishloach Manot baskets to IDF soldiers throughout Israel! More information about this initiative in memory of Meir Mishkoff, Z"l, of YI of Jamaica Estates is available at the link: [www.yimanot.org](http://www.yimanot.org). Please contact the office to add \$20 to your account for these gift baskets. **Deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**SHMURA MATZA:** The distributor has once again included: hand and machine spelt matza, and hand and machine gluten-free oat matza this year. Please see attached form for the full listing and payment options. Orders due by **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Shmura matza ordering is a service of Agudas Israel of St Louis. We thank them for enabling us to participate with them.

**YI BOOK CLUB:** This last meeting was postponed because of the weather. Our next meeting will feature the same book: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Date and venue to be announced.

**YISTL D'VAR TORAH WHATSAPP GROUP:** Please join to receive brief Divrei Torah shared at Young Israel after Shacharit and between Mincha/Maariv. We are currently studying Birchash HaTorah.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ib9BTxL9c0gLMhZ1MMTVVJ>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Meet-N-Eat** – Mark your calendars for a very special program! Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:00 pm, in the Young Israel Social Hall. Hearty lunch made by planning team chefs. Program featuring Arky Staiman live on Zoom from Israel! **“Heart to Heart with Arky: Reflections on War, Peace and Peoplehood from the perspective of a chayal, popular tour guide and social media personality”**. For all age groups and open to the community. Registration info to follow. Questions: Contact Liz Rosen, Debby Schuman or Tziona Zeffren.

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION**

Every Purim YI Women's Division runs a wonderful Mishloach Manot program called “Esther's Express”. This is a great way to say Chag Sameach to the entire membership for just \$165. These boxes will be distributed to *everyone* and can be picked up after Megillah readings: Monday night, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, or Tuesday morning, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please submit your form and payment, made payable to the YI Women's Division by **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SHOVAVIM SERIES FOR WOMEN:** Taharah Israel, the St. Louis Mikvah Association, in conjunction with the St. Louis Kollel presents a 3-part halachic, hashkafic and practical Shovavim series for women given by Mrs. Mimi David, Wednesdays, February 11, and February 18, 8:15-9:15 pm, at the home of Shanna Klein, 8308 Amherst Ave. \$20 suggested donation for the series.

**BIKUR CHOLIM COOK-A-THON!** As many are aware, local hospitals have limited or no kosher food options. While Agudath Israel of Missouri and the Vaad Hoeir are working together on a long-term solution, Bikur Cholim is organizing a cook-a-thon to prepare and package Vaad-certified kosher meals for Jewish patients in St. Louis hospitals.

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and pack meals. Menus, recipes, and ingredients will be provided.

Feb. 8 - at U. City Shul - 3-6 pm

Click below to sign up or sponsor a meal! <https://forms.gle/7116s6Y7gnCvAqDM7>

**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](mailto:ptjill@yahoo.com).

### **SHUL OFFICE & CONTACT INFO**

[www.youngisrael-stl.org](http://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:  
[yistl+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:yistl+subscribe@groups.io) with your request.

**FACEBOOK:** Like Our Shul's FACEBOOK page:  
[facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis](http://facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis)

Join the WhatsApp group at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHBoogv8EsKIE9J6TpnpO>