



# Young Israel of St. Louis

SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026 – FRIDAY AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
2 ELUL 5786 – 8 ELUL 5786  
PARSHAT SHOFTIM

## ANNOUNCEMENT SPONSORS

Max & Jerilyn Oppenheimer in honor of their friends, Yitzky & Chaya Adelman and family, who are visiting from Dallas.

### Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Mincha ..... 7:00 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 7:38 pm

### Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

*Sof Zman Kri'at Shema* ..... 9:37 am  
Shacharit – (Hashkama) ..... 7:30 am  
Parsha Class ..... 8:15 am  
Shacharit ..... 9:00 am  
Teen Minyan ..... *no teen minyan this week*  
Shabbat Youth Groups ..... 10:00 am  
Pre-Mincha Shiur – Dr Ethan Schuman ..... 6:30 pm

The Flighty History & Mystery of Kosher Birds

Mincha ..... 7:30 pm  
Shabbat Ends ..... 8:38 pm

**Hashkama Kiddush:** Sponsored by Young Israel.

**Main Kiddush:** Co-sponsored by Rich & Maurie Axelbaum for the recent brachas for their children, and to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Rich's aunt Evelyn, Chava bas Yaakov **and** Co-sponsored by Max & Sabrina Gornish in honor of their upcoming wedding anniversary.

**Seudah Shlishit:** Sponsored by Michael Margolies to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of his mother, Rochelle Margolies (a former member).

### Weekday Shacharit:

Sunday ..... 8:00 am  
Monday, Thursday ..... 6:30 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday ..... 6:40 am  
Mincha/Maariv ..... 7:35 pm

### UPCOMING YAHRTZEITS

4 Elul Hyman Dosick  
6 Elul Elly Spetner Fredman

### Refuah Shelaimah

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| מרים בת שרה                  | יהושע בן זחבה                |
| סמריה בריאלה בת הינדה בונייה | ברוך בן מאשא                 |
| דורית חנה בת אורה            | משה בן יהודית שרה            |
| חיה חמדה בת קירה             | נתן שלמה בן ברכה             |
| מעין גב החר בת חיה חמדה      | משה אהרן בן לאה ביילה        |
| דבורה טובה בת חיה            | אליעזר בן רויזא              |
| בתיה עטא בת חנה פעשא         | מיכאל אריה בן חיה רבקה       |
| טובה בת בריינא רבקה          | אברהם שמואל בן קרינדל יהודית |
| יעל בת שרה                   | רפאל צבי בן חנה פארל         |
| ליטל מאירה בת איתנה מלכה     | דוד אפרים בן דבורה           |
| אסתר ריילה בת משה לאה        | משה ראובן בן שושנה צפורה     |
| גילה ברכה בת מיכל אילנה      | שמחה ישראל בן אסתר           |
| לילה חוה בת הינדע            | זכריה ירחמיאל בן מלכה פרדיי  |
| ברכה בת ריקל לאה             | ישראל בן חיה ברוריה          |

### MAZAL TOV TO...

**Stan & Leila Biel** on the engagement of their son, Yoni, to Sarit Swift, daughter of Russell & Lisa Swift of Boca Raton.

### SHUL NEWS

#### THANK YOU TO:

- **KIDDUSH VOLUNTEERS:** Lisa Baron and Lina Greenberg.
- **SECURITY USHERS:** Judy Haber and Seth Near.

**WOMEN'S EVENT:** Join us for an Elul Kumsitz and Torah Study with Leora Balinsky-Glauber at the home of Ruthie Asher, 7941 Gannon, on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm.

**MEN'S BREW CREW ELUL EDITION!** Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 pm, at the home of Michael Schachter.

**TREE OF LIFE:** We will be submitting an 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 Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**AZKARA FOR ADINAH RASKAS:** Please join the Raskas Family in remembering Adinah on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at the JSU House. Mincha at 6:45 pm and the program begins at 7 pm.

**RESIN WORKSHOP SOLD OUT:** The Young Israel Women's Division and New Leaf Events Pre-Rosh Hashana Resin Workshop to learn how to create a beautiful pomegranate floral resin tray on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm is **SOLD OUT**. As we must purchase supplies, please submit payment for the event if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

**YI BOOK CLUB:** The Young Israel Book Club meets approximately once a month. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our next read is: *The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout. We encourage everyone who can to join us this month for this important book. The meeting will be on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 pm at Glenna Gelfand's home.

**FORMS FOR THE CHAGGIM:** Forms have been sent for *lulav & etrog*, child-care, and the *Yizkor* book. Please complete and return to the office, with payments. *Lulav* orders are due by Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the child-care and *Yizkor* book forms are due on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**AMUD SHAVUI GEMARA SHIUR:** Amud Shavui Gemara Shiur: Resuming Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at approx. 8:05 pm (following Mincha/Maariv) in the Beit Midrash. Now is the

perfect time to join as we begin the Second Perek of Maseches Sotah!

**YISTL D'VAR TORAH WHATSAPP GROUP:** Please join to receive brief Divrei Torah shared at Young Israel after Shacharit and between Mincha/Maariv. Sponsorship opportunities available. We are now learning the Halachot of Shacharit.

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

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CARE CAFE:** Care Cafe is a new Adult Day Center in University City (right next to Half Price Books) providing older adults with a welcoming place to stay active, engaged, and connected while offering caregivers trusted support and respite. Through enriching activities, social connection, and compassionate care, Care Cafe helps older adults thrive in a warm and inclusive environment. **Proudly serving kosher meals from the Crown Center**, Care Cafe is a comfortable and welcoming space for Jewish older adults and their families. Please visit <https://carecafe-adc.com/> for more information.

**UCPD TRAINING CLASS:** University City Police Department is inquiring about interest from our community members to hold a six-week Citizen's Police Academy training. The training will be held on Thursdays for six consecutive weeks. There's no cost for this training but there is a mandatory background check, conducted by the UCPD. The training is designed to bring the community and the police department closer and to form a better understanding and improved relationship. Those who are interested are requested to reach out to Detective Nodari by sending him an email with the subject line "Citizen's Police Academy" to [dnodari@ucitymo.org](mailto:dnodari@ucitymo.org).

### **NEW SENIOR KOLLEL CLASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **Men's Learning — Monday through Thursday**

- 10:30–11:30 am — Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz
- 11:30 am–12:30 pm — Rabbi Shimmy Fried

#### **Women's Weekly Lunch & Learn**

- Day & speaker TBA.

**NEW AMBULANCE FOR MAGEN DAVID ADOM:** Please join St. Louis Friends of Israel, American Friends of Magen David Adom, and the J, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 pm, as we dedicate a brand-new ambulance for the people of Israel. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Irvin Pretsky, in honor of his parents, Jake and Dora Pretsky z"l, the St. Louis Jewish community will send a new ambulance to Magen David Adom as they work to save lives every day. Guests will have the rare opportunity to tour the ambulance after the dedication before it begins its journey to Israel. RSVP by August 16<sup>th</sup> to Heather Castle at: [hcastle@afmda.org](mailto:hcastle@afmda.org). Location will be provided upon registration. Security will be present.

**L'CHAIM EVENT:** Ladies, please join Women's Philanthropy and the Federation for "L'Chaim: A Night in Monte Carlo," on August 27 at the Ameristar Brilliance Ballroom. This year, it's not just an event, it's an experience! In addition to exciting entertainment, the Women's Philanthropy team has partnered closely with the Chef de Cuisine at Ameristar and the Vaad to create a culinary experience L'Chaim hasn't seen before! For more information and to register:

<https://www.jfedstl.org/lchaim/>. For questions, contact Sabrina Gornish.

**THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** The St Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum will be hosting their semi-annual volunteer Orientation coming up on Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 9 am - 2 pm. This Orientation is for anyone who wishes to volunteer at the Museum in our visitor services area, leading tours, in the Impact Lab, in our archives department, and more! Please see flyer for more information. You can contact Zach Turner at [zturner@stlholocaustmuseum.org](mailto:zturner@stlholocaustmuseum.org) or visit our website at <https://stlholocaustmuseum.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.

**KOLLEL SIYUM AND FILM:** The St Louis Kollel will have a Memorial Siyum and Film Premiere honoring Kenny Spetner: "The History of Torah Orthodoxy in St Louis". Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. This program is dedicated by Jonathan & Channie Spetner. Cost: \$20/person and RSVPs are required by Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at:

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/stlkollel-spetner>. Location will be provided upon RSVP. Sponsorship opportunities are available. See flyer for details.

**BIKUR CHOLIM MEALS AVAILABLE:** For patients who cannot access Kosher meals during their hospital stays. For more information, please call or text: Mrs. Miriam Florans 314.724.7444 or Mrs. Devorah Simon 314.397.0365.

**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).

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## **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](https://facebook.com/youngisraelstlouis)

Join the WhatsApp group at:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvHB0ogv8EsKIE9J6TnpnO>