

# Young Israel of Scarsdale

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of Scarsdale

*Living Inspired. Growing Together.*



## YIS December 23rd-30th Family Mission to Israel



The Young Israel of Scarsdale is going on another Family Mission to Israel in December! We will be visiting the North & South, meet with Hatzalah first responders, prepare food for Chayalim, enjoy a beautiful Shabbat in Yerushalayim, and much more! Join us for what will be an inspiring trip as we continue to strengthen Am Yisrael!

Join us by scanning this QR code or go to [Bit.ly/YIS2Israel](https://bit.ly/YIS2Israel)



## Listen To YIS Shiurim on Spotify

<p><b>THIS WEEK'S PARSHA</b></p> <p>Uncovering The Hidden Dimension of this Weekly Torah Portion</p> <p>w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern</p> <p>Live on Friday Mornings @ Young Israel of Scarsdale</p> <p><b>SCAN QR CODE TO LISTEN</b></p>	<p><b>THE SHORT VORT</b></p> <p>SHORT &amp; SWEET IDEAS IN THE PARSHA</p> <p>w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern Rabbi Nuriel Klingler</p> <p><b>SCAN QR CODE TO LISTEN</b></p>
<p><b>TORAT RAV KOOK</b></p> <p>Insights on Yehonatan's Torah reading to Jewish Life and the Jewish Soul</p> <p>w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern</p> <p>Live on Tuesday Mornings in The Young Israel of Scarsdale</p> <p><b>SCAN QR CODE TO LISTEN</b></p>	<p><b>LIVING BY THE CODE...</b></p> <p>Of Jewish Law</p> <p>w/ Rabbi Nuriel Klingler</p> <p>Join Live Every Sunday Morning at The Young Israel of Scarsdale</p> <p><b>SCAN QR CODE TO LISTEN</b></p>



## Previously...@YIS This Year



Columbia Professor, Shai Davidai, addressing our community about standing up against anti-semitism.



**Shabbat Tikvat Yisrael**  
w/ Haviv Rettig Gur  
Elul 5784

**Shabbat Bereishit**  
w/ Naama & Shai Bernstein  
Tishrei 5785



**Shabbat of Inspiration**  
w/ Rav Judah Mischel  
Elul 5784



**Community Evening**  
w/ Mia Schem - released hostage  
Cheshvan 5785





## Meet the Team

Reb Ariel  
Schneider



Rabbi Jonathan  
Morgenstern



Rabbi Nuriel  
Klinger



## We Are Proud to Welcome Back YIS Community Scholar, Ora Weinbach as she joins us throughout the year in our community Shabbat November 16-17, January 18-19, February 14-15, and Shavuot 2025



Ora loves teaching Torah to all ages and audiences. She formerly taught at the Maimonides High School (Boston, MA) and Abraham Joshua Heschel High School (NYC). She also served as the Community Educator at the Young Israel of Brookline, The Jewish Center, and the Young Israel of Scarsdale. Ora was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, holds a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity school, a BA in Jewish Education from Yeshiva University, and is a certified Sexuality Educator. Ora lives in Baltimore, Maryland with her husband, Dr. Aaron Troy, and extremely cute son, Phil. Ora is so grateful to return as the Young Israel of Scarsdale's Community Educator, continuing into her 10th year in relationship with this remarkable community! *Stay tuned for an inspiring 2025 women's spiritual retreat w/ Ora which is tentatively being planned.*

## Weekday Shiurim

### YIS Daf Yomi via [webyeshiva.org](http://webyeshiva.org)

w/ Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein

**Sunday @ 7:30 am, Monday-Friday @ 6:15 am**



We are excited that the Young Israel of Scarsdale has its own *Daf Yomi* shiur. It is taught by a prolific Rabbinic scholar, Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein on WebYeshiva.org. Rabbi Dr. Rothstein received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University (1991) and his Ph.D. in Medieval Jewish History from Harvard (2003). He has served as a synagogue rabbi, a high school Judaic Studies faculty member at several yeshiva high schools, and an adult educator. He is a highly sought-after speaker and we are so privileged to have him teaching Torah in our community.





## Living By The Code... Of Jewish Law

w/ Rabbi Nuriel Klinger

**Sundays** @ 7:45-8:30 am, Live and on Zoom

This class is a serious text study to fuel the day and enhance one's knowledge of Jewish practice and observance. Participants study practical *Halacha* with the *Mishnah Berurah* and *Aruch HaShulchan*, on the Laws of Shabbat. Men and Women are welcome.

## Torat Rav Kook: Insights on Talmudic Tales relating to Jewish Life and the Jewish Soul

w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

**Tuesdays** @ 7:30-8:00 am, after the 7 am Shacharit, Live and on Zoom

A fascinating exploration of the famous *Aggadot* in *Masechet Brachot* through the unique and insightful lens of Rav Kook. Men and women are welcome.

## Just One More Sugya: A Gemara Shiur that's Just Right

w/ R' Ariel Schneider

**Wednesdays** @ 7:40-8:30 am, after the 7 am Shacharit, Live and on Zoom

Have you always wanted to learn Gemara, but just looking for the right type of class? Here is your chance to learn Talmudic tomes in more bite-size amounts! Learn *Masechet Megillah* every Wednesday "Just One Sugya" at a time. Men and women are welcome.

## "The Rabbi's Parsha Shiur:" Uncovering the Hidden Dimension of the Weekly Torah Portion

w/ Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

**Fridays** after the 7 am Shacharit Minyan

This popular gathering – that continues to grow more and more each year – will delve into the weekly Torah portion through the lens of the *Kli Yakar*, a classical commentary written in the 17th century by R' Shlomo Ephraim Luntschitz. Stay for bagel, eggs & Shakshuka – and truly feel the weekly Parsha come to life. Also available on Spotify and YU Torah. Men and women are welcome.



## The Short Vort w/the YIS Rabbis

**Fridays** via Whatsapp and the shul email

Every Friday the Rabbis will share a short insight into the weekly *Parsha* to get ready for Shabbat. It is sent out via WhatsApp and through the shul email.

## Shabbat Morning Post-Hashkama Learning Groups

- **Insights on the Weekly Parsha** w/ Steve Gelles
- **Mishnah Berurah** w/ Dr. Steve Keller

**Pirkei Avot, Shabbat Afternoons** in the Spring/Summer (40 minutes before Mincha)  
w/ Richard Bienenfeld



## Monthly/Periodic Programming

### YIS Beit Midrash Program: Tuesday Night of Torah

Join us on Tuesday nights for an open Beit Midrash learning program. You can learn with a *Chavruta* anytime between 8:30-9:15 using the personalized YIS topical learning program or a Sefer of your choice. R' Ariel Schneider will give a Shiur based on the Halacha topic of the month from 9:15-9:45pm followed by Maariv.

Topics covered in the YIS Beit Midrash program are:

- **Basar B'Chalav** - (Laws of Kashrut) - **November 12th, 19th & 26th**  
**Rabbi Chaim Jachter** will be giving a special Shiur on **November 26th** on modern-day applications of Basar B'Chalav. Rabbi Jachter is the Rabbi of Shaarei Orah and author of newly-published Sefer, "*Kashrut Unveiled: Unraveling Contemporary Kashrut.*"
- **Inyanei Chanukah** - **December 3rd, 10th & 17th.**



### V'Shavu Banim L'Guulam: A History of the Modern Borders of Israel

w/ **Rabbi Evan Hoffman** - **Monday, November 4th**

**Thereafter, Wednesdays: November 13th; November 20th and December 4th**



Although the State of Israel was established in 1948, its borders began to take shape as early as 1906. The state's southern, northern, and eastern borders have fluctuated over time. Factors influencing these changes have included UN resolutions, demographic shifts, bilateral negotiations, military conquest, and occasional military failure. This four-part series will cover:

**a)** the southern frontier with Egypt and Gaza (and Saudi Arabia), **b)** the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, **c)** the eastern border with Jordan and the PA, and **d)** the unique status of Jerusalem. This course will raise critical questions in the study of modern Israel: What are the territorial aims of Zionism? How did those ideological goals impact state policy?

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### Monthly Lunch & Learn w/ the Rabbis

Enjoy the finest deli around, while exploring some of the finest ideas and insights that the Torah has to offer. Please contact Eli Moore, [elimoorelaw@gmail.com](mailto:elimoorelaw@gmail.com), if you would like to sponsor a Lunch & Learn session. The first two Lunch & Learn sessions will take place on **November 6th** and **December 11th**.

**More Dates Coming Soon!**



## Soul Time: Chassidut Chaburah

### w/ YIS Rabbis & Guest Presenters

Get together with the guys for great food and drinks and enjoy the warmth of the Torah of Chassidic masters through the generations taught by the YIS Rabbis. This *Chaburah* will meet occasionally throughout the year. If you would like to host or sponsor one of the *Chaburot* please be in touch with **Greg Aubrey** and **Dan Fiskus**.



## Living Room Learning: Women's Exploration of Tefillah & Torah

### w/ YIS Rabbis & Guest Presenters

This periodic Women's *Chaburah* will be a wonderful opportunity to interactively study Torah in a relaxed environment in different homes in the community and will be led by the YIS Rabbis. If you would like to host or sponsor please be in touch with **Caroline Bryk** or **Russie Berger**.





## Shabbat Outstanding Speakers Program

### Shabbat of Jewish Leadership

w/ Michael Oren, Former Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Member of Knesset, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's office, Historian & Noted Author

**December 6-7**



Co-sponsored by Israel Bonds of Westchester & the Living Torah Fund  
Michael B. Oren served as Israel's ambassador to the United States from 2009 to 2013. As Ambassador, he was instrumental in securing U.S. support for Israel's defense and upholding Israel's right to security and peace. The *Forward* named Ambassador Oren one of the five most influential Jews in America and the *Jerusalem Post* listed him as one of the ten most influential Jews worldwide. *We will be joined by YIS Chazzan Johnny Shlagbaum for this Shabbat.*

### YIS Community Shabbat

w/ Benjamin Anthony and rescued hostage Almog Meir Jan, along with his mother, Orit Meir

**December 13-14**



As Co-Founder & CEO of the MirYam Institute, Benjamin Anthony brings considerable experience and expertise to his position in the areas of substantive, policy-driven dialogue and debate about the State of Israel throughout the international community. Rescued hostage Almog Meir Jan has spoken of the emotional and mental support he shared with fellow captives while they were held in the Gaza Strip,

including keeping up their spirits by reminding each other daily of the things they were thankful for. Almog spent eight months in Hamas captivity, from his abduction from the Nova music festival by the terror group on October 7th to his rescue by Israel security forces on June 8th, from an apartment in central Gaza.

### Shabbat Shel Simcha

w/ Musical Guest, Shulem Lemmer

**February 28-March 1, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Adar**



Shulem is the most recent rising star of the Jewish musical tradition that has been intertwined in the life, faith, and culture of the Jewish people throughout their history. Whether it's prayers, psalms, or contemporary classics, this youthful Brooklyn tenor finds in music something rich and affirming, an endeavor that makes the soul soar and the spirit rise. There are some voices that have to be heard – and Shulem's is one of them.

## Shabbat on Campus

w/ Rabbi Ari Israel

February 21-22



Rabbi Ari Israel is in his twenty-second year as a Hillel Executive Director in College Park. In addition to Rabbinic ordination, Ari has Masters Degrees in Medieval Jewish History as well as Secondary Education. Ari is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, teaching Jewish Leadership. Rabbi Ari Israel will be coming to provide us with a view of college campuses a year and a half out from the October 7th attacks.

## Shabbat HaAtzmaut

w/ Rabbi Shay Schachter

May 2-3



Co-sponsored by the Living Torah Fund

Rav Shay Schachter currently serves as Rabbi and Rosh Beit Midrash at the Young Israel of Woodmere, overseeing its extensive adult educational programs. He is the Rabbi and spiritual leader of Yachad, the Orthodox Union's international program for individuals with disabilities. Since the summer of 2017 he has served as the Rabbi of Camp Simcha, Chai Lifeline's camp for children battling cancer and chronic illnesses. He formally served as the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Kneseth Israel "The White Shul" in Far Rockaway, from 2012 – 2015. Rav Shay received his rabbinic ordination from RIETS after studying together with his father, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, for 9 years. He also received an additional Rabbinic ordination from his teacher and mentor, Rabbi Asher Weiss of Jerusalem. Rav Shay holds an MA in Jewish Education and Administration from the Azrieli Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Rav Shay has been at the forefront of advocacy efforts and support for hostages and their families in DC, at the UN, and around the world. **We will be joined by YIS Chazzan Johnny Shlagbaum for this Shabbat.**

## UJA Shabbat

w/ Nadav Eyal

May 16-17



Nadav Eyal is one of Israel's most prominent journalists and a winner of the Sokolov Award—Israel's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. He writes columns for *Yediot Ahronot* and *Ynet*, Israel's most widely circulated newspaper and news website, respectively. He also serves as a senior commentator for Channel 12, one of Israel's two commercial channels. Beginning on October 7, 2023, he has focused his work on stories and analyses related to the Hamas attack and the subsequent war in Gaza and the northern border of Israel, including reporting multiple times from the field and writing the accounts of victims. Nadav has been a regular guest on Dan Senor's popular "Call Me Back" podcast. **We will be joined by**

**YIS Chazzan Mordy Weinstein for this Shabbat.**

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## Shabbat Torat Yisrael

w/ Rabbi Ari Cutler

June 20-21



Rabbi Cutler teaches at Yeshivat HaKotel as a *Ram*. He takes pride in his close relationships that he develops with talmidim. His vision to synthesize the development of his students' Torah identity with a commitment to the greater Jewish community drove him to begin the Yeshivat Hakotel Bergman Family Leadership Program. Rabbi Cutler's experience as a teacher for more than two decades at various institutions, such as Camp Moshava Enismore, Machon Maayan and Yeshivat HaKotel, guides the educational philosophy of the program. Under his leadership, the program has grown into a fully developed program that provides classic lectures, interactive group learning and opportunities for independent, hands-on experience.

## Tefillah Schedule

### Shacharit

(including Rosh Chodesh)

Sunday 7:00 am & 8:30 am

Monday - Friday 6:45/7:00 am & 8:00 am

### Mincha/Maaru

With Sunset

Minyan Moves to Shiva home when applicable



To sponsor the Friday Morning *Shiur* and Breakfast or *Seudah Shlishit* or for all other inquiries, please contact the shul office at 914-636-8686 or email [ysisny@ysisny.org](mailto:ysisny@ysisny.org)



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