Please note that most ISPY Groups will resume on Tuesday, January 21. Note that we will not have any groups on Friday, January 31st as we will be holding our spring ISPY Orientation. Please see below for additional details for each group.

**Our next ISPY Orientation will be on Friday, January 31, 2020. Check out the schedule and register here.** [1]

OISS encourages international spouses and partners to get involved and make your stay at Yale a positive and enriching experience. See the many ISPY events listed below and feel free to contact the group organizers for more details. If you would like to start a group of your own, please contact Molly Hampton, Assistant Director of Programs. [2]

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### Babies @ Yale

**International Center, 421 Temple Street**

**Mondays, 10:30am - 12:00pm - starting January 27, 2020**

This playgroup is an ideal opportunity for little ones to begin socializing and learning about group play. This is also a great meeting place for parents and caregivers looking for opportunities to practice speaking English, and for everyone to share experiences, tips and ideas. As the International Center does not offer a child-proof setting, Babies @ Yale is recommended for babies and toddlers that will be content playing together behind the glass partition (up to approximately one year). The OISS has a limited number of toys and books available to the group. Families are invited to bring their own activities to share with the group. If you are interested in joining the group, and for details regarding summer meeting locations, please join the [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/BabiesatYale/) [3].

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### Yale Productivity Group

**International Center, 421 Temple Street**

**Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm - starting January 27, 2020**

The Yale Productivity Group, also known as the “Anti-Procrastination Group” or the “Trick-yourself-into-getting-things-done group” is for independent workers and learners. The group gets together to provide a structure, spend time with other people, break down goals into manageable pieces, set deadlines, and keep each other accountable. Join the [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/447069044540325/) [4] group for more information and group updates. Stop by any week to join in!

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### Yale International Cooking Club
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Check their Facebook page for upcoming dates

Come to meet fellow food lovers from around the world to share new ideas and learn about other's cuisines. We will meet once a month to learn new cooking techniques and challenge one another! Each participant will pay $5 per session, to go towards the ingredients for the food that you'll be cooking. For updates about the meeting times, please follow the Cooking Club on Instagram (@yaleinternationalcooking) and join our Facebook group [5].

Japanese Conversation Group
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm

You can improve your Japanese and also learn about Japanese culture! Let's enjoy Japanese traditional games, seasonal events, and so on! For questions, please send an email to japaneseoiss@gmail.com [6], or find us on Facebook [7]!

Knitting/Crocheting Group
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Wednesdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Come together with fellow knitters (or those who crochet and do other needlework!) over a cup of coffee or tea at the IC. All are welcome, even if you don't know how to knit or crochet. For more information, contact the group coordinator at knittingoiss@gmail.com [8].

Job Hunters
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Wednesdays, 5:30-7pm

Are you looking for a job? (Or will you be looking for one in the future?) Join our group and learn from others about creating effective resumes in the American way and writing superb cover letters, networking like a pro, nailing job interviews, and in general just to get support through the (sometimes stressful) process of job hunting. You don't have to go through it alone! For more information and summer meetings, please contact the group at oiss.jobhunters@gmail.com [9], or find us on Facebook [10]!

Crafty Thursdays
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm

We will be making many crafts and learning many different techniques. Our goal is to make a unique craft for each season and learn with each project more about U.S. holidays. Everyone is welcome to join. Hosted by: Supritha - for more information, join the Facebook Group: ISPY Crafty Thursdays [11]

Traditional Chinese Painting and Calligraphy
International Center, 421 Temple Street

Thursdays, 2:30-4pm - starting January 30, 2020
Chinese painting is one of the oldest continuous artistic traditions in the world, dating back to the Neolithic Period. This group is open to anyone interested in Chinese painting and calligraphy. Please contact YaleCPCgroup@gmail.com [12], for more information or visit the group website [13].

**Spanish Conversation Group**
**International Center, 421 Temple Street**

Fridays, 11:30am-12:30pm

Join us for a lively conversation in Spanish! Come and meet your fellow Spanish speakers from around the world at the OISS. This is an opportunity to improve and learn Spanish from each other and make new friends. Open to all Spanish speaking proficiency from beginner to advanced and native speakers. The SPC is not a language class, but rather a weekly opportunity to practice your language skills in a pleasant, low-key setting. Please contact: scgoiss@gmail.com [14]. Find us on Facebook [15]!

**Chinese Conversation Group**
**International Center, 421 Temple Street**

Fridays, 2:30-3:30pm

The Chinese Conversation Group provides a relaxing environment that offers opportunities for conversing in Mandarin Chinese. People of all skill levels are welcome, including beginners, experts, native speakers, and everyone in-between. Please join us! You can improve your Chinese and learn more about China and Chinese culture by discussing a variety of topics. We are also looking for a new co-coordinator to lead this group, so if you’re interested, please email us to let us know! Please contact oiss.chinese@gmail.com [16] or find us on Facebook [17]!

**Toddlers at Yale**
**Location updated on Facebook - Toddlers at Yale**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10:00am - 12:00pm

Meet fellow parents, bring your toddlers, and bond over shared experiences as international families in New Haven! This is best for toddlers ages 1-4. Please join the Facebook group [18] to get updated information.