

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by the Lerea family in honor of Yehuda's aufruf.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze August 20-21

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:29pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (Lower Level BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd Fl BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:35am
- Mincha: 7:10pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:31pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sunday: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:30pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo August 27-28

- Candle Lighting: 7:18pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:20pm

Mazal Tov To:

Flora Rabinovitch on the birth of a great-grandson. To grandparents Andrea & Charles Rabinovitch. To parents Rimone & Joshua Hersch of Jerusalem.

Our beloved **Rabbi Steven Exler** and Shira Billet on their engagement! To parents Emma & Jacob Exler and Rookie & Rabbi Heshie Billet, and the entire extended families.

Ilana & Shya Herman on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to Tani Schwartz. To Josh & Rachel Herman, to Tani's parents Mali & Steve Schwartz of West Orange, NJ and to the entire family.

Nancy & Rabbi Dov Lerea on the marriage of their son, **Yehuda** to Hoovie Kranzler on Sunday. To Yehuda's brothers Nisan, Tuvia and Elie and to Yehuda's grandparents, Roberta & Leon Lerea and Lucille Friedberg. To Hoovie's parents Fay & Dr. Chaim Kranzler, to Hoovie's grandmother, Trude Kranzler and to Hoovie's aunt and uncle, Adinah & Dr. Elli Kranzler, and to their entire families.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

FAREWELL DRASHA with Professor Adi Schremer

We say goodbye to Professor Schremer, whose family has been a wonderful asset to the Bayit and Riverdale community this year.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabba Sara Hurwitz "Rabbinic Tales of Remorse: Models of Repentance"

LECTURE WITH DR. POLONSKY ON NOAHIDE LAWS: The Bayit is honored to welcome Dr. Pinchas Polonsky, a refusenik, Jewish scholar, mathematician, and noted lecturer, to speak on **Wed., Aug. 25**, at 8:00pm (following Mincha/Maariv). The lecture, titled "Noahide Laws as Universal Jewish Monotheism for All Humankind" will be in Russian with English translation. All are welcome! For more information contact dubenko@yahoo.com.



Prayer, Meditation, Study, and Song KAVVANAH: A New Tefillah Experience at the Bayit

Mark your calendars! The next Kavvanah Tefillah will take place Sun., Aug. 29, 9:30am - 10:30am This slow and study-filled tefillah is appropriate for all backgrounds, and fulfills the obligations of a regular Shacharit service. In room 3-2. Bagels and juice will follow!



Join us for an incredibly inspiring Selichot Concert with our very own Dr. Elli Kranzler, on Sat. night, Sept. 4, at 9:15pm followed by Selichot services. In order to defray the cost of this free concert we are offering a limited number of sponsorships at \$100 per person. Sponsors get a reserved seat at the concert. Contact the office for details.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS 5771

Thank you to those who have submitted their High Holiday seat forms and payments. The forms have been mailed. They are also available for pickup in the shul office and lobby. **If you have not submitted your form with payment at this time please do so as soon as possible, so we can accommodate your requests.**



Summer Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer on Sunday - Thursday and Michael Wachsman on Fridays, all at 7:30am in the Beit Midrash. Shabbat after Mincha with Dov Weinstock.

Shabbat

After Mincha - Teqa' Beshofar Gadol: Talmud Bavli Rosh haShana' with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor Beit Midrash)

Between Mincha and Maariv - Rabbinic Tales of Remorse: Models of Repentance with Rabba Sara (Main Sanctuary)

Thursday

10:30am - Experiential Spanish with Rhonda Stock (Room 3-2)

10:00am - Reading Torah as a Tapestry with Daniel Eisenberg (2nd Fl BM)

7:30pm - Intermediate Biblical Hebrew (Hebrew Level 2) with Sara Kinberg (3rd floor classroom)

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night in the lobby. Sponsored by Ann & James Lapin in honor of their anniversary and Aileen & Josh Altwerger in honor of Shabbat. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

SUMMER STUDY WITH DANIEL EISENBERG: By popular demand, join us continuing this Thurs. Aug. 26 at 10:00am in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, for a summer study session titled "Reading Torah as a Tapestry". This class will run for 3 more weeks.

CHAVAYA - THE BAYIT CULTURE: Interested in teaching an exercise class? Or music, chess or art? Call Rabba Sara at HIR to help shape our exciting Bayit Cultural Enrichment program.

EXPERIENTIAL SPANISH: Learn beginner's Spanish with stimulating and fun activities. Thursdays 11:00am-12:00pm on: **Aug. 26, and Sep. 2.** Open to all ages and backgrounds. Taught by Rhonda Stock. For more info., call 917-620-5726. Free of charge, in room 3-2. **Please note time change.**



HIR 9/11 COMMEMORATIVE BLOOD DRIVE: The HIR blood drive will take place this year on **Sun., Aug. 29**, from 9:00am - 2:30pm in our new Social Hall. Our area blood supply is in life-threatening crisis. Please honor 9/11 on this 9th anniversary as a national day of service, charity and compassion by donating blood. If you are healthy, 17+ (16 with NYBC parental consent form) and have photo or signature ID, please join us and save a life. Walk-ins are most welcome. For info., to reserve a time, or to volunteer: Contact Seryl at 718-549-8152 or sermc@aol.com. Enrich your blood donation experience with Torah: join us throughout the drive for mini-classes with HIR Rabbinic staff on the importance of donating blood.



Preparing for the High Holidays @ the Bayit

SHOFAR BLOWING AND ALIYOT FOR THE HOMEBOUND:



Please contact the shul office if you know someone who is homebound so that we can arrange for them to hear the blowing of the shofar. On Simchat Torah we will bring a Torah to their homes so they can receive an aliyah.

SHANAH TOVA GIFT: Wed., Sept. 8 at 11:00am (corner of 236th St. & Johnson Ave.)

Join the HIR staff as we wish the Riverdale community a "sweet new year" by handing out gifts of apples and honey to all who pass by.



LEARNING SERVICE: Check out our Learning Service with Rabba Sara Hurwitz geared to those who desire a more personalized service with explanations and open discussions about the prayers and Torah readings in a more intimate setting. The Learning Service is a wonderful Shabbat and High Holiday option for those whose background in Hebrew is limited, but for whom a desire for learning and spirituality is limitless. Our Learning Service will kick off this year with the High Holidays.

HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNING SERVICE: Contact the shul office for reservations and tickets.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) - Thurs., Sept. 9 at 9:30am

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) - Fri., Sept. 10 at 9:30am

Kol Nidrei (Yom Kippur Eve) - Fri., Sept. 17 at 6:40pm

Yom Kippur - Sat., Sept. 18 at 9:30am

Yizkor approx. 10:30am

Neilah (Final Service) at 6:00pm -- social hall

FREE ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES: Celebrate the holidays at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale with a service that is sure to inspire. These services will be conducted in English and led by Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabbi Steven Exler. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome to attend.

High Holiday Services are at 3:30pm on the following days:

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) - Thurs., Sept. 9

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) - Fri., Sept. 10

Yom Kippur - Sat., Sept. 18

CLOTHING DRIVE - Sun., Oct. 17, 9:30am - 12:30pm: Clean out your closets and support those in need. Please bring clothing in good condition, separated in bags by men/women/children. For more information or to volunteer please call Steven Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586.



JEWISH CALENDARS: If you would like a Jewish calendar for the upcoming year 5771, please pick one up at the shul office.

שנה טובה ומתוקה כדבש



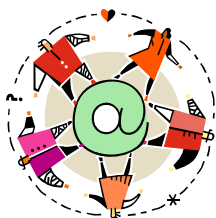
Message from our new JYEP Director Rabbi Aaron Braun



On behalf of the Jewish Youth Encounter Program at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, I hope your summer has been amazing. My name is Rabbi Aaron Braun, and I am happy to be the new director. We at the JYEP have some thrilling new programs to offer this year, including a new series of courses geared towards our high school students and some innovative ways to approach our earlier grades. We will be kicking this year off with an **Open House on Sunday, September 26** from 10am until 12pm. This is our chance to meet you and your family, and your chance to meet our new staff, see the new building, and learn about the exciting programs we will be offering this year. I look forward to seeing you all there. Please feel free to contact me, Rabbi Aaron Braun, at yctbraun@gmail.com or 718-796-4730 for questions or just to introduce yourself. You can also check out our website, which we will be updating in the coming days, at <http://www.hir.org/jyep.html>

YOUR MAZAL TOV AND OUR CALENDAR

If you're having a simcha this coming year - 2010-2011... Mazal tov! Please contact the shul office to reserve the date on our calendar, as we are planning the year's events and want to include your simcha. We have many wonderful new rooms available in the Bayit. Please contact Shuli in the Bayit office.



ARE YOU ON THE BAYIT'S E-MAIL LIST?

Join our Bayit's e-mail list to receive information about upcoming events, shiva information and the Bayit Bulletin. If you would like to join our e-mail list or have recently changed your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to: hir_nexus@yahoo.com

Youth Department



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CO-YOUTH DIRECTORS



The Bayit welcomes our TWO fantastic Youth Directors. Shira Berkovits is back as our Shabbat Groups Youth Director, and we welcome Evan Zauder to energize our weekly youth department activities as our Programming and Events Director. Shira can be reached at hirshira@yahoo.com. Evan can be reached at hiryouth@yahoo.com.

Summer Youth Groups:

Play Room: 3rd Floor Room 3-7 (Starts 10:00am)
 Tot Shabbat: 3rd Floor Room 3-4 (Starts 10:30am)
 Nursery - Pre School: 3rd Floor Room 3-3 (Starts 10:00am)
 K - 1st Grade: 3rd Floor Room 3-1 (Starts 10:00am)



Groups conclude at 11:30am. Parents, please be sure to pick up your children from their respective groups.

OPEN YOUTH DEPARTMENT POSITIONS



Youth Group Teachers: The Youth Department is in need of energetic and experienced teachers for our preschool-6th grade youth groups. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Shira.

Youth Group Leaders: If you are in 9th-12th grade and interested in working as a youth group leader for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact Shira to schedule an interview. All interested individuals must meet with Shira, including those who have worked as leaders in previous years. 7th-8th graders are invited to submit their names for rotator positions.



DONATIONS

The youth department is looking for donations of gently-used rugs, couches, books, and toys for the youth rooms. If you have one of these items, e-mail Shira.

Please attach a picture of couch and rug donations with your email.



BABYSITTING

Registration for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur groups for children ages 3yrs-2nd grade is underway. Cost is \$40 per child per session, or \$100 per child for all 3. Registration forms are available in the shul lobby. Unregistered children will not be allowed to attend these groups, so make sure to register no later than Wed., Sept 1. A play room will be available for parents with children younger than 3, and we will also have a davening group for 3rd-5th graders.

Chesed Opportunity

SWAB A CHEEK, SAVE A LIFE: Hezi, Amy and Annie are three members of the Jewish community who need your help! **Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation** will be at the Jewish Heritage Street Fair on Johnson Ave. (Between 235th & 236th St.), on Sun., Aug. 29 from 10:00am- 5:00pm to swab your cheek. Donors must be between the ages of 18-60 and in general good health, meet the guidelines and willing to donate to any patient. For more info. please contact James Lapin at SwabNY@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERDALE HOMELESS SHELTER: Looking for volunteers to cook meals for 8 homeless men at the Ethical Culture Society on the first Monday night of every month. The next dates are: Sept. 6, and Oct. 4. Please contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or e-mail shiragordon@optonline.net to volunteer.

We are looking for overnight volunteers to staff our monthly rotation. Additionally if you are interested in helping to coordinate volunteers for the shelter or have general questions please contact Danny Chameides at 646-316-3909.

**Do you know someone who needs any of the following?
Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?**

Shiva: We are looking for fill-in volunteers during Jane Flechner's absence. Please contact ravstevenexler@gmail.com.

Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, rivkahaut@yahoo.com
Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@verizon.net
Isaac Geld: 917-733-4961, kindcare@aol.com



Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com



Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Social Worker @ The Bayit



In partnership with UJA-Federation and JBFCS, HIR social worker, Anna Kirshblum is available to assist with employment and financial advice, bereavement counseling and information and referral. All information shared is strictly confidential. Call Anna at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org.

Elevator Alert!

Please do not push any buttons or block the elevator door from closing during Shabbat.

The elevator is on an automatic Shabbat setting and interfering with it will cause it to malfunction.



שבת שלום!

Beyond the Bayit

OU JOB FAIR: This job fair will take place on **Tues., Aug. 24** from 4:00pm - 7:00pm at the Young Israel of Flatbush, 1012 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY. This fair will include a resume writing event (5:00pm - 6:00pm) and a networking speed table event.

JEWISH HERITAGE STREET FAIR: The Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council and the Riverdale Y are sponsoring the annual Jewish Heritage Street Fair which will be held on Johnson Ave. (between W. 235 & W. 236 Street) **Sun., Aug. 29** from 10:00am - 5:00pm. The fair is early this year, and so are the High Holidays! Even though it's still August, don't miss this annual Riverdale Jewish heritage event. For more info. please call 718-548-8200.

If you are able to volunteer and sit at the HIR booth, please contact Rabba Sara Hurwitz.

COME SEE THE METS ON JEWISH HERITAGE DAY:

The NY Mets will be playing against the Astros on **Sun., Aug. 29**, at 1:10pm. There will be a bus leaving for the game at 12:00pm from the RJC. To purchase tickets for the game or the bus ride, please call David Freund at 917-548-2703 or e-mail rjcyouth@gmail.com.



SHIR FUN @ THE BAYIT: The fall session of SHIR FUN, the popular Hebrew music program for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers will be starting soon at HIR. Go to www.shirfun.com for registration info. Includes a complimentary CD of songs from class. Very limited spots left, sign up soon!

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE: If you know of an individual or organization that can benefit from an electric wheelchair, please contact jeffbotwinick@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH HIR GIFT CARDS: Use gift cards to make your back to school and holiday purchases.

For books and supplies: Amazon.com; Barnes & Nobles Booksellers; Barnes & Nobles College Books Sellers; Staples.



For shoes & clothing: The Children's Place; Claires; Foot Locker; The Gap; Gymboree; J.C. Penny; J. Crew; Kohl's; Lands End; L.L. Bean; Lord & Taylor; Macy's; Marshalls; Nike; Old Navy; Payless Shoes; Zappos; and more...

For more information on placing an order or stores not listed, please call Shira Gordon 718-549-5280.

Kol Nidre

Thank you to all those who have submitted their Kol Nidre form. Only through your support can we continue to provide the classes and programming that make HIR the special place that it is. Please contact the HIR office to make your pledge.

Thank you.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. We warmly embrace all Jews regardless of affiliation, commitment or background. HIR is affectionately known as the "Bayit", which is a home - a place of love and welcome. The Bayit is known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue, for activism, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the mentally and physically challenged.