

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo August 27-28

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:18pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (Lower Level BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd Fl BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:37am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:15pm
- Mincha: 7:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:20pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sunday: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:15pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshiot Nitzavim Vayelech September 3-4

- Candle Lighting: 7:07pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:50pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:09pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Mazal Tov To:

Neshama Carlebach & Steven Katchen on the birth of a boy. To big brother Rafael, and to grandparents Neila & Reb Shlomo ztz"l Carlebach and Alice & Hazzan David Katchen.

Shoshana & Wayne Samuels on the forthcoming marriage of their son **Leor** to Brett Wachter, daughter of Andrea & Howard Wachter. To siblings Ayol & Shoshana, Ronen, and the entire families.

Wishing Condolences to:

Charles Goldfischer on the passing of his mother, Helen Goldfischer. Shiva will be observed through Tues. morning, Aug. 31 at 10:00am at Charles' home, 5226 Netherland Ave. Mincha and Maariv Sun. and Mon. at 7:20pm. Please contact Rav Steven if you can help make the minyan.

Nicole and Robert Bernholz on the passing of their mother, **Renee Bernholz**. Shiva has concluded.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"Teshuvah as a Community" - What is communal teshuvah? What role does it play in our teshuvah journey and how is it accomplished? We'll examine a section of Rav Soloveitchik's "On Repentance" that deals with this question.

HIR 9/11 COMMEMORATIVE BLOOD DRIVE: This Sun., Aug.

29, 9:00am - 2:30pm in our new Social Hall. Area blood supply is in life-threatening crisis. Please honor 9/11 on this 9th anniversary 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., contact Seryl at 718-549-8152 or sermc@aol.com. Enrich your experience with Torah: join HIR Rabbinic staff throughout the drive to learn about the importance of donating blood.



KAVVANAH - A New Tefillah Experience @ the Bayit: This Sun., August 29,

9:30am-10:30am. One hour reflective tefillah guided by Rav Steven, with meditation, study, and song. Fulfills the obligations of a regular Shacharit service. Open to all backgrounds - something new for everyone. In Room 3-2. Bagels and juice to follow!

HIGH HOLIDAY PREPARATION SERIES

Sun., Aug. 29, 8:00pm - 9:15pm: From Wrong to Write: A Teshuvah Writing and Study Workshop: We'll study a few inspirational and challenging teshuvah texts, and springboard into some reflective writing as a tool for working on our personal teshuvah process.

For Tues. morning High Holiday classes in September please see page 3.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

WELCOME RABBINIC INTERN ARI HART: Our first chance to meet and learn from our new rabbinic intern, Ari Hart.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: Reb Shlomo's melodies and healthy kiddush. 9:00am.



Join us for an incredibly inspiring Selichot Concert with our very own Dr. Elli Kranzler, next 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.

Hershey Park Trip!

6th - 12th graders, join us on Monday, September 27th, Chol Hamoed Sukkot for our annual trip to Hershey Park. The bus leaves at 8am from the HIR. Cost is \$60 before Sept. 14 and \$65 after. Email Evan to RSVP at evanhir@gmail.com. Don't forget to pack a lunch, there will be a Sukkah on premises. Bring your friends!

Youth Groups Schedule, September/October

Because of the holiday schedule, summer youth groups will continue through Shabbat October 2. Babysitting groups for 3 years - 2nd grade will be available for both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; pre-registration through the shul office is required for these groups. Full, regular groups for all ages begin Shabbat October 9.

Tashlich: Join us at the lake to sing, play games and learn all about the water service. We leave as a group from HIR after Mincha on Thursday Sept. 9, the first day of Rosh Hashanah.



SUKKAH HOP

K-3rd grade, come along for an exciting Sukkot adventure! Sing songs, play games and visit all different types of Riverdale Sukkot with your friends. We walk as a group from the HIR on Friday Sept. 24, at 4:15pm; parents welcome. If you would like to host the hop in your Sukkah, contact Shira.

BAYIT KATAN

Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver!

BAYIT KATAN will meet on Thursdays from 10:30am - 12:00pm. Session 1 runs Oct. 14-Nov. 18. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. Fee \$100 for 6 sessions. For more info or to register, contact Kathy Goldstein (kathyandahron@verizon.net) and Lamelle Ryman (lamelle.ryman@gmail.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 evanhir@gmail.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.

Summer Classes @ the Bayit

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

Shabbat

6:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Teqa' Beshofar Gadol: Talmud Bavli Rosh haShana' with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor Beit Midrash)
Between Mincha and Maariv - Teshuvah as a Community with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

Thursday

10:00am - Reading Torah as a Tapestry with Daniel Eisenberg (2nd Fl BM)
11:00am - Experiential Spanish with Rhonda Stock (Room 3-2)
7:30pm - Intermediate Biblical Hebrew (Hebrew Level 2) with Sara Kinberg (3rd floor classroom)

Join us for our High Holiday Season Weekday Classes

Tuesday mornings, September 7, 14, and 21

10:00am - Eat Pray Live: Symbols of the High Holiday Season with Rav Steven
11:00am - Memorable Machzor Moments: A Close Look at Holiday Liturgy with Rabba Sara

The regular class schedule begins the week of October 11.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night in the lobby. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

SUMMER STUDY WITH DANIEL EISENBERG: By popular demand, join us concluding this Thurs. Sep. 2 at 10:00am in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, for a summer study session titled "Reading Torah as a Tapestry".

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.

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.**

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.

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



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 and see the new building. 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.

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.), this 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 ravstevensexler@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

Beyond the Bayit

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.

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 Dovid Freund at 917-548-2703 or e-mail rjcyouth@gmail.com.



CUSTOM WIG SALE IN RIVERDALE: There will be a sale by Michael Wigs this Mon. Aug.30, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, 3640 Johnson Ave., #7K. For more info. call 917-592-8705.

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!

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@jbfc.org.

HELP SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES: 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; Claire's; 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...

NEW VENDOR: CORNER CAFÉ - Store credit can be arranged through gift card program.

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

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.



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.