



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.

This Week

*Shabbat Parshiot
Nitzavim Vayelech
September 3-4*

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:07pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (Lower Level BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd Fl BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:40am
- Mincha: 6:50pm
- Maariv: 8:05pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:09pm
- Selichot Concert: 9:15pm

Weekday and High Holiday Davening Schedule

See inside page for weekday,
Rosh Hashanah, and Shabbat Shuvah
davening times.

Next Week

*Shabbat Parshat Ha'azinu
Shabbat Shuvah
September 10-11*

- Candle Lighting: 6:56pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:00pm
- Shabbat Shuva Discourse: 6:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:57pm

*Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabba Sara
Hurwitz, Rabbi Steven Exler,
JYEP Director Aaron Braun,
Co-Youth Directors Shira Berkovits
and Evan Zauder, the Executive
Board, the Building Committee,
and the Office Staff
wish you a Shanah Tova U'metuka!*

Mazal Tov To:

Florence Glucksman on the birth of a great-grandson. To Meital & Amos Avigad in Jerusalem.

Rachel & Lavie Margolin on the birth of a daughter, Hadassah Devorah. To grandparents **Edythe & Jerry Margolin** and Patricia & Steven Miller.

Sandy Adelsberg and Ken Amron on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jonah Amron**. To siblings Yael and Yardain.

Lia Barnhard on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. To parents **Shari Rosenfeld & Yoni Barnhard**. To brothers Gavi, Nadav, and Noam.

Mollie Altholz on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. To parents Elaine & Marc Altholz and to sister Lena.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

WELCOME TO RABBINIC INTERN ARI HART

Meet and learn from our new rabbinic intern, Ari Hart. Ari is a 3rd year student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. He learned at Yeshivat HaKotel and Machon Pardes. A founder of Uri L'Tzedek, he was recently selected by The Jewish Week as one of the 36 "forward-thinking young people who are helping to remake the Jewish community."



SHABBAT MEVARCHIM WITH YEHUDA SOLOMON OF MOSHAV BAND

The Bayit welcomes Yehuda Solomon, lead singer of the Moshav Band, and leader of the Happy Minyan in LA, for Shabbat. Yehuda will lead tefillot at the Mevarchim Tefillah, meeting in the Lower Level Beit Midrash at 9:00am. Healthy kiddush follows.

Yehuda will lead Kabbalat Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary. This is a rare opportunity for the Bayit. Tefillah will take approx. 20 min longer than usual.

VIEWS FROM THE PEWS - The Meaning of Teshuvah

In the drasha slot, we'll hear reflections from Bayit members on what teshuvah means to them.

TEFILAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah of Riverdale will meet for Mincha at 5:30pm in celebration of Mollie's Bat Mitzvah.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Ari Hart

"Teshuvah with Rebbe Nachman" - In our final teshuvah shiur before Shabbat Shuva itself, we will look at a Chasidic take on teshuvah, a complex and fascinating text.



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.

Doors open 9:00pm.

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.

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse

Rav Avi will give the Shabbat Shuvah discourse **next Shabbat, September 11** at 6:30pm, titled "High Holidays: Balancing Our Loyalties to the Jewish People and Humankind."

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS 5771: If you have not submitted your form with payment at this time please do so as soon as possible.

Late Selichot: We need more commitments for 9:30pm selichot this week on Monday and Tuesday nights, and next week after Rosh Hashanah. Please contact Rav Steven by phone or at ravstevenexler@gmail.com.

Youth Department

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).



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 hirschira@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.



Family Simchat Beit Hashoevah

Monday, Sept. 27, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Join the Bayit Band, featuring Lamelle Ryman, Aviva Nash, Avi Rosenfeld and others for songs, stories, and pizza. Children of all ages welcome. Cost \$5.



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. Registration has been extended to Tues. morning, Sept. 7 at 12:00pm. 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

After Mincha - Teqa' Beshofar Gadol: Talmud Bavli Rosh haShana' with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor Beit Midrash)
After Mincha - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Ari Hart (Main Sanctuary)

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. Sponsored by Ann & Rick Feldman in honor of their 21st anniversary and Jackie & Zack Berman on their 9th Anniversary. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU: To Seryl Ritter for her extraordinary energy and warmth in coordinating the Blood Drive, where from over 80 donors, we collected over 65 units of blood. Special thanks to Laurie Goldberg, Kathe Hertzberg, Chaim Marks, Buddy Skydell, and Lauren & Josh Stein.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Our Contemporary Israeli Poetry group will meet 7:00pm-8:15pm the first Tuesday night of the month except for scheduling conflicts. The dates are: 9/14, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/14. KAVVANAH will meet monthly on Sunday mornings, 9:30am-10:30am on the following dates: 9/19, 10/24, 11/21, 12/26, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

High Holiday Preparation @ the Bayit

SHOFAR BLOWING AND ALIYOT FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the shul office if you know someone who is homebound so we can arrange for them to hear the shofar on Rosh Hashanah and/or to bring a Torah to them on Simchat Torah to receive an aliyah.

SHANAH TOVA GIFT: Wed., Sept. 8 (corner of 236th St. & Johnson Ave.) Join us at 11:00am as we wish the Riverdale community a "sweet new year". We will hand out gifts of apples and honey.

FREE ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES: These free services will be conducted in English and led by Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabbi Steven Exler. They will take place 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: 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.

LAYNERS FOR LEARNING SERVICE: If you are able to volunteer to layn for learning service on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

Davening Schedule 5770-71/2010

Saturday Night, September 4

Selichot Concert 9:15pm
Selichot 11:30pm (approx.)

Sunday, September 5

Shacharit 8:30am
Mincha/Maariv 7:05pm (no Late Maariv/Selichot)

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

Shacharit with Selichot 8:30am
Mincha/Maariv 7:05pm
Late Maariv and Selichot 9:30pm

Tuesday, September 7

Shacharit with Selichot 6:20am, 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv 7:05pm
Late Maariv and Selichot 9:30pm

Wednesday, September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah*

Shacharit with Selichot 5:45am, 7:30am
Candle Lighting 6:59pm
Mincha/Maariv 7:00pm

Thursday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)

Shacharit:
Social Hall & Main Sanctuary 7:30am
Learning Service 9:30am
Shofar Blowing 10:00am (approx.)
Free Service 3:30pm
Mincha/Tashlich 5:15pm
Mincha/Shiur 6:45pm
Maariv 7:45pm
Candle Lighting After 8:00pm

Friday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2)

Shacharit:
Social Hall & Main Sanctuary 7:30am
Learning Service 9:30am
Shofar Blowing 10:00am (approx.)
Free Service 3:30pm
Candle Lighting 6:56pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 7:00pm

Shabbat, September 11

Shabbat Shuvah

Shacharit 8:30am
Mincha 6:00pm
Shabbat Shuvah Discourse 6:30pm
Shabbat Ends 7:57pm



ERUV TAVSHILIN

* Please remember to prepare an Eruv Tavshilin prior to the onset of the holiday - even if you do not plan to cook - to allow preparation for Shabbat and lighting Shabbat candles. The blessing can be found on page 654 in the Artsroll siddur.



MIKVEH TIMES

The Riverdale Mikveh will be open for men: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wed., Sept. 8, and Erev Yom Kippur, Fri., Sept. 17, from 4:45am - 1:45pm.

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; Claires; Foot Locker; The Gap; Gymboree; J.C. Penney; 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 please call Shira Gordon 718-549-5280.

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 ytbraun@gmail.com or 718-796-4730 for questions or just to introduce yourself.

Chesed Opportunity

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 ravstevexler@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

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.

Construction Update

Driveway: We have just completed the paving of our driveway.

Exterior work on Main Sanctuary: Long deferred pointing and other maintenance has been completed on the north side and is now underway on the south side.

Kitchen: Installation of our kitchen equipment has begun.

Movable Wall for dividing Social Hall: Is in fabrication and is scheduled for installation in mid-October.

Lighting in Main Sanctuary: We are working with a lighting consultant on options for enhancing the lighting for certain areas of the Main Sanctuary.

Baby Changing Tables: Over the next week these will be installed in additional locations so that there will be access for mothers and fathers.

Yahrtzeit Plaques: The ritual committee is deciding on an appropriate location and re-installation is anticipated shortly after Sukkot, if not before.

Bookcase for Siddurim for Main Sanctuary: An additional bookcase (for the mens' side of the entrance vestibule) will be installed between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Air-Conditioning: The new system is not yet working optimally and we are working with our design engineer, contractor and consultants to properly balance the system. We appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.

Elevator: The elevator has not worked properly since it was installed. This is a top priority of the building committee and, here again, we appreciate your patience as we work to address the situation.

Punchlist: We have a long list of punchlist items that our general contractor is working on.

Pledges: If you have not yet made a pledge to the Building Fund, please do so during this High Holiday Season as we cannot complete and pay for this Project without the support of the entire HIR Family. If you have already made a pledge, we thank you and ask that you redeem your pledge as early as possible.

Beyond the Bayit

HIR CHOIR RESUMES: The HIR Choir has started its 9th season. New members are invited to join. Next rehearsal is on Wed. evening Sept. 15th at 7:30pm in room 3-1 in the new Bayit. For further information, contact Jonathan Dzik at 718-549-8520 or at JFDzik326@aol.com.

Shabbat Shalom and see you at the Selichot Concert!

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.