



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is co-sponsored by Ann Rauch & Michael Goldblum in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nathaniel, and by Valerie Altmann & Daniel Perla in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Lech-Lecha October 15-16

- Candle Lighting: 5:58pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Women's Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:54am
- Parsha Shiur: 4:55pm
- Mincha: 5:40pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:59pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:55pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayera October 22-23

- Candle Lighting: 5:47pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:50pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:49pm

Shabbat Shalom!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Dina & Andrew Kramer on the birth of twins, a daughter and a son. To grandparents Ophra & David Weisberg and Arlene & Ed Kramer and the entire family.

Luba & David Teten on the birth of a daughter, Sigal Berta Teten. To big sisters Leona and Peri, and to grandparents Carol & Jean Teten and Sofia Kozlova.

Paula & Peter Singer on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Peninah Rachel, in Baltimore. To parents Dr. Helen & Andrew Singer.

Ann Rauch & Michael Goldblum on their son Nathaniel's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Valerie Altmann & Daniel Perla on their daughter Rebecca's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Wishing Condolences to:

Lily Margules on the passing of her husband **Edward Margules**. Shiva will be at the Margules home, 555 Kappock St., #11T, through Thursday morning, Oct. 21. Mincha/Maariv Sun.-Wed. will be at 5:50pm.

Welcome to New Members:

Seth Aronson; Ami Bonawitz; Cecily & Eliezer Oberstein; and Lisa & David Matkowsky.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER - Women's Tefillah will meet at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash, in celebration of Rebecca Perla's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Professor Jonathan Ben-Dov - "Nature in the Book of Psalms"

Dr. Ben-Dov is a Professor in the Department of Biblical Studies at the University of Haifa. He is here this year in Riverdale with his family as a Visiting Research Scholar at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at NYU.



CLOTHING DRIVE - This Sunday, 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 information or to volunteer please call Steven Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586.

CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT - Begins this week!

Yoga for Adults, with Sherry House - Sundays, Oct. 17 - Nov. 21, 10:15am

6 week course, \$100, Women Only, in room 3-5 & 3-6
Since 2002, Sherry House has been a certified Yoga instructor in OKI-DO Integrated Yoga Program and has taught yoga at the Whitehall.



Chess Club, with Ben Wolfson - Shabbat afternoons, Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, 4:00pm



5 week course, \$100 per person

All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess. He has the playing strength of 1900.

To participate in these classes, please contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER - Women's Tefillah will meet at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash, in celebration of Liat Katz's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbi Yonatan Neril

"The BP Oil Spill and Jewish Values" - The class will examine the significance of this largest marine oil spill in history from the lens of Jewish teachings permitting mining of the earth's resources yet cautioning against damages to others. Rabbi Yonatan Neril founded and directs Jewish Eco Seminars, which engage the Jewish community with Jewish environmental wisdom. His ordination is from Yeshivat Hamivtar. He lives with his wife and son in Jerusalem.

The Alan M. Wasserman Midrashia Adult Education Program

Please Note: Hebrew Classes begin the week of November 1.

Daf Yomi

7:30am Sun. - Fri. with Rabbi Linzer

Shabbat after Mincha with Rabbi Linzer

Lower Level BM, except Sat. and Sun. - Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

4:55pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

Examine the weekly portion in an eclectic style ranging from midrash to contemporary commentary, focusing on a few verses or whole chapters. Main Sanctuary. 45 minutes before mincha.

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (except on Kavvanah weeks)

We'll study central narratives of the Torah in-depth, examining the plain-sense meaning of the text and literary structure, and focusing on the medieval commentaries. Basic Hebrew reading recommended. 2nd Floor Beit Midrash.

Monday

6:30pm: Hebrew Crash Course with S Kinberg

Learn the fundamentals of Hebrew reading in 5 weeks! Room 3-5 & 3-6.

7:30pm - Stories of Elisha and Eliyahu with Rav Avi

Delve into the lives of these mysterious characters in the setting of the Kingdom of Judah. **(not meeting this week)**

8:00pm - Advanced Ulpan with Sara Kinberg

Newspaper articles and high-level conversational Hebrew. Room 3-5 & 3-6.

8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat

This high-level Talmud class will do an in-depth study of the seventh chapter of Tractate Shabbat, with an eye to the halakhic development of the Laws of Shabbat. At the home of David Mann. Contact Rabbi Fox at rebjeff@gmail.com to attend.

Tuesday

10:00am - Pirkei Avot with Rav Avi

Investigate the foundations of our rabbinic ethical philosophy and the practical wisdom of our sages. 2nd Floor Beit Midrash.

11:00am - Relationships in the Torah: the Good, Bad and Ugly with Rabba Sara **(not meeting this week)**

The dynamic of interpersonal interaction in the Torah provides a wealth of model for us to follow and learn from. Examine them in the original and with commentary. 2nd Floor Beit Midrash.

8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Rabba Sara

Navigate the world of Jewish faith, tradition, and living with this full-year course. Great for beginners or refreshers. All are welcome for some or all of the year. Lobby.

Wednesday

7:00pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg, ATRIA Bingo Room.

8:00pm - Intermediate Ulpan with Sara Kinberg, ATRIA Bingo Room.

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven

Pick up where the Torah left off for the rare story of a generation of loyalty and faith. Close readings of the plain text and lively discussion. 2nd Floor Beit Midrash.

7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg, ATRIA Bingo Room.

Monthly Classes/Programs @ the Bayit

Contemporary Israeli Poetry Group

Study Israeli poetry in the original with English translation and discussion. Led by Atara Fobar. First Tues. of the month except 11/16 and 6/14. 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Lobby. The dates are: 11/16, 12/7, 1/4, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/14.

Kavvanah

1 hour of reflective prayer with song, meditation, study, and discussion. Fulfills the basic Shacharit requirements. With Rav Steven. 9:30am-10:30am one Sunday morning a month. Room 3-1. The dates are: 10/24, 11/21, 12/26, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

Shabbat Chovevei Torah

Shiurim by YCT faculty, alumni, and students immediately after Shabbat morning tefillah.

- November 6 - Rabbi Linzer, Rosh Hayeshiva: *Idolatry, From Its Genesis until Today: Part 2*
- December 18 - Dr. Michelle Belfer Friedman, Chair, Pastoral Counseling Dept: *Who's Not in the Room?: Faith, Doubt and Leaving Religious Life"*
- Subsequent dates: January 29, February 19, March 5, April 9, May 7. Speakers include: R' Jeff Fox, alum, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat; R' Ysoscher Katz, Director, Beit Midrash Program; and Mishael Zion, student, Skirball Institute faculty.

Happenings @ the Bayit

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

TRIP TO JEWISH MUSEUM: Calling all Older Adults! Join us on a trip to the Jewish Museum, 1109 5th Ave. at 92nd Street. On **Thurs., Oct. 21** from 11:15am - 3:15pm. We will meet at the HIR for a light lunch at 11:15am and leave for the museum at 12:00pm. Round trip transportation admission including an escorted tour is \$10. For more info. or to sign up please call Judy at 718-796-4730 ext. 111.

HELPING FRIENDS GET JOBS - PRACTICAL GUIDANCE PROGRAM: Many of us have friends and family members out of work. We want to do more but do not know how. Lavie Margolin, Job Search Advisor, will host a program providing step by step, practical direction on how we can help. This program will be appropriate for those looking for work themselves as well. **Sun., Oct. 31, 10:15am - 11:30am, Lower Level Beit Midrash.** Lavie's book, "Lion Cub Job Search: Practical Job Search Assistance for Practical Job Seekers", will be available for purchase at the program.

SHIUR WITH PROFESSOR EFFIE SHOHAM-STEINER - Shabbat, Nov. 6, after Mincha: Explore the complex medieval Jewish response to Christian saints with Professor Shoham-Steiner, Professor of Medieval Jewish History at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and a Visting Tikvah Fellow at NYU this year.

RAV KLITSNER'S BOOK AVAILABLE AT YCT: For the many who enjoyed Rav Shmuel Klitsner's excellent shiur last Shabbat, his book "Wrestling Jacob: Deception, Identity, and Freudian Slips in Genesis" is available at a discounted price through the YCT office in the Bayit. Please drop in on the 2nd floor or call 212-666-0036 and ask for Rav Nati or Kathe to purchase a copy.

IN APPRECIATION: We would like to thank Rabbi Weiss, Rabbi Steven, Rabba Sara, Dr. Elli Kranzler, Shuli Boxer Rieser, the Hebrew Institute community for their warmth, comfort and guidance, which they have provided as we have mourned the loss of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, גיטל בת יוסף הכהן, Gloria Rubin.

The Saul/Rubin Family

Youth Department

YOUTH GROUPS

Join us for our second amazing week of full-scale Youth Groups! New this year:

Groups begin ½ hour earlier, at **9:30am** and end at 11:30am.

In addition to our amazing teen leaders, we will have adult teachers in all group rooms.

Each group is structured to include free play, tefillah, parsha, Kiddush, group games, and stories. See the schedule posted on the classroom door to learn about your child's group.

If your child has special needs, please contact Shira to discuss our shadow program.

Playroom/Tot Shabbat: 3-5/6 (Playroom is from 9:30am-10:30am, Tot Shabbat is from 10:30am-11:30am)

3 Year Old Nursery: 3-4. Parent-child Transition Schedule as follows:

Oct 16: Free play 9:30-10:00am, Parent-child activity 10:00-10:15am

Oct 23: Free play 9:30-10:00am

Oct 30 and on: This group is for children-only. Families requesting extra transition time must meet with Shira.

4-5 Year Old Kindergarten: 3-1

1st-2nd Grade: 3-3

3rd-4th Grade: 3-7

5th-6th Grade Junior Congregation: 3-2

7th-12th Grade Teen Tefillah: Social Hall

Kol Hanearim: 5th Grade and above: 2-2



HIR Teen Tefillah Begins This Shabbat Morning

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join the HIR Teen Tefillah at 9:30am this Shabbat morning in the Social Hall. You can sleep in, because it starts an hour later than the main Tefillah, afterward you can hang out with your friends at our weekly Kiddush Lounge (this Shabbat, in Main Lobby). For early risers: hot cocoa and donuts from 9:15am - 9:30am.

Please note the following new youth department policies, created to ensure your child's safety:

NEW THIS SHABBAT: All children **4th grade** and younger must be dropped off and picked up by a parent/caregiver. No outside food is permitted in any group. Please relay all allergy information to Shira.

Children must be registered youth members to attend Shabbat morning groups. To register go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9L6DXSV>

All children in the playroom and Tot Shabbat must be accompanied by an adult. Groups for Nursery -6th grade are children-only. See above for Nursery transition schedule.

THANK YOU

The Youth Department would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations. We are truly moved by your support

Toys

Chaya & Fred Gorsetman

Ann Rauch & Michael Goldblum

Janet & Allen Rosenthal

Ginger & Gary Sips

Gillian Steinberg & Mark Davis

Couches

Chaya & Fred Gorsetman

Lisa & Danny Hirsch

Amy Jonas

Other Items

Wendy Levinson & Rabbi Bob Kaplan (Rugs)

Valerie Altmann & Daniel Perla (Rugs & Toys)



Time

Chanan & Yosef Kessler: For volunteering to make the chulent for Teen Tefillah all year

James Lapin, Ari Spiro, & Rakech: For their assistance in moving couch donations to the shul

Mia Diamond Padwa & Gillian Steinberg: For Youth Floor Hallway Supervision

Lamelle Ryman: For organizing room parents for each group

Gillian Steinberg: For coordinating sponsorships and purchasing for Groups Kiddushes for the entire year

Samantha Verrone: For coordinating volunteers for the POTS Soup Kitchen for the entire year



A special thank you to 8th grader Rebecca Schwartz for her very generous donation for the purchase of a foosball table for use following Teen Tefillah.

Thank you to our amazing Room Parents, our Youth Committee and our Youth Chair, Gillian Steinberg, for all of their amazing work. If you would like to donate your time, talent, couch, rug, or other items, please contact Shira, and be a part of the effort to create a vibrant, welcoming-child friendly atmosphere for our children on Shabbat morning.

SHABBAT GROUPS KIDDUSH: Sponsored this week by Lamelle, Rob, & Neshama Ryman in honor of Aliya's 2nd birthday. Happy birthday, Aliya! To sponsor Groups Kiddush for a future week contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu.

GROUP LEADERS AND FIRST AID TRAINING FOR CPR Leaders, make sure to save Sunday morning October 24 for a mandatory training session in First Aid and CPR. We will meet in the Lower Level Beit Midrash



Our Youth Directors are Shira Berkovits and Evan Zauder. You can e-mail Shira at hirshira@yahoo.com and Evan at evanhir@gmail.com.



Chesed Opportunity

VOLUNTEER MUSICIAN NEEDED: This is an opportunity to bring joy to people in need. We are looking for a musician who can play at our Older Adults and Special Friends programs. Your half hour would make a world of difference in the lives of so many! If you are interested please contact Judy at 718-796-4730 ext. 111.

GETTING BETTER AT DOING GOOD: Join the conversation at a conference for Bronx Jewish Community Council Volunteers. On **Sunday, Oct. 24** at Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains, NY 10606 from 1:00pm - 4:30pm. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 18 by e-mail to volunteers@bjconline.org or call Niti Minkove at 917-693-3084.

BRONX HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: The Jacob Perlow Hospice will be holding a 2-Day training on **Sun., Oct. 24 and Thurs., Oct. 28** in Riverdale, 3718 Henry Hudson Parkway. Space is limited. If you would like to take this training, or find out more about volunteering, please schedule an interview by contacting James Chew, Bronx Volunteer Coordinator, by e-mail jchew@mjhs.org or call 212-420-2562.

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. Next dates are: Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Please contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or e-mail shiragordon@optonline.net to volunteer.

The HIR committee for the Riverdale Homeless shelter is looking for overnight volunteers to help staff our once a month 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. 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



Beyond the Bayit

JEWISH JR. GIRL SCOUTS: All 4th and 5th grade girls are welcome to join Riverdale's Jewish Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6112. First meeting and registration will be held **this Sun., Oct. 17, 5:00pm - 6:00pm** at CSAIR (Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale) 475 West 250th Street. A parent must be present at the first meeting. Please bring two checks for annual payment for troop dues (\$100), and registration for the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York (\$12). Please RSVP with Jessica Hirsch-Hoffman jhirsch@bnkst.edu, Amy Jonas amyjonas@yahoo.com, or Abby Pitkowsky abby.pitkowsky@gmail.com.

BAZAAR: A bazaar will take place at Hudson Pointe at Riverdale Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, on **Sun., Oct. 17** from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Including prizes, flea market, plant sale, raffles and more. In the 5th floor activities room at Hudson Pointe, 3220 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, NY 10463. Proceeds will enhance the home's activity fund for bus trips. For more info. call 718-514-2000.

BEN PORT YOSEF OPEN HOUSE - Wed., Oct. 20 at 8:00pm: If you would like to learn about this outstanding yeshiva, join us for an open house at East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus, NJ. For more information or to RSVP please contact Ruth Roth at 201-845-5007 or e-mail RuthR@benporatoyosef.org.

64TH JEWISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT WEEKEND: This retreat is for Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others; and will take place in Stamford, CT, **Nov. 5-7**. For more info. call 212-632-4600 or go to www.jacsweb.org.

ISRAELI DANCING LESSONS WITH GABI GABAY: The Riverdale Temple, located at 4545 Independence Ave., is offering Israeli dancing lessons for beginners every **Tues. night** from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. For more info. call Gabi Gabay at 917-559-7779 or e-mail gabigabay@rikudim.net.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to Noah Hammerman from Noah's Kosher Market for lending us his refrigerators for the past several weeks and for lending his warmer for the Abraham and Sarah's Tent food.

Also, thank you to David E. Levine for donating a high chair for the Abraham & Sarah's Tent meals.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact our Rabbinic staff: Rabbi Steven Exler at ravstevenexler@gmail.com or Rabba Sara Hurwitz at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

HELP SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES: For books and supplies: Amazon.com; Barnes & Noble Booksellers; Barnes & Noble College Booksellers; 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 VENDORS: CORNER CAFÉ - Store credit can be arranged through gift card program; and JUDEAN HILLS.** For more information please call Shira Gordon 718-549-5280.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute is a synagogue that warmly embraces all Jews regardless of affiliation, commitment or background. It is affectionately known as the "Bayit", which is a home - a place of love and welcome. The HIR 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.