

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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## Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.

## This Week

### Shabbat Parshat Vayera October 22-23

- Candle Lighting: 5:47pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:50pm
- 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: 9:58am
- Parsha Shiur: 4:45pm
- Mincha: 5:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:49pm

## Weekday Times

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

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah October 29-30

- Candle Lighting: 5:38pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:40pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:20pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:40pm



## Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Anat & Giora Katz on their daughter Liat's becoming a Bat Mitzvah. To sisters Hilla and Inbal and to grandparents Tova & Dov Yaron.

### *This 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, followed by a Women's Tefillah Kiddush.

### **SIDDUR CLASS with Rabbi Moshe Edelman**

"The Siddur: An Interactive Engagement with Praying (A Spiritual Need) and Prayer (A Commanded Obligation)". This class meets monthly from 10:30am - 11:30am in Rabba Sara's office in the 2nd Floor Rabbinic Office Suite. Open to all. Rabbi Edelman is the Associate Director of the Metropolitan District of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. He was a congregational rabbi on Long Island for 19 years. Moshe moved to Riverdale in 2009 to be close to his children and grandchildren.

### **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. Co-sponsored by Canfei Nesharim.

**KAVVANAH RETURNS** - A Tefillah Experience @ the Bayit: **This Sun., Oct. 24, 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 3-5 & 3-6. Bagels and juice to follow!

### **CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT**

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



5 week course

All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess. He has the playing strength of 1900. In room 3-5 & 3-6.

#### **Yoga for Adults, with Sherry House - Sundays, Oct. 17 - Nov. 21, 10:30am**

#### **SECOND CLASS, NOTE - NEW TIME 10:30AM AND NEW LOCATION ROOM 3-1**

6 week course, \$100, Women Only, in Room 3-1, or \$15 per class.

Don't forget to bring a mat, and wear comfortable clothing, including a blanket or sweatshirt. Bring a hand towel and a water bottle. Please bring payment (check made out to HIR) and registration to the class. Registration will continue through next week.

Since 2002, Sherry House has been a certified Yoga instructor in OKI-DO Integrated Yoga Program and has taught yoga at the Whitehall.



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

**THE JEWISH SNAKE WORKSHOP ON GUARDING YOUR TONGUE:** Join Michael Even Esh of Livnot to confront our fears in a Jewish and nature-based context. Great for families! We'll study snakes in the Torah, and then handle live snakes, discussing how to face fears and gaining a deeper understanding of Torah and ourselves, and the relationship between snakes and guarding your tongue. **This Thursday night, October 28, 8:00pm-9:30pm.** Room 3-5 & 3-6. Requested donation: \$5.

### *Next Shabbat @ The Bayit*

**TEFILLAT ESTHER** - Women's Tefillah will meet at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash, in celebration of TWO Bat Mitzvot: Eliana Padwa's becoming a Bat Mitzvah and Kayla Weingarten's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**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 is 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.

## **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**

4:45pm - 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* (not meeting this week for *Kavanah*) 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. Rav Steven's office on 2nd Floor.

### **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. (At *Rav Avi's home*)

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](mailto: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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Beit Midrash.

11:00am - Relationships in the Torah: the Good, Bad and Ugly with *Rabba Sara*

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Sponsored by Avraham & Sarah and the Tent Regulars in honor of Parshat Vayera. Please join us for an inTENTs evening of food and fun. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com](mailto:TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com).

**SHABBAT CHOVEVEI WITH RABBI LINZER:** "Idolatry, From Its Genesis Until Today, Part 2". Rabbi Linzer returns on **Shabbat, Nov. 6**, after his magnificent talk last month, to address definitions of idolatry and wide-ranging contemporary halakhic applications. Right after tefillah; approximately 11:00am.

**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 Visiting Tikvah Fellow at NYU this year.

**RAV KLITSNER'S BOOK AVAILABLE AT YCT:** For the many who enjoyed Rav Shmuel Klitsner's excellent shiur two weeks ago, 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.

**"CALLING ALL MEDICARE ENROLLEES!" - November 11th a free presentation at 1:00pm @ HIR:** You must choose a Medicare Part D plan for 2011 by December 31. Come learn if your current plan will change, how to compare plans, and how federal health care reform might affect you. Presented by Health Care Expert, Elizabeth Jois, Esq., of NYLAG, in conjunction with JBFCS. For more info. call our Social Worker Anna Kirshblum 718-601-9714.

**LOST AND FOUND BOARD:** There is a bulletin board in the coatroom where lost and found messages can be posted. Please be responsible for taking down your message once your item is found. This board is designated for lost and found announcements only. Thank you!

# Youth Department

## YOUTH GROUPS

Join us for our third amazing week of full-scale Youth Groups! 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:  
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

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 3-3

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-7

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Congregation: 3-2

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Tefillah: Social Hall

Kol Hanearim: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and above: 2-2



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

**NEW:** All children **4<sup>th</sup> grade** and younger must be dropped off and picked up by a 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. Register at:** <http://tiny.cc/lt0y4>

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

## YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Luba & David Teten in honor of Sigal's birth and Leona and Peri's step up in big sister status. Mazal tov! To sponsor Kiddush for a future week of Shabbat groups, please contact Gillian Steinberg at [gsteinbe@yu.edu](mailto:gsteinbe@yu.edu).



## GROUP LEADERS CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING:

The Youth Department will be having mandatory CPR and First Aid training for all Youth Group leaders this Sunday morning, Oct. 24. We will meet in the lower Level Beit Midrash.

## POTS SOUP KITCHEN:

Volunteers needed at the POTS Soup Kitchen one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:30am and return at about 4:30pm. Next dates: 12/12, November: TBD. There are 4 spots available each month. Interested? Contact Samantha Verrone: [sverrone@mac.com](mailto:sverrone@mac.com) or 917-885-4542.



## Following a Successful First Week -

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 Lower Level Lobby). For early risers: hot cocoa and donuts from 9:15am - 9:30am.



## Youth Membership -

As part of an initiative to improve the quality and safety of HIR youth groups, registration and youth dues are now required for participation in ALL youth department activities, including trips, events and YOUTH GROUPS. Starting Shabbat November 6, unregistered children will not be permitted in groups. Youth members receive special discounts on events & trips and are kept updated on all the latest youth happenings at the Bayit. Youth dues are just \$36.00 per child, with a \$100.00 family max. You'll save more than that throughout the year by taking advantage of the youth member discounts. If there is a financial issue feel free to contact Shira. Register now at <http://tiny.cc/lt0y4> or from the HIR website.

## 3rd-5th Grade World-Series Mini-Shabbaton, October 30th



All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a baseball-themed mini-Shabbaton on October 30th. Come to groups at 10:00, and then stay after Shul for a kid-friendly lunch with your friends, followed by fun and games until 2:00PM. Walking groups will be provided for those who pre-register. Email [evanhir@gmail.com](mailto:evanhir@gmail.com) to register.

## The Family Minyan Returns - Sun. Morning, Oct. 31st

Enjoy a kid-friendly musical Shacharit followed by a light breakfast, and then a fun arts and crafts project! Sunday morning, October 31, 9:30am, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Bayit. In Room 3-5 & 3-6.



**Second Groups Open House:** Shabbat, Oct. 30, 4:30pm: Here's another chance to find out all about our new and improved Shabbat morning groups, talk with our Shabbat Groups Youth Director, Shira Berkovits, and have your questions answered. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Beit Midrash. Bring your kids for Shabbat Oneg & Games with our Events and Programming Youth Director, Evan Zauder in Room 3-3. See you there!



Our Youth Directors are Shira Berkovits and Evan Zauder. You can e-mail Shira at [hirshira@yahoo.com](mailto:hirshira@yahoo.com) and Evan at [evanhir@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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 at [shiragordon@optonline.net](mailto: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](mailto:ravstevenexler@gmail.com)

**Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:**

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

**Meals for New Mothers:**

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, [baronajl@yahoo.com](mailto:baronajl@yahoo.com)

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)

**Young HIR:** [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.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.



## Beyond the Bayit

**HERZL COMES TO RIVERDALE:** CSAIR, Bnai Brith and PNAI (Parents of North Americans in Israel) are co-sponsoring a celebration in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, Founder of Zionism and Father of the State of Israel. This event will take place this **Sun., Oct. 24** from 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Taub Room, Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, 475 W. 250th St. and will include 3 film screenings and group singing (shira b'tzibur). For more info. call 718-543-8400.

**MACH HACH BA'ARETZ MEETING:** MHB is a Religious Zionist Educational Program, designed for 10th graders to experience and develop a deeper appreciation of and connection to Eretz Yisrael. Come join the director of Mach Hach BaAretz, at an information night for participants and parents: **Tues. Oct. 25, 8:00PM**, at the Gorsetman/Spira home, 3215 Arlington Ave. #3C. Families attending will be eligible for a \$50 voucher towards tuition. RSVP to: [machhach@bneiakiva.org](mailto:machhach@bneiakiva.org) or 212-465-9536.

**SINGELS EVENT AT SHALOM BOMBAY:** Calling all singles 40 and up. The OU will host a singles event this **Mon., Oct. 25, 7:00pm**, at Shalom Bombay, 344 Lexington Ave. (between 39th & 40th). The entire restaurant has been exclusively reserved for the Orthodox Union. Glatt Kosher Indian Cuisine will be served. RSVP and pre-payment required. For more info. and to register please call 212-613-8300 or e-mail [frank@ou.org](mailto:frank@ou.org).

**OPEN HOUSE AT ROSENBAUM YESHIVA:** Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey cordially invites prospective parents to their Open House on **Tues., Nov. 2**, at 666 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge NJ. Registration is at 7:45pm, program begins at 8:15pm. To RSVP, receive an application or schedule a tour, please call Debbie Rosenberg in the main office at 201-986-1414 or e-mail [rynjopenhouse@rynj.org](mailto:rynjopenhouse@rynj.org).

**HEBREW FREE BURIAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST:** Please join the Riverdale community in honoring Rabbi Michael Stein and Carole Oshinsky at the annual Hebrew Free Burial Association breakfast, **Nov. 14, 9:30am** at the Riverdale Jewish Center. For further info. or to make a reservation please call 212-239-1662 or e-mail [info@hebrewfreeburial.org](mailto:info@hebrewfreeburial.org).

## 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. There is no charge for these services and all information shared is strictly confidential. Call Anna at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at [akirshblum@jbfc.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfc.org).

## Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



A special thank you to Barbara Gochberg & Steven Pretsfelder for coordinating and running our semi-annual clothing drive this past Sunday, and to all the clothing drive volunteers: Tamar Eisenstadt, Hannah Tessel, Maya Pretsfelder, Yonah Pretsfelder, Avi Pretsfelder, Gary Pretsfelder, Shana Langer, Avi Hirschfield, Yishai Chamudot, Michal Chamudot.

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](mailto:ravstevenexler@gmail.com) or Rabba Sara Hurwitz at [sarahurwitz@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahurwitz@yahoo.com).

## 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.**