



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is co-sponsored by Mia Diamond Padwa & Daniel Padwa in honor of their daughter Eliana becoming a Bat Mitzvah and by Leslie & Joshua Weingarten in honor of their daughter Kayla becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

This Week Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah October 29-30

- Candle Lighting: 5:38pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:40pm
- 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: 4:30pm
- **Mincha: 5:00pm**
- Shabbat Ends: 6:40pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Toldot November 5-6

- Candle Lighting: 5:29pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:10pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:31pm

שבת שלום!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Fagie & Michael Wachsman on the birth of a son. To big siblings Becky, Joel, and Rena.

Eileen & Barry Blutig on the birth of a grandson, Max Robert. To Jodi & Jack Mordekai and big sisters, Ella and Julia.

Mia Diamond Padwa & Daniel Padwa on their daughter **Eliana** becoming a bat mitzvah. To siblings Yaakov, Shmuel, Aryeh, and Tamar.

Leslie & Joshua Weingarten on their daughter **Kayla** becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Wishing Condolences to:

Mildred Kupitz on the passing of her husband, **Seymour Kupitz**. Shiva will be observed at the Kupitz home, 3200 Netherland Ave. #5F, through Sunday morning, Oct. 31.

Theodore Schneider on the passing of his wife, **Regina Schneider**. Shiva will be observed at the Schneider home, 555 Kappock St., #17A, through Thursday morning, Nov. 4.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

WOWED BY THE CROWD - Special Guests Drasha

Hear from our Bayit's Jewish educators, broadly defined, on their takes on the persona of our patriarch Yitzchak.

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.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Daf Yomi Extravaganza

Finish Tractate Avodah Zarah and learn the first page of Tractate Horayot together with Seudah Shelishit. Sponsored by the Bayit and the Daf Yomi students in honor of the Daf and the birth of a son to Fagie & Michael Wachsman.

The next tractate is 2 weeks long - learn all about sins of leaders and the nation with extraordinary teacher Rav Linzer - S-F 7:30am, Shabbat after Mincha. **Please note earlier Mincha time - 5:00pm.**

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. **This 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.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

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.

LEARNING SERVICE - The next Learning Service will take place on Shabbat, Nov. 6.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH - All are invited to join the chevra at 9:00am for lively davening to Reb Shlomo's melodies. Afterward we will share in a sponsored Kiddush featuring healthy options. This month, a special colorful Shabbat farewell to Adam & Ashira Silver.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Professor Effie Shoham-Steiner

Explore the complex medieval Jewish response to Christian saints with Professor Shoham, Professor of Medieval Jewish History at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and a Visiting Tikvah Fellow at NYU this year.

MUSICAL MELAVA MALKA - 8:00PM IN THE LOBBY

Join Avi Rosenfeld and members of the Bayit Band for music and spirit to escort the Shabbat Queen.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer this week from Sun. - Sat. will be in the Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

4:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Daf Yomi Siyum and Tractate Horayot with Rav Dov (Lobby)
 After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (Room 3-5 & 3-6)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd Floor Rav Steven's office)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-5 & 3-6)*
 7:30pm - Stories of Elisha and Eliyahu with Rav Avi (At his home)
 8:00pm - SHULA RAIT Memorial Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-5 & 3-6)*
 8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat (At the home of David Mann. Contact Rabbi Fox at rebjeff@gmail.com to attend.)

Tuesday

10:00am - Pirkei Avot with Rav Avi (Lobby)
 11:00am - Relationships in the Torah: the Good, Bad and Ugly with Rabba Sara (Lobby)
 8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Rabba Sara (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 (Lobby)
 7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg (ATRIA Bingo Room)*

* All Hebrew classes offered in the Bayit are taught by our experienced teacher Sara Kinberg. For more info. on the Hebrew program and for guidance about placement, please contact Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT

All proceeds of these classes go to 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.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Shira Gordon & Phil Shaw in honor of Jonathan's birthday. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

HELP SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES FOR CHANUKAH: Gift cards will be available for purchase this Sun., Oct. 31 from 9:00am - 10:00am in the shul lobby. Chanukah is around the corner. Order your gift cards now. For more information call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

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: 11/21, 12/26, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

RAV KLITSNER'S BOOK AVAILABLE AT YCT: For the many who enjoyed Rav Shmuel Klitsner's excellent shiur, 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!

Your HIR Contact Sheet:

Our phone system has changed. To better assist you reach the person you are calling, we are including a list of all HIR employee extensions to this Bulletin. Please keep this contact sheet handy.

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.

Shabbat Shalom!

Youth Department

YOUTH GROUPS LOCATIONS

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

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



All children in the playroom/Tot Shabbat must be accompanied by an adult. Groups for Nursery - 6th grade are for children-only. Families requiring extra transition time must meet with Shira. Youth groups run from 9:30am - 11:30am. All children 4th grade and under must be picked up at 11:30am.

LEADER TRAINING: The Youth Department is proud to announce that the youth group leaders have now been trained in CPR/First Aid and emergency evacuation procedures.

A tremendous thank you to **Dori Aronson Haberman** for generously volunteering her time to conduct the training workshops; we are truly grateful.



YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Hedva & Shai Ofek. To sponsor Kiddush for a future week of Shabbat groups, please contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu.



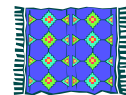
THANK YOU

Dori Aronson Haberman for training the youth leaders in CPR/First Aid.

Joan & Arnie Stark, Michelle Ben Meir, and Nava & Adam Cohen for their generous donations of

toys and games.

Hookumcham Jagg for thoroughly shampooing and cleaning all of the youth group rugs.



Seeking 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.



TEEN MINYAN

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.



Youth Membership

Further Clarification of Shabbat Groups Policies:

As we improve and reorganize our groups, a few new rules will be in place. To learn about them in detail, please attend the Shabbat Groups open house today (October 30) and check out our detailed explanation of the program. This year, registration is required of all children attending Shabbat groups. Beginning on November 6, children whose emergency contact information has not been provided will not be permitted to attend groups for safety reasons. Please register for groups at <http://tiny.cc/lt0y4>.

Youth dues should be submitted to the shul office. No child will be turned away for an inability to pay dues. We can't wait to get to know your children better!

Looking for Assistance for Two Children with Special Needs

The youth department is looking for

- 1) an individual to shadow a 10-year old boy with autism every other week on Shabbat mornings in youth groups
- 1) an individual to accompany an 11 year old child with special needs from home to shul on Shabbat mornings (around 9:30am). If you are interested in volunteering for either of these two positions, please contact Shira.

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. 2nd 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 and Evan at evanhir@gmail.com.



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Chesed Opportunity

RAINCOAT DONATION: If you are able to donate a women's size 14 raincoat, please contact Shuli at 718-796-4730 x102.

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.

HELP DELIVER CHANUKAH PACKAGES: Help Bronx Jewish Community Council deliver B'nai B'rith Project H.O.P.E., on **Sunday, Nov. 21** at 9:30am. For more info. contact Niti Minkove, Director of Volunteers at 917-693-3084 or e-mail nminkove@bjconline.org.

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 to volunteer.

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

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.

Gift cards will be available for purchase this Sunday 10/31/10 in the shul lobby from 9-10 am. Chanukah is around the corner. Order your gift cards now.

Beyond the Bayit

REGISTRATION FOR GAN MIRIAM: Gan Miriam Early Learning Center at RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. are conducting their observation and registration for School Year 2011/2012 for 2's 3's 4's (pre-K). Gan Miriam is offering an early registration discount until December 6th. Please call Nurit Bacharach, Director at 718-543-2553 or e-mail Ganrjc@aol.com.

ONLINE RE-TOOLING CLASSES DIRECT TO YOUR COMPUTER: The OU JOB BOARD is offering E-Learning classes online. To sign up go to www.oujobs.org. To register via e-mail please send your contact info. Registration is required. Each course has a \$36 administrative fee. Scholarships may be available. Please contact jobs@ou.org. Space is limited, first come first serve only!

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.

BEN PORAT YOSEF PARLOR MEETING: Michelle & Steven Sarao will be hosting a parlor meeting for Ben Porat Yosef this **Wed., Nov. 3**, 8:00pm, at their home, 3052 Independence Ave. You are invited to hear about BPY, an outstanding orthodox yeshiva located in Paramus, NJ, from grades Toddler (2.5) through elementary. Transportation will be available next year. Please RSVP to Michelle at mts@sarao.com.

SHOMER SHABBAT CUB AND BOY SCOUTS TROOP 613 - Open House and Kick-Off Event: Parent Information session and Scout Activities for Grades 1-12. **Sun., Nov. 7** at 5:00pm. At Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. For more info. email exec@rjcsouts.org.

SAR TO HONOR VETERANS: SAR Academy at 655 West 254th St., invites all veterans so that we may honor you for your service to our country. Join us on **Wed., Nov. 10** at 9:00am. Please RSVP to Shirley Gantz at gantz@saracademy.org or call 718-548-1717 x1294.

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, **Sun., 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.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT WWII MEMORIAL GROVE: This ceremony will take place on **Sun., Nov. 14** at 12:30pm. At Memorial Grove, located in Van Cortland Park on Broadway and West 246th Street. For more info. go to www.memorialgrove.org. Sponsored by Memorial Grove Restoration Group.

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.

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.