

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 Toldot November 5-6

- Candle Lighting: 5:29pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (Room 3-2)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 10:05am
- Parsha Shiur: 4:25pm
- Mincha: 5:10pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:31pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am (Rosh Chodesh Kislev)
Mon: 6:30, 8:00am
(Rosh Chodesh Kislev)
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:30pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayetze November 12-13

- Candle Lighting: 4:22pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:25pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:24pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Ilana & Simmy Kustanowitz on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents Malka Edelman & Rabbi Moshe Edelman and Shuly & Al Kustanowitz.

Jean & Phil Schneider on the birth of twin granddaughters to Dena & Uri Schneider in Israel. To grandmother Tzivia Bieler.

Atara Gorsetman & Brian Spira on their daughter **Ayelet** becoming a Bat Mitzvah and to siblings Noam, Merav and Liron. To grandparents Bonnie & Alex Spira and **Chaya & Fred Gorsetman**, and to all the uncles, aunts & cousins.

Wishing Condolences to:

Dale Nordenberg on the passing of his mother **Marie Nordenberg**. Shiva will be observed at Dale's home, 3625 Oxford Ave., #7C, from Sat. night through Mon. morning after 6:45am Shacharit. Shiva times are: Sat. night: Visiting 7:30pm-9:30pm, no minyan; Sun.: Visiting 8:30am-11:00am and 3:00pm-7:00pm, Shacharit 8:30am and Mincha/Maariv 4:20pm; Mon.: Shacharit 6:45am.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI WITH RABBI LINZER - "Idolatry, From Its Genesis Until Today, Part 2"

Rabbi Linzer returns this Shabbat, after his magnificent talk last month, to address definitions of idolatry and wide-ranging contemporary halakhic applications. Right after tefillah; approx. 11:00am.

LEARNING SERVICE - Learning Service will take place this Shabbat at 9:30am in Room 3-2. Led by Rabba Sara Hurwitz, we gain a deeper understanding of the Shabbat Prayers.

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

"A Demon, a Jew, and a Medieval Christian Saint, or: Since when do Jews go to an Idolatrous Shrine?"

Dr. Ephraim (Effie) Shoham-Steiner teaches medieval Jewish history at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Be'er Sheva. He lives in Jerusalem and is currently on sabbatical at the NYU School of Law in the Tikva Center for Law and Jewish Civilization.

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 out.

KRISTALLNACHT MOVIE AND INTERVIEW: On **Tues., Nov. 9, at 7:00pm**, the Bayit will commemorate Kristallnacht, *The Night of Broken Glass*, through a viewing of the movie *Genocide*, a 1981 Oscar-winning documentary that tells the chilling, unforgettable story of the millions of men, women and children who were caught up in Hitler's World War II reign of terror. The movie will be followed by a conversation with NY Times journalist Joe Berger, who will dialogue with Lily Margules on the topic: "Survivors in America: the Courage to Rebuild." In Lower Level Beit Midrash.

"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.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

YOUNG HIR TEFILLAH - Will begin at 9:15am. Hot Kiddush follows. Sponsorships for future Kiddushes are available. Please e-mail Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.com.

MOTZEI SHABBAT LECTURE AT 8:00PM with BBC commentator and cultural critic Norman Lebrecht - "How the Jew in Gustav Mahler Changed the Music of the World"

Mr. Lebrecht is a prolific and influential commentator and writer on classical music. He is the Record Doctor of WNYC's Soundcheck program. His recent book will be available for purchase and signing afterwards.



שבת שלום!

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am Sun. - Fri. and after Mincha on Shabbat, always in the Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

11:00am (approx.) - Idolatry, From Its Genesis Until Today, Part 2 with Rabbi Linzer (Main Sanctuary)
 4:10pm & after Mincha - Daf Yomi with Rabbi Linzer (LL Lobby)
 4:25pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (cancelled this week)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 7:30pm - Stories of Elisha and Eliyahu with Rav Avi (At his home)
 8:00pm - SHULA RAIT Memorial Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 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 Sara Hurwitz (cancelled due to Kristallnacht Program)

Wednesday

7:00pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 8:00pm - Intermediate Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lobby)
 7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

* 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, 3:30pm.

The next dates are Nov. 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 & 11. 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, 10:30am, Nov. 7 & 14

In Room 3-1, \$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.

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 Atara Gorsetman & Brian Spira in honor of Ayelet's Bat Mitzvah and in honor of Ayelet's Grandparents: Bonnie & Alex Spira and Chaya & Fred Gorsetman. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS: There are three programs coming up in the month of November. **To sign up please call 718-796-4730 x111 and speak to Judy.** The programs are:

Thursday - Nov. 11 - Film "The Dybbuk" - 2:00pm - Refreshments - \$2.
 Sunday - Nov. 14 - Lunch, Live Music - 1:00pm - Bus \$1, Lunch \$1 - Call in on Nov. 9 for reservations.

Thursday - Nov. 18 - Pre Thanksgiving Celebration - 2:00pm - Festive Meal & Music - \$3 by reservation only.

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, 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.

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!

When Illness Strikes

Saturday night, November 20, 8:00-10:00pm
 Hear from experts in medicine, halakhah, social work, and caregiving about how to manage this complicated and challenging phase in our lives and the lives of loved ones. Speakers include Rabbi Richard Weiss, M.D., Beth Popp, David Cutner, Esq., and Rabbi Charles Rudansky. In conjunction with the Orthodox Union. FREE and open to all.

FREE THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND MEAL **Thurs., Nov. 25**

Join us for our second Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, led by Rabbi Avi Weiss beginning at 12:00pm. The service will be followed by our annual free Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00pm.

DON'T SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY ALONE, SPEND IT WITH YOUR HIR FAMILY.

If you would like to volunteer at this event please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Ellie & Hal Weinstein at 917-859-6373 or e-mail halellieweinstein@yahoo.com.

If you would like to join us at this event please call the office at 718-796-4730 and leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending.

Sponsorships are needed for this important event.

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: 2-2

7th-12th Grade Teen Tefillah: Social Hall



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.

SPONSORSHIP/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth Department is looking for sponsorships and donations in the following areas.

Sponsor in honor of your child's birthday, first lost tooth, new sibling, or any reason at all!

Sponsorships

Healthy Kiddush for all 8 Youth Groups: \$100. Contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu.

Teen Tefillah Kiddush, for 7th-12th grades: \$50

Book for the Youth Group Library with your child's name inside: \$18

Family Minyan, including breakfast, a birthday cake, and arts & crafts project: \$150

Bulletin Board for youth group room: \$50

Donations

Couches; Books; Rugs; Mega Blocks; Wooden Train Set; Dress up clothes; Plastic Netilat Yadayim cup; Very large plastic bowls; Plastic Ladle or spoon; Small plastic garbage can; Toy food for play kitchen; Squeezable rubber animals; Playschool "Little People"

VESHINANTAM RETURNS

As we turn back the clock, and Shabbat ends early, we invite you to join us for parent and child learning at Veshinantam. **Every Saturday night, approximately one hour after Shabbat**, return to the Bayit to learn with your children in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash. Open up a Mishna, bring your child's Parsha reader, or use one of our own books or articles for childhood Jewish learning (provided for your use). Pizza and refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam begins next **Saturday night, November 13, 6:30-7:30pm.**

Youth Membership:

As we improve and reorganize our groups, a few new rules will be in place. To learn more about these rules, check out our detailed program-explanation flier. This year, registration is required of all children attending Shabbat groups. Beginning this Shabbat 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!

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 LL Lobby). For early risers: hot cocoa and donuts from 9:15am - 9:30am.



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.



YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Youth group Kiddush this week is sponsored by Elena & Stan Maydan in honor of their children, Danielle and David.



Youth Group Room Decorating Night

Children and parents, join us for a fun night of arts and crafts on **Nov. 17**. No matter your skill level we urge everyone to participate in the effort to add color and vibrancy to our beautiful-but-bare youth rooms. Drop in anytime from 4:30pm-9:30pm on the third floor of the Bayit.

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.
- 2) 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.



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

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

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 date is 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
Seeking new volunteers: Please e-mail rivkahaut@yahoo.com



Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com



Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

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.

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

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!

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. e-mail exec@rjcsouts.org.

PRESENTING YOURSELF IN A POSITIVE WAY: This workshop will teach tools to curb negative thinking and strengthen constructive and effective approaches to dealing with life's challenges. Presented by Lisa Licht Hirsh, Ph.D., Senior Psychologist at the Beatman Center of JBFCs. **Tues., Nov. 9** from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at J.W. Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St. To RSVP please call Ilana Weinstein at 212-632-4693 or e-mail iweinstein@jbfc.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.

OPEN HOUSE AT BAT TORAH: All 8th (and 7th) grade girls and their parents are invited to attend the Bat Torah Open House on **Sun. morning, Nov. 14** at 9:30am at 243 Frisch Ct. Paramus, NJ 07652. Come see our teachers, our students, our beautiful facility and meet other prospective students from all over New Jersey and New York. For more info. call 201-843-8103

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.



Please remember to move your clocks backward one hour this Saturday night, November 6.

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.