

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

November 12, 2010

Weekly Edition

6 Kislev, 5771

Hebrew Institute of Riverdale
3700 Henry Hudson Parkway
Bronx, NY 10463
www.hir.org
E-mail: hir_nexus@yahoo.com
Phone: 718-796-4730
Fax: 718-884-3206

Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayetze November 12-13

- Candle Lighting: 4:22pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:25pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- YHIR Tefillah: 9:15am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:10am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:20pm
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:24pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:25pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach November 19-20

- Candle Lighting: 4:17pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:19pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Louise Lipman & Paul Pizem on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Tamar & Jacob Pizem, in Israel. To big brothers, Noam Elimelech and Elisha Chaim, and to the entire family.

Elaine Machleder on the birth of a grandson. To parents Sara & Dan Machleder and to big sister Lielle.

Lynn & David Frankel on **Sarah Alice's** becoming a Bat Mitzvah. To sister Rose and grandparents Jeannette Frankel and Lenore & Martin Katz.

Eva & Richard Rubel on the engagement of their granddaughter, Tamara Rubel to Michael Slomnicki. To parents Shuly & Alan Rubel.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

YOUNG HIR TEFILLAH - Will begin at 9:15am. Kiddush is sponsored by Gemma & Ari White in honor of Ari's 18th Bar Mitzvah anniversary, and by Neshama Carlebach & Steven Katchen in honor of the birth of Micah Or Shalem. To sponsor a future YHIR kiddush please e-mail Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.com.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbi Daniel Levy, Judaic Studies Instructor at the North Shore Hebrew Academy High School

"Neder Yaakov: What Do We Really Want?" - Rabbi Daniel Levy graduated from YCT in 2004. He and his family recently moved back to Riverdale.

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. In the Lower Level Beit Midrash.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SIDDUR CLASS with Rabbi Moshe Edelman

"The Siddur: An Interactive Engagement with Praying (A Spiritual Need) and Prayer (A Commanded Obligation)": 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 USCJ.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Prof. Noah (Thierry) Dana-Picard, President of the Jerusalem College of Technology

Prof. Dana-Picard holds PhDs from Nice University, France and from Bar Ilan University. He has published numerous articles in Algebra, Geometry and Mathematics Education. He teaches widely on Torah and science.



WHEN ILLNESS STRIKES - Sat. night, Nov. 20, 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Hear from experts in medicine, halakhah, social work, and caregiving about how to manage this 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 Open 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.

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

10:30am - Siddur Class with Rabbi Moshe Edelman
(2nd Floor Rabba Sara's Office)
3:20pm - 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 (2nd Floor Rav Steven's Office)

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 (ATRIA Bingo Room)*
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)
7:00pm - Contemporary Israeli Poetry with Atara Fobar (Lobby)
8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Sara Hurwitz (Lobby)

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)*

Friday

7:30am - Moed Katan with Rav Steven (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. 14

In Room 3-1, \$15 per class. Don't forget to bring a mat, and wear comfortable clothing, including a blanket or sweat-shirt. 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. Co-sponsored by Ann & James Lapin in honor of Fran and Gary Lapin's birthdays. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

NO SCOOTERS @ THE BAYIT: In the spirit of keeping our Bayit a safe place for everyone to be in on Shabbat we ask all parents to encourage their children to leave their scooters at home when coming to shul on Shabbat. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.



UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS: There are two more programs coming up in the month of November. **To sign up please call 718-796-4730 x111 and speak to Judy.** The programs are: Sunday - Nov. 14 - Lunch, Live Music - 1:00pm - Bus \$1, Lunch \$1 Thursday - Nov. 18 - Pre Thanksgiving Celebration - 2:00pm - Festive Meal & Music - \$3 by reservation only.

CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Sun., Nov. 16: 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.

GUEST SPEAKER - RABBI RAZ HARTMAN: We are privileged to have spiritual guide and musician, Rabbi Raz Hartman perform at the home of Adinah & Elli Kranzler on Sat. night, Nov. 20. Details TBA.

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.

HAFTORAH HESITATIONS NO MORE: Learn Haftorah trop with Lynn Cohen: 8 Monday evenings from Dec. 13 to Jan. 31, 7:30pm to 9:00pm. \$50. For more information, contact Lynn at 718-601-1477. Open to men and women.

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!

As our shul grows, we need to expand our Bikur Cholim committee. We urgently need committed individuals to help plan, grow and organize our services. Help us make the Bayit all it can be. Please contact Rivka Haut at rivkahaut@yahoo.com; Ruth Licht at ruth.licht@verizon.net; or Isaac Geld at kindcare@aol.com, or call 917-733-4961.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW RABBINIC INTERN AARON FINKELSTEIN

Aaron is a fourth year student at YCT and has previously interned at Beth Sholom Congregation in Potomac, MD. He is from Berkeley, California. We look forward to learning with you!

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. If you are late in picking up your children, you will find them in room 3-4.

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

Children's classroom tables; Children's classroom chairs; Couches; Books; Rugs; Mega Blocks; Wooden Train Set; Dress up clothes; Plastic Netilat Yadayim cup; Very large plastic bowls; Challah Covers; Hand towels; Plastic Ladle or spoon; Small plastic garbage cans; Toy food for play kitchen; Squeezable rubber animals; Playschool "Little People"

VESHINANTAM RETURNS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

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 this **Saturday night, November 13**, 6:30pm - 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. 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 Shani & David Schwartz in honor of their children, Rebecca, Sam and Mike.



Youth Group Room Decorating Night

Children and parents, join us for a fun night of arts and crafts on **Wed., 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

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 ravstevnexler@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



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@jbfcs.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

SHOW AT THE RIVERDALE Y: Riverdale Repertory Company is proud to present THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, a Tony-award winning musical comedy. The cast includes our own Ronnie Becher as an aviatrix and Judah Koller as a gangster disguised as a pastry chef. Performances (at the Riverdale Y) are: **Nov. 13,14,17,18,20,21**. Tickets available at: www.riverdaley.tix.com.

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

VCJC'S ANNUAL BAZAAR & CARNIVAL: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. will be hosting a bazaar and carnival **this Sun., Nov. 14** from 11:00am - 4:00pm. For more info. call 718-884-6105 or go to www.vcjewishcenter.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT MA'AYANOT: Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls, 1650 Palisade Ave., Teaneck NJ, invites all 8th grade girls and their parents to join their open house **this Sun., Nov. 14** at 1:30pm. For more info. or to RSVP, please contact Nina Bieler at 201-833-4307 x255 or admissions@maayanot.org.

CUB SCOUTS AT THE RJC: Bears/Wolf Den for 2nd and 3rd Grade boys, will meet **Sun., Nov. 14**, 5:00pm at the RJC Gym, 3700 Independence Ave. Open to all current and potential Cub Scouts. Come try us out! For more information please e-mail exec@rjcscoouts.org.

MIDRESHET DEVORA: A representative from Midreshet Devora, a modern Orthodox Post High School Midrasha in Jerusalem, will be in Riverdale and Westchester from **Nov. 14-17**. Please call 718-593-4162 or e-mail midreshetdevora@yahoo.com to set up an appointment to meet with us and learn more about our innovative program which combines serious Torah study with exposure to the Land and Culture of Israel. Generous Scholarships are available.

CUSTOM WIG SALE IN RIVERDALE: There will be a sale by Michal Wigs **this Wed., Nov. 17**, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, 3640 Johnson Ave., #7K. For more info. call 917-592-8705.

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.

שבת שלום!

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.