

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 Vayishlach November 19-20

- Candle Lighting: 4:17pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:15am
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Parsha Shiur with Ari Hart: 3:15pm
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:19pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Thurs: 8:30am (Thanksgiving Day)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayeshev November 26-27

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:15pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Judith & Paul Blank and to **Ruby & Stanley Langer** on the engagement of their granddaughter, **Tamar Blank** to Daniel Rutta. To parents Paula & Dr. Jonathan Blank and Molly & Dr. David Rutta.

This 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

"The Numbers 7 and 8 in the Jewish Calendar"

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.

KAVVANAH RETURNS - A Tefillah Experience @ the Bayit: **This Sun., Nov. 21, 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!

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.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT LEARNING SERVICE - The next Learning Service will take place next Shabbat, Nov. 27, in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Led by Rabba Sara Hurwitz, we will gain a deeper understanding of the Shabbat prayers.

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI WITH RABBI LINZER - "Idolatri, From Its Genesis Until Today, Part 3: Entering Churches and Mosques". Rabbi Linzer returns to address contemporary applications of idolatri that depict halakhah's perspective on other religions. Right after tefillah; approx. 11:00am.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOVEMBER 30TH, 8:30PM @ THE BAYIT

This meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about the status of the capital campaign and to receive an update on our fundraising efforts. We will also discuss the Bayit's current financial picture and efforts being taken to curtail our operating deficit, including a proposed increase in dues. **While all are welcome to attend this meeting, please note that only paid members will be entitled to vote at the meeting.**

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 Main Lobby.

Shabbat

3:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 3:30pm - Chess Club with Ben Wolfson (Room 3-5 & 3-6)
 After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd FL BM)

Sunday

10:30am - Yoga For Adults with Sherry House (Room 3-1)
 10:45am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd FL Rav Steven's Office, meeting after Kawannah)

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 Hurwitz (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 - Thanksgiving (No classes)

Friday

7:20am - Moed Katan with Rav Steven (Cancelled this week)

* 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.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to Rhonda Stock and Florence Schneider for helping out with our last mailing.

Thank you to Edith Wolff for helping sell HIR gift cards on Sunday, Oct. 31. Orit Glas will see you at the HIR gift card table in the lobby, this Sunday.

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.

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 718-796-4730 x102.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Co-sponsored in memory of Max Anshen, beloved father of Elaine Bloom and Beth Braunstein and husband of Selma Anshen, on the occasion of his 9th Yartzeit. 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.

RAZ HARTMAN - MELAVA MALKA CONCERT: Please join us for a very special program this **Saturday night, Nov. 20** at 8:00pm at the home of Adinah & Elli Kranzler, 4640 Delafield Ave. Rabbi Raz Hartman, from Nachlaot, Jerusalem, will be performing his beautiful songs and teaching his unique and spiritual Torah. He is an accomplished musician and composer, and an inspired and inspiring soul. \$10 suggested donation.

HELP SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES FOR CHANUKAH: Thanksgiving and Chanukkah are right around the corner! Buy grocery cards and gift cards through the HIR gift card program. Cards will be on sale, **this Sunday, Nov. 21** from 9:00am - 10:00am in the shul lobby. For more information call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280. Buy it for the Bayit!

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 3-5 & 3-6. The dates are: 11/21, 12/26, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

TECHNICOLOR KABBALAT SHABBAT: On Friday, Dec. 10, at 4:30pm (after Mincha), join Bayit friends in the Lower Level Beit Midrash for our second annual Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Kabbalat Shabbat (an additional tefillah). Kabbalat Shabbat mizmorim set to tunes from the musical: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. For details and playlist, contact: sally46@gmail.com. Followed by Maariv.

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.

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 6/14. 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Lobby. The dates are: 12/7, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/14.

MEDICAID FOLLOWUP: If you missed the Medicaid Part D presentation on 11/11 and have questions about your coverage, please call the HIR social worker, Anna Kirshblum at 718-601-9714. Anna has extra handouts from the workshop and will be happy to connect you with a professional at NYLAG if you wish to talk with someone directly.

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.

Chanukah Programs @ the Bayit

DON'T MISS OUR 7 FOOT MENORAH WHICH WILL BE LIT OUTSIDE OF THE BAYIT ON EACH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH.



Wednesday night, December 1

5:15pm - 7:30pm: Light up the Streets!

Join Bayit Staff and Riverdadians for Chanukah lightings in the public domain with our 7-foot Menorah, Chanukah songs, and snacks.

5:15pm at Mother's, 548 W 235th St.

6:00pm at Caffecino's, 269 West 231st St. (between Kingsbridge Ave. and Corlear Ave.)

6:45pm at Corner Café, 3552 Johnson Ave.

Thursday, December 2

4:00pm: Seivah and Golden Age Chanukah Celebration

Featuring Stand-up Comedian Larry Shaw - "The New Groucho Marx" and refreshments. For more information and reservations, please call Judy at 718-796-4730 x111.

4:30pm: Concert with Dafna Kotok of Shir Fun

Join us for a Chanukah Celebration with an interactive performance by Dafna Kotok from Shir Fun, followed by pizza. All are welcome. Cost: \$10/person, \$30/family.



Shabbat, December 4

Chanukah Yom Iyun

Soak in the light of Chanukah, with Chanukah Torah, between Mincha and Maariv. Topics to follow.

6:00pm: Bayit Band, Melave Malka Celebration in the Social Hall

The Bayit Band is Back for a Chanukah Melave Malka Celebration, on Motzei Shabbat. Bring your own instruments and play along!



Sunday, December 5

5:30pm: Chanukah Chagiga of the Century

Join us in the lobby of The Century (2600 Netherland Ave.) for a festive chagiga (celebration) and candle lighting ceremony.



6:30pm - 8:00pm: Special Friends Chanukah Get Together

Throughout the year, HIR sponsors programs for hundreds of young adults who are developmentally disabled. **We need volunteers!** For further information, please call Judy at 718-796-4730 x111.

Tuesday, December 7

4:30pm - 6:00pm: Menorah lighting at Dunkin Donuts

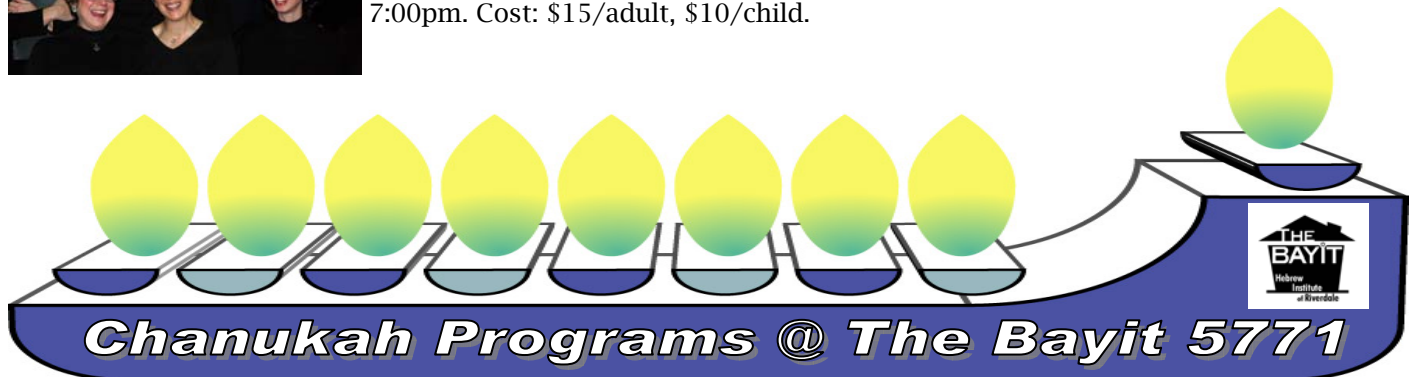
Help us light our 7-foot menorah at Dunkin Donuts on 259th St. and Riverdale Ave. Free donuts for first 300 people!



Wednesday, December 8

6:00pm: Annual HIR Choir Dinner in the Social Hall

Join us for a Chanukah candle lighting and our Annual Chanukah Dinner (including latkes, and soofganiyot for dessert) with a performance by our beloved HIR Community Choir. New pieces and old favorites. Performance approximately 7:00pm. Cost: \$15/adult, \$10/child.



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

For safety reasons, children must be registered to attend groups. To register go to <http://tiny.cc/lt0y4>. Visitors are always welcome.

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.



HIR Teens - Would you like to host an Oneg?

Now that the clock has changed, invite your grade to your home to hang out and snack on gummies. We're seeking a junior high host, a 9th/10th grade host, and an 11th/12th grade host. If you'd like to host, please email evanhir@gmail.com.



HIR Teens - AS the temperatures begin to drop, and we're replacing our winter coats, please gather lightly used winter coats, hats, etc... as we prepare for our Midnight Run to help the homeless. More details to follow.

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



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.



YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Youth group Kiddush this week is sponsored by Debbie Braverman & Hillel Grossman in honor of Tiferet's 8th birthday. Happy birthday, Tiferet!



VESHINANTAM CONTINUES 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 continues this **Saturday night, November 20, 6:15pm - 7:15pm.**

COLLECTION OF SPORTS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CHANUKAH

HIR Youth is collecting new and very lightly used sports and play equipment for the children at the JBFCs Ittleson Center on 239th Street. Please drop off basketballs, footballs, kickballs, jumprobes, and other such 'recess' equipment... at the box that's in the coat room. The equipment and toys will be delivered on Chanukah. Any other toys would be gladly accepted for donation for this or other locations.

Looking for Assistance for a Child with Special Needs

The youth department is looking for an individual to shadow a 10-year old boy with autism every other week on Shabbat mornings from 10:30am - 11:30am in youth groups. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shira.



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.

Chesed Opportunity

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: William Limongelli, D.D.S, of Yonkers Dental Surgery, located at 12 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701, is helping collect non-perishable food donations. Food Drop-Off Dates are **Mon. - Thurs., Nov. 30th** from 11:00am - 5:00pm. For further info. please call 914-969-2727 or go to www.dentistinyonkersny.com.

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, baronaj1@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.

Green Tip of the Week



Energy and Water

The average US family uses about 400 gallons of fresh water per day for washing, eating, yard work etc. Yet this does not include the almost 600 to 1,800 gallons of water required per day to create the family's electricity if it comes from a coal-fired power plant. Reduce energy and water consumption by using Energy Star appliances at home and support renewable energy policies and investments.

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. 20 & 21**. Tickets available at: www.riverdaley.tix.com.

RJC ANNUAL CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE: RJC will be having their annual Chanukah Boutique **this Motzei Shabbat, Nov. 20** from 7:30pm - 11:00pm, at RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. For more info. please call 718-548-1850.

SATURDAY NIGHT SOUNDS: The Jewish Renaissance Experience at 1495 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY, invites you to join in a non-spectator musical night, where the music is yours! Bring your instruments, vocals, and passion, or just sit back and listen to the music flow! **This Sat. night, Nov. 20**, at 8:30pm. To RSVP or for more information contact 914-861-JRE1 or e-mail info@thejre.org.

YU/CJF BOKER IYUN TO RAISE TZEDAKAH FOR GUSH KATIF EVACUEES: This morning of learning will take place **this Sun., Nov. 21** from 10:00am - 12:15pm at Congregation Keter Torah. Featured speakers include Rabbi J.J. Schacter, Rabbi Saul J. Berman, Mrs. Nechama Price, and Dr. Shira Weiss who will all be addressing the topic of "Living with Multiple Loyalties: When Religious, Ideological, and National Identities Conflict". Proceeds from registration are going directly to Halutza, a new settlement in Israel that, with your help, will soon become a new permanent home and community for still-displaced Gush Katif evacuees. For more info. contact Moshe Blackstein at 201-835-4775.

JEWISH FOLKTALES STORYTELLER PENINNAH SCHRAM AT PALISADES: Please join us for an animated, fun-filled experience for the entire family. Enjoy Internationally known Author/Storyteller, Peninnah Schram. **This Sun., Nov. 21**, 3:00pm at The Esplanade at Palisades, 640 Oak Tree Road, Palisades, NY. To RSVP please call Karen at 845-359-7870. Free of charge.

CUB SCOUTS AT THE RJC: Bears/Wolf Den for 2nd and 3rd Grade boys, will meet **this Sun., Nov. 21**, 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@rjcsouts.org.

ISRAELI ART FOR ELEM: ELEM in NY invites you to their 3rd Annual Israeli Art for ELEM - "Ray of Light", which will take place **this Sun., Nov. 21**, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm, at the Opera Gallery, 115 Spring St. NY, NY 10022. For tickets go to www.elem.org/news.

WE'LL TAKE YOUR LAPTOP: We're looking for a laptop to use for programs and presentations at the Bayit. If you have a functional laptop to donate, please contact the office.



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.