

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 Vayeshev November 26-27

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:20am
- Learning Service: 9:30am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Parsha Shiur with Rav Avi: 3:10pm
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:15pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon - Fri: 6:30, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:15pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Miketz Shabbat Chanukah December 3-4

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- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
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Welcome to New Members:

Leah & Joseph Sanders.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT LEARNING SERVICE - The next Learning Service will take place this Shabbat, 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

"Idolatry, From Its Genesis Until Today, Part 3: Entering Churches and Mosques"

Rabbi Linzer returns to address contemporary applications of idolatry that depict halakhah's perspective on other religions. Right after tefillah; approx. 11:00am.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Guest Shiur with Rabbi Ben Greenberg, Harvard University

"The Boundaries of Pluralism: The Case Study of the College Campus"

The Bayit is excited to welcome back former intern Rabbi Ben Greenberg. Rabbi Greenberg is the Orthodox rabbi of Harvard Hillel, Jewish Chaplain of Harvard University and the Co-Director of the Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at Harvard. His latest book, *Covenantal Promise and Destiny: Wisdom for Life*, is available on Amazon.com. Rabbi Greenberg lives with his wife Sharon in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



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.*

See page 2 for a list of our Chanukah programs!

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

EARLY MINCHA AND COMMUNAL CANDLELIGHTING - 4:00PM

We'll daven Mincha a few minutes earlier to leave time to light our large Chanukah in the front of the Main Sanctuary to remain lit over Shabbat. Join us to illuminate our Bayit with light and song!



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.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Chanukah Iyun

Join us for 2 mini-shiurim on Chanukah topics to enhance our love for and understanding of this holiday.



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.



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 Riverdalians for Chanukah lightings in the public domain with our 7-foot Menorah, Chanukah songs, and snacks.

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

6:00pm at Caffeccino'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.



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

1:00pm: Family Dreidel Competition and Bayit Iron Chef: America

Bring your whole family to the HIR, for a family Dreidel Competition. The winning Maccabee will hold eternal glory for his or her family. At the same time, watch teams of Bayit chefs compete in the Bayit Iron Chef: America - your secret ingredients - potatoes and oil! See who can make the best latkes in all of Riverdale. All supplies and ingredients will be provided, with free samples for those who dare. Teams of 2-3 Chefs should please register with Evan evanhir@gmail.com.

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.

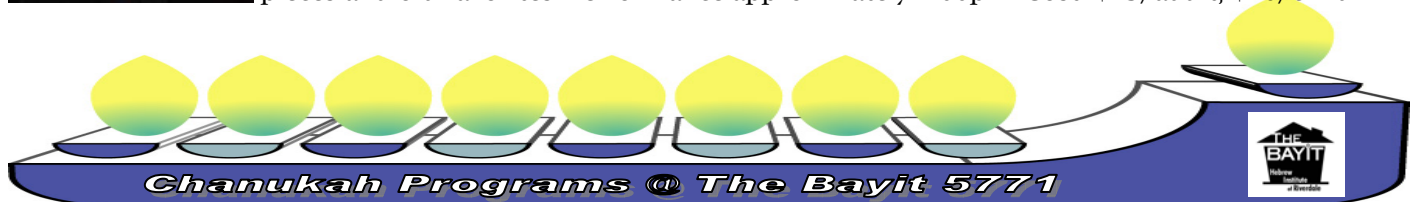
Free donuts for the first 300 people!



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.



Youth Department

YOUTH GROUPS LOCATIONS

PLEASE NOTE MODIFIED GROUPS FOR THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.

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

7th-12th Grade Teen Tefillah: 3-2



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.



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 Iselin Avenue. 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.

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.

עונג שבת!

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, Room 3-2). For early risers: hot cocoa and donuts from 9:15am - 9:30am.



SHABBAT STORY TIME

Children in grades N-2 are invited to a special Shabbat story program immediately following youth groups **this Shabbat morning, November 27** in Room 3-7.

Parents who would like to stay for Rabbi Linzer's drasha do not need to worry about pick up at the end of groups: our leaders will assist your child in transitioning from groups to Shabbat Story Time. Please make sure to pick up your child as soon as Rabbi Linzer finishes his drasha.



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.

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.



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.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Ms. Helen Follick and son Harry in loving memory of Helen's sister Ms. Rosalind Levine, Raisel bas Chana and Rosalind's husband Mr. Ted Levine, Tuva ben Heicha. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: We have some children's books on the shelves outside of the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use them during shul to keep your children engaged and quiet. Please remember to replace books when you are finished reading them. Please also note that adults and children may be in the lobby, but the area between the double doors should remain clear of adults and children during tefillah.

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.

WHEN ILLNESS STRIKES FOLLOW UP: If you were unable to attend the program "When Illness Strikes" last Saturday night and would like materials from the program or had any followup questions about end of life decisionmaking, please call HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum at 718-601-9714

The Bayit is planning a light kiddush on Dec. 11 in honor of Rav Steven's aufruf and upcoming wedding. We are asking for donations of vases and wicker baskets. Please drop off at the shul in Rabba Sara's office, or pickup can be arranged. For more info. please contact Atara Gorsetman atarag@optonline.net or Rabba Sara 718-796-4730 x107.

Chesed Opportunity

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERDALE HOMELESS SHELTER: Looking for volunteers to cook meals for 8 homeless guests at the Society of Ethical Culture. To see the schedule and sign-up, go to TakethemAMeal.com. Last name: Society of Ethical Culture; Password: HIR. For questions, contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or shiragordon@optonline.net .

Saturday Night Specials @ The Bayit

Mark your calendars to spend Saturday nights at the Bayit! Stay tuned for programmatic details. Contact Rav steven for more information
 12/11 or 18: Motzei Shabbat at the Movies
 12/25 Shabbat K'vad Peh Film and Program
 1/8 Keep Your Wives Away From Them: Book Event and Discussion
 1/22, 1/29, 2/12: Mission and Vision of Open Orthodoxy Series with Rav Avi
 2/5: Lecture with Gil Atzmon
 2/26: Lecture with David Hazony



This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am Sun. - Fri. in the Main Lobby and after Mincha on Shabbat, always in the Lower Level Lobby. All are welcome to the Horayot/Nezikin siyyum at 9:30am on Sunday, December 5th.

Shabbat

3:10pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Avi (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

10:45am - 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 (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 (Cancelled this week)

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

7:20am - Moed Katan with Rav Steven (Lobby)

** All Hebrew classes 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.*

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

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.