

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by members of the Bayit in honor of Rav Steven's upcoming marriage to Shira Billet this Sunday.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayigash December 10-11

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Women's Tefillah: 8:45am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:29am
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:13pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayechi December 17-18

- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:00pm**
- Candle Lighting: 4:12pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:15pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Our beloved **Rabbi Steven Exler** and Shira Billet on their upcoming marriage this Sunday. To parents Emma & Jacob Exler and Rookie & Rabbi Heshie Billet, and the entire extended families.

Wishing Condolences to:

Lisa Pulver on the passing of her father, Yehuda Levy. Shiva has concluded.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TECHNICOLOR KABBALAT SHABBAT: Join Bayit friends in the Lower Level Beit Midrash at 4:30pm (after Mincha), 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. Followed by Maariv.



TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah will meet **this Shabbat, Dec. 11**, at 8:45am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. We will join the main shul for Musaf.

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.

KIDDUSH THIS SHABBAT: There will be a Community sponsored Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of Rav Steven Exler's aufruf and upcoming marriage to Shira Billet. We all wish you Mazal Tov!



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz

"Shirat Ha'Olam: Is Love a Metaphysical summons?"

Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz is the Founder & President of Uri L'Tzedek (the Orthodox Social Justice Movement), the Senior Jewish Educator at UCLA, and a 5th year Doctoral candidate at Columbia in Moral Leadership & Epistemology. Shmuly is a musmach of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah & is an alum of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship. You can follow Shmuly in his weekly column in the Jewish Week ("Street Torah") and on PBS on December 21st in "The Calling."

Aseret B' Tevet. - Friday, December 17, 2010

Fast begins at 6:02am. Mincha will begin at 4:00pm to allow time for Torah reading. Kabbalat Shabbat will follow the traditional (non-Carlebach) melodies. The fast ends at 5:12pm.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI RETURNS: Join us next **Shabbat, Dec. 18** with Dr. Michelle Friedman. She will be giving a 35 minute talk right after tefillah (approx. 11:00am). Her topic will be, "Who's Not in the Room? Faith, Doubt and Leaving Religious Life." Dr. Friedman is the Director of Pastoral Psychology at YCT, and has her own private practice. One of her chief interests is the interface between psychiatry and religious life.

YOUNG HIR TEFILLAH: Will begin at 9:15am. Kiddush sponsored by Luba & David Teten in honor of their daughter Sigal's Simchat Bat. Sponsorships for future Kiddushes are available. Please e-mail Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.com.

MOTZEI SHABBAT @ THE MOVIES: Join us for the screening of two critically-acclaimed short films: "Herzl," a celebration of the achievements of Theodor Herzl, and "Melodies of Independence," featuring the first kibbutz established in Israel along with the famous singing group Gevatron. Beginning at 8:00pm in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Followed by a discussion.



שבת שלום!

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.

Shabbat

3:25pm - Parsha Shiur (with Rav Avi)
 3:30pm - Chess Club with Ben Wolfson (Room 3-5 & 3-6)
 After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd FL BM)

Sunday

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

Monday

Note: Rav Avi's Monday night class will be on Tuesday night this week.

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 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)

7:30pm - Stories of Elisha & Eliyahu with Rav Avi (At his home)

8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Sara Hurwitz (Lobby)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Cancelled this week)
 6:30pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

Friday

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

* 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.

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.

Rabbi Weiss on Shalom TV:

Tune into Shalom TV to watch Rabbi Weiss in "Pursuing Justice at the JCPA Plenum." In this program Jewish Ethics and social action are addressed by Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabbi Jack Moline and Rabbi Marla Feldman. This program is on demand through Dec. 18. Go to www.shalomtv.com to find out the channel numbers on your cable system or contact Shuli in the office for more details at 718-796-4730 x102.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by the Braverman Grossman family in honor of Rav Steven on his Shabbat Chatan. 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.

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.

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

SHABBAT K'VAD PEH - FILM AND DISCUSSION: On the Shabbat that deals with speech variation, join our own Dr. Phil Schneider for a screening of his and Uri's new film, "Going With the Flow: A Guide to Transcending Stuttering", followed by a discussion about speech and our journeys. **Saturday night, Dec. 25, 8:00pm - 9:30pm.**

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 next dates are: **12/26, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.**

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: **1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/14.**

WHEN ILLNESS STRIKES FOLLOW UP: If you were unable to attend the recent program "When Illness Strikes" and would like materials from the program or have any follow up questions about end of life decision making, please call HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum at 718-601-9714.

Saturday Night

Specials @ The Bayit

SATURDAY

Mark your calendars to spend Saturday nights at the Bayit!
 Stay tuned for programmatic details.
 Contact Rav Steven for more information
 12/25: Shabbat K'vad Peh Film and Discussion
 1/15: Keep Your Wives Away From Them: Book Event and Discussion
 1/22, 1/29, 2/5: Mission and Vision of Open Orthodoxy Series with Rav Avi
 2/5: Lecture with Gil Atzmon
 2/26: Lecture with David Hazony

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



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.

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.

Parsha Teacher

The youth department is looking for a creative and energetic adult to lead parsha time in Shabbat morning youth groups on a weekly basis. If you are interested in this position, please contact Shira at hirshira@yahoo.com.



If you'd like to receive this bulletin via e-mail please send your name and e-mail address to hir_nexus@yahoo.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, Social Hall). 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.



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, Dec. 11, 6:15pm - 7:15pm.**

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!



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

VISITOR NEEDED: Would you like to visit a wonderful 92 year old, very alert lady who lives in a lovely, safe neighborhood? She lives alone and would be so delighted with your company once a week or every other week. Please contact Niti at nminkove@bjconline.org if you might be interested in beginning a very rewarding relationship with a charming lady.



VOULNTEER TO JOIN OUR BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE: 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.

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 .

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

Green Tip of the Week

NY Cares

90% of homeless adults need a new, warm coat each winter because they have no place to keep one over the summer months. **New York Cares** collects nearly 70,000 gently used, freshly laundered winter coats each December and distributes them to thousands of men, women, and children who would otherwise be cold. NY Cares is collecting gently used coats until December 31. Local collection spots include the 50th Precinct (3450 Kingsbridge Avenue), and for commuters, at Grand Central Station and Penn Station.

Beyond the Bayit

SINGLES EVENT AT YIOZ: You are invited to attend a singles event for frum professionals, ages 25-38. This event will take place **this Sun., Dec. 12** at 6:00pm, at Young Israel Ohab Zedek, 6015 Riverdale Avenue (Corner of W. 260 St.). To register please call April at 347-275-7246 or e-mail tli36@aol.com This event is co-sponsored by Torah Lishmah Institute.

BROADWAY ON HUDSON 2011 - OPEN HOUSE: The Riverdale Y at 5625 Arlington Ave. will be having an open house on Thurs., Dec. 16, 7:30pm for Broadway on the Hudson 2011. Families that are interested in getting a free ticket to the show Pippin, performed by the Riverdale Y's Teens on Stage, should RSVP to BBecher@RiverdaleY.org. For more info. call 718-548-8200.

DAY OF LEARNING AT MA'AYANOT: Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls, located at 1650 Palisade Ave., Teaneck, NJ, invites you to join us for our annual *Day of Study in the Liberal Arts and Sciences* on **Sun., Dec. 19**, from 9:30am - 12:30pm. For more information call 201-833-4307.

SEEING SINAI AND NEW TRANSLATIONS - GENESIS: Join the artist Jill Nathanson for a conversation about art and the sacred in conjunction with the exhibition: Sacred Presence/Painterly Process - *Seeing Sinai and New Translations: Genesis*. **Next Sun., Dec. 19**, at 3:30pm, at the Derfner Judaica Museum, Hebrew Home at Riverdale, 5901 Palisade Ave. To RSVP please call 718-581-1596 or e-mail eoleary@hebrewhome.org.

BIKKURIM: An Incubator for New Jewish Ideas is accepting applications for 2010. Bikkurim seeks innovative, NYC-based, Jewish, non-profit projects in early stages of formation and organizational growth. We provide free office space, free and subsidized capacity-building consulting, small stipends, and a peer community. Pre-applications can be downloaded from www.bikkurim.org and are due **Feb. 1, 2011**. For more info. contact Jason Leibowitz at jleibowitz@bikkurim.org or 212-284-6896. Please help spread the word!

SHIR FUN WINTER SEMESTER: Registration for the winter Shir Fun class has begun! To sign up for this popular Hebrew music class for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers, go to www.shirfun.com. Limited spots left so sign up soon!

Support HIR with your purchases :

Support HIR will all your local grocery shopping. Gift cards available for A&P, Fairway, Garden Gourmet, Key Food and Stop & Shop.

Store credit available for Corner Café , Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market.

For a complete list of all available stores, log on to shopwithscrip.com. For new customers, the HIR enrollment code is 58L43DE62133.

For more information or to place orders, e-mail Shira Gordon at hirgiftcards@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.