

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 Vayechi December 17-18

- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:00pm**
- Candle Lighting: 4:12pm
- Fast Ends: 5:12pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- YHIR Tefillah: 9:15am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:33am
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:15pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemot December 24-25

- Candle Lighting: 4:15pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:18pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rachel & Avi Rosenfeld on the birth of a daughter. To big brothers Micha and Noam.

Wishing Condolences to:

Morlie Levin on the passing of her mother, Sylvia Reva Hammer. Shiva will be observed through Mon. morning, Dec. 20 at the Levin home, 4720 Delafield Avenue. Shacharit on Sun., Dec. 19, is at 8:30am and on Mon. Dec. 20 is at 6:30am. Mincha/Maariv on Sun., Dec. 19 is at 4:15pm.

Asara B'Tevet Fast: Mincha will begin on Friday at 4:00pm to allow time for Torah reading. Kabbalat Shabbat will follow the traditional (non-Carlebach) melodies. The fast ends at 5:12pm.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

YOUNG HIR TEFILLAH: Will begin at 9:15am. Kiddush catered by HaMakolet is 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.

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI RETURNS: Join us **this Shabbat, Dec. 18** for a lecture 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.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern, Ari Hart
"The 12 Year Cave: What did Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yochai Learn?"

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. Suggested donation \$5.



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.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit



MOTZEI SHABBAT @ THE MOVIES - 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 his son Uri's new film, "Going With the Flow: A Guide to Transcending Stuttering", followed by a discussion about speech and our journeys. **Next Saturday night, Dec. 25, 8:00pm - 9:30pm.**

SAVE THE DATE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY IS ON JANUARY 17TH AT 8:00PM. JOIN US AS WE WELCOME BACK REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK AND THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING OF SONG IN TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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 siyum at 9:30am on Sunday.

Shabbat

3:25pm - Parsha Shiur (with Rav Avi)

After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd FL 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 & 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 rejeff@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

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

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lobby)

6:30pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (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.

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.

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

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

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. 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.

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. In the main lobby. 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.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF RAV STEVEN AND SHIRA

We would like to thank all those who participated in last week's kiddush in honor of Rav Steven and Shira. It was a great moment of our community coming together and we look forward to our next community wide kiddush in honor of Tu B'Shevat on Jan. 22. Details to follow.

A special thanks to our Event Coordinators for your ideas, energy, and working tirelessly to enhance our Bayit!

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.

CLASSES AT THE BAYIT

Thank you to Sherry House for donating her time to teach Yoga and to Ben Wolfson for donating his time to teach chess. Your classes were enjoyed by many! If you have a skill to offer, please contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.



Youth Department Fundraiser Lunch

The HIR Youth department will be holding a fundraiser on January 23.

There will be food, singing, entertainment, and activities for all ages. Tickets are \$18 per person in advance or \$25 at the door.

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 up: 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.

VESHINANTAM CONTINUES THIS SAT. 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. 18**, 6:15pm - 7:15pm.

YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush last week was sponsored by Vlad Sinayuk, Natalia Hochbaum, and Micaela in honor of Manuela's third birthday. Happy birthday, Manu!



Kiddush this week is sponsored by Donny Ebenstein, Debra Kaplan, Avishai and Noam.

In Search of a 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.

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.



SHABBAT STORY TIME

Children in grades N-4 are invited to a special Shabbat story program immediately following youth groups **this Shabbat**

morning, December 18 in Room 3-2. Parents who would like to stay for Dr. Michelle Friedman's talk 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 Dr. Friedman finishes speaking.



THANK YOU

The Youth Department would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations. We are truly moved by your support.

Michal Chamudot: Netilat Yadayim station

Chavi Eisenberg: Leading Shabbat Story Time

Tsuri Gadasi: Children's table and two bookcases

Jennifer Grossberg: Rug

R' Ari Hart: Leading Shabbat Story Time

Lisa Hirsch: Games

Shalom Holtz: Leading Tot Shabbat

Shayna Langer: Shadow in Shabbat Morning Youth Groups

Lois Mandel: Games



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; Children's classroom tables; Children's classroom chairs; Storage closet/cabinet; Books; Wooden Train Set; Dress up clothes; Challah Covers; Plastic Ladle or spoon; Small plastic garbage cans; Toy food for play kitchen; Squeezable rubber animals; Playschool "Little People".

To donate furniture from the list above, please email a picture to hirshira@yahoo.com.



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

DONATE YOUR LIGHTLY USED WINTER COAT OR HAT: As our teens prepare to gather lightly used winter coats, hats, etc. for their Midnight Run to help the homeless, we ask for your donation of a lightly used winter coat or hat. Please contact our Co-Youth Director Evan Zauder to donate. You can e-mail him at evanhir@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER 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 TaketemAMeal.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 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



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

Help Rebuild our Carmel Forest

43 people dead, 250 homes ravaged, 12,300 acres razed, 5 million trees burned. In the aftermath of the worst fire in Israeli history, we are left wondering how we can help Israel recover after the fire. Invest in Israel's tenuous natural environment by donating to organizations such as the Jewish National Fund.

Beyond the Bayit

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.

STANLEY LANE BASKETBALL LEAGUE @ THE RIVERDALE Y: Come join the widely popular Stanley Lane Basketball League! All children have the opportunity to play on organized teams, participate in structured practices and are encouraged to participate in basketball clinics. Evaluation make-up date is **this Sun., Dec. 19** for all grades from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. For more info. contact Yudi Davis at 718-548-8200 x240 or e-mail YDavis@RiverdaleY.org.

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*. **This 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 2011. 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

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.