

# 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 Shemot December 24-25

- Candle Lighting: 4:15pm
- 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: 9:37am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:30pm
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:18pm

## 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 Va'era December 31 - January 1

- Candle Lighting: 4:20pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:25pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:24pm



## Wishing Condolences to:

The family of **Pearl Goldberg** on her passing.

**Sheryl Soskel** on the passing of her father, Robert Soskel. Shiva will be observed through Sunday morning, Dec. 26 at 299 Elm Street, West Hempstead, NY.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

### SHABBAT MORNING GUEST DRASHA - with Dr. Phil Schneider

"How does Moses, the "K'vad peh" of Shemot, grow into the Spokesman of Devarim?"

### BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"Jewish Observances of Christmas?! A Survey of the World of Nittel Nacht"



### 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. **This Saturday night, Dec. 25, 8:00pm - 9:30pm.**

### KAVVANAH RETURNS - A Tefillah Experience @ the Bayit: This Sun., Dec. 26,

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!

## Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

**SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH:** All are invited to join the chevra at 9:00am for lively davening to Reb Shlomo's melodies. All are encouraged to bring kosher-certified, sealed packaged food for communal Kiddush following the service.

## SAVE THE DATE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY IS ON **JANUARY 17TH, 2011**. JOIN US AT 8:00PM 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.

**STATEMENTS:** 2011 dues statements have been mailed. As a benefit of your HIR membership, 100% of your dues payment is tax deductible, as are your voluntary contributions to The Bayit. If you would like to make a payment before the end of the year, please contact the office by **Thurs., Dec. 30, 2010**.

## 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.

## 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 in the Lower Level Lobby.*

### **Shabbat**

3:30pm - Parsha Shiur (with Rav Steven)  
After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd FL BM)

### **Sunday**

10:45am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd Floor Rav Steven's Office)

**Please note that Rav Avi and Rabba Sara's classes will not be taking place this week or next week. Their classes will resume the week of January 10th.**

### **Monday**

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)\*  
7:30pm - Stories of Elisha & Eliyahu with Rav Avi (**Cancelled this wk**)  
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 (**Cancelled this week**)  
11:00am - Relationships in the Torah: the Good, Bad and Ugly with Rabba Sara Hurwitz (**Cancelled this week**)  
8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Sara Hurwitz (**Cancelled this week**)

### **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

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

2/12: Lecture with Gil Atzmon

2/26: Lecture with David Hazony

**SATURDAY**

## Happenings @ the Bayit

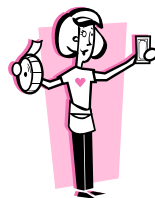
**ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT:** There will be no Tent this Fri. night, Dec. 24 or next Fri. night, Dec. 31. The next Tent will take place on Fri., Jan 7. To sponsor future Tents please contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

**BAYIT KATAN:** Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver! BAYIT KATAN will meet on Thursdays from 10:30am - 12:00pm. New session begins Jan. 6th for 6 weeks. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. Fee \$100 for 6 sessions. For more info or to register, contact Kathy Goldstein at kathyandahron@verizon.net or Michael Weinraub at runmhw@gmail.com.

**YHIR CHULENT COOK-OFF:** Will be held **January 8** after YHIR tefillah. Enter if you dare! Your peers will decide if you have the best chulent in town. To enter a chulent, please contact Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.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.

**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. Next meeting in February. In the main lobby. Dates are: 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/14.



### **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.

**Building Fund Pledge:** If you have made a pledge to the HIR Building Fund and would like to make a payment before the end of the year, please call Phyllis at the office, 718-796-4730 x103 no later than **Thurs., Dec. 30, 2010**.

## Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to Beverly & Ted Fettman for their time and energy in leading our Motzei Shabbat @ the Movies program last week.

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.

# 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

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 3-3

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-7

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Congregation: 3-2

Kol Hanearim 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and up: 2-2



**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Tefillah: Cancelled this week**

All children in the playroom/Tot Shabbat must be accompanied by an adult. Groups for nursery - 6<sup>th</sup> 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, approx. one hour after Shabbat**, return to the Bayit to learn with your children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 25, 6:15pm - 7:15pm.**

## YOUTH GROUP KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush this week is sponsored by James, Ann, Gavri, Sarit and Rami Lapin.



## Open Youth Department Positions

The youth department is looking for creative and energetic adults to:

- 1) lead parsha time in Shabbat morning youth groups
- 2) Lead a preschool group
- 3) Shadow a child with special needs (volunteer).

If you are interested in these positions, please contact Shira at [hirshira@yahoo.com](mailto:hirshira@yahoo.com).

The HIR Teen Tefillah will **not** be meeting this week, **December 25th**, or next week, **January 1st**. We wish everybody a pleasant winter vacation, and we look forward to seeing you back here on **January 8th**.

## Winter Break Programming at the Bayit: Wednesday, December 29th

**Nursery and Kindergarten with Parents or Caregivers**  
Join us at the Bronx Zoo from 10:30AM to 12:30PM to enjoy the winter animals in their natural habitats, as well as the many warm, indoor exhibits, including the tropical exhibits. Suggested donation \$16 per adult, \$12 per child. Free hot cocoa for youth members!

### 1st - 4th Grade

Join us at Life: The Place to Be, just 15 minutes north of The Bayit, from 2:00PM to 4:30PM. Kid sized bowling lanes, lazer tag, and a huge arcade are just some of the fun attractions. Just \$5 for admission, plus the cost of arcade games. Youth members get two free games! Pick up and drop off at Life: The Place To Be, 2 Lawrence Street, Ardsley, NY.

### 9th-12th Grade

Join us for pizza and skating at Rockefeller Center! Meet at The Bayit at 6:00PM, and then subway down to Rockefeller Center with your friends for two hours of skating at the most popular rink in New York City. Skate rental available at the rink, but save time and bring your own skates. Free hot cocoa for youth members. Pizza will be available rinkside.

## Thursday, December 30th

### 5th - 8th Grade

Join us at New Roc City from 4:00PM to 6:30PM for the best arcades and lazer tag around. Pick up and drop off at 19 Le Count Place, New Rochelle, NY. Admission is free, but each game/activity costs money, so please send your children with a stipend. Free game of Lazertag for youth members!

Family Tefillah - This Sunday morning, December 26 Parents and children are invited to the HIR to join us for a musical Tefillah, this Sun. morning, Dec. 26, at 9:30am. Breakfast will be served, following Tefillah, and then we will get ready for Tu B'shvat with a special planting project.

## MEETING FOR PARENTS OF JUNIOR CONGREGATION

**Your feedback matters!** If you have a child in 5th - 6th grade, please join Shira for an important meeting next Sunday, January 9 at 9:30am to discuss ways for the shul to best meet the needs of children in this age group. This meeting is open to both parents and children. A light breakfast will be served.



Our Youth Directors are Shira Berkovits and Evan Zauder.  
You can e-mail Shira at [hirshira@yahoo.com](mailto:hirshira@yahoo.com) and Evan at [evanhir@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com); Ruth Licht at [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net); or Isaac Geld at [kindcare@aol.com](mailto: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](http://TaketemAMeal.com). Last name: Society of Ethical Culture; Password: HIR. For questions, contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or [shiragordon@optonline.net](mailto:shiragordon@optonline.net).

**RIVERDALE MONTEFIORE BIKUR CHOLIM GROUP IN FORMATION:** Calling all Riverdale women. If you are interested in joining this group in formation please attend a meeting which will take place this **Mon., Dec. 27**, at 8:30pm, at the home of Mrs. Tammy Alter, 630 W. 246th St., Apt. #324. Mrs. Miriam Alexander, the founder of Bikur Cholim Room in Montefiore, and Mr. Solomon Rosenberg, a staff member at Montefiore, will meet with you and explain how you can get involved. For more info. call Solomon Rosenberg at 718-652-1290 or e-mail [sorosenb@montefiore.org](mailto:sorosenb@montefiore.org).

**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](mailto:ravstevenexler@gmail.com)

**Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:**

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)  
Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)  
Isaac Geld: 917-733-4961, [kindcare@aol.com](mailto:kindcare@aol.com)



**Meals for New Mothers:**

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, [baronaj1@yahoo.com](mailto:baronaj1@yahoo.com)

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)



**Young HIR:** [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.com)

**COUCHES**

Help make the youth rooms cozy and welcoming! If you have a couch in good condition that you would like to donate, please e-mail a picture to Shira at [hirshira@yahoo.com](mailto:hirshira@yahoo.com).



## Beyond the Bayit

**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](http://www.bikkurim.org) and are due Feb. 1, 2011. For more info. contact Jason Leibowitz at [jleibowitz@bikkurim.org](mailto: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](http://www.shirfun.com). Limited spots left so sign up soon!



**YOUR MAZAL TOV AND OUR CALENDAR**

If you're having a simcha in the coming year, 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 at the Bayit. Please contact Shuli in the Bayit office at 718-796-4730 x102.

## Green Tip of the Week



**Rebuilding the Carmel Communities**

Ecologically speaking, the best way to heal the forest is to let the trees regenerate, which they will do over the coming decades. The Carmel Forest fire, however, took its toll on communities that can use help now. Yemin Orde, a youth village, is home to 500 immigrant, disadvantaged and at-risk youth from 20 countries around the world. Over 40% of the buildings in the village were destroyed. See one way to help rebuild the communities of the Carmel at [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org).



## 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.**