

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 Bo January 7-8

- Candle Lighting: 4:26pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- YHIR Tefillah: 9:15am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am
(Social Hall Left Side)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am
(Social Hall Right Side)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:41am
- Mincha: 4:10pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:30pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Beshalach January 14-15

- Candle Lighting: 4:33pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:38pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Stephanie Nussbaum & Michael Kress on the birth of a daughter. To Beverly & Tsvi Nussbaum and June & Sidney Kress. To big sister Adira.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

YHIR TEFILLAH: Young HIR will begin at 9:15am. Kiddush is sponsored by Chani & Steven Laufer in honor of Erez's birth. YHIR Annual Chulent Cookoff has been postponed to the Tefillah's next meeting on February 12th. To enter a chulent or help out with the program, please contact Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.com.

SHABBAT LEARNING SERVICE: Learning Service will take place **this Shabbat** at 9:30am on the left side of the social hall. Guest-led by Rabbi Moshe Edelman, we will gain a deeper understanding of the Shabbat prayers.

VIEWS FROM THE PEWS: Reflections from Bayit members on the story of our Exodus. In the drasha slot.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Yishai Schwartz

"And God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart;" Occasionalism, Causation and Free-Will

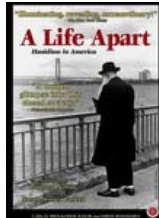
Yishai Schwartz is a sophomore at Yale College. He is a graduate of SAR High School and studied for a year at Yeshivat Har Etzion.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL - GUEST SPEAKER @ THE BAYIT: Israel's Consul General will be visiting Riverdale. He will be addressing us as part of our communitywide Riverdale Lifeline fundraising efforts in the wake of the Carmel fire. More information to follow.

SHABBAT MORNING DRASHA WITH RABBINIC INTERN ARI HART

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah will meet **next Shabbat, Jan. 15**, at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.



BEFORE MINCHA: Shiur with Avishai Don in loving memory of Linda May.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Seuda Shlishit sponsored by Blaine Mitchell and the Don family in loving memory of Linda May.

MOTZEI SHABBAT AT THE MOVIES - "A LIFE APART": See an educational and thought-provoking film about the Chasidic immigrant experience. Suggested donation: \$5.

JANUARY SATURDAY NIGHT EVENTS

1/22, 1/29, 2/5: **Open Orthodoxy: A Modern Orthodox Rabbi's Creed:**

A Three Part Series with Rav Avi. Examine the fundamentals of our Jewish philosophy, outlook and practice.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT @ HIR



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.



THIS YEAR'S EVENING WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE HIR COMMUNITY CHOIR ABOUT BUILDING HOMES, AND A PRESENTATION OF INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS FROM DR. KING'S LIFE.



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 in the Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

After Mincha - Midrash Rabbah with Rav Umberto Piperno (2nd FL BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd Floor Rav Steven's Office)

Monday

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

7:30pm - Stories of Elisha & Eliyahu with Rav Avi
(Cancelled this week)

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

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.

Support HIR with your purchases

Support HIR with 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.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Lanie Bergman & Edward Neuberger with gratitude to the HIR community for its warm welcome. To sponsor future Tents please contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

RABBI WEISS' WEEKLY FORSHPEIS: Rabbi Weiss sends out a short weekly d'var Torah on the parsha. If you are interested in receiving this "forshpeis" via e-mail, please contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 X102.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: We have some new 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.

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: 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

HELP A VICTIM OF THE CARMEL FIRE THROUGH OUR BAYIT: To support the family of Sayum Tzagai z"l, an oleh from Ethiopia and ambitious leader in the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) who was killed in the Carmel fire, and friend of Professor Effie Shoham who spoke about him last Shabbat, please mail or drop off a check or cash to the Bayit. Checks should be made out to HIR Rabbinic Discretionary Fund with "Carmel Fire" in the memo. Any amount is welcome.

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.

SATURDAY

2/12: Lecture with Gil Atzmon

2/19: Women, Homosexuality, and Orthodoxy: Book Event and Discussion

2/26: Lecture with David Hazony



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.

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.

Welcome back from winter break. The Teen Tefillah resumes this week at 9:30am on the right side of the Social Hall, to be followed by a cholent Kiddush.



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 Sat .night, approx. 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 **Sat. night, Jan. 8, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.** (please note new time)

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 this 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.

HIR FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sunday, January 23, 2011

11:30am - 2:00pm

Live music, street entertainers, face painting, hands-on activities, and much more, plus kid-friendly catered lunch and make-your-own sundaes!



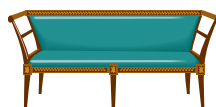
RSVP to hiryouth@yahoo.com by January 20: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids, \$5 family discount for youth members. At the door: \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids.



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.



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.



Chesed Opportunity



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



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

Green Tip of the Week



Israel's Trees Fight Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Israel is one of only two countries in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees. But Israel was not blessed with natural forests; its forests are all hand-planted. Since it was established in 1901, JNF has planted more than 240 million trees all over the State of Israel, providing luscious belts of green covering more than 250,000 acres.

Continue to support tree planting efforts.

Beyond the Bayit

"INTIMATE VOICES" CHAMBER CONCERTS: CSAIR in collaboration with the Riverdale Y, will host a concert by string quartets and duos who will perform music by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Bartok and more. This **Sat. night, Jan. 8, 8:00pm** at CSAIR, 475 W. 250th St. and Henry Hudson Parkway. Doors open at 7:30pm for wine, tea and coffee. Tickets include refreshments and reception. To order tickets go to www.intimatevoices.org or call 718-543-8400.

UNCLE MOISHY AND THE MITZVAH MEN: Gan Miriam & RJC will present this show for children on **Sun., Jan. 9, 11:00am**, at the RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. For more info. please contact Nurit Bacharach at Gan Miriam 718-543-2553 or e-mail ganrjc@aol.com.

CONSIDERING BUYING A SECOND HOME IN ISRAEL? TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW: A workshop focusing on the basics of buying an apartment in Israel will take place on **Tues. evening, Jan. 11, 8:30pm**, at the home of Helena & Marvin Goldstein, 415 Indian Road. To RSVP please contact Gedaliah Borvick at 646-461-1380 or e-mail gborvick@myisraelhome.com.

ARTICLE IN TABLET MAGAZINE ABOUT MAKING ALIYAH: A journalist is writing an article about people who are moving to Israel (or just thinking about it). In particular, how the economic situation is impacting people's decisions, and perhaps making it easier and more appealing to move to Israel. The story will focus mostly on new immigrants, but she would also love to speak to Israelis in the U.S. who are thinking about moving back to Israel. If you know of anyone who might be interested either for the article or off the record please e-mail Ryann at ryannliebenthal@gmail.com or call 503-421-1095.

SINGLES EVENT FOR KOHANIM: A singles event only for Kohanim and Kohain-eligible women will take place on **Sat. night, Jan. 15, at 8:00pm** at Riverdale Jewish Center. Advanced registration by **Jan. 10**. To register and for more info., please contact Breindel Wood at breindelw@optonline.net.

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: This year's NORPAC mission will take place on **Wed., Apr. 6**. This is a rare opportunity to have private small group meetings with Senators and Congressman to talk about issues vital to Israel's security. Sign up by **Feb. 1** and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. To sign up, go to www.norpac.net. For more info. e-mail David Frankel at dfrs.frankel@verizon.net.

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!

SAR'S 42ND ANNUAL DINNER: Save the Date! On **Motzei Shabbat, Feb. 5**, SAR High School, located at 503 W. 259th St., will be hosting their 42nd Anniversary Dinner in support of the scholarship fund. Giti & Jack Bendheim will be the Guests of Honor and Benay Meisels will receive the Community Service Award. For more info. or to make your reservations call 718-548-2727.

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.