

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 Beshalach January 14-15

- Candle Lighting: 4:33pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am
(Social Hall Right Side)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:41am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:45pm
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:38pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Yitro January 21-22

- Candle Lighting: 4:41pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:46pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Toby & Rabbi Avi Weiss on the birth of a grandson to Elana and Michael Fischberger in Efrat. To grandparents Hannah & David Fischberger and to the entire extended families.

To our member **Rebecca Kobrin** for being a finalist in the National Jewish Book Award for her book, *Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora*

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

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

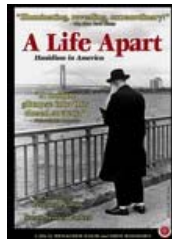
SHABBAT MORNING DRASHA with Rabbinic Intern Ari Hart
"The Encounter With Doubt"

ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL IDO AHARONI - GUEST SPEAKER: Israel's Acting Consul General will be visiting Riverdale. He will be addressing us near the end of tefillah as part of our communitywide Riverdale Lifeline fundraising efforts in the wake of the Carmel fire.

BEFORE MINCHA - Shiur with Avishai Don

"Parshat Beshalach: The Hands of Fate" - In loving memory of Linda May (z"l).

Avishai Don is a junior at Harvard College and an Op-Ed columnist for the *The Harvard Crimson*. He has just returned from a semester abroad at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



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

MOTZEI SHABBAT AT THE MOVIES, 8:00PM - "A LIFE APART": Glimpse the Chasidic community in a penetrating and insightful way. Narrated by Leonard Nimoy and Sarah Jessica Parker. Filled with fascinating footage of commentary, this is an important film about our Chasidic brothers and sisters. Light refreshments and discussion to follow. Lower Level Beit Midrash. Suggested donation: \$5.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT @ HIR



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY IS THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 17. 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.

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARD ISRAEL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES, WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE RECENT DEVASTATING FIRE NEAR HAIFA.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

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.

"OPEN ORTHODOXY: A MODERN ORTHODOX RABBI'S CREED" IS POSTPONED: The first two sessions will be Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, and the third session will be scheduled later.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am Sun. - Fri. in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, and after Mincha on Shabbat in the Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

3:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Avishai Don
 Rav Piperno's class is taking a two week break and will resume on Jan. 29 with Arvei Pesachim - 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesachim

Sunday

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

Monday - MLK Day

All classes are cancelled due to our Martin Luther King Jr. Concert.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday - Tu B'Shvat

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@jbfcs.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 Barbara Gochberg & Steve Pretsfelder. A special Happy Birthday to our friend Ira Herschaft, Tent regular and soda provider. 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 two weeks ago, 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.

2/12: Lecture with Gil Atzmon

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

2/26: Lecture with David Hazony

SATURDAY

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.

Teen Tefillah meets 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

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. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam continues this **Sat. night, Jan. 15, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.** (please note new time)



HIR Teens - Please gather lightly used winter coats, hats, etc... as we prepare for our Midnight Run to help the homeless. More details to follow.

HIR FAMILY FUN DAY!



Sunday, Jan. 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 or 718-796-4730 x115 by January 20: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids, \$5 family discount for youth members.

At the door: \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids.

Executive Sponsors

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If you would like to become a sponsor of this event, please contact hirshira@yahoo.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Youth kiddush is sponsored by the Yasinsky-Kalb family in honor of Shira and the entire Youth Department.



ART CONTEST

Do you paint? Have you always dreamed of displaying your artwork in a gallery? 3 artists are creating beautiful canvases for the youth floor. We have one blank canvas left. Submit your sketch to hirshira@yahoo.com by **Jan. 30**. The winner will paint his/her sketch on canvas and have it displayed prominently on the youth floor alongside the work of our other artists. This contest is open to all ages. The winner will be announced **Shabbat Feb. 5** in the bulletin and from the bima.



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



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.

Shabbat Shalom and T'Bshvat Sameach!



Beyond the Bayit

KOHANIM SINGLES EVENT: A singles event only for Kohanim and Kohain-eligible women will take place this **Sat. night, Jan. 15**, at 8:00pm at Riverdale Jewish Center. To register and for more information, 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.

SHOW & BUFFET LUNCH: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is hosting a Variety Show/Buffer Lunch & Chinese Auction on **Sun., Jan. 30**, 2011 starting at 12 noon with the Chinese Auction. For more info. go to www.vcjewishcenter.org.

BIKKUIM: 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.

AID ISRAELI FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TU B'SHVAT: Responding to last year's devastating forest fires, Riverdale Lifeline to Israel has launched a community-wide campaign to raise \$130,000 to purchase a special van, trailer and lifesaving equipment for the Northern Galilee Fire Department. The customized GMC Savana van will transport a 10-firefighter team to a fire scene with greater speed, safety and maneuverability. All donations will be placed in a special Jewish National Fund account maintained for the fire department. You can contribute by check payable to Jewish National Fund with the notation "Riverdale Lifeline to Israel" and mail to Riverdale Lifeline to Israel, P.O. Box 630211, Bronx, NY 10463. For info: riverdalelifelinetoisrael@yahoo.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.

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.