

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 Yitro January 21-22

- Candle Lighting: 4:41pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am
(Social Hall Right Side)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:41am
- Siddur Class: 10:30am (R Sara's Office)
- Parsha Shiur: 3:45pm
- Mincha: 4:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:46pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am, 9:30am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim January 28-29

- Candle Lighting: 4:50pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:55pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:35pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:54pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Dr. Shira Berkovits on receiving her Ph.D in Psychology from the CUNY Graduate Center.

Leora Gorsetman & Omri Flicker on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents **Chaya & Fred Gorsetman** and Nerys & Dr. Yuval Flicker and their family. To aunts and uncles **Atara Gorsetman & Brian Spira, Talya Gorsetman & Rabbi Adam Starr, and Yedidya Gorsetman.** To big siblings Yarden and Tzur.

Carolyn & Howard Graybow on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Berel Lang on the birth of a grandson. To parents Jessica Lang & Joerg Riegel, and to big sisters Hannah and Leah.

Adinah & Elli Kranzler on the birth of a grandson in Israel to Liron & Ilyah Kranzler Feldman.

Condolences to:

David Eiseman on the passing of his mother **Harriet Eiseman**. Shiva will be observed through Sunday night at the Eiseman home, 800 Palisade Ave., Apt. #1401, Ft. Lee, NJ. Shiva continues Monday until Wednesday after Shacharit at the Eiseman home, 3024 Arlington Ave., in Riverdale. Shacharit Monday - Wednesday: 6:45am, Mincha/Maariv Monday and Tuesday: 4:45pm.

This 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.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Special Shiur with Prof. Yair Lorberbaum "Maimonides on 'Decrees of Scriptures' (Gezeirat Ha-Katuv)"

Yair Lorberbaum is a Tikvah Fellow at NYU this year, visiting with his family. He is a professor at Bar-Ilan University Law School and a Senior Researcher at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He has lectured at major universities across the US and published articles and books on Jewish Thought, Jewish Law and Political and Legal Theory. His book: "Image of God: Halakha and Aggadah" won the Goldstein-Goren Book Award for 2007-2010.



KAVVANAH RETURNS - A Tefillah Experience @ the Bayit: This Sun., Jan. 23, 9:30am - 10:30am. One hour reflective tefillah guided by Rav Steven, with meditation, study, and song. Fulfills 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! Upcoming dates: 2/20, 3/27, 5/1, 5/29, 6/26.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23 - HIR FAMILY FUN DAY!

11:30am - 2:00pm



Live music, face-painting, hands-on activities and much more, plus a child-friendly catered lunch and make-your-own sundaes! **More info. on youth page (page 3).**



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.

"OPEN ORTHODOXY: A MODERN ORTHODOX RABBI'S CREED": PART I Series with Rav Avi, beginning at 8:00pm

Explore the fundamentals of our community's religious belief and practice and our core values. The second session will be 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 Rav Steven
Rav Piperno's class will resume on Jan. 29 with Arvei Pesachim - 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesahim

Sunday

10:45am - 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 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 Rabbinic Staff
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.

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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 Seryl Ritter in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of her dear mother Lillian Leibler Zivitz - L'aliyat nishmat Alta Leeba Bat Chaim Nossan HaCohen. 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.

CHOIR RESUMES: The H.I.R. Community Choir resumes rehearsals on **Wednesday Jan. 26th**, 7:30pm in Room 3-5/3-6. Current, former and new members are invited to participate. Upcoming concerts will be for Yom Ha'atzmaut in early May. For more information contact Jonathan Dzik at JFDzik326@aol.com or at (718) 549-8520.

CONTEXT - COMMUNITY ADULT ED: The Bayit is joining a collaborative Riverdale community Learning Program called Context, which is an adult Jewish learning program that replaces Me'ah. The two year program explores the span of Jewish civilization through Biblical and Rabbinic Texts, guided by leading Judaic Studies scholar-teachers from prominent academic institutions. Discover more about Context at a mini-class taught by Dr. Shawn Zelig Aster of Yeshiva University at CSAIR, 475 W. 250th St. on **Sunday, Jan. 30th** at 9:45am. COST: Free! RSVP: Susan Tadayon, 718-543-8400, secretary@csair.org

LEAP YEAR SHIUR: "Ibbur Hachodesh - How Jewish is the 'Jewish Calendar'?" Learn about ancient calendars with Professor Jonathan Ben Dov. This shiur will explore some of the history of leap years. Following Mincha on **Shabbat afternoon, Feb. 12th**.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE: A committee on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse is being formed to increase preventive measures in the community and to empower all families. For more information please call Carmiya Weinraub, (347) 602-6721.

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 at the Bayit, 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. We have already raised almost \$2,000!

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
3/12: Film - Hungry to be Heard

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: Cancelled this week



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 Saturday 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 books or articles for child Jewish learning. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam continues this **Saturday night, Jan. 22, 6:30-7:30pm.**

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.

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact Shira at hirshira@yahoo.com.



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 child-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

Valerie Altmann & Dan Perla
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If you would like to become a sponsor of this event, please contact hirshira@yahoo.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Youth kiddush this week is sponsored by the Nordenberg family.



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 on **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.

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.

Shabbat Shalom!

Beyond the Bayit

AVIR ACAPPELLA CONCERT: Avir is a Jewish acappella group (including the Bayit's own Gary Finkler) based on the Upper West Side with a repertoire of Jewish and contemporary Israeli music. Come see Avir perform at B'nai Jeshurun (257 W. 88th Street) this **Saturday, Jan. 22** at 8pm. Admission is \$10. For more info. call 917-359-0018.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING IN RIVERDALE: Starting **Tuesday, Jan. 25th**, Gabi Gabay will be starting a new dance session, 7:30-9:00pm at the Riverdale Temple. \$10 per session or \$80 for 10 sessions. Pay at the door or register through the Riverdale Temple: 718-548-3800.

SHOW & BUFFET LUNCH: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is hosting a Variety Show/Bufet Lunch & Chinese Auction on **Sunday, Jan. 30** starting at 12 noon with the Chinese Auction. For more info. go to www.vcjewishcenter.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 **Tuesday, Feb. 1**. For more info. contact Jason Leibowitz at jleibowitz@bikkurim.org.

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.

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: This year's NORPAC mission will take place on **Wednesday, 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 **Monday, Feb. 7** 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.

KIPPOT TO BENEFIT YESHIVAT MAHARAT: We are pleased to offer for sale hand knitted kippot for children and adults in a variety of sizes and fibers. Hand knit by women in the greater Jewish community in support of Yeshivat Maharat. For orders call Chaya Adler Poretsky at 516-647-8390. All proceeds go to Yeshivat Maharat.

AID ISRAELI FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TU B'SHVAT: Responding to the recent devastating forest fires, Riverdale Lifeline to Israel 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 transports a 10-firefighter team to a fire with greater speed, safety and maneuverability. Donations will be placed in a special JNF 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: email to riverdalelifelinetoisrael@yahoo.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.