

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 Mishpatim
Shabbat Shekalim
January 28-29

- Candle Lighting: 4:50pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:55pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am
(Social Hall Right Side)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:39am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:50pm
- Mincha: 4:35pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:54pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed: 6:45, 8:00am
Fri: 6:30, 8:00am (Rosh Chodesh Adar I)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:00pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Terumah
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
February 4-5

- Candle Lighting: 4:59pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:00pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:45pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:03pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Etty & Tzvi Bar-Shai on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Inbal & David Haimovich. To brother Oz and sister Lotem.

Mierle & Jack Ukeles and their entire family on the birth of a son to their daughter Yael in Israel.

Wishing Condolences to:

Rose Levine on the passing of her brother Morton Altman. Shiva concludes Fri. at noon at 3601 Johnson Ave., Apt. #1M.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH - All are invited to join the chevra at 9:00am for lively davening to Reb Shlomo's melodies. Kiddush sponsored by Rachel & Avi Rosenfeld in honor of their baby girl Maytal Chana Bahira.

SHABBAT MORNING DRASHA with Rav Avi
"A Tribute to Debbie Friedman z"l"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Professor Effie Shoham
"Perfect Torah to a Perfect People: What is the true "Nature" of this World?"
Dr. Ephraim (Effie) Shoham-Steiner teaches Medieval Jewish History at Ben-Gurion U. He is on sabbatical at NYU's Tikva Center for Law and Jewish Civilization.



"OPEN ORTHODOXY: A MODERN ORTHODOX RABBI'S CREED" POSTPONED
Explore the fundamentals of our community's religious belief and practice and our core values. Rescheduled to March 5th and 26th.

CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP: Study Israeli poetry in the original with English translation and discussion. Led by Atara Fobar. Meets this **Tue., Feb. 1** at 7:00pm sharp, weather permitting. Hot drinks provided!



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

YACHAD SHABBATON - We will be hosting the Yachad Shabbaton on **Shabbat, Feb. 4-5**. If you would like to volunteer to help out, or if you are able to host participants that weekend, please call Evan Zauder at 347-407-8775 to let him know.

SHABBAT LEARNING SERVICE - Take time to understand what you are saying every week, and join the Learning Service, next Shabbat, in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Led by Rabba Sara Hurwitz, we will delve deeply into a selection of the Shabbat prayers. Kiddush sponsors are welcome.

GUEST DRASHA with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis
"You Shall Cover it With Pure Gold, Inside and Out: Does the Land of Israel Need a Unique Jewish Ethics?"



Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis is Senior Vice-President and Senior Fellow of the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. The author of numerous books on Jewish thought and currents in Israel, he is an insightful observer of the Israeli scene and articulate commentator on the challenges facing the Jewish state and U.S-Israel relations.

CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT

Chess Club with Ben Wolfson returns! Shabbat at 3:30pm, beginning Feb. 5th.
All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess.



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HIR Super Bowl Party

Next Sun., Feb. 6, 5:30pm

Family friendly atmosphere and fun for everyone. Great food, comfy couches, and huge TV picture! Cost: \$10/person; \$18/couple; and \$25/family.
R.S.V.P to James Lapin at jwlapin@yahoo.com. Invite friends!
Sponsored by Kosher.com.



שבת שלום!

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

3:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

After Mincha - Arve Pesachim: 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesachim with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (**not meeting 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 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.

DAF YOMI LIVESTREAM WITH RAV LINZER: Want to learn Daf Yomi but don't have time to go to a shiur? Now you can hear Rav Linzer's amazing and clear Daf Yomi shiurim live at 7:30am, and recorded thereafter. Visit though the YCT homepage: www.yctorah.org.

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 Jewish civilization through Biblical and Rabbinic Texts guided by leading Judaic Studies scholar-teachers. Try it at a mini-class taught by Modern Jewish historian Dr. Regina Stein at CSAIR, 475 W. 250th St. on **Sunday, Jan. 30th** at 9:45am. COST: Free! RSVP: Susan Tadayon, 718-543-8400, secretary@csair.org.

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Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Carolyn & Howard Graybow in honor of their 50th Anniversary. To sponsor future Tents please contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

CHOIR RESUMES: The H.I.R. Community Choir resumes rehearsals on Wed., Feb. 2, 7:30pm in Room 3-5/3-6. Performances are scheduled for Yom Ha'atzmaut in early May. For further info. contact Jonathan Dzik at JFDzik326@aol.com or at (718) 549-8520.

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 Dr. Gil Atzmon

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

2/26: Lecture with David Hazony

3/5: Open Orthodoxy with Rav Avi, Part I

3/12: Film - Hungry to be Heard

3/26: Open Orthodoxy with Rav Avi, Part II

YHIR CHULENT COOK-OFF & Luncheon - FEB. 12, 2011

Please join us on Shabbat Parshat Tetzaveh for YHIR Tefillah at 9:15am immediately followed by lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and to grow the YHIR community. Please bring family and friends. Cost: \$18 per person; \$5 per child over 3 years old. To register please e-mail hirsocial@gmail.com. To pay via Pay Pal please log into your Paypal account and pay hirsocial@gmail.com.

Want to enter a chulent in our contest?

Please contact Steven Katchen at chulent@gmail.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

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 an ICE-CREAM 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. 29, 6:45-7:45pm.**

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.



KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIPS

Youth kiddush this week is sponsored by the Schorsch family in honor of Nava's birthday and Jacob's half-birthday.



HIR FAMILY FUN DAY!



A tremendous thank you to James Lapin and the Youth Committee for planning this past Sunday's Family Fun Day.



We are also grateful to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event a rocking success:

Youth Committee

Adam Cohen
Kathy Goldstein
David Kalb
Sharon Kaplowitz
James Lapin
Steve Laufer
Mia Diamond Padwa
Shani Schwartz
Gillian Steinberg

Volunteers

Rachel Berger Groner
Meitarel Glas
Leora Kulak
Shayna Langer
Liraz Spear
Aviva Taubenfeld
Dan Perla
Rebecca Schwartz

Executive Sponsors

Valerie Altmann & Dan Perla
Adam & Nava Cohen
Abbie & Moshe Greenberg
Deborah Braverman & Hillel Grossman
Steven & Chani Laufer
Shani & David Schwartz

Host Committee

Shira Berkovits & Ari Spiro
Ari & Annie Hoffnung
Rabba Sara Hurwitz & Josh Abraham
Michael & Sharon Kaplowitz
James & Ann Lapin
Steven Pretsfelder & Barbara Gochberg
Gillian Steinberg & Mark Davis
Wendy Zierler & Daniel Feit



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A tremendous thank you to Gary Finkler for designing our cool new youth membership cards and to James Lapin for procuring discounts for youth members at community eateries and for overseeing ordering. Youth members: if you haven't gotten your card, please pick it up from Yael at the HIR office on Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 4:30pm.



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

RIVERDALE BIKUR CHOLIM MEETING: There will be a meeting for Riverdale Bikur Cholim Group for the Montefiore Hospital. Please join us **Mon. night, Jan. 31** at 8:30pm at the home of Tammy Alter, 630 W. 246th St., Apt. #324. For more info. please contact Nina Suss at 718-548-0808.

CLEANING FOR A REASON: For women currently undergoing chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while in treatment. All one has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Please pass this information on to your family & friends. For more info. go to www.cleaningforareason.org.



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.

Beyond the Bayit

MOVIE SCREENING @ CSAIR: CSAIR located at 475 W. 250th St., will be screening the documentary "Making Trouble" on **Sun., Jan. 30**, 2:00pm. This award-winning movie presents the true story of what it means to be Jewish, female & funny. Free. For info. call 718-543-8400.

SHOW & BUFFET LUNCH: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave., is hosting a Variety Show/Buffer Lunch & Chinese Auction this **Sun., Jan. 30** starting at 12 noon with the Chinese Auction. For more info. go to www.vcjewishcenter.org.

INTIMACY AND HALACHA: Mt. Sinai Congregation located at 187th St. and Bennett Ave. is hosting two sessions addressing issues of "Intimacy and Halacha" for young married couples and presented by experts in the field. **Sat., Feb. 5** (8:00pm - 9:30pm) - married men are invited to hear Rabbi Ezra Schwartz and Dr. Scott Chudnoff, OB/GYN and AASECT certified sexuality counselor. **Sun., Feb. 6** (8:00pm - 9:30pm) - married women are invited to hear Mrs. Abby Lerner and Dr. Scott Chudnoff. Q&A to follow each presentation. Anonymous questions may be submitted in advance to intimacy.halacha@gmail.com. For more info., please contact Adina Levine @ adina.levine@gmail.com.

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 **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 **Mon., 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 kipot 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.



Rabba Sara on Shalom TV:

A panel with four leading women rabbis - Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses, Rabbi Diana Gerson, and Rabba Sara Hurwitz that was held at the 92nd Street Y in December, is on Shalom TV, North America's Jewish Television Cable Network all the time, **through Feb. 5**.

Shalom TV is Free Video on Demand available in more than 40 million homes throughout the United States and Canada, including 1.7 Jewish families.

Go to www.shalomtv.com and click on "Find Us" on the menu bar to find out the television channel numbers on your cable system. The program can be seen on television in the category, *Judaism and Culture*.

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.