

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by Laura & Daniel Michaeli in honor of their daughter Shira's Bat Mitzvah.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach

- Candle Lighting: 4:19pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Sephardic Tefillah Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:12am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:35pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Sephardic Tefillah Mincha: 4:05pm
- Listening Room: 4:30pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:22pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayeshev

- Candle Lighting: 4:14pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:17pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Laura & Daniel Michaeli on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Shira**. To sisters **Aviva** and **Yael**, grandparents Sylvia & Lothar Kahn, Carolyn & Israel Michaeli and the entire Michaeli family.

Tali & Amnon Michaeli on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Sean-Adi**. To brother **Leav**, aunt and uncle **Cochava & Kenneth Dubin** as well as family members here for Shabbat from Israel.

Wishing Condolences to:

Myron Yolkut on the passing of his brother **Rabbi Morton Yolkut**. Myron will be at the shiva home during Tefilla times through Mon, 11/19 Shacharit. At the home of Rachel & David Yolkut, 1145 Emerson Ave., Teaneck, NJ. See Tefilla times in Shiva e-mail.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will meet this Shabbat in honor of Shira Michaeli's Bat Mitzvah in LL BM.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Talk with Chanan Kessler: "After Kaddish: Reflections on the Transition From Mourning to Memory"

LISTENING ROOM MOVES TO AFTER MINCHA: Our weekly reflective & meditative space will now take place between Mincha and Maariv in the LL BM. Led by spiritual teacher Myra Estelle.



FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM - DISCOVERING OURSELVES

Interested in learning or revisiting the core of our Jewish lives? Join Rabbi Ari Hart, Rabba Sara Hurwitz and Rabbi Steven Exler on TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:30pm.

Room 3-3. 30 sessions. Open to all!

From history, to text, to ritual and law, to life cycle - We will explore it all!

Please share this information with anyone who may enjoy this class!

5th session this Tues night: "Jewish Philosophy & Peoplehood."

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00am: Join us for raucous davening, singing, and dancing with Noah Solomon in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Kiddush to follow. For more information email hbroder@gmail.com.

KIDDUSH: Kiddush next week, on **Shabbat Nov. 23rd**, will be sponsored by **Susan & Jonathan Dzik** in honor of their new granddaughter Marvah Tagel born to their children Aliza Dzik & Saul Zipkin, and their new grandson Netanel David, born to their children Rabbi Avi & Karen Dzik. **This kiddush will take place in the lobby right after Shacharit at approximately 9:15am.**

Shabbat "Matir Asurim" - Prisons and Jewish Values

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Join Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner and Rav Ari for learning and stories from Rikers Island, followed by Professor Andrew Skotnicki from Manhattan College who will speak about a unique and innovative prison education program happening at the college.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner & Collection for BJCC Local Food Pantry



Don't spend your holiday alone, spend it with your HIR family.

Thursday, November 28, 2013



1:00pm - Open Thanksgiving Service/2:00pm - Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Featuring soprano **Sigal Chen** and pianist **Yumi Suehiro** performing popular songs from Broadway, patriotic Americana and Chanukah songs in honor of the 1st day of Chanukah.



Please RSVP at 718-796-4730, ext. 101

If you are interested in volunteering to help set up, serve or clean up, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Ellie & Hal Weinstein at 917-859-6373 or e-mail halellieweinstein@yahoo.com.

The Bayit is joining the BJCC's **Best Collections Project** and will be collecting new, unused, sealed groceries and cleaning supplies/toiletries. Donations can be dropped off until Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28 in the boxes located in the coat room. To view a list of requested items go to www.thebayit.org/bulletin and click on the Thanksgiving flyer link.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Yoma and beyond!

Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with *Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner (Main Sanctuary)*
 3:35pm - Parsha Shiur with *Rabbinic Intern Anat Sharbat (Main Sanctuary)*
 4:30pm - Listening Room with *Myra Estelle (LL BM)*

Monday

6:30pm - Free Hebrew Crash Course with *Sara Kinberg (Lobby)**
 7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with *Rav Avi (Not Meeting)*
 8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with *Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)**
 8:30pm - Advanced Talmud: Topics in the Laws of Mourning with *Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's Home. Email rebjeff@gmail.com to attend)*

Tuesday

10:00am - Bereishit: The Genesis Narrative with *Rabbinic Intern Daniel Millner (Lobby)*
 11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with *Rabba Sara (Not meeting this week)*
 7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with *Rav Ari Session 5: Jewish Philosophy & Peoplehood (Room 3-3)*

Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan with *Sara Kinberg (Lobby)**

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Shoftim with *Rav Steven (LL BM)*
 7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with *Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)**

Friday

7:25am - Tractate Megillah with *Rav Steven (LL Lobby)*

* Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to our **Tag Sale** coordinators **Shani Schwartz, Mia Diamond Padwa, Sarah Penso.**

A big thank you to all our wonderful Tag Sale volunteers: **Alisa Eilenberg, Beverly & Ted Fettman, Aviva Braun Finkler, Rochelle Goldberg, Shira Gordon, Jennifer Grosberg, Karen Jordan, Barry Kanner, Benny Kanner, Daniella Kevelson, Jessica & Richard Langer, Seela Langer, Ann & James Lapin, Sarit Lapin, Gavri Lapin, Wendy Levinson, Ruth Licht, Yael Oshinsky, Zachary Ottenstein, Eliana Padwa, Thea Reznik, Rona Rice, Janet Rosenthal, Rena Schaum, Jean Schneider, Rebecca Schwartz, Mikey Schwartz, Sam Schwartz, David Schwartz, Josh Shaw, Paula Sinclair, Rhonda Stock, Gershon Strauchler, Sara Weinberg.**

Thank you to all the donors! We raised over \$6,000 for the Bayit.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org.



Social Worker @ The Bayit: Questions about an aging loved one, financial pressures, concerns about children? Contact HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for guidance, information, referrals and a sympathetic ear. There is no fee and all conversations are strictly confidential. *Anna can be reached on Mon. 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tues. 8:00am - 8:00pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00pm at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)*

HIR GIFT CARDS - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.



Happenings @ the Bayit


ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner sponsored anonymously in honor Richard and Phyllis for all the hard work they do for the Shul. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to www.thebayit.org/tent or contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS, A CHANUKAH PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED JEWS - Sun., Nov. 24, 10:30am - 11:30am: Please join with Rabbi Steven Exler and our JBFCS social worker Anna Kirshblum, for Chanukah candle-lighting and an opportunity to honor your loved ones. Come together during this Chanukah season to share stories and wisdom from our tradition. RSVP by Nov. 20th to Anna Kirshblum, LCSW at 718-601-9714 or email akirshblum@jbfcs.org. Please note new time.

HOLIDAY BIKUR CHOLIM - Wed., Dec. 25th, 11:30am - 1:00pm: Take time from your day off to visit with our veterans at the VA Nursing Home. To RSVP [click here](#) or email yael@thebayit.org.

PARKING AT THE TOP OF THE SHUL DRIVEWAY: If you are using the HIR driveway to park and you need to park at the top of the driveway, please park to the right side of the driveway. Thank you.

BAYIT SEFARIM FUND: Donations to the Sefarim fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the rabbinic team and gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at www.thebayit.org/sefarim.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN: Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month. 

Do you know someone who needs any of the following? Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?

Meals For Ill Members:

Jackie Binstock - 718-543-9135, jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com.

Shiva: We are looking to grow this committee. Please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org.

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

Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 917-331-2285, aimeebaron1818@gmail.com
Mazal tov to Aimee and Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! To make meals for them, please contact Shuli in the office: shuli@thebayit.org.

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: lamelle.ryman@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

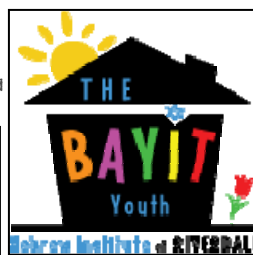
Shabbat afternoon Dec. 7 after Mincha - Shiur with Professor Avigdor Shinan: "The Strange Connection Between Moshe Rabbenu and Chanukah"

Sunday night Dec. 22, 7:30pm - Book talk with Donny Ebenstein: "I Hear You - Communicating Through Conflict"

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 11:30am-1:00pm - Visiting US Veterans at our local VA Nursing Home

As we head into the end of the year we want to thank all our members for their support this year. Next week we will be publishing the list of all Bayit members who have committed to membership for 2013. If you are unsure of the status of your account, or would like to remain anonymous, please contact the office.

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2013-14



Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!

Be a part of it! Please register your child and become a youth member today!

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!

Tot Kabbalat with Carmiya!

Highly interactive Friday night Tot Shabbat for children 3 & younger (with parent or caregiver)



Light snacks included.

(Feel free to bring your own snacks. No nuts)

Dates: November 15, 29 & Dec. 6

5:15pm in Social Hall

TUESDAYS TORAH & FUN

With Menachem

4:30pm—XBOX, SNACKS & TEEN LOUNGE

5:00—Torah w/ Menachem

4:30-5:30pm @ HIR Grades 2-5

FREE FOR ALL :)



Chanukah is Coming!

Live Music
Dreidels & Chocolate Gelt
PJ Book Reading
Latke Making
Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball
Dunkin Donuts



Please see below for details:

- **Pre-Chanukah Day of FUN:** Sunday, November 24: 1-3:30pm @ The Bayit
 - Design your own dreidel, Latke making, Chanukah movie with discussion, active free play, and more! Ages 5-11; \$10/child; \$18/2 children
- **Glow-in-the-Dark Chanukah Dodgeball with Bnei Akiva @ SAR High School:**
 - Sun, Dec. 1 Glow-in-the-dark dodge ball, design your own sufganiyot, games, prizes and yummy snacks! 10am-12pm; \$7/child; \$10/2 children - RSVP with riverdaleba@gmail.com
- **Chanukah PJ Library @ Dunkin Donuts:** Monday, December 2nd 4:30-6pm
 - Free doughnut for the first 200 people! PJ Library book reading, live music, and lighting!

CARNIVAL DATE CHANGE

Please note that our TEEN LED pre-Chanukah carnival is going to be a post-Chanukah carnival and proceeds will support relief efforts in the Philippines as well as the Youth Department. **MORE INFO TO COME !**



POTS Teens Chesed Opportunity

Volunteers needed at POTS (Part of the Solution) dining room one Sunday a month. Depart HIR at 11:45am and return approximately 4:00pm except in November when we will leave at 8:45am and return at approximately 12:00pm. Contact Samantha Verrone: sverrone@mac.com, 917-885-4542 to sign up. Upcoming dates are: 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/23, 4/6, 5/11, 6/8.

Nursery-Kindergarten

PJ Library Book with Abby, followed by Torah and Tefillah

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

We are still looking for snacks sponsors for this Shabbat.

Please visit:

<http://www.thebayit.org/?id=16355>

Or contact Menachem. Thank you!

Room 3-4: NURSERY
Room 3-5: Pre-K
Room 3-6: Kindergarten



Shabbat Morning Groups:
3rd Floor Youth Wing
9:30-11:30am



Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2
Room 3-7: GRADES 3-4
Room 3-7: GRADES 5-6

TOT SHABBAT

Led by nationally acclaimed tot leader & educator, Carmiya Weinraub TS meets @ 10:30am, Lower Level Bet Midrash (@ 9:30am: Open Play, Right Hand Side Social Hall)

This Shabbat Menachem is away and Abby is supervising groups. If you need assistance, please find Abby and she will gladly attend to your needs :)

Teen Tefillah & Lounge

Teen Tefillah meets this Shabbat! Happy birthday to Yosef Kessler and Gedalia Schorsch, who will be leining their bar mitzvah parasha. Thank you to Rabbinic Intern, Dan Millner for leading Teen Tefillah this week. Thank you to Yosef and Chanan Kessler for preparing this week's chulent. **Tefillah @ 9:30am followed by hot kiddush**

Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?

The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children! For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102. **Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!**



For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel,

Director of Youth Education & Programming

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chanukah Programs at HIR 5774

Sunday – November 24

Get into the Chanukah spirit with friends @ the Bayit - 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Design your own dreidel; Latke Making; Chanukah movie & Discussion with Menachem; Free Play with indoor hockey, basketball, bouncy house, hula hoops, jump ropes & more! Ages: 5-11, Cost: \$10/child (2 children @ \$18). RSVP: menachem@thebayit.org

First Day of Chanukah - Thursday, November 28 - 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Join us for an Open Thanksgiving Service at 1:00pm followed by our Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00pm.

Featuring soprano Sigal Chen and pianist Yumi Suehiro performing popular songs from Broadway, patriotic Americana and Chanukah songs in honor of the 1st day of Chanukah. Please RSVP at 718-796-4730, ext. 101

Third Chanukah Candle - Friday, November 29

Musical Candle Lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat - 3:15pm

Join Reb Elli Kranzler and the Bayit Band for a musical and spiritual journey into Shabbat Chanukah. Details to follow.

Fourth Chanukah Candle – Saturday, November 30

Kumsitz with Rav Avi and the Bayit Band - 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Enjoy music under the Chanukah! Bring an instrument and join in!

Fifth Chanukah Candle – Sunday, December 1

Trip to the Met with Eitan Kastner - 10:00am

Cost: \$36/person for museum admission and tour. Minimum registration 20 people. Sign up at www.thebayit.org/met.

Glow-in-the-dark Dodgeball with Bnei Akiva @ SAR High School - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, Design your own sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), Games, prizes & yummy snacks, Candle lighting. Grades 2-8, Cost: \$7/child; \$10/2 children.

RSVP: riverdaleba@gmail.com

Beth Aharon's Annual Chanukah Party - 5:00pm

Join us for songs, sevivonim, sufganiot, holiday crafts and more...in the Social Hall. Suggested donation \$10 per family at the door. Mincha followed by Maariv @ 4:15pm. To RSVP e-mail bethaharon@gmail.com. All Banners and Friends are welcome!

Sixth Chanukah Candle – Monday, December 2

Chanukah PJ Library @ Dunkin' Donuts - 4:30pm – 6:00pm

HIR is sponsoring a community-wide Menorah lighting and Chanukah Celebration at Dunkin' Donuts, 259th St. and Riverdale Ave. Join us for Chanukah Songs, candle lighting and a free Chanukah donut! Free Chanukah doughnuts for the first 200 people.

Seventh Chanukah Candle – Tuesday, December 3

Street Lightings Around Riverdale

Bring friends and family as we brighten the Riverdale night with our 6-foot Chanukah and celebratory music. Dreidels and chocolate gelt for all!

5:15pm - Cafeccino (269 West 231st St. - between Kingsbridge and Corlear)

5:45pm - Corner Café (3718 Riverdale Avenue)

6:15pm - Mother's Bake Shop (548 W. 235th St. - between Oxford and Johnson)

Eighth Day of Chanukah – Thursday, December 5

Golden Age Chanukah Program - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for Learn & Light Lunch with Rabbi Steven followed by an Adult Bat Mitzvah Class.

Special Friends Chanukah Program - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Celebrate with our special friends with pizza, candle lighting, and a Chanukah art project. If you know of special friends who would like to participate, or to join in and create connections, please contact Rav Steven at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

Additional Chanukah Events

Post-Chanukah Youth Benefit Carnival

Come join in the fun and excitement of the annual HIR Chanukah Carnival! Activities include: Bouncy House, Just Dance with XBOX Kinect, Games Prizes, lunch & more! See you there! Cost: \$5/person, \$20/family. All benefit great tzedakot! Time & Date to follow.

Chanukah Chagiga of the Century

Join us in the lobby of The Century (2600 Netherland Ave.) for a festive chagiga and candle Lighting ceremony. Time & Date to follow.

Chessed Opportunities:

PROJECT HOPE - Help Deliver Chanukah Packages: Join the Bronx Jewish Community Council to deliver Project H.O.P.E. Chanukah Packages. Pick up your packages and deliver on Sun., Nov. 17, 9:00am -11:30am. There will be two pick up locations: 2050 Bartow Ave and 95 Gale Place (Comm. Room #9). For info call Niti Minkove at 917-693-3084.

PLEASE NOTE: "Beyond the Bayit" is now a separate publication available in the literature rack.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute 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, youth and teen engagement, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and those developmentally and physically challenged.

If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.

Beyond the Bayit

HOLIDAY GIFT & CRAFT SALE @ RIVERDALE TEMPLE - Sun., Nov. 17th: 9:00am - 3:00pm. Beat the holiday rush and shop at the Riverdale Temple located at 4545 Independence Ave. Unique items for sale. Many are handmade from local vendors! For vendor information please contact Rita at: Ritajoshed@aol.com or call 718-548-3800 x0.

BAZAAR & CARNIVAL @ VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER: Van Cortlandt Jewish Center located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. will be hosting this event on **Sun., Nov. 17th** from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Free admission! Fun for all ages! Including clowns, balloon animals, magic show, raffle, carnival games, face painting, kosher food for sale and much more. Visit www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc to view fantastic auction items available Oct. 27th through Nov. 16th.

COMMUNITY BEIT MIDRASH @ YCT: Join YCT, Mechon Hadar and Yeshivat Maharat for Open Beit Midrash Tuesdays nights – now at YCT! Continuing this **Tues., Nov. 19th**, YCT will host the open beit midrash learning and shiur. Participating institutions include JTS, JIR – HUC NY, and Drisha Institute. Classes will focus on the Jewish implications of both secular and Jewish fall holidays. For more information visit www.yctorah.org.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR BOOMERS: If you are over 50 and seeking employment this program is for you! Join us on **Wed., Nov. 20th**, 2:00pm - 4:00pm to learn about a wide array of great resources for people over 50 seeking employment. Collect materials and hear from representatives about programs that can help you find a volunteer placement or internship; improve your computer skills and find alternative work options. Location: UJA-Federation of New York, 130 E. 59th St. and Lexington.

UNBROKEN SPIRITS - YOSEF MENDELEVICH AND SOVIET JEWRY ACTIVISTS: The Center for Jewish History located at 15 W. 16th St., will be hosting Yosef Mendelevich on **Wed., Nov. 20th** at 7:00pm. Mendelevich will discuss his grassroots activism and his memoir *Unbroken Spirit: A Heroic Story of Faith, Courage and Survival*. For tickets call 212-868-4444 or go to www.smarttix.com.

CULINARY EVENT @ MA'AYANOT: The Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School Parent Council is pleased to invite the community to a Culinary Event at Ma'ayanot on **Sun., Nov. 24th** at 7:00pm. The evening will include culinary demonstrations by noted chefs Leah Shapira, author of the award winning cookbook *Fresh and Easy Kosher Cooking*, and Merav Dahan, creator of Merav's Cuisine, as well as a pre-Chanukah boutique featuring Pampered Chef, Cutco Cutlery, and much more. For more information or to register for the event, please visit www.maayanot.org or contact Carrie Polonetsky at cpolonetsky@yahoo.com. Ma'ayanot is located at 1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, NJ.

DESSERT RECEPTION FOR SHALVA: Shalva is a non-profit organization which provides services to special needs children in Israel. Join us on **Thurs., Dec. 5th**, 7:30pm at the home of Yocheved & Daniel Liss, 3020 Arlington Ave. to hear Mrs. Esther Waxman speak about her son Nachshon, who was captured and murdered by Hamas. Please contact Dani at Daniel@shalva-usa.org for more information, or any questions or concerns that you may have.

JEWISH ALCOHOLICS, CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT PERSONS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS (JACS): JACS is offering two exciting programs in December. A Free Sober Israel Birthright Tour in **late Dec**. To learn more and sign up go to www.israelfreespirit.com/jacs or call JACS at 212-632-4727. JACS is also offering its 69th Spiritual Retreat Weekend on **Dec. 13-15** at the Ramada Conference Center in Fishkill, NY. For more information call JACS at 212-632-4600 or email JACS@jacsweb.org or visit www.jbfc.org/JACS.

CPR COURSE AT CHABAD OF RIVERDALE: Riverdale Hatzalah Volunteer EMS will be offering a free American Heart Association CPR course for the community-at-large (no prior knowledge required). This class will cover CPR skills, choking relief and use of an AED. The course will be held on **Sun., Dec. 15** at 6:00pm at Chabad of Riverdale, 535 W. 246th St. *Registration is required and space is limited.* To register, please go to www.RiverdaleHatzalah.org/cpr. For more information, please contact Charlie Wohlberg at charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com.

PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL, SUPPORT A TEEN'S TRIP: A teen in the community is fundraising for JNF through their Plant Your Way to Israel Program. If you have an occasion or person to honor, consider planting a tree in Israel. You will be helping the land of Israel and at the same time help a deserving teen with the trip of a lifetime. Half of all funds raised will be put aside for the teen's trip and half will go towards JNF's Forestry work. To donate online go to http://support.jnf.org/site/TR/Events/SecurePages?px=3860297&pg=personal&fr_id=1861.

STRIVE FOR JUSTICE, THRIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH THE AVODAH FELLOWSHIP: Applications are officially open for the AVODAH Fellowship, a six month long high-impact learning and community-building experience in New York City for Jewish early-career professionals already working to address the causes and effects of poverty. Join a Jewish community of experienced social justice leaders who will help you develop your skills, and build a support system that will nourish you personally, professionally, and spiritually. Visit www.avodah.net/fellowship for more information.

FOOD & GARDEN SCRAPS DROP-OFF AT THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SITE: Although our food/garden scraps drop-off at the CSA has concluded we will continue to accept food/garden scraps throughout the year at our site, 4400 Independence Ave. We accept: fruits & vegetables scraps, shredded newspaper, non-soiled paper, leaves, grass clippings, tea bags, coffee grinds & filters, twigs & small branches. Please only deposit scraps in the scraps collection bin. We also welcome donations of bagged leaves and will be happy to pick them up. More info? 347-699-6520.

DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR: The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers. Contributions can be left Sun.-Fri. in the Lower Lobby collection box of the shul, located at 475 W. 250 St. For questions contact Phyllis Schulberg at hcspgs@optonline.net.