CONGREGATION RINAT YISRAEL

WEEKLY BRIEF

Elul 23 5780/September 11th and 12th, 2020
Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Shabbat At Home Guidelines

Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
23 Elul 5780
September 11-12, 2020

Friday
Mincha/Maariv* - 6:55 pm
Candle Lighting - before 6:52 pm

Shabbat
Shacharit* – 7, 8:30 or 9 am
Sof Zman Kriat Shma – 9:43 am

- *בריך שמיה is not recited*
- *Only the first paragraph of יקום פורקן is recited*
- *אב הרחמים is recited*
- *לדוד is recited*

Kriat HaTorah
Parshat Ki Tavo – Devarim 26:1-29:8

Mincha* – 6:45 pm
Maariv* – 7:55 pm
Havdala – 8:03 pm
Selichot - 12:45 am
available via zoom
https://zoom.us/j/4653630025
password 8372795.

*suggested timing for Rinat Kehilla

SUGGESTED WEEKDAY DAVENING

September 13th– 18th

Shacharit

Sun,	7, 8, 9am
Mon, Thurs	6, 7,
Tues, Wed, Fri	6:30, 7:30,am
	6:20, 7:20am

Mincha/Maariv

Sun—Thurs	6:55pm

September 11th

Candle Lighting	6:52pm

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI ADLER

Chaveireinu HaYikarim ,
The Torah, towards the end of Parshat Nitzavim, the first of our 2 Parshiyot we are privileged (thank you Rabbi Yudin) to read this Shabbat, states: העדתי בכם היום את השמים ואת הארץ החיים והמות נתתי לפניך ובחרת בחיים - "Swear by heaven and earth , says G-D, that I have given you the choice of life and death." Choose well ובחרת בחיים choose life. There is a famous controversy recorded in עירובין דף יג that went unresolved for two and a half years. בית שמאי אומרים נוח לאדם שלא נברא ובית הלל אמרו נוח לאדם שנברא . נמנו וגמרו . נוח לאדם שלא נברא ועכשיו שנברא יפשפש במעשיו Shammai claimed it would be better for man not to have been created for after all he is a sinner. Hillel says it was better that man was created for he can and does perform mitzvot and chessed. After the two and a half years they took a vote in the Beit Midrash and concluded it would have been better not to be created. But now that man was created, one should examine his/her actions and do Teshuva. How can Shammai take the position it would have been better not to have been created if the Torah says choose life ובחרת בחיים ?
The Izshbitzer Rebbe suggested that of course it is preferable for man to have been created. But the debate centered around the word נוח לאדם - what would have been more convenient for man? Our conflict is not between Good and Evil. Most people are not evil. The choice is not to have been created and thereby avoid the challenges of life. Shacharit is at 6:30 or 7:00 and your alarm rings in time for you to attend Shacharit. " Oy I'm so tired. Let me schloof for a few more minutes. " An hour later and you missed Shacharit. You once said something to a friend and he was very insulted. It is now before Rosh HaShana and you are debating whether you should go to him and beg forgiveness. You know it is the right thing to do but it is so uncomfortable. You choose to sit tight. You're not a bad person but it wasn't worth the struggle to get up in the morning. It wasn't worth the discomfort I would experience to call my friend. That is נוח שלא נברא . And if a person welcomes those challenges and knows it won't be easy but makes an effort nonetheless, that is נוח שנברא . Many debate the value vs. the cost of education. Would it be easier just to go to public school? it probably would be. But our directive from HKBH is ובחרת בחיים . Accept those challenges, make the effort so that למען תחיה אתה וזרעך that you and your children will be granted life by HKBH.
As we transition to 5781 on this last Shabbat of 5780 may we merit the fulfillment of Chazal , תכלה שנה וקללותיה תחל שנה וברכותיה May the curses of 5780 come to a grinding halt (and there were many - Covid , fires in California, hurricanes in several sectors) and the blessings of 5781 begin.

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה
יוסף אדלר

RINAT ROUNDUP

I hope you had a good week.

Rinat has been preparing for the upcoming Yamim Noraim, both in shul and around our community. Our team of volunteers who helped reopen the shul - Josh Sultanik, Paul Malek, and David Schiff and our office staff - Elissa Yurowitz and Danielle Karoly, have been busy coordinating with the High Holiday seating committee to make sure all the details of the indoor and outdoor minyanim are safe and ready. A special thank you to the Block and Farbowitz families for hosting Rinat tent minyanim in their yards. As we anticipate our Rosh Hashana tefillah, many of us will miss being in the building and hearing Rabbi Adler's davening. So please join us on Sunday evening at 8:30 for a pre-Yamim Noraim Zoom concert featuring Rabbi Adler.

The transition team finished up the focus groups this week and is in the process of working with the search committee to craft a job description. Thank you to the members of the transition team and search committee for ensuring that everyone has a voice in the search process. And, of course, thank you to the more than 400 members who completed the survey and to the over 100 people who participated in the focus groups.

We are fortunate to have been able to begin holding indoor weekday Shacharit minyanim and to have an indoor Selichot service scheduled for Motzei Shabbat. But we are still in the midst of a pandemic. The RCBC recently released a new letter with guidance for the upcoming holidays. The guidelines are important to ensure that our community remains healthy and that our schools and shuls can remain open. If you do have sleepover company, please make sure they are coming from a state that isn't on the quarantine list, or that they have quarantined the full 14 days in advance. As advised by doctors with whom we consult, and in accordance with CDC guidelines, if guests come from a state on the quarantine list and have not yet completed quarantining for the full 14 days, all members of the household should refrain from going to minyanim and school.

Wishing everyone good health and a Shabbat Shalom,
Bina

PRE-ROSH HASHANA SHIURIM THIS WEEKEND

Motzei Shabbat, September 12th, 10pm- Rabbi David Nachbar- *"Rosh HaShana's Unique Expression of Prayer and its Resonance for "5781 -תשפ"א*

https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 password 8372795.

Sunday, September 13th, 8:30pm- Pre-Yamim Noraim concert with **Rabbi Adler**
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SHOFAR BLOWING

If you are interested in **blowing the shofar** for Rosh Hashana 2020, go to https://www.rinat.org/shofarblowing2020#.
If anyone is capable and available to blow shofar on Sunday morning of Rosh Hashana, please reach out to gabbai@rinat.org. There are still several area backyard minyanim in need of a ba'al tekiah.
There will be a shofar blowing **in the tent on the shul parking lot** and **shofar blowings regionally throughout Teaneck, weather permitting, to accommodate those who are unable to walk to shul.** The regional shofar blowings will take place in specific outside locations in close proximity to the homes of those that enlist. Both options require registration before September 10th at http://www.rinat.org/form/tentshofarblowing . Anyone who is not home bound is requested to register for one of the communal options if possible. With limited resources, we want to be able to enable as many people as possible to fulfill this mitzvah.

SHOFAR BLOWING FOR THE HOME BOUND

If you know of someone who is home bound who would like to hear shofar blowing on Rosh Hashana, please let us know and we will do our best to have a volunteer come to their home. The volunteer will blow shofar outside the home next to an open window or door. Contact Pinhas Friedenberg at 201-357-8642 for more information.

MAZAL TOV

Joyce & Jonny Bendavid on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Tara & Rabbi Jesse Horn.
Marcia & David Jacobowitz on the wedding of their grandson, Sender Galbut to Yael Roth.
Gail & Terry Novetsky on the birth of a grandson, born to Rebecca & Yosef Novetsky of Chicago, IL.
Miriam & Leon Schenker on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Yoni & Stef.

WEEKLY BRIEF SPONSORSHIP

Gail & Terry Novetsky in honor of their newest grandchild.

RABBI ADLER'S WHATSAPP SHIUR SPONSORSHIP

September 11th
Sylvia & Jules Nachtigal in loving memory of Jules' grandfather, *Yosef Moshe Ben Avraham, z"l.*

INDOOR MINYANIM

Selichot

For this Motzei Shabbat/Sunday, registration is open for selichot minyanim at 12:45am. Go to https://www.rinat.org/selichot. Also available via zoom, https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 password 8372795.

Maariv/Selichot

Registration is open for maariv/selichot 9/13-9/17 at 9:50pm. Go to https://www.rinat.org/selichot.

Selichot/Shacharit

Registration is open for selichot/shacharit 9/13-9/18,

Sunday, September 13th - 8am	Wednesday, September 16th - 6:10am
Monday, September 14th - 6am	Thursday, September 17th - 6am
Tuesday, September 15th - 6:10am	Friday, September 18th - 6am

Go to https://www.rinat.org/weekdayminyan. Walk-ins are welcome.
There will be a sign in sheet outside the main sanctuary. It is important that everyone who enters signs in so that:
(1) You are aware of current availability within the minyan
(2) Contact tracing purposes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN SELICHOT TEXT. UNFORTUNATELY, RINAT WILL NOT BE PROVIDING SELICHOT BOOKS THIS YEAR. If you have any questions, e-mail minyan-seating@rinat.org.

BACKYARD MINYAN LOCATOR:

In order to facilitate individuals looking to join a developing minyan, or for hosts looking for more participants, we're providing a roster of established minyanim in the neighborhood. These are private, independent minyanim that are not under the auspices of Rinat. As a service to the kehilla, we are sending out this roster. If you wish to add a minyan to the list, please send an email to gabbai@rinat.org. If you're looking for more information about these minyanim, please be in touch with the minyan contact listed. *Reminder that, as per RCBC guidelines, minyanim have begun and will observe all of the protocols outlined in previous Rinat communications.* https://images.shulcloud.com/443/uploads/Gabbai/BackyardMinyanLocator.pdf. For a list of current backyard minyanim, go to https://www.rinat.org/backyardminyan

ARBA MINIM SALE

Due to the pandemic, prepackaged sets of Arba Minim will be distributed; individual picking of lulalavim and etrogim will not occur. For social distancing, pickup times will be pre-scheduled and will be at Rinat on Thursday, October 1st. If needed, exchanges can be made at the Judaica House. To order, go to https://www.rinat.org/arbaminim. Questions? Contact lulav@rinat.org.

Tuesday, September 15th, 12:30pm– Sandwich & Schmooze, led by Bina Faber**.** To join, go to https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 password 8372795.

WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS

To access this week's Israel Report, go to **https://tinyurl.com/y5rca5ot**

To access this week's Rabbi Linzer Dvar Torah, go to https://library.yctorah.org/2011/09/sacrifices-teshuva-and-our-relationship-with-god/

MIKVAH UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that with the guidance of medical professionals and the RCBC, the Teaneck Keylim Mikvah is open, by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**, for the hours of 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00-5:30 on Friday. Please go to http://www.teaneckmikvah.com/ to book your appointment.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Rinat's next blood drive will be on Wednesday, September 30th. For appointments, go towww.nybc.org - Use Group Code: 66985

Rinat face masks on sale now for only $18! To purchase your mask, go to https://www.rinat.org/form/nerot-mask-sale.html.

AMAZON SMILE

Support Rinat while shopping at Amazon. Visit Amazon through this link (https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2211015) & Rinat gets a donation from Amazon! Make us your default charity at Amazon Smiles.

YOUTH NEWS

Friday, September 11th, 5pm, Morah Divsha. Parsha and stories. https://zoom.us/j/5854317531
Shabbat, September 12th, 10:30– 11:15am, Shabbat groups are back in the shul's "grand outdoor space." N/PK- 3rd grade groups Davening, Parsha, games, with prepackaged snacks to go! **New this week, groups for 4th/5th grade boys.** Each group will be limited to 10 children. All children will need to wear a mask. Advance registration required. Go to www.rinat.org/youthgroups
Sunday, September 13th, 10am, Rabbi Ezra Wiener. Children's Mishna Shiur. https://zoom.us/j/3878128127

NEROT
Feldenkrais lessons for posture, calm and wellness continue-note the new schedule.
Mondays, 8-9pm, Tuesday– Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5864270795?pwd=Z0VpaVRkaDNMTzFjeGEvVHltOTFBQT09
Classes are open for teens through seniors for improving posture, coordination and balance. Tuesday's classes will take place in chairs. Other classes take place on the floor. Contact Joyce Bendavid by email for further information: Jbendavidotr@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, September 23rd, 6pm-9pm, Pre Yom Tov Boutique in the Rinat tent. More details to follow.

IDF SOLDIERS FOR OUR TEFILLOT

Please include in your *tefilot* IDF soldiers from the Rinat family currently serving in the IDF: **Dael Bejar, Gabi Benchabbat**, **Gideon Benchabbat, Yonatan Benchabbat, Chana Brody, Lior Chasid, Yehudah Fuksbrumer, Shira Gelb, Meital Gitler, Eitan Klavan, Menachem Klavan, Leora Kohn, Zachary Kohn, Asher Krohn, Raanan Kwalbrun, Shevy Schwartz, Tzvi Silver, Asher Stein and Yael Zaretsky.** Please email office@rinat.org, to add a name to this list.

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Adler's classes are on hiatus until after the chagim.

Rabbi Adler's WhatsApp shiur—on Raayanot HaTefilah— sign up at https://chat.whatsapp.com/EDRHwMguJckJOhqmVYtWZD
Rabbi Wiener's WhatsApp shiur—Pithy Parsha Perspectives— sign up at https://chat.whatsapp.com/K24ld8V26Ik2OzhFpNL2cN.
Daf Yomi, Sunday—Friday, 7:30am, Motzei Shabbat 8:30pm.
WhatsApp group https://chat.whatsapp.com/BTaIOz3RSdq7u79DF2A5E9
Mishna Yomit, Monday—Friday, 6:15am, Sunday 7:30am.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84538340172?pwd=MXhzWTdha3VleEtwMHFnMXZlTG1RUT09
Rabbi Wiener's Daf Yomi, Monday-Thursday, 9pm. https://zoom.us/j/3878128127
Amud Yomi, Motzei Shabbat 9:30pm— https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 password 8372795.
Monday, September 14th, 8:15pm- Rabbi Avi Heller's Getting Great at Gemara https://zoom.us/j/9386599293
Leah Silver's Siddur v'Sidra. **Tuesday, September 15th, 2pm.** Virtual class. To join the class, go to https://chat.whatsapp.com/IQqNOA4O5Kj1TQXMXmPXjR
Rabbi Adler's Shabbat Shuva drasha—Thursday, September 24th, 8pm - " *ונשמרתם מאד לנפשותיכם Peshat and the Surgeon General"* https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 Password 8372795
Motzei Shabbat, September 26th, 9pm– Book launch event for "As a Ram Yearns for the Brook" by **Dani Ritholtz.**
https://zoom.us/j/4653630025 password 8372795.
Sunday, October 18th, 10 and 11am– Book Discussion with **Rabbi Dr. Joshua Berman.** ***"****Ani Maamin: Biblical Cricism, Historical Truth and the Thirteen Principles of Faith"*
To register, go to https://www.rinat.org/form/bookdiscussionregistration

For recordings of recent webinars/shiurim, go to.https://www.rinat.org/rinatwebinars#.
To sponsor adult education programs, go to https://www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education%20sponsorship.html

CONGREGATION RINAT YISRAEL PRESENTS:

SANDWICH & SCHMOOZE

BREAK BREAD DURING THE WORKDAY
AND CATCH UP
WITH RINAT FRIENDS.
SEPTEMBER 15TH SESSION
LED BY BINA FABER.

TUESDAYS FROM
12:30PM- 12:55PM

HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/4653630025
PASSWORD: 8372795
OR
TO CALL IN: 1 929 205 6099
MEETING ID: 465 363 0025
PASSWORD: 8372795

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Pre-Yamim Noraim Concert with Rabbi Adler

Sunday, September 13th, 8:30pm

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To Call In: 1 929 205 6099
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Rabbi Yosef Adler has been the Mara D'atra of Rinat since 1979. His davening as shaliach tzibur on Yamin Noraom is traditionally one of the highlights of the year.

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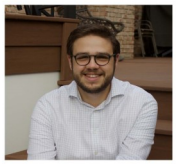

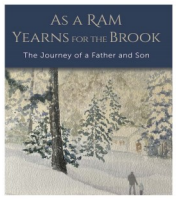

Motzei Shabbat,

September 26th, 9pm
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In a touching and powerful tribute to his father, our beloved member Bruce Ritholtz (z'l), Dani Ritholtz, in his debut book, As a Ram Yearns for the Brook paints a portrait of the father-son relationship in the setting of New York's Modern Orthodox Jewish community.

Dani Ritholtz, 24, is currently a rabbinical student at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University and a master's candidate at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. He is hoping to pursue a career in law. He started this book as a project to help him reconnect with his father. Dani sees this not only as a fitting tribute to Bruce z"l, but a work that contains lessons and experiences which many will find valuable. Dani and his family moved to Teaneck in 2010 and have been active members of Rinat ever since.

"Alternatively sad and funny, expressing joyous gratitude as well as aching sadness, this profoundly moving and very thoughtfully written work addresses universal issues of adolescence, loss, faith, and the father-son bond in a sensitive yet powerful way."
Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter

To order a copy of the book ($18), please email adulted@rinat.org and we will deliver it to you

New Jersey Blood Services

BLOOD DRIVE

Rinat Yisrael Synagogue

Wednesday, September 30th - 1pm to 7pm

Social Hall /389 W. Englewood Ave, Teaneck

Appointments at: www.nybc.org - Use Group Code: 66985

Or text Rosana Tabakci - (917) 699-9073

Please wear a mask, bring photo ID and eat before donating.

https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/can-i-donate-blood/

DONORS PRESENTING:
- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we **do NOT test for COVID-19.** You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.*

CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

#nybloodcenter
www.nybc.org 1.800.933.BLOOD New Jersey Blood Services

Arba Minim Sale

Prime and Regular available.
Due to COVID 19, they will be prepackaged in zipper bags.

Deadline for placing your order is Sunday, September 13th at 5 pm

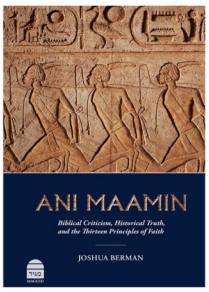
For social distancing, pickup times will be pre-scheduled and will be at Rinat, Thursday, October 1, 2020 at times to be determined.

Due to the pandemic, individual picking of lulavim and estrogim will not occur. We will distribute unopened boxes and bagged lulavim.

If needed, exchanges can be made at the Judaica House.

To order, go to https://www.rinat.org/arbaminim

Questions? Contact lulav@rinat.org



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks says of the book, "A bold and brilliant defense of the integrity of the Torah and of faith in revelation by one of the most original Bible scholars of our time."

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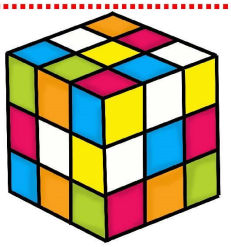
Sunday, October 18th

A Conversation with Rabbi Dr. Joshua Berman, author of *Ani Maamin: Biblical Criticism, Historical Truth and the Thirteen Principles of Faith*

To register for either 10am or 11am session, go to https://www.rinat.org/form/bookdiscussionregistration
Space is limited

Rabbi Dr. Joshua Berman is a professor of Tanakh at Bar-Ilan University. A graduate of Princeton University and of Yeshivat Har Etzion, Rabbi Berman is the author of two academic books on the five books of the Torah: Created Equal: How the Bible Broke with Ancient Political Thought (Oxford, 2008), which was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist in Scholarship, and Inconsistency in the Torah: Ancient Literary Convention and the Limits of Source Criticism (Oxford, 2017). His articles on biblical theology and contemporary society have appeared in Mosaic Magazine and The Wall Street Journal. Rabbi Dr. Berman served as a member of the International Advisory Board for the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.



NEW!!

REMEMBER WHEN

READY TO TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE? PLEASE SHARE YOUR OLD PICTURES FROM PAST RINAT EVENTS.

E-MAIL OFFICE@RINAT.ORG