

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv	4:00 pm
Main Shul	
Candle Lighting	4:13 pm
Fast Ends	5:02 pm
2nd/3rd Grade Shabbat Youth	FOLLOWING
Dinner	MINCHA/MAARIV
Youth Wing	
"Making Sense of Divine Providence", <b>Rabbi Wiener</b>	7:45 pm
Beit Midrash	

## SHABBAT MORNING

<b>Wertenteil</b> Aufruf	9:00 am
Shacharit	
Main Shul	7:00, 9:00 am
Beit Midrash	8:30 am
Social Hall B	8:45 am
Teen Minyan Social Hall A	9:00 am
Rambam Shiur, <b>Murray Sragow</b>	8:15 am
Beit Midrash	
Youth Groups	9:00 am
Sof Zman Kriat Shma	9:37 am
Shailot uTshuvot Shiur, <b>Elie Berman</b>	10:30 am
"Responding to a Request for Driving Directions on Shabbat to a Non-Observant Jew"	
Beit Midrash	
Tot Shabbat	10:45 am
Back of Beit Midrash	
Kindergarten/1st Grade Shabbat	FOLLOWING THE 9AM
Youth Lunch	MINYAN
Youth Wing	

## SHABBAT AFTERNOON

Mincha	2:00 pm
Main Shul	
Daf Yomi	2:55 pm
Back of Beit Midrash	
Mincha	4:00 pm
Main Shul	
Maariv	5:10 pm
Main Shul	
Shabbat Ends	5:15 pm
Parent Child Learning	6:00 pm
Beit Midrash	
<b>Rabbi Strauchler's</b>	6:45 pm
Bar Mitzvah Class	
Classroom D/E	
Teen Resin Art Evening	8:00 pm
Social Hall	

## December 29th

Candle Lighting	4:18 pm
Mincha/Maariv	4:25 pm
Main Shul	

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND—ASARA B'TEVET

**Fast Begins:** 6:06am  
**Fast Ends:** 5:02pm

## MAZAL TOV

**Tova & Larry Cohen** on the birth of a grandson, Micah Bar, born to Evie Notis & Noam Cohen. Mazal tov to big brother Eden and to the extended **Cohen**, Dobrinsky, Notis and **Bayewitz** families.

**Mati & Aaron Friedman** on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Avital Friedman, in Israel last week. Mazal tov to parents, Shiffy & Noam, brothers Adir and Shachar and to the entire Friedman and Staiman families.

**Judy & Manny Landau** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Chaya Lubarsky to Efraim Newman. Mazal tov to parents, Margalit & Rabbi Avraham Lubarsky of Ramat Beit Shemesh and Malky & Mendy Newman of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

**Ilana & Moshe Wertenteil** on the aufruf of their son Judah and on his upcoming marriage to Daniella Friedman of Teaneck. Mazal tov to Esther Wertenteil, Esther & Dr. Jerry Friedman and all the friends and family who have joined us here today to celebrate.

## CONDOLENCES

**Aurlie & Mark Chass** on the passing of their beloved son-in-law, *Officer Lior Sivan, z"l*, who was killed in combat in Gaza, while protecting his soldiers and defending Am Yisrael. Lior is survived by his wife Liav, the Chass's daughter (who is pregnant), and a young son. Mark can be reached at +972 54 805 5054 and Aurlie at +972 54 744 6687.

**Cynthia Steinberger** and **Maren Scharf** on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, *Dr. Harold Z. Levine, z"l*. Shiva will be observed in Israel, details as follows: Thursday, 66 Shimon, Beit Shemesh, 5pm-10pm, Friday-Wednesday morning, Rechov Gad 6, 2nd Floor, Apt. 11, Jerusalem, 8am-1pm and 2pm-10pm. The family requests no visitors 1pm-2pm and after 10pm. Shacharit at 7am. Mincha/Maariv 4:25pm (Friday at 1:30pm).

**Aaron Weinstein** on the passing of his beloved father, *Marvin Weinstein, אהרן, z"l*. Shiva will be at the Soled home through Friday: 109 Lafayette Ave, Passaic. 9am-5:30pm & 6:30pm-10pm and Friday 9am-1pm. Shacharit: Through Friday 7am. Mincha/Maariv: Thursday 4:10pm. To send a condolence card through Nerot, please contact Carrie Cooper at [CandSCooper@gmail.com](mailto:CandSCooper@gmail.com) or go to [www.rinat.org/nerot-mitzvah-cards](http://www.rinat.org/nerot-mitzvah-cards)

May the Chass, Levine, Sivan, Scharf, Steinberger and Weinstein families be comforted among the mourners of *Tzion v'Yerushalayim*.

## THIS WEEK AT RINAT

**2nd/3rd Grade Shabbat Youth Dinner—Friday, December 22nd, following Mincha/Maariv.** \$15 per child. To register, go to [www.rinat.org/youthmeals](http://www.rinat.org/youthmeals).

**Kindergarten/1st Grade Shabbat Youth Lunch—Shabbat, December 23rd, following Mincha/Maariv.** \$15 per child. To register, go to [www.rinat.org/youthmeals](http://www.rinat.org/youthmeals).

**Parent Child Learning—Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 6:00pm.** Sponsored by **Emily & Ben Adler** in honor of Hannah's birthday and Chumash play. Beit Midrash.

**Bar Mitzvah Class 5784—Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 6:45pm.** Fifth in a series of eight classes. To register go to, [www.rinat.org/form/bar-mitzvah-program-2023.html](http://www.rinat.org/form/bar-mitzvah-program-2023.html).

**Resin Art Evening with Artist Chany Gold—Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 8pm.** Registration is now closed. Social Hall

**Rabbi Hayyim Angel Tehillim Series—Tuesday, December 26th, 8:15-9pm, before Tehillim and Tefillah Reading.** "The Wise and the Foolish in Tehillim". To sponsor, go to [www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education-sponsorship.html](http://www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education-sponsorship.html). Beit Midrash.

**Tehillim & Tefillah—Tuesday, December 26th, 9pm.** Come together to pray for soldiers, the injured, the missing and their families. Beit Midrash or Zoom ID: 4653630025 | Password 8372795.

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 24-29

Shacharit	
Sun, Mon (Main)	7:00, 8:00, 9:00 am
Tue, Wed, Fri (Main)	6:30, 7:30 am
(Beit Midrash)	7:05, 8:00 am
Thur (Main)	6:20, 7:20 am
(Beit Midrash)	7:00, 8:00 am

Mincha	
Sun (Main)	12:45 pm
Mincha / Maariv	
Sun (Main)	4:20 pm
Mon-Thu (Beit Midrash)	4:20 pm
Late Maariv	
Sun (Main)	9:15 pm
Mon-Thu (Beit Midrash)	9:15 pm

## KOL RINAT

Please email your announcement to [office@rinat.org](mailto:office@rinat.org) by **Wednesday at 12pm.**

## OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be closed **Monday, December 25th.**



**ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Women's Chumash B'Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Strauchler, Wednesdays, 12:30pm.** For up to date information on this shiur, join the WhatsApp group at [chat.whatsapp.com/IC6JrkMmdBfASLM6Vhlf43](https://chat.whatsapp.com/IC6JrkMmdBfASLM6Vhlf43). Beit Midrash.

**Rabbi Wiener's Topics in the Weekly Daf Yomi, Wednesdays, 8:15pm.** Main Shul.

**Rabbi Effy Unterman's Chabura, Wednesdays, 9pm.** Beit Midrash Back Room or via Zoom at [zoom.us/j/4653630025?pwd=Z2p4bWM2YVFYbmNkaThEbWpYb09qZz09](https://zoom.us/j/4653630025?pwd=Z2p4bWM2YVFYbmNkaThEbWpYb09qZz09).

**Making Sense of Divine Providence with Rabbi Wiener—Fridays, 7:45–8:30pm.** Ten week series in response to a plea from chayalim that for their merit, we increase our Torah study, specifically on the long winter Friday nights while many of them on the front lines protecting Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. Beit Midrash.

**Rambam Shiur—Shabbat Mornings, 8:15am.** Beit Midrash.

**Shailot uTshuvot Shiur with Elie Berman—Shabbat Mornings, 10:30am.** Beit Midrash.

**Rabbi Hayyim Angel Tehillim Series—Tuesday, January 2nd, 8:15–9pm, before Tehillim and Tefillah Reading.** "From Harshness to Halleluyah: Books 3–5". Beit Midrash.

**Lunch and Discussion with Rabbi Strauchler—Tuesday, January 16th, 1pm.** We will be reviewing articles from Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought each month. January's article: "In Praise of Esau: Between Rashi's Commentaries to Torah and Nakh" by Lisa Fredman. For source materials go to [rinat.org/source-materials](https://rinat.org/source-materials). Classroom D/E.

Recordings of recent webinars/shiurim, available at [www.rinat.org/rinatwebinars#](https://www.rinat.org/rinatwebinars#)

Sponsor adult education programs at [www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education-sponsorship.html](https://www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education-sponsorship.html)

**YEAR END REMINDER**

With the end of the calendar year approaching, please consider reviewing your Rinat account for any open balances. Payments can be made by credit card or e-check by going to [www.rinat.org/member](https://www.rinat.org/member) or by check. Please contact the office at [billing@rinat.org](mailto:billing@rinat.org) or by phone at 201-837-2795, ext. 102, if you have any questions.

**A MESSAGE FROM RABBI STRAUCHLER  
BOUND TOGETHER**

Yehuda argues, "Binyamin must not be enslaved because separating him from his father would kill his father."

ונפשו קשורה בנפשו

*his own life is so bound up with his* (44:30)

The Radak explains:

ונפשו קשורה בנפשו, מרוב אהבה ואם לא ישוב הנער אתנו תצא נפשו ותהיה האשמה רבה עלינו ועליך שסבבת את מיתו.

*And his soul is bound with his soul, out of great love. But if the young man does not return with us, his father's soul will depart, and great guilt will be upon us and upon you, as you have triggered his death.*

This argument would not hold up in a Western court or for that matter in a *beit din*. Every person is responsible for his or her own actions.

לא יוֹמְתוּ אֲבוֹת עַל-בְּנֵים וּבְנֵים לֹא-יוֹמְתוּ עַל-אֲבוֹת אִישׁ בְּחֻטְאוֹ יוֹמְתוּ

*Parents shall not be put to death for children, nor children be put to death for parents: they shall each be put to death only for their own crime.* (Devarim 24:16)

Yet, Yehuda's plea for mercy suggests that the secondary impact of our well-being on those closest to us must be recognized. It may not be a legal consideration, but it must be a moral one. The appreciation and understanding of this morality is critical not just to Yehuda's argument – but also to the risk he takes on Binyamin's behalf. It is not just Yaakov and Binyamin whose souls are bound together; it is Yehuda's, too.

As we read these words this year, we feel them differently. As we awake to news of IDF casualties, we feel just how bound-up our lives are. As we feel the injustice of antisemitism and the cynical and cruel use of collective identity to tar all Jews within a modern blood libel, we feel how much our lives connect to one another.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Winter Communal Kiddush—Shabbat, January 6th, following the 9am minyan.** Sponsorship opportunities: \$36 Hot Chocolate, \$54 Snow Angels, \$72 Snowball Fight, \$100 Snowman, \$180 Igloo, \$250 Sledding, \$360 Ice Skating. To sponsor, go to [www.rinat.org/kiddush](https://www.rinat.org/kiddush).

**Hollywood Entertainment Comes to Rinat—Motzei Shabbat, January 6th, 8pm.** Pricing: Member-\$36/head, Affiliate Member-\$45/head, Non Member-\$54/head. Sponsorship opportunities: \$180 Family Feud, \$250 The Price is Right, \$360 Jeopardy, \$500 Wheel of Fortune. To sign up or sponsor, go to [rinat.org/socialevents](https://rinat.org/socialevents). Dinner included. Profits will go to Rinat's ongoing efforts to support Israel and its citizens.

**Save the Date: Rinat Yisrael 36th Annual Dinner—Motzei Shabbat, February 24th, 8pm.**

Guests of Honor: **Riki & Seth Landa**. Sruli Guttman Service Award: **Ranon Mann**. Young Leadership Award: **Emily Adler**, honoring our graduating group leaders and a l'hitaot to **Adina & Rabbi Ezra Wiener** as they make Aliyah. to Congregation Keter Torah. To register, go to [www.rinat.org/dinner](https://www.rinat.org/dinner).

**NEROT MITZVAH CARDS**

Current Nerot Mitzvah Cards Pricing: Each card sent out by Rinat is \$12.00, Each pack of 10 cards for your own use is \$60.00. As of **January 1st, 2024**, new prices will be in effect. Each card will be \$15.00, and a pack of 10 cards will be \$75.00. Stock up now. Remember these donation cards can be used for happy occasions! To order, please contact Rinat office.

**BENCH SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Rinat has purchased two new eight foot benches for the exterior of the main entrance. To sponsor one of the benches, e-mail [eyurowitz@rinat.org](mailto:eyurowitz@rinat.org).



## YOUTH NEWS

**Groups for children in nursery – 6th grade meet on Shabbat mornings from 9am until the end of Mussaf**, in the youth wing. To sponsor a birthday cake or cupcakes, go to [www.rinat.org/form/youth-sponsorship.html](http://www.rinat.org/form/youth-sponsorship.html). Questions? Email [youth@rinat.org](mailto:youth@rinat.org).

**Tot Shabbat** meets at 10:45am on Shabbat mornings, in the back of the Beit Midrash.

**Parent/Child Learning Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 6:15pm.** Sponsored by **Emily & Ben Adler** in honor of Hannah's birthday and Chumash play. To sponsor parent/child learning, go to [www.rinat.org/form/parent-child-learning-sponsorship](http://www.rinat.org/form/parent-child-learning-sponsorship). Beit Midrash.

**Shabbat Youth Meals—2nd/3rd Grade—Friday, December 22nd**, Kindergarten/1st Grade—**Shabbat, December 23rd**, Junior Cong.—**December 29th**. \$15 a child. To register to [www.rinat.org/youthmeals](http://www.rinat.org/youthmeals).

Join the Rinat Youth WhatsApp group. [chat.whatsapp.com/GbLOYKTqs9KGkZCjdm3ny](https://chat.whatsapp.com/GbLOYKTqs9KGkZCjdm3ny)

## TEEN NEWS

**Teen Minyan** meets on **Shabbat mornings at 9am** in Social Hall A. Sponsor a kiddush at [www.rinat.org/form/teensponsorship](http://www.rinat.org/form/teensponsorship).

**Bar Mitzvah Class 5784—Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 6:45–8pm.** Fifth in a series of eight classes. To register go to, [www.rinat.org/form/bar-mitzvah-program-2023.html](http://www.rinat.org/form/bar-mitzvah-program-2023.html).

**Resin Art Evening with Artist Chany Gold— Motzei Shabbat, December 23rd, 8pm.** Registration is now closed. Social Hall

**Sports Trivia Night—Motzei Shabbat, December 30th, 7pm.** Teen boys with a sporty adult of your choice or a friend. Members: \$18 per team. Affiliate Member: \$22 per team. Non-Members: \$25. To register, go to [rinat.org/teen-sports](http://rinat.org/teen-sports).

Join the Teen WhatsApp group for all the latest Rinat teen news, events and happenings. [chat.whatsapp.com/J0sAEd6pdxLElsIOUs1luB](https://chat.whatsapp.com/J0sAEd6pdxLElsIOUs1luB)

## JOIN CSS

CSS is part of an international consortium of Jewish organizations committed to safeguarding the Jewish way of life. As a member, you will have access to extensive resources and intelligence to help us deliver comprehensive protection. The training that CSS provides is not just about security knowledge; you will also gain life skills that you can use to maintain situational awareness in the shul, at home, on the streets, and wherever else you may be. The skills you will learn include preventative security, surveillance detection, how to question and report suspicious individuals, deescalation techniques, situational awareness, and Krav Maga, among others.

We are calling for more team members to enhance our security, to cover every position, and to ensure we offer the best security possible at our shul. The safety of our congregants and family members is a shared responsibility – we all have a part to play.

Join the CSS team, and amplify our shul's security; we need your support NOW to help protect our families, friends, and fellow congregants.

Any questions, please contact:

Nissan Clark, [rinat@thecss.org](mailto:rinat@thecss.org), Yaakov Erlichman, [yerlichman@gmail.com](mailto:yerlichman@gmail.com), Etzion Neuer, [newtrees@gmail.com](mailto:newtrees@gmail.com), Security Committee, [security@rinat.org](mailto:security@rinat.org)

To sign up for the CSS team, <https://thecss.org/contact-us/join-css/>

## JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUPS:

**Rabbi Strauchler's Daily Divrei Halacha** Whatsapp group. [www.rinat.org/rabbi-strauchler-shiur](http://www.rinat.org/rabbi-strauchler-shiur)

**Rabbi Wiener's Mishna Yomit** Whatsapp group, [chat.whatsapp.com/E7Ua880sAQuEL16RxsXlv](https://chat.whatsapp.com/E7Ua880sAQuEL16RxsXlv). Sponsored by **Becky & Avi Katz and Family** in loving memory of Becky's father, *David Grossman*, ז"ל, בן מנחם מוניש, ז"ל. May the learning serve as an aliyah for his neshama. Additionally sponsored by **Chanie & Jeff Kohn** in memory of Chanie's father, *Chaim Yaakov Ben Pinchas Eliyahu*, ז"ל. May his neshama have an aliyah in the merit of all the learning.

**Rinat's Nach Yomi** Whatsapp group [chat.whatsapp.com/LFfWCBpdCzw07Sn2BGVVdI](https://chat.whatsapp.com/LFfWCBpdCzw07Sn2BGVVdI). This group will share information from the OU women's initiative relating to the current Nach Yomi cycle.

**Daf A Week Chaburah Whatsapp Shiur**  
To join the whatsapp group, go to [chat.whatsapp.com/CJldztqmHKzJ4Wjo623mhH](https://chat.whatsapp.com/CJldztqmHKzJ4Wjo623mhH). For more information, contact Rabbi Ezra Wiener, 201-220-7314 or at [rabbiwiener@rinat.org](mailto:rabbiwiener@rinat.org).

## WEEKLY BRIEF SPONSORSHIP

**Susan & Jeff Erdfarb** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of *Jack Erdfarb*, ז"ל, יעקב בן משה, ז"ל on the 15th of Tevet.

**Mati & Aaron Friedman** in honor of the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Avital Friedman.

**Riki & Seth Landa** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of *Nathan (Leo) Silber*, ז"ל, on the 13th of Tevet/December 25th.

**Susan & Danny Levin** in honor of their anniversary.

## LOST AND FOUND

## Lost

Black cashmere coat from the coat room on Shabbat.

If you have any information regarding these items, please contact the office at [office@rinat.org](mailto:office@rinat.org).

## RINAT COMMUNITY WHATSAPP

To join Rinat's Community Notifications whatsapp [chat.whatsapp.com/DM0GjuMPoOQ3Ln6valQXCO](https://chat.whatsapp.com/DM0GjuMPoOQ3Ln6valQXCO)

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

- \*\*\*New\*\*\* Kugel Creations for Israel**—Calling all chefs to cook our favorite Shabbat comfort food – Kugel!! We are looking for volunteers to make any kugel of your choice. Please choose to make your kugel in either an 8" square dish or 9x13 rectangular dish. The deadline to sign up to make kugel is **Sunday, December 31st**. To sign up or for more information, go to [www.rinat.org/kugel](http://www.rinat.org/kugel). Purchasing information to follow. Questions? E-mail **Rachel Antosofsky** at [kugel@rinat.org](mailto:kugel@rinat.org).
- Mezuzahs for Displaced Families**—In conjunction with Leket Israel. Please consider purchasing a mezuzah for our displaced brothers and sisters, a gift to allow them to feel a sense of home, and as a first step towards their returning back home. For more information and to donate, go to <https://my.israelgives.org/en/fundme/MezuzahProject>.
- Dedication of New Social Hall Aron Kodesh**—100% of donations go to the Michael Levin Foundation. To donate go to [www.rinat.org/aron-dedication#](http://www.rinat.org/aron-dedication#). To learn more about the Michael Levin Foundation go [lonesoldiercenter.com](http://lonesoldiercenter.com).
- Shlomit Assistance**—To donate to help Kfar Etzion resettle the people of Shlomit, go to [www.rinat.org/israel-action](http://www.rinat.org/israel-action).
- Midreshet Lindenbaum**—Rinat is partnering with Midreshet Lindenbaum to provide programming in supporting families from Southern Israel as well as local families from Jerusalem, with fathers in the IDF. For video from the program, go to [www.facebook.com/reel/297589086486781?mibextid=kcDB8Q](https://www.facebook.com/reel/297589086486781?mibextid=kcDB8Q). For more details and to sponsor, go to [www.rinat.org/lindenbaum](http://www.rinat.org/lindenbaum).
- Tefillot and Tehillim**—The deputy commander of the Givati Brigade has asked for continued Tefillot and Tehillim to be said especially during the nighttime hours in Israel. The fighting is the toughest at night and he has said that the most crucial hours are between 2-5 am. I'm asking our friends in the US to please use this time difference to your advantage. Please stop for a moment between 7-10 pm and say a perek of Tehillim for our soldiers' safety. For perekim, go to [tehillim-online.com/lectureContinue?code=3bf609c635b80a4c130b2219687051bb](http://tehillim-online.com/lectureContinue?code=3bf609c635b80a4c130b2219687051bb)
- Bergen County, NJ Support for Israel and the IDF**—to purchase supplies to be sent directly to IDF soldiers, go to, [www.shoppingforisrael.com](http://www.shoppingforisrael.com). Questions? e-mail [IDFsuppliesBC@gmail.com](mailto:IDFsuppliesBC@gmail.com).
- RCBC – A Nightly Study of Tehillim—Motzei Shabbat Through Wednesday Night, 8-8:10pm**. With a different RCBC Rav explaining a perek of tehillim each week. Zoom meeting ID: 831 6931 5113 Passcode: tehillim.
- RCBC – Live Tehillim & Chizzuk—Thursday Nights. 8pm: Maariv, 8:10pm: Chizzuk, 8:20pm: Tehillim**. Divrei Chizzuk to be delivered by a different RCBC Rav each week. To access whats app group, scan QR code in flyer below.
- Letters to Families of the Hostages**—To send letters , go to [amillionwithyou.com/](http://amillionwithyou.com/).
- Letters to Wives of Chayalim**—To send letters, through Ezras Nashim, go to [ezrasnashim.org/write-a-letter/](http://ezrasnashim.org/write-a-letter/).
- Toys for Kids in Israel**—To send care packages to children in the south, go to [toysforkidsinIsrael.com/](http://toysforkidsinIsrael.com/).

**IDF SOLDIERS FOR OUR TEFILLOT**

Please include in your tefillot soldiers from the Rinat family currently serving in the IDF: **Avi Bursztyn, Lior Chasid , Sophie Dubitsky, Dani Forman, Elitzur Gitler, Reuven Gross, Moshe Klavan, Zachary Kohn, Shlomo Kroopnick, Ari Milgram, Ronel Roos, Yitzi Rothschild, Elan Schwartz, Orlee Schwartz, Asher Stein, Gavriel Weiss and Eliyahu Zimbalist**. Email [office@rinat.org](mailto:office@rinat.org) to add a name to this list.

**CHAYALIM**

- Operation Hug** – Nefesh B Nefesh is offering free flights for 1 parent to visit their lone soldier child in Israel. For more information, to go [www.nbn.org.il/operation-hug/](http://www.nbn.org.il/operation-hug/)
- Chaylim and Missing** – Please take a moment to review the names of the Chayalim with a direct connection to the Rinat family and Missing at [www.rinat.org/chayallimandmissing](http://www.rinat.org/chayallimandmissing). If you have relatives or friends that are serving in the IDF, please send their Hebrew names and Mother's name so that they can be included in the shul tefillot to [office@rinat.org](mailto:office@rinat.org).

**ADVOCATE****Letters To Elected Officials**

We can help ensure that America is there to support Israel in its time of extreme need. President Biden, along with many of our senators, congressman and other political officials have made strong statements of support for the Israeli people and the IDF's actions against Hamas. You can help this effort by ensuring this support remains in place and by sending a message of thanks – hakarot hatov – to elected leaders if they have made a supportive statement.

**President Biden**– [www.whitehouse.gov/contact/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)

**Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer**– 202-224-6542, [mail\\_schumer@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:schumer@schumer.senate.gov)

**Senator of New Jersey Cory Booker**– [casework@booker.senate.gov](mailto:casework@booker.senate.gov)

**Congressman of New Jersey's 5th District Josh Gottheimer**– [Josh.Gottheimer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Josh.Gottheimer@mail.house.gov)

**Senator of New Jersey Bob Menendez**– [jacob\\_roth@menendez.senate.gov](mailto:jacob_roth@menendez.senate.gov)

**NYC Mayor Eric Adams** – <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact.page>

For sample messages, go to [www.rinat.org/advocacy#](http://www.rinat.org/advocacy#).





# Shabbat Youth meals!

*Join your group  
leaders and friends  
for good food and  
games!*

**2nd/3rd Grade - Friday night - December 22nd**

**Kindergarten/1st grade - Shabbat lunch - December 23rd**

**Junior Cong - Friday night - December 29th**

\$15 a child

*Meet us in shul immediately after davening.  
Walking groups will take the kids home.*

<https://www.rinat.org/youthmeals>



**Rabbi Hayyim Angel**  
**Tuesdays, 8:15-9pm,**  
**Before Tehillim and**  
**Tefillah Reading**  
**Beit Midrash**

**December 26th - "The Wise and the Foolish in Tehillim"**

**January 2nd - "From Harshness to Halleluyah: Books 3-5"**

Rabbi Hayyim Angel is the National Scholar of the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals ([jewishideas.org](http://jewishideas.org)). With a primary focus on the interaction between traditional and academic approaches to Bible study, Rabbi Angel has taught to undergraduate, graduate, and rabbinical students at Yeshiva University since 1996, and lectures widely in synagogues and schools throughout North America.

He has authored or edited twenty books, his most recent being "Psalms: A Companion Volume (Kodesh Press, 2022)", and has published over 150 scholarly articles. He is editor of Conversations, the journal of the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals, and serves on the editorial boards of Tradition and Megadim. Rabbi Angel previously served as Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York City (1995-2013), and as Rabbinic Scholar at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York (2014-2017). He received his B.A. in Jewish studies Summa cum Laude from Yeshiva College, his M.A. in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, his M.S. in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, and his Rabbinical Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He lives in Teaneck, New Jersey with his wife and four children.

To sponsor this Shiur, please contact [aduldet@rinat.org](mailto:aduldet@rinat.org).

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## SPORTS TRIVIA NIGHT

TEEN BOYS WITH A SPORTY ADULT OF  
YOUR CHOICE OR A FRIEND

Motzei Shabbat, December 30th, 7pm

Prizes will be won  
Pizza will be served

\$18/per team, members  
\$22/per team, affiliate members  
\$25/per team, non-members

To register, go to [rinat.org/teen-sports](http://rinat.org/teen-sports)



**POTATO | BROCCOLI | YERUSHALMI**  
**OR WHATEVER YOUR KUGEL SPECIALTY IS!**

## KUGEL CREATIONS FOR ISRAEL

Profits will go to Rinat's ongoing efforts to support  
Israel and its citizens

**To volunteer to make a kugel and for more details**  
**go to [www.rinat.org/kugel](http://www.rinat.org/kugel)**

**Deadline to sign up to cook by Sunday, December 31st**

CAN'T COOK? STAY TUNED FOR KUGEL  
PURCHASING INFORMATION SOON

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL RACHEL ANTOSOFKY AT [KUGEL@RINAT.ORG](mailto:kugel@rinat.org)





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## WINTER COMMUNAL KIDDUSH

Shabbat, January 6th,  
following the 9am minyan

SNOW DAY SPONSORSHIPS

- Ice Skating – \$360
- Sledding – \$250
- Igloo – \$180
- Snowman – \$100
- Snowball Fight – \$72
- Snow Angels – \$54
- Hot Chocolate – \$36

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## HELP SUPPORT ISRAEL! HOLLYROCK ENTERTAINMENT COMES TO RINAT!

Motzei Shabbat, January 6th, 8pm



**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- \$180 Family Feud
- \$250 The Price is Right
- \$360 Jeopardy
- \$500 Wheel of Fortune

**Pricing**

- Member – \$36/head
- Affiliate Member – \$45/head
- Non Member – \$54/head

*Dinner included!*

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## LUNCH AND DISCUSSION

WITH RABBI STRAUCHLER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1PM  
CLASSROOM D/E

We will be reviewing articles from **Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought** each month.

**January's Article: "In Praise of Esau: Between Rashi's Commentaries to Torah and Nakh" by Lisa Fredman.**

For source materials go to [rinat.org/source-materials](http://rinat.org/source-materials)



**Guests of Honor:**  
Riki & Seth Landa



**Sruli Guttman**  
Service Award:  
Ranon Mann



**Young Leadership Award:**  
Emily Adler

## Congregation Rinat Yisrael 36th Annual Dinner

Honoring our Graduating Group Leaders

Kayla Antosofsky | Yedida Baer | Zachary Cohen | Shay Fields | Yakir Hirsch  
Aviva Kurz | Aliza Mermelstein | Yakira Mermelstein | Meital Rimberg  
Atara Strauchler | Eitan Vogel | Benny Zelig

L'hitraot to **Adina & Rabbi Ezra Wiener** as they make Aliyah

Motzei Shabbat,  
February 24th, 8pm  
15 Adar I 5784

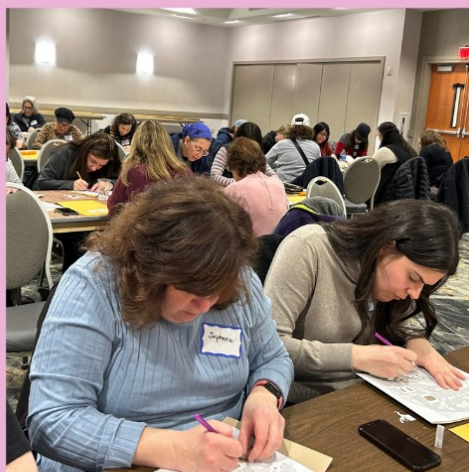
Congregation Keter Torah  
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**2024 Dinner Committee**  
Rachel Antosofsky | Shelley Cohen  
Bina Faber | Debby Teicher

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**Nerot Paper Cutting  
With Dena Levie**

**December, 2023**





