



RJC BULLETIN

Candle Lighting
Havdalah

September 6, 2019 - 6:01/ 7:02 PM
September 7, 2019 - 8:00 PM

Parshat Shoftim
September 6 – September 13, 2019
ז' אלול - י"ג אלול
7 Elul – 13 Elul 5779

Services

This Shabbat: Parshat Shoftim

September 6 - 7, 2019 - 7th of Elul 5779

Friday - Mincha	5:43 / 7:07 PM
Shacharit	7:00 / 8:00 / 8:45 / 9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:41 AM
Daf Yomi (Keritot 17):	5:50 PM
Early Mincha (Beit Midrash)	6:00 PM
Rabbi Zirkind's Shiur	6:00 PM
Mincha (Main Sanctuary)	6:50 PM
Seudah Shlishit	7:10 PM
Maariv	7:55 PM

Weekday Schedule

Sunday	6:45 / 7:30 / 8:30 / 9:15 AM
Monday	6:00 / 6:45 / 7:45 AM
Tuesday	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Wednesday	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Thursday	6:00 / 6:45 / 7:45 AM
Friday	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv S-Th:	5:36 / 7:00 PM
Late Maariv S-Th	9:30 PM

Next Shabbat*: Parshat Ki Teitze

September 13 - 14, 2019 - 14th of Elul 5779

Candle Lighting	5:51 / 6:55 PM
Friday - Mincha	5:33 / 7:00 PM
Shacharit	7:00 / 8:00 / 8:45 / 9:00 AM
Mincha	6:00 / 6:40 PM
Havdalah	7:48 PM

*subject to change

SHABBAT SHIURIM AT THE RJC

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Drellich's Shabbat Parsha and Talmud Sanhedrin Shiur will follow the 7:00 AM minyan Kiddush.

Rabbi Charles Sheer will deliver the Hashkama shiur in room 201 after the Hashkama Kiddush. The topic: "*Birkat ha-Mazon III: Berakhot 46a, Tosafot and Women Leading a M'zuman.*"

Rebbetzin Ariella Zirkind invites high school girls to Breakout Laining Learning on the terrace at 10:15 AM.

Rabbi Hoberman will deliver the Scotch, Salami, and Shiur this week.

Rabbi Zirkind will deliver the drasha before Mussaf in the main sanctuary: "Of Kings, Cowards, and Courage: Moshe Rabbeinu in Praise of Fear."

Rabbi Zirkind will deliver a pre-Mincha shiur in the main sanctuary. The topic: "Not Your Average Joe: Judgement for the Righteous, Wicked, and Everyone in Between."

Rabbi Genack will speak at Seudah Shlishit. The topic: "Elul- Confusing Satan: How, When, and Why."

Rabbi Moshe Neiss will deliver a post-Mincha shiur in the boardroom.

WEEKLY SHIURIM & CLASSES AT THE RJC

Daf Yomi: Mon - Fri: Following the 6:00 AM minyan. Shabbat: 1 hour before Mincha.

Sunday: After the 6:45 AM minyan.

Sunday: 7:30 AM-An in-depth Halacha class based on the parsha, given by Rabbi Eliezer Sher.

Tuesday: 8:30 PM-Rabbi Genack's Parsha shiur in the Beit Midrash.

Thursday: 8:30 PM-Rabbi Noah Gardenschwartz's class on Bava Kama: Genevah vs Gezeilah.

SPONSORSHIPS

The **8 AM Hashkama Minyan** kiddush is being sponsored by **Barbara Gewirtz** in commemoration of the yahrzeit on the 1st of Elul of her father, Zvi Hersch Pomerantz.

The **Main Minyan** Kiddush is sponsored by the RJC and **Lisa and Richie Heisler**. You can sponsor a Kiddush at www.rjconline.org/sponsor_kiddush. You can also reach out to the office at info@rjconline.org or call 718-548-1850.

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Sharon and Dr. Donny Schlusberg and family** to commemorate the 8th yahrzeit of Donny's father, Yehuda ben Moshe.

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Judge Lee First** on the engagement of her grandson, Shaya First, to Ayelet Lerner of Woodmere, NY. May she have Naches from her entire family.

Mazal Tov to **Roberta and Alan Aronoff** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Maayan Nesia, daughter of Dr. Binyamin and Sharon Aronoff of Modi'in, Israel.

Mazal Tov also to Maayan's siblings, Talia, Netanel, and Michal, her uncles/aunts, David, Norman and Roza, Shifra and Naftali, Miriam and Elimelech, Nechemia, and all the cousins.

ELUL SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS BEGIN THIS WEEK!

Mondays, 7:30 PM. Teshuvot on Teshuva with Rabbi Zirkind in the Beit Midrash.

Thursdays, 8:15-9:30 PM. Elul Mishmar Madness with Rabbis Genack and Hoberman in the Beit Midrash.

Shabbat, September 14, 5:00 PM. Rivky Rossler, a Judaic Studies teacher at SAR Academy, will give a shiur at the home of Monica Shapiro (4580 Delafield Avenue). Topic: "Sin and Repentance: Redemption in the David and Batsheva Story."

Sunday, September 15, 8:00 PM. Rose Salamon Rosh Chodesh Series: Rabbi Paysach Krohn on the topic of "Redefining your life: bringing out the best in yourself." Sponsored by the **Defunis Family** in honor of their daughter Leah's birthday.

Shabbat, September 21, 4:00 PM. Save the date: Women's Shabbat afternoon meet and greet with Rebbetzin Ariella Zirkind. Further details and location to follow.

For the rest of the Elul schedule, please see the Welcome to Elul Brochure.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Please note that the main shul office has temporarily relocated to a lower level classroom while we renovate. Phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same throughout the renovation process. For questions and concerns, contact us anytime at info@rjconline.org.

As part of our building updates, we will be installing window shades in the Social Hall. For sponsorship opportunities, visit www.rjconline.org/form/windowshades.

NEW! RJC APPS TO MAKE LIFE EASIER

Looking for minyan times? Need to register for an event? Want to make a donation? Do it the easy way in the RJC app! Search for "Riverdale Jewish Center" in the app store.

Also, please consider joining our three WhatsApp groups:

Halacha: Ask all of your halachic questions.

Chesed: Receive notifications about imminent chesed needs.

Minyan Makers: Help make minyanim in shul and shiva homes.

Contact the office for information on how to join each group.

JOIN THE CSS TEAM

CSS at RJC could really use your help! CSS training for new volunteers will take place on Wednesday nights, September 4th and 11th, 7:00-10:00 PM. To sign up, email rjc@theccs.org. If you want to join the team, but have scheduling conflicts, please still send an email.

SPECIAL SUMMER FEATURE

Please pick up a copy of this week's Parsha comic, created by **Sam Weingard**, son of our members **Sasha and Craig Weingard**. It can be found in the lobby of the RJC next to the weekly bulletin.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Fayge bat Rachel, Asher Chanun ben Basin Tziviva, Peretz Yisroel ben Batya Kayla, Geula Liba Yehudis bat Gittel Tzip'ra, Shifra bat Bayla Peryl, Elka bat Chana, Binyomin ben Rut, and Shalom Yitzhak ben Pasha, Dovid Yaakov ben Yehudis, Abraham Ben Basha Chai, Gil bat Rut.
Please email bulletin@rjconline.org with any names you would like included.



Community News, Events and Announcements

New to the community or know someone who is? Please let the welcoming committee know at RJCWelcome@gmail.com or reach out to the office at 718-548-1850.

Riverdale Y NFL Flag Football League

Join us for our fifth annual season for the NFL Flag Football League. We aim to help our players improve their functional skills, learn to play within a team, and above all else, to have fun. To give our families the best experience possible, this year the Y has partnered with Benefit Sports whose purpose is to Energize, Empower and Engage. For more information, please visit www.RiverdaleY.org/flagfootball.

Riverdale Y Open House

Come join us on September 15 at our Open House for a day of fun-filled family events. You can try our latest cardio equipment in the gym, swim in our refreshing pool, or try our new state of the art functional fitness studio. Additionally, there are trial classes for swim, dance, and basketball, as well as other unique events throughout the day. For the complete itinerary, please visit www.RiverdaleY.org/openhouse.

Riverdale Y ELI Talks Story Slam: Wandering Jews

On September 15, 6:30-8:30 PM, The Riverdale Y, through the support of the Riverdale Jewish Community Partnership, is partnering with ELI Talks for an evening of storytelling. Seven of the most thought-provoking, heartwarming, tragic and bold journeys will inspire our evening of community. The selected speakers are Heidi Weissman, Aviva Braun, Bernard Goldstein, Ann Lapin, Sheila Hicks Rotella, Albert Levi, and Yali Szulanski. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.RiverdaleY.org/eli

Riverdale Y Afterschool Enrollment

Kid's Space provides a seamless end to your child's day. We offer homework assistance with NY State Certified teachers, a range of enrichment activities, and a healthy, kosher snack in a supportive and community-oriented setting led by professionally-trained staff. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.RiverdaleY.org/afterschool.

Westchester Day School Launches Community Cookbook

Westchester Day School is creating a community-based cookbook called Instant Shabbat: Easy Recipes for Busy People. The goal of the cookbook is to gather recipes that are simple, easy-to-make crowd favorites that will help make Shabbat meals a breeze. For more information, visit www.instantshabbat.com.

HIR Fall Clothing Drive

On September 15, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, HIR will hold its Fall clothing drive. Please sort men's, women's, and children's clothing separately into sturdy garbage bags. They are also collecting sheets, quilts, and towels. Deposit all donations in the truck stationed outside HIR on that day. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Steve Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at spretsfelder@vanwagner.com or call 718-601-3586 for volunteer opportunities.

HIR Blood Drive— Commemorating the 18th Anniversary of 9/11

On September 15, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, HIR/the Bayit will host a blood drive in memory of those who perished on 9/11. Our area blood supply is in life-threatening crisis and a blood emergency has been declared. Please honor 9/11 on this 18th/Chai anniversary as a national day of remembrance, service, charity, and compassion by donating blood. In order to donate, you must be healthy, aged 17-75 (16 with NYBC parental consent form), and have a photo or signature ID. If you have a blood donor card, please bring it with you. Walk-ins are welcome! Contact Seryl (718-549-8152 or sermc@aol.com) for questions or to reserve a time.

Community Mikvah Hours

3708 Henry Hudson Parkway East, Riverdale, NY 10463
(718) 549-8336

Mikvah hours for the month of September:

Sunday-Thursday - 7:30pm-10:00pm

Friday and Yom Tov - 40 minutes after candle lighting

Saturday, September 7 - 8:30pm-10:30pm

Saturday, September 14, 21, 28 - 8:00pm-10:00pm

The Keilim Mikvah is open during daylight hours ONLY.

Gemach of Riverdale — Interest Free Loans

Gemach of Riverdale provides interest-free loans to members of the Riverdale community. For more information contact the Gemach confidentially at Gemachofriverdale@gmail.com or 917-408-3035.

Riverdale Medical Gemach

If you have a temporary need for medical equipment or have something to donate, please contact medical@theriverdaleminyan.org or call Rochel Cheifetz at 917-748-2052 or Ilana Gordon at 917-623-8873.

Riverdale Gown Gemach

Please contact riverdalegowngemach@gmail.com for more information.

School Prep with Dr. Tamar Blank

Does starting a new school year give your child anxiety? Dr. Tamar Blank is running CBT group therapy for children, ages 5-18. Groups are separated by age and children will receive support, skills, and strategies. Meetings take place at 3736 Henry Hudson Parkway. For more information, contact Dr. Tamar Blank at DrTamarBlank@gmail.com.

Riverdale Y Sarah Lily Adoption Fund

The fund provides two \$5,000 grants annually to help Jewish families being formed by adoption. For more information, please visit www.riverdaley.org/sarahlilyfund.

Seeking Job

Professional with corporate and public sector experience seeking opportunity in human resources, management, and administration. Flexible. 917-579-5930.

Job Opening at Young Israel of New Rochelle

YINR is seeking a full-time Bookkeeper/Executive Assistant. Bookkeeping experience, familiarity with QuickBooks or equivalent, and good interpersonal and communications skills required. **Compensation to be determined based on experience. Email cover letter and resume to jobs@yinr.org.**

Career Advice and Networking

Please contact Howard Millendorf at 718-796-5850 or howmill@corp.idt.net.

RJC Connections

RJC Connections helps to "connect" volunteers in our community with those who may need assistance/company in various capacities. If you know anyone, please contact Joyce Friedman at RJCConnections@gmail.com.

Meals for New Moms

If you would like to be notified of opportunities to make meals for new mothers, please contact Elisheva Gershon at elishevamatanky@gmail.com.

Connect with the RJC

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THE FUND FOR THE NEEDY

Supporting Jews Across the Bronx!
By the Numbers, in 2018, the FFN:

- Distributed over \$330,000
 - 100% of donations support 66 individuals, often elderly, or families
 - Provided allocations for rent, food, clothing & medicine
 - Provided additional holiday disbursements 2 times a year
 - Supported recipients recommended by Rabbis of all Bronx congregations
- Send donations to: <https://www.rjconline.org/ffn>

שבת שלום

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September 6-7, Shabbat Parshat Shoftim

RJC YOUTH BULLETIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHOPPED: Family Edition

September 8, 11:00 AM

Presented by RJC Women and RJC Youth. This event is open to children, grades 1-5, and their parents. Please note this is not a drop off event and parents must accompany their children. Registration is now closed.

Super Soccer Stars

Sundays, Sept. 15 - Nov. 3

The Super Soccer Stars team is back for another season of fun! Learn soccer skills with dynamic coaches in a non-competitive environment in the RJC gym. Children aged 3-4 will play from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Children in Kindergarten-1st grade will play from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The cost is \$165 per child for RJC members and \$185 per child for non-members. [Register online.](#)

Family Shofar Workshop

September 15, 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

Come prepare for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur with RJC Youth for a shofar making workshop. We will learn all about shofars and every child will get to make their own shofar. \$5 per member, \$15 per non-member.

rjconline.org/event/shofarworkshop

Health & Safety Awareness Day

Sept. 22, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Presented by RJC Youth. Come see fire trucks, an ambulance, police horses and dogs; go in a real police car; get fitted for the proper bike helmet; see if your car seats are safe (sign up required); learn about water safety; and more! There will also be mini CPR sessions as well as CSS safety trainings.

THIS SHABBAT

Groups

Groups begin at 9:45 AM on the second floor for the following ages: Pre-K, K-1, 2nd-3rd Grade, and Junior Congregation. Please pick up your child promptly after the end of Main Minyan.

Teen Minyan

We are delighted that Teen Minyan is starting again this Shabbat at 9:15 AM under the leadership of Azi Fine, in the Board Room. If you have teens in your life, please encourage them to come and participate. Cholent and kugel will be served. To sponsor a Kiddush for Teen Minyan, please email Azi or visit rjconline.org/youthdonation.

Breakout Laining Learning

Rebbetzin Ariella Zirkind invites high school girls to Breakout Laining Learning on the terrace at 10:15 AM.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Youth Directors

We are pleased to announce that Chaya and Adin Rayman are returning as our Youth Directors. rjcyouthdirectors@gmail.com

Thank You

Special thank you to Todd and Adina Haller for hosting and sponsoring our second annual junior high welcome back BBQ!

RJC YOUTH FALL SOCCER

SUPER SOCCER STARS

LEARN SOCCER SKILLS WITH DYNAMIC COACHES IN A NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

- SEPTEMBER 15, 22, 29, OCTOBER 6, 27
- NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17
- RJC GYM
- AVAILABLE FOR:
 - 3'S+4'S, 9AM-10AM
 - KINDERGARTEN + 1ST GRADE 10AM-11AM
- PRICE: \$185, RJC MEMBERS: \$165

RJC YOUTH STRIVES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES. IF YOU NEED ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE EMAIL RJC.YOUTH.DIRECTORS@GMAIL.COM

WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/SOCCERSTARS

RJC YOUTH PRESENTS

THE 5TH ANNUAL Health AND Safety AWARENESS DAY!

Sunday September 22, 2019 10am - 2pm

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Come see the trucks, an ambulance, police horses and dogs, go in a real police car, get fitted for the proper bike helmet, see if your car seats are safe (sign up required), learn about water safety, do projects, and much more!

There will also be mini CPR sessions given as well as CSS safety trainings!

Riverdale Jewish Center
3700 Independence Avenue

Thank you to our Sponsors:



High Holidays



Your Complete Guide to the Yamim Noraim at the Riverdale Jewish Center

High Holiday Seating

Preparations for Elul and the Yamim Noraim at the RJC are underway. In order to prepare for a meaningful Yamim Noraim season in our community, we are excited to invite you to participate in uplifting tefillot, meaningful learning opportunities, and enjoyable programming designed to bring our community together and enhance our holiday experience. Please submit your reservation as soon as possible so that the office staff may process it in a timely way. Members will receive preference for their seating requests. For any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 718-548-1850 or email us at info@rjconline.org. We look forward to your participation as our community enters 5780, and we wish you and your family a meaningful and enjoyable Yom Tov.

Make your seat reservations online at www.rjconline.org/highholidayseats.

To guarantee your seats from last year, please reserve your seat by Friday, September 6.

High Holiday Babysitting

The Riverdale Jewish Center Youth Department is excited to continue its babysitting program in the new year, 5780. All children will have the chance to enjoy a fun and educational Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur experience in a safe and warm environment. Babysitting will be available for children in Pre-K (3 years old) through 5th Grade. Please note that children must be potty-trained to attend babysitting. This service will be free for Family/Young Family members. For Young Couple members and non-members, the pricing is as follows: \$25 per child, per day, for Rosh Hashana; \$20 per child for Kol Nidrei; \$30 per child for Yom Kippur. Deadline for registration is Sunday, September 22nd. Register online at www.rjconline.org/hhbabysitting.

Kol Nidrei Appeal

The annual Kol Nidrei Appeal, along with the annual Membership Campaign and Journal Dinner, comprise our Shul's major fundraising efforts during the course of the year. It is only with your continued support that we are able to maintain a high level of quality programming and services to meet the wide-ranging needs of our congregants. Please consider making a donation throughout the High Holiday season. We wish you and your family a sweet, happy and healthy New Year.

Donations can be made online at www.rjconline.org/kol-nidrei-2019.html.

Book of Remembrance

This year, the RJC will continue its tradition of printing a **Book of Remembrance** in time for the High Holidays 5780. This booklet will contain a list of names of departed souls and the members who wish to remember them. The booklet will be available in Shul throughout the year each time Yizkor is recited and will honor those friends and family members who have been called to their eternal reward. If you would like to participate, please submit your form no later than Monday, September 9th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the RJC office at 718-548-1850. Submit your form online at www.rjconline.org/book-of-remembrance-2019.