



# Riverdale Jewish Center Stands with Israel

**Parshat Vaera**

January 12 - 13, 2024 | 3 Shevat, 5784  
Candle Lighting: 4:31 PM | Havdalah: 5:32 PM

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:40 PM
Vatikin.....	7:19 AM
<b>Shacharit Minyanim:</b>	
Main Sanctuary.....	7:00 AM
Hashkama Room.....	8:00 AM
Main Sanctuary.....	9:00 AM
Teen Minyan.....	9:00 AM
YPM/Beit Midrash.....	9:30 AM
Latest Shema.....	9:42 AM
Mincha.....	12:30/4:25 PM
Maariv.....	5:27 PM

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Sun Shacharit.....	6:45/8:30/9:15 AM
Mon Shacharit.....	6:15/7:45/8:30 AM
Tue-Thur Shacharit.....	6:15/7:45 AM
Sun-Thur Mincha/Maariv.....	4:40 PM
Sun-Thur Maariv.....	9:30 PM

## NEXT SHABBAT, PARSHAT BO

Candle Lighting.....	4:38 PM
Havdalah.....	5:40 PM

[Click Here to View All Zmanim for Riverdale](#)

## WEEKLY SHIURIM & CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Chaburah with Rabbi Nosson Lowenthal**  
Weekly at 7:30 AM.

**Stranger than Fiction Halacha Chaburah for Teens with Rabbi Benoff**  
Sundays, following 9:15 AM Shacharit.

**Chayeh Adam Halacha Chaburah with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind**  
Meets weekly on Monday mornings at 7 AM between the two Shacharit Minyanim.

**Iyun Afternoon Kollel with Rabbi Tzvi Benoff**  
Will resume next week, January 22.  
Monday afternoons at 2:30 PM in the Beit Midrash, studying the topic of tzedakah.

**Young Professionals Chaburah with Rabbi Benoff**  
Join Tuesdays at 8:15 PM for a chaburah given by friends for friends. Please reach out to Rabbi Benoff if interested in joining or leading one ([tbenoff@rjconline.org](mailto:tbenoff@rjconline.org)).

**Semichat Chaver - Beit Midrash**  
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM in the Beit Midrash.  
This semester's subject is:  
*Bikur Cholim and Hilchot Aveilut.*

**Mishmar with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind**  
Thursdays, 8:30 PM in the Beit Midrash.

**Shabbat Morning Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Dr. Moshe Drelich**  
Following the 7 AM Minyan, join for an inspiring discussion on the weekly parsha.

**Rabbi Sheer's "Hashkama" Shiur**  
Shabbat morning, 10:30 AM, following the Hashkama Kiddush. This week's topic:  
*Interpreting the Torah by a Different Lens; A Structural Study of Torah.*

**Daf Yomi - Beit Midrash**  
Weekdays - after the first Shacharit  
Shabbat - 45 minutes before the last Mincha  
For Zoom email: [davidsdafyomi@gmail.com](mailto:davidsdafyomi@gmail.com).

## MAZAL TOV!

**Tina and Phil Pollack** on the engagement of their son, Scott, to Jamie, daughter of Beth and Alan Glass. Mazal tov to Hallie and Nir Gadon, Joel, Jordan, and the entire family.

**Leora and Andrew Miller**, and big brother Caleb, on the birth of a baby boy. Mazal tov to grandparents, Marcia and Tom Kagedan and Julie-Ann and Mark Miller.

## SPONSORSHIPS

### Main Kiddush

The Main Kiddush is sponsored by **Bryna and Joshua Landes** in honor of their daughter's engagement, Arielle, to Aaron Loffman.

The 7 AM Kiddush is sponsored by **David, Lynn, Rose**, and **Sarah Frankel** to commemorate the Yahrzeits of David's mother, Basha bat David z"l, and his great-grandfather, Shlomo ben Eliezer z"l.

### Seudah Shlishit

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the RJC.

### Learning Sponsorship

**January 17 / 7 Shevat:** A day of learning is sponsored by **Miriam and Ronald Rubin** to commemorate the Shloshim of Miriam's sister, Barbara Yeshurun-Cardozo z"l (Baila bat Avraham.)

### Saturday Night Learning

SNL will meet this Motzei Shabbat, 40 minutes after Havdalah. This week, SNL is sponsored by **Roberta and Alan Aronoff** in memory of Roberta's grandmother, Annie Taub z"l (Nesha bat Berel Dovid).

To sponsor a future parent-child learning, please [click here](#).

*The RJC Learning Sponsorship Program allows members and friends of our shul to dedicate a day of learning for the zechut of a Yahrzeit. Each sponsorship will appear in the weekly bulletin and be announced prior to any shiur or learning on the day of the Yahrzeit.*

*If you would like to sponsor please [click here](#). If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, Seudah Shlishit, or Day of Learning, please go to [rjconline.org/sponsor](http://rjconline.org/sponsor) or call the office at 718-548-1850.*

## This Shabbat at the RJC

**8:00 PM Friday Night Teen Oneg**  
Home of **Russi and Joseph Bohm**

**10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Drasha by Rabbi Dovid Zirkind**  
*Not the Least Bit Convincing: What the History of Losing Arguments Teaches Jews About Winning Them*

**4:50 PM Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Yoni Laub**  
*Culture is the Key*

## Upcoming Events at the RJC

### New Series! Sefer Yehoshua with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

*Mondays, January 15 - February 5, 8:00 PM in the Beit Midrash*

Join us on Mondays at the RJC for a four-part series exploring the themes, messages and contemporary relevance of the first book of Navi and one of the greatest leaders of Jewish History. Study with us in-person at shul or catch the podcast edition on our website from home. To register, please email [dzirkind@rjconline.org](mailto:dzirkind@rjconline.org).

### Seniors Tu B'Shvat Lunch and Learn

*Thursday, January 25, 12PM at the RJC - [Click here to RSVP!](#)*

### Torah Together for Israel - RJC Chavruta Matching Campaign

[Click here](#) to sign up and study the topic of your choice once a week with a family member, friend, or friend to be! For questions or if you would like to be matched with a chavruta, please reach out to Rabbi Benoff at [tbenoff@rjconline.org](mailto:tbenoff@rjconline.org).

### Friday Night Community Dinner with Scholar-in-Residence Yair Rosenberg

*Shabbat Parshat Yitro, February 2-3 - [Click here](#) to register!*

Join us for a Friday Night community dinner featuring Scholar in Residence Yair Rosenberg and Chazzen Shim Cramer. Dessert and a Q&A oneg to follow. Earlybird pricing: Members is \$36/person and \$180/family max; Non-members is \$42/person and \$210/family max. Earlybird ends on January 24 and registration closes on January 30!

## Young Professionals Corner

**Shabbat Morning Dvar Torah following Davening by Idan Lavian (followed by kiddush)**

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by **Ilana and Idan Lavian** in honor of their daughter, Yael Rina.

### YPM Tuesday Chaburah Update

The YPM Chaburah will not meet this Tuesday, January 16.

**Upcoming Events: January 20** - Winter Melaveh Malka with Pizza from Saba's - [Click here](#) to RSVP!  
**January 25** - Tu B'Shvat Seder.

## Membership Committee Update

**Now is the time to join the RJC:** Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership or have become new members of the RJC family! If you or someone you know is interested in membership, please contact the office at [efrat@rjconline.org](mailto:efrat@rjconline.org). For financial accommodations, please contact [oren@rjconline.org](mailto:oren@rjconline.org) for assistance. Our membership committee looks forward to welcoming you to the RJC.



## This Shabbat

Thank you to our fantastic middle schoolers that joined us last Friday night for a fantastic oneg. We had a wonderful evening of friends, games, and snacks, and keep your eyes peeled for the next opportunity to come together!

**Kinder Minyan** will meet in the Beit Midrash following Mincha.

**Friday Night Teen Oneg** will be hosted by **Russi and Joseph Bohm** at 8:00 PM (9 Delafield Way.)

**Groups** will meet at 9:45 AM on the second floor for pre-K through 6th grade.

**Tot Shabbat** will meet at 10:30 AM, followed by Kiddush, in the Hashkama Room.

**SNL** will meet this Motzei Shabbat, 40 minutes after Havdalah. This week SNL sponsored by **Roberta and Alan Aronoff** in memory of Roberta's grandmother, Annie Taub z"l (Nesha bat Berel Dovid).

## This Week

**Stranger Than Fiction: Halacha Chaburah for Teens with Rabbi Tzvi Benoff**

*Sunday Mornings, following 9:15 AM Shacharit*

This Sunday, January 14, join your friends for donuts and a 10 minute shiur on the most unusual halacha questions of our time!

## Two More Weeks Till Tu B'Shvat!

**January 21:** Tu B'Shvat MicroGreens Workshop - [register here!](#)

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Last Week's Answer: כי מן המים משיתרו

## Community News, Events, and Announcements

**Weekly Parsha Comic by Sam Weingard:** Parshat Vaera — [view here](#) or find a copy in the lobby!

### Westchester Torah Academy's 11th Annual Shomrei Torah Dinner

Taking place on February 4 at 7:00 PM at 150 Stratton Rd., New Rochelle, NY. This year, in addition to supporting the scholarship fund to provide an excellent Jewish education for everyone, with dignity, WTA is also celebrating the strength and resilience of Am Yisrael. Learn more about how you can help support Jewish education, the State of Israel, and the next generation of Jewish leaders click here or visit [www.westchesterta.org/shomrei-torah](http://www.westchesterta.org/shomrei-torah).

### Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch: Preschool Open House

YRSRH Preschool Open House will be on Sunday, January 14, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM at 85 Bennett Avenue, New York, NY 10033. To RSVP or to learn more, email [preschooloffice@yrsrh.org](mailto:preschooloffice@yrsrh.org).

### The Riverdale IDF Effort: Shoes for Israel

The Riverdale IDF Effort and Sarah's Shoe Gemach are collecting **brand new** men's, women's and kids sneakers, rain boots, warm boots, and socks for displaced families in Israel through **Sunday, January 21**. These types of shoes and socks have been specifically requested at the Chabad of Talbiya Evacuee Store. The Riverdale IDF Effort is working directly with the Chabad to provide such essentials. Riverdale drop-off will be at the home of the Rosenblum family - 4710 Fieldston Road.

### MLK Week of Service

Riverdale Y is proud to host our annual MLK Week of Service from Sunday January 14 - 17. Riverdale Y is focusing on the critical needs we see, guided by the vision of Dr. King. Our focus is on Migrant Communities, Environmentalism/Sustainability, Social Isolation and Companionship, Food Insecurity, as well as Intergroup/Faith Relations. We offer community-wide opportunities to make a difference. As an event volunteer, you'll engage in hands-on tasks, understand root causes, and continue addressing identified issues beyond MLK Day. [Click here](#) to register or visit [www.riverdaley.org/MLK](http://www.riverdaley.org/MLK).

### Career Advice and Networking

Please contact **Howard Millendorf** (even in Israel!) at [hwmillendorf@gmail.com](mailto:hwmillendorf@gmail.com) or 631-397-1219.

### Riverdale Mikvah: Appointment System

The Riverdale Mikvah requires Mikvah appointments to be made 24 hours in advance in order to properly maintain the safety and health of all who visit. If appointments are full online, please email [theriverdalemikvah@gmail.com](mailto:theriverdalemikvah@gmail.com) and requests will be accommodated if made with 24 hours of notice. To make an appointment, and to view the screening protocols, please visit our [website here](#). Address is 3708 Henry Hudson Parkway East, Riverdale, NY 10463. Please call with any questions at 718-549-8336.

### The Kingsbridge Center of Israel (KCI) Kosher Food Pantry

The KCI Pantry provides individuals and families in our community basic, non-perishable and limited perishable food items. Please contact [KCIfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:KCIfoodpantry@gmail.com) or 646-647-1380. All contact remains confidential to a small group of local individuals.

### 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](mailto:Gemachofriverdale@gmail.com) or by calling 917-408-3035.

### Condolences

On the passing of our RJC member, **Mildred Rappaport z"l**.

*May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## רפואה שלמה

Yehuda Lieb Ben Devora, Bina Shoshana bat Ita Flora, Josefa Chana bat Sara Etel, Chaya Sarah bat Tzeral, Efraim Yaakov ben Shmuel, Gavriella bat Sarah, Ilana bat Chaya, Ilan Amitai ben Talia Michal, Shalom Yitzchak ben Peshah, Shifra bat Bayla Peryl, Sora Yisraelit bat Rachel, Tova Rivka bat Chana Sosa, and Faige Chave bat Miriam.

If you have names that should be added to this list, please contact [efrat@rjconline.org](mailto:efrat@rjconline.org) or call the office at 718-548-1850.



# RJC and Maagalim Evening with President Reuven Rivlin Recap







# Community Shabbat Dinner



FEATURING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

**YAIR ROSENBERG**

SHABBAT PARSHAT YITRO · FEBRUARY 2ND @ 6:15PM

Yair Rosenberg is a staff writer at The Atlantic and MSNBC contributor, where he covers the intersection of politics, culture, and religion. Previously a senior writer at Tablet Magazine, he has also written for the New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal. Yair has testified in the U.S. Congress about antisemitism, and has covered everything from national elections in America and Israel, to observant Jews in baseball, to the translation of Harry Potter into Yiddish. His latest projects include, "Antisemitism, Explained," a video series about anti-Jewish prejudice, and Az Yashir, an album of new shabbat music.



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