



**SHABBAT SCHEDULE**

<b>Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</b> .....	5:55/7:00 PM
<b>Vatikin</b> .....	6:18 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
<b>Latest Shema</b> .....	9:37 AM
<b>Mincha</b> .....	5:35/7:05 PM
<b>Maariv</b> .....	8:11 PM

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sun Shacharit</b> .....	6:45/8:30/9:15 AM
<b>Mon - Fri Shacharit</b> .....	6:15/7:45 AM
<b>Sun-Thur Plag Mincha/Ma'ariv</b> .....	6:05 PM
<b>Sun-Thur Mincha/Ma'ariv</b> .....	7:25 PM
<b>Sun-Thur Ma'ariv</b> .....	9:30 PM

**NEXT SHABBAT, PARSHAT METZORA**

<b>Candle Lighting</b> .....	6:17/7:22 PM
<b>Havdalah</b> .....	8:23 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.

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

**Iyun Afternoon Kollel**  
with Rabbi Tzvi Benoff  
Will resume after Pesach, May 13.

**Semichat Chaver - Beit Midrash**  
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM in the Beit Midrash.  
This semester's subject:  
*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 Drellich  
Following the 7 AM Minyan, join for an  
inspiring discussion on the weekly parsha.

**The "Hashkama" Shiur with**  
**Jeff Kronisch**  
Shabbat morning, 10:30 AM, following  
the Hashkama Kiddush. This week's topic:  
*From Humble to Heavenly: The Bird Offerings*  
*in the Beis Hamikdash*

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

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

Please be advised that there will be a special meeting of the RJC Board of Trustees on Tuesday evening, April 16, at 8:30 PM via Zoom (check your email for more info).

**COAT MISSING**

A Jos. A. Bank coat went missing last Shabbat. If found, please email the office at [efrat@rjconline.org](mailto:efrat@rjconline.org).

**SPONSORSHIPS**

**Kiddush**

The Main Kiddush is sponsored by the RJC Kiddush Fund.  
The Teen Minyan Kiddush is sponsored by **Adina and Tod Haller**.

**Seudah Shlishit**

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the RJC Seudah Shlishit Fund.

**Learning Sponsorship**

**March 23 - April 20:** A month of learning is sponsored by **Abe De Ramos** in gratitude to the RJC community for the warm and friendly welcome and for showing the way to a mindful and prayerful Judaism.

**April 12:** A day of learning is sponsored by **Judge Lee First** in memory of her father whose Yahrzeit is on 12 Nisan.

*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**

**10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Drasha by Rabbi Tzvi Benoff**

*Ethnocentric Earthquakes: Geopolitics and Natural Phenomena on Empathy and Tefillah*

**6:05 PM Pre Mincha Shiur by Rabbi Ike Sultan**

*Subscribe and Save: Ordering Chametz on Pesach*

**Rabbi Ike Sultan** is a member of the RIETS Kollel, editor of Halachipedia.com, and coordinates night seder at Young Israel of Riverdale.

**7:30 PM Seudah Shlishit by Aryeh Myers**

*Saving Lives: How Magen David Adom Provides Hope Across Israel and Across Communities*

Aryeh serves as Senior Paramedic and Liaison with the Magen David Adom International Relations Department working to share MDA's unique skills & achievements with EMS and health organizations world-wide.

**Pesach at the RJC**

**RJC Haggadah Night**

*Sunday, April 14, at 8:00 PM in the Beit Midrash*

Enhance your Seder with insights and Divrei Torah from Rabbi Dovid Zirkind, Rabbi Tzvi Benoff and Rabbi Yoni Laub. Join us for new highlights and conversation starters to make your Seder come alive.

**Mechirat Chametz**

Rabbi Zirkind and Rabbi Benoff will be available to arrange the sale of Chametz through Friday, April 19. In addition to regular office hours and around Minyan times, **Rabbi Zirkind will be available in the shul office on Sunday, April 14, from 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM.** Those who are unable to submit forms and complete a *kiyan* in person may email them to [info@rjconline.org](mailto:info@rjconline.org). All mechirat chametz forms, including those emailed, must be received by Friday, April 19. [Click here](#) to access mechirat chametz forms.

**Kashering for Pesach**

Hechsher Keilim will take place this Sunday, April 14, on the RJC veranda for those with appointments only. **Please note, this is designed for small-medium pots, kiddush cups, and similar utensils. All items must be thoroughly cleaned beforehand and not used for 24 hours prior.**

**Shabbat HaGadol Meals**

*Shabbat Parshat Metzora, April 19 - 20*

Leave the cooking to us! As you prepare your homes for Pesach, we invite your family to have those last bites of chametz with us at a Friday night dinner and Shabbat day luncheon catered by 8th Day at the RJC. Join us for Plag Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:45 PM. Candle lighting will be available in the shul. **Registration Closes this Sunday, April 14:** \$42/member | \$47/non-member | \$210/member family max | \$235/non-member family max.

**Maot Chittim 5784**

The RJC Chesed Fund and Fund for the Needy will once again serve as the instrument through which we reach out to those in need both locally and in Israel. Donations can be made by [clicking here](#) or visiting [www.rjconline.org/form/maotchittim5784](http://www.rjconline.org/form/maotchittim5784) or by making a check payable to the "RJC Chesed Fund" or the "Fund for the Needy" and include in the memo area "Passover".

**Burning Chametz**

Chametz burning will be conducted outside the RJC on Monday, April 22, from 10:20 - 11:20 AM sharp. The burning itself is meant for a small amount of actual chametz products from each home. All additional chametz items may be disposed of using the city dumpster that will be available at the corner of Independence Avenue and 237th Street beginning Monday morning through Monday at 12:00 PM. **Please remember not to place plastic of any kind in the fire.**

**Pesach Hospitality**

Do you want to host or are you in need of a Seder or meal this Pesach? Please e-mail Rabbi Benoff at [tbenoff@rjconline.org](mailto:tbenoff@rjconline.org) so we can make the proper arrangements.

**Pesach Yizkor Appeal**

Whether you are joining the RJC for Yizkor or davening elsewhere, please honor the memory of your loved one(s) by contributing to our Pesach Yizkor appeal by clicking [here](#) or visit [www.rjconline.org/form/pesachyizkor5784](http://www.rjconline.org/form/pesachyizkor5784).

For all the latest up-to-date Pesach information, visit the RJC Pesach page: [www.rjconline.org/pesach5784](http://www.rjconline.org/pesach5784).

# RJC Pesach Preview

◆ RJC YOUTH ◆  
**Pre-Pesach  
Chocolate  
Seder**  
*Sensational Sunday*

HASHKAMA ROOM  
9:45 AM

April  
14

\$10 / Child



Join RJC Youth for a sweet time of crafts and chesed! Design watercolor bookmarks for the Haggadah and pack Pesach treats to deliver to a homebound member of our community.

*Register Here:*

[WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/EVENT/CHOCOLATESEDER](http://WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/EVENT/CHOCOLATESEDER)



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Shabbat day, all are invited for a shiur by Rabbi Zirkind and Rabbi Benoff followed by lunch at 12:15 PM.

**PRICING PER MEAL**

Registration Ends on April 14!  
\$42/member | \$47/non-member  
\$210/member family max

Register Here:  
[www.rjconline.org/event/hagadolmeals](http://www.rjconline.org/event/hagadolmeals)



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Sunday, April 14, | 8:00 PM

RJC Beit Midrash

[www.rjconline.org/event/haggadahnight2024](http://www.rjconline.org/event/haggadahnight2024)



## TWO CUSTOMS ONE KITCHEN

**How Converging Minhagim of Galut  
Can Illuminate the Roadmap of Geulah**

Kitniyot, Gerbrokts and more. How can families with blended minhagim celebrate Pesach together in the melting pot of the twenty-first century? These questions intersect at the crossroads of History, Halacha, Hashkafa and Minhag. Perhaps they offer a guidance towards a more unified future for Am Yisrael.

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha 5784

with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

April 20 at 7:00 PM



## This Shabbat

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

**Tot Shabbat** meets at 10:30 AM in the Hashkama Room.

**Teen Minyan** will be back in the Social Hall followed by a **Teens Kiddush** sponsored by **Adina and Tod Haller**.

## This Week

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

This Sunday, April 14, following 9:15 AM Minyan, join your friends for donuts and a 10 minute shiur on the most unusual halacha questions of our time!

**Pre-Pesach Sensational Sunday**

This Sunday, April 14, get all your Pesach prep done in one day with Maot Chittim, Hechsher Keilim, and Mechirat Chametz while you drop off your kids for a model **Chocolate Seder** starting at 9:45 AM in the Hashkama Room!




Join RJC Youth for a sweet time of crafts and chesed! Design watercolor bookmarks for the Haggadah and pack Pesach treats to deliver to a homebound member of our community.


Cost is \$10/child. [Click here](#) to sign up or visit [www.rjconline.org/event/chocolateseder](http://www.rjconline.org/event/chocolateseder).

For all Pre-Pesach forms, links and events, visit our Pesach page at [www.rjconline.org/pesach5784](http://www.rjconline.org/pesach5784)!

## Parshah Riddle

Vi +  +  - P

 - T +  - La +  - Ch

 - N

 - Ck +  - Vi, R

Last Week's Answer: ולהבדיל בין הקדש ובין החלל

## Young Professionals Corner

**Shabbat Morning Dvar Torah by Aryeh Myers:** "Magen David Adom on the Front Lines - Saving Lives Under Fire"

Aryeh Myers is a paramedic with Magen David Adom, Israel's National EMS organization. He was previously a paramedic with London Ambulance Service and has spent nearly 20 years in EMS. Today, he serves with Magen David Adom's International and PR Departments, working to share MDA's unique skills, abilities and achievements with EMS and other health organizations across the world.

**YPM Special Membership Drive Update**

Thank you to an anonymous donor who has generously offered to subsidize **first-time membership**, now totaling \$500, for those with at least one spouse who is a full-time student (including residents and fellows). This subsidy is available for the first 10 couples to apply. Currently, only 5 spots remain! Eligible couples can take advantage of this exclusive rate by [clicking here](#) or visiting [www.rjconline.org/form/2024ypmdrive](http://www.rjconline.org/form/2024ypmdrive).

**YPM Haggadah Round Robin Chaburah**

This Monday, April 15, at 8:15 PM, and hosted by **Zehava and Ariel Wernick**.

Have a d'var torah, story, or song you love to share at the seder? Want some new material for this Pesach? Interested in eating some more chametz before the Chag? Join your friends for a round robin of short divrei torah, perfect to share at your seder.



# WEEKLY YAHRZEITS

**Ruth Krasner**

1st Yahrzeit of mother,  
Clara Pollack, 6 Nisan

**Phillip Pollack**

11th Yahrzeit of mother,  
Bernice Pollack, 6 Nisan

**Theodore Treitel**

70th Yahrzeit of father,  
Nathan Treitel, 6 Nisan

**Shelly Dubin**

24th Yahrzeit of father,  
Shmuel Einsidler, 7 Nisan

**Judy Turkel**

5th Yahrzeit of father,  
David Kahan, 9 Nisan

**Alan Goldberg**

27th Yahrzeit of mother  
9 Nisan

**Nettie Apfel**

8th Yahrzeit of mother,  
Fagel Abrahamson, 9 Nisan

**Lillian Stein**

5th Yahrzeit of father,  
David Kahan, 9 Nisan

**Evelyn Dooks**

8th Yahrzeit of brother,  
Leo Zornow, 10 Nisan

**Harold Mermelstein**

8th Yahrzeit of Eliezer Gottlieb  
11 Nisan

**Abbe Grosser**

15th Yahrzeit of mother,  
Florence Cohn, 11 Nisan

**Harold Mermelstein**

Yahrzeit of Malvinka Gottlieb  
11 Nisan

**Shoshana Oster**

3rd Yahrzeit of father,  
Avi Oster, 11 Nisan

**Hal Dorfman**

34th Yahrzeit of mother,  
Rachel bat Raisel, 11 Nisan

## MAY THEIR NESHAMOT HAVE AN ALIYAH

THE RJC IS HONORED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORIES OF YOUR FAMILY YAHRZEITS EACH WEEK. THE RJC LEARNING SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ALLOWS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR SHUL TO DEDICATE A DAY OF LEARNING FOR THE ZECHUT OF A YAHRZEIT. TO SPONSOR A DAY OF LEARNING, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/LEARNINGSPONSOR](http://WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/LEARNINGSPONSOR).

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE UPDATING YOUR FAMILY'S YAHRZEIT INFORMATION.

# Community News, Events, and Announcements

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

**Heschel's Passover Eve: One Man Show**

Taking place on Wednesday, April 17, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Riverdale Y Theater, starring a native Riverdalian, Eric Berger. This play is an intimate portrait of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, portraying moments that span his life from his time in Germany before the Holocaust to his relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets or visit [www.riverdaley.org/heschel](http://www.riverdaley.org/heschel).

**American Jews and Israel: Where We Are, Where We're Going**

Taking place on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 PM. October 7 and the Israel-Hamas War has challenged our assumptions both about Israel and about America. What do these challenges mean for the future of the relationship(s) between American Jews and Israel? Workshop the answers with Elana Stein Hain, Rosh Beit Midrash and Senior Research Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. Register [here](#): [www.riverdaley.org/hartman](http://www.riverdaley.org/hartman).

**Community-Wide Yom HaZikaron Ceremony**

Join us for the Riverdale Jewish Community Partnership's annual Community-Wide Yom HaZikaron Ceremony on Sunday, May 12, at 8:00 PM. Together, we will honor the memories of those we lost on October 7 and the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the ensuing war. Register [here](#) or visit [www.riverdaley.org/yomhazikaron24](http://www.riverdaley.org/yomhazikaron24).

**Celebrate Israel Parade**

Join the entire Riverdale Jewish community on Sunday, June 2, as we march up Fifth Avenue in the annual Celebrate Israel Parade. Now, more than ever, we must unite to proudly and publicly express our love and support for Israel. Register by May 10 [here](#) or online at [www.riverdaley.org/parade](http://www.riverdaley.org/parade).

**Volunteer Needed to Deliver Lunch to Riverdale Senior**

Volunteer needed to pick up Grab n' Go lunch at the Riverdale Y for a local senior 1-2 days weekly and deliver it to a building close to the RJC. Please call 6463142489 if you or someone you know is interested in helping.

**Hebrew Free Burial Association Community Breakfast**

Hebrew Free Burial Association will hold its annual Riverdale community breakfast on Sunday, May 5, at 9:30 AM at the Riverdale Jewish Center. The honorees are **Abby Marcus**, Dan Perla and Valerie Altmann, Rabbi Stephen Shulman, and Tamara Fish. For more information or to make a reservation, please call HFBA at 212-239-1662 or [click here](#) or visit <http://www.hebrewfreeburial.org/riverdale>.

**Mishnavos Signup for Senator Joseph Lieberman z"l**

Study in memory of Senator Joseph Lieberman. To sign up, [click here](#). For help studying or completing a tractate, [click here](#).

**NORPAC Mission to Washington**

Please join 1,000 pro-Israel advocates in Washington DC on Wednesday, May 15. You will have the opportunity to advocate for a strong US-Israel relationship with members of Congress. Busing will be available from Riverdale and other locations in NY/NJ. To sign up, please [click here](#)!

**Nishmat Torah Mission: A Summer of Torah and Women's Solidarity**

Have you been thinking of coming on a solidarity mission to Israel to feel more connected to the Jewish people in these challenging times? Simultaneously, have you been dreaming of immersing yourself in text-based Torah study in Jerusalem? At Nishmat, you can do both! The 2024 Nishmat Torah Mission program will run from July 4 - 25. For more information and registration, please [click here](#) or visit [tinyurl.com/nishmatsummer](http://tinyurl.com/nishmatsummer).

**RJC Basketball League**

Attention all RJC Ballers! We are looking for new members to join the RJC spring basketball league. The league consists of 6 teams with 6 players on each (all skill levels welcomed). Each team plays 6 games and is guaranteed a spot in the playoff tournament. The league will resume in April. To join, please reach out to **Joel Hyman** ([joelhyman10@gmail.com](mailto:joelhyman10@gmail.com)) or **Benjy Blumenthal** ([blumenthalb1@gmail.com](mailto:blumenthalb1@gmail.com)). Congratulations to our 2024 Winter Champions Team Yellow (led by Captain **Max Cutler**). Team Yellow, sponsored by Race-West Company, won the championship on March 11.

**Run for Their Lives: Standing in Solidarity with the Israeli Hostages**

Riverdale "Run for Their Lives", with hundreds of groups around the world, walk weekly to stand in solidarity with Israel and call for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas. Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in Seton park (232 Street and Independence Avenue.) [Click here](#) to order red shirts for the cause as we stand together in unity. All are welcome!

**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. 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.

**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.

## רפואה שלמה

*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, and Tova Rivka bat Chana Sosa.*

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.

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