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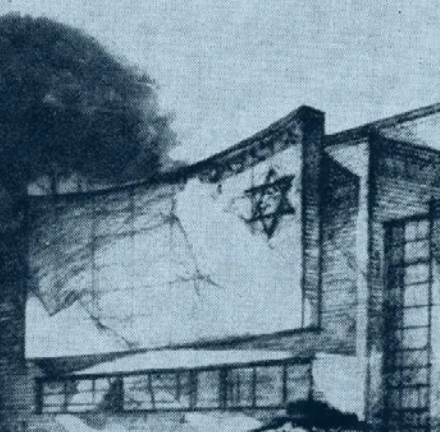
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Yamim Noraim 5783

The RJC Adult Education Committee presents: A Spotlight on Israel Series



**Innovation
Army: What
Makes the IDF
Different? An
International
Perspective**

Scholar-In-Residence Dr. Eitan Shamir

Shabbat, September 10 at 10:30 AM

Professor Eitan Shamir is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan-University and the Director at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA). Prior to his academic position, Shamir led the National Security Doctrine Department at the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister (Israel). Prior to joining the government, Shamir was a Senior Fellow at the Dado Center for Interdisciplinary Military Studies in the IDF.



**The Internal
Palestinian
Politics &
Conflicts**

An Evening of Conversation with Bassem Eid

Monday, September 12 at 7:30 PM

Bassem Eid is a Jerusalem-based political analyst, human rights pioneer and expert commentator in Arab and Palestinian affairs. Eid was born in the Jordanian-occupied Old City in East Jerusalem. He spent the first 33 years of his life in Shuafat. He rose to prominence during the first Intifada, and was a senior field researcher for B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. In 1996, he founded the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group. In 2016, Eid assumed the role of chairman of the Center for Near East Policy Research.

Heraclitus and Pocahontas: The Deja Vu of Rivers

Rabbi Tzvi Benoff, Assistant Rabbi

Shabbat Morning, September 17 at 10:30 AM

Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Benoff to our RJC family. In addition to his first address please take advantage of the many opportunities to learn with Rabbi Benoff during the High Holiday Season.



It's Gotta Be The Shoes: Searching For the Sole of Yom Kippur

Shabbat Shuva Drasha with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

Shabbat, October 1 at 6:00 PM

Yom Kippur Appeal

This annual High Holiday appeal is one of the major fundraisers of our year. Please consider making your pledge today at rjconline.org/form/kn22

Honey Cake For The Homebound

Bring the sweetness of Rosh Hashana to another member of our community by signing up to bake or purchase a honey cake. Please contact Shmuel and Aliza Lerman at sheldondlerman@gmail.com to be connected with a recipient.



RJC Youth presents **"Dip It! Make-Your-Own Candy Apple Extravaganza"**

Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 AM

Please join RJC Youth for our first event of the year. Get ready for Rosh Hashana by making your own candy apple, while also enjoying a chesed activity, face painting, a bounce house, and more. The event is open to children and teenagers of all ages. Please register online at rjconline.org/youthevents.



Celebrate Sukkot 5783

Lulav and Etrog Sales

RJC and Riverdale Judaica are partnering to bring you Arba Minim. Choose from hundreds of lulavim and etrogim, and purchase your set at Riverdale Judaica. When you purchase your set, please be sure to mention that you are a member of the RJC.

Dinner in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 9 and Monday, October 10

Join the RJC community for delicious, catered meals in the Sukkah. Registration and pricing to follow.

RJC Youth Simchat Torah Candy Packaging

Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM

An RJC annual tradition for middle school boys and girls. Please join us for a fun evening of pizza and activities, and help pack our amazing youth candy packs for Hakkafof.

Simchat Beit Hashoeva and Friday Night Oneg

Shabbat, October 14

Gather with your friends, family, and community for a beautiful night of ruach, zemirot, Divrei Torah, and refreshments as we celebrate Shabbat Chol HaMoed together.

Kol Ha'Nearim Tallit Campaign

On Simchat Torah, our children gather under a tallit for the Kol Ha'Nearim aliyah. Our beautiful chuppah is enhanced by the names of our children and grandchildren embroidered upon it. Please consider adding your children's names to this beautiful project by going online to rjconline.org/form/tallit5783 or by calling the office at 718-548-1850.



Classes, Shiurim, and Lectures



Match Ephraim Halacha Chabura

with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

**Monday Mornings
7:00–7:45 AM**

This weekly interactive Halacha discussion, meets between our two Shacharit Minyanim in the Beit Midrash. Exploring Inyanei D'Yomah our focus is in studying relevant Halachot of the Yamim Tovim and other timely matters.



Hashkama Shiur

with Rabbi Charles Sheer

**Shabbat mornings
following the Hashkama
Minyan and Kiddush**

Join Rabbi Sheer for his weekly shiur. Themes change throughout the season and include guest presentations, as well. All are welcome to attend.



Shabbat Morning Parsha Shiur

with Rabbi Dr. Moshe Drelich

**Shabbat mornings
following the 7:00 AM
Shacharit**

Join our very own Rabbi Drelich for a weekly kiddush and inspiring Parsha discussion along with the members of our first minyan of the day.



Genius: Exploring the Remarkable Life and Legacy of the Vilna Gaon

With Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

Mondays at 8:00 PM • October 31 – December 12

Few figures in Jewish History have earned a legacy like that of Rav Eliyahu of Vilna. In this series we travel back to 18th Century Lithuania to better understand the times in which he lived and the causes that he championed. A deep dive into the writings of the Vilna Gaon highlights a passion for Torah, love of Israel, fear of Chassidut and unique perspective on family and fatherhood.



RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER/YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NIGHT SEDER

Monday-Thursday, 8:00-9:30 PM

Chavruta pairs from Yeshiva University join us in the RJC Beit Medrash and you are invited to join. Bring a chavruta, come learn with your children, or reach out to us to connect you with a partner. E-mail Rabbi Yoni Olson (yolson3@gmail.com) to sign up today.

Night Seder is generously sponsored L'elui Nishmat Esther bat Mordechai Menachem



Daf Yomi

Sundays at 7:30 AM
Monday-Friday following the
6:15 AM Shacharit
One hour before last Mincha
on Shabbat

This class meets in the Beit Midrash, with a Zoom option available Sunday-Friday.
Zoom: tinyurl.com/davidsdaf
WhatsApp group:
<https://tinyurl.com/rjcdaf>

Semichat Chaver Program

Thursday Evenings at 8:30 PM
at The RJC

Join us for an innovative, fast-paced, interactive practical halacha learning program. It is designed to be accessible to everyone from beginner to advanced learners. Upon successfully passing a written exam, each member will receive Bal-Habatim Semicha from Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar and Harav Herschel Schachter. Information about the new semester, which begins after Sukkot, will be available soon.

Chassidut On The Parsha

with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

Thursday Evenings
8:45-9:30 PM

Join us for Mishmar every Thursday night, with the warmth of Sifrei Chassidut and piping hot cholent as well. This class is perfect for adults and high school students. Parents and children are encouraged to come together. Late Maariv to follow.

Learning Sponsorship Program

The Learning Sponsorship Program allows members and friends of our shul to dedicate a day of learning for the zechut of a yahrzeit, a refuah for a choleh, or in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or other occasion you wish to recognize. The Learning Sponsorship Program includes all Divrei Torah that take place during the day of the sponsorship. Each sponsorship appears in the weekly bulletin, and will be announced prior to any shiur or learning on the day of the sponsorship.

Sponsor online at rjconline.org/learningsponsor or by calling the office at 718-548-1850.





RJC Youth Featured Fall Events!



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HANGOUT PAINT 'N PIZZA

Sunday, September 18 from 12:00-3:00 PM

Join us for the kickoff High School Hangout event for the new school year! Catch up with old and new friends and walk away with a lovely painting.



RJC YOUTH TAKES YANKEE STADIUM!

Sunday, October 2 at 1:35 PM

Join RJC Youth to watch the New York Yankees take on the Baltimore Orioles. We will be sitting together in a special RJC Youth section. Tickets are \$50/person, including all taxes and fees, and a back-to-school New York Yankees backpack. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at rjconline.org/youthevents.



SAFARI SEUDAH

Friday Night, November 18

Come see the animal kingdom come to life at our Safari Seudah! Experience a touch of the exotic and enjoy a salivating, scrumptious, and savagely sublime Shabbat dinner with RJC Youth! Unleash your wild side with some fun games, songs, prizes, and more! Looking forward to seeing you on our safari journey together!



RJC BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM 2022

Registration Now Open

A six-session program led by Ariella Zirkind for sixth grade girls. Engaging learning, fun activities, crafts, Shabbat meals, and more. Please go to rjconline.org/form/bmp2023 to register your daughter today.





RJC Youth Save the Dates!



**Rosh Hashana,
September 26**
Tashlich



Shabbat, October 15
Community Sukkah
Hop



**Shmini Atzeret,
October 17**
Kids' Hakafot



Sunday, October 30
Sensational Sunday
Animal Party



**Motzei Shabbat,
November 12**
SNL Begins!



**Motzei Shabbat,
November 19**
Glow In the Dark
Havdalah Party



**Thursday,
November 24**
Thanksgiving Morning
of Torah & Chessed



Shabbat Groups Are Hopping!

Join our amazing Shabbat morning groups, Junior Congregation and Tot Shabbat every Shabbat morning during the season. Questions and volunteer opportunities? Please contact Adam and Elana at youthdirector@rjconline.org





RJC Young Professionals

"WELCOME BACK" SHABBAT! **September 9-10**

Register today for our Mix and Match Shabbat Lunch, and join us in Seton Park for a community hangout to follow at 4:00 PM.

YPM LEADS COMMUNITY SELICHOT **Motzei Shabbat, September 17 at 10:00 PM**

Join our entire community for an uplifting first night of the Selichot season as members of YPM lead Selichot together in the main sanctuary. Please attend and add your voice to our Tefillah.

ANNUAL SIMCHAT TORAH LUNCHEON **Tuesday, October 18 at 1:00 PM**

One of the highlights of the year. Join us in the Main Sanctuary for Hakkafot and Kol Ha'Nearim, followed by a shiur and lunch. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate with friends and get to know the other members of our minyan. Details, menu and registration to follow.

WELCOME COMMITTEE, HOSPITALITY, BABY MEALS AND MORE!

Help us make the Young Professionals Minyan an inviting place for guests, newcomers and all attendees of the minyan.

Please introduce yourself to our new Assistant Rabbi, and connect your friends with our welcome committee and leadership. Communicate with us via the community whatsapp group using the QR Code here.



To get matched with community members for Shabbat meals, please contact Rachel Sklar at klar.rachel@gmail.com or Rebecca Skolnick at rebeccaskolnick531@gmail.com



Young Professionals Shabbat Minyan

The cornerstone of our Young Professionals community is our Shabbat morning minyan that meets in the Beit Midrash at 9:30 AM. Please join us every week for davening, learning, youth groups, and more. To get involved in leading Davening and Layning or to sponsor an upcoming YPM Kiddush, please contact our Gabbaim, Yehuda Cohn and Yehuda Mann. We look forward to seeing you in shul.

Shabbat Scholars-in-Residence



Dr. Chaya Sima Koenigsberg **November 4–5**

Friday Night Community Dinner and Shiur **Details and registration to follow**

Dr. Koenigsberg is an assistant professor of Judaic studies at Lander College for Women, the Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School. She received her MA and PhD in Jewish philosophy from YU's Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Prior to joining LCW, Dr. Koenigsberg was a resident scholar at the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and a visiting fellow in Jewish studies at Fordham University. While pursuing her graduate studies, she served as Judaic studies faculty and 9th grade mechaneches at Manhattan High School for Girls and Shevach High School. She holds a teaching certificate from Michlalah Jerusalem College for Women in Israel and completed the Educational Leadership Advancement Initiative program through the Lookstein Center at Bar-Ilan University.



Rabbi Moshe Taragin **December 16–17**

Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Oneg and Shabbat **Morning Drasha**

Rabbi Taragin has been a Ram at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Gush Etzion for the past 24 years. He has Semicha from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, a BA in Computer Science from Yeshiva College, and an MA in English Literature from City University. Rabbi Taragin previously taught Talmud at Columbia University, lectured in Talmud and Bible at Yeshiva University, and served as Assistant Rabbi at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. In addition, Rabbi Taragin currently teaches at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women of Yeshivat Har Etzion in Migdal Oz in Gush Etzion.

Legal Holiday Yimei Iyun **November 24, December 25, and January 1**

8:30 AM Shacharit followed by breakfast & shiur

Take advantage of the secular calendar for an extra dose of chizzuk this year. Join us for Rosh Chodesh davening, Hallel, breakfast and learning for all ages. Details for each holiday program to follow. Sponsorship opportunities are available!



Chanukah and Winter Programming



Annual Touch of Class Chanukah Boutique

Motzei Shabbat,
December 10
Join us for an evening of fun, food, and sensational shopping with our amazing vendors!



Shabbat Chanukah with Chazzan Shim Craimer

December 23–24
Join us for a Shabbat full of Rosh Chodesh and Chanukah ruach. Complete schedule and davening times to follow.



Nittel Nacht/Shabbat Chanuka Melaveh Malka

Motzei Shabbat, December 24
at 9:00 PM

The tradition continues! Join Rabbi Zirkind, Rabbi Benoff, & Chazzan Shim for an evening of humor, inspiration and traditional Jewish American Cuisine, as we celebrate Chanuka, Parshat Miketz and more. Registration and sponsorship opportunities to follow.

ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEEKLY



Retirees Lunch Learn & more!

If you know of a community member that would benefit from a personal invitation to our weekly Lunch & Learn, please contact Rabbi Zirkind at dzirkind@rjconline.org. Weekly sponsorship opportunities are available as well!

Back together in the post-pandemic era, the RJC is thrilled to invite our retirees to shul each week for an opportunity to socialize, learn, schmooz and eat together. Beginning this fall, join your friends for a healthy lunch and hot drinks in our beautiful new lobby, complete with activities, chessed initiatives and Divrei Torah from our Rabbis. Volunteers are needed to help make this new initiative a warm and inviting success. Please contact Shira@rjconline.org to get involved.



Get Involved!

Become a Member Today!

Being a member of the RJC provides you with involvement in our vibrant community, including: a myriad of opportunities to learn with our Rabbinic Team, Scholars in Residence, and several other daily and weekly Torah classes; a forum for you to support and better the welfare of our local Jewish community and ownership of the continued growth and betterment of our RJC community, through participation in shul leadership, committees, and programming.

Register today at
rjconline.org/membership

Riverdale Yoetzet Initiative

The Riverdale Jewish Center is a proud co-sponsor of our community's Yoetzet Initiative and our Yoetzet Halacha Rivka Alter. Working together with our clergy, Rivka is available for all your Taharat HaMishpacha needs, as well as regular visits to the community and learning opportunities. Please take advantage of this impactful resource by contacting Rivka at NishmatRiverdaleYoetzet@gmail.com or 201-503-6597.



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