



RJC BULLETIN

October 11 - 18, 2013 -- ה' בחשוון - ט"ז בחשוון 5774
8 - 14 Cheshvan

Kiddush Levana

PARSHAT	לך לך
Candle Lighting	Havdala
October 11, 2013	October 12, 2013
6:03 PM	7:02 PM

Mazal Tov

Gabrielle and David Goldberg on the birth of a son. Mazal Tov to the **Goldberg**, Gettenberg, Peyser and Wise families.

Gabrielle and David Goldberg invite you to a Shalom Zachar Friday night from 8:45-11 PM at the home of Miriam and Alan Goldberg, 695 West 246th Street.

Aimee and Jonathan Baron on the birth of their twin son and daughter. Mazal Tov to big siblings Leah, Doniel, and Yaeli, grandparents Sabina and Elliott Friedman and Joan and Reuben Baron, and the entire Friedman and Baron families.

The Baron family invites the RJC community to a Shalom Zachar in the Board Room Friday night at 8:45 PM.

Rochelle and Leo Goldberg and family on the birth of their grandson, born to Shari and Josh Goldberg. Mazal Tov to big sister Evelyn and grandparents Aviva and Marvin Sussman.

Rachel and Howie Falkenstein on the birth of their son. Mazal Tov to grandparents Burt & Sharyn Falkenstein, Ellen & Neil Levine, Uncle & Aunts Noah & Leya Falkenstein & Lauren Levine. Great Uncle & Aunt **Louis & Alice Falkenstein** & the entire extended family.

Next Shabbat:	
Parsha	ויקרא October 18 - 19, 2013 ט"ו ויבחי
Candle Lighting	5:52 PM
Friday - Mincha	6:02 PM
Shacharit	7:00 / 8:00 / 8:45 / 9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:55 AM
Daf Yomi	4:45 PM
Shiur Avodah Zara	4:45 PM
Mincha	5:45 PM
Seudah Shlishit	6:05 PM
Ma'ariv	6:46 PM
Havdala	6:51 PM

SIR—Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Internationally renowned educator, speaker and author **Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin** attained rabbinical ordination at Yeshiva University from his mentor, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, and his Ph.D. from New York University.



A popular speaker, Rabbi Riskin has published five books, scores of articles and monographs on Judaism and contemporary issues, as well as a weekly column which is syndicated in newspapers worldwide. The Brooklyn-born rabbi also serves as the founding Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel.

Shabbat Parshat Lech Lechah October 11—12, 2013

On Shabbat there will be three special programs:

9:15 PM in the Hashkama Room: *The Evolution of the Modern Orthodox Synagogue: An Open Conversation between Rabbi Riskin and Rabbi Rosenblatt.* Light refreshments will be served

After Main Minyan: *Is Judaism a Universal Religion?*

Seudah Shlishit: *The Effects of the Election for Chief Rabbi on World Judaism*

Mina and Howard Millendorf welcome Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin and Sponsor the special Shabbat programs to commemorate the 19th yahrtzeit of Mina's beloved father Cantor Martin Horowitz, z"l.

RJC Needs You!

You've probably seen your friends working on security on Shabbat mornings. Please help us by joining the team. We are looking for men and women who can volunteer for approximately 2 hours every 5-6 weeks on Shabbat mornings to ensure the safety of the RJC. We will be running a training course over two **Sundays, 10/20 and 10/27, at 6:30PM** (dinner will be served). There are no physical requirements. Please contact Seth Lyons or Allon Franklin at rjc@thecss.org for more information.

RJC's Annual
Chanukah Boutique

Please join us for an evening of fun, food & **Sensational Shopping!**

Shop early for all your Chanukah gifts.
Motzei Shabbat
November 9, 2013
7:30 - 11:00pm

Shacharit Minyan Room Changes This Week

Sunday 6:45 & 8:30 AM:

Main Sanctuary

Monday 6:00 AM:

Main Sanctuary

Tuesday 6:00, 6:55 & 7:45 AM:

Main Sanctuary

Daf Yomi will meet in the Lobby outside the Hashkama room Sunday—Tuesday

Services	
Shabbat	Weekday
Friday - Mincha	Sunday
6:13 PM	6:45 / 7:30 / 8:30 / 9:00 AM
Shacharit	Monday
7:00 / 8:00 / 8:45 / 9:00 AM	6:00 / 6:45 / 7:45 AM
Latest Shema	Tuesday
9:52 AM	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Daf Yomi	Wednesday
4:40 PM	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Shiur Avodah Zara	Thursday
4:40 PM	6:00 / 6:45 / 7:45 AM
Mincha	Friday
5:40 PM	6:00 / 6:55 / 7:45 AM
Seudah Shlishit	Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thur
6:00 PM	5:55 PM
Ma'ariv	Sunday Mincha Gedola
6:57 PM	1:12 PM
	Late Ma'ariv: 9:30 PM

Green
Tip of the Week

Buying Eco-Friendly Clothing

Synthetic fabrics may require expensive dry cleaning involving potent chemicals that can contribute to air and water pollution when not handled properly. Avoid clothing that requires dry cleaning. Choose cotton and wool. Natural fibers are easier to care for at home.

Community News

Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday recreation program, for children with mild special needs aged **5 - 13**, begins **October 13th** at the **Y of Washington Heights**. The program, which runs from **9:15 - 11:30 am** and features small groups with added supports, includes new offerings in sports and fitness, martial arts and yoga, music, arts and crafts, dance, drama, and an optional Jewish Ed add-on. For more information please contact Deena at 212-569-6200, x265 or dspindler@ywashhts.org.

Ben Porat Yosef Carnival

Sunday, Oct. 13 from 11 AM- 2 PM - Rain or Shine! At BPY - E. 243 Frisch Court, Paramus: Bubblemania Show, petting zoo, blow up rides, carnival games, arts & crafts, face painting, refreshments, raffle prize, flu shots from CVS available for adults, blood donation through the Blood Center of NJ on site. \$10/child; no charge for adults.

Gan Miriam Mommy and Me

This is a great opportunity for your child to get a sense of what preschool will be like, in a warm and nurturing environment. We will play, socialize, sing, dance and celebrate *Shabbat* and *chagim* and enjoy a healthy light lunch, challah and grape juice each week. This group will be led by Nurit Bacharach, Director of Gan Miriam ELC along with Rita Zerkowitz, a Gan Cochavim teacher. Children, **ages 15 - 24 months** are welcome (must be walking). **Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM**. First session runs from **October 15 - January 28**. Space is limited! Registration is open now! For more information please call 718-543-2553 or email ganrjc@gmail.com

Open House—SAR Academy

Wednesday October 16, 7:00-9:30 PM. Pre-register at www.saracademy.org/acopenhouse by October 11. Questions? info@saracademy.org

Financial Literacy and Empowerment Seminar

Jewish wisdom and financial strategies to help guide you to financial freedom on **Sunday October 20th 1:00- 3:30pm** at **HIR**. For more information or to RSVP, email ravari@thebayit.org or call [718-796-4730 x124](tel:718-796-4730). In partnership with JBFCS Connect to Care.

Open House—Yeshiva University HS for Boys (MTA)

The Open House is scheduled to take place on Sunday, **October 27th, at 9:30 a.m.** (doors open at 9 a.m.), at our building at 2540 Amsterdam Ave on YU's Wilf Campus. More information, as well as the option to pre-register, can be found on our website, www.yuhsb.org.

Open House—Ben Porat Yosef

Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 8:00 PM at BPY - E. 243 Frisch Court, Paramus. All prospective parents invited. RSVP (requested not required) to Ruth Roth - RuthR@benporatyosef.org.

Open House—Westchester Torah Academy

Please join Yeshivat Netzach/Westchester Torah Academy on **Thursday, October 31st at 8:00 PM** for our Open House, located at 1000 **Pinebrook Blvd, New Rochelle**. Prospective parents and community members are invited to learn about our school, meet some students, and hear from our head, faculty and parents. The evening will include a blended learning lesson, tour of the classrooms, a multi-media presentation and a light dessert reception. See first hand how your children can be part of a warm and nurturing Yeshiva Day School community with an affordable tuition. WTA will offer Pre-K through 2nd Grade next year. Please RSVP at westchesterta.org/open-house-2013. Tours of WTA can be arranged by contacting the school office at info@westchesterta.org.

Riverdale Gemach

Please be advised a new Gemach has been established to serve resi-

dents of the Riverdale community. The Gemach of Riverdale is a non-profit organization providing interest-free loans to those with short-term cash flow challenges, in a manner of dignity and respect. For further information please contact Rabbi Moshe Drelich at 917-408-3035 or GemachofRiverdale@gmail.com.

ALYN Hospital Wheels of Love Charity Bike Ride

ALYN in Jerusalem is internationally recognized as one of the world's leading pediatric intensive rehabilitation hospitals for children afflicted with a broad range of congenital or acquired physical disabilities, regardless of religion or ethnic origin. The annual, 5 day [ALYN Hospital Wheels of Love Charity Bike Ride](http://www.wolusa.org/joestraus), Israel's largest multi-day, multi-route international charity sport event, attracting hundreds of riders from around the world, will take place **October 27 - 31**. Please make a US tax deductible donation in support of our rider, Joe Straus, MD, by visiting www.wolusa.org/joestraus. On behalf of the children of Alyn, thank you so much!!

Open House—Westchester Hebrew High School

Westchester Hebrew High School cordially invites you to join us for our ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE **Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm**. Light Dinner Will Be Served For more information, contact Shari Levitan, Director of Admissions at Westchester Hebrew High School, 914-698-0806; email: s.levitan@whhsny.org Come see our kids and our amazing school!

Save the Date—Centennial Commemoration

Please join us for the Centennial Commemoration of Congregation Sons of Israel of the Bronx as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM** at Marina Del Rey, 1 Marina Drive, Throgs Neck, NY 10465. RJC's own **Rabbi Moshe and Mrs. Debbie Drelich** will be among the honorees.

Calling Young Families For Chesed Opportunity!

Please join the Bronx Jewish Community Council's Project HOPE on **Sunday November 17th**. It only takes an hour and a half of your Sunday morning to deliver holiday food packages to lonely homebound Jewish seniors, and share some of the joy of your holidays! Whether or not you are able to come, help us by sponsoring a package of only \$25 at www.bjconline.org. For more information, please contact Niti Minkove at nminkove@bjconline.org or 917-693-3084.

Youth Director & Shabbat Pre - K Program Position Available in Riverdale Shul

Young Israel Ohab Zedek North Riverdale/Yonkers, is currently looking for a **part-time youth director**. Responsibilities include supervising teen leaders, coordinating Shabbat morning groups, as well as holiday and recreational activities for our youth department. **We are also looking for a teacher to run the preschool Shabbat & holiday group on a weekly basis**. Interested individuals should contact Lauren Shinar yiozsearch@gmail.com

Chanukah Toy Drive

The annual Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive, a unique opportunity to bring the joy of Chanukah to Jewish children less fortunate than our own, is underway. Presents are distributed in our area at Chanukah parties held by many different organizations. While this is called a "toy" drive, please keep in mind when selecting presents that many recipients are older children and young teenagers. This is a terrific mitzvah for your kids to participate in—they'll love picking out the toys to give away and learn the true meaning of Chesed, at the same time! Our deadline is **Thursday, November 14**, so that they can be delivered to the children in time for Chanukah. Please drop off all gifts outside of the shul office. Local discounts, coupons, and more info can be found on www.bctoydrive.com.

GROUPS

Groups start at 9:45 AM
Tot Shabbat starts at 9:45 AM & 10:30 AM

TEEN MINYAN

Starts at 9 AM SHARP!
If you would like to sponsor a Teen Minyan kiddush please email us.

NEW JUNIOR CONG INITIATIVE

We are excited to announce that the Junior Cong group is starting a new initiative led by Yoni Fein to help teach the group how to daven properly by connecting to the words and themes of the Tefilot.

This week, the davening will be followed by a special meat Kiddush for those who participated in the group's Tefilah.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush in Junior Cong (\$50), please contact Yoni.

FALL SOCCER

Soccer returns to its regular schedule this Sunday.

K-1: 9—10 AM

PreK and 2nd-4th Grade: 10—11 AM

Tshirts will be given out this Sunday at the field!

JUMP ROPE @ RJC!!

In RJC GYM from 11am—12 pm

Girls 7 years old +

STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Lucie B!'s famous jump rope class is incredibly fun. Lucie is fresh off of winning the GOLD MEDAL at nationals, putting her among the best in the country. There are still spots available. To learn more visit our new youth site and click on "Recreational programs". The online form can also be accessed by visiting:

www.bit.ly/falljr2013

Youth Registration 5774

Registration is open for the new year's youth membership! Support our Youth Dept and get discounts on all of our programs and events, your child's birthday mentioned in the bulletin and access to our weekly youth groups and gym nights!

Register now online at our new site or go to:
www.bit.ly/rjcyouth5774

How to be in the know!

Don't miss out on any of the wonderful youth programs and services available to your children.

Register for youth membership and join our email list.

Email: rjcyouthdirectors@gmail.com

Youth Website: <http://youth.rjconline.org>

This can also be accessed by clicking on the "RJC Youth" link that is on the bottom of the sidebar of the shul's main site.

GYM NIGHT

Next Gym Night will be on **10/16**

Gym night takes place on Wednesday nights for children in grades 1-6

6:30pm—7:30pm: Grades 1-3

7:30pm—8:30pm: Grades 4-6

* Coach will be at the door to welcome children only until 6:30/7:30. After that, we ask parents to bring their child(ren) into the gym to ensure safety.

Gym night will incorporate fun sports, games, and physical fitness! Gym night is FREE for all Youth Members. For Non-YM there is a \$5/session fee.

Save The Date

Sunday 11/17

SENSATIONAL SUNDAY

Ages 2-11

CHANUKAH COOKIE BAKING

Come to the RJC to bake your own yummy Chanukah cookies!!!! Roll and cut the dough into special Chanukah shapes and decorate them with fun sprinkles! Take them home for a delicious snack!!!

See an INCREDIBLE clown show with magic, funny jokes, balloons, interactive games and more!!!!

The perfect way to wait for the delicious cookies to bake!!!!

Lech Lecha

- Fourth of 54 Sedras in the Torah
- Written on 252 lines in the Sefer Torah
- 6 Parshiyot; 4 open, 2 closed
- 147 P'sukim (verses)
- 2085 words
- 7862 letters



Parshat Hashavuah

Learning @ RJC

The Other Trail of Abraham - Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt

The trials of Abraham-- the defining curve of his life—begin in Nimrod's furnace and culminate at the mountain top where Isaac is bound. Again and again he is challenged to defy self-interest and instinct, to override his natural human responses, in favor of obedience to his Creator. And he passes his tests with distinction.

But there is a parallel theme in Abraham's life to which the commentators are sensitive, another species of trial: the ordeal of success. In the wake of his victory over the four kings, as the Torah opens the scene of the *Brit Bein Ha-besarim* (the Covenant of the Pieces) [Gen. 15:1], the Torah uses as its segue the phrase, "and it was after these things," alerting the reader that the event unfolding is linked to the one that precedes it. Rashi records Abraham's state of mind in the wake of his miraculous military success: fear. G-d's first words to him in the second sequence: 'do not fear, Abram.' The Patriarch, rather than emerging convinced, by his victory, of his own great worthiness, pauses to wonder if he has emptied his account of merit. Success engenders humility.

Earlier in the Sidrah, the Imrei Shefer (R Shlomo Kluger) puzzles over the following verse.

וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם, כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהֵי ה'

And Abraham went forth as G-d commanded him

Why does the Torah reiterate 'as G-d commanded him'? It is perfectly clear from the context. Only a few verses before, the Torah recorded G-d's instructions. Something was interposed between the directive and Abraham's obedient fulfillment: the promise for the future.

וְאֶעֱשֶׂה, לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְאַבְרָכָה, וְאַנְדָּהָ שְׂמָךְ; וְהָיָה, בְּרַכָּה

וְאַבְרָכָה, מִבְּרַכֶּיךָ, וּמִקֹּלְךָ, אָמֵן; וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְךָ, כָּל מְשֻׁפָּחֵת הָאָדָמָה

And I shall make thee a great nation, and I shall bless thee and make thy name great and you shall be a blessing. And I shall bless those who bless you, and those who curse you, I shall curse, and all the families of the world shall be blessed through you.

In the wake of that promise, Abraham could easily have become drunk with self-confidence, swollen with pride, picturing himself elevated and renowned. This pride, a sin in itself, could have touched off a spiral of disobedi-

ence. Instead, the Torah records that Abraham begins his mission precisely 'as G-d commanded him,' unaffected by the promise he has just received. If anything, he has become more determined. The call to leave his land is received with the verb *va-yomer*, usually associated with a loving gentle tone. In the record of his fulfillment, *ka'asher diber* is used, reflecting a sterner tone. Abraham seems, on his own, to have tightened his sense of absolute obligation, ignoring the distraction of the momentous promise. Promise engenders obedience.

The history of our People is replete with trials and sacrifices. That there is a Jewish people is a miracle. But there is nothing in our litany of suffering, nothing in the classically quoted trials of Abraham, to protect us against the special challenges posed by success, by the blessings of a blessed time in history. Even Moses feared for the day when Jeshurun would wax fat and kick. For guidance in the struggle against overconfidence and pride, against the threats concomitant with security and prosperity, we must look to the *other* trials of our founding Patriarch, his majestic responses to victory and promise.

After 1st minyan, Sun-Fri. Daf Yomi

Mon-Fri, 6:00 am, Sun, after 7:30 Minyan Rabbi Rosenblatt's daily shiur.

Monday, 1:00 pm *The Gentlemen's Kollel*

Tuesday, 12:00 pm *Coffee and Class* Led by the Rabbinical Team in the Social Hall.

Tuesday 8:30 pm *Rabbi's Shiur* Parsha by Rabbi Rosenblatt.

Wednesday 6:30 pm *Navigating the Siddur & Chumash* With Marilyn Selber

Wednesday 8:30 pm *Shiur in Moreh Nevuchim* Given by Dr. Isaac Chavel.

Shabbat

After Hashkama Minyan *Post Hashkama Shiur* Taught by Rabbi Gidon Rothstein.

Shabbat 1 hour before *Mincha Gemara Av. Zara* Lecture given by Rabbi Rosenblatt.

Sunday, 9:15 am *Gemara Shiur* With Rabbi Avrumy Fein.

Classes are open to all and will meet in the Beit Midrash unless otherwise noted.

Looking for work?

<http://tinyurl.com/rjc-work>

Contact Howard Millendorf howmill@corp.idt.net

Around the RJC

Defensive Driving

There will be a Defensive Driving Class at the RJC on **Tuesday evening, December 10th 2013 at 6:45pm**. By attending this class, you will save 10% on your NY auto insurance (liability and collision) for the next 3 years. You can also reduce up to 4 points on your NY driver license as per NY DMV rules. To reserve your seat at the class, please email the office at info@rjconline.org and put "DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS" in the Subject line of your email. Fee is \$60 per

person cash or check, (no credit cards), please pay at the class. For questions regarding the class you please contact the instructor, Mr. Harry Schonfeld at 718-339-1300 or haloleasing@aol.com

Welcoming Committee

The RJC Welcoming Committee is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in hosting new couples or families who move to the neighborhood for a Shabbat meal, delivering candy baskets to new families / couples /

members, or helping to plan events, please contact Allison Steinmetz (allison.steinmetz@gmail.com).

Thank You

The Apfelbaum family would like to thank Rabbi Rosenblatt, Rabbi Genack and the RJC community for its tremendous support upon the loss of Randy's beloved father, Adek Apfelbaum z"l.

Refuah Shelaima

Beile Ruchel Bas Miriam, Ilan Dov ben Chaya Ita, Chana Tziviva bat Chava Tzipora, Shayna Liba bas Esther Gitel, Dovid Ben Tzipora Raizel, Ahuva Devorah bas Channa, Daniel Reuben ben Rivka Kayla, Pinchas ben Fruma, Yehudit bat Sara, Yehoshua Tzvi ben Hinda, Meir Yitzchak haCohen ben Pesil, Chaya Pesel bat Henya, Chana bat Beila Rivka, Gavriel Ezra ben Yaakova Rivka, Yitzchok Shraga ben Chana Tzipa, Yaakov Chaim ben Tamar

To keep this section accurate, please email info@rjconline.org with any changes.

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