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THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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December Birthday Kiddush
Thank you & Happy Birthday
to our sponsors!
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week
Parshat Vayetze

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Learning Service: 9:30am (Rm 3-7)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:31am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 3:55pm
- Listening Room: 4:20pm (LL BM)
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:13pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
  - Sun: 8:30am
  - Mon: 6:40, 8:15am
  - Tue: 6:45, 8:15am
  - Wed/Thurs/Fri: 6:30, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv: Sun-Thu: 4:15pm

Next Week
Parshat Miketz
Chanukah
Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 4:12pm
- **Mincha: 4:00pm**
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:15pm

Mazal Tov To:

Eva & Richard Rubel on the birth of a great-grandson. To parents Rena & Yehuda Williams and sister Ahuva, and to grandparents Shuly & Alan Rubel and Esther & Jerry Williams.

Welcome New Members:

Kenneth Levin, Becky & Joseph Nadis

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

THANK YOU TO OUR BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH SPONSORS: Mark Davis in honor of Gillian Steinberg's birthday, Ann & Rick Feldman in honor of Rick's birthday, Anat Sharbat & Ariel Freidenberg in honor of Na'ama Rachel Freidenberg-Sharbat's birthday, Bradley, Elana and Eytan Saenger in honor of Rebecca's birthday, Phil Levin in honor of Devorah and Beth's birthdays.

ANNUAL RIVERDALE-WIDE HATZALAH APPEAL: There will be a brief appeal during services for Hatzalah. We will not be announcing pledges. There will be pledge cards & envelopes in the lobby. Your support is needed to maintain the equipment and supplies Hatzalah volunteers use to do their work.

YOUNG HIR (YHIR) & TOT FAMILIES FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: Mincha 4:15pm, Tot Kabbalat 4:45pm, Dinner 5:30pm. Thank you to event chairs Ruthie Simon & Anat Barber.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Shiur with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat: "*Mikvah and Modesty: the Role of the Male Beit Din in the Final Immersion of a Female Convert*". In the wake of recent events and a revisiting of conversion procedures, a new teshuvah (halakhic responsum) has been published by our own Rabbi Jeff Fox. (originally scheduled for Dec. 6th)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th
NIGHT OF LEARNING AND Q & A WITH RAV AVI & RAV STEVEN

On Thursday, Nov. 20th the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to recommend that the membership of the Bayit appoint Rav Steven to the position of Senior Rabbi effective July 1, 2015. Prior to the membership meeting and vote in January, we invite you to an an evening of Torah and a Question and Answer session with Rav Avi and Rav Steven. Rav Avi and Rav Steven will each share Torah teachings reflecting the mission and vision of our Bayit, and then the floor will be open for your questions. *7:45pm Lower Level Bet Midrash*

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

9:00AM - CARLEBACH TEFILLAH: Join us for raucous davening, singing & dancing with Noah Solomon in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Kiddush to follow. Questions? Email hbroder@gmail.com.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Yiddish Chanukah Songs with Rabbinic Intern Avram Mlotek.

CHANUKAH KUMSITZ, MOTZEI SHABBAT 8:00PM with the Bayit Band **.** Enjoy music under the Chanukiah! Bring an instrument and join in! Learn more @ **www.thebayit.org/kumsitz**.

Chanukah @ the Bayit

- Chai Lifeline Toy Drive, Dunkin Donuts Party, Chanukah Carnival, Street Lightings - See inside or visit www.thebayit.org/events for more details!

ANNUAL CHANUKAH DINNER & CONCERT FEATURING THE HIR COMMUNITY CHOIR. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 5:00PM

Join us for an evening of friends, music and food at the annual Bayit Chanukah Dinner & Concert. $20/adult, $15/child. Register online @ www.thebayit.org/choir

Lishma - A Rigourous & Engaging Weekday Morning Adult Learning Community: Come and try out Lishma, a partnership of YCT & the Bayit that meets Tuesday & Thursday morning 9:30-12:30. Learn Gemara with Rav Haggai Resnikoff & Rav Yisrael Hollender, Contemporary Responsa with Rav Steven and Parshat Hashavua with YCT students & faculty. Open to both men & women. For more info, contact Rav Haggai @ hresnikoff@yctorah.org.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Joe Hoch z"l Memorial Daf Yomi Shiur with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. You are invited to join at any time!

Shabbat
8:05am - Midrash Hashavua *with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)*
3:25pm - Parsha Shiur *with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)*
4:20pm - Listening Room *with Myra Estelle (LL BM)*
After Mincha - Mila baParasha at Beth Aharon

Monday
6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course *with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
7:30pm - Book of Jeremiah *with Rav Avi (at his home)*
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan *with Sara Kinberg* (at the ATRIA)*
8:30pm - Advanced Talmud *with Rabbi Yisrael Hollender (Room 3-7)*

Tuesday
10:00am - Book of Exodus *with Rav Avi (Lobby)*
11:00am - Meeting the Tannaim: The Heroes of the Talmud *with Rav Ari (Lobby)*
7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Sacred Eating: Kashrut II w/ Rav Ari (room 3.7)

Wednesday
7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan *with Sara Kinberg* (Lobby)*

Thursday
10:00am - Book of Shmuel *with Rav Steven (LL BM)*
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study *with Sara Kinberg* (Lobby)*

** Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.*

Do you know someone who needs any of the following?
Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?

Meals For Ill Members:
Jackie Binstock - 718-543-9135, jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com.

Shiva: Beth Braunstein, braunsteinbeth@gmail.com

Bikur Cholim:
Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@outlook.com
We have many ways to become meaningfully involved.
Please pick up a flyer, consider becoming a Bikur Cholim Volunteer.

Meals for New Mothers:
Becca Linden: 434-962-7899, beccalinden@gmail.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: Rav Ari Hart, ravari@thebayit.org

LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS, A CHANUKAH PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED JEWS - Sun., Dec 14th @ 6:30pm: Please join with Rabbi Steven Exler and our JBFCS social worker Anna Kirshblum, for Chanukah candle-lighting and an opportunity to honor your loved ones. Come together during this Chanukah season to share stories and wisdom from our tradition. RSVP by Dec 10th to Anna Kirshblum, LCSW at 718-601-9714 or email akirshblum@jbfcs.org.

Support the Bayit in 2015 !

Tomchei HaBayit - Bayit Sustainers

What is the Tomchei HaBayit program? The Tomchei HaBayit program is an approach that changes our financial relationship with supporters from a fee per program every month or two, to a holistic approach that allows each member to make an ongoing commitment to the Bayit at a level of support that matches our actual annual operating expenses per adult member for the year. As such, Tomchei HaBayit participants will not be asked to make additional contributions for certain specific Bayit events and programs.

How much does it cost to join Tomchei HaBayit ? We ask each adult member to commit to $200 per month ($400 per couple) for a total of $2400 per adult for the year.

OK – so which Bayit fees, events and programs are covered? Those who make the Tomchei HaBayit commitment will not be asked to pay for Membership Dues, High Holiday Seats for immediate family members, Journal Dinner Reservations, Purim Greetings and the Book of Remembrance.

What is *not* covered by my Tomchei HaBayit commitment? Program fees for meals or trips and High Holiday seats for your guests. Room rental fees for private events are also not covered.

When is the Tomchei HaBayit commitment due? It's flexible. We can arrange for monthly, quarterly or annual payments – or any other plan that works for you.

Can I just commit to membership dues and see how the year goes? Of course. Your account will be charged for 2015 dues in early December and you will have the opportunity to participate in each fundraiser at the appropriate point during the year.

What other giving opportunities exist at the Bayit? The bulk of our fundraising is focused on covering our annual operating expenses and debt service (which the Tomchei HaBayit commitment is meant to address). Our long-term funding needs include reducing our outstanding mortgage and building our endowment fund. Your additional support ensures the long-term stability of our Bayit.

Throughout the year there are sponsorship opportunities for special programs or to mark a special occasion; birthday, anniversary, yahrtzeit, marriage etc. Kiddush, Seudah Shlishit, Youth Programs, Abraham & Sarah's Tent, Selichot Concert, Scholars-in Residence and the new Sefer Torah- all these programs need your support.

Were you one of the members who participated in our inaugural year of the Tomchei HaBayit initiative? We hope you will both renew and encourage fellow members to participate. Call the office or visit www.thebayit.org/tomchei to join.

HIR GIFT CARDS - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.
NOTE: Purchases do not cost you anything extra.

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HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2014-15

Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!
Be a part of it! Please register your child and become a youth member today!

THE BAYIT Youth
Hebrew Institute of RIVERDALE

Youth Programming This Weekend:

FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS
with Shayna & Raphi
Groups begin 15 minutes after Mincha begins and last for 1 hour.
This week meeting in Lower Level Beit Midrash.

YHIR & TOT FAMILIES DINNER

This Friday Night, 5:30pm

Welcome to all families who have signed up for tonight's Friday night dinner.

Join us, 4:45pm-5:20pm, for
TOT KABBALAT with Donna Rudolph
Right Side Social Hall

Special Thank you to Event Committee: Anat Barber, Kathy Goldstein, Shani & Yaakov Greenman, Beth Hait, Levi and Raphi Langer, Donna Rudolph, Elana Saenger, Ruthie Simon, Luba & David Teten, Elana & Mark Weinberger.

Thank you to sponsors: Michelle Cass, Cheryl Provorny & Allon Franklin, Beth & Ari Hait, Ken Perry, and Samantha & Daniel Wiener.

FAREWELL TO CARMIYA AT TOT SHABBAT:

Carmiya & Michael Weinraub are moving to Maryland! Carmiya will lead Tot Shabbat on December 13th & 20th. Come say goodbye to them at Seuda Shlishit on December 27th. To write your farewell message to Carmiya & Michael and to sponsor this celebration of their contributions to our community visit www.thebayit.org/shlishi.

Bnei Akiva 1st Snif of the Year This Shabbat, Dec 13th, 3:45pm

If you're in 1st to 8th grade - we'll see you there! Your new counselors (madrichot) will be there as well!

Rachel Rabinowitz, rachinr6@gmail.com, Moriya Chazan, moriya326@gmail.com

Chanukah is Coming!

- **Wednesday, Dec. 17 (night 2) 5:15pm**
  Join rabbinic staff as we head around town and light candles on Johnson Ave & Riverdale Ave and bring holiday joy to locals through song and dance.
- **Thursday, Dec. 18 (night 3) 4:15pm**
  Annual Dunkin Donuts celebration with music, free donuts, communal lightings and a program for children!

- **Sunday, Dec. 21 (day 5) 1:00pm-3:30pm**
  Annual children's carnival! Having fun and raising money for children in need!
- **Monday, Dec. 22 (night 7) 5:00pm**
  Annual celebration at the Century Building.

CHANUKAH CHAI LIFELINE TOY DRIVE - 11/28 - 12/28
Visit www.theabyit/toydrive

SHABBAT MORNING GROUPS SNACKS 2014-2015
Help us reach our goal of having sponsorship every single Shabbat of the year. Please see new sponsorship options on the right. **To sponsor go to www.thebayit.org/youthsponsor!**

Snacks Sponsorship	New Options:
$100 – sponsor all snacks	$36 - Tot Shabbat
$150 – sponsor all snacks + birthday party	$36 - Nursery-K
	$36 - Grades 1-6

LL BM: **Tot Shabbat**
Room 3-4: **Nursery**
Room 3-5: **Pre-K**

Shabbat Morning Groups:
Room 3-7: 9:10am - 9:40am - Ages 6+, Enjoy a doughnut and learn this week's parsha with David Fain
3rd Floor Youth Wing 9:40am - 11:40am

Room 3-6: **Kindergarden**
Room 3-1: **Grades 3-6**
Room 3-2: **Grades 1-2**

PARSHA & DRAMA with Adena Blickstein

10:30am - 11:30am
Come experience the Parsha through drama, dance and song with new creative arts specialist.

Snacks this week: All group snacks this week are sponsored by **Lina Umylny & Michael Adler** in honor of **Carmiya & Michael Weinraub**.
To sponsor future Shabbatot please contact Menachem or Gillian Steinberg or go to www.thebayit.org/youthsponsor.

HIR Winter Camp with the Riverdale Y!

Dates: 12/24; 12/26; 12/29; 12/30; 12/31; 1/2

Swimming & Aquatics (indoor), Gymnastics, Basketball, Theater & Drama, Baking, Lego Robotics, Torah & Tefillah, Martial Arts, Jewelry Making, Arts & Crafts, and more! Registration Deadline: 12/21.

Sign up @ www.thebayit.org/wintercamp.

For assistance, please contact:

Menachem Menchel,
Director of Programming & Youth Education
Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119
Cell - 516-233-8285
menachem@thebayit.org

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us this Shabbat for our open communal dinner sponsored by Barbara Gochberg & Steven Pretsfelder in honor of Michael Goldblum. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to www.thebayit.org/tent or contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

Learning Service with Rav Ari!

Shabbat, weekly in room 3-7, 9:30-11:00am

An intimate service with explanations and discussions focusing on prayer and the weekly Torah portion.
Questions: contact Rav Ari at 718-796-4730 x124 or email ravari@thebayit.org.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:
Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month. Contact the office at 718-796-4730 or office@thebayit.org for more information.

SEFARIM FUND

Thank you to this month's donor:

- Joseph Cohen in memory of Miriam & Jacob Cohen z'l.

To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website www.thebayit.org/sefarim, or call the office.

Social Worker @ The Bayit: Questions about an aging loved one, financial pressures, concerns about children? Contact HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for guidance, information, referrals and a sympathetic ear. There is no fee and all conversations are strictly confidential.

Anna can be reached on Mon. 8:00am - 7:30pm, Tues. 8:00am - 7:30pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 4:00pm at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)

Please join us in dedicating a Sefer Torah and Megillat Esther for the Bayit in honor of Rav Avi and Toby!

The Bayit is acquiring a new Sefer Torah and Megillat Esther.

We invite everyone in the extended Bayit family to participate in this project to recognize and thank Rav Avi and Toby for their more than 40 years of service to the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and Jews everywhere. Sign up online to sponsor your choice of Perek or Parsha at www.thebayit.org/torah.

CHANUKAH-TO-GO LEARNING PACKETS: Please pick up a copy of the Benjamin & Rose Berger Chanuka To-Go® 5775 from Yeshiva University booklets available on the coatroom table. You can also download at http://www.yutorah.org/togo/chanuka. This issue includes an article from the Bayit's own Gaby Schoenfeld. Torah To-Go is a project of Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future.

Chesed Opportunities:

RIVERDALE FREE LOAN GEMACH: Please be advised that a Free Loan Gemach has been established to serve residents of the Riverdale community. The Gemach of Riverdale is a non-profit organization providing interest-free loans to those with cash flow challenges, with dignity and respect. For further info please contact Rabbi Moshe Drelich at 917-408-3035 or GemachofRiverdale@gmail.com.

CHAI LIFELINE TOY DRIVE: Send a gift for a sick boy or girl, infants through teens, in any price range.

WHEN SELECTING YOUR TOYS:

- Please donate new, unwrapped gifts only.
- Please do not purchase guns and other toys that encourage violence, including violent electronic games.
- Please include batteries for any toys that need them.
- Gifts for teens are especially appreciated.

Drop off in the collection boxes in the coat room from November 28 – December 21 (Chanukah Carnival)
For more info visit www.thebayit.org/toydrive

STREET LIGHTINGS WED, DEC. 17TH, 5:15PM - Join rabbinic staff as we head around town and light candles on Johnson Ave & Riverdale Ave and bring holiday joy to locals through song and dance.

DUNKIN DONUTS CHANUKAH PARTY THUR, DEC. 18TH, 4:15-6:15PM. Annual celebration with music, free donuts, communal lightings and a program for children. Dunkin Donuts @ Skyview.

BETH AHARON CHANUKAH PARTY, MOTZEI SHABBAT, DEC. 20TH 6:00PM Raffle with great prizes. Special Hanukah crafts and Driedle competition for kids. Sufganiot and Light Eats! Recommended fee: Family $20 / Single $10. All BAnners and Friends are welcome! May we all have Hag Hanukah shel Or!

KUMSITZ W/ THE BAYIT BAND. MOTZEI SHABBAT, DEC. 20TH, 8:00PM Enjoy music under the Chanukiah! Bring an instrument and join in! Learn more @ **www.thebayit.org/kumsitz**

CARNIVAL SUNDAY, DEC. 21ST. Celebrate Chanukah with music, bouncy castle, carnival games, basketball arcade, X-box and more! Having fun and raising money for children in need!

CHANUKAH DINNER & CONCERT SUN. DEC. 21ST, 5:00PM Dinner & Concert with the HIR Community Choir. Register online @ www.thebayit.org/choir

CANDLELIGHTING & CHANUKAH PARTY W/ RIVERDALE Y IHOUSE AT THE CENTURY, MON, DEC. 22ND 5:00PM

Visit www.thebayit.org/events for complete details.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish community by warmly embracing all Jews, regardless of affiliation, commitment, or background. It is affectionately known as the "Bayit," which is a home – a place of love and welcome. We are known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue; activism on behalf of the oppressed; youth and teen engagement; learning programs; and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the developmentally and physically challenged.

If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - December 12 - December 19, 2014

A CHORUS LINE AT THE RIVERDALE Y: Featuring Bayit teens Yona Zierler Feit and Naava Schorsch. Remaining performances: Sat. Dec. 13 at 8:00pm, Sun. Dec. 14 at 3pm, Sat. Jan. 3rd at 8pm, Sun. Jan. 4th at 3pm.

THE MA'AYANOT CONTINUING EDUCATION committee is pleased to present a shiur series by Rabbi Zev Prince, Director of Religious Programming and Talmud Teacher, on the topic: *Ketav VeKabbalah: The Story of the Sidrah as Told by the Sages of theTalmud.* The series will take place from 12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. in the Ma'ayanot Library on the following dates: December 18; January 1,8 & 14. Ma'ayanot is located at 1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck.

ART KIBBUTZ'S CREATIVE FAMILY CIRCLE PRESENTS: ARTIST PRESENTATION AND CHANUKAH E-CARD/PHOTOBOOK WORKSHOP AT CSAIR (475 w 250th Street) on Sunday, December 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 am featuring HIR members Bonnie Geller-Geld and Isaac Geld, Riverdale-based photographers presenting their work + hands-on workshop creating artistic Chanukah electronic greeting cards and e-books starring our own children as super-models. More info: artkibbutz.org

RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER CONCERT: Come join us for an inspirational, fun filled Chanukah Concert featuring Eitan Katz. **Sunday**, **December 14th** at 7:30pm (doors open 7:00pm) Riverdale Jewish Center 3700 Independence Ave. $25/ticket, $20/student ticket. Visit www.rjconline.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSALE PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE! SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2014 - 10AM -4PM 1313 Weaver Street, Scarsdale NY. Great vendors, great food, free supervised childrens activities including Morah Nummy Chanukah sing-a-long from 1PM-2PM.

Want a face-to-face conversation about Early Childhood at Westchester Day School but don't have time to visit? **HANGOUT@WDS** Monday December 15, 12:00 Noon. Join a Google Hangout with the WDS administration to ask questions, get information and "see" WDS. To join our hangout register at: www.westchesterday.org/hangout@wds (Space Limited. Registration Required.) Questions? Alyons@westchesterday.org

STATEN ISLAND JEWISH LIVING SINGLES MIXER, Saturday December 20th 8:00pm. Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC, 146 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY. Pre-registration required at www.sijewishsinglesevent.com. RSVP before Dec 18th. Entry $18 / $36 at door. For more information contact info@sijewishsinglesevent.com. Must be 21-36 years old. Cocktail attire required.

SHOLEM ALEICHEM CENTER YIDDISH KLEZFEST, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2014 FROM 1:00PM - 5:00pm @ 3301 Bainbridge Avenue Bronx, NY 10467 (corner 208th St). An afternoon of song., music and dance. Info: 917-930-0295. Cost: $10 (free for members).

THE VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER IS HOLDING A LIMITED RAFFLE - $25 per ticket, maximum 100 tickets to be sold. Prize is a $900 47-inch LG Smart Cinema 3D TV. Details and mail-in order form is available on the VCJC web-site at http://www.vcjewishcenter.org or tickets can be purchased at the synagogue office at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. M-Th 9am to 5pm or Fr 9am to 1pm. Raffle drawing will be held at the VCJC Chanukah Party (free event starting at 7:15pm - all are welcome!) on Monday, Dec 22nd. For more information call 718-884-6105.

NEW INFORMATION SESSION SCHEDULED AT SAR ACADEMY FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015, 9:30-10:45. Visit www.saracademy.org/informationsession to register. Please call Etty Cymet MeorJai with any questions at 718.548.1717 x1206. When your child attends SAR, your whole family joins a very special community. Open your world to SAR.

SAFE AT HOME: The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights/Inwood, Riverdale YM-YWHA, the JCC of Washington Heights/Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale bring The Hudson Community Project: Safe at Home. Combining agency resources, expanding geographic scope, and a streamlined process result in seniors receiving more selection of services helping maintain independence. Case Management - Housing Advocacy - Kosher pantry - Kosher meals - Social Adult Day care - In-home support - Health Maintenance - Rehabilitation – Transportation. Please contact Sarah at 212-569-6200 x233.

SPONSOR A TORAH STUDY CLASS for Jerusalem's Elderly in Memory of Linda Basch z"l, former Bayit Director of Social Services (Seniors and Special Friends Programs). The classes will be taught by Sharona Margolin Halickman, former Madricha Ruchanit at the HIR. www.toratreva.org 718-593-4162.

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SPECIAL EXHIBIT: LETTERS TO AFAR: A partnership between YIVO and the Museum of the City of New York, the exhibition features films that document poignant family reunions and everyday life in Poland in the years before the Second World War, capturing a culture on the brink. Open daily 10am - 6pm.