



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

Kiddush will be sponsored this week in honor of the April Birthdays.

For the list of sponsors see box on page 2.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemini

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:23pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (Room 3-1)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:31am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:25pm
- Mincha: 7:10pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:27pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
 - Sun: 8:30am (Rosh Chodesh Iyar)
 - Mon: 6:30, 8:00am (Rosh Chodesh Iyar)
 - Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
 - Thurs: 6:30, 8:00am (Yom Ha'atzmaut)
- Mincha/Maariv
 - Sun-Tues & Thurs: 7:30pm
 - Wed (Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut)
 - Mincha 6:45pm & Maariv 7:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshiot Tazria-Metzora

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:31pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:15pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:35pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Yonit Malina & Thierry Kahane on the birth of a boy. To big sister **Julie** and big brother **Charles**. To grandparents Eugenie Salamon and Lenore & Bernard Malina and to the entire Kahane-Malina family.

Anya & Chaim Wiebke on the birth of twin boys. To grandparents Eliane & Joseph Rackman and Monika & Kenneth Wiebke, and a special Mazal Tov to big sister Saskia and big brother Emanuel.

Jackie & Marvin Binstock on the engagement of their son, Josh, to Hadar Schwartz. To Shuly Schwartz and Eric Fishman. To grandmother **Anne Rudoler** and to all the siblings.

Wishing Condolences to:

Michelle Brody on the passing of her husband **David Brody**. To their children **Anina** and **Raphael**. Shiva concludes Friday afternoon.

Lisa Javitch on the passing of her father Lee Javitch. Shiva in Riverdale will take place after 9:00pm on Sat. 4/21 and from 9:00am-11:00am Sun., 4/22, at the Javitch-Benjamin residence, 5297 Independence Ave. There will be no Riverdale minyanim. Shiva will continue in Greenwich, CT, at 44 Glennville Road, Greenwich, CT, as follows: Sun. 4/22: 12:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30pm - 9:00pm; Mon. 4/23 - Wed. 4/25 at 7:15pm.

Welcome to New Members:

Erica Goldman-Brodie & Joseph Brodie.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's tefillah will start at 9:00am. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: We're continuing our spirited tefillah this Shabbat at 9:00am in **Room 3-1**. Healthy kiddush will follow. Contributions of healthy, unopened, acceptably kosher certified snacks welcome!

SHABBAT DRASHA with Rav Ari Hart: "Living Life on a Higher Octave"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Ruth Balinsky Friedman: "Quantity vs. Quality: Rabbi Akiva's Students and Mourning During the Omer"



Guest Speaker This Sunday @ The Bayit

Sun., Apr. 22, 8:15pm - Elana Maryles Sztokman, author of
"The Men's Section: Orthodox Jewish Men in an Egalitarian World."
Immediately following Maariv. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

YOM HAZIKARON - YOM HA'ATZMAUT - Wed., Apr. 25: We'll remember Israel's fallen heroic soldiers and celebrate her 64th birthday with a full evening program.

6:45pm - Mincha (Main Sanctuary)

7:00pm - Yom Hazikaron Ceremony (Main Sanctuary)

7:50pm - Tefillah Chagigat - Festive Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

8:30pm - Barbecue sponsored by Martin & Smadar Taub (Social Hall)

9:15pm - HIR Community Choir Performance (Lower Level Beit Midrash)



ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL - Thurs., Apr. 26, 4:00pm - 8:00pm:

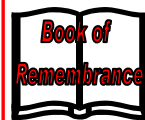
The Bayit's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, in conjunction with the Bronx Borough President's Office has been moved to the Bayit - Netherland Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway! You don't have to leave the Bronx to explore Israel for one day!

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MORNING TRIP TO PELHAM PARKWAY - Apr. 28, 8:00am: Join us as we bring the joy of Shabbat to Russian Jews in Pelham Parkway. We leave from the Bayit at 8:00am, and will have tefillah at Congregation Sons of Israel. Kiddush followed by lunch with the Pelham Parkway Jewish community. On our way back we will stop by the Botanical Gardens for a Shabbat walk.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Special Israel Shiur with Rav Avi

"Yearning for Israel: The Diaspora Relationship to the Jewish State"



Our Book of Remembrance - Yizkor Book is now in formation. Please fill out the form and return it with an optional contribution to the shul office by **Tuesday, May 22**. You must submit this form each year in order to have a listing in the book. The form is available on our website at www.thebayit.org or on the table in the shul lobby.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets in Room 3-4.
7:30am Sun.-Fri., and Shabbat after Mincha.

Shabbat

8:10am - Parshat Hashavua with Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)
6:25pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Lecture with Rabbinic Intern Ruth Balinsky Friedman
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Room 3-3)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Room 3-3)*
7:30pm - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (at the shul)
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*
8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home.
E-mail rebjeff@gmail.com to attend.)

Tuesday

10:00am - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi (Lobby)

Wednesday - Yom Hazikaron

No Classes.

Thursday - Yom Ha'atzmaut

10:00am - Book of Shoftim with Rav Steven (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (3rd FL)*

Friday

7:20am - Tractate Moed Katan with Rav Steven (Lower Level Lobby)

* All Hebrew classes are taught by our experienced teacher **Sara Kinberg**. For more info. on the Hebrew program and for guidance about placement, please contact Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

APRIL BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Kiddush is sponsored by: Kathy Goldstein in honor of Ahron Rosenfeld, Laila Goldstein-Rosenfeld, and Modi Goldstein-Rosenfeld's birthdays; Shirley Lowenstein in honor of Lynn Cohen's birthday; Shani & David Schwartz in honor of Sam Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah birthday; Deborah Yasinsky & David Kalb in honor of Eliana and Tzvi Kalb's birthdays; Yoni Friedman for Ruth Balinsky Friedman's Birthday; Stuart Olsen in honor of his birthday and in memory of his mother Ruth Olsen z"l; Ilene & Zvi Paikin in honor of Ilene's birthday and in honor of their granddaughters' first birthday - Shirel and Maayan Ariaei; Lynn & Bob Cohen in honor of Lynn Cohen's birthday and on behalf of the Women's Tefillah, who will join the shul for Kiddush this Shabbat; and Nava and Hila Cohen in honor of Adam, Galya, and Erez's birthdays.



HIR Gift Card Program: Plan for your shopping using gift cards! Cards available for Fairway, Skyview, Corner Cafe, Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market and many more. Email order to hirgiftcards@gmail.com. To see listings, log on to www.shopwithscrip.com, create an account, use the HIR non-profit code 58L43DE621333, and shop! Buy it for the Bayit!! For questions call Shira Gordon - 718-549-4280.

The HIR Scrip committee is looking for volunteers to sell gift cards at shul events. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shira.

We now have a dedicated HIR Scrip Paypal link which will enable you to pay for your gift cards online with the credit card of your choice.

You can now purchase our most popular gift cards right from our website www.thebayit.org. The gift cards tab is on the left side menu bar.

Thank you for your support.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week's tent is sponsored by Robert Berman in memory of his sister Gloria Loeb. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., May 2, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. 3rd Fl, Room 3-3.

GUEST SPEAKER @ THE BAYIT - Shabbat, May 5, 7:05pm: Following 6:40pm Mincha - Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg will speak about "And I am A Stranger: Becoming Ruth."



KAVVANAH TEFILLAH: Slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation and song. Light breakfast. Meets requirements of Shacharit. Room 3-1. Sun., May 20 at 9:00am.

Join the Bayit at 3 Upcoming Co-sponsored Community Events

Interdenominational Rabbinic Panel

"The Future of American Jewry", with Rabbi Saul Berman, Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, and Moderator Alana Newhouse.

Tuesday Night, May 1st at 8:00pm.

Congregation Ramath Orah, 550 West 110th St.

For more information, visit www.ramathorah.org.

Light refreshments served. Kashrut fully observed.

Haitian Activist At Seuda Shlishit

"Fighting for Food Security: The Story of a Leading Haitian Activist" - **Shabbat afternoon, May 12, 6:00pm - 7:30pm.** American Jewish World Service and HIR, CSAIR, and Riverdale Temple host a dialogue and Seudah Shlishit with Camille Chalmers, Internationally recognized

Haitian activist and Executive Director of AJWS Grantee Haitian Advocacy Platform for an Alternative Development (PADPA). Learn about fighting food insecurity in Haiti. Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, 475 West 250th Street. For more information, contact Ilana at ishushansky@ajws.org or 212-792-2886.

Parsha shiur will not meet that week.

Memorial Day Jewish Community Event

The Bayit joins the Council of Young Jewish Presidents and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York and others for a Memorial Day Ceremony honoring the lives of American service members who were killed in defense of our country. Speaker Major General Sidney Shachnow, a retired army general and Holocaust Survivor, will share his story. **Wednesday, May 23rd** at 7:00pm at The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street. For more info contact Noam at gilboordn@jrcny.org.



RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA:

HIR has begun using a written contract for the rental of its facilities. If you would like to rent space in the shul, or if you believe that you have reserved the Bayit for your simcha but have not been contacted regarding the new contract, please contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org. Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.

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. Meet with her at HIR or in her office at the Beatman Center on 239th street. Anna can be reached at 718-601-9714 or at akirshblum@jbfc.org. (In partnership with UJA and JBFC)



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HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!

Be a part of it! Registration required - now open.

Please use the following link to register: <http://tinyurl.com/3gzfgu9>

This Week Shabbat Morning Groups:

9:30am-11:30am



- Room 3-4: **NURSERY**
- Room 3-5: **PRE-K**
- 3-6: **KINDERGARTEN**
- Room 3-3: **GRADES 1 & 2**
- Room 3-7: **GRADES 3 & 4**
- Room 3-2: **GRADES 5 & 6**
- Lower Level: Right Hand Social Hall: **TOT SHABBAT*** *10:30am-11:30am
[non-supervised open play space 9:30am-10:30am — parent must stay with child(ren)]

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS & HAPPENINGS, AS WELL AS A SUMMARY OF THE PARASHA & ACCOMPANYING QUESTIONS!

The Youth Department acknowledges and thanks Pamela Kanner, Yosef Kessler and Dalia Wolfson, along with all youth/teens whose participation in our Yom HaShoah program added so much meaning to the day.



BNEI AKIVA SNIF IS RETURNING TO HIR

Join Bnei Akiva — in conjunction with HIR, RJC, YINR
For Shabbat afternoon fun with friends and madrichim!

1st-5th graders

5:00-6:30pm

Shabbat, May 5th & Shabbat, May, 26th

HIR SOCIAL HALL

Upcoming Events!

Next Thursday — April 26th, 4:00pm - 8:00pm

- **Family Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebrations**
 - Music, Food, Vendors, Activities and more!

Next Shabbat & Beyond — April 28th

- **Spring Session of V'SHINANTAM!**
 - Join friends and family for parent-child Torah study, along with snacks and a Torah-values discussion with Menachem
 - **1 Hour before Mincha — Lower Level Beit Medrash**

SAVE THE DATE: Lag BaOmer, May 10th

- Join Bnei Akiva for outdoor activities & a bonfire!
- Details to follow

This Shabbat:

TORAH TIME-STORY TIME with Menachem @ **9:30am** this Shabbat for **ALL GROUPS** we will be starting **ON TIME**

Shabbat Morning Groups @ 10:30am

All Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarteners are invited for a Shabbat story and songs with Abby in room 3-6

This week's snacks are sponsored by the Rudoy Family, wishing Mazal Tov to Bella on turning 9! With Love, Mom, Dad & Benjamin. Thank you for your generosity.

All 3rd & 4th graders are invited to join Bella for a special Kiddush birthday party at 10:30am.
For more information about sponsoring Shabbat morning snacks and birthday Kiddush parties, please contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu or Menachem

Shabbat Morning Groups @ 11:00am

All 1st-6th Graders are invited for a brand new Pirkei Avot & Chulent Chug with Menachem. Meeting now through Shavuot! Room 3-2



Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?

The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children!

For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102.
Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!

For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel, Youth Director

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chesed Opportunities

HELP FIND A DONOR FOR A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT: Dr. Howie Marton (father of Naomi Marton) has recently been diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) a form of blood cancer. A bone marrow transplant is essential for his survival. There are 13,000 previously collected potential donor samples that are waiting at the lab to be tested but due to lack of funding have not been tested yet. Each test costs \$54. Please consider sponsoring one or more tests, or even part of a test. To contribute go to bit.ly/Help_Howard.

READ WITH JOE: Joe Pissarevsky, a vision impaired member of our community, is looking for a volunteer to read to him one hour a week. If you can help, please call him at 718-549-7823.

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

Shiva: We are looking for fill-in volunteers. Please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org

Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, rivkahaut@yahoo.com

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@verizon.net

Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Annual Journal Dinner

Sunday, June 10, 2012
5:00pm

Honoring:



**Ruby & Stanley Langer -
Bayit Lifetime Service Award**



**Jean & Phil Schneider -
Community Service Award**



**Ann & James Lapin -
Young Leadership Award**

Beyond the Bayit

REGISTER FOR DRISHA'S BAT MITZVAH AND BEYOND CLASS: In this class the Bat Mitzvah girl and her mother or learning partner study biblical and rabbinic texts related to the development of prayer and trace the evolution of prayer from our ancestors through contemporary practice. We will use these sources to discuss how students' conceptions of prayer have evolved throughout their lives. **Sundays, 10:30am - 12:00pm, April 22 and 29, May 6, 13 and 20.** For more info. go to www.drisha.org or call 212-595-0307.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL VIGIL IN FRONT OF IRANIAN U.N. MISSION: There are more than six million reasons to remember Yom Hashoah. There will be a Holocaust Memorial Vigil on **Sun., Apr. 22** at 12:00pm in front of the Iranian U.N. Mission located on 3rd Ave. and E. 40th St. Say no to Iran's nuclear program at the vigil. For more information please email the Yom Hashoah Mobilization Committee at hashoah.mail@gmail.com.

CLASSICS TO RAGTIME: The Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture will meet **this Sun., Apr. 22** at 12:45pm at 4450 Fieldston Road. Mas Ikemiya will perform music by Ravel, Rachmaninoff, Kay Gardner, George Cobb, Scott Joplin, Eubie Blake and more! For more info. call 718-548-4445.

RABBI MENACHEM LEIBTAG IN STAMFORD! **Sunday, April 22, 6:00pm,** Young Israel of Stamford Family Beit Midrash Program, "Eretz Yisrael as Divine Reward vs. Divine Symbol of National Identity – How Religious Zionists and Haredim Read the Bible." Light dinner, followed by class, 69 Oaklawn Avenue, free and open to all. For more information contact Michael Feldstein at michaelgfeldstein@gmail.com

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: On **May 9, 2012** you can take advantage of a rare opportunity to have private small group meetings and educate Members of Congress about the importance of a strong US-Israel relationship by advocating for issues vital to Israel's security. To sign up go to www.norpac.net. For more information, email David Frankel at dfrs.frankel@verizon.net.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2012-13: Attention music teachers, students and parents! Applications are now being accepted for scholarships to support private music instruction or enhanced lesson time for music students, age 8-15, who live or study in Riverdale, NY. Applications should be submitted by music teachers on behalf of their students and should be received by **May 14, 2012**. Final auditions will be held on June 10, 2012. Applications are available from Allen Sher, Director, Rhoda Grundman Music School, Riverdale YM-YWHA. Please call 718-548-8200 x256 or go to www.RiverdaleY.org.

YIDDISH & ORGANIC FARMING: Learn Yiddish and work on a shomer shabbat organic farm at the same time this summer, in Goshen, NY. Registration is now open for the beginners Yiddish class which will take place from **May 29 to July 1**, and the advanced Yiddish class which will take place from **July 1 to August 20**. Each morning students will learn Yiddish grammar and participate in Yiddish drama, creative working and singing workshops, and in the afternoon, they will work the land. Learn more at www.yiddishfarm.org, or contact Naftali Ejdelman at naftali@yiddishfarm.org.

YIDDISH SONGS BOOK AND CD: Following up on Dr. Khane-Faygl Turteltaub's talk on Yiddish songs for children on Shabbat afternoon Mar. 3, her new book and CD "Yiddish Songs for Children" is available for purchase from Mame-Loshn Productions for \$30 (incl. tax and S&H). call 847-675-3335 or e-mail: doctorkf@gmail.com.

שבת שלום!

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute is a synagogue that warmly embraces 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. The HIR is known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue, for activism, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the mentally and physically challenged.