

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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## Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Schwartz family in honor of Sam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.  
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

## This Week

### Shabbat Parshiot Tazria-Metzora

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:31pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:25am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:30pm
- Mincha: 7:15pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:35pm

## Weekday Times

- Shacharit  
Sun: 8:30am  
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am  
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:40pm

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshiot Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:38pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Mincha: 6:40pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:42pm



## Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Shani & David Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Sam**. To siblings **Rebecca** and **Mike**.

## Wishing Condolences to:

**Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt** on the passing of his mother Jaclyn L. Rosenblatt. Shiva will be observed from Motzei Shabbat, Apr. 28 through Wed. morning, May 2 at the Rosenblatt home, 3039 Netherland Ave. Shacharit on Sun.: 8:30am and Mon. - Wed.: 6:45am. Mincha/Maariv: Sun.-Tues.: 7:40pm.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**SHABBAT MORNING TRIP TO PELHAM PARKWAY POSTPONED TO JUNE 2:** 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. Please RSVP to [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

## AFTER TEFILLAH - Special Shiur with Rav Avi

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

We'll go straight through tefillah without a drasha, and Rav Avi will teach this shiur at the conclusion of tefillah.

## BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"Yom Ha'atzmaut: A Shehechyanu Moment, but Do We Say It?"

**CONDOLENCES TO YANG FAMILY:** Please join our Bayit family in expressing condolences and support to the Yang family on the death of our neighbor Hwang Yang. There is a card in the lobby available to sign during the week, and you may add your wishes online at <http://tinyurl.com/yangcondolences>. We will combine them and deliver to the family next week.

## LEARNING SERVICE TEFILLAH STUDY SESSION - This Sun., Apr. 29, 9:30am - 11:00am, Room 3-4

Join Rabbi Moshe Edelman to study tefillah with pencil and paper! The focus in this study session on Tefillah will be the "middle bracha" in each of the Amidot which are recited on Shabbat. We will see Friday night, Shabbat morning and Shabbat Mincha. We will read, study, analyze, differentiate and find the spiritual nuances of each Amidah. See page 2 for more information about upcoming Shabbat meetings of the Learning Service.



## THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., May 2, 7:00pm

**SPECIAL YIDDISH SESSION:** Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. 3rd Fl, Room 3-3. This week we will have a special session on the Yiddish poetry of Gella Schweid Fishman. Gella will present her poetry in Yiddish and in translation for our discussion.

## Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

### GUEST DRASHA with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis

"And you shall be for Me..." - The Jewish People in a Post Peoplehood Age"

Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis is President of the Shalem Foundation and Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. He was a recent winner of the National Jewish Book Award (for "Saving Israel: How the Jewish People Can Win a War That May Never End") and is a regular columnist for the Jerusalem Post and frequent contributor to the New York Times. His newest book will be out this summer.



### BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg

Join us for a lecture titled "And I am a Stranger: Becoming Ruth" with world renowned Torah Scholar and teacher Dr. Avivah Zornberg next Shabbat afternoon at 7:05pm. Mincha at 6:40pm. This annual event inspires us and deepens our understanding of Torah. Thank you to the many sponsors for this shiur.



**GUEST SPEAKER - Book Signing with Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld**  
"Fifty-Four Pick Up - Fifteen-Minute Inspirational Torah Lessons" Sun.,  
May 6, 2012 - 9:30am - 10:30am  
Deluxe Breakfast will be served



## 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 Ari (Main Sanctuary)  
After Tefillah - Special Shiur with Rav Avi  
6:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)  
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)  
After Mincha - Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

### Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Lobby)\*  
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Lobby)\*  
7:30pm - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (at the shul)  
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)\*  
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

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)\*

### Thursday

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

### 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.



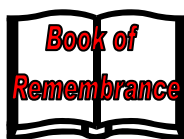
**HIR Gift Card Program:** Plan for your shopping using gift cards! Cards available for Fairway, Skyview, Corner Cafe, Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market and many more. Email order to [hirgiftcards@gmail.com](mailto:hirgiftcards@gmail.com). To see listings, log on to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), 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](http://www.thebayit.org). The gift cards tab is on the left side menu bar.

Thank you for your support.



**Book of Remembrance** 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](http://www.thebayit.org) or on the table in the shul lobby.


## 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@jbfcs.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org). (In partnership with UJA and JBFCs)

## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for Friday night dinner after service. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com](mailto:TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com).

**MAY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH:** The May birthday kiddush will take place on Shabbat, May 19. If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a May birthday, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/HIRbirthday>. 

**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH:** Slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation and song. Light breakfast. Meets requirements of Shacharit. Room 3-1. Sun., May 13 at 9:00am.

### IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the entire HIR community and the Rabbinic team for all their support before and during the recently concluded shiva for our beloved father and grandfather, Lee Javitch.

Lisa Javitch & Family

## Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to **Tsuri Gadasi** and **Ariel Freidenberg** for coordinating a moving Yom Hazikaron program.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut festival: It was a great success!

**Estelle Friedman; Klara Brief; Maya Rudoy; Melissa Bulman.**

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact our Rabbinic staff: Rabbi Steven Exler at [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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@jcrny.org](mailto:gilboordn@jcrny.org).

## Learning Service Tefillah Study Session



Take part in our monthly Learning Service, Shabbat morning from 9:30am - 11:00am. Learn the geography of the prayer book and the choreography of prayer while engaging in real davening with study, explanations, and translations. Led by Rabbi Moshe Edelman and supervised by the Bayit Rabbinic Staff. Lower Level Beit Midrash. Upcoming dates: 5/5, 6/2, 6/9.

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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!**

## **Do you like to draw or paint?**

Next month, the HIR Youth Department is painting a mural with artist and educator SHIRA RODRIGUEZ for the 3rd floor youth wing! Details coming soon!



## **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 26th  
**HIR SOCIAL HALL**

## **Lag BaOmer, May 10th**

- Join Bnei Akiva for outdoor activities & a bonfire!
- Details coming in an email this week



**Please help the youth department continue to run educational programming from now through the end of the year.**

We are in need of financial partnership and volunteers to assist at various programs.

To help, please contact Menachem. **Thank you!**

## **This shabbat:**

**V'SHINANTAM RETURNS!** 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.**

**3rd-6th graders** will receive a script for a new play about brachot that they will perform next Shabbat for the rest of groups.

### **Shabbat Morning Groups @ 10:00am**

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

This week's snacks are sponsored by Gillian Steinberg, Mark and Akiva Davis in honor of Gavri's fifth birthday. **Happy Birthday! Thank you for your generosity.**

All Pre-K children are invited to join Gavri for a special Kiddush birthday party at 10:45am.

For more information about sponsoring Shabbat morning snacks and birthday Kiddush parties, please contact Gillian Steinberg at [gsteinbe@yu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org)

**Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:**

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)

**Meals for New Mothers:**

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, [baronajl@yahoo.com](mailto:baronajl@yahoo.com)

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)

**Young HIR:** [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.com)

**Sign up for  
the Annual Journal Dinner  
on Sun., Jun. 10 - at 5:00pm  
register online @  
[www.thebayit.org](http://www.thebayit.org).**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT 21  
CHILDREN VOLUNTEERED  
AT THE LAST  
SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING  
DRIVE AT OUR BAYIT?**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT WE  
COLLECTED 110 PINTS  
OF BLOOD AT THE  
ANNUAL 9/11 BLOOD  
DRIVE AT OUR BAYIT?**

**Help support these and  
other ongoing programs  
by attending our  
Annual Journal Dinner**

## Beyond the Bayit

**HYDROFRACKING FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION WITH URI L'TZEDEK:** Join Uri L'Tzedek, Jews Against Hydrofracking, and JCC in Manhattan for a film screening of Gasland, a witty and well-acclaimed HBO film about Hydrofracking. Film introduced by Sustainability Champion Jessica Haller. Hydrofracking is proposed for New York State, so there will be petitions to sign and action steps to take — hope to see you there! **Wednesday, May 9, 7:00pm**, at the JCC in Manhattan, 76th and Amsterdam.

**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](http://www.norpac.net). For more information, email David Frankel at [dfrs.frankel@verizon.net](mailto:dfrs.frankel@verizon.net).

 **RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET AND ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR:** The Riverdale Y Sunday Market returns on **Sun., May 13** from 9:00am - 1:00pm at MS/HS 141 on Independence Ave. and W. 237th St. Also on the same day and location the Riverdale Y will be holding their annual Environmental Fair. Please bring recyclables to two types of collection: **Textile Collection by Wearable Collection** (accepts all used clean clothing including shoes, hats, curtains, linens, towels, handbags and belts.); **Ewaste Collection by WeRecycle** (Computers (CPUs), monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, photocopiers, cell phones, VCR/DVD/CD players, game systems, stereos, televisions, and other electronic devices.) Please note: radioactive material or electronics with hazardous materials such as air conditioners and humidifiers will not be accepted. For more information call 718-548-8200.

**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](http://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 writing and singing workshops, and in the afternoon, they will work the land. Learn more at [www.yiddishfarm.org](http://www.yiddishfarm.org), or contact Naftali Ejdelman at [naftali@yiddishfarm.org](mailto: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](mailto:doctorkf@gmail.com).

**YESHIVAT MAHARAT PROGRAM @ THE JCC:** Please join Yeshivat Maharat for, "Sexuality, Modesty and Niddah in the 21st Century" at the JCC in Manhattan, 6:30pm-9:30pm, on **Sunday, May 20th**. Groundbreaking sessions will be taught by guest lecturers, Yeshivat Maharat students, and faculty. To register, please visit [www.yeshivamaharat.org](http://www.yeshivamaharat.org).

## 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.