



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shoftim

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:22pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:37am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:00pm
- **Mincha: 6:45pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:23pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, **8:15am**
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, **8:15am**
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:10pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:12pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Shira & Hayim Danzig on the birth of a daughter, **Amalya Rose** (Rivka Amalya). To grandparents Rabbi Dr. Neil Danzig and Dr. Gale & James Kaufman. To big brother **Raanan**.

The **Marsen and Eagle families** on the marriage of their children **Tamar & Andy**.

Welcome to New Member:

Rita Rabin.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

COMMUNITY SEUDA SHLISHIT SHEVA BRACHOT: Jay & Sharon Marsen and Amy & Myron Eagle invite the community to celebrate the marriage of their children Andy & Tamar at a Seuda Shlishit Sheva Brachot **this Shabbat, August 25**. Mincha will be at 6:45pm, followed by the Seuda Shlishit in the Social Hall.

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT - SUMMER GROUPS

Shabbat morning groups will continue to be offered throughout the summer. Abby Finkelstein will be supervising summer groups, which **will begin at 9:45am** and end at 11:30am. Please note that summer groups differ a bit from year-round groups.

- Tot Shabbat - RH SH 10:30am - 11:30am
- 3 year olds - Room 3-4
- 4-5 year olds - Rooms 3-5/3-6
- 6-8 year olds - Room 3-3



Teens will have access to the Teen Lounge from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Menachem is away in the summer, but aims to assist when possible. For general youth matters, e-mail him. For urgent matters contact Rav Steven at ravsteven@thebayit.org. Thank you - have a wonderful summer!



JYEP BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BBQ - Thurs., Aug. 30, 6:30pm

The Bayit's own JYEP is launching this year in a major way!

Come to a JYEP Community BBQ and meet the JYEP chevre, learn about the trips to a Jewish farm, chess projects, Lions of Zion Youth Leadership Institute, Big Brothers and Sisters, and more! Find out ways that you can get involved. To RSVP please email Rav Ari at ravari@thebayit.org. Suggested donation: \$10.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Ari Hart
"L'David - the Strength in our Hearts"



KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Sunday, September 2: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-6.



PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES @ THE BAYIT

For a full list of topics, dates and times please see page 2

Selichot Concert 5772



OUR BELOVED SHALIACH TZIBUR DR. ELLI KRANZLER LEADS US IN A SPIRITUALLY INSPIRING CONCERT FOLLOWED BY SELICHOT.

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 8, 2012

Concert begins promptly at 9:50pm

Doors open 9:30

We invite the entire community to join us for this special evening.

Seating is available on a first come basis. A small number of seats are reserved for our sponsors. To become a sponsor visit our website

www.thebayit.org/selichot or call the office 718-796-4730.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30-8:30am Sun.-Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-4. Open and accessible to all backgrounds. Join this wonderful group and experience Tractate Berakhot and beyond! This week only: Shabbat 5:45pm **and 7:15pm** and Sunday 7:30am **and 9:15am**.

Shabbat

8:10am - Parshat Hashavua with Rav Steven
 6:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 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)*
 8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

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

PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES @ THE BAYIT

Prepare for the High Holidays with Torah!

"Analysis of the Rosh Hashanah Musaf Service"
 with Rav Avi

Tuesday 10:00am: September 4

"Book of Jonah" with Rav Avi

Tuesday 10:00am: September 11

"Renewal or Return: Two Models of Teshuvah"
 with Rabba Sara

Tuesdays 11:00am: September 4, 11

"High Holiday Teachings of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel" with Rav Steven

Thursdays 10:00am: September 6, 13, 20

"The Write Path: A Teshuvah Writing and Study Workshop"
 with Rav Steven

Sunday, September 9, 7:30 - 8:45pm

We'll study a teshuvah text, and springboard into some reflective writing as a tool for working on our personal teshuvah process.



High Holidays Seats 5773

Thank you to those who have submitted their High Holiday seat forms and payments. For your convenience, you can register online instead of submitting paper forms at www.thebayit.org/holidays. Deadline is this Thurs., Aug. 30th, to hold last years seats. If you have not submitted your form with payment at this time please do so as soon as possible, so we can accommodate your requests.



Kol Nidre

Our Kol Nidre Appeal is one of our most important fundraisers. Whether you are davening with us on the High Holidays or visiting family elsewhere, we ask that you help us reach our goal of 600 pledges for Yom Kippur 5773.

Preparing for the High Holidays

@ the Bayit

SHOFAR BLOWING AND ALIYOT FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the shul office if you know someone who is homebound so that we can arrange for them to hear the blowing of the shofar. On Simchat Torah we can also bring a Torah to their homes so they can receive an aliyah.



PRE-ROSH HASHANA GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM - Thurs., Sep. 13, 2:00pm: Calling all Golden Agers - Join us in the Social Hall for a Pre-Rosh Hashanah lecture with Rav Steven and light lunch. Cost: \$5 pay at the door. To RSVP call the shul office at 718-796-4730 x101.

SHANAH TOVA GIFT - Fri., Sept. 14 at 11:00am: (corner of 236th St. and Johnson Ave.) Join the HIR staff as we wish the Riverdale community a "sweet new year" by handing out gifts of apples and honey to all who pass by.



SHABBAT SHUVAH DISCOURSE: Rav Avi will give the Shabbat Shuvah Discourse on Shabbat, Sept. 22, at 6:00pm. Mincha will be at 5:30pm.

LEARNING SERVICE: Check out our Learning Service with Rabba Sara Hurwitz and baal tefillah Azi Grysman, geared to those who desire a more personalized service with explanations and open discussion about the prayers and Torah readings in a more intimate setting. The Learning Service is a wonderful Shabbat and High Holiday option for those whose background in Hebrew is limited, but for whom a desire for learning and spirituality is limitless. Our Learning Service will kick off this year with the High Holidays.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) - Mon., Sept. 17 at 9:30am

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) - Tues., Sept. 18 at 9:30am

Kol Nidre (Yom Kippur Eve) - Tues., Sept. 25 at 6:10pm

Yom Kippur - Wed., Sept. 26 at 9:30am

Yizkor approx. 10:30am

Neilah (Final Service) at 6:00pm

FREE ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES: Celebrate the holidays at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale with a service that is sure to inspire. These services will be conducted in English and led by Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabbi Steven Exler. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome to attend.

High Holiday services are 3:30pm on the following days:

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) - Mon., Sept. 17

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) - Tues., Sept. 18

Yom Kippur - Wed., Sept. 26

SUKKOT COMMUNAL MEALS: Come join your friends at our annual communal evening meals in our Sukkah on Sun. night, Sept. 30, Mon. night, Oct. 1 or Fri. night, Oct. 5. Sign up online at www.thebayit.org/sukkot, drop by the office or email us at office@thebayit.org.

JEWISH CALENDARS: If you would like a Jewish calendar for the upcoming year 5773, please pick one up at the shul office.



SUPPORT ISRAEL AND THE BAYIT WITH YOUR HONEY PURCHASE FOR ROSH HASHANAH! Thank you to all those who have purchased honey jars. We have a limited supply of honey jars left. The honey is from the Jerusalem Mountains in Israel, all natural, pure and delicious wildflower honey. B'datz, Parve, 220 gr / 7.73 oz. Lin's Bee Farm, K'far Bilu. Cost: \$6.50 per Jar. First come first serve basis. Honey can be purchased online at www.thebayit.org. Honey will be provided after payment is received. For more information call the shul office 718-796-4730 or e-mail office@thebayit.org.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for this open communal dinner. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

HIR COMMUNITY CHOIR RESUMES: The H.I.R. Community Choir starts its 2nd decade on Wed. evening, Sept. 5, at 7:30pm in the social hall. Current, former and new members are invited to attend. 4 Chanukah concerts are already scheduled in various Riverdale venues. For further information contact Jonathan Dzik at (718) 549-8520, JFDzik326@aol.com.

SEUDA SHLISHIT - Shabbat, Sept. 8: Sponsored in loving memory of loved ones of various Bayit members on the occasion of their yahrzeits. Names and details will follow. Please join us for delicious food and words of Torah and remembrance. Special guest speaker Avishai Don.



ANNUAL WELCOME LUNCH: If you moved to Riverdale in the past year or so, this invite is for you - Please join us at HIR on Shabbat, Sept. 29. Enjoy Free Shabbat lunch, meet others who are new to Riverdale, and learn about the HIR staff and programs. Call the office at 718-796-4730 x101 by Sept. 24th to reserve your spot.

BAYIT SEFARIM FUND: Over the years our supply of prayer books, chumashim (Pentateuch) and other Jewish books tend to wear out. Help us replace them by donating to the Sefarim Fund. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the Rabbinical Staff and Gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at www.bayit.org/sefarim.



BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN: Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers. In the 1st issue of each month, we will be printing advertisements from our sponsors. Bulletins are emailed to almost 1,200 people, posted to our Facebook Page and 300 paper copies are distributed in Shul each week. E-mail office@thebayit.org for an insertion order form.

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

Shiva: We are looking to grow this committee. 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, baronaj1@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to **Rhonda Stock** and **Benjy Stock** for polishing all of the Bayit's Kiddush Cups.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

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 JBFCs)



Beyond the Bayit

'THE NEW FACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES' LECTURE AND ART AUCTION - Sun., Aug. 26: The Riverdale YM-YWHA located at 5625 Arlington Avenue, will be hosting a lecture and art auction this Sunday. The program includes:

4:00pm - 4:30pm: Art Exhibition
4:30pm - 5:30pm: Lecture and Q&A
5:30pm - 6:30pm: Wine and Cheese Reception
6:30pm - 8:00pm: Art Auction

The presentation and lecture will be given by Shani Rozanes, Special Projects Coordinator at the Consulate General of Israel. Admission is \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Riverdale Y. For more info. call 718-884-8200.



YCT ADULT BEIT MIDRASH @ THE BAYIT: LISHMA - YCT COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAM: Lishma is a serious adult learning program of chevruta study and shiurim in Gemara with supplementary classes in Tanakh and Contemporary Jewish Law and Thought held on weekday mornings, 8:30am-12:00pm, at YCT on the second floor of the HIR. Sessions will be led by Rabbi Nati Helfgot, with classes by Rabbi Dov Linzer and Rabbi Steven Exler. Program is open to both men and women. To apply go to www.yctorah.org or call 212-666-0036. First session **Wednesday, Sept. 5.** Final schedule will follow.



MAKE YOUR OWN CHALLAH AT THE RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET: On Sun., Sept. 9, we will have our 2nd Annual Pre-Rosh Hashana Holiday Challah Making Classes.

A Challah Making Class for Beginners at 10:00am for adults and children and an Adult Challah Making Class at 11:30am. For more info. or to sign up call 718-548-8200. Classes will take place at the Riverdale Y Sunday Market, MS/HS 141, Independence Ave. at W. 237th St.

SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR FRAIL ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF RIVERDALE AT THE RIVERDALE Y: Safe At Home is a new support program for frail elderly residents of Riverdale, Washington Heights and Inwood. The program, extending the continuum of care for older adults in both communities offer services including: case management, transportation, housing advocacy, homecare, food pantry and health maintenance services. It is a collaboration of the Riverdale YM-YWHA, the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights and Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale. It is funded through the UJA-Federation of New York. For further information please contact Avi Moscovitz, Program Director at 718-548-8200, x250.

ISRAEL BONDS: In addition to "political" action, Israel would greatly benefit from "economic" action. One of the best ways to show your solidarity with Israel in her hour of need is to buy Israel bonds. The single role of State of Israel Bonds is to strengthen Israel's economy. If you have not yet made your commitment or purchased an Israel bond in 2012 please make it NOW! Please contact our Israel Bonds representative, Robert Lunzer, at 212-446-5835 or robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.com. For current rates visit www.israelbonds.com.

NBN YOUNG COUPLES OPEN HOUSE: Join Marc Rosenberg from Nefesh B'Nefesh's One Aliyah Department, for a discussion on Aliyah and Life in Israel. On **Mon., Sept. 3, 10:30am - 11:30am.** At the home of Josh & Miriam Podolski, 545 West 236th St., Apt. 4J. For more information, please call: 1-866-425-4924.



שבת שלום!

SWAB A CHEEK, SAVE A LIFE

Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive - Sunday, Sept. 9th, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Have your cheek swabbed and be registered in the Gift of Life Bone Marrow registry. For questions or to volunteer you can contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

HIR Gift Cards - Sunday, Sept. 9th

Thank you to everyone who enabled the Bayit to earn over \$21,000 in commissions during the last year!

Get ready for the High Holidays.

Purchase Gift Cards before you go shopping for Chag - Buy it for the Bayit!

- Stop by the HIR Gift Card table on **Sun., Sept. 9th** to purchase your gift cards.
- Start your shopping at www.thebayit.org/gift where you can:
 - o Click through to www.Amazon.com and earn the Bayit a commission on all your purchases.
 - o Purchase our most popular gift cards from LOCAL and NATIONAL merchants instantly.
 - o Open an account at www.shopwithscrip.com to browse and order from the full list of participating merchants.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Gift Card table.

**Help support our Gift Card Program by giving of your time on Sunday, Sept. 9th.
For more information on volunteering or to place an order email giftcard@hir.org
or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.**

HIR Clothing Drive

Sunday, September 9, 2012 - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Please sort and bag separately men's, women's and children's clothing in sturdy garbage bags. Deposit clothing in the truck that will be stationed outside the HIR. Volunteers are needed.

If you are able to help for even a short amount of time, please call

Steve Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at

718-601-3586 or email spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.



Give Blood - The Gift of Life



The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale

9/11 Eleventh Anniversary Commemorative Blood Drive:

Sunday, September 9, 2012 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Social Hall

Our area blood supply is in life-threatening crisis.

Please honor 9/11 on this 11th anniversary as a national day of service, charity and compassion by donating blood. Be healthy, aged 17-75 (16 with NYBC parental consent form) & have photo or signature ID.

For questions or to reserve a time please call Seryl @ (718) 549-8152 or email sermc@aol.com.

Walk-ins heartily welcome but appointment will take precedence.

Please join us and save a life. Volunteers are desperately needed both to plan and publicize the event and to assist on site on the day of the drive. If you are interested in helping with this vital mitzvah please contact Seryl @ the above numbers/ email. Enrich your blood donation experience with Torah: join us throughout the drive for mini-classes with HIR Rabbinic staff on the importance of donating blood.

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.