



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 Ki Tetze

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:10pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:39am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:10pm
- Mincha: 6:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:12pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon: 8:30am (Labor Day)
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, **8:15am**
Thurs: 6:40, **8:15am**
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:05pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo

- Candle Lighting: 6:59pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Mincha: 6:30pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:00pm
- **Selichot Concert: 9:50pm**
(Doors open 9:30)

**Shabbat
Shalom!**



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Vivian Kanig & Rabbi Matthew Kanig on the birth of a great-granddaughter in Israel.

Orit Glas on the birth of a second granddaughter. To parents **Lir Glas-Miller & Kyle Miller**. To sister **Emuna** and to uncle **Dean** and aunt **Meitarel**.

Cantor Philip Rosenblatt on the wedding of his grandson Shmuley Motzen to Bryna Rosenberg in Baltimore and on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter Amy Rosenblatt.

Agnes & Irving Steinbaum on the marriage of their granddaughter, Mati Buchsbaum, to Yehudah Alcabes.

Shara & Yirmi Yolcut on the birth of a son. To Faith & George Eisenberger and Rhona & Myron Yolcut. To big brother **Isaiah**.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

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



KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - This Sun., Sept. 2: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will meet next Shabbat in honor of Anna Jonas's Bat Mitzvah. 9:00am, LL BM.

MEMORIAL SEUDA SHLISHIT with Guest Speaker Avishai Don

Sponsored by Karen Stahl Don & Phil Don, Felice Helfgot, Karen Jordan, Faye Kulick, Thea Reznik and Sharon Wolfe in loving memory of loved ones on the occasions of their yahrzeits. Please join us for delicious food and words of Torah and remembrance.

Special guest speaker Avishai Don will speak on "From Tisha B'Av to 9-11: The Meaning of a Yahrzeit." Avishai Don is recent graduate of Harvard University. He is currently serving as an assistant speechwriter for the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations at the Israeli Mission in New York.

Selichot Concert 5772



Our beloved Shaliach Tzibur Dr. Elli Kranzler leads us in a spiritually inspiring concert Followed by Selichot.

NEXT 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.

Sunday, Sept. 9th - CHESED DAY @ THE BAYIT

BLOOD DRIVE - 9:00AM - 3:00PM: The Bayit's 9/11 Eleventh Anniversary Commemorative Blood Drive will take place 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. To volunteer please contact Seryl @ the above numbers/email.

GIFT OF LIFE BONE MARROW DRIVE - 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.

CLOTHING DRIVE - 9:30AM - 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 @ 718-601-3586 or email spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.

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 Berachot and beyond!

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven
 6:10pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Shiur with Rav Ari (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Monday - Labor Day

No classes.

Tuesday

10:00am - Analysis of the Rosh Hashanah Musaf with Rav Avi (Lobby)
 11:00am - Renewal or Return: Two Models of Teshuvah with Rabba Sara (Lobby)
 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 (Room 3-3)*

Thursday

10:00am - High Holiday Teachings of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel with Rav Steven (Lobby)
 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

"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

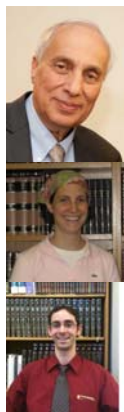
Thursdays 10:00am: September 6, 13, 20

"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 Holiday 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. The deadline to hold last years seats has passed, so seats are now being assigned on a first come, first served basis. 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.



Preparing for the High Holidays

@ the Bayit

SIGN UP FOR 9:30PM WEEKNIGHT SELICHOT: Maariv/Late Selichot takes place in the Lower Level Beit Midrash before Rosh Hashanah (beginning Sunday night September 9th) and during Aseret Yemei Teshuvah at 9:30pm. Please sign up for the nights you can commit to or hope to attend on by following the sign-up link at www.thebayit.org. If you'd like to be on the Late Selichot email list, please email ravsteven@thebayit.org. Thank you!



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.



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.



Is your family new to the community? Menachem Menchel would like to meet you and tell you about all our youth & family programming!

Visit the Shul website at www.thebayit.org to register for High Holiday Childcare. Space is Limited! Questions? email Menachem@thebayit.org

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2012-2013

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!

THIS SHABBAT IS THE FINAL SUMMER SHABBAT MORNING 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

Please note that this Shabbat is the last Shabbat of 'summer' groups. Thank you to all those who helped make this summer's groups such a success!

Bayit Katan Toddler Time is back!

Registration now open!

Thursdays from 10:00-11:30am

Trial: Sept 13th, 2012, cost \$18
 6 week Session: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 and 25, cost \$100

SPACE IS LIMITED!

For more information, please contact Kathy Goldstein at katan@hir.org

NEXT SHABBAT: OPENING SHABBAT OF GROUPS!

9:30am-11:30am

- Room 3-4: NURSERY
- Room 3-5: PRE-K
- Room 3-6: KINDERGARTEN
- Room 3-3: GRADES 1 & 2
- Room 3-7: GRADES 3 & 4

SPECIAL TORAH TIME-STORY TIME with MENACHEM @ 9:30am

COME MEET YOUR NEW LEADERS!

- 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)]

KICK-OFF EVENT:

RIVERDALE OLYMPICS

RELAY RACES

TIE DYE

BBQ

B'NEI AKIVA GAMES

PARENTS ORIENTATION

and much more!

**Thursday, September 20th @ HIR
 4:30-7pm**

\$15/child \$45/family

\$5 off for HIR Youth Department members!

For more information, please contact Menachem Menchel at menachem@thebayit.org



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,

Director of Youth Education & Programming

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chessed Opportunities:

MEALS FOR ESTHER ZIMET: A website has been set up to provide meals for Esther Zimet who is recuperating at home. Please go to www.takethemameal.com and enter "zimet" and the password "6821".

**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: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

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.

JOINT SEUDA SHLISHIT - Sept. 15: HIR and Beth Aharon combine for Seuda Shlishit in the Main Lobby. Sponsored by Fran Oz for the simcha of her first grandchild Rachel Oz, born in Israel, and the blessing of Aliyah to Israel of her children Yoel & Rebecca Oz, and by Bonnie & Isaac Geld in honor of their retirements. Come celebrate new stages in life with food, song, and divrei Torah.



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. Suggested donation: \$10/person or \$25/family. 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.



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)

Beyond the Bayit

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.

LISHMA - YCT'S 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 Wednesday through Friday mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm (Friday until 10:30am), at YCT on the 2nd Fl of the Bayit. 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 **Wed., Sept. 5**.

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.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Wed., Sept. 12, 5:00pm: Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice from people who are actively caring for a loved one. Where: Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or akirshblum@jbfc.org. Suggested \$18 donation. Presented by the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFC.

HIGH HOLIDAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM - Wed., Sept 12, 6:30pm: This free program for bereaved Jews who are grieving the loss of a loved one, will explore ways to find meaning & comfort in the themes of the High Holidays. It will take place at the JCC, 334 Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St. Please RSVP by **Fri., Sept. 7** to Ilana Weinstein at weinstein@jbfc.org or 212-632-4693. Presented by the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFC and the JCC in Manhattan.

MA'AYANOT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY YOM IYUN - Sun., Sept. 23, 9:00am: The Yom Iyun will begin with a shiur by keynote speaker Mrs. Suzanne Cohen on the topic *"From Robber to Rabbi: The Unique Teshuva of Resh Lakish,"* followed by additional shiurim by members of the Ma'ayanot faculty. Both men and women are welcome. Will be held at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls located at 1650 Palisade Ave. For additional information call 212-833-4307.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to **Karen Jordan** for donating office supplies to the Bayit office.

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

HIR GIFT CARDS - SUNDAY, SEPT. 9th

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.

The Kosher Market on the Upper Westside is now participating in the HIR Scrip program. They will issue gift certificates in the denomination that you choose and will rebate the shul 5% of the amount.

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 info. on volunteering or to place an order email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.

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.