

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

This week's healthy Kiddush is sponsored by Beit Aharon, Tefillat Shalom Bayit, YHIR and the main tefillah.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Beshalach

- Candle Lighting: 4:57pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:00pm
- Shacharit - UNITY TEFILLAH: 8:10am
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:36am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:50pm
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 6:02pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30am, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:10pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Yitro

- Candle Lighting: 5:06pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:10pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 6:10pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Sharon Koren & Matthew Cohen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Tamar Ariel.

Welcome to New Members:

Gabi & Gershon Strauchler and Lore Rasch.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

YACHAD SHABBATON: We are excited to welcome our YACHAD friends for Shabbat! These guests include friends with special needs and their advisors, who help ensure their well-being, as well as teens who have come to experience a Shabbat at the Bayit with their YACHAD friends. Everyone is invited to join YACHAD and Abraham & Sarah's Tent for a **Friday night** Shabbat dinner and the whole community is encouraged to join for a special Seuda Shlishit with YACHAD, hosted by the Bayit. On **Sat. night**, participants of the Shabbaton will have a special hip-hop treat, followed by ice cream sundaes. To sponsor please email Menachem Menchel at menachem@thebayit.org.



UNITY TEFILLAH: All our tefillot will be joining together this **Shabbat morning, Feb. 4**, for one combined Tefillah at 8:30am in the Main Sanctuary. (Korbanot will be at 8:10am). Please pick up a guide to the service on the table in the lobby.

TALK FOLLOWING TEFILLAH with Dr. Maya Shetreat-Klein - "The Torah of Healthy Eating": In anticipation of Tu Bishvat, Dr. Shetreat-Klein will speak about how to treat the Earth - and our bodies - right, with healthy eating practices, and why they matter. This 20-25 minute talk, in lieu of the regular drasha, will follow immediately after Mussaf, around 11:15am.



KAVVANAH TEFILLAH: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation, study and song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic requirements of Shacharit will be met. Room 3-1. The next Kavvanah will take place this Sunday, **February 5** at 9:00am.

HIR SUPER BOWL PARTY THIS SUN., FEB. 5, 5:30PM: Family friendly atmosphere and fun for all. Cost: \$10/person; \$25/family. RSVP to James Lapin at jwlpin@yahoo.com. Invite friends! Sponsored by **Riverdale Wellness Group**. Thank you to **Yudin's Electronics** for donating the Grand Prize for this year's raffle.



Beth Aharon's Tu Bishvat Seder - Tues., Feb. 7 at 5:30pm: Join us for a great Tu Bishvat Seder and dinner after tefillat Arvit. Bring the kids and let them decorate a pot and plant a flower to celebrate the holiday. Free and open to all Bayit members, families and friends. Please RSVP by this Sun. night, Feb. 5 via email to bethaharon@yahoo.com.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: The next Women's Tefillah will take place **next Shabbat, Feb. 11**, 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

SPECIAL TALK WITH DR. HANNAH KEHAT AFTER MUSSAF: "Receiving the Torah by Women". Dr. Kehat is the Founder and Executive Director of Kolech: The Religious Women's Forum. She has a Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy from Hebrew University, and has received many awards for her work on religion and feminism.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Professor Zvi Zohar: "Women, Torah, Mitzvot and Rabbinic Authority - a subversive reading of Eshet Hayyil by hakham Yisrael Ya'akov elGhazi, Jerusalem's chief rabbi c. 1750". Dr. Zohar is Chauncy Stillman Professor of Sephardic Law and Ethics at Bar Ilan University, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

SAT. NIGHT BNEI AKIVA OPENING EVENT - 7:00pm: Join us for an entertaining night of **MINUTE TO WIN IT!** As seen on TV! For more information please see Youth Page on page 3.

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2012 dues. Your support keeps our building open and allows us to offer a full slate of programs. For those of you who have been procrastinating please send in your payment or call the office about setting up a monthly plan. We hope to thank each member who has committed to being a Bayit member for 2012 by name starting next week. As always Bayit membership is open to all. Please contact our Executive Director, Richard Langer or David Schwartz if you need any special consideration.

CHAVAYA - Bayit Cultural Enrichment Program continues.
Brochures are available on the table in the lobby. See details on Page 2.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Rav Avi's classes will not take place this week. They will resume in March.

Rabba Sara's Tuesday shiur will begin this week at 10:00am.

Shabbat

3:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Lobby)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Lobby)*
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 - The Unique and The Sublime: Biblical Characters with Rabba Sara (Lobby)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study (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.

UPCOMING SHABBAT SPEAKERS

Mark your calendars for these terrific presentations!

2/18 Dr. Jon Greenberg - *Torahflora.org*: "Freud: Anatomy is destiny. Greenberg: Botany is theology!" (after Mincha)

2/25 Rivka Haut: part of our "Va-ani Tefillati: Personal Perspectives on Prayer" series (after Mincha)

3/3 Rachel Kirschbaum - Middle School Judaics Faculty, Ramaz School (after Mincha)

3/10 Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt: part of our "Va-ani Tefillati: Personal Perspectives on Prayer" series (after Mincha)

3/17 Steven Fine - "Jews and Judaism in Byzantium and Islam: Age of Transition" - A New Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

POTS SOUP KITCHEN

Calling all teens, join us on Sun., Feb. 26, from 11:45am - 4:15pm for our monthly staffing of a family soup kitchen. The following dates are: Mar. 25, Apr. 29, May 13 and Jun. 10. If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or 917-885-4542. There are 4 spots available each month.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week the tent is joining our YACHAD Shabbaton for Friday night dinner. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES: We will be screening films on upcoming Saturday nights at the Bayit at 7:30pm. Critically acclaimed films of interest about Israel, Jewish identity, Yiddish culture, and other areas. Mark your calendars! \$5/film. Light refreshments served - including popcorn! Dates: 2/11, 2/25, and 3/10. Please note the new beginning date.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The February birthday kiddush will take place on Shabbat, Feb. 18. If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a February birthday, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/HIRbirthday>.



THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. All are invited! Please note: this class is now on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (not Tuesdays) and is relocating to the 3rd FL, Room 3-3. Upcoming dates: 4/4, 5/2, 6/6.

WELCOMING TO OUR BAYIT: If you would like friends or family welcomed on Shabbat morning, you can now enter their names in this link: <http://tinyurl.com/bayit-shabbat-welcome>. Please continue to make our Bayit welcoming by introducing yourself to at least one new person every Shabbat and by inviting new families to join you for a Shabbat meal. Not every "new" face is new to Riverdale, but if they are new to you, that's what counts.

NEW HIR WEBSITE: Our new website is coming soon! To access all the features you will need to login to your account. Please use your preferred e-mail address to send a message to Richard@thebayit.org to ensure that we have your correct info.

MEET THE BAYIT PRESIDENT: Do you have an issue or idea you'd like to share with Bayit president, David Schwartz? David is holding "office hours" on Sunday mornings at the Bayit. To schedule an appointment, please contact Shuli at Shuli@thebayit.org or 718-796-4730 x102.

TEEN TEFILLAH TRAINING WITH BA'AL TEFILLAH DR. ELLI KRANZLER:

This is a chance for you, our teens, to learn how to lead tefillah. Basic skills and inspiration from our dear ba'al tefillah Dr. Elli Kranzler, in a safe and encouraging environment with personal attention. This group will meet for four Shabbat afternoons between Mincha and Maariv: 2/18, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31.



Calling all Shpiel inspired people!
If you'd like to be involved in the Purim Program please contact Melissa Bulman at mrb284@nyu.edu or 718-543-0124 as soon as possible! All ages welcome!

CHAVAYA: Bayit Culture Enrichment Program Continues: the 2nd semester of Chavaya will begin **the week of Feb. 22**. We have added Israeli Dancing and a Willy Wonka children's performance, in addition to Hip Hop, Haftorah Trop, Mah Jongg, Tai Chi, Art, Chess, and Drama. Each six-week class costs \$95. Registration is now open. To sign up online please go to www.hir.org. For questions, please contact Richard Langer at Richard@thebayit.org.

Featuring our new "try it before you buy it" registration option:

Trial Class: \$15 for first session only

Full Semester: \$90 for 6 sessions

Pay by session: \$25/class




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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>



Shabbat Morning Groups:

9:30am-11:30pm



- Room 3-4: **NURSERY**
- Room 3-5: **PRE-K**
- Room 3-6: **KINDERGARTEN**
- 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)]
- Room 3-3: **GRADES 1 & 2**
- Room 3-7: **GRADES 3 & 4**
- Room 3-2: **JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

Sunday, March 4
Pre-Purim Inclusion & Diversity Appreciation Day @ The Bayit

- Musical Tefillah for the whole Community
- Mishloach Manot making and deliveries for homebound
- Puppet show promoting understanding, awareness and appreciation of diverse abilities and disabilities

We are looking for sponsorship for this event.
For more information, please contact Menachem

**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!**



EVENTS



This Shabbat!
 Annual SAR High School-YACHAD Shabbaton at the Bayit!
 All **high school students** welcome to join.
 Please contact Menachem to sign up.
 Entire community is invited for Seudah Shelishit.
Saturday Night HIP HOP Activity!
Sponsorships Available & Appreciated

Next Weekend, February 11th
***Tu B'Shevat Program**
Shabbat Morning at groups!
***Saturday Night Riverdale Bnei Akiva**
Kickoff Event @ The Bayit
All 1st-5th Graders Invited to play
"MINUTE to WIN IT!"
Raffles, Prizes and Snacks
Admission is FREE!



This shabbat:

****TORAH TIME RETURNS!** Come on time because at 9:45am, Menachem will be sharing an interactive story.

Teen Tefillah
 The next Teen Tefillah will be meeting in a few weeks.

Tot Shabbat
 We would like to thank Elliott Rabin for volunteering to lead Tot Shabbat this week.

We are still looking for a sponsor for this week's youth groups snacks.
Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AND APPRECIATED
 We invite families to sponsor snacks at a Shabbat morning group this year. Party option available to sponsor in honor of your child's birthday.
For more information please contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu or Menachem

V'Shinantam!
 Parent-child Torah study meets 45 minutes after Shabbat is over, in the 2nd floor Beit Medrash. Join friends and family for Torah and Pizza. This week there will be extra parent-child learning time because Menachem will not be leading a discussion.



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
 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.

MEALS FOR THE BLANK FAMILY: Judith Blank continues to be in our prayers, and more meals are needed for her family. Please sign up at www.TakeThemAMeal.com - Family name: Blank, and Password: Judith. For more info. contact Jackie Binstock at 718-543-9135 or jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com.

A BAYIT FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP: Daniel & Shlomit Brock need our community support as Shlomit battles lung cancer. If you are able to donate money to help with childcare, please send a check to Chabad of Riverdale 535 W. 246th St. Riverdale, NY 10471 made out to Chabad Chesed Fund, with Shlomit Brock in the memo line.

**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, baronaj1@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

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. (In partnership with UJA and JBFCs)



HIR Gift Card Program: Plan for your shopping using gift cards! Cards available for Fairway, Skyview, Corner Cafe, Glatz Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market and many more. Email order to hircards@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.

Beyond the Bayit

UNCLE MOISHY AND THE MITZVAH MEN: Gan Miriam & RJC will present this show for children on Sun., Feb. 5 at 11:00am, at the RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. For more information please contact Amy at ganrjc@gmail.com or call 718-543-2553 or Bella/Jennifer at 718-548-1850. Credit cards will be accepted by the RJC office only.

SHALOM TASK FORCE LECTURE @ RJC: Shalom Task Force is a non-profit organization, promoting healthy marriages and peaceful family relationships. They will be hosting guest speaker Dr. David Pelcovitz on Wed., Feb. 8, 8:00pm at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. Dr. Pelcovitz will speak about "The Funds, Faith, Family and Friends of Happy People". For more information go to www.shalomtaskforce.org or call 212-742-1478.

ADULT YOGA: Danna Liebert, a certified yoga instructor, is offering adult Yoga classes Wednesdays from 8:15pm - 9:30pm on the 3rd floor at HIR. Gain flexibility, strength and vitality through the practice of yoga. The next dates are: Feb. 8, 15. Cost: \$100/6 classes or \$20 single class drop-in. All levels of experience welcome. Please email dannadurga@aol.com or visit www.groundedgrowthyoga.com if you would like more information.

GAN MIRIAM OPEN HOUSE: Gan Miriam Early Learning Center will be hosting an open house for the new Gan Cochavim for 2 year old children at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. On Mon., Feb. 13 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions prior to this event please contact us any time at 718-543-2553 or ganrjc@gmail.com.

"AHEAD OF TIME" FILM @CSAIR: Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale will present a free screening of the award-winning documentary "Ahead of Time" on Thurs., Feb. 16, 7:45pm at 475 W. 250th St. A discussion following the film will be lead by Patti Kennar, the film's Executive Producer. For additional info. Please call 718-543-8400 or visit www.csair.org.

FREE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CPR COURSE: This course will be offered by Riverdale Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Corps for the layperson (regardless of whether you have prior CPR or other medical training). This course will cover adult and child CPR skills, the Heimlich maneuver and use of an AED for adults, children and infants. The course will take place on Sun., Mar. 4 at 5:00pm in Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. For more info. Please contact Charlie Wohlberg at 914-261-1557 or charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com.

SUMMER ISRAEL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS: UJA-Federation of New York's Israel Experience Center provides both needs-based and merit scholarships. Scholarship details and eligibility requirements can be found here: <http://www.ujafedny.org/teen-programs/>. Please contact Rav Steven if you are interested in applying. Deadline is Wed., Mar. 7.

YCT'S 9TH ANNUAL TRIBUTE DINNER: This dinner will be held on Sun., Mar. 11, 5:00pm at the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St., New York City. Honoring our own Madeline & Hillel Jaffe, Community Leadership Award. Gilda & Rabbi Marc Angel, Rabbinic Leadership Award, and Vida & Dr. Oscar Leibold, Tikkun Olam Award. For more information please contact Noya Lavie at nlavie@yctorah.org or call 212-666-0036.

HATZALAH MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS: Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot Cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599 in the evenings. Support Hatzalah in its life-saving work.

LARGE-PRINT SIDDURIM: The Jewish Braille Institute (JBI) publishes a Large Print edition of the complete Birnbaum Siddur in two spiral bound volumes. The siddurim are available free of charge to individuals who are visually impaired. Other publications and audio materials are also available. For information, please contact the JBI at 212-889-2525 or visit them on the web at www.jbilibrary.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.