

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

There is no Kiddush this week.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemot

- Candle Lighting: 4:32pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:41am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:35pm
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:36pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 8:30am (MLK Jr. Day)
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:45pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Va'era

- Candle Lighting: 4:40pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:25pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:44pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Beverly & Ted Fettman on the engagement of their daughter **Judy** to Marc Dreyfuss. To Marc's parents Rochelle & Robert Dreyfuss.

Bayit members **Jack Lew & Ruth Schwartz** and family on Jack's appointment as White House Chief of Staff. May you go me-chayil el-chayil, from strength to strength.

Shani & David Schwartz on Bubbie Nora Schwartz's 99th birthday. In honor of Nora's birthday, Shani & David will be one of the sponsors for the January birthday kiddush next week. If someone dear to you has a January birthday, please contact Arielle Berger of the Kiddush Committee at hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

FRIDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S SERVICE with Menachem Menchel: All children of the Bayit are welcome to partake in a 25 minute Shabbat program with Menachem including a tefillah, activity and Kiddush with snack! 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, immediately following Lecha Dodi.

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"A Modern Orthodox Leader: Excerpts from Rav Lichtenstein's New Book *Mevakshei Fanekha*."



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 3-6. January Kavvanah will take place this Sunday, **January 15** at 9:00am.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST BEN CHANEY JOINS REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK & THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR MONDAY, JAN. 16 - 7:00PM



Remember those who stood up!

New this year - the evening will open with a powerful presentation by Civil Rights activist **Ben Chaney**. Mr. Chaney will describe the fate of his brother, James Chaney, who along with companions Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, were murdered in 1964 by members of the Ku Klux Klan while advocating for African American rights in Mississippi.

And celebrate what they accomplished!

Celebrate the accomplishments of those who stood up for Civil Rights with Reverend Hambrick and the Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir.

In Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Guest Performance by **Neshama Carlebach**.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH - Please join as we resume our spirited tefillah after a brief hiatus. 9:00am in the LL BM. Help ensuring a minyan will be greatly appreciated.

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI - Shiur with Rabbi Dov Linzer

"Tzniut, Halacha and the Male Gaze"

In light of recent events in Israel, Rabbi Linzer will guide our study of central texts on the development of the concept of modesty in halakha. Tefillah will go straight through with no drasha, and the 40 minute talk will begin at 11:00am. Please join us for this important limud.

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Josh Strosberg

"It Happened at Midnight...": The Witching Hour in Midrash and Halacha

JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The January birthday kiddush will take place next Shabbat, **Jan. 21**. If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a January birthday, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/HIRbirthday>.



שבת שלום!



HOLISTIC PARENTING: "Children Outside the Box" with Aviva Adler - **Sun. night, Jan. 22, 8:00pm**. Discover a holistic way to view children and innovative ways to address their learning issues. Aviva is a learning specialist who focuses on the social, psychological, spiritual, and cognitive aspects of learning. She specializes in Hebrew and English subjects with children ages 3yrs through college.

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

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

3:35pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

After Mincha - 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 (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 (Lower Level Beit Midrash)

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.



BAYIT EXPEDITION TO SEE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS - Thursday, Feb. 2

Join Rav Steven and your friends from the Bayit for a trip to the extraordinary Discovery Times Square exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls and many artifacts from Jewish antiquity. Cost \$40/person covers admission and round trip bus fare. Bus leaves the Bayit Feb. 2 at

11:30am and returns around 4:00pm. Sign up by calling the Bayit at 718-796-4730 or emailing your reservation to office@thebayit.org.

Reservations and payment due by January 23.



HIR SUPER BOWL PARTY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 5:30PM

This will be a family friendly atmosphere and fun for all. The cost is \$10/person; \$25/family. Bring another person and you each save a dollar on a raffle ticket!!

Want to win electronics or a professional massage? If so, then you'll definitely want to buy raffle tickets. They are 1 for \$5 or 4 for \$18. Must designate each ticket as either AFC or NFC. You don't need to be present to win. Email jwlapin@yahoo.com for more information.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week the tent is sponsored anonymously in honor of Ann & James Lapin. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

CHAVAYA - THE BAYIT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Hip Hop/Jazz Dance will meet **this Sat. night, Jan. 14**, at 8:00pm with Sara Pultman. Women only, all ages. Our next session of Chavaya, including Tai Chi, Yoga and Art will begin the week of **Feb. 22**. New course brochures coming soon.

JOIN THE HIR COMMUNITY CHOIR: The HIR Community Choir is resuming its 10th season with rehearsals beginning **Wed. evening, Jan. 25** at 7:30pm, in the social hall. Current, former and new members are invited to participate. Concerts for Yom Ha'atzmaut are planned for the spring. For further information contact director Jonathan Dzik at JFDzik326@aol.com or 718-549-8520.

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! Stay tuned for film titles to follow. \$5/film. Light refreshments served - including popcorn! Dates: 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, and 3/10. Please note the new beginning date.

YHIR TEFILLAH MEETS JAN. 28: YHIR returns after a long hiatus. Join for tefillah at 9:15am and lunch to follow. Stay tuned for details. Please contact chulent@gmail.com to help with tefillah and Torah reading or lunch sponsorship.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., Feb. 1, 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 Lower Level Lobby. Upcoming dates: 3/14, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6.

UNITY TEFILLAH FEB. 4: All our minyanim will be joining together on **Shabbat, Feb. 4**, for one combined Tefillah at 8:30am in the Main Sanctuary. Preparing for the Unity Tefillah provides learning opportunities over the next few weeks to explain the process of merging different prayer styles and how the service will be conducted. Feb. 4 is also the weekend of our annual YACHAD Shabbaton and we look forward to their joining us for true Unity Tefillah.

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NEW HIR WEBSITE: Our new website is coming soon! When it goes live the online Bayit calendar will be in iCal format - meaning you can sync to your personal electronic calendar. Stay tuned for more details about all the new features.

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.

SUPPORTING AN ETHIOPIAN STUDENT: Your support for an Ethiopian student at an Israeli College helps build the next generation of leaders in Israel. Your contribution will help fund an \$1100 a year stipend to a promising Ethiopian student. Checks may be made payable to HIR with memo: "Ethiopian student". Thank you!



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.

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-11:30am



- 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**

We are so glad to welcome you and your children to Shabbat morning youth groups. Groups are meant to provide a setting that is first and foremost safe, and that supports an interactive educational experience, that is fun and enjoyable.

Please remain respectful of the groups and the groups leaders who are running your child's groups. Parents are welcome to stand outside the groups room while your child is acclimating, but if your child needs extra assistance transitioning, please speak to Menachem, so that he can establish special arrangements for you and your child.

Looking forward to seeing you Shabbat morning!

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 Friday night, January 13

All children of the Bayit are welcome to join Menachem immediately after Kabbalat Shabbat for a 25 minute program with a Shabbat activity, Tefillah and snack with Kiddush. Everyone is welcome!

Next Sunday, January 22: 10am

FAMILY TEFILLAH RETURNS!

Parents and children of all ages are invited to a musical Tefillah led by Hillel Broder & Menachem. Everyone gets their own instrument! Breakfast and an arts & crafts activity following Tefillah.

\$5/child; \$3/members

Sunday, January 29

Join friends as the youth department goes to see the classic Broadway show, ANNIE, performed by the Riverdale Children's Theatre, including some of our very own members and group leaders!

For more information, please contact Menachem

This shabbat:

****All Kids are invited to a skit performed by 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Graders at groups this Shabbat, in celebration of diversity and the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 11am in the 2nd floor Beit Midrash.****

Teen Tefillah

Will meet next Shabbat
Jan. 21st.

TEENS!

The Youth Department has a few open spots for groups leaders for the rest of the year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Menachem.

This week's youth group snacks are sponsored by the Katchen family. Thank you for your support!

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. At the conclusion, Menachem will be leading a discussion on values relating to this week's Parasha.

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

HOME NEEDED: We are looking for a family who may be interested in adopting twin boys who are 5 and a 7 year old girl. If you would like to learn more about this please call Rabba Sara at 718-796-4730 x108 or e-mail rabbasara@thebayit.org.

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.

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.

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.

**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

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 JBFC)

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.

Beyond the Bayit

SHIUR WITH WENDY ZIERLER AT CSAIR: Wendy Zierler, Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies, at Hebrew Union College is teaching a class titled "The Short Fiction of S.Y. Agnon." The next two classes will take place on **Mondays, Jan. 16 & 23** from 7:45pm - 9:30pm at CSAIR, 475 W. 250th St. Advanced registration required. To sign up please call 718-543-8400.

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: **Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 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.

MEET YOUR NY STATE SENATORS AT KCI: The Kingsbridge Center of Israel, will be hosting a special briefing from your state representatives, Adriano Espaillat & Gustavo Rivera, on the upcoming legislative session in Albany. You will also receive a report on Sen. Espaillat's recent trip to Israel. This event will take place on **Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:30pm**, at 3115 Corlear Ave. & 231st St. For more information or to RSVP please contact Judy Sonett, with the office of Sen. Espaillat at 212-544-0174.

RIVERDALE CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS - ANNIE: Starring: Shira Schleifer as Annie, Meitarel Glas as a Boylan Sister and Sophie and Sara Rose Greenberg as Cecille. Performances are: **1/21** at 8:00pm, **1/22** at 2:00pm & 6:00pm, **1/28** at 8:00pm and **1/29** at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.riverdaletheatre.org.

SAR 43RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER: This dinner will be held on Motzaei Shabbat, **Jan. 28.** Honoring our own **Judith & Harry Ballan**, Guests of Honor and **Abbie & Moshe Greenberg**, Special Keter Shem Tov Award. Also honored this year, Stephanie Schneider Minkove, Community Service Award and Milly Rosner, Faculty Award. For further information, to place a journal ad, or to make reservations, please visit www.sardinner.org, or contact Rachel Spinner at spinner@saracademy.org.

THE HILARIOUS COMEDY TALENTS OF STEVEN SCOTT: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. will be hosting a comedy show on **Sun., Jan. 29 11:00am.** The show, hosted by Steven Scott (www.stevenscott.tv) will include lunch and a Chinese Auction. For reservation please call 718-884-6105.

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@yctora.org or call 212-666-0036.

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REGISTRATION FOR GAN MIRIAM: Gan Miriam registration is nearly closed for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested in Gan Bet (older 3's and young 4's) or Gan Alef (pre-k), please be in touch with us as soon as possible as we have limited space in each class. Our current 3's class (Gan Chai) is closed, but we are happy to put families on our waiting list. If you would like more information please contact us at 718-543-2553 or ganrjc@gmail.com.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING HAS BEEN MOVED TO CSAIR: Please join us every Tuesday evening, 7:30pm - 9:30pm at the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, on Henry Hudson Parkway and 250 St. Folkdancing includes old favorites like Erev Ba and Hora Hakatana, as well as traditional Yemenite and contemporary Israeli Dances, led by Gabi Gabay. Cost per class: \$10. For more information please call 718-543-8400.

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.