

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

For the January Birthday Kiddush sponsors see box on page 2.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Va'era

- Candle Lighting: 4:40pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (LL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:15am (Room 3-1)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:41am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:40pm
- Mincha: 4:25pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:44pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tue/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Wed: 6:30, 8:00am (Rosh Chodesh Shevat)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:55pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Bo

- Candle Lighting: 4:49pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:50pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:53pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Beth & David Braunstein on the birth of a grandson to their children **Yvette & Ari Braunstein**. Special mazal tov to great-grandmothers Pauline Braunstein and Selma Anshen.

Ruth & Zvi Herzel on the birth of a grandson to their children **Benay & Eyal Knaany**. To big brother Shaked Aviv. To grandparents Miriam & Avner Knaany in Rishon L'tzion, Israel. Great grandchild of Flora Benjamin Rabinovitch z"l.

Harriet & Joseph Sassoon on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Tani**, son of **David & Erica Sassoon**, brother to Shayna, Tzachi and Segal. Mazal Tov to the entire family.

This 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. Healthy kiddush will follow. Contributions of healthy, unopened, acceptably kosher certified snacks welcome!

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 tzniut (modesty) in halacha. Tefillah will go straight through with no drasha, and the 40 minute talk will begin at 11:00am. Please join us for this important limmud. Children's groups will take place from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Please see page 2 of this bulletin for the full list of sponsors. The February birthday kiddush will take place on **Feb. 18**. If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a February birthday, please contact hirkiddush@gmail.com.

GUEST PARSHA SHIUR with Yael Zand - 3:40pm: "Exploring the Makkot (Plagues)"

Yael Zand grew up in Allentown, PA and has enjoyed teaching Torah since her high school days. Yael holds a Master's in elementary education from Teachers College and has taught in public and private elementary schools. She teaches 2nd grade at Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan.



BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Josh Strosberg

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



HOLISTIC PARENTING: "Children Outside the Box" with Aviva Adler - **This 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.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

LEARNING SERVICE: Learning Service will take place **next Shabbat, Jan. 28** from 9:30am - 11:00am in Room 3-1 with Rabbi Moshe Edelman. Upcoming dates are **Feb. 18** and **Mar. 10**.

YHIR TEFILLAH RETURNS - WITH LUNCH: Our Young HIR Tefillah returns. All are welcome for tefillah at 9:15am and lunch to follow. Please contact chulent@gmail.com to help with tefillah and Torah reading or lunch sponsorship and to register for lunch. Sign up for lunch: \$18/adult, \$40/family. Sign up at www.paypal.com by sending to hirsocial@gmail.com or mail in a check to the office, memo: YHIR 1/28 Luncheon, or call the office with your credit card.

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - SHIUR with Rabbi Brad Hirschfield

"Does Prayer Work?"

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield is an author, columnist for both Fox News and WashingtonPost.com and serves as President of Clal - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.



This is the first in our "Va'ani Tefillati" series - inviting communal religious leaders to speak personally on the challenges and inspirations of prayer on Shabbat afternoons after Mincha.

FILM NIGHT - "Neshoba: The Price of Freedom" - 7:30pm: Our film series begins where our MLK evening left off. We'll be showing the full 90 minute film about the struggle to bring the "Mississippi Burning" killers to justice. Light refreshments served. Recommended donation \$5. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

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)

3:40pm - Parsha Shiur with Yael Zand (Main Sanctuary)

After Mincha - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Josh Strosberg (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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Today's Kiddush is sponsored by: Marvin Stiglitz in honor of his birthday; Shani & David Schwartz in honor of Bubbie Nora Schwartz's 99th birthday; Michelle Cutler in honor of Alan and Annette Cutler's birthdays; Elana, Chana and Matan Rosenthal in honor of Alan Rosenthal's birthday; Rav Avi & Toby Weiss in honor of Dena Weiss Levie's birthday; Charlie Hall in honor of Paula Sinclair's birthday; Carole & Sy Oshinsky in honor of Ari, Shira Leah, and Naomi Oshinsky, and David Lee's birthdays; Roberta & Bernard Horowitz in honor of their granddaughter, Star Binyamin's, fourth birthday; Peter Singer in honor of his birthday; Amy Koplow in honor of Dalia Miller's birthday; Lisa Licht Hirsch in honor of Ruth Licht, Danny Hirsch and Malka Hirsch's birthdays.

Additional sponsors: Bonnie & Isaac Geld in honor of their 21st anniversary. Stuart Olsen to commemorate the yahrzeits of his wife Ann and mother Ruth. Charlotte Cohen to commemorate the yahrzeit of her husband Max Cohen.

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: Join us this Friday night for a Shabbat meal after services. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

CHAVAYA - THE BAYIT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: The next Hip Hop/Jazz Dance will meet this Sat. night, Jan. 21, 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.

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 tefillot will be joining together on Shabbat morning, 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.

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation, study and song. Light breakfast follows. Halakic requirements of Shacharit will be met. Room 3-1. February Kavvanah will take place on Sun., Feb. 5 at 9:00am.

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!



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.



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!



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.

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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:

10:00am-12:00pm



- 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

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. 3rd floor of the Bayit: rooms 3-5/3-6
\$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

Shabbat, February 3-4

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.
Sponsorships Available & Appreciated

This Shabbat:

****In honor of Shabbat Chovevei, Tefillah will be extended and will end at approximately 12pm. In order to accommodate the schedule, this Shabbat, groups will be starting at 10am and ending at 12pm.****

Teen Tefillah

Teen Tefillah will be meeting this Shabbat at **9:30am** in the Teen Lounge, 3rd floor (room 3-1) After Tefillah, we will enjoy a hot Kiddush.
To sponsor Kiddush, please contact Menachem

This week's youth group snacks are sponsored by the Maydan family in honor of David's birthday. Happy birthday and 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

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.TakeTheMeal.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

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to Barry Bender and to all those who helped make our MLK celebration so successful. For a taste of the evening, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J08VSp000QA>.

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 or Rabba Sara Hurwitz at rabbasara@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@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA and JBFCs)

UPCOMING SHABBAT SPEAKERS

Mark your calendars for these terrific presentations! Details to follow:

2/11 Dr. Chana Kehat - founder of Kolech: "Receiving the Torah by Women" (after Mussaf)

2/11 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" (after Mincha)

2/18 Dr. Jon Greenberg: "Torah Flora" (after Mincha)

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

Beyond the Bayit

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.

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. 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.

SAR 43RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER: This dinner will be held on Motzaei Shabbat, Jan. 28. Honoring our own Judith & Harry Ballan, Guests of Honor and also 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.

YIDDISH POETRY: The Sholem Aleichem Cultural in the Bronx, located at 3301 Bainbridge Ave., corner 208th St. will be hosting a special poetry presentation in Yiddish by Dr. Sholem Berger M.D. Johns Hopkins University. This presentation will be followed by a musical program - Yiddish Song with Anthony Russell. On Sun., Jan. 29, 1:30pm. For more information call 917-930-0295.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

Shabbat Shalom!

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.