

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

There is no Kiddush this Shabbat.

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

This Week Shabbat Parshat Bo

- Candle Lighting: 4:49pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:50pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- YHIR Tefillah: 9:15am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (Room 3-1)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:39am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:50pm
- Mincha: 4:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:53pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Beshalach

- Candle Lighting: 4:57pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:00pm
- Shacharit - UNITY TEFILLAH: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 6:02pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Keren & Elan Schneider on the birth of a son. To grandparents **Jean & Phil Schneider** and Joanie & Yehuda Sapir. To big siblings Chananya and Temima. Shalom Zachar at the home of Jean & Phil Schneider, 3935 Blackstone Ave., #7B, this Friday night at 8:15pm. Bris will follow 8:00am Shacharit on Monday.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

LEARNING SERVICE: Learning Service will take place **this 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. To get involved with future events please email chulent@gmail.com.

SHABBAT DRASHA with Rav Steven: "Hilkhot Unity Tefillah: How Can We Pray Together?"

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.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - This 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 3rd FL, Room 3-3. Upcoming dates: 3/14, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6.



BAYIT EXPEDITION TO SEE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS - Thurs., 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. **Extended deadline: Monday, January 30.**



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit



YACHAD SHABBATON: We're thrilled to welcome our YACHAD friends for Shabbat! Please join us for spirited and participatory tefillot, a special Seuda Shlishit, and Hip Hop on Motzei Shabbat.

UNITY TEFILLAH: All our tefillot will be joining together on **Shabbat morning, Feb. 4**, for one combined Tefillah at 8:30am in the Main Sanctuary. (Korbanot will be at 8:10am). More information will follow on the format of tefillah.

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 11:00am.

SEUDA SHLISHIT WITH YACHAD: We'll sing and share divrei Torah, and help our YACHAD friends feel truly at home in our Bayit.

Our Capital Campaign 2012 officially kicks off this Sunday. Thank you to all the volunteers who will be making calls and reaching out to individual members.
Please give generously.



HIR SUPER BOWL PARTY - SUN., FEB. 5, 5:30PM

See inside page for info on how to sign up and partake in our raffle.

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)
3:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Shiur with Rabbi Brad Hirschfeld (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!

2/11 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 - 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)

HIR SUPER BOWL PARTY ON SUN., FEB. 5, 5:30PM

This will be a family friendly atmosphere and fun for all. Cost: \$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 info.

Happenings @ the Bayit

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

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. February Kavvanah will take place on Sun., Feb. 5 at 9:00am.

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

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! 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.

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.

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 opens on Feb. 2.** For questions, please contact Richard Langer at Richard@thebayit.org.

Special Offer - Trial class - \$15: Attend the first session and then decide! Not sure if the class is for you? Attend one session and if you like it - register for the balance of the semester.

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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!

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.

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**

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

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.

Saturday Night HIP HOP Activity!

Sponsorships Available & Appreciated



**PURIM @ THE BAYIT
IT'S COMING!**

This shabbat:

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

****At 10:30am, a number of kids from the 3rd & 4th grade group will be performing an Israeli song/dance for the entire youth department!**

Teen Tefillah

Teen Tefillah is not meeting this Shabbat.

1st & 2nd Grade Group

Tefillah, Parasha, and special chulent kiddush with Menachem from 10:00-10:30am!

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. 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.

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, Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market and many more. Email order to hirlgiftcards@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.

שבת שלום!

Beyond the Bayit

SAR 43RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER: This dinner will be held this Motzaei Shabbat, Jan. 28. Honoring our own **Judith & Harry Ballan**, Guests of Honor and also **Abbie & Moshe Greenberg**, Special Keter Shem Tov Award. To make a reservation please email Rachel Spinner at spinner@saracademy.org.

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: 1/28 at 8:00pm and 1/29 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.riverdaletheatre.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.

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.

NYPD 50TH PRECINCT BLOOD DRIVE: Our local NYPD precinct will be holding a blood drive on Tues., Jan. 31, from 10:00am - 4:00pm at 3450 Kingsbridge Ave. For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

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. 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.

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.

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 Lebow, Tikun Olam Award. For more information please contact Noya Lavie at nlavie@yctarah.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 FOLK DANCING 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.