

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 Vayechi

- Candle Lighting: 4:25pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30pm
- Tefillat 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: 3:40pm
- Mincha: 4:10pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:29pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemot

- Candle Lighting: 4:32pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:36pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Aviva & Laurence Nash on the birth of a son. To big siblings **Galya, Ravi** and **Na'ami**. To grandparents Jeanette & Cookie Cohen and Arlene & Harry Nash.

Tsuri Gadasi and **Brooke Gadasi** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Asaf**. To siblings **Yoshi** and **Daniel**.

Hadassah Schultz on the upcoming marriage of her grandson Aaron Ben-Zion Schultz to Chava Avigayil Rubin. To parents Debra & David Schultz of L.A., CA and Hindy & Stuart Rubin of Boca Raton, FL.

Welcome to New Members:

Sharon & Yeshayahu Schlesinger.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

NEW KOREN SACKS SIDDIRIM AVAILABLE BEGINNING THIS SHABBAT:



We're excited to introduce the Koren Sacks Siddur into our tefillot! They will be available on the shelves beginning this Shabbat thanks to a generous donation by the Glickman, Glick and Mayouhas Families in memory of Bernie Glickman, their beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Dedications for future siddurim can continue to be made towards the purchase of more Koren Sacks siddurim. The Artscroll siddurim will continue to be available for tefillot, and page announcements will be made in both siddurim.

We hope that the translations, explanations, and worldview of this new siddur will foster an uplifting and meaningful personal and communal tefillah for all of us.

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah will meet **this Shabbat, Jan. 7, 9:00am** in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash.

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - SHIUR WITH RAV STEVEN: "Sheimot: Can I Throw Away My Parsha Sheet?" We'll examine the halakhic origins of this important area of halakhah and examine the current positions on its very practical applications.

LEARNING SERVICE SIDDIR CLASS: Sunday January 8th, 9:30am-10:45am, with Rabbi Moshe Edelman, in LLBM. All backgrounds are invited. Active study and discussion (and a chance to record ideas and write information): Prayers under analysis include: Birkot HaShachar (opening blessings), Elokai Neshama, Nishmat kol Chai, and the geography of a full Shacharit.



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 on **January 15** at 9:00am, postponed from January 8.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST BEN CHANEY JOINS REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK & THE GREEN PASTURES 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 Goldman, 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 Choir.



In Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Guest Performance by Neshama Carlebach

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

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.

Shabbat

8:10am - Parshat Hashavua with Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)
3:40pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Sheimot Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Sunday

9:15am - Aggadot Hatalmud with Rav Avi (Lower Level Lobby)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Lobby)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Lobby)*
7:30pm - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (At his home)
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 - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi (Lobby)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
11:00am - The Unique and The Sublime: Biblical Characters with Rabba Sara (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.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week the tent is sponsored by the Gochberg Pretsfelder family. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The January birthday kiddush will take place on 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>.

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.

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 join together on Shabbat, Feb. 4, for one united tefillah. Tefillah will begin at 8:30am. There will be learning opportunities in the coming weeks explaining the basis for merging different prayer styles and how the tefillah will be conducted.

CHAVAYA WILL BEGIN FEB. 22: Due to low enrollment, Chavaya- the Bayit Cultural Enrichment classes will be postponed until next semester, beginning the week of Feb. 22. If you would like to register, sign up at www.hir.org.

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.

ISRAEL ADVOCACY SESSIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: We are in the process of setting up Israel advocacy sessions through Stand With Us for those college students interested in participating. Please contact us for further information: Israel.Action.HIR@gmail.com or Dalia.Wolfson@gmail.com.

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!

MEET THE BAYIT PRESIDENT: Do you have an issue or idea you'd like to share with new 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.

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS

The Bayit is pleased to roll out easy-to-remember e-mail addresses for all staff. A complete contact list is available at www.hir.org.

General inquiries can go to: office@thebayit.org.

Rabbinical Staff addresses are:

RavAvi@thebayit.org, RabbaSara@thebayit.org,

and RavSteven@thebayit.org.



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 February 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.



Bayit Katan is Back!

Calling all toddlers and siblings through age 3 with parent or caregiver! The program is hands-on, child-centered, experiential and developmentally appropriate for busy toddlers exploring their world. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play (fine and gross motor skills), sensory art, circle time with music and movement, and a healthy snack.

Program time: Thursdays 10:30 am -12 noon
Winter Two Session: Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16

Fees: \$18 for a trial class, \$100 for a 6-week Session

To register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/bayitkatanwintertwo2011-2012>

For more info. contact Kathy Goldstein - kathyandahron@verizon.net or Carmiya Weinraub - ckasse@gmail.com.



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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-11:30am



- 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 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!

Next 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!

TEENS!

The Youth Department has a few open spots for group leaders for the rest of the year. If you or someone you know is interested, 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!**

The Youth Department is in search of some volunteers to assist with children's programs, like sports, dance, music, Torah, stories. If you would like to get involved, please contact Menachem.



This shabbat:

Teen Tefillah

Will NOT be meeting this week.

Junior Congregation

Will be sharing a discussion at groups with Menachem entitled

'Matisyahu and King David: Tefillah in the 21st Century'
@ approximately 10:30am

This week's youth group snacks are sponsored by James & Ann Lapin in honor of Rami's 3rd birthday and Sarit and Gavri's half-birthdays. Happy birthday!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AND APPRECIATED

We welcome 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 and 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, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Beyond the Bayit

TEAM NESHAMA AT SAR BASKETBALL THIS SATURDAY NIGHT: Cheer on the SAR 7th grade basketball team and support Neshama Ryman and Chai Lifeline this Sat. night, Jan. 7. Before SAR's homegame against HALB, at 7:40pm, Neshama will lead the kids onto the floor, speak, and show a video about her and Chai Lifeline to raise awareness and funds for this wonderful organization. Details here: www.chailifeline.org/sar. 655 W. 254th Street.

NEFESH B'NEFESH ALIYAH SEMINAR FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS: Please join Nefesh B'Nefesh and officials from Israel's Ministry of Health on Sun., Jan. 8 for a special Aliyah seminar for medical professionals and students. Learn about licensing and certification, job trends and career opportunities in Israel. This event is open to medical professionals and students, and will take place at the Nefesh B'Nefesh office in New Jersey. For detailed information and to register please go to www.nbn.org.il/mdseminar or call 1-866-4-ALIYAH.

ALANA LAMA @ THE RIVERDALE Y: Alana Lama Children's Winter Film Series starts Sun., Jan. 8, 10:30am at 5625 Arlington Ave. This season: it's all about animals...bring the kids to see movies about furry, feathered and otherwise endearing animal friends. The list of movies includes: **Happy Feet** (Jan. 8), **Finding Nemo** (Jan. 22); **Milo and Otis** (Feb. 5); **Monsters, Inc.** (Feb 19) and **Babe** (Feb. 26). This program is free.

EMMA LAZARUS - POET OF EXILES: Melissa Martens of the Museum of Jewish Heritage will speak on Emma Lazarus at the Derfner Judaica Museum. The lecture will take place on Jan. 9, 2:30pm, at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, 5901 Palisade Ave. For more information please call: 718-581-1330.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE BEIT MIDRASH WITH URI L'TZEDEK - POVERTY EVERYONE'S PROBLEM: Come hear about the complex issue of poverty in New York and what is being done to create a better infrastructure to alleviate poverty. This is an issue that affects not just the impoverished, but everyone. We will have Meesh Hammer-Kossov, Director of the Pardes Social Justice Track discuss Torah perspectives and Karin Fleisch, Former Manager at the Food Bank for New York City talk about what we can do to help combat this issue. **Jan. 10, 7:30pm**, Drisha Institute, 37 W. 65th St., 5th Floor.

RIVERDALE CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS - ANNIE: Starring: Shira Schleifer as Annie, Meitarel Glas as the 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.

REGISTRATION TO 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 ganric@gmail.com.

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.

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 JBFCŚ)



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.

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.