

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by Shoshana Bulow and Seth Goldstein in honor of their upcoming marriage. Kiddush is also sponsored by Youth Department families (see names on Youth Page) in honor of the Youth leaders and all who contributed to the Youth Department.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shelach

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 8:11pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (Room 3-1)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:10am
- Parsha Shiur: 7:10pm
- Mincha: 7:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 9:15pm

Weekday Times

Shacharit

Sun: 8:30am Mon: 6:40, 8:00am Tue/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am Wed/Thurs: 6:30, 8:00am (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz)

Mincha/Maariv all week: 8:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Korach

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 8:13pm
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 8:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 9:16pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Shoshana Bulow and **Seth Goldstein** on their upcoming marriage which will take place on Sunday, June 17. To their children, Ricki & Yuval, Tali, Matan, Ella and Noah, and their parents, Tova & Norman Bulow and James Goldstein.

Wishing Condolences to:

Edie & Joey Brender on the passing of Edie's mother **Helen Weinstein**. Shiva concludes Sunday morning in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Edie can be reached in Israel (until Tuesday) at 718-303-1038 (please note 7 hour time difference).



FAREWELL TO RABBI AARON BRAUN

The Bayit wishes a loving tzeitchem leshalom (gentle journey) to Rabbi Aaron Braun. Rabbi Aaron has guided our JYE Program and been a spiritual leader and mentor for the many students and families that are a part of that program. He has been with our Bayit families in life cycle events, taught us shiurim, and helped us dry out from

Hurricane Irene, among many memorable moments. We are grateful for his service, and wish him together with his wife Marina and children Aidan and Lily much success in their move to Northbrook, IL where Aaron will serve as Rabbi of Northbrook Community Synagogue.



This Shabbat @ The Bayit

YOUTH SHABBAT: Thanks to all youth for their participation. Shabbat will feature our Bayit

Youth in the following roles:

Gabbaim: Noam Spira and Yosef Kessler

Dvar Torah: Ben Rudoy Ashrei: I & 2 Graders

Returning Torah: 5 & 6 Graders Special Drasha: Menachem Menchel

After tefillah, we'll conclude with a short program highlighting our youth: Dvar Torah/Reflections: Group Leaders Jake Wax and Ayelet Rosenberg

Adon Olam: Nursery Group Mah Tovu: Pre-Kindergarten Group

Announcements

Hatikvah: Kindergarten Group

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will take place at 9:00am. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: We're continuing our spirited tefillah this Shabbat at 9:00am in Room 3-1. Healthy kiddush will follow. Contributions of healthy, unopened, acceptably kosher certified snacks welcome!

SEUDAH SHLISHIT: Join us for a farewell seudah shlishit in honor of Rabbis Aaron Braun and Josh Strosberg.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MIDRESHET EIN HANATZIV - Jun. 23: We are pleased to share Shabbat with the leadership of Midreshet Ein Hanatziv, a wonderful women's Torah learning institution in Israel. Shabbat morning, we'll hear a guest drasha from senior teacher Rachel Keren. Before Mincha, join us for a shiur team-taught by spouses incoming Rosh Midrasha Rav Yitzchak Ben-David and Smadar Ben-David, titled, "The Dialogue Between Man and G-d in the Bible and the Sages." At a special Seuda Shlishit, we'll learn again with Rachel Keren. In a shiur titled, "The Women Who Challenged R. Meir." Sponsors welcome; contact Dov Weinstock at dov.weinstock@nycadvantage.com.

SUMMER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The Summer birthday kiddush will take place **next Shabbat, Jun. 23.** If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a June, July, or August birthday, please fill out the form at http://tinyurl.com/HIRbirthday. If you do not have internet access please send a check to the shul and attach a note with your birthday Kiddush announcement.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Bayit Classes (except Hebrew Classes) will conclude this week, the week of June 18. Please stay tuned for information about a 3-week July mini-mester.

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 Steven (Main Sanctuary)

7:10pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Room 3-3)*

7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Room 3-3)*

7:30pm - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (Cancelled this week)

8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*

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 Guest Teacher (Lobby)

Wednesday

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

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



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.

E-mail 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.

We now have a dedicated HIR Scrip Paypal link which will enable you to pay for your gift cards online with the credit card of your choice. You can now purchase our most popular gift cards right from our website www.thebayit.org. The gift cards tab is on the left side menu bar. Thank you for your support.

RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA:

HIR is now 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 JBFCS)

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us this week for Friday night dinner. Last week's Tent was sponsored by Fran & Gary Lapin in honor of Ann & James. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

SHIUR WITH ALON SHALEV: Continue learning with Israeli scholars from our community on Shabbat afternoon, June 30, between Mincha and Maariv, with a shiur with Alon Shalev on the teachings of Rav Yitzchak Hutner, titled, "Torah: Dire Necessity or Unparalleled Luxury?"

RECEIVE RAV AVI'S FORSHPEIS VIA E-MAIL: Interested in receiving Rav Avi's forshpeis weekly by email? Email Shuli@thebayit.org and she will add you on to the list!

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



The Bayit thanks everyone who made the 38th Annual Journal Dinner a tremendous fundraising and programmatic success. A special todah rabbah to Journal Chair Dave Braunstein for continuing to guide this event as he has for so many years, and to this year's Dinner Co-Chairs Atara Gorsetman & Brian Spira. As a trio, your tireless efforts, thoughtfulness, attention to details, and extraordinary spirits of service, enabled this dinner to be a great success that it was.

To Ginger Grill Asian Steakhouse and to HA-MAKOLET -Shoshi's Market for sponsoring the Journal Dinner gift bags.

Thank you to all of this year's Kiddush Committee volunteers who were honored at last week's Kiddush:

Josh Abraham, Seth Aronson, Marie Baskin, Arielle Berger, Shira Billet, Debbie Braverman, Tiferet Braverman-Temima Grossman, Braverman-Grossman, Zahava Federman, Beverly Fettman, Gary Finkler, Aviva Braun-Finkler, Shira Gordon, Jennifer Grosberg, Daniel Held, Sharon Kaplowitz, James Lapin, Steven Laufer, Wendy Levinson, Ilene Paikin, Eli Schneider, Rhonda Stock, Rachel Webber.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

BYZANTIUM and ISLAM BAYIT GUIDED TOUR OF MET AGE OF TRANSITION

EXHIBIT: Join us to reflect on Jewish history on the morning of the 17th of Tammuz with a guided tour of the "Byzantium and Islam" exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, guided by exhibit organizer



Professor Steven Fine of our Bayit. Sunday, July 8, 11:00am. \$15/person. 25 spaces only! We'll meet at the Met information desk at 10:45am. Please register and pay online at

http://www.thebayit.org/event/bayit-trip-to-themet.html. For more information or to share rides down, please contact Ray Steven at raysteven@thebayit.org.

our e-mail list to

If you'd like to receive this bulletin via e-mail please send your name and e-mail address to office@thebayit.org.

If you'd like to access your personal account on our website and or sign up for

our annual journal dinner please use your preferred e-mail address to send a message to richard@thebayit.org and we will set you up with a password.

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!

Be a part of it! Please register your child and become a youth member today!

This Shabbat, groups are in their regular locations:

9:30am-11:30am

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



SUMMER SHABBAT MORNING GROUPS!

Please note that this Shabbat is the last Shabbat of the year of formal groups. Beginning next Shabbat there will be 'summer groups,' with mostly different youth leaders, supervised by Abby Finkelstein. Tot Shabbat will continue to be led by Carmiya in the Right Hand Social Hall and all other groups will be on the 3rd floor. More information to come this week.

We are in search of group leaders. If you or your child are interested in leading groups, please contact Menachem.

End-of-Year Events:

This Shabbat: June 16th YOUTH SHABBAT

- Come to the main sanctuary to watch your child partake in leading tefillah!
- Kiddush after tefillah, honoring youth leaders and everyone who has contributed to this year's youth department

Thank you to the following families who have contributed towards the Kiddush (list reflects those signed up by Thursday 3pm):

Bleier Lerner Schorsch
Bruder-Pretsfelder Marbach-Oberstein Schwartz
Diamond-Padwa Menchel Sinayuk
Goldstein-Rosenfeld Pultman Steinberg-Davis
Kanner Rabin Weinberger

Sunday, June 17th Youth Department Closing Event!

12:30-3pm — AGES 4+

- Join your friends for fresh fruit/ice cream party celebrating the 2011-2012 youth department
- Bnei Akiva Father's/Grandfather's Day Gift Project**
- 3rd floor MURAL PAINTING with Shira Rodriguez
- Musical performance
- Every child gets an award
- Video-photo montage and more!
- \$10/child; \$8/youth member
- FREE for 2012-2013 youth members! **Please send your child with a photo for the project

This Shabbat:

This SHABBAT — Final Afternoon Groups with Bnei Akiva SNIF of the year! 5-6:30pm on 3rd floor; 1st-5th graders

On behalf of the whole Riverdale community, we would like to thank Adi Bitansky & Sari Schlesinger, our incredible Bnei Akiva leaders, who left their homes for the year, to spend time with our youth and run programs for our community.

Todah Rabba and Tzeitchem L'Shalom!

All teens are invited to the main sanctuary for YOUTH SHABBAT which will be teen and youth led.

This week's snacks are not yet sponsored. Please consider supporting our youth department through sponsorship!

For more information about sponsoring Shabbat morning snacks & birthday Kiddush parties, please contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu or Menachem

Final V'Shinantam of the Season

Join friends for a parent-child Torah study with a values-based conversation facilitated by Menachem. Special snacks!

1 Hour before Mincha in the Lower Level Beit Medrash.

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.pilibrary.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.

For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel, Youth Director Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119 Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebavit.org



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, baronail@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Dear HIR Members:

During a routine insurance review, our carrier requested that we remove the temporary steps that lead from the driveway to the backyard and provide access to the Johnson Avenue property. We hope to install permanent steps in this location some time soon. In the absence of a staircase to provide safe access the gate between the main property and Johnson Avenue will be locked. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Beyond the Bayit

NEW AT THE RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET - TEXTILE COLLECTION: The Riverdale Y's successful Sunday Market will continue through Nov. 11. Starting this Sun., Jun. 17, Wearable Collections will be facilitating textile collection every week at the Market. They accept all used clean clothing, including shoes and hats. They also accept household items such as curtains, linens, towels, handbags and belts. They do not accept carpeting. Also featuring this Sunday a special family arts & crafts table for all children at 11:00am. For more info. call 718-548-8200 or go to www.Riverdaley.org, 9:00am - 2:00pm at MS/HS 141 on Independence Ave. and W. 237th St.

Y'S RISING STARS IN "JOSEPH": The Riverdale Y's award-winning Rising Stars Junior present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Riverdale Y. The show features Bayit youth: Matan Kramer-Richard, Jacob Lidogaster, Eliana Oshinsky, Yonah Pretsfelder, Israel and Shirel Rouemy, and Nava and Jacob Schorsch. Show times: Sun. Jun. 17 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at http://riverdalerisingstars.com/joseph-and-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat/.

THE SHEBA FILM FESTIVAL: WHEN ISRAEL WENT OUT - Tues., Jun. 19, 7:30pm: The JCC will be screening a movie about the 'Falasha' Jews. Between 1983-1989, thousands of 'Falasha' Jews marched nearly 200 kilometers from Gondar, Ethiopia toward Israel. These immigrants, many of them women, children, and elderly suffered from starvation, dehydration and political persecution during the hard trek and almost 2,000 died along the way. The film follows their journey, taking the camera crew and 8 Israelis on the same walk that Falsha Jews marched 25 years ago. The JCC is located at 334 Amsterdam Ave. For more info. call 646-505-5708 or go to www.jccmanhattan.org.



YEMEI IYUN ON BIBLE AND JEWISH THOUGHT: Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School in cooperation with Beit Morasha of Jerusalem, Drisha Institute of Jewish Education, Midreshet Ein HaNatziv, Yeshivat Har El, Yeshivat Maaleh Gilboa and Yeshivat Maharat present two days of learning in memory of Riva Koschitzky z"l. Sun., Jun. 24, 10:00am - 4:30pm and Mon., Jun. 25, 9:00am - 5:00pm at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School, 1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey and Drisha Institute for Jewish Education (Sun. evening Jun. 24 6:00pm - 9:00pm), 37 W. 65th St. #5 New York, NY. For more info. call 212-666-0036 or visit www.yctorah.org.

ABUSE HELPLINE TRAINING FOR WOMEN: Seeking dedicated, responsible Orthodox women for a confidential and anonymous helpline for survivors of molestation and sexual abuse. Training begins Thurs., Jun. 28. Volunteers will be required to complete 40 hours of training, followed by a one year commitment on the helpline. For more information or to schedule an interview, please e-mail sovrihelpline@gmail.com. Training and helpline are located at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan. SOVRI Helpline is open Monday – Thursday 9:30am-5:30pm and Friday 9:30am-1:30pm at 888-613-1613.

SHIR FUN SUMMER SESSION: Shir Fun, the popular Hebrew music program for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers, will be starting it's Summer session shortly. Voted #1 class in 212baby's Top Classes in NYC, Shir Fun uses both traditional and original Hebrew music in a very interactive and special way focusing on each child's individuality. Shir Fun infuses musical and developmental enrichment with cultural pride. No background in Hebrew is necessary. To register, e-mail Tamar: contact@shirfun.com. For more information go to www.shirfun.com.

DAVENING AND CHUMASH CLASSES WITH MARILYN SELBER: Learn the order and meaning of the prayers. Learn Chumash in Hebrew. Improve your Hebrew reading, writing and comprehension. This class gives you the tools you need. Everybody learns, regardless of their level. For more info. e-mail, symph6th@aol.com.

SUNDAY MORNING KOLLEL LEARNING: Chabad of Riverdale will be hosting Sunday morning Kollel Learning for men and women, with five different rabbis. Topics of classes include: Kabbalah & the Parsha; Practical Jewish Law; Understanding Prayer; Reading Hebrew; Talmud for Dummies; JLI Fascinating Faces: Exploring the Myths and Mysteries of Judaism. Suggested donation is \$5. For more info. contact Rabbi Levi Y. Shemtov at 718-549-1100 ext. 13 or Library@ChabadRiverdale.org.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER COOKING CLASSES: The Center for Kosher Culinary Arts is offering a 10% discount for members registering for recreational cooking classes this summer. Classes will be held at The Ramaz School on E. 85th St. and will include: "Baking and Culinary Bootcamps", "Teen Cooking Camp", "Date Night for 2" (friends or couples") and more. Additional classes posted daily! For more information go to www.kosherculinaryarts.com or contact Jesse Blonder at 718-758-1339.

SUMMER FUN FOR TODDLERS! (Second Year!): A Summer drop-off program - A fun, engaging, dynamic summer drop-off program which includes: Free-play "stations" such as sensory art; Pretend play; Manipulatives (fine and gross motor play); Outdoor/Water play (in private gated playground on premises); Circle time (music, song, movement); Story time; Healthy snack. This is a safe, loving, nurturing environment providing individualized attention and care. For more information or to register your child please contact Jordana at 917-436-2244 or jordana.levine@gmail.com.

Shabbat Shalom and Chodesh Toyl

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.