

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

Kiddush will be sponsored this week in honor of the February Birthdays.
For the list of sponsors see box on page 2.

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

This Week Shabbat Parshiot Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Parah

- Candle Lighting: 6:46pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:50pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 10:03am
- Parsha Shiur: 5:50pm
- Mincha: 6:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 7:50pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 6:55pm

Next Week Shabbat Parshat Vayikra Shabbat Hachodesh

- Candle Lighting: 6:54pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:55pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:40pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 7:58pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Anat & Giora Katz on the birth of a son. To sisters Hilla, Liat and Inbal. Shalom Zachar will take place this Fri. night, Mar. 16, 9:00pm at the Pepper Fox residence, 3616 Henry Hudson Parkway. Brit Mila will take place on **Mon. morning, Mar. 19**, 7:15am at HIR following the 6:40am minyan.

Ruby & Stanley Langer on the engagement of their granddaughter, Jessica Langer, to Scott Schreiber. To proud parents Lily & Richard Langer and Renie & Michael Schreiber

Wishing Condolences to:

Leor Hackel on the passing of his father, Dan Hackel. Shiva is in LA through Sun. morning. Leor can be reached at 310-625-1390.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT DRASHA with Rav Avi:

"Defending our People: Reflections on our grandson Gilad's enlistment into the IDF."

This Shabbat Rav Avi will be speaking on the importance of Tzahal, the Israeli Army. He will offer personal reflections from himself and Toby on becoming grandparents of a chaya as his eldest grandson, Gilad, enters the army.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: We're continuing our spirited tefillah **this Shabbat** in **Room 3-I**. Help ensuring that we have a minyan at 9:00am will be greatly appreciated. Healthy kiddush will follow. Contributions of healthy, unopened, acceptably kosher certified snacks welcome!

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Shiur with Dr. Steven Fine:

"Jews and Judaism in Byzantium and Islam: Age of Transition" - A New Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Steven Fine is Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University and Director of the YU Center for Israel Studies, where he studies the world of Hazal. His current projects include Samaritan-Jewish relations during late antiquity and polychromy in ancient Jewish art.



TEEN TEFILLAH TRAINING WITH BA'AL TEFILLAH DR. ELLI KRANZLER:

This is a chance for you, our teens, to learn how to lead tefillah. Basic skills and inspiration from our dear ba'al tefillah Dr. Elli Kranzler, in a safe and encouraging environment with personal attention. This group will next meet this Shabbat afternoon, Mar. 17, between Mincha and Maariv and next Shabbat, Mar. 24.



KAVVANAH TEFILLAH: Slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation and song. Light breakfast. Meets requirements of Shacharit. Room 3-I. **This Sunday, Mar. 18** at 9:00am.



Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School invites the entire community to an evening on End of Life Medical Ethics Through Different Religious & Philosophical Lenses, **this Tuesday, Mar. 20**, 7:00pm. The program will take place at YCT, with Dr. Kenneth Prager leading a panel discussion. For more information please contact Allison Batalion at abatalion@yctorah.org or 212-666-0036 or visit our website at www.yctorah.org.

DEADLINE FOR NON-CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE - THIS THURSDAY:

We are collecting non-Chametz food items that are nourishing, unopened and non-perishable. The food collected will be donated to City Harvest. The deadline to drop off food in the boxes that are in the coat room is this Thurs., Mar. 22 at 5:00pm.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rabbinic Intern Ruth Balinsky Friedman

"Vayikra and New Beginnings"

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Seudah Shlishit and Lecture: Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Marion Fishman in memory of her father, Harry Kirsch, after the completion of his shloshim.

Miriam Gonczarska, an educator in Warsaw and leader of the revival of Polish Jewry, and a student at Yeshivat Maharat, will share her journey and speak on the revival of Jewish life in Poland.



HIR Clothing Drive - SUNDAY, MAR. 25, 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Please sort and bag separately men's, women's and children's clothing in sturdy bags. Deposit clothing in the truck that will be stationed outside the HIR.

Volunteers are needed. If you are able to help for even a short amount of time please call Steve Prefsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586 or e-mail sprefsfelder@vanwagner.com.



שבת שלום!



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: Rabba Sara's Tuesday morning class is on break until Elul.

Shabbat

8:10am - Parshat Hashavua with Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)
5:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Shiur with Dr. Steven Fine (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)
8:00pm - Hip Hop with Sara Pultman (Room 3-6)

Monday

9:30am - Toddler Yoga with Dana Liebert (Right Hand Social Hall)
10:30am - Chai Chi for Seniors with Stanley Scher (Room 3-6)
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)
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.

MARCH BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Today's Kiddush is sponsored by: Rachel Kirschbaum in honor of Akiva's first birthday; David E. Levine in honor of Steven Levine's birthday; Judy Gurland in honor of Alexander Gerard Blaker turning 1 month old; Shira Berkovits in honor of Ari Spiro's birthday; Wendy Levinson & Bob Kaplan in honor of Reva Gila Held's birth; Pola & Ari Wax in honor of Jake Wax's birthday; Adele & Elliott Rabin in honor of Batia Rabin's birthday; and by Kathy Goldstein in honor of Ahron Rosenfeld, Laila Goldstein-Rosenfeld, Modi Goldstein-Rosenfeld and Andy Goldstein-Rosenfeld birthdays; Ted Fettman in honor of Beverly Fettman's birthday.

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
Spring Session: Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 19, 26, May 3 and 10.

Fees: \$100 for a 6-week Session

To register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/bayitkatanspring2012>
For more info. contact Kathy Goldstein - kathyandahron@verizon.net
and Rachel Ford - rford11@yahoo.com.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week the tent is sponsored by Lanie Bergman & Edward Neuburger. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

YIDDISH SONGS BOOK AND CD: Following up on Dr. Khane-Faygl Turteltaub's talk on Yiddish songs for children on Shabbat afternoon Mar. 3, her new book and CD "Yiddish Songs for Children" is available for purchase from Mame-Loshn Productions for \$30 (incl. tax and S&H). Call (847)-675-3335 or e-mail: doctorkf@gmail.com.

HIR'S 38TH ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER: Save the date - Sun., June 10, 2012. This year's honorees are: Stanley & Ruby Langer - Guests of Honor, Phil & Jean Schneider - Community Service Award, James & Ann Lapin - Young Leadership Award. More details to follow.

Prepare for Pesach @ the Bayit

CHAMETZ & NON-CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting Chametz and non-Chametz food items that are nourishing, unopened and non-perishable. A portion of the food collected will help local neighbors in need and a portion will be donated to City Harvest. **THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE TWO DIFFERENT COLLECTION DATES** - For the Non-Chametz items, the deadline to drop off food in the boxes that are in the coat room is **this Thurs., Mar. 22** at 5:00pm. For the Chametz items, the deadline is **Thurs., Apr. 5** at 10:00am.



PESACH PRACTICUM WITH RAV STEVEN AND RAV ARI - Sun., Mar. 25 at 7:30pm: To ensure that it is a Chag kasher vesameach, we'll study the laws and details of what foods are products can be bought and used for Pesach, and how to clean our homes in a halakhic way. In Lower Level Beit Midrash.

GOLDEN AGE MODEL SEDER - Thurs., Mar. 29, 2:00pm: All older adults are invited to celebrate Pesach with a Model Seder (led by Rav Steven) filled with song and the Passover rituals, followed by a sumptuous meal. Please call 718-796-4730 x101 to reserve space or volunteer.

SPECIAL FRIENDS PRE-PESACH EVENT - Thurs., Mar. 29, 5:30pm: All are welcome to get into the Pesach spirit with residents of local group homes. Music, pizza, and a Pesach activity. Main Lobby. \$5/person. RSVP to ravstev@thebayit.org.

OU KOSHER FOR PASSOVER FOOD GUIDE: This useful guide is available for pick up in the shul office and lobby. You can also go to <http://images.ou.org/files/webpesach2012.pdf>.

HOSTING AT YOUR SEDER: We have a number of people seeking Pesach seder hosts. If you can host or need to be hosted, please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org.

MA'OT CHITTIM: We are collecting funds for those in need in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the shul office or given to our Rabbinic staff. These funds should be given in a separate check from any other payments, marked "Ma'ot Chittim" in the memo. Please donate generously.



FREE PESACH SEDERS @ THE BAYIT PART OF PASSOVER ACROSS AMERICA



Join us to eat, drink, celebrate and relive the story of our Exodus at HIR's free Passover Seders for either:

The first Seder on Fri., April 6 at 8:15pm, or the second Seder on Sat., April 7 at 8:15pm.

Call the office to reserve your spot by **Fri., March 30**.

Sponsorships are needed. To sponsor e-mail

Richard@thebayit.org.

This program is sponsored in conjunction with National Jewish Outreach Program.

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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>

This Week Shabbat Morning Groups:

9:30am-11:30am



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

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!**

Do you like to draw or paint?

**The HIR Youth Department is painting a mural
for the 3rd floor youth wing!**



**More information to come within the week.
Keep your eyes open for an email!**



Next Thursday Night, March 22

Join Bnei Akiva — in conjunction with HIR, RJC, YINR
For a monopoly game themed night of Israel, candy, and fun!



1st-5th graders
6pm-7:30pm
@ RJC (3700 Independence Ave.)
\$5/child

This Shabbat:

Shabbat Morning Groups

Due to the SAR High School Shabbaton, there are fewer group leaders in town and we are combining some of the groups this week.

**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

Shabbat Morning Groups @ 10am

All Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarteners are invited for a joint program, including a story and Shabbat songs with Abby!

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, Youth Director
Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119
Cell - 516-233-8285
menachem@thebayit.org



Chesed Opportunities

PROJECT HOPE - HELP DELIVER PASSOVER PACKAGES:

Join the Bronx Jewish Community Council to deliver Project H.O.P.E. Passover Packages. Pick up your packages and delivery list on Sun., Mar. 25 at 9:00am. There will be two pick up locations: 2050 Bartow Ave and (new site) 100 Gale just off the corner of Orloff Ave. For info. Call Niti Minkove at 917-693-3084.

VOULNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Become a volunteer "angel" by giving companionship and emotional support to hospice patients in the Bronx and Riverdale. MJHS Hospice is searching for committed volunteers. 2-day hospice volunteer training - **March 28 and April 1**, 9:00am. - 6:00pm at the MJHS Hospice Residence at 3718 Henry Hudson Parkway. Space is limited so if you are interested please contact James Chew, MJHS Bronx Volunteer Coordinator at 212-420-2562 or jchew@mjhs.org to register for training.

HELP FIND A DONOR FOR A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT:

Dr. Howie Marton (father of Naomi Marton) has recently been diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) a form of blood cancer. A bone marrow transplant is essential for his survival. There are 13,000 previously collected potential donor samples that are waiting at the lab to be tested but due to lack of funding have not been tested yet. Each test costs \$54. Please consider sponsoring one or more tests, or even part of a test. To contribute go to bit.ly/Help_Howard.

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.

**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 JBFCFS)

Beyond the Bayit

LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: Riverdale's girls' Sunday softball league, is now open for registration! The league is open to all girls in grades 3-8 from all neighborhoods and all schools. All applicants are accepted. Try-outs (for team placements purposes) will take place **this Sun., Mar. 18** from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in the gym at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Avenue. Please e-mail ranlee40@aol.com for more info. and a registration form.

BEN PORAT YOSEF ANNUAL DINNER: Ben Porat Yosef in Paramus will celebrate a decade of growth at its 10th annual dinner on **Sun., Mar. 18**, at 7:00pm at the Marriott at Glenpointe, Teaneck. The yeshiva will honor Alon Frumer and Michelle Berliner Frumer of Teaneck, Laurie & Steven Eagle of Teaneck, and Miriam & George Teigman of Englewood. Ruth Roth of Teaneck, BPY's director of admissions and public relations, will receive the Ben Porat Yosef MiChayil L'Chayil Award. For more info. call the school at 201-845-5007.

NAMES, NOT NUMBERS - Wed., Mar. 21, 7:00pm: *Names, Not Numbers* is an oral history film project, which presents a segment of the history of World War II and its aftermath. The documentary, made by SAR's 8th grade students, has been accepted by the Jewish National & University Library in Jerusalem for providing valuable information to researchers and scholars of the Shoah. Please join SAR Academy as we view the film and speak with the filmmakers and survivors/liberator. RSVP to Stefa Hasson at hassos@saracademy.org or call 917-821-8229.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL VIGIL INFRONT OF IRANIAN U.N. MISSION:

There are more than six million reasons to remember Yom Hashoah. There will be a Holocaust Memorial Vigil on Sun., Apr. 22 at 12:00pm in front of the Iranian U.N. Mission located on 3rd Ave. and E. 40th St. Say no to Iran's nuclear program at the vigil. For more info. Please email the Yom Hashoah Mobilization Committee at hashoah.mail@gmail.com.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2012-13: Attention music teachers, students and parents! Applications are now being accepted for scholarships to support private music instruction or enhanced lesson time for music students, age 8-15, who live or study in Riverdale, NY. Applications should be submitted by music teachers on behalf of their students and should be received by **May 14, 2012**. Final auditions will be held on June 10, 2012. Applications are available from Allen Sher, Director, Rhoda Grundman Music School, Riverdale YM-YWHA. Please call 718-548-8200 x256 or go to www.RiverdaleY.org.

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 hircards@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.

Thank you to the Bayit Community: I want to thank the wonderful community for the great hospitality I received during my one year stay in Riverdale. I really felt that the Bayit was my home away from home. I hope that one day I'll be able to reciprocate this beautiful "Hachnasat orchim". Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever visit Austin. Todah Rabbah, Offer Shavit (offer.shavit@prodigy.net)

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.