



# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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### Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.  
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact  
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### This Week

**Shabbat Parshat Vayikra  
Rosh Chodesh Nisan  
Shabbat Hachodesh**

- Candle Lighting: 6:54pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:55pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (Room 3-1)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:57am
- Parsha Shiur: 5:55pm
- Mincha: 6:40pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 7:58pm

### Weekday Times

- Shacharit  
Sun: 8:30  
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am  
Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:00pm

### Next Week

**Shabbat Parshat Tzav  
Shabbat Hagadol**

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:01pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Mincha: 6:00pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:05pm

**Shabbat  
Shalom!**



### Wishing Mazal Tov to:

**Nechama Eichorn & Yossi Horowitz** on the birth of a son, Amitai Shalom. To grandparents Sima & Moshe Eichorn and Shifra & Shlomo Horowitz.

**Ruby & Stanley Langer** on the marriage of their grandson Danny Langer to Lilly Poulson. To proud parents Ellie & Freddy Langer and Marsha Poulson.

### Wishing Condolences to:

**Ahron Rosenfeld** on the passing of his mother **Pearl Rosenfeld**. Shiva will take place at the Rosenfeld home 3235 Cambridge Ave. #7H, until Sun. Shacharit. Visitors welcome on Fri. 10:00am-2:00pm and on Sat. night 8:00pm-9:00pm. Shacharit on Sun. will be at 8:30am.

### Welcome to New Member:

Jessica Stern.

### This 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. **Lecture** with Miriam Gonczarska, Polish Jewish educator in Warsaw and student at Yeshivat Maharat.

*"Polish Aggadah: How Polish Jews See and Show Themselves on the Way Out of Egypt"*

Miriam will share her journey and speak on the revival of Jewish life in Poland. She serves as Secretary of Religious Board of the Union of the Jewish Community of Poland and Member of the Board of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews.



### 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. Final meeting this Shabbat afternoon, between Mincha and Maariv in Room 3-1. Thanks to Reb Elli for his time, and to all the teens who participated!

### HIR Clothing Drive - THIS 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 Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586 or e-mail [spretsfelder@vanwagner.com](mailto:spretsfelder@vanwagner.com).



### Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

**GUEST DRASHA - with Dr. Wendy Zierler**

**SHABBAT HAGADOL DISCOURSE with Rav Avi Weiss at 6:30pm**

Rav Avi will deliver a Shabbat Hagadol Discourse *"The Haggadah as Unfolding Covenant: Partnership, Presence, and Potential."* **Due to the starting time of the discourse Mincha will be at 6:00pm.**

### 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 or products can be bought and used for Pesach, and how to clean our homes in a halakhic way. Lower Level Beit Midrash.



### FREE PESACH SEDERS @ THE BAYIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH NJOP



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](mailto:Richard@thebayit.org) or go to [www.thebayit.org](http://www.thebayit.org) and click on the "donate" button.

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

**Sale of Chametz Forms are available for pick up in the shul lobby and office.  
Please go to [www.thebayit.org](http://www.thebayit.org) to download the form online.**

## 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)  
5:55pm - Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Steven (Main Sanctuary)  
After Mincha - Lecture with Miriam Gonczarska (Social Hall)  
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)  
**8:00pm - Hip Hop with Sara Pultman (Canceled)**

### 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 - Haggadah Insights with Rav 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.

**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. 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](mailto:kathyandahron@verizon.net)  
and Rachel Ford - [rford11@yahoo.com](mailto:rford11@yahoo.com).



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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](http://www.thebayit.org). The gift cards tab is on the left side menu bar.

Thank you for your support.

## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** This week the tent is sponsored by Beverly & Ted Fettman. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com](mailto:TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com).

**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH:** Slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation and song. Light breakfast. Meets requirements of Shacharit. Room 3-1. Sun., Apr. 1 at 9:00am.

**THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., Apr. 4, 7:00pm:** Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. 3rd Fl, Room 3-3. Upcoming dates: 5/2, 6/6.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Our Book of Remembrance - Yizkor Book is now in formation. Please fill out the form and return it with an optional contribution to the shul office by **Tuesday, May 22**. You must submit this form each year in order to have a listing in the book. Extra forms are available in the shul office and lobby. You can download the form online at [www.thebayit.org](http://www.thebayit.org).

**HIR'S 38TH ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER:** Save the date - Sun., June 10, 2012. This year's honorees are: Stanley & Ruby Langer - Bayit Lifetime Service Award, Phil & Jean Schneider - Community Service Award, James & Ann Lapin - Young Leadership Award. See back page for more info.

## Prepare for Pesach @ the Bayit

**GOLDEN AGE MODEL SEDER - This 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 Pesach snack. \$5/person. Please call 718-796-4730 x101 to reserve a 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 [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

**CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE:** We are collecting 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. Thank you to all those who have donated to our non-Chametz food drive. The deadline for Chametz items is **Thurs., Apr. 5 at 10:00am**. Please drop off food in the boxes that are in the coat room.



**SEARCHING & BURNING CHAMETZ:** Please remember that the search for Chametz takes place this year on **Thurs. Apr. 5** after 8:08pm. You can burn your Chametz at HIR on **Fri., Apr. 6** from 9:00am - 11:00am.

**PESACH QUESTIONS:** If you have any Pesach related questions, feel free to call or e-mail our rabbinic staff:  
Rav Steven Exler: Ext. 108, [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org)  
Rav Ari Hart: [ravari@thebayit.org](mailto:ravari@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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org). (In partnership with UJA and JBFC'S)



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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: **PRE-K**
- 3-6: **KINDERGARTEN**
- Room 3-3: **GRADES 1,2,3 & 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)]

## **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!**

## **Upcoming Programs:**

### March 25th (THIS SUNDAY)

**Maot Chitim for the whole family!**

As part of the Bronx Council Project HOPE and distribute Pesach packages to home-bound seniors living in the Schervier Apartments on Independence Ave.

**10:30am - Package Pick-up in HIR Lobby**

### April 1st

- **Family Tefillah**
- **Children's Program ages 6+ @ 1:30-4pm**

### April 9th - Teens Pesach Trip to Six flags

- **1st Day of Chol HaMoed - \$65**

## Yom HaShoah Program with TEENS



We are looking for FOUR sensitive and responsible teens to interview a Holocaust survivor in preparation for our Yom Hashoah Seder on **Wed. Apr. 18** at 7:00pm. Please e-mail Menachem for more information.

## **Do you like to draw or paint?**

The HIR Youth Department is painting a mural with artist and educator **SHIRA RODRIGUEZ** for the 3rd floor youth wing!



**More Details to Come!**

## **This Shabbat:**

### Teen Tefillah

Teen Tefillah **WILL** meet this coming Shabbat. Please join us as we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah parasha of Avraham Penso.

**ROOM 3-1**

**HOT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING TEFILLAH**

9:30am

**THANK YOU** to an anonymous supporter for sponsoring last week's snacks in memory of Daniel Perla's father, Bob Perla.

**We are still looking for a sponsor for this week's youth groups snacks.**

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](mailto:gsteinbe@yu.edu) or Menachem

### Shabbat Morning Groups @ 10am

All Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarteners are invited for a joint program, including a Pesach 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](http://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](mailto: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 **this 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](mailto:jchew@mjhs.org) to register for training.

**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](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org)

**Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:**

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)

**Meals for New Mothers:**

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, [baronajl@yahoo.com](mailto:baronajl@yahoo.com)

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)

**Young HIR:** [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.com)

## Beyond the Bayit

**BUY ISRAEL GOODS (BIG) DAY:** Israel needs us now! **Mar. 30** has been designated as a day of boycotting Israeli goods. That's why **Mar. 30** will be our next **Buy Israeli Goods (BIG) Day**. Please help the movement to counter boycott activities against Israel. There has been tremendous success countering this hateful initiative - let's keep it going! Learn more at [www.buyisraelgoods.org](http://www.buyisraelgoods.org).

**RIVERDALE NATURE PRESERVANCY ANNUAL MEETING AND PANEL DISCUSSION:** The Riverdale Nature Preservancy Board will be holding a series of discussions on the relationships between institutions and their neighbors. The first meeting will be held at Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Ave., on **Wed., Apr. 4**, from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. A panel will discuss ways they have each considered and addressed the issues surrounding the vital services the community facilities provide and the effect of growth on the infrastructure and environment of Riverdale. For questions or to RSVP contact Mary Bandziukas at 718-428-8560 or [mbandziukas@nyc.rr.com](mailto:mbandziukas@nyc.rr.com).

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL VIGIL IN FRONT 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](mailto:hashoah.mail@gmail.com).

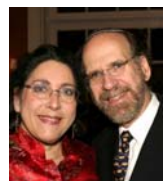
**YIDDISH SONGS BOOK AND CD:** Following up on Dr. Khane-Faygl Turteltaub's talk on Yiddish songs for children on Shabbat afternoon Mar. 3, her new book and CD "Yiddish Songs for Children" is available for purchase from Mame-Loshn Productions for \$30 (incl. tax and S&H). Call 847-675-3335 or e-mail: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

## JOIN US AT OUR 38TH ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2012 - HONORING



**RUBY & STANLEY LANGER - BAYIT LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD:** Ruby & Stanley Langer and their children, Richard, Freddy, Paula and Suzie moved to Riverdale in 1973 and immediately fell in love with the then-tiny Shul located in the boiler room of the Whitehall. It has been an important part of their lives ever since. Stanley served as President in the "early days" when our Bayit moved from the Whitehall to the now demolished one family house on Henry Hudson Pkwy. They have always maintained that the best decision their family made was to become part of the Bayit Family.

**JEAN & PHIL SCHNEIDER - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** When Jean & Phil Schneider were looking to settle in a new community with their sons Uri and Elan in 1986, they chose Riverdale specifically because of Rav Avi and and the HIR community. Jean was one of the founders of the Youth Department, starting it on its way to becoming as vibrant as it is today. Phil, a speech pathologist with a commitment to preserving and restoring voices, has helped and continued to help Rabbis and Baalei Tefillah enhance their voices at HIR and beyond. Together, Jean & Phil set the standard for our community in their dedication to bikkur cholim, visiting the homebound and the ill.



**ANN & JAMES LAPIN - YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Ann & James Lapin have been at the Bayit since 2001. They both work tirelessly on behalf of the HIR and the Jewish Community at large. Besides ensuring the success of our weekly Abraham and Sarah's Tent Shabbat Dinner, they actively engage in Bayit leadership, with James serving on the Executive Committee while Ann works on the CSA and the Committee to Prevent Sexual Abuse. Outside of the Bayit, Ann & James are true role models for all of us. Over six years ago, James donated one of his kidneys to a woman in need. James & Ann have recently become interim care parents, welcoming newborns into their home until they are placed with a permanent family.

## 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.