

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Summer Celebration Kiddush

Thank you to our sponsors! (See list)

To sponsor a future Kiddush, please contact
Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week Parshat Korach

- Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:56pm
- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:10pm**
- Candle Lighting: 8:12pm
- Shalom Bayit: 7:00am
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Learning Service: Will resume in the Fall**
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:10am
- Listening Room: 6:45pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 7:15pm
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 8:00pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 9:16pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thur: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv:
Sun-Thur: 8:20pm

Next Week Parshat Chukat

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:10pm
- Candle Lighting: 8:13pm
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 8:00pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 9:16pm

Mazal Tov To:

Sarit & Hadar Lev-Tov on the birth of a daughter, Maayan.

Shoshana Bulow & Seth Goldstein on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Tali Berkowitz to Jacob Kanter. Mazal Tov also to Alan & Alexis Berkowitz, Michele & Nelson Kanter, and grandmother Tova Bulow.

Condolences To:

Jeanette Weissbraun on the loss of her mother, Claire Weissbraun. Shiva will be observed at 3530 Henry Hudson Parkway until Sunday morning at 9am.

Mati & Aaron Friedman on the loss of Aaron's father, Alexander Friedman.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SUMMER CELEBRATION KIDDUSH: THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Myra-Lee Cohen and Diana Buren in honor of Charlotte Cohen's 93rd birthday. Shani & David Schwartz, Becky, Sam & Mikey in honor of Shani & David's birthdays and wedding anniversary. Tovah Honor Aronin & Noah Aronin in honor of the birthdays of Tovah, Noah, and Yaakov Aronin. Roberta & Bernie Horowitz in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Gillian Steinberg and Akiva and Gavri Davis in honor of Mark Davis's birthday. Rochelle & Leo Goldberg in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Joshua Lannik in honor of his & Liz Shayne's wedding anniversary. Ari Goldman in honor of the birthdays of Daniella Kevelson and Jonathan Goldman. Carole Oshinsky in honor of the birthdays of Daniel Oshinsky, Sy Oshinsky, Michael Lee, Sophia Lee, Eliana Oshinsky, Yael Oshinsky; anniversaries of Suzanne & Michael, and Ari & Yael. Marlene Schanzer & Elliot Stendig in honor of the birthday of their daughter Felicia Stendig. Jessica Loeser in honor of the birthdays of Jessica, Hila, and Eden. Esther & Tani Berko in honor of the birthdays of Noa and Eden Berko. Ruthie, Joel, and Hattie Simon in honor of Avery's 7th birthday. Ariel Freidenberg in honor of Anat Sharbat's graduation and birthday. Danny Cohen in honor of the 2nd birthday of his grandson, Aryeh Leib Cohen. Jane Flechner & Ron Schechter in honor of their birthdays and the birthday of Sharon Sasson.

YOUTH SHABBAT: JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR OF GROWTH AMONG OUR PRECIOUS YOUTH. See youth page for more information.

BETWEEN MINCHA/MAARIV: "How to Focus During Prayer: Radical Ideas From Kabbalah and Chasidut" with Rabbi Daniel Silverstein, outgoing Rabbinic Intern.

Public Service Announcement: Please be advised the terrace is not available for unsupervised youth play. The doors leading to the terrace are now alarmed and will sound if accessed. For an update on the new security system see page 2.



General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting and elections will take place **July 28th at 7:00pm**. The meeting will conclude promptly at 8:00pm for Mincha/Ma'ariv.

Agenda:

- State of the Synagogue update.
- Election of Trustees and Officers for Fiscal Year 2016.
- Review of FY 2015 operating budget results.
- Approval of proposed budget for FY 2016.



For the proposed slate of Trustees and Officers proposed by the Nominating Committee, and for a review of our procedure for submitting a nomination by petition to the congregation at large, visit www.thebayit.org/bulletin.



SAFE Disposal Event

Sunday, June 28th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Bayit
The Green Committee will be collecting items for disposal.

Accepted items: Automotive products, personal care items, thermometers, syringes, household products, and electronics.

For information on how to package the items for disposal: See the flyers in the boxes, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal, or email Green@hir.org.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish community by warmly embracing all Jews, regardless of affiliation, commitment, orientation or background. It is affectionately known as the "Bayit," which is a home – a place of love and welcome. We are known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue; activism on behalf of the oppressed; youth and teen engagement; learning programs; and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the developmentally and physically challenged.

If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.

An Update on Our New Security System

Thanks to the Non-Profit Homeland Security Grant we were awarded in September 2014, we have been installing new equipment to make our Bayit more secure. You may have noticed some new items that were installed around our Bayit: keypads, video intercoms, new buttons and blue pull switches. You might have been surprised by the alarms sounding when you use one of the emergency exits from the Social Hall or Main Sanctuary.

Hardware by itself does not make our building more secure. The policies and procedures we develop and the programs we put in place are critical in making our Bayit a safer place, while maintaining our welcoming spirit.

We are currently working on programming the system and finalizing the policies and procedures for how our new access control system will operate. We will be following up with more information once these policies are ready for implementation. We will also need to have another evacuation drill (it has been TWO YEARS since our last Shabbat morning drill) and explain the procedures for Shelter-in-Place and Lockdowns in case G-d forbid, an incident occurs.

When the system goes live, the building will be locked except during designated hours (tefillah, classes, and special events) and visitors will need to call the HIR or YCT office from the front door.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we implement this new system.

Regards,

Richard Langer, Executive Director

Ken Perry, Chair, Security Committee

David Braunstein, President

AIPAC'S POLICY CONFERENCE 2016

Those who attended the Bayit's first Yom Yerushalayim Yom Iyun on Sunday, May 17 were privileged to hear from AIPAC's Northeast Political Director, Dr. Sharon Goldman. We hope you were inspired by her words – Dr. Goldman spoke passionately about the importance of being actively involved in reaching out to your members of Congress about the US-Israel relationship. Each March, HIR members join the pro-Israel community at AIPAC's Policy Conference in Washington, DC to show our support of the US-Israel alliance. Policy Conference is arguably the most important conference in the Jewish world; over 16,000 activists come together in Washington to lobby for a safe and secure Israel. The conference includes exhibitions of groundbreaking Israeli innovations that are saving American lives; keynote speeches by top leaders from both the United States and Israel; emotional and inspiring moments; and smaller educational sessions. Please join us on **March 20-22, 2016** in what will be the largest HIR delegation to Policy Conference to date. You can register at www.policyconference.org or contact Sarah Walsh at swalsh@aipac.org or [917-210-6329](tel:917-210-6329) for more information.



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.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

The Bayit is pleased to partner with UJA-Federation to offer our members the opportunity to invest in a charitable gift annuity. When you do so, you receive guaranteed income for life, a potential immediate tax deduction, and possible future tax savings. Ultimately, the Bayit will receive 90% of the remainder value, while 10% will go to UJA-Federation to support its efforts for the entire Jewish community and to help cover the administrative costs of the program. For more information, including sample annuity rates, please contact the Bayit office.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:

Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month. Contact the office at 718-796-4730 or office@thebayit.org for more information.

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2014-15



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!



FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS
with Shayna & Raphi
Groups begin 15 minutes after Mincha starts and last for 1 hour.

THIS SHABBAT: YOUTH SHABBAT

Please join us for this annual highlight, as we celebrate our community youth and the year of growth and learning that they have accomplished!

- Groups will be entering the Main Sanctuary to lead tefillah
- Tot Shabbat Torah Parade with Donna and our tot families in Main Sanctuary.
- End of Year Parsha Improv Play following Kiddush in the Social Hall. (Parents - there will be a rehearsal this Friday from 2:30 - 4pm).
- Drasha delivered by Menachem Menchel

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

The Youth Department would like to hear from you. What kinds of programs are you and your children looking for? What programs do your children enjoy and want to experience more frequently? We are currently assessing our educational and programmatic offering and would love your feedback. Please contact Menachem at menachem@thebayit.org to share your thoughts.



END-OF-THE-YEAR YOUTH CELEBRATION AT SETON PARK

THIS SHABBAT AT 4:00PM

What a great year it has been!

From **Tot Shabbat**, to **Shabbat Morning Groups**, to **Bnei Akiva Snif**, to **Mishmar**, to **Movies, Smoothies & Free Play**, to **Chanukah Carnival**, to **Motzei Shabbat Shelanu**, to **Tu B'Shevat Celebration**, to **Young HIR Shabbat Meals**, to **Purim Carnival**, to **Yom Ha'atzmaut Festival**, to **Teens Midnight Run** and **Teens All Night Shavuot Learning** - **WE DID IT ALL!**

AND THAT IS WHY - THE BAYIT IS THE PLACE TO BE!

Join us at Seton Park for end of the year celebration including: Torah and activities with Rav Steven, Menachem, and David Fain and many yummy treats for all!

Sponsorship opportunities available: \$18, \$36, \$50, \$100, or however much you can sponsor! Visit www.thebayit.org/seton.

SHABBAT MORNING GROUPS SNACKS 2014-2015

Help us reach our goal of having sponsorship every single Shabbat of the year. Please see new sponsorship options on the right.

To sponsor go to www.thebayit.org/youthsponsor!

Snacks Sponsorship

- \$100 – sponsor all snacks
- \$150 – sponsor all snacks + birthday party

New Options:

- \$36 - Tot Shabbat
- \$36 - Nursery-K
- \$36 - Grades 1-6

LL BM: Tot Shabbat
 Room 3-4: Nursery
 Room 3-5: Pre-K



Shabbat Morning Groups: Room 3-7: 9:10am - 9:40am - Ages 6+, Enjoy a doughnut and learn this week's parsha with David Fain
 3rd Floor Youth Wing 9:40am - 11:40am
Summer Groups begin next week: 10:00am - 11:30am



Room 3-6: Kindergarten
 Room 3-1: Grades 3-6
 Room 3-2: Grades 1-2



PARSHA & DRAMA with Adena Blickstein

10:30am - 11:30am, Ages 6 and up!

Come experience the Parsha through inclusive drama, dance & song with new creative arts specialist.

Snacks for all youth groups are sponsored this week by Elliot & Jillian Goodman in honor of Ben Goodman's birthday. Snacks for Tot Shabbat are co-sponsored by Esther & Tani Berko in honor of the birthdays of Noa and Eden Berko. To sponsor snacks for future Shabbatot please contact Menachem or Gillian Steinberg or go to www.thebayit.org/youthsponsor.

**TEENS & PRE-TEENS
 BECOME A SUMMER YOUTH GROUPS
 LEADER**

The Youth Department Wants YOU!
 Join your friends and become a part of our team of summer teen leaders.
 Welcoming applicants now.
 For more information contact Menachem Menchel at menachem@thebayit.org!



For assistance, please contact:

Menachem Menchel,
 Director of Programming
 & Youth Education

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Joe Hoch z"l Memorial Daf Yomi Shiur with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. You are invited to join at any time!

Rav Steven's and Rav Ari's classes have concluded for the summer and will resume after the High Holidays.

Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary).

6:45pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

7:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

Between Mincha/Maariv - Shiur with Rabbi Daniel Silverstein

After Mincha - Mila baParasha at Beth Aharon: "Korah - קורח"

Was he really bald, cold as ice, or else, and what mother would name her son "Korah?" Basic (and love of) Hebrew is sufficient.

Monday

7:30pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg* (at the Atria)

Book of Jeremiah with Rav Avi - Class has concluded

Tuesday

10:00am - Book of Exodus with Rav Avi (Lobby) - **Final class of the year**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg* (Lobby)

*Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:

Join us this Shabbat for our open communal dinner. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week, go to www.thebayit.org/tent, or email James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

LEARNING SERVICE WITH RAV ARI HAS CONCLUDED FOR THE SUMMER.

Do you know someone who needs any of the following? Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?

Meals For Ill Members:

Jackie Binstock - 718-543-9135, jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com.

Shiva: Beth Braunstein, braunsteinbeth@gmail.com

Bikur Cholim:

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@outlook.com

We have many ways to become meaningfully involved.

Please pick up a flyer, consider becoming a Bikur Cholim Volunteer.

Meals for New Parents:

Becca Linden: 434-962-7899, beccalinden@gmail.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: Rav Ari Hart, ravari@thebayit.org

Green Committee: Alisa Eilenberg and Ann Rauch
green@hir.org

SHABBAT SHALOM!



HIR GIFT CARDS - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280. **NOTE: Purchases do not cost you anything extra.**

Chesed Opportunities:

RIVERDALE FREE LOAN GEMACH: Please be advised that a Free Loan Gemach has been established to serve residents of the Riverdale community. The Gemach of Riverdale is a non-profit organization providing interest-free loans to those with cash flow challenges, with dignity and respect. For further info contact Rabbi Moshe Drelich at 917-408-3035 or GemachofRiverdale@gmail.com.

POTS Teens Chesed Opportunity - 6/21/2015

Attention Riverdale Teens! Volunteers needed at a local community dining room one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at approximately 4:15pm.

Contact Samantha Verrone: sverrone@mac.com

L'Dor V'Dor Internship

L'Dor V'Dor Summer Internship for High School Students at the Hebrew Home in Riverdale still has spots available!

L'Dor V'Dor is an innovative four week program (July 6th-31st) for Jewish teenagers 15+, in which interns volunteer at the Hebrew Home, visit with residents, and attend educational seminars and workshops. After program completion, interns will receive a stipend of \$500. For more information and to apply, please reach out to ldorvdorinternship@gmail.com or call (718) 581-1416.

Shloshim for Rav Avi's Father

The shloshim for Rav Avi's father, Rabbi Moshe Weiss, will take place at the Yeshurun Synagogue (44 King George Street, Jerusalem) on **Thursday, July 9th** at 7:00pm.

The hakamat matzeva (unveiling) will take place the day before, on **Wednesday, July 8th**, at the Shikun Vatikim cemetery, Netanya.

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.



Anna can be reached on Mon. 8:00am - 7:30pm, Tues. 8:00am - 7:30pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 4:00pm at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs).

Jewish Caregiver Support Group: Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice. Group meetings are held once a month on Tuesday at the Beatman Center.

Dementia Care Coaches through ReServe: Experienced Dementia Care Coaches are available to provide support in the home to persons with dementia, and to their family members and caregivers. Services include education, guidance and information on managing challenging behaviors and creating a safe home environment. Please call 212-871-5301 to arrange a coaching session. Rates are \$18 an hour.

Preserving Memories: The Jewish Board and HIR are partnering with **StorpCorps Legacy** to offer people of all ages coping with illness or loss the opportunity to record, preserve and share their stories. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share and is preserved in the Library of Congress. You can talk about whatever you like and choose whomever you would like to interview you. Bayit social worker, Anna Kirshblum will help prepare you and provide a list of questions as a suggested guide. If you or a loved one is experiencing a serious physical illness, a cognitive impairment or you have lost someone this is your opportunity to honor and cherish their lives for posterity. Please contact Anna Kirshblum to sign up or to learn more.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - June 19 - 26, 2015

THE BOYS PROMENADE IN GUSH ETZION: On June 12, 2014, Gil-Ad Shaer, Naftali Fraenkel and Eyal Yifrah, three teenage boys awaiting a ride home from their yeshivas at a Gush Etzion bus stop, were kidnapped and murdered by terrorists. Eighteen days later, their bodies were found in the Hebron Hills. Amidst a nation of shattered hopes and despair, their funeral was held the next day in Modiin. In an effort to enhance the quality of life and make the area safe and secure, JNF is collaborating with the Gush Etzion Regional Council and the Gush Etzion Foundation to build a local promenade in memory of the three boys who lost their lives. The promenade will serve as a memorial, while connecting the Gush Etzion junction, the local bus stop (which was the site of the kidnapping), Kibbutz Kfar Etzion, the "Lone Oak Tree," and Kibbutz Rosh Tzurim. By connecting these areas, JNF is helping to bring security to the region and provide a safe way to travel on foot between these communities. To donate or to learn more visit www.jnf.org.



RIVERDALE-FUNDED BOMB SHELTERS PROTECT ISRAELIS: The three concrete bomb shelters funded by last summer's Riverdale Lifeline to Israel campaign on behalf of Ashdod in Israel were put to real-time use for the first time in late May and early June when missiles fired from Gaza landed near the port city. "Residents responding to the siren alerts were able to reach the safety of these shelters within 40 seconds and feel more secure," reports Aryella Rosenthal, head of Ashdod's International Relations Department, in an e-mail thanking all who contributed to last year's grassroots campaign. The drive raised over \$25,000 as hundreds of rocket barrages targeted Ashdod. Email queries: info@IsraelLifeLine.org. To learn more about this and other Riverdale Lifeline To Israel projects visit www.israelifeline.org

RUN WITH YACHAD IN THE BRONX: Challenge yourself and run with Team Yachad in the Generosity Series Bronx 5K in Bronx's Van Cortland Park! Sunday, **6/21/2015**, 7:30am. Enter the park at the Tortoise & Hare sculpture on Broadway. Kid friendly, family friendly, strollers welcome! For more information contact Naftali Herrmann at 212-613-8373 or naftalih@ou.org. To register please visit www.teamyachad.com.

FREE FAMILY CONCERT: 6/21/2015 at 11:00am - 3-time Grammy-award winning singer/songwriter Tom Chapin will perform at The Riverdale Y Sunday Market, Riverdale's source of fresh, green, organic, kosher, local produce. The Riverdale Y Sunday Market is open Sundays through November from 9:00am-2:00pm at MS/HS 141 on Independence Avenue and W. 237 St. Learn more at www.riverdaley.org.

SHOLEM ALEICHEM CULTURAL CENTER: Please join us for our International Yiddish Music Festival featuring Nikita and Merlin and Polina Shepherd. Sunday, **6/21/2015** at 1:30pm. Contribution: \$3.50. Members free. 3301 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx. 917-930-0295.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL OF RIVERDALE has the following camp positions still available: Junior Counselor (age 13-19) and Assistant Teacher (age 19+). We are also seeking a qualified swimming director. Camp is in session from **6/30/2015 - 8/4/2015**. Interested candidates should email Camp@ChabadRiverdale.org.

2015 SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES IN STAMFORD: Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva University will lead a four-part Wednesday night series in July, 8:00pm, at the Young Israel of Stamford, 69 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford, CT. Topics include: WHAT DOES JUDAISM HAVE TO SAY ABOUT...Saving the Life of a Non-Jew - **July 8**; Gender Roles - **July 15**; Abortion - **July 22**; and Vigilante Justice - **July 29**. Free and open to the entire community. Only 35 minutes from Riverdale. For more information, please contact Michael Feldstein at michaelfeldstein@gmail.com.

YIDDISH FARM: Want to learn Yiddish but can't take off for the summer? Join our 1-week or 2-week program at Yiddish Farm in Goshen, NY. Beginner, intermediate and advanced programs available. Space is limited - Register today. Intermediate/Advanced: **7/13-24/2015** and **7/27/2015 - 8/7/2015**. For more info: <https://yiddishfarm.org/programs.html>

LANGUAGE TREATMENT STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE, CUNY: Do you or does someone you know have aphasia and know more than one language? The Lehman College, CUNY, department of Speech-Language Pathology is running two different language treatment studies and they are looking for Spanish-English, Hebrew-English, and Russian-English bilinguals with aphasia. To learn more contact Mira Goral at 718-960-8460 or mira.goral@lehman.cuny.edu.

ALDERBROOK POOL: Summer memberships are available at the Alderbrook Pool, a community gem in a bucolic setting in central Riverdale. Swim outdoors in our clear, cool water, and relax on our deck. See www.alderbrookpool.com for information.