Hebrew Institute of Riverdale

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Kiddush:

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by this year's Simchat Torah Chatanim and Kallah, Ariel Freidenberg, Samuel Marder, and Alisa Eilenberg.

This Shabbat:
Parshat Vayishlach

- Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:21pm
- Shalom Bayit: 7:00am
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:23am
- Learning Service: 9:45am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 3:55pm
- Listening Room: 4:20pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:13pm

Weekday Times

- **Shacharit:**
  Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
  Mon/Thur: 6:40, 7:50am
  Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 7:50am
- **Mincha/Maariv:**
  Sun-Thur: 4:15pm

Next Shabbat:
Parshat Vayeshev

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shacharit Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 3:55pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:13pm

Mazal Tov To: Eva & Richard Rubel on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Leora Bracha. Mazal tov to parents Shira & Abraham Shanin, big brothers Azriel and Binyamin, and big sister Atara. Mazal tov to grandparents Shuly & Alan Rubel.

Condolences To: Bayit Executive Director Richard Langer on the loss of his father, Lee Langer. Shiva in New Jersey will be observed from Friday, December 1st until Tuesday Shacharit, December 5th at the Langer residence, 685 Ogden Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Jillian Davidson on the loss of her mother, Joyce Davidson. Shiva has concluded.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

Drasha: Rav Steven

Riverdale Hatzalah Annual Fundraising Campaign:

Riverdale Hatzalah was founded by our community, to serve our community and is supported solely by our community! Riverdale Hatzalah needs you to continue to support its lifesaving work - to provide our community with the highest level of emergency medical services - free of charge. Our volunteers donate their time, but without your financial support, we cannot provide them with the training and tools that they need. Quality emergency medical care is costly, until you need it; then it becomes priceless. Please give generously!! Contributions can be made online. Please visit our website: www.riverdalehatzalah.org to donate. Checks should be made payable to: Riverdale Hatzalah at: P.O.Box 181, Riverdale Station, Riverdale, New York 10471. Your contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Post-Kiddush Shiur with Ariel Freidenberg: 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Kiddush this Shabbat will be sponsored by the Simchat Torah Chatanim and Kallah. Join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall after services.

Kiddush will be followed by shiur with Chatan Bereshit Ariel Freidenberg in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. "*'Your Name Shall No Longer Be Jacob, But Israel': A Study of the Significance of Jacob's Name Change.*"

Between Mincha/Maariv: Shiur with Shabbi Kestenbaum: "*How to Practically Live a Life in Fear...of God*" & *Personal Reflections on the Year in Israel and Modern Orthodox Education*"

Kavvanah Tefillah: This Sunday, **December 3rd** at 9:00am: An hour of Slower Tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. (Room 3-2)

Starting this Monday evening, Dec 4, at Ma'ariv, we say V'ten Tal U'matar Livracha (ותן טל ומטר לברכה)

Green Chanukah Boutique / Giant Tag Sale!
This Sunday, December 3rd: 10:00am - 3:00pm in the Social Hall

Shop the Bayit's Tag Sale on December 3, 2017 for deeply discounted Judaica, framed art, housewares, decorative items, children's toys, books, and sefarim! All proceeds go to the Bayit. For more information, questions or to volunteer*, please email tagsale@hir.org.

***Volunteers needed to sort, price, and set up before and during the sale.**

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

Drasha: Rav Dan

Chanukah @ The Bayit: December 12-20

Learn more about our upcoming Chanukah programming on page 5 and at www.thebayit.org/chanukah.

MiBayit Lachutz - Visit to VA Nursing Home

Monday, December 25, 2017 at 11:00am

Join us as we visit the James J. Peters VA Medical Center located at 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468. Families Welcome!
To volunteer and to learn more, visit www.thebayit.org/visitva.

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! Visiting students, please email office@thebayit.org for access code.

Shabbat Classes

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua *w/ Rav Steven*
3:25pm - Parsha Shiur *w/ Rav Dan (Sanctuary)*
4:20pm - Listening Room w/ *Myra Estelle (LL BM)*
After Mincha - Mila Ba'Parasha at Beth Aharon. "Shkhem - שְׁכֶם"

Weekday Classes

Monday

9:00am - The Torah of Rav Shagar *w/ Rabba Anat in Hebrew (LHSH)*
10:00am - Gemara Shiur: Moed Katan (Torah Lishma) *w/ Rav Dan (LHSH)*
11:00am - Midrash on the Weekly Parsha (Torah Lishma) *w/ Rav Ezra (LHSH)*
7:30pm - David and Avshalom: Loving our Rebellious Children *w/ Rav Avi (at his home)*
7:30pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan *w/ Sara Kinberg* (at the Atria)*

Tuesday

10:00am - Sefer Bamidbar: The Trek Through the Desert: *w/ Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)*
11:00am - Exploring the Jewish Calendar *w/ Rav Yonah Berman & YCT Students (Main Sanctuary)*
7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Synagogue Literacy *w/ Rabba Anat (Room 3-7)*

Wednesday

9:30am - Contemporary Responsa (Torah Lishma) *w/ Rabba Anat (Main Sanctuary)*
10:30am - Machshava of the Month (Torah Lishma) *w/ Community Scholars (MS)* ***(NOTE**: The class on 12/6 will be taught by Rav Dan.)*
7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan *w/ Sara Kinberg* (Lobby)*

Thursday

10:10am - Book of Kings II *w/ Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)*
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study *w/ Sara Kinberg* (MS)*

FREE Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level 1

Once again in conjunction with NJOP we are offering a free Crash Course in Hebrew reading. This course will take place on Mondays in the Main Lobby, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Final session is 12/4. No prior knowledge of Hebrew is needed. FREE text book sponsored by NJOP will be provided. Questions? Please contact the teacher, Sara Kinberg, at 718-548-2461.

Happenings @ the Bayit

Dedicated in Memory of Henry and Goldie Guttman z"l Abraham & Sarah's Tent, Sponsored by Joe Guttman (co-sponsors welcome): Join us this Shabbat for our open communal dinner **co-sponsored this Shabbat Leslie & Michael Tugetman in honor of their grandson, Asher's, 2nd birthday**. 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.

Weekly Learning Service with Rav Dan. *Shabbat, weekly in Room 3-7, 9:45am -10:45am:* An intimate service with explanations and discussions focusing on prayer and the weekly Torah portion. Questions? Email Ravdan@thebayit.org.

Strollers at the Bayit

Thank you to all who made our experiment of parking strollers on the terrace a success. Please be mindful that following services, these strollers need to be pushed through the lobby where people are standing and socializing. Allowing space for them will make exiting smoother and quicker.

CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

Project Hope Chanukah 2017: This Sunday morning, Dec. 3rd, volunteers will deliver 2-3 Chanukah food/gift packages to homebound, poor and isolated elderly in the Bronx. In addition we deliver a gift of love and caring and the entire experience takes just 1.5 hours start to finish. This project is appropriate for all ages. Families and grandparents and grandchildren are very welcome. There is no more meaningful way to kickoff the Chanukah season than to be part of the team that delivers over 400 packages, bringing light and joy to so many other who might otherwise be alone. Two pickup sites:

1) Ampark near Mosholu Parkway, Community Room 9 just west of the corner of Gale and Orloff Place- directly opposite the train park

2) B'nai B'rith Building in CoopCity: 2050 Bartow Ave, (next to rear of Toys RUs)

For any questions or to make a reservation (preferred but not required): Please email or call Niti Minkove Director of Volunteers at nminkove@bjcfconlineorg / 917-693-3084.

SOCIAL WORKER @ THE BAYIT:

Shira Felberbaum, LMSW, MS, a licensed social worker of The Jewish Board, offers individuals and families of the Bayit short-term supportive counseling, information, and referrals to additional sources of ongoing support. She provides confidential consultations at no fee to congregants on a variety of matters pertaining to personal and professional transitions (e.g. illness, bereavement, caregiving, divorce, retirement, infertility, marriage, birth, adoption, unemployment or underemployment) as well as life challenges (e.g. special needs, mental illness, addiction and recovery, elder abuse, domestic violence, lack of financial resources for food and shelter). Shira also co-facilitates support groups and moderates educational workshops. Working in collaboration with the shul's clergy, administration, and lay leaders, she helps address emerging concerns, developing programs that meet the needs of the community. Shira is passionate about helping to strengthen warm, inclusive, and caring Jewish communities. ***She can be reached by email at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org or by phone at (212) 632 – 4735 for an appointment on most Wednesdays and Thursdays.*** *Shira is available to the HIR community as a result of the Partners in Caring (PIC) grant funded by UJA-Federation of New York. Please contact her directly to share ideas, for more information, or to schedule an appointment.*

Lights in the Darkness: A Chanukah Program for Bereaved Jews

Sunday, December 10th, 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Please join Rav Steven for Chanukah candle-lighting and an opportunity to honor your loved ones. Come together during this Chanukah season to share stories and wisdom from our tradition. Learn more at www.thebayit.org/jbfcs. RSVP to Rav Steven at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

Riverdale Mikvah Hours

718-549-8336 | www.riverdalemikvah.com

Friday Night: *40 minutes after candle lighting. No appointment is necessary but please be on time.*
Saturday Night: *6:00pm - 10:00pm*
Sunday - Thursday Night: *5:00pm - 10:00pm.*
Keilim Mikvah: *The Keilim Mikveh is currently closed for renovations. We apologize for the inconvenience. For information about the Washington Heights Keilim Mikveh, call 212-923-3582.*

Aliyot at the Bayit

Have a guest or special occasion coming up? Contact Bayit Gabbai, Hillel Jaffe to arrange for aliyot and other kibbudim. Gabbai@hir.org.

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HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2017-18

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

For assistance, please contact: David Fain, Youth Director

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 240 **Cell** - 203-901-0937 **Email** - David@thebayit.org

THE BAYIT Youth
Hebrew Institute of RIVERDALE

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH HIR YOUTH DEPT.

www.thebayit.org/chanukah

DOUBLE GLAZE @ DUNKIN' DONUTS CHANUKAH PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 14th, 4-6pm

Come & get a glazed donut and sing with David Glazer at the community-wide Menorah lighting and Chanukah celebration at Dunkin' Donuts, 259th St. and Riverdale Ave.

Free Chanukah doughnuts for the first 200 people!

DUNKIN' DONUTS

HIR YOUTH DEPT. JOINS BETH AHARON CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 17th, 5-7pm

Beth Aharon Chanukah celebration with songs, Arts & crafts, dreidel competition, and raffle. Light dinner will be served. No RSVP required.
Pay at the door.
Cost: $10/person, $25/family.
For more information email tgadasi@gmail.com.

SHABBAT CHANUKAH - DEC. 16TH

Join us for a special scavenger hunt & activity in Shabbat morning groups!

CHANUKAH CHAGIGA @ KINNERET

Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 5-7pm

Join us at Kinneret Day School, 2600 Netherland Avenue for a Chanukah Celebration! Performances by Kinneret Day School Choir and Pey Dalid. Arts & Crafts, singing & dancing, chocolate gelt, dreidels

Snack Reminder

In an effort to remain sensitive to the needs of our youth, we remind parents to only send nut-free snacks with their children to groups. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shabbat Mishpacha

The next Shabbat Mishpacha will take place on Friday, January 19th.

Shabbat Mishpacha

THIS SHABBAT:

3RD-6TH GRADE BOYS GROUP WILL BE IN RH SH THIS SHABBAT

SHABBAT MORNING GROUPS SNACKS 2017-2018

Snacks for Tot Shabbat are sponsored this week by Miryam & Jonathan Fiskus in honor of Elijah's 2nd birthday.

To sponsor snacks for youth groups go to www.thebayit.org/youthsponsor.

Snacks Sponsorship

$100 - sponsor all snacks
$150 - sponsor all snacks +

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

Shabbat Groups Schedule

NOTE: CHANGES IN LOCATIONS

Regular groups 9:40 - 11:40am
Tot Shabbat 10:30am

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

Room 3-6: **Kindergarden**
RH SH: **Graders 3-6 Boys**
Room 3-2: **Graders 3-6 Girls**
Room 3-3: **Grades 1-2**

Pre-Teen BOYS Torah & Ice Cream

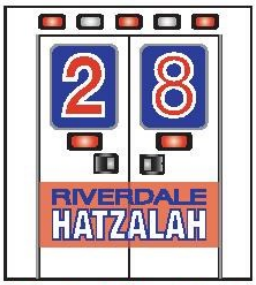
11:00am-11:45am

5th-8th grade boys learning will be this week with Rav Ezra in the Lower Level Right Hand Social Hall.

Post Tot Shabbat Mussaf

There will be a family-friendly mussaf only tefilla following Tot Shabbat at approximately 11:40am.

TOT SHABBAT



Celebrating 28 Years of Service to the Community

28 כח

"Yasher Koach!," a phrase we use to congratulate one another when they do good for others. It means "May your strength be firm!" As we celebrate 28 years of כח KOACH, Riverdale Hatzalah thanks you for your support so we can continue to serve our community.

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December 2, 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

You're anxious….scared. You know something isn't right…and you know you need help. You pick up your phone and you dial… For 28 years Riverdale Hatzalah has answered that call.

For 28 years people you know and trust….people who give freely of their time….people who care about you answer that call with professionalism, passion, respect and love for what they do.

Now we need you to answer their call!!!

Riverdale Hatzalah was started BY OUR COMMUNITY, TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. Riverdale Hatzalah needs you, the Riverdale Community, to continue to support its lifesaving work. Our volunteers donate their time, but without YOUR financial support, we cannot provide them with the training and tools that they need.

Riverdale Hatzalah continues to deliver its vital services to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our 30 volunteer EMTs and Paramedics respond to over 850 medical emergencies annually. Leaving their families and businesses, their Shabbos and Yom Tov tables to provide the highest quality emergency medical care to our community.

The escalating costs of ambulance maintenance, insurance, medical equipment and drugs, and communications equipment creates a greater need for your help. The state mandated switch to electronic pre-hospital call reports, new radio dispatch systems and the immediate need for a new ambulance are major undertakings that require significant capital. Riverdale Hatzalah pays dues to the larger Central Hatzalah organization, which provides our dispatching, licensing, insurance, and other required services. We spare no cost in providing our community with the best care and equipment available, but we need greater support to make these purchases.

Riverdale Hatzalah is SUPPORTED SOLELY BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY! Riverdale Hatzalah does not charge patients for its services. Only with your generous support of our annual campaign can Riverdale Hatzalah continue to provide our community with the highest level of emergency medical services.

Annual Friends of Riverdale Hatzalah begins with your donation of $360, which enables our volunteers to continue their vital work. We urge you to consider giving at the Annual Friends of Hatzalah Appeal level or above. **Quality Emergency medical care is costly, until you need it; then it becomes priceless.**

With best wishes for your good health and a Happy Chanukah!

Sincerely,

Harry M. Feder & Seryl Ritter
Carole B. Sondheim
Fundraising Chairs

Matthew Lipman & Jeff Moerdler
Coordinators

Contributions can be made online. Please visit our website: www.riverdalehatzalah.org to donate, or email us at info@riverdalehatzalah.org to discuss other forms of donations.

Checks should be made payable to: Riverdale Hatzalah at: P.O.Box 181, Riverdale Station, Riverdale, New York 10471. Your contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Riverdale Hatzalah, P.O. Box 181, Riverdale Station, Riverdale, New York 10471
In case of an emergency call Riverdale Hatzalah at 212 or 718·230·1000

Chanukah @ The Bayit: December 12-20

Chai Lifeline Chanukah Toy Drive

MONDAY, 12/4 - TUESDAY, 12/26
Bring a smile to a child's face and brighten up their Chanukah!
Drop-off brand new toys at the Bayit Coat Room.
Please send unwrapped brand new gifts only - these toys are for children with compromised immune systems.
Learn more at www.thebayit.org/toydrive.

Lights in the Darkness: A Chanukah Program for Bereaved Jews

SUNDAY, 12/10, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Please join Rav Steven Exler for Chanukah candle-lighting and an opportunity to honor your loved ones.
Learn more at www.thebayit.org/jbfcs.

Dunkin' Donuts Chanukah Party

THURSDAY, 12/14, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
HIR is sponsoring a community-wide Menorah lighting and Chanukah Celebration with David Glazer at Dunkin' Donuts, 259th St. and Riverdale Ave.
Free Chanukah donuts for the first 200 people!
Learn more at www.thebayit.org/dunkin.

Musical Havdalah and Chanukah Kumsitz

MOTZEI SHABBAT, 12/16, 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM
Enjoy music under the Chanukiah with Rav Ezra and Rabbi Tzachi Posner! Bring an instrument and join in!
Learn more at www.thebayit.org/kumsitz.

Bayit Youth Department joins Beth Aharon's Chanukah Party

SUNDAY, 12/17, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Join Beth Aharon for a Chanukah celebration with songs, Chanukah arts and crafts, driedel competition, and raffle. Light dinner will be served. No RSVP required. Pay at the door.
Recommended cost: $10/person, $25/family.
For more information email tgadasi@gmail.com.

Chanukah Chagiga at Kinneret Day School

TUESDAY, 12/19, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Join Bayit staff, Kinneret Day School Choir, Pey Dalid and Israeli Riverdale families for a Chanukah celebration at Kinneret Day School, 2600 Netherland Ave.
Learn more at www.thebayit.org/century.

CSS (Community Security Service) Update

You've seen the CSS security team in front of the Bayit securing and deterring. Many of you have told us "Thank You" as you enter and leave the Bayit. The best way to say thank you is to join the team.

To volunteer and apply for a future training course please visit http://css.memberlodge.org/ and click on "cadet application." For any questions write to hir@thecss.org.

Name Tag Shabbat: January 6th

Our Bayit community is growing! In keeping with our inclusive vision, we want to strengthen the relationships within our Bayit, to meet and get to know each other better. This begins with learning each other's names. So on Shabbat Parshat Shmot, January 6th, we will have a Name Tag Shabbat, where we are each invited to wear a name tag in order to help connect with one another. Name tags will be printed by the Bayit for our members and associate members. If you are not yet a Bayit member, please fill out your name below to register for a name tag. Children are such an important part of our Bayit, and we'd like to include them as well. Please submit their names when you register. Learn more at www.thebayit.org/nametag.

Save the Date: A Sense of Riverdale Community-wide Shabbat Dinner and Learning

Friday evening, January 12, 2018 (NOTE NEW DATE)

Sponsored by the Riverdale Jewish Community Partnership. Eat, sing, learn, and connect with fellow Riverdalians from all across the Jewish community. For more information, go to www.asenseofriverdale.com.

Thanksgiving - Thank You

Thank you to all the Thanksgiving sponsors and volunteers for making this year's meal a success!

Sponsors: *Caryn Keller & Isaac Silverstein, Rebecca Brafman & David Max, Evelyn & Stanley Weiss, Roberta & Bernard Horowitz, Ruth Schwartz & Jack Lew, Yael Raviv Ferber & Asaf Ferber, Deborah Braverman & Hillel Grossman, Shira Gordon & Phil Shaw, Riverdale Kiwanis Foundation, Nina & Stanley Greenberg, Judith Gurland, Ruth & Elsbeth Couch. Harry Slepian. Friends and family of Joel Katzman who generously donated towards the Thanksgiving Dinner in his memory.*

Sponsoring Caterers: *Butterflake Bakery, Gemstone Caterers, Prestige Caterers, Race-West Company, Silverleaf Caterers*

Volunteers: *Anat Barber. Tzirel and Rivka Bleier. Michelle Cutler. Kathy Goldstein, Ahron Rosenfeld, Modi, Laila, and Andy Goldstein-Rosenfeld. Aaron Frank. Rabba Anat Sharbat, Ariel, Yiskah, Tzruya, Shira, and Na'ama Rachel Freidenberg. Helen Feit. Judith Gurland. Matti Hollo and Ilana Weinstein. Andrew J. Kramer. Leora, Eden, and Hannah Kulak. Deborah, Thomas, Daniel, Kayla, and Eden Kolb. Hope, Raphi, and Levi Langer. Carly Leff Newhouse and Jerry Leff. Theodora Levine. Brenda Levy. Lois, Ben, and Ilana Lombardo. Elaine Machleder. Joan Matalon. The Paragies family. Leah Mizrahi. Stuart Olsen. Shri and Jeannie Rau. Paulette Schneider. Joan Long Salomon. Rhonda Stock. Susan & Saul Tober. The Wolf family. Sherry Watson & Luca Watson-Wijnen. Sharon & Steve Weintraub. Evelyn & Stanley Weiss. Livya Weiss. Toby Weiss. Ronnie Becher. Danielle Greene. Lilly, Ari, Ella & David Weisz. Bear Weitz. Joanne Wiesner. Debi Yanover & Ira Bigeleisen. Rebecca Zinger. Roseanglre Marte. Sabrina Heit. Stan Aranoff. Brian, Merav, and Liron Spira.* ***Special thank you to Volunteer Coordinators Ellie & Hal Weinstein.***

Jspace at the Bayit

Overheard in Jspace: In our Torah Tales group: "I just can't believe Jacob had 13 kids!" In tefillah: "I think we are thanking God for helping us feel good about ourselves."

Jspace is a Sunday morning family education program at the Bayit. Our mission is to create a community for kids and grown ups of a wide range of backgrounds to explore their Jewish identity. We are always looking to expand our circle! If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who would like to join us for tefillah, bagels, and learning, please have them contact Yael Smooha at jspace@thebayit.org.

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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 those with developmental and physical challenges.

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

BEYOND THE BAYIT - December 1 - 8, 2017

NCSY: Inviting all Riverdale High Schoolers. Riverdale NCSY Friday Night Oneg. There will be singing, divrei Torah, and great food! This Friday night, **12/1/2017**, at 8:15pm at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.

CAMP YAVNEH INFORMATION SESSION - MANHATTAN + VIRTUAL: Thinking about summer? It is closer than you think and registration for kayitz '18 has already begun! Are you looking for a premiere Jewish overnight camping experience with campers from throughout North America? Please join us at an upcoming information session from the comfort of your own home to hear why so many kids (and their parents) love Yavneh so much. Manhattan Info Session - Sunday, **12/3/2017** at 5:00pm in Manhattan. Virtual Info Session - Wednesday, **12/20/2017** at 7:00pm from the comfort of your own home. Please RSVP on our website if you would like to attend (and bring your camp age children) either of these sessions. We will send exact log-on information or address as the date gets closer. RSVP to either event at https://www.campyavneh.org/events/yavneh-info-sessions/. Interested in learning more about Yavneh but can't make an information session, send an email to info@campyavneh.org or call 603-942-5593.

REFA'ENU's peer-led mood disorder support groups will meet Tuesday, **12/5/2017**, in Paramus. Groups meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Groups meet at 7:30pm in the Ben Porat Yosef Building at E. 243 Frisch Ct. in Paramus, NJ. Doors open at 7:10pm. Please make an effort to be on time (by 7:30pm) so as not to disrupt the flow of the groups. Groups are divided between a group for those with a disorder (depression, bipolar) as well as a group for their loved ones. Please check website to confirm meetings: http://www.refaenu.org. No reservations are required. For more information contact: dena@refaenu.org.

JLENS' JEWISH IMPACT INVESTING SUMMIT: JLens Network is hosting the Jewish Impact Investing Summit to be held in NYC on **12/5/2017**. Impact investing sits at the intersection of philanthropy, finance, business, and government. Attend this Summit if you are interested in tikkun olam, social justice, the environment, next gen engagement, connection to Israel, Jewish continuity, Israel advocacy/BDS, interfaith collaboration, and Jewish education. No investment expertise required. Discounted nonprofit and student rate available on the registration page. Register here: www.jiis.eventbrite.com.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE FOR JEWISH STUDIES (WIJS) is a program with the mission of introducing outstanding women Jewish studies scholars to the Westchester community. Now in its third year, this well attended program features speakers from both the United States and Israel through a series of lectures held throughout the year at Young Israel of New Rochelle, 1149 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY. All lectures are free of charge and open to both women and men. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Our next program will be Tuesday, **12/5/2017** at 8:00pm. For additional information or to be added to our mailing list, please email wijs@yinr.org. Please visit www.yinr.org/wijs to view our schedule.

THE RUTKA'S NOTEBOOK HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CONTINUITY PROJECT is now reading: *A Small Town Near Auschwitz: Ordinary Nazis and the Holocaust*. It traces the story of Udo Klausa a Nazi functionary, who claimed after the war that he was merely one of the countless "many who held themselves to be 'decent' people (and who) went along with the Nazi regime for so long." The well crafted book by Mary Fulbrook "reminds us that something unthinkable is nevertheless possible." The book is available (used) on Amazon and www.BarnesAndNoble.com. We will discuss this book at our next meeting on Tuesday, **12/5/2017** from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Raymond Kelly Building of Manhattan College, first floor lounge. For more information and/or to receive a copy of the book free of shipping costs please contact Rick Feldman at rdfeld@aol.com / 646431-7734.

RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER: RJC's Annual Touch of Class Chanukah Boutique is back! New and returning amazing vendors! **12/9/2017** at 7:30pm. $5 admission.

RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, **12/10/2017**, 8:30am-2:30pm. Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. Please bring a photo ID or blood donor card. Eligible Ages: 17-76, Age 16 with parental consent. Thank You!

ARCH OF TITUS WALK-TALK - FROM JERUSALEM TO ROME, AND BACK! Join our friend and historian Prof. Steven Fine, on Sunday, **12/10/2017** between 1:00pm-2:30pm, for a walking tour through Yeshiva University Museum's exhibition as we explores the image and legacy of the Arch of Titus from Imperial Rome to modern-day Israel. This is a special tour only for community of HIR and Beth Aharon! Location: The Yeshiva University Museum's Popper Gallery, Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16th Street, NYC. Questions may be emailed to bethaharon@gmail.com.

THE JEWISH BOARD: Sitting Together: A Monthly Support Group for Jews Living with BiPolar Disorder. Tuesday, **12/12/2017**, 2:30 – 4:00pm. Held at The Jewish Board, 135 West 50th Street, 6th Floor, New York City.
Join others who understand first-hand the challenges and gifts of this condition, sharing Jewish communal and spiritual resources that support health, coping, and growth. Please Note: Registration, Intake, and Medical Approval Required. For more information, please contact: Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, LCSW: 212-632-4770 (private and confidential).

BEYOND THE BAYIT - December 1 - 8, 2017

SHLOCK ROCK CONCERT AT WESTCHESTER TORAH ACADEMY! WTA invites the community to a Shlock Rock concert on the second night of Chanukah! Join us **12/13/2017,** doors open at 6:30pm at 1000 Pinebrook blvd. in New Rochelle. $10/person, $45/family. Visit www.westchesterta.org/shlockrock to reserve your ticket. We look forward to seeing you there!

RIVERDALE Y:

SARAH LILY ADOPTION FUND: As part of its mission to strengthen families, and promote Jewish identity and continuity, The Riverdale Y has established the Sarah Lily Fund for Adoption that provides two $5,000 grants annually to help Jewish families in Metropolitan New York being formed by adoption. Applications are considered in May and November. For more information please visit www.RiverdaleY.org/SarahLilyFund.

GYMBO is back at the Riverdale Y for 2-8 year olds! Starting this Sunday, December 3 from 10:15am-12:30pm, we will play, jump on trampolines and in our Bouncy House, dance, and create around classical themes related to Israeli childhood games - all in the spirit of Chanukah! Light brunch will be served during the activities. $35 per family. For more information and to register, go to www.riverdaley.org/ihouse.

STANLEY LANE CO-ED BASKETBALL LEAGUE for 1st - 9th grades starts this Sunday, December 3 at the Riverdale Y! Includes Sunday practices and games as well as weekday clinics. All skill levels welcome. For more information and to register, go to www.riverdaley.org/stanleylane.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL invites the community to our Annual Day of Big Ideas Monday, **12/25/2017**, 9:30am - 12:30pm. 1650 Palisade Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666. For a complete schedule, please visit: www.maayanot.org/community/. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Pam Ennis, Director of Development, ennisp@maayanot.org. Men & women are welcome.

YINR MEMBER IN NEED OF LIVER TRANSPLANT: Uri Landesman, a long-time YINR member, needs a liver transplant and has begun a search for a donor. He is seeking a living donor between the ages 18-55, with type O or A2 blood and a healthy liver. The procedure involves having three of five liver lobes (60% of most livers) removed, 90% of which is regenerated within six weeks. Hospitalization following the procedure averages five days and most donors are back to work within three weeks. While compensation cannot be provided for this great act of kindness, reimbursement will be provided for any uninsured medical expenses. If you or someone you know are able and willing to be considered as a potential donor, contact Uri directly at 917-734-4203 or 914-235-0481, or ulandesman4@gmail.com.

KINNERET DAY SCHOOL: Open House (Every Friday from 8-9am, through January) For over 70 years, Kinneret has been providing students from across the spectrum of Jewish practice with a cutting-edge N-8 education in a warm, nurturing environment right here in Riverdale. Our loving early childhood program encourages students' transitions to greater independence and emphasizes school readiness through play with half-day and extended day options available. High acceptance rate into NYC specialized high schools and Jewish Day Schools -- Ivrit b'Ivrit classroom and culture --Affordable tuition. To learn more about Kinneret Day School, please visit our website at www.kinneretdayschool.org. Please call 718-548-0900 to schedule an appointment.

ISRAEL BONDS: This Hanukkah, give the gift of Israel to your children, grandchildren and relatives! For one night of Hanukkah, celebrate Israel and buy an Israel bond. With bonds starting at $36, and easily purchased online, this is a perfect gift for the holidays. The more ties we can forge between our children and the State of Israel, the greater likelihood they will understand and appreciate their Jewish heritage, and the stronger Israel will be in the future. Israel bonds are one of the many vehicles that can be utilized to build linkage between our children and Israel. By gifting an Israel Bond, we send a message to our children that it is as important to loan our monies to Israel as it is to make charitable gifts to our Jewish homeland. At the same time you are teaching your children about making wise investment decisions. Israel has a 100% perfect record of payment of principal and interest on Israel bonds. The purchase of an Israel bond is a meaningful expression of commitment to the future strength of the State of Israel and helps to build every aspect of Israel's economy, making it both strong and resilient. For more information, contact Cynthia Blustein, Development Corporation for Israel, at 914-713-9003 or make a purchase and review rates and prospectuses at www.israelbonds.com.

FLEETWOOD SYNAGOGUE: Join us for our 14th annual Charles Sidlow Memorial Lecture Series on **1/6/2018**, 7:30pm at Fleetwood Synagogue, 11 Broad St. E, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Featuring Rabbi Jeremy Wieder and Ms. Shuli Taubes. RSVP to rabbirosenfelt@fleetwoodsynagogue.org.

TEAM LIFELINE: Talia Michaeli is getting ready for the Chai Lifeline Miami half marathon on **1/28/2018**. She will be running to raise funds for the children of Chai Lifeline . These funds help put smiles on the faces of 5,000 children and families helped by Chai Lifeline. If you would like to sponsor Talia's run/walk, visit www.teamlifeline.org and click on the sponsor link. Enter Talia Michaeli to find her special page. Every dollar counts! If you have any questions, or you wish to donate in a different manner, please be in