BAYIT BULLETIN

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November 25 - December 2, 2022
1 - 8 Kislev, 5783

Parashat Toldot

- Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat: 3:15pm, click here.
- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha: 4:23pm
- Shacharit: 7:15am, 9:00am
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:18am
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Maariv: 4:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:15pm
- Zoom Havdalah: 5:45pm, click here.

WEEKDAY TIMES:

Livestream: zoom.us/j/6136133700

Shacharit:

- Sun: 8:30am
- Mon/Thurs: 6:40am, 7:50am*
- Tue/Wed/Fri: 6:45m, 7:50am*

*7:50am Weekday Tefillah, Zoom only (**non-minyan**).

Mincha/Maariv
Sun-Thu: 4:10pm - Sanctuary

Daf Yomi: page 2
Sun: 7:45am, Zoom only.
Mon-Fri: 7:45am in person & Zoom zoom.us/j/6136133702
Motzaei Shabbat: 45 minutes after Havdalah, Zoom only.
For the Zoom password please contact office@thebayit.org.

NEXT SHABBAT

Parashat Vayetzei

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- Mincha: 4:20pm
- Shacharit: 7:15am, 9:00am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Maariv: 4:28pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:13pm

MAZAL TOV TO: Sandra Molinas & Sam Sigal on the engagement of their daughter, Sophia, to Justin Lundin. Mazal tov to siblings Danielle & Elazar, Max, and the entire family.

THANKS TO: Ellie & Hal Weinstein and all the wonderful volunteers at our Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our Thanksgiving sponsors: Anonymous x 2; Ruth Bromberg Sharon Cabelly; Kirsten Chambers; Susan Chasky; Cheryl & Nicholas Chiovetta; Barbara Gewirtz; Debbie Braverman & Hillel Grossman; Judith Gurland; Pamela & Jeff Gurock; Jessica & Chad Haller; Roberta & Bernard Horowitz; Robert Kalfus; David Kanowitz; MJ & Barry Kanner; Deborah & Arnold Kramer; Vivian Krohn; Ruth Kraus; Beth Levine; Ruth Licht; David Lutzer; Dana Neugut; Eric Newman; Barbara Sachs; Judith Sheer; Rhonda & Bill Stock; Barie-Lynne Rosensaft & family; Dennis Rubenstein; Tehilla Siegel; Harry Slepian; Noadia Steinmetz-Silber; Sharon Wolfe .

SHABBAT @ THE BAYIT

Shabbat Groups meet from 9:30am - 11:30am**.** All groups will meet in the Playground. In case of inclement weather, groups will meet on the third floor. Pickup in the Main Lobby at 11:30am.

No Skills Tefillah this week.

Derashah with Rabba Sara.

Kiddush is sponsored by the Bayit.

SECOND ART INSTALLATION FOR THE MIBAYIT, LABAYIT PROGRAM • Featuring Joan Stark

Joan has a lifelong love of the arts and began her career in fashion design. She is a passionate painter, inspired by nature. Joan loves painting outdoors (plein air) and has used oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolors. She enjoys all materials but her passion is creating with watercolor in combination with pastel. Her paintings are inspired by travel to her favorite places including Kenya, Italy (Lake Como), the Berkshires, and Colorado. Joan spends her time painting, traveling, teaching children's art classes, and spending time with her 5 grandchildren. We thank Joan for the loan of her artwork to enhance the beauty of our Lobby for the next few weeks. To learn more about our Mibayit, LaBayit program please click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, December 2:** Tent Connections - page 3
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- **Motzaei Shabbat, December 23:** Chanukah Kumsitz - page 3
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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.

WEEKLY CLASSES @ THE BAYIT

Please contact the **office@thebayit.org,** 718-796-4730 for the zoom password.
Unless otherwise stated, the Zoom link for morning classes is:
zoom.us/j/470341910

Daf Yomi: Sun-Fri: 7:45am & Motzaei Shabbat 45 minutes after **Havdalah.** Weekday classes are offered on Zoom and in person, weekends are Zoom only. Daf Yomi at the Bayit is taught weekdays by Rabbi David Schwartz and Dov Weinstock and weekends by Eli Oberstein or Myriam Elefant; zoom.us/j/6136133702

MONDAY

- **10:30am:** Talmud Avodah Zarah w/R' Ezra, in person & Zoom.
- **11:30am:** Halacha Chaburah w/Burt Nusbacher, Zoom only.
- **7:00pm:** Breath, Body, Mind w/Shira Gordon, Ruth Litsky, Carole Oshinsky, Zoom only, zoom.us/j/6136133702
- **8:30pm:** Open Space w/Dr. Seth Aronson zoom.us/j/6136133702
- **8:30pm:** Weekly Parsha with Modern Commentators w/R Steven, Zoom only, zoom.us/j/6136133703

TUESDAY

- **7:15am:** Shir Chadash Shel Yom w/R' Dr. Wendy Zierler, in person & Zoom, zoom.us/j/6136133700
- **10:00am:** Torat Ahavah w/R' Avi, Zoom only.
- **11:15am:** Book of Daniel w/R' Ezra, in person & Zoom.

WEDNESDAY

- **10:00am:** Learning Service w/Livya Tinestit-Weiss, Zoom only, zoom.us/j/6136133702
- **11:15am:** Haftarah of the Week (in English) w/R' Bracha, Zoom only.

THURSDAY

- **9:00am:** Sivan Rahav Meir w/ R' Bracha, Zoom only.
- **10:00am:** Book of Jeremiah w/R' Steven, in person & Zoom.
- **5:00pm:** Breath, Body, Mind w/Shira Gordon, Ruth Litsky, Carole Oshinsky, Zoom only, zoom.us/j/6136133702

FRIDAY

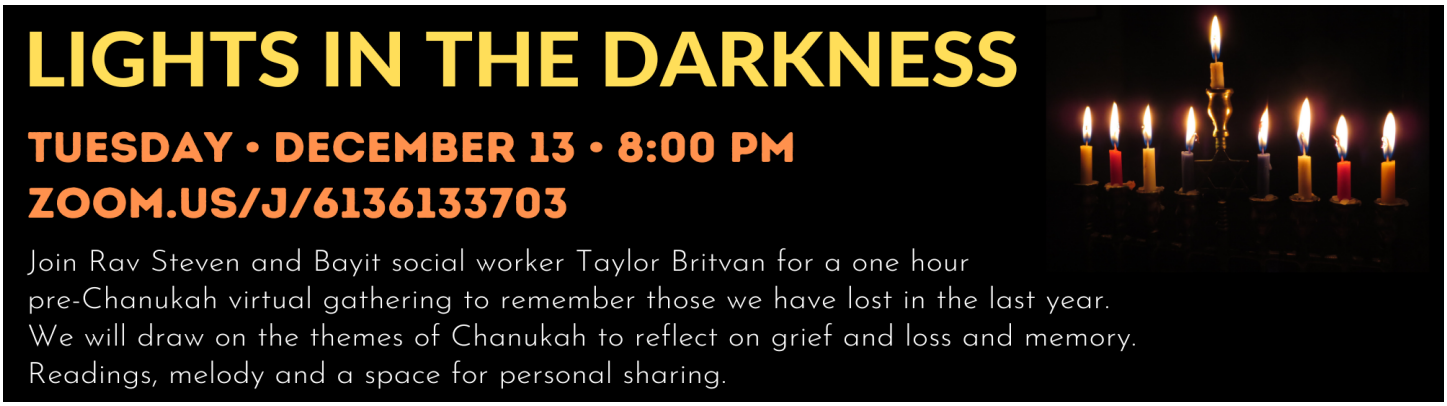
- **1:00pm:** Qi-Gong w/Shirie Eshel, Zoom only, zoom.us/j/6136133702

SOCIAL WORKER @ THE BAYIT - TAYLOR BRITVAN, LMSW: Taylor is available to the HIR community through the Partners in Caring (PIC) program facilitated by The Jewish Board and funded by UJA-Federation of New York. She offers individual support as well as providing bereavement support groups. She can be reached at tbritvan@jbfcs.org or by phone at: 917-873-5937.

Abraham & Sarah's Tent: Dedicated in Memory of Henry & Goldie Guttman z'l
& sponsored by Joe Guttman z'l
Join us every Shabbat for our open communal dinner

This week the Tent is co-sponsored by the Bayit

To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship, please visit www.thebayit.org/tent or email James Lapin tent@hir.org.



Youth Chanukah Palooza • Thursday, December 22nd • 4:00pm
Children ages 3 and older: Join the Bayit and Kinneret Day School families for a Chanukah Chagiga at the Bayit with a Community Menorah Lighting, Chanukah Arts & Crafts, Dreidels, Chocolate Gelt, and Dunkin Donuts. Musical performance by Rabbinic Intern Dvir Cahana. Suggested donation: $26/family. Pre-register here.

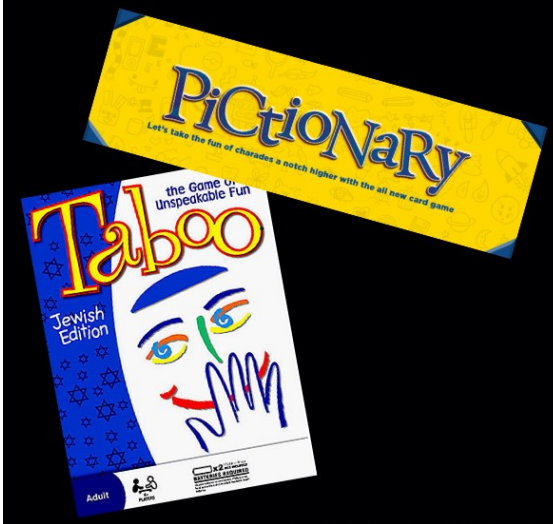
Chanukah Kumsitz • Motzaei Shabbat, December 24th • 5:30pm
Enjoy music under the Chanukiah with Rav Ezra. Bid farewell to Shabbat and celebrate the Festival of Lights! Bring an instrument and join in.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit

GAME night FOR GROWN UPS

Sat Night • DEC 3 • 8:00 -10:00 PM

The Bayit invites the entire community to enjoy
a fun game night at the Bayit!
Chillax at one of our game stations
with delicious food and fun beverages!
There will be time to enjoy each of the games.



Invite your friends to join us!

Couvert: $90/person

RSVP @ THEBAYIT.ORG/GNG

Event Chairs: Annie & Ari Hoffnung

Event Committee:

Rachel & Bill Cohen, Shira & Steven Katchen, Sasha & Chaim Kesler, Jessica & Stuart Loeser

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HEBREW INSTITUTE OF RIVERDALE - THE BAYIT PRESENTS:

CHOLENT COOK-OFF

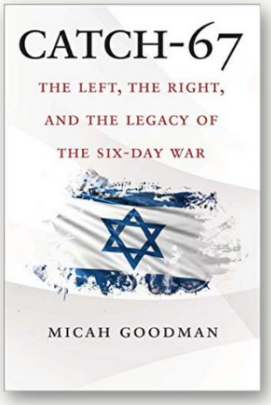
Hands-on Experience for Competitors and Participants

Interested in competing?
E-mail yael@thebayit.org

To sponsor this fun & delicious event
thebayit.org/cholent

THE RABBI'S
BOOK CLUB

Join Rav Steven for a year-long book club exploring issues central to our Bayit's mission: Medinat Yisrael (Jewish Nationhood and Israeli-Palestinian relationships), Am Yisrael (Jewish Identity & Antisemitism), and Kol Yoshvei Teivel (Justice and Human Rights)



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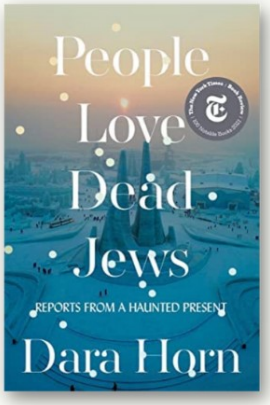

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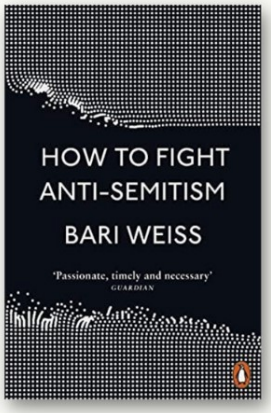
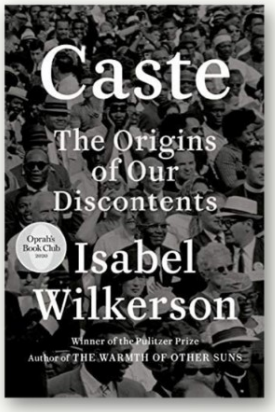
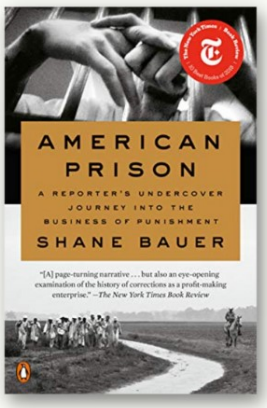


FEB. 7 & 21



MAR. 14 & 21



MAY 9 & 23

IN-PERSON • REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AFTER THANKSGIVING
7:30PM - 8:45PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL BEIT MIDRASH

THEBAYIT.ORG/BOOKCLUB

BAYIT CONNECTIONS

In Person • Chanukah • Tuesday, December 20 • 2:00pm

Do you want to learn or teach Mahjong with Bayit Connections? Join us in person on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00pm. Our group will gather in the main lobby to play board games and socialize (no speaker). If there is a specific game you want to play or learn, like chess or bridge; please let us know ahead of time. No RSVP required. Bring a friend; make a friend!
Additional in person meeting dates are: Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 21, May 9, and June 6.

Zoom Only • Thursday, December 22 • 2:00pm

Join Bayit member Emily Winograd over Zoom for an interactive workshop: "What's in a Pickle?" Registration form (including list of supplies) will be shared in next week's bulletin.

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Volunteers from our Social Action Committee are getting ready to welcome a Ukrainian refugee family to the neighborhood. They are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment to lease for one year in North Riverdale. If you have any leads please reach out to Michael Goldblum at socialaction@thebayit.org.
You can also help this Ukrainian refugee family settle in our area by donating, any amount will make a difference as they start anew. Your support is urgently needed and would be greatly appreciated. You can donate here. Please see thebayit.org/ukraine for all the details on rallies, donations, and support.

COLLECTION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS:

Thank you to all those who've donated clothing for Asylum Seekers! After the amazing response to TeamTLCNYC, alongside the change in weather, we are now accepting **ONLY** small & medium winter coats and shoes (no other items). These can be left in the marked bins at the bottom of the Bayit driveway. Kind reminder that donations should be clean and in reasonable condition.

The Jewish Board

PROUD PARTNER UJA Federation NEW YORK

DISORDERED EATING SUPPORT GROUP

This Jewish Community Services (JCS) support group focuses on wellness and health surrounding restrictive or compulsive eating, and irregular or inflexible eating patterns. Meet weekly on Zoom with likeminded people who share a similar struggle. Let us support and learn from one another. For more information or to register, please email jcsrecovery@jbfcs.org.

THE LEV INITIATIVE

JCS has a new program to support those impacted by intimate partner violence called The Lev Initiative.
The Lev Initiative will provide clinical support and emergency housing to those impacted by intimate partner violence, including their families and children. Services include crisis/individual support sessions, support groups, psychotherapy, and more. Groups will meet for 12 - 15 weeks in Brooklyn, but there is a remote option if needed. Contact us confidentially at lev@jbfcs.org or call 646-273-1800.

REDEFINING CONNECTION

JCS in collaboration with the T'Shuvah Center offer a Parents Support Group for those who have children who struggle with Addiction**.** This support group will provide :

- An opportunity for parents to engage in their own healing work as it relates to their children
- An arena for shared learning and discussion around personal values and concerns relating to addiction and recovery.

This group will meet weekly for 12 weeks on Zoom and will begin early winter.
For more information or to register, please email jcsrecovery@jbfcs.org.

Social worker **Taylor Britvan**, LMSW, from JCS is available to the Bayit community for individual support and bereavement support. She can be reached at tbritvan@jbfcs.org or by phone at 917-873-5937.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

TOT SHABBAT • 10:30AM

NO SKILLS TEFILLAH THIS WEEK

GROUPS - PRE-K - 4TH GRADE & 3RD & 4TH GRADE HANGOUT • 9:30AM

Groups will meet in the playground. In case of inclement, weather groups will meet on the third floor. Pick up is in the Main Lobby at 11:30am Questions? Email our Youth Director, Yali Szulanski, yali@thebayit.org.

UPCOMING

Teen Friday Night Oneg, 6th/7th/8th graders @ Rav Steven's Table
December 2 • 8:30pm
Learning, singing, snacks, and discussion in an informal environment with Rav Steven at his home.

Skills Tefillah with special Cholent Kiddush • Shabbat, December 3rd
Calling all Teens and Tweens Grade 3 and up - come learn, daven, and enjoy kiddush with us!

Chanukah Palooza • Thursday, December 22 • 4:00pm
Details to follow.

Teen Friday Night Oneg, 9th/10th graders @ Rav Steven's Table
January 6th • 8:30pm
Learning, singing, snacks, and discussion in an informal environment with Rav Steven at his home.

Have questions about sponsoring a kiddush or scheduling an upcoming simcha? You can always schedule a phone call with our Executive Director, Richard Langer, by clicking here.

With the cost of living soaring, a gentle reminder to all that the Rabbinic Discretionary Fund is here to help community members in times of need. This process is confidential and discreet. If you are in need of assistance or know someone who is, please speak to any of our rabbinic staff members. If you would like to donate towards this Fund, please go to thebayit.org/donate and choose "Rabbinic Discretionary Fund."

END OF YEAR GIVING @ THE BAYIT

We so appreciate the support each of our donors provides to the Bayit. As we head into the final weeks of the year, we offer this reminder to discuss the potential tax implications for various forms of donations with your financial adviser. Some options that you might want to explore with someone who is familiar with your personal situation include:

- Gifts of appreciated securities.
- Donating directly to the Bayit some or all of the required minimum distribution from your retirement account or accounts.
- Potential tax consequences of either accelerating your giving in December 2022 or deferring gifts until January 2023.

The Bayit has also partnered with UJA-Federation of NY to offer members the opportunity to create Charitable Gift Annuities. To learn more, pick up a brochure in the Lobby or reach out to Richard (Richard@thebayit.org, 718-796-4730 x 104).

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, race, 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—COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teen Interfaith Dialogue - We are looking for older teens (16-19) who are interested in interfaith dialogue to develop a project for MLK Day of Service that supports deeper understanding and connection between people of diverse backgrounds. Please join us on November 27 at 10am at the Riverdale Y. For questions, please contact Alexandra at volunteers@riverdaley.org

Blood Drive December 4: Please join the Riverdale community in supporting our next blood drive December 4 at the Riverdale Jewish Center. Click here to register!

Derfner Judaica Museum at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale offers free and low cost online and in-person tours to local community groups, schools and organizations. The current exhibition, *Maryna Bilak: CARE,* features paintings, frescoes, sculptures, drawings and assemblages inspired by the artist's experience caring for her mother-in-law, Dorothy. Through Feb. 19. Also on view: *Tradition and Remembrance: Treasures of the Derfner Judaica Museum*. Ongoing. Museum hours: Sunday – Thursday, 10:30am-4:30pm Admission is free. Photo ID and proof of vaccination required for entry. Contact art@riverspring.org for more information.

Interested in Seeing Riverdale Hatzalah Behind the Scenes While Making Your Community Safer? On Sunday morning, December 18th Riverdale Hatzalah will be conducting a large-scale training drill. While there is no known active threat to our community at this time, Riverdale Hatzalah understands the importance of preparedness and training to plan for the worst while we hope for the best. As part of this drill, Riverdale Hatzalah is looking for volunteers in the community to serve as "mock" patients. Volunteers must be 12 years or older; no medical knowledge or skills necessary. If interested, please email info@riverdalehatzalah.org. Thank you for partnering with Riverdale Hatzalah as we strive to make Riverdale a safer place to live, learn, and work.

Applications Are Open for the 2023 Bronfman Fellowship! Every year, 26 Jewish teens get the opportunity of a lifetime: a free Fellowship-year experience, beginning with a summer in Israel and the U.S., in which they embark on deeply personal journeys and learn to see the world through a lens broader than their own. After the immersive summer, the Fellowship year continues with monthly virtual meetings and a winter and spring seminar in the U.S. Inspired by a diverse faculty of Rabbis and educators, Fellows explore the rich tapestry of Jewish texts and ideas, using them to spark conversations, engage with stimulating existential questions, and achieve a deeper understanding of themselves and one another. They also expand their worldview through intensive encounters with a parallel group of Israeli peers. After the Fellowship year, Fellows join our extraordinarily active, 1400+ member alumni community, inspiring them to change the world for the better. Applicants must be in 11th grade, self-identify as Jewish, and live in the U.S. or Canada. Application deadline is December 5, 2022. Learn more and apply at bronfman.org. Nominate a Jewish 11th-grader at bit.ly/bronfnomination.

Torat Reva Yerushalyim: Israel in the Parsha free weekly Zoom shiur with Sharona Halickman, Sundays at 1:00pm NY time, starting October 23. Please email toratreva@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

The KCI Kosher Food Pantry continues to provide basic non-perishable and seasonal perishable food items, including produce (like potatoes, oranges and cucumbers) and sources of protein. The food has been made available to the Pantry at no-cost by Met Council and is available for anyone who thinks that a little extra help will benefit you and/or your family. No Vetting process. Pantry deliveries delivered directly to your home and shopping in our pantry is also now an option! Sign up today by contacting KCIfoodpantry@gmail.com or (646) 647-1380.
All contact remains strictly confidential to a small group of local volunteers.

Please join JCRC-NY and UJA-Federation of NY for our first community event on December 1st: 7-8:30pm at Central Synagogue: Understanding Gun Violence in NYC: What is our Communal Responsibility? Rabbi Menachem Creditor will be leading us through a panel discussion with leading experts to educate and activate the New York Jewish Community on this pressing issue. You can register here for in person or virtual attendance.

Riverdale Mikvah: please visit our website to make a reservation: riverdalemikvah.com | 718-549-8336

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Kinneret Day School (KDS) Application for Fall 2023: Kinneret Day School is a pluralistic Nursery-Grade 8 Jewish Day School right here in Riverdale, providing students from across the spectrum of Jewish practice with a cutting-edge secular and Judaic education as well as an exemplary Ivrit b'Ivrit culture and curriculum, all in a small, warm, and nurturing environment. Come see us in action at our weekly Open House, help every Friday at 9:00am. Or join our Friday Forum on December 2nd at 8:30am for a deeper look into Kinneret and experience a KDS classroom, meet the administration, meet current KDS families, and take a school tour. RSVP to 718-548-0900 or admissions@kinneretdayschool.org.

SAR Academy Accepting Applications for Fall 2023: Dreams are important. They help us learn. They help us become who we are meant to be. At SAR we nurture our students' dreams, talents, and capabilities with Torah as our lense and allow them to explore endless possibilities through work and play. We encourager their imagination to help them become what they aspire to be. We help their dreams soar. We believe it's not just what you learn. It's who you become. Prospective parent information sessions: Wednesday, November 30th; Tuesday, December 13th; Wednesday, January 18th. Register at: https://www.saradmissions.org/infosession. For more information, call 718.548.1717 x1251 or email: admissions@saracademy.org. www.saradmissions.org

Beit Rabban Day School invites you to a parlor meeting this Motzei Shabbat – Saturday, November 19th at 8:00pm in Riverdale. Come to learn about our beloved school, which is home to deep and joyful learning! (We are located on the UWS of Manhattan, and offer transportation subsidies for all families living outside our busing zone.) RSVP to admissions@beitrabban.org (Exact location provided upon RSVP).