

BAYIT BULLETIN

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March 15 - 22, 2024 5 - 12 Adar I I, 5784

Parshat Pekudei

Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat:
 6:00pm, click <u>here</u>.

• Candle Lighting: **6:45pm**

Mincha/Kab. Shabbat: 6:55pm

 Shacharit: 7:10am / 9:00am (MS)

• Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 10:04am

Mincha: 6:35pmMaariv: 7:39pm

Shabbat Ends: 7:49pmZoom Havdalah: 7:55pm

• Daf Yomi: 8:35pm

WEEKDAY TIMES: Livestream: **zoom.us/j/6136133700**

Shacharit:

• Sun: **8:30am**

• Mon: 6:40am, 7:50am*

• Tue/Wed/Fri: **6:45am**, **7:50am***

• Thu: **6:20am, 7:50am***

Ta'anit Esther: Fast begins: **5:44am** Fast ends: **7:50pm**

*Zoom only (non-minyan)

Mincha/Maariv Sun-Wed: 6:55pm Thu: 6:40pm

Daf Yomi: see page 2

NEXT SHABBAT

Parshat Vayikra Shabbat Zachor

Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat:
 6:00pm, click <u>here</u>.

Candle Lighting: 6:53pm

• Mincha/Kab. Shabbat: 7:00pm

Shacharit: 7:10am, 9:00am

• Mincha: 6:45pm

• Shabbat Ends: 7:57pm

MAZAL TOV TO: Alisa & Ben Winchel on the birth of a baby girl, Nili Sophia. Mazel tov to siblings Matty and Olivia and to grandparents Evelyn & Jim Hartman and Lucy & Leon Winchel, uncles and aunts Jakey & Heidi Hartman, Benji & Julie Hartman and Eric & Elyse Winchel and to cousins Matty, Olivia, Ethan, Levi, Elle, Eve and Elan.

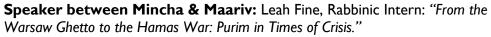
THANK YOU TO: Andrea Davis, Jane Flechner, Karen Jordan, and Rhonda Stock for sponsoring the film screening of Women in Gold.

SHABBAT@ THE BAYIT This Shabbat is ORA's Agunah Awareness Shabbat

Please see back cover for Youth Department information

Derashah: Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz*: "Legacy of the Mishkan: Divisions, Respect, and Inviting God's Presence in Israel Today."

Kiddush is sponsored by Fern & Leslie Penn in memory of Fern's mother, Ruthe Unger, whose yahrzeit falls in Adar II.



*Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz is the founder of 'Hashgacha Pratit,' an organization that broke the monopoly of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate on kosher supervision, as well as the monopoly on the provision of private religious services.

Ahead of International Agunah Day on Ta'anit Esther, the Bayit is joining the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA) in dedicating this Shabbat to agunot around the world. We always remember that our Neviim (Prophets) tell us that our community is judged by how we treat the most vulnerable among us. Every day, ORA reaffirms our commitment to protect and support those who are refused their freedom. Join us. Stand up, stand proud and stand with us as we protect agunot around the world in the diaspora and in Israel. To read more about ORA's work, please visit: www.getora.org. Please pick up a copy of the Agunah Awareness Shabbat 2024 Journal from the flyer bins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 17: Breakfast & Book Talk with Rabbi Paul Plotkin page 3
- Wednesday, March 20: Kulanu Chaverim - page 3
- Thursday, March 21: Taanit Esther page 10
- Saturday, March 23-30: Early voting for the Presidential Primary (not at the Bayit)
- Tuesday, March 26: Knitting for Israel - page 3

- Wednesday, March 27: Wise Aging Workshop - page 6
- **Shabbat, March 30:** Soldiers from Israel page 4
- Monday, April 1: Golden Age page 6

Pre-Pesach Class #1 - page 2

 Tuesday, April 2: Election Day for the Presidential Primary (not at the Bayit)
 The Pabbi's Book Club, page 6

The Rabbi's Book Club - page 6
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Next Shabbat there will be a **Celebration Kiddush** in honor of our Community Security Service (CSS) Volunteers. Click <u>here</u> to sponsor.



PURIM is next week!
Please visit pages 10-12

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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.

Please contact the Bayit office at <u>office@thebayit.org</u> or 718-796-4730 for the zoom password.

Daf Yomi this week: Motzaei Shabbat-Tue: Zoom only. Wed-Fri: in-person and Zoom.

Taught by Eliezer Oberstein, R' David Schwartz, and Dov Weinstock. The link for the classes is: **zoom.us/j/6136133702**.

Please <u>click here</u> to join the Bayit's Daf Yomi WhatsApp group for schedule updates.

MONDAY - March 18th

- **10:00am:** Halacha Chaburah: Blessings after meals (*Birchat Hamazon*) w/Burt Nusbacher, **Zoom** only
- 10:30am: Learning Service w/Livya Tinestit-Weiss, **Zoom** only
- 8:30pm: Weekly Parashah with Modern Commentators w/R' Steven, Zoom only

TUESDAY - March 19th

- **7:15am-7:30am:** Shir Chadash Shel Yom w/Rabbi Dr. Wendy Zierler, in-person and **Zoom**
- 10:00am: Torat Ahavah w/R' Avi, Zoom only

WEDNESDAY - March 20th

- II:00am: Haman the Wicked | Antisemitism is an Old Trope *in English* w/R' Bracha, in-person and Zoom
- 7:30pm: Open Space w/Barbara Gochberg, **Zoom** only

THURSDAY - March 21st

- **9:00am:** A study of *Avinu Malkeinu* in honor of Ta'anit Esther, *in English* w/R' Bracha, **Zoom** only
- II:00am: The Bernice & Arthur Schwartz z'l Memorial Tanach Class | The Book of Jeremiah w/R' Steven in-person and Zoom
- **5:30pm:** Breath, Body, Mind w/Ruth Litsky/Carole Oshinsky, **Zoom** only

Please visit **thebayit.org/classes** for more details.

Shabbat afternoons there is a 30 minute learning session between Mincha and Maariv. If you would like to teach a shiur, please contact **Ray Steven** or **Rabbanit Bracha**.

Pesach Practicum Classes will begin on Monday night, April 1st. For dates and topics see thebayit.org/event/pp24

SOCIAL WORKER @ **THE BAYIT - RABBI ADAM HUTTEL, LMSW:** Adam is available to the Bayit community through the Partners in Caring (PIC) program facilitated by The Jewish Board and funded by UJA-Federation of New York. He facilitates bereavement support groups, provides short-term individual counseling, connects people to social services, and is active in community outreach. He can be reached at ahuttel@jbfcs.org or by phone at: 917-601-1783. He is available: Tue: 1:00pm-4:30pm | Thu: 9:00am-1:00pm

For information on Jewish Board support groups please see Beyond the Bayit. In case of an emergency please call 911

Abraham & Sarah's Tent: Dedicated in Memory of Henry and Goldie Guttman z'l & sponsored by Joe Guttman z'l

Join us at our communal dinner every Friday night

The Tent is co-sponsored anonymously in honor of Rav Steven Exler

We are joining other initiatives around the world to remember those kidnapped in Gaza and now missing at the Shabbat table. Each week we will reserve 4 seats for 4 different members of Am Yisrael who were kidnapped on October 7th.

To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship, please visit thebayit.org/tent. If you know you're joining us for Friday night dinner, please email James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

LIFE LESSONS FROM MY GARDEN AND FROM LIFE



Breakfast & Book Talk with Rabbi Paul Plotkin Rabbi Plotkin will discuss his new book Wisdom Grows in My Garden at 9:45am



Who knew a garden could be so smart?

Rabbi Plotkin is approaching middle age. His children are self-sufficient teens, and his large congregation is running efficiently and effectively. He should be happy and satisfied at where he is in life, yet he knows something is missing.



He used to wake up to anxiety and long to-do lists. Now he wakes up concerned about his zucchinis. The change baffles him until he realizes he has a need to nurture, and right now the zucchinis are the only things that really need him. This is the first of many life lessons the garden teaches him about himself and the world around him.

Copies of Rabbi Plotkin's book will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

RSVP @ thebayit.org/event/plotkin to receive the door access code

Wednesday, March 20th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Friends from local group homes and community members will join together at the Bayit for a fun evening with Karaoke, games, and a light hot dinner. We will be making groggers (noise makers) - all are welcome! Cost \$15/person. Please register here by Tuesday morning, March 19th



Tuesday, March 26th | 1:00pm-3:00pm Knitting for Israeli Soldiers & Babies

Bayit knitting volunteers are now partnering with "Widows for Warriors," a project of the Global Israel Alliance. They work directly with widows, pregnant women, or new mothers to provide them with social services and send them gift baskets, which will include our knitted blankets. They can also use lightweight toddler sweaters. We will also be providing headbands and kerchiefs/tichels as part of Mikvah packages to wives of soldiers.



Our last package was successfully sent to Israel, picked up in Tel Aviv, taken to Modiin and distributed! If you would like to donate to the knitting project, please click here.

Questions, please reach out to helpinghands@thebayit.org.

ISRAEL

- Shabbat Shalom Cards: A meaningful gift to commemorate any occasion. The purchase of these cards represents a Shabbat meal, provided by Lema'an Achai, for bereaved families of solders and those who lost their lives on October 7, families of active soldiers, and evacuees and their families. Please click here to donate.
- There is a Riverdale Run for Their Lives group that meets every Sunday at 10:00am, at Seton Park (232nd & Independence).
- We will continue to keep our hostages front and center in our daily emails. Please visit oneminaday.com and bringthemhomenow.net for more resources and information.

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CAPTAIN DANIEL WEISS



LIEUTENANT RONI RAFFELD-BLUTH



CAPTAIN DR. SHAI KROPVELD

DISCUSSION WITH IDF SOLDIERS FROM THE FRONT LINES

MARCH 30 • 12:00 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

JOIN US ON SHABBAT PARAH - PARSHAT TZAV TO HEAR IDF SOLDIERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES FROM THE FRONT LINES IN ISRAEL

As Israel enters its fifth month of war, join us for a discussion with Captain Dr. Shai Kropveld, Captain Daniel Weiss and Lieutenant Roni Raffeld-Bluth, who have all been on the front lines in Israel in various capacities since October 7th.

Shai, Daniel and Roni are here because of a desire to travel to the U.S. and share their experiences, returning the sense of connection with the broader Jewish community that they have felt since October 7th. Their message is one of connectivity, hopefulness and pride in what they have been doing, and they are eager to share stories with our community.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SHAI, DANIEL AND RONI @ THEBAYIT.ORG/FRONTLINES



Childcare will be available in the **Right Hand Social** during the talk.



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For more information and to register please visit: thebayit.org/softball.

Questions? Reach out to league commissioner Rafi Halpert Softball@thebayit.org



Catering @The Bayit

To streamline simcha planning and enable events to run as smoothly as possible, the Bayit is instituting a panel of trusted caterers who are approved to work at the Bayit.

Full-Service Catering: Effective May 1st, 2024, only caterers who are on the Bayit's Catering Panel will be allowed to work at the shul. If you are planning a simcha at the Bayit please do not sign any contracts with a caterer not on the panel. If you are planning a simcha before May 1st, please reach out to Richard. Updates to the list below will be posted at thebayit.org/caterers.

Prepared food: If you are hosting a small event and are bringing platters (or having them delivered) of prepared food from a local restaurant or caterer, the platters must arrive with the kosher sealing tape intact. Local restaurants with a Riverdale Vaad kosher certification are all acceptable

Pre-packaged food: Store bought items with an acceptable kosher symbol may be brought to the building in their original, unopened packaging. For a list of symbols approved by our rabbinic staff click here.



Approved Caterers: 8th Day Caterers:

8thdaycaterers.com | office@8thdaycaterers.com (201) 214-0803
Ari Silverman



Riverdale Kosher Market & The Pizza Block

riverdalekoshermarket.com | catering@riverdalekoshermarket.com (718) 884-2222 | Joshua Murad



Silver Leaf Caterers

silverleafcaterers.com info@silverleafcaterers.com (914) 315-7413 David Heisler Pending Applications:

Y & Y Catering Zami Caterers

Participating in the Bayit Catering Panel: Caterers are welcome to apply for participation in the Bayit's Catering Panel. Please click <u>here</u> for details.

SUPPORT OUR BAYIT

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, milestone achievement, or another special occasion. Honor the memory and yahrzeit of a loved one. 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.

LEAH FINE, RABBINIC INTERN

Wise Aging Living with Jon. REMEMBER. & SPINIT

RABBI RACHEL COWAN AND DR. LINDA THAL'S BOOK

Leah Fine is a fourth year Yeshivat Maharat student. She was inspired by the Wise Aging curriculum, which teaches skills to live with more generosity, gratitude, and optimism.

TO PARTICIPATE EMAIL wiseaging@thebayit.org

In-Person | Wednesdays @ 2 PM March 27 & April 3, 10 & 17

Wise Aging Workshop

Join a small circle of peers and cultivate your potential to bring new understanding and growth to the aging process.

How can we make aging an uplifting and positive experience?

We have the power to prepare ourselves, building our resilience and developing our ability to navigate challenges! We will learn to recognize and seize opportunities that bring joy and meaning to our lives. We will find the courage to make the most of the aging process, find new ways of living, and develop into deeper, wiser people.

GOLDEN AGE

Monthly Meetings

Looking to meet friends and discuss current Jewish/Israel related topics? Please join Rav Steven in the Main Lobby for Lunch & Learn. Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, April 1st**. Cost: \$10/person. To join please call Yael Oshinsky, Program Coordinator at 201-503-5562.

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LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

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book club meeting of the year.

THE RABBI'S

BOOK CLUB

Join Rav Steven for the last book club meeting of the year. This April we will discuss Danielle S. Allen's Book

"Talking to Strangers: Anxieties of Citizenship since Brown v. Board of Education."

TUESDAY APRIL 5 • IN-PERSON • 8:00PM-9:00PM DISCUSSION

THOSE WHO WISH TO SHARE DINNER AT 7:30PM TO BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE SHUL BY KAI FAN, PLEASE CALL 347-275-8056 USING THE PROMO CODE "HIR BOOK CLUB".

THEBAYIT.ORG/BOOKCLUB

CLOTHING SWAP

8:45pm - 10:15pm | April 6

BRING YOUR GENTLY WORN, CLEAN, OUTGROWN OR UNUSED WOMEN'S, MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND TRADE THEM FOR SOMETHING "NEW."

Learn More @ THEBAYIT.ORG/SWAP

SAVE-THE-DATE



CLOTHING DRIVE

9:30am - 12:30pm | April 7

PLEASE SORT AND SEPARATELY BAG MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND DROP OFF AT THE TRUCK OUTSIDE THE BAYIT.

Learn More @ THEBAYIT.ORG/CD

MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

March is Membership Month. Thank you to all our members who have committed to supporting our Bayit for 2024 and who have paid their dues either in full or by setting up a payment plan. Your support is greatly appreciated. For members who have not yet paid their dues, please keep in mind that income from membership dues represents about 30% of our annual operating expenses. We are committed to actively fundraising for the additional 70% of our financial needs, but we absolutely depend on your dues contribution to maintain our Bayit. Partial payments and payment plans are gratefully accepted. You can make a payment or set up a payment plan online at www.thebayit.org.donate.php, set up a payment or repeating payment through online banking, mail or drop off a check in the office, or call our Bookkeeper, Phyllis Newsome @ 201-503-4923 to set up a credit card payment or payment plan. If full dues are beyond your financial means, please reach out to our Executive Director, Richard Langer by email @ Richard@thebayit.org or by phone @ 718-796-4730 x104 This list was updated effective Thursday, March 14 at 10:00am.

Aaronson, Mattice & Marc Abraham, Sara Hurwitz & Josh Aiken, Diane & Jeffrey Annenberg, Shira & Nathan Arditi, Helen

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Scheiner, Linda & William

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Stern, Jessica

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Spiro, Shira Berkovits & Ari

Statman, Simone Geller & Jonathan

Sragow, Holly & Howard

Stayman, Rachel & Aaron

Steinberg, Janet & Benjamin

Steinberg, Phyllis & Theodore

Stein, Francine & Aaron

Steinberg, Lisa & Harold

Steinmetz-Silber Family

Steinberg, Dov David

Stahl, Toby & Howard

Stark, Joan & Arnold

BAYIT MISHLOACH MANOT & MATANOT LE'EVYONIM

The Bayit invites all members to join our community celebration of Purim by sending Mishloach Manot and Matanot Le'evyonim to Bayit members. This program is an important fundraiser and community building project. 10% of the funds raised go directly to Matanot Le'evyonim. After preparing mishloach manot packages for all Bayit members, remaining funds are used to support the Bayit. The link to sign up was sent out via email to all members and associate members and paper forms are available upon request at office@thebayit.org or $718-796-4730 \times 101$.

Not yet a member? Visit thebayit.org/membership to join.

CALLING ALL MEGILLAT ESTHER READERS!

The Bayit is offering in-person and Zoom options for hearing Megillat Esther on Purim. However there are still those who are homebound and cannot access Zoom easily. If you are able to read Megillah for others; if you or someone you know needs a home reading, please reach out to Rabbanit Bracha at <u>rabbanitbracha@thebayit.org</u>

MISHLOACH MANOT MATCHING

We are continuing a beloved Bayit tradition to deliver Mishloach Manot packages to our friends and neighbors who are homebound and would appreciate some extra Purim cheer If you would like to be matched with one or more recipients, please reach out to office@thebayit.org.

Ta'anit Esther begins on Thursday, March 21st at 5:44am and ends at 7:50pm. Click here for more details.

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Shabbat, March 23rd

- 4:30pm: Youth Pre-Purim Party & Mini Megillah Reading (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 6:00pm: Shiur w/Aaron Wildavsky, Rabbinic Intern
- 6:45pm: Mincha (Sanctuary) and return home
- 7:57pm: Shabbat ends

Motzaei Shabbat, March 23rd

- 8:20pm: Maariv and Megillah Reading with character voices, text on a screen, costumes & Zoom* (Sanctuary)
- 8:30pm: Shachar Megillah Reading (2nd Floor Beit Midrash)
- 8:45pm: Beth Aharon Megillah Reading (Lower Level Beit Midrash) and Chagigah (Right Hand Social Hall)
- ◆ 10:15pm: Late Megillah Reading & Zoom* (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 10:15pm: Women's Megillah Reading & Zoom** (Lower Level Beit Midrash)

Sunday, March 24th

- 7:30am: Beth Aharon Shacharit and Megillah Reading (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
- ♦ 8:30am: Shacharit and Megillah Reading & Zoom* (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 11:00am: Megillah Reading only & Zoom* (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
- ◆ 11:00am: Megillah Reading, in English only^, & Zoom** (Room 3.4)
- 2:30pm: Early Mincha (2nd Floor Beit Midrash)
- ◆ 7:00pm: Mincha/Maariv & Zoom* (Lower Level Beit Midrash)

Halakhic Note: Hearing nighttime and daytime Megillah readings in person is the preferred way to fulfill the mitzvah. We are offering readings at the homes of those who are homebound. If you are unable to hear the Megillah in person, you can rely on some rabbinic authorities and fulfill the mitzvah by joining a Bayit Megillah reading via Zoom.

^English Reading: We are offering an English reading by Netanel Linzer from a kosher Megillah written in English. The Shulchan Aruch (OC 690:10) rules that you can fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah in the following ways:

- You may hear the Megillah in Hebrew, even if you don't follow or understand Hebrew.
- If you cannot follow or understand the Megillah in Hebrew, you may hear it in a language that you do understand.

Zoom Details

* Zoom.us/j/613613700

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT



YOUTH DIRECTOR: YALI SZULANSKI <u>yali@thebayit.org</u>

SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT • 10:30AM - 11:30AM • Right Hand Social Hall

Parents and toddlers welcome!

NURSERY ROOM / TOT SHABBAT GRADUATES • 10:15AM - 11:30AM • Third Floor

GROUPS: PRE-K - 4TH GRADE • 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Groups 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? Please email Yali.

Sponsorship needed and appreciated for our youth programs. Please click here.

A Message from R' Steven & Shira to Bayit Tweens/Teens: "It was our pleasure hosting you these past weeks at our home for the winter Friday Night Onegs. We look forward to learning together on Shavuot, and lots more in between!"

More volunteers needed! Please see below.

Click <u>here</u> to volunteer to make decorations and/or to help at the carnival.

This Sunday • 3/17 • 11am-5pm • Purim Decorating

Join us in the Main Lobby to make Purim decorations. Volunteers needed.

Sunday • 3/17 • Oznei Haman (Hamantaschen) Youth Baking • NEW Start time 3:30 PM

Join us to bake hamantaschen in the Social Hall. For children age 4 and older. Every child makes their own hamantaschen! Filling will be dairy free. Cost: \$10/child. Register @ thebayit.org/youthbaking. Sponsorship available and welcome.

Shabbat • 3/23 • 4:30pm • Youth Pre-Purim Party & Mini Megillah Reading

On Shabbat we will gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate and hear a mini megillah reading. This program is geared towards children 7 and younger, and older siblings are welcome!

Motzaei Shabbat • 3/23 • 8:00pm - 8:20pm • Help Hang Up Purim Decorations

Youth Department Parents are needed to help on Motzaei Shabbat to finish decorating the Main Sanctuary before Megillah reading.

Sunday • 3/24 • 12:30pm-2:30pm • Youth Purim Carnival

Spots are still available to volunteer at our Annual Purim Carnival. Help sell food tickets, volunteer at the food court or run a carnival booth!

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

National Mobilization: The Riverdale Jewish Community Partnership, in coordination with major American Jewish organizations, is asking members of our community to call our elected officials to thank them for their support of Israel during these challenging times and to request their continued support. Make your voice heard and call: Rep. Ritchie Torres (NY-15) (202) 225-4361 | Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY) (202) 224-4451 | Sen. Charles Schumer (NY) (202) 224-6542. Please click here to join the Bayit WhatsApp group to support each other making calls to elected officials.

Conversational Hebrew Class for Beginners: The Riverdale Y is hosting a 10 week course in conversational Hebrew for beginners. Thursday evenings at 7:30 - 8:30 pm from March 21 through May 30. Course taught by Esti Rosekind. \$250 per person. Register at www.riverdaley.org/hebrew.

Auditions for a Chorus Line: Monday, March 18 at 12:45 – 1:45 pm. Featuring members of Riverdale Y's Older Adult Center and other local older adults, our Broadway Showcase production this year is a representation of music & dance from the hit musical A Chorus Line. Rehearsals will be held twice a week: Mondays and Thursdays at 12:45 – 1:45 pm. Those who wish to participate should attend both days of auditions to be assigned a part. For more information please reach out to Director of Performing Arts, Laurie Walton by email at lwalton@riverdaley.org or phone at 718-548-8200, ext. 218. The show will be on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Interfaith Iftar & Break Fast: Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm at Riverdale Y. As the sun sets, marking the end of the daily fast during Ramadan, and the culmination of the Fast of Esther in the Jewish tradition, we invite you to break bread with members of different faith communities in a spirit of unity, understanding, and friendship. A vegetarian, Kosher and Halal dinner will be served. Register at www.riverdaley.org/iftar.

The Prom: The Riverdale Repertory Company and Riverdale Rising Stars proudly present The Prom in a limited run at the Riverdale Y between March 9 and March 17. Twenty actors ranging from ages 13 to 50+ have come together for a show-stopping multi-generational production of the hit Broadway musical. The Prom at once provides a dazzling musical spectacle without losing its heartfelt center: a timeless message of love and acceptance. Tickets: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/riverdaley/1129777#

Riverdale Run & Fun Day 2024: Save the date: Sunday, May 19, 2024. Celebrate our community in the annual Riverdale Run & Fun Day by running a 5K or a non-competitive IK family run/walk. More details soon!

Swim Lessons and Youth Sports Registration: Youth Swim and Sports registration is now open at the Riverdale Y. American Red Cross Learn-to-swim classes, soccer ages 3-8, and youth basketball clinics are now open for registration. Classes start April 7. Learn more and register at www.riverdaley.org/youth/youth-sports/

Join the entire **Riverdale Jewish community** on Sunday, June 2 as we march up Fifth Avenue in the annual **Celebrate Israel Parade.** Now, more than ever, we must unite to proudly and publicly express our love and support for Israel. Register by May 10 at www.riverdaley.org/parade.

Mishloach Manot/Matanot L'Evyonim for Jerusalem's Impoverished Elderly: Torat Reva Yerushalayim will once again be preparing Mishloach Manot/Matanot L'Evyonim packages for the neglected elderly of Jerusalem. The packages will include healthy snacks, gifts and Purim treats. The packages that Torat Reva Yerushalayim delivered over the past nineteen years to Jerusalem's elderly were the ONLY gift packages that these individuals received!* A donation of \$18 covers one package, \$180 covers packages for an entire floor of a nursing home. To donate online: click here. Or mail a check made payable to Torat Reva Yerushalayim to: 110 Chestnut Ridge Road, suite 228, Montvale, NJ 07645. Questions? Contact Sharona Margolin Halickman toratreva@gmail.com

The Michael Levin Base: Send Purim E-Cards to friends and family. Your donation will help us to deliver Mishloach Manot to lone soldiers, lone b'not sheirut and soldiers in the field. Please click <u>here</u>.

BEYOND THE BAYIT contd.

Derfner Judaica Museum & The Art Collection at Hebrew Home at Riverdale announce their upcoming exhibition: Aspects of Appearance: Portraits from the Collection in Context on view now through June 30. Free admission. Museum hours: Sun-Thu: 10:30am-4:30pm. Photo ID required. Call 718-581-1596 or email art@riverspring.org to schedule a visit. For more information visit here.

NORPAC Mission to Washington: Please join 1,000 pro-Israel advocates in Washington DC on Wednesday, May 15th. You will have the opportunity to advocate for a strong US-Israel relationship with members of Congress and key members of their staff. Busing will be available from Riverdale and other locations in New York and New Jersey. To sign up, please go to www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington.

It is critical that we take a couple of minutes and either call or write D.A. Alvin Bragg and communicate how important it is that attackers against the Jewish community should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to discourage other attacks. April 3 is the next hearing for Cristopher Brown and Mathew Mahrer at 100 Centre St., 13th Floor, Room 1300. They had planned to wage a deadly attack against a NY synagogoue D.A. Bragg can be reached at 212-335-9000 and bragga@dany.nyc.gov by email. Please do both if you can.

New York Times opinion columnist Bret Stephens on Israel & Antisemitism, Tuesday, April 2 @ Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 125 East 85th Street, New York City. Doors Open: 6:30 pm; Program Starts: 7:00 pm. Bret will share his thoughts on the war in Israel, the future of the Jewish state, and rising antisemitism around the world. You'll also hear about UJA's work in response to these major challenges and how we're securing Jewish institutions, empowering college students to stand up to hate, and promoting pro-Israel and pro-Jewish voices in traditional and social media. Please register here.

<u>Maharats Emerging Scholars Cohort</u> is a fellowship for women learning in gap year and seminary programs that meets monthly in Israel to explore leadership and access in Israeli contexts. This program includes field trips and a Shabbaton with all costs covered by Maharat. Deadline: April I.

Summer Learning @ **Maharat:** Registration is now live for our summer learning programs for the community and educators. Learn in person in June at our <u>educators intensive</u> and on Zoom in July for our taste of <u>Maharat community learning</u>. Faculty will include: R' Sara Hurwitz, R' Wendy Amsellem, Ruth Fagen, R' Jeff Fox, R' Dr. Liz Shayne, R' Dr. Erin Leib Smokler, and more.

Past and Present: Exploring Jewish New York: June 24-27, 2024, Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Fordham University's Center for Jewish Studies is excited to announce, in partnership with Fordham's Summer Leaders Academy, our first-ever week-long summer program for high school students titled "Past and Present: Exploring Jewish New York." Over the course of four days, students will gain experience researching in the archives and conducting oral history interviews. Students will split their time between Fordham's Rose Hill campus, including the Bronx Jewish History Project and Judaica collection at Walsh Library, and the streets, landmarks, and institutions of the Lower East Side, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. They'll learn about how history is made and written, and what college life entails. Residential and commuter options are both available. To learn more about this program and to register before it fills, click here, and he

Kinneret Day School Registration: Registration for Kinneret Day School is now open. To schedule an appointment to learn more about the school, email <u>admissions@kinneretdayschool.org</u> or call the office at 718-548-0900.

BEYOND THE BAYIT contd.

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

The Jewish Board offers many support groups available at no cost to the community They offer support in four areas:

Bereavement (Spousal Loss, Sibling Loss, Parent Loss, Child Loss) contact **JCSsupport@jbfcs.org** or 212-632-4790

Recovery (Supporting the Pathways: for those with a loved one struggling with addiction and Food for Thought: for those experiencing restrictive, impulsive, or inflexible eating patterns); contact ICSsupport@jbfcs.org or 212-632-4790

Domestic Violence (for Jewish Women who are no longer in the abusive relationship or for Jewish women who are in high conflict relationships); contact Lev@jbfcs.org or 646-273-1800

Breast Cancer: contact **JCSsupport@jbfcs.org** or 212-632-4790

United Hearts for Israel: If you have been affected by the crisis in Israel and the rise in antisemitism in New York City and around the world, we invite you to join our community of healing. Please reach out to us at 646-766-6875 or IsraelSupport@jbfcs.org if you, a loved one, or a community member is hurting and/or in need. We can support or connect you to: Crisis counseling | Mental health services | School/community support | Housing assistance | Medical | Benefits | Food/finances | Legal support. Visit jewishboard.org/unitedhearts to learn more.

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically dependent persons and Significant others) is planning a retreat open to all Jews in recovery. April 5 - 7. Friday afternoon to 9:00am Sunday @ The Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD. There is Amtrak train service to Maryland which gets one to within 20 minutes' drive time to the retreat center. (Possible pick up at the station or use cabs/Uber.) The costs cover room, meals, and use of meeting spaces. Costs listed do not yet include all taxes. Room availability is limited: Rain Garden rooms: (one Queen bed): Single occupancy: \$485.35 per person. Double occupancy: \$365.00 per person Orchard View rooms: (two queen beds and a twin sleeper sofa): Single occupancy: \$494.00 per person Double (triple) occupancy: \$369.00 per person To reserve a spot, please respond to Chaye Kohl at: chayekohl@gmail.com.

Coming Soon! Caregivers Support Group. Caregivers serve such an essential role and also require support. We are starting a very important group in order to help support them in Spring 2024. For more information or to register, please contact: lCSsupport@jbfcs.org or call 212-632-4790.