

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:35pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:30am
- Listening Room: 6:10pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:35pm
- Mincha: 7:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:36pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:30pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:25pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:26pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Elaine Machleder on the birth of a grandson, Uri Emanuel, to her children Sara & Dan Machleder. To big siblings Liel and Gavi.

Welcome to New Members: Madeleine & Edward Sloan and Jessica & Stuart Loeser.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rabba Sara: "Reflections on the Aggunah Crisis"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbinic Intern David Bookbinder: "Happy New Year: How the Biblical Yom Hazikaron Became Rosh Hashanah"
We're excited to welcome David, a 3rd year student at YCT, to our rabbinic team.

PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES @ THE BAYIT - Prepare for the High Holidays with Torah!



"Entering and Exiting the Pardes" with Rabba Sara Hurwitz (Lobby)
Tuesdays 10:00am: August 20, 27

"Elul Spiritual Writing workshop" with Rav Ari Hart (LL BM)
Tuesdays right after Maariv: August 20, 27

"The Awesome Days - Chasidic Holiday Insights from Rebbe Nachman" with Rav Ari Hart (Lower Level Lobby)
Sundays 9:15am: August 25, September 1

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

REFLECTIONS ON TZAHAL SERVICE - from Bayit member Ezra Friedman: Remarks preceding the Prayer for IDF Soldiers at the end of the Torah Service.

SPECIAL DRASHA PRESENTATION - with Rabbi Bob Kaplan: "We Were Like Dreamers: 50 Years After the March on Washington."

PARSHA SHIUR - 6:15PM - Guest Shiur with Abe Mezrich: "Finding Forgiveness, Dealing With Loss: Some Thoughts on the High Holidays and the Garden of Eden"

COMMEMORATIVE SEUDA SHLISHIT: Sponsored by Felice Helfgot, Karen Jordan, Faye Kulick, Thea Reznik and Sharon Wolfe in loving memory of loved ones on the occasions of their yahrzeits. Please join us for delicious food and words of Torah and remembrance.

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Sunday, August 25, 9:00am: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.



For our High Holiday Davening Schedule go to www.thebayit.org/holidays or pick up a copy in the lobby.

High Holidays Seats 5774: Thank you to those who have submitted their High Holiday seat forms and payments. For your convenience, you can register online at www.thebayit.org/seats.



Selichot Concert 5773



Our beloved Shaliach Tzibur Dr. Elli Kranzler leads us in a spiritually inspiring concert followed by Selichot.

SAT. NIGHT, AUG. 31, 2013
Concert begins promptly at 10:15pm
Doors open 10:00pm

We invite the entire community to join us for this special evening. Seating is available on a first come basis. A small number of seats are reserved for our sponsors.

To become a sponsor visit our website www.thebayit.org or call the office 718-796-4730.

HIR's Clothing Drive will take place on Sunday, Sept. 29, 9:30am - 12:30pm

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Pesachim and beyond!

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rabbinic Intern Daniel Milner (Main Sanctuary)

6:10pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

6:35pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Ari (Main Sanctuary)

After Mincha @ Beth Aharon: Mila baParasha - Conversing on the meaning of 1 word in the parasha (2nd Fl BM)

Monday

8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*

Tuesday

10:00am - Entering and Exiting the Pardes with Rabba Sara Hurwitz (Lobby) ****Pre-Yamim Noraim Series****

After Maariv (approx. 8:15pm) - Elul Spiritual Writing Workshop with Rav Ari (LL BM) ****Pre-Yamim Noraim Series****

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

Friday

* Sara Kinberg will continue to teach 3 Hebrew Classes this summer. Sara is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For more info and guidance on placement, please contact Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

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: We are looking to grow this committee. Please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org.

Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, rivkahaut@yahoo.com

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@verizon.net

Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 917-331-2285, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com



Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

To Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, Dr. Gillian Steinberg, and Dr. Elliott Rabin for their words of explanation and inspiration during our Shabbat lyun Tefillah. To the whole Bayit for experimenting and stretching spiritually in experiencing last Shabbat morning. All of your feedback about what worked and what didn't is welcome and appreciated. Please share it with Rav Steven or any member of the Rabbinic team.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY TODAY!



In our Bayit's continual mission to provide information and support in all areas of our lives, we are partnering with Metropolitan Jewish Hospice Service (MJHS), an outstanding resource and hospice provider in our community, to offer special programming this year around end of life issues and care. To best conceive of these programs, we need your feedback. Regardless of your background or need for these services, please take 5 minutes to fill out this brief survey at www.thebayit.org. Thank you!

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us 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 contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

JYEP BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BBQ - Tues., Sept. 3, 6:00pm:

The Bayit's own JYEP is launching this year in a major way! Come to a JYEP Community BBQ and meet the JYEP chevra, learn about the trips to a Jewish farm, chessed projects, Big Brothers and Sisters, and more! Find out ways that you can get involved. To RSVP please email Rav Ari at ravari@thebayit.org. Suggested donation: \$10.



BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN: Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the 1x/first bulletin of every month.

Preparing for the High Holidays @ the Bayit

DRIVING BAYIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CEMETERY VISITS: Are you planning a cemetery visit before Rosh Hashanah are willing to offer a ride to other members when you go? Would you like to visit a relative's resting place, but don't have a car? Please call or email Yael in the office and let her know which cemetery or cemeteries you are driving to and when, or which cemeteries you would appreciate getting a ride to and we will match up drivers and passengers as best we can. Phone: 718-796-4730, email yael@thebayit.org.

SIGN UP FOR 9:30PM WEEKNIGHT SELICHOT: Maariv/Late Selichot takes place in the Lower Level Beit Midrash before Rosh Hashanah (beginning Sun. night, September 1st) and during Aseret Yemei Teshuvah at 9:30pm. Please sign up for the nights you can commit to or hope to attend on by following the sign-up link at www.thebayit.org/holidays. If you'd like to be on the Late Selichot email list, please email ravsteven@thebayit.org. Thank you!

SHOFAR BLOWING AND ALIYOT FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the shul office if you know someone who is homebound so that we can arrange for them to hear the blowing of the shofar. On Simchat Torah we can also bring a Torah to their homes so they can receive an aliyah.

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM - Thurs., Aug 29, 1:00pm: Calling all Golden Agers - Join us in the Main Lobby for a pre-Rosh Hashanah lecture with Rav Steven and light lunch from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Cost: \$5, pay at the door. To RSVP call the shul office at 718-796-4730 x101. **NEW THIS YEAR - ADULT BAT MITZVAH CLASS** - Stay with us from 2:00pm - 3:00pm for a new Golden Age Adult Bat Mitzvah class with Rav Steven. For questions please call Rav Steven at 718-796-4730 x108.

SHANAH TOVA GIFT - Wed., Sept. 4, 11:00am: (Johnson and Riverdale Avenues) Join the HIR staff as we wish the Riverdale Community a "sweet new year" by handing out gifts of apple and honey to all who pass by.

LEARNING SERVICE WITH RAV ARI HART: Meaningful. Personal. Open. Joyous. This is what we strive for in the Learning Service, a space for people of all backgrounds to come together as a community to pray, discuss and learn about the wisdom of Jewish prayer. This year the Learning Service will continue after the energy of the High Holidays and will be meeting weekly on Shabbat mornings. To sign up for our Learning Service for High Holidays go to www.thebayit.org. For questions about this tefillah email ravari@thebayit.org.

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| Rosh HaShanah (Day 1) | Thurs., Sept. 5, 9:30am |
| Rosh HaShanah (Day 2) | Fri., Sept. 6, 9:30am |
| Kol Nidre (Yom Kippur Eve) | Fri., Sept. 13, 7:00pm |
| Yom Kippur | Sat., Sept. 14, 9:30am |
| Neilah (Final Service) | Sat., Sept. 14, 6:45pm |

FREE ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES: Celebrate the holidays at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale with a service that is sure to inspire. These services will be conducted in English and led by Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rav Ari Hart, Rabba Sara Hurwitz, and Rabbi Steven Exler. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome to attend.



JEWISH CALENDARS: If you would like a Jewish calendar for the upcoming year 5774, please pick one up at the shul office.

SUPPORT ISRAEL AND THE BAYIT WITH YOUR HONEY PURCHASE FOR ROSH HASHANAH! To purchase online go to www.thebayit.org.



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.

2013-2014 Youth Calendar!
Advertise your child's birthday in the calendar and support the youth Department while you're at it!
\$18/listing



2013-2014 Youth Calendar
Advertise your business and support the Bayit youth programming!
<http://www.thebayit.org/youthcalendar>

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT SUMMER 2013

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!

Have you signed up for High Holiday Child Care?

****NEW ADDITIONS:**

- **Child care for 3rd Grade and Up** has been added with special educational programming
 - **Special Friday Night Kol Nidre Child Care** has been added

You can sign up @ <http://www.thebayit.org/childcare>!

Please contact Menachem for more info: menachem@thebayit.org

Preparing for 2013-2014

Please note that planning is under way for an incredible 2013-14 year of programming!

We are looking for a few more highly qualified educators to assist with various programs next year.

If you are interested, please contact Menachem at menachem@thebayit.org.

SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES:

- **Wednesday, September 4th (Erev Rosh Hashana):** Drop off your child for a day of fun and learning
 - **Shabbat, September 7th:** Child care during Shabbat Shuva drasha
 - **Sunday, September 15th:** Special Movies, Smoothies & Free Play featuring Sukkah decorations
 - **Sunday, September 22nd:** Annual Simhat Beit HaShoeva
 - **Wednesday, September 25th:** Hoshana Rabbah Live
 - **Thursday, September 26th:** Live Wax Museum of Biblical Characters, Magic Show and Dancing with Goody Bags
 - **Friday, September 27th:** Teen Simchat Torah BBQ
- More info to come!**

Special ROSH HASHANA Puppert Play with Melissa!
Nursery-Kindergarten
10:30am in Room 3-6

This Shabbat!

Can you sponsor this week's summer snacks?

TOT SHABBAT
Right Hand Social Hall
10:30-11:30
Free Play @ 9:30

Shabbat Morning Groups
9:45-11:30am
Room 3-4: **NURSERY**
Room 3-5/6: **Pre-K/Kindergarten**
Room 3-3: **GRADES 1-6**

We are privileged to have Abby Finkelstein supervising summer groups. If you need assistance on Shabbat, please communicate with Abby.

Teen Lounge
Teens are welcome to use the teen lounge and enjoy Kiddush and snacks

Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?

The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR. Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children!

For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102.



For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel,

Director of Youth Education & Programming

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chessed Opportunities:

VISITING SHIRLEY LOWENSTEIN: Bayit member Shirley Lowenstein is back at the Methodist Home. Visitors are welcome.

SPECIAL CHESSED OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS: Make a lifelong impact on a young Jewish mind as a JYEP tutor! Join other Bayit teens on Sunday mornings as we teach students in the Jewish Youth Encounter Program how to read Hebrew and give them Jewish mentorship and role models. Requirements: must have solid Hebrew skills and enjoy working with kids. Contact ravari@thebayit.org for more info.

RUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BEIT ISSIE SHAPIRO: Do you or someone you know want to run in the 2013 ING New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 3 but don't have a spot? Sign up to run and raise funds for the American Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro (AFOBIS). For more information, please contact Bill Edelstein at bedelstein@afobis.org or 212 586 2464 or visit the AFOBIS website www.afobis.org.

ADOPTION AND JEWISH IDENTITY PROJECT (AJIP): Are you, or is someone you know, an adoptee between the ages of 18 and 36 who was raised in a family that identified at least in part as Jewish? If you are an adoptee interested in sharing your story, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AJIPAdopteeQuestionnaire> to tell us a little bit about yourself, and we'll be back in touch with you with more details. This effort is part of a research study by the Adoption and Jewish Identity Project (AJIP), which aims to improve the lives of Jewish adoptive families by creating broader understanding of the unique religious, cultural, and identity issues they face.

YACHADGIFTS.COM: The Jewish Union Foundation (JUF) is proud to announce the launching of www.Yachadgifts.com, where we offer an exciting assortment of gifts for all occasions. When you order from Yachad Gifts, not only will you purchase a gift of high quality, but you will be making a significant contribution to a much greater goal; the goal of giving an individual with a disability the opportunity at competitive employment. For more info call Yachad Gifts at 855-505-7500.



RECYCLE/DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES AND CELLPHONES: The Bayit now offers a convenient way for you to recycle/donate your old eyeglasses and cellphones. There is a collection box in the coat room under the back table. Glasses will be given to the Lions Club (www.lionsclub.org) who catalogs the prescriptions and matches/distributes them free of charge to those in need. Cell phones will be given to My Sister's Place (www.mspny.org), which has an arrangement with phone companies to convert them into free 911 phones for battered women. Thank you to Shoshana Shinnar for coordinating this worthwhile Chessed project.



Beyond the Bayit

SPECIAL SPIRITUAL SPARKS FOR YAMIM NORAIM @ SAR: This special program for both current and prospective parents of 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten will take place on **Wed. evening, Aug. 28, 8:00pm** at SAR Academy. Morah Sarah Richter, Associate Principal, Judaic Studies, will offer *"Sweet Beginnings: Inviting Introspection and Reflection into Creating a Meaningful Rosh Hashanah for You and Your Child."* Please RSVP: www.saracademy.org/spiritualsparksrsvp.


YACHAD JOB FAIR FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - Thurs., Aug. 29: Seeking meaningful employment? Join us at the Yachad job fair! Registration is required. Please register on line at www.YachadJobFair.eventzilla.net or call us at 212-613-8320 for either the 11:00am - 1:00pm option or the 1:00pm - 3:00pm option. For additional info email jufjobs@ou.org.

YESHIVAT CHOVEVEI TORAH RABBINICAL SCHOOL PRESENTS AN ASERET YEMEI TESHUVA LECTURE SERIES: Mon. Sept. 9 - Rav Avi Weiss, Teshuva for the Good: From Survival to Success to Significance | Tues. Sept. 10 - Rav Nati Helfgot, The Unique Teshuva of Yom Kippur | Wed. Sept. 11 - Rav Dov Linzer, Teshuva for Sex Offenders? | Thurs. Sept. 12 - Rav Asher Lopatin, Teshuva and Mark Twain. 8:00pm-9:00pm at YCT Rabbinical School. For more info visit www.yctorah.org or call 212.666.0036.

NEW COMMUNITY COMPOST SITE IN RIVERDALE: Compost fruit & vegetable scraps, tea bags, coffee grinds, shredded newspapers, non-soiled paper, leaves, grass clippings, twigs, and branches in our neighborhood! East side of Independence Ave. between 239th & 246th Sts., roughly across the street from the southern tip of the Riverdale Temple parking lot. Drop off any time in the bin labeled Food Scraps. Questions: 917-968-8469.

INCREASE YOUR COMPETITIVENESS IN TODAY'S JOB MARKET: EXPERIENCE2WORK (E2W) is a customized, four-week, intensive skill development and employment preparation program that will increase your competitiveness in today's job market and increase your prospects for employment. Participants must be 50 years of age and over, have a work history and be actively interested in seeking employment in the near term. To apply fill out the form at www.FEGS.org/E2W or call (917) 606-6556. We are grateful to UJA-Federation of New York for their support of this initiative.

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM (ObamaCare) IN NY STATE - WHAT DOES THE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM MEAN FOR NEW YORKERS? - Wed., Aug. 21, 12:00pm - 1:30pm: This workshop will help participants understand some of the recent and upcoming changes to health insurance in New York State for individuals and families. We will overview changes to Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus, Healthy New York, and private individual plans. Workshop presented by Shana Khader, Staff Attorney, Consumer Protection Project, NYLAG. This workshop will be held at the JBFCs, 135 W. 50th St., 6th Floor. RSVP required by calling (212) 632-4602 or connect-to-care@jbfc.org.

 **Social Worker @ The Bayit:** Questions about an aging loved one, financial pressures, concerns about children? Contact HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for guidance, information, referrals and a sympathetic ear. There is no fee and all conversations are strictly confidential. Meet with her at HIR or in her office at the Beatman Center on 239th Street. Anna can be reached on **Mon. 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tues. 8:00am - 8:00pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00pm** at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfc.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)

UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE BAYIT:
 8/31 - Guest Drasha with **Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg** - *"Standing On The Edge Of Life And Faith As The New Year Begins - Uvacharta Bachayim"*
 9/1, 10:00am - *"Eating Healthfully & Meaningfully Over the Holidays"* with **dietitian and food connoisseur Nava Billet**. Learn about the Ashenazic and Sephardic simanim (symbolic foods) of Rosh Hashanah and how to incorporate them into healthy and innovative dishes. Family friendly. Food Demo as part of presentation, and recipe packet will be provided. Social Hall

THE BAYIT

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

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