

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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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 Re'eh Shabbat Mevarchim

- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm**
- Candle Lighting: 7:53pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:27am
- Listening Room: 6:25pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:50pm
- Mincha: 7:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:55pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed: 6:30, 8:15am
(Rosh Chodesh Elul)
Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Shoftim

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:44pm
- Preparatory Melodies: 8:20am
- Tefillah Begins: 8:45am
- Mincha: 7:30pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:46pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Victoria & Stas Krasinski on a birth of a son. To big siblings **Aaron and Miriam**.

Elaine & Artie Bloom on the engagement of their daughter **Shana** to Benjamin Berg. To Benjamin's parents, Sandra & Kenneth Berg, and to the Grandmothers, "Granny" **Selma Anshen** and Jean Epstein and to the entire **Bloom-Braunstein** family.

Welcome to New Members:


Chana Brenenson & Hannes Stein and **Joanna & Elliot Halperin**.


This Shabbat @ The Bayit

DVAR TORAH during Torah Reading - With incoming Rabbinic Intern **Anat Sharbat**

DRASHA - With **Rabba Sara**: "Yearning for Israel"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with **Rav Ari**

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT — SUMMER GROUPS: Please note that Shabbat morning groups will continue to be offered throughout the summer. Abby Finkelstein will be supervising summer groups, which will begin at 9:45am and end at 11:30am. Summer groups setting is friendly and relaxed supporting a fun, social environment with Tefillah and Torah. Locations are as follows:
Tot Shabbat — Right Hand Social Hall 10:30-11:30am 3 year olds — Room 3-4
4-5 year olds — Rooms 3-5/3-6 6-8 year olds — Room 3-3 
Teens will have access to the Teen Lounge from 11:00am-1:00pm
If you are interested in assisting leading summer groups contact Abby at hirabbyfink@gmail.com or Menachem at menachem@thebayit.org.

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - This Sun., Aug. 4: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1. 

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT IYUN TEFILLAH: As we enter Elul, we'll focus ourselves on songful and connective prayer. All are welcome for preparatory melodies from 8:20am-8:40am. Tefillah will begin at 8:45am - please make an extra effort to come for the very beginning to intensify our tefillah. We'll incorporate more melodies in tefillah, and in place of the drasha, we'll have a few short explanations of less well understood tefillot from Bayit teachers. Afternoon shiurim will focus on tefillah themes as well.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with **Yael Zand**



SUN., 8/11 - "THE CRIES OF THE SHOFAR"

A pre-High Holiday Program for Bereaved Jews - with **Rav Steven** and Bayit & JBFC Social Worker **Anna Kirshblum**. Come together with others who understand this High Holiday Season to share stories and wisdom from our tradition. 6:15pm in LLBM. Please RSVP to Anna at 718-601-9714 or Rav Steven at 718-796-4730 ext.108 or ravsteven@thebayit.org.



PROCEED WITH CAUTION: If you are parking in the Johnson Ave. property for tefillah or classes, please be extremely careful and drive slowly as you enter and exit the property. There is a high level of pedestrian traffic and limited visibility on Johnson Ave. and some neighbors have expressed their concern. Thank you for your care.

OUR BELOVED SHALIACH TZIBUR, DR. ELLI KRANZLER LEADS US IN
A SPIRITUALLY INSPIRING CONCERT FOLLOWED BY SELICHOT

SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 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.



To read the article about Rabba Sara in the New York Times pick up a copy in the shul lobby or go to:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/27/us/a-jewish-pathbreaker-inspired-by-her-countryman-mandela.html?_r=0

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 Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

6:25pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

6:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (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)*

Wednesday

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

Thursday

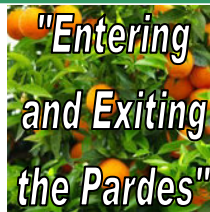
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

Friday

7:25am - Tractate Megillah 3rd Perek with Rav Steven (LL Lobby)*

* 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.

Join Rabba Sara Hurwitz for a Pre-Yamim Noraim shiur on Tuesday Mornings, Aug. 13, 20 & 27 at 10:00am in the Lobby.



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

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE BAYIT:

8/24 - Shiur between Mincha & Maariv with Abe Mezrich

8/31 - Guest Drasha with Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg - "Standing On The Edge Of Life And Faith As The New Year Begins - Uvacharta Bachayim"

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner. See which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and choose your week at www.thebayit.org/tent or contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

TALLIT BAGS AND PLASTIC CASES AVAILABLE: The Bayit has some lightly used tallit bags and plastic tallit bag cases in different sizes in very good condition. If you need one, or you know someone who does, please contact the office to view them and pick one out.

SUPPORT ZDVO AND FIDV: The Bayit was honored to host Israeli war hero Col. Ilan Egozi of Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization to share his story and the story of this amazing organization this past July 13th. More information about ZDVO and FIDV is available in the front lobby or at www.zdvo.org or www.fidv.org.

BAYIT SEFARIM FUND: Donations to the Sefarim fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the rabbinic team and gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at www.thebayit.org/sefarim.

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See the Soul Doctor with Bayit Friends

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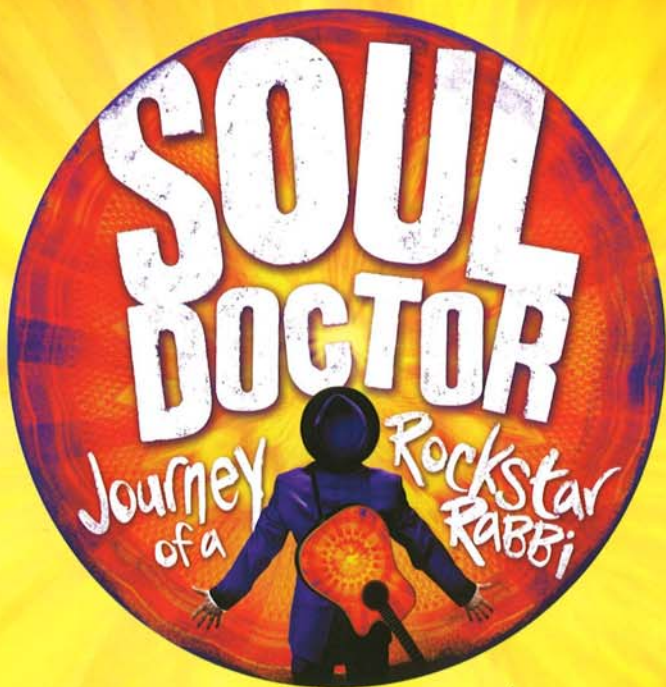
Soul Doctor tells the fascinating story of the father of popular Jewish music, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and his unlikely friendship with Nina Simone. A modern-day troubadour, Shlomo ignited the spirit of millions around the world with his soul-stirring melodies, transformative storytelling and boundless love.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN RAV STEVEN AND YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE BAYIT TO SEE *SOUL DOCTOR* ON TUESDAY - AUG. 13, 8:00PM AND RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE - SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.THEBAYIT.ORG/SOULDOCTOR OR CALL THE SHUL OFFICE BY TUES., AUG. 6 WITH CC INFORMATION.

COST: \$90 (Regular price: \$135).

Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people who sign up.

You can read about the show from Neshama Carlebach's own blog at www.bandletter.com/neshama.



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Visit the www.thebayit.org/tent, see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and choose your week.



UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY LISTING

The membership directory is now online. The directory is visible only to MEMBERS who are logged in to their accounts. To protect member privacy, no members have been included in the directory without their permission. If you would like to be included please email the office.

To update your personal information, log-in to your account and go to www.thebayit.org/directory.php.



PREPARING FOR A SIMCHA?

Our new event-specific room rental agreements are now available at www.thabyit.org/simcha.

 **MJHS** METROPOLITAN
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FILL OUT A 5-MIN. BAYIT & MJHS SURVEY

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PURCHASE HONEY FOR ROSH HASHANAH

To purchase Israeli honey for chag and support our Bayit go to www.thebayit.org and click on the link for the honey sale.

SHABBAT SHALOM!

Chessed Opportunities:

VISITING SHIRLEY LOWENSTEIN: Bayit member Shirley Lowenstein is back at Montefiore Hospital. Visitors are welcome. If you need transportation assistance to visit, please contact Shirley's son David at 718-549-4948 or on his cell 240-538-4840.

DRIVING BAYIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CEMETERY VISITS: Are you planning a cemetery visit before Rosh Hashanah? Drivers, are you willing to offer a ride to other members when you go? Would you like to visit a relatives 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.

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.mspony.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.



LOOKING FOR A YIDDISH SPEAKING VOLUNTEER: There is an amazing female Yiddish poet who lives in the nearby Bronx who would greatly appreciate a visit from a Yiddish speaker. She is a national treasure, recognized by the White House, and spending time with her is an experience of a lifetime. To volunteer contact Niti Minkove, volunteer coordinator at the Bronx Jewish Community Council at 917-693-3084.

NEXT SHABBAT LUNCH: We are excited about this new program designed to ensure all newcomers feel at home in our Bayit and are invited for Shabbat lunch following their first visit. It takes a community to make this happen. Whether acting as an ambassador and reaching out to newcomers, hosting newcomers for lunch or being 'on call' when needed, each and every one of us can contribute, so that we can make this program a success!

For more details and to get involved, please contact Yonit Nordenberg at nextshabbat@thebayit.org or visit www.thebayit.org/nextshabbat.

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. While many details are still in the works, this workshop will help participants anticipate and prepare for changes that might affect them. 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.

Beyond the Bayit

NEW COMPOST SITE IN RIVERDALE: Compost food scraps (fruit, vegetables, grains, tea bags and coffee grounds) in our neighborhood! East side of Independence Ave. halfway between 239th and 246th Sts., roughly across from southern tip of the Riverdale Temple parking lot.

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.

SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS OF RIVERDALE: Safe At Home is a support program for older adults of Washington Heights, Inwood and Riverdale. The program offers services including: case management, transportation, housing advocacy, homecare, food pantry and health maintenance services. It is a collaboration of the Riverdale YM-YWHA, the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights and Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale. For more information contact Sarah Leiner, Program Director at 212-569-6200, x233.

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 **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)

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.