



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 Tavo

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:25pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:36am
- Listening Room: 5:50pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:15pm
- Mincha: 7:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:26pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshiot Nitzavim-Vayelech

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:14pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:15pm

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

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Debbie & Howard Jonas on the birth of a grandson. To parents **Liora & Michael Stein**, to big sister **Anaelle**. To aunt and uncle **Natalie & Rabbi Davidi Jonas** and to the entire Jonas and Stein family. Shalom Zachar will take place this Fri. night, 9:00pm at 3020 Palisade Avenue.

Dr. Vivian & Rabbi Matthew Kanig on the birth of a great-grandson **Malcom Dov Geller**. To parents **Josh & Michelle Geller**.

This 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**, Director of **CAUSE-NY** of the Jewish Community Relations Council of NY: "We Were Like Dreamers: 50 Years After the March on Washington."

LISTENING ROOM - 5:50PM: This will be our last session until Shabbat, October 5. Prepare for the High Holidays with reflective space.

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, Annette Leder, 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 - Sun., Aug. 25, 9:00am, an hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven, Room 3-1.

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



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



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

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

WELCOME TO THE BAYIT'S RABBINIC INTERN TEAM FOR 5774



David Bookbinder is a native Californian along with his wife Kara. He is currently a third year student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah as well as the Chair of College Initiatives for Uri L'Tzedek.



Daniel Millner is currently a fourth year student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and lives in Riverdale with his wife Yael. He proudly serves as a Chaplain Candidate in the United States Navy.



Dr. Anat Sharbat is entering her third year as a student at Yeshivat Maharat. In 2008 she moved from Israel to New York and she, her spouse Ariel and their four daughters are members of the Bayit.

We look forward to learning from and experiencing our Bayit community with each of you in the coming year!



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.

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

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)
 5:50pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)
 6:15pm - Pre-High Holiday Shiur with Abe Mezrich (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha @ Beth Aharon: Mila baParasha - Conversing on the meaning of 1 word in the parasha (2nd FI BM)

Sunday

9:15am - The Awesome Days - Chasidic Holiday Insights from Rebbe Nachman with Rav Ari (Lower Level Lobby) ****Pre-Yamim Noraim Series****

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

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.

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

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

GUEST DRASHA WITH RABBI JEREMIAH WOHLBERG:

"Standing On The Edge Of Life And Faith As The New Year Begins - Uvacharta Bachayim." R' Wohlberg is a current member of the Bayit and retired after 47 years service as founding Rabbi of Congregation Ohav Sholom, Merrick, Long Island.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven:

"Sparks for Teshuvah"

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 sponsored by Florence Glucksman in honor of the wonderful community that supports Abraham & Sarah's Tent and the other programs at HIR. 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 chevre, 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.



R SARA'S AGUNAH DVAR TORAH ON WEBSITE: Rabba Sara's powerful dvar Torah from last Shabbat on addressing the Agunah Crisis is now available on the Bayit website at www.thebayit.org/drashot.

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 on 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.

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



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
 10:00AM
 EATING HEALTHFULLY AND
 MEANINGFULLY OVER THE
 HOLIDAYS
 with dietitian and food connoisseur
 NAVA BILLET**

Learn about the Ashkenazic 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.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A SMILE - RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA

To book your room reservation go to www.thebayit.org/simcha or contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org.

SHEYIHIYE BE'MAZAL TOV!

Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.



HIR GIFT CARDS

Looking for a great idea for a gift for chag - Look no further!

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 Nidrei Child Care** has been added

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

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

TEENS & ADULTS!

If you are interested in serving as a group leader at this year's Shabbat morning groups, please email 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!**

ROSH HASHANA PJ Library Book Reading and Songs with Abby!
 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





Davening Schedule 5773-4/2013

Saturday Night, August 31

Maariv 8:15pm
 Concert 10:15pm (doors open 10:00pm)
 Selichot 12:30am (approx.)

Mincha/Maariv, September 1-3 7:10pm
 Late Maariv with Selichot 9:30pm

Shacharit, Sunday, September 1 - NO SELICHOT 8:30am

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Shacharit 8:30am
 Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm

Tuesday, September 3

Shacharit 6:20am 8:00am
 Mincha/Maariv 6:55pm

Wednesday, September 4 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Selichot 5:45am 7:30am
 Eruv Tavshilin
 Candle Lighting 7:06pm
 Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm

Thursday, September 5 - Rosh Hashanah I

Shacharit Main Sanctuary and Social Hall 7:30am
 Learning Service 9:30am
 Shofar Blowing (approx.) 10:00am
 Free Service 3:30pm
 Early Mincha followed by Tashlich at Delafield Pond (246th St. West of Independence Ave.) 5:15pm
 Late Mincha followed by Shiur 6:30pm
 Maariv 7:30pm
 Candle Lighting 8:04pm



Friday, September 6 - Rosh Hashanah II

Shacharit Main Sanctuary and Social Hall 7:30am
 Learning Service 9:30am
 Shofar Blowing (approx.) 10:00am
 Free Service 3:30pm
 Mincha abbrev. Kabbalat Shabbat followed by Maariv 7:05pm
 Candle Lighting 7:02pm

Shabbat Shuvah, September 7

Shacharit Shalom Bayit 6:50am
 Main Sanctuary 8:30am
 Mincha 6:15pm
 Shabbat Shuvah Discourse 6:45pm
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:04pm

Sunday, September 8 - Tzom Gedaliah

Fast Begins 5:17pm
 Shacharit w/Selichot 8:30am
 Mincha 6:50pm
 Maariv 7:30pm
 Fast Ends 7:59pm

Selichot - Aseret Yemei Teshuvah September 8 - 13

Evenings - Sun., Sept. 8 & Wed., Sept. 11 (w/late Maariv) 9:30pm
 Mornings - Mon., Sept. 9 & Thurs., Sept. 12 6:10am 8:15am
 Morning - Tue., Sept. 10 & Wed., Sept. 11 6:15am 8:15am

Friday, September 14 - Erev Yom Kippur

Shacharit 6:35am 8:15am
 Mincha 3:30pm
 Candle Lighting 6:51pm
 Kol Nidrei 6:55pm
 Fast Begins by 7:09pm

Shabbat, September 15 - Yom Kippur

Shacharit Social Hall 7:30am
 Main Sanctuary 7:45am
 Learning Service 9:30am
 (approx.) 10:30am
 3:30pm
 Yizkor Free Service (Social Hall) Main Sanctuary 4:35pm
 Mincha
 Neilah Social Hall 6:25pm
 Main Sanctuary 6:05pm
 Learning Service 6:45pm
 7:52pm
 Fast Ends

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 raysteven@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 - This 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 the energy of the High Holidays by 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.

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.

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



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

On Wednesday, August 14, the HIR was joined by 20 Catholic priests and educators participating in the ADL's Bearing Witness program, a professional development seminar for teachers in Catholic schools about how to teach Judaism, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and Jewish-Catholic relations in their institutions. They joined us for a tour of the shul, and a taste of the Bayit by sharing conversation and developing friendships during a model Shabbat dinner. This is what they had to say about our community:



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Dear Ari,

Thank you again for hosting the Bearing Witness model Shabbat dinner at HIR. There was so much positive feedback from participants, I felt I couldn't just sum it up in one or two quotes. So all of it is as follows; the impact, clearly, has been huge and will be lasting.

- Going to the Riverdale Hebrew Institute was the best!
- Wonderful, heartwarming – all that is good!
- Great experience – very educational, but more important spiritually welcoming/inclusive.
- This was a privilege. I learned a great deal and was honored.
- I felt at home in an unfamiliar place. All Catholics should experience this.
- How welcoming! – How inclusive!! Not only to us but to all who might come.
- In this time of *hurry*, self-importance and need to do all – what a wonderful challenge to return to “Shabbat” while never losing sight of the neighbor. Dinner – symbols, spirit and food were so nourishing.
- Felt at home! Every question answered – wonderful to meet congregants and build community together.
- Awe inspiring and faith-filled.
- Beautiful event. Nothing could be better than getting to know ‘friends’ around a dinner table and enjoying their company and culture.
- The food was delicious and the conversation was blessed.
- Enjoyed the welcoming and warm spirit. Very informative and able to learn a great deal.
- This was the highlight. Such a friendly and welcoming community. What struck me most was the sense of community and caring. So often today families are fractured and disengaged. Here the community is learning to be part of a large family.
- I loved this and learned so much again about how it is so much more than just a meal. It is a family gathering.

Thank you again,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Steinberg".

Lauren Steinberg
Assistant Regional Director, New York
Anti-Defamation League

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.



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@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)



Beyond the Bayit

PRE HIGH HOLIDAY PET BLESSING: At the gazebo next to the dog run in Fort Tryon Park on Sun., Aug. 25, from 11:00am - 11:30am, pets, pet owners, and pet lovers will gather as a community for a short spiritual celebration that will include readings, poetry, and blessings. Creatures great and small (of all faiths:) welcome.

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.

TZOM GEDALYAH BOKER IYUN AT SAR HIGH SCHOOL - Sun., Sept. 8, 9:30AM - 12:30PM: Please join us at SAR High School (503 West 259th Street) as we commemorate the 11th yahrzeit of JJ Greenberg, z"l with a Boker Iyun on the theme of Social Justice and Teshuvah. Presenters include: David Flatto, Shmuel Hain, Tully Harcsztark, Shira Hecht-Koller, Nathaniel Helfgot, Binyamin Krauss, Dina Najman, Lisa Schlaff. Contact shain@sarhighschool.org for more information.

YESHIVAT CHOVEVEI TORAH RABBINICAL SCHOOL PRESENTS 4 ASERET YEMEI TESHUVA LECTURES: Mon. Sept. 9: Rav Avi Weiss on Teshuva for the Good: From Survival to Success to Significance| Tues., Sept.10 - Rav Nati Helfgot on Before God You Will Be Purified: The Unique Nature of Teshuvah on Yom Hakippurim| Wed.Sept.11 - Rav Dov Linzer on Should we care if a Sex Offender does Teshuva?| Thurs.Sept.12 - Rav Asher Lopatin on Lessons in Musar and Teshuva from 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.



Come join your friends at our annual communal evening meals in our Sukkah on **Wed. night, Sept. 18, Thurs. night, Sept. 19 or Fri. night, Sept. 20.** Sign up online at www.thebayit.org/sukkot, drop by the office or email us at office@thebayit.org.

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.