

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 Shoftim

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:44pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- **Preparatory Melodies: 8:20am**
- **Main Tefillah Begins: 8:45am**
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:30am
- Listening Room: 6:20pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:45pm
- Mincha: 7:30pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:46pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:35pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:20pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:36pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rena & Murray Schaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Ayala Ta'ir, to their children Tali & Yechiel Broder, and the birth of a grandson to their children Keren & Avishai Fuss. To all the grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles. Special mazal tov to Avishai's grandmother **Dr. Estelle Fuss** and her family.

Wishing Condolences to:

Joan Matalon Stark & Arnie Stark on the passing of Joan's mother **Vicky Matalon**. Joan will observe shiva at the Stark home, 680 W. 246th St., House #19 on Sat. night, Aug. 10 after 9:00pm, and Sun., Aug. 11 from 8:30am Shacharit until 1:00pm. If you can attend Sunday's Shacharit, please email ravstevan@thebayit.org.

Welcome to New Members: Rachel & Rabbi Asher Lopatin.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT IYUN TEFILLAH: As we enter Elul, we'll focus 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. Afternoon shiurim will focus on tefillah themes.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Yael Smootha
"Avoiding McPrayer: Strategies for Making Formal Tefillah Personally Meaningful"



SUN., 8/11 - "THE CRIES OF THE SHOFAR" - A pre-High Holiday Program for Bereaved Jews - with **Rav Steven** and Bayit & JBFCS 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 ravstevan@thebayit.org.



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 13, 20, 27

"Elul Spiritual Writing Workshop"
With Rav Ari Hart (LLBM)
Tuesdays right after Maariv: August 13, 20, 27

"The Awesome Days - Chasidic Holiday Insights from Rebbe Nachman"
With Rav Ari Hart (Lower Level Lobby)
Sundays 9:15am: August 11, 25, September 1

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



High Holiday Seats 5774: Thank you to those who have submitted their High Holiday seat forms and payments. For your convenience, you can register online instead of submitting paper forms at www.thebayit.org/seats. Deadline is this Thurs., Aug 15th, to hold last year's seats.

Selichot Concert 5773



SATURDAY 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 (Cancelled this week)

6:20pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

6:45pm - 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)

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

SEFARIM FUND

Thank you to this month's donors to our Sefarim Fund:

- Helene Santo & Matthew Eilenberg in honor of Alisa Eilenberg.
- Shani & David Schwartz in memory of Vicky Matalon.
- Claire & Joseph Cohen in memory of their beloved grandmothers Chana Rushkin and Sivia Finkelstein.
- Ruth & Howard Bromberg in memory of Vicky Matalon.

To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website www.thebayit.org/sefarim, or call the office.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner. Last week's tent was sponsored by Pam & Jeff Gurock in commemoration of the yahrzeits of their fathers, Jack Gurock and Randolph Chester. 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.

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.

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? Drivers, are you 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.



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! Thank you to all those who have purchased honey jars. We have a limited supply of honey jars left. The honey is from Emek Hefer in Israel, all natural, pure and delicious wildflower honey. B'datz, Parve 250 ar / 8.9 oz. Cost \$8. To purchase online go to www.thebayit.org. For questions call the shul office 718-796-4730.



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.

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM - Thurs., Aug 29, 1:00pm: Calling all Golden Agers - Join us in the Social Hall 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.

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 - Special Seuda Shlishit

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

Is your family new to the community? Menachem Menchel would like to meet you and provide you with a copy of our new youth calendar



REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

www.thebayit.org/youth

Register and sign up for Youth Membership today!

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!

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

Have you signed up for High Holiday Child Care @ The Bayit?

You can still sign up! Please contact Menachem for a form: menachem@thebayit.org

SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES:

- **Wednesday, September 4th (Erev Rosh Hashana):** Drop off your child for a day of fun and learning
 - **Sunday, September 15th:** Special Movies, Smoothies & Free Play featuring Sukkah decorations
 - **Sunday, September 22nd:** Annual Simchat Beit HaShoeva
 - **Wednesday, September 25th:** Hoshana Rabbah Live
- More info to come.

PJ Library Book Reading, movements and Shabbat songs
With Abby
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

Abby Finkelstein supervises 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. If you need transportation assistance to visit, please contact Shirley's son David at 718-549-4948 or on his cell 240-538-4840.

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.



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. 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 program designed to ensure all newcomers feel at home in our Bayit and are invited for Shabbat lunch following their first visit. 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.

 **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 & JBFC)

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 JBFC, 135 W. 50th St., 6th Floor. RSVP required by calling (212) 632-4602 or connect-to-care@jbfc.org.

Beyond the Bayit

UNITY CAFÉ IN RIVERDALE - Sat. evening, Aug. 10: An amazing night of music, poetry and visual art in an environment of diverse spiritual and creative expression. Located at Ginger Grill, 3717 Riverdale Ave. Admission: \$20 *First Drink Free*. Doors open @ 10:00PM - Pey Dalid at 10:30PM. Info: unitycaferiverdale@gmail.com. Under the supervision of the Va'ad Harabanim of Riverdale.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Tues., Aug. 13: The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFC will be held on Tues., Aug. 13, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice from people who are actively caring for a loved one. Where: Beatman Center 521 West 239th Street, 2nd floor. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or akirshblum@jbfc.org.

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.

SOUL DOCTOR ON BROADWAY: *Soul Doctor* tells the fascinating story of the father of popular Jewish music, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and his unlikely friendship with Nina Simone. For show times/reservation call 212-239-6200.



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. halfway between 239th & 246th Sts., roughly across the street from the southern tip of the Riverdale Temple parking lot. Drop off scraps 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 online 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.

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.

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.