

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Binstock family in honor of Josh's upcoming marriage.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Chanukah Shabbat Parshat Miketz

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:05pm
- Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:32am
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:14pm
- Parsha Shiur: 7:00pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:15pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayigash

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:17pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Eva & Richard Rubel on the birth of a great granddaughter **Ayelet Toba**. To parents Tamara & Michael Slomnicki. To grandparents Shuly & Alan Rubel.

Josh Binstock on his upcoming marriage to **Hadar Schwartz**. To parents Jackie & Marvin Binstock and Shuly Schwartz & Eric Fishman, and to all of their siblings as well. To grandparents Anne & Dave Klar. Everyone is invited to Kiddush in honor of Josh and Hadar.

Wishing Condolences to:

Cochava Dubin on the passing of her brother **Tsiyon Jamil Gamliel**. Shiva will be observed in Israel through Thurs., Dec. 20th. Cochava can be reached in Israel at 011-972-54-952-1370.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

COMMUNAL CANDLELIGHTING: Friday Mincha will take place at 4:05pm, followed by a candlelighting in the Main Sanctuary with beautiful oil lamps in our large wooden Chanukiah!

DRASHA with Rabba Sara Hurwitz

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Listening Room

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - CHANUKAH SPARKS

Mini-shiurim on Chanukah topics with Bayit teachers including TorahParsha's Abe Mezrich.

KUMSITZ WITH RAV AVI & THE BAYIT BAND - Dec. 15 - 8:00pm: Enjoy music under the chanukiah! Bring an instrument and join in!

LEARNING SERVICE: Eight meetings left this year with Rabbi Moshe Edelman. Join us for warm and sincere tefillot/davening with study and explanations, with a chance to ask and learn. Gain a fuller understanding of the siddur's geography, choreography... and theology too. Next gathering will be **Sun., Dec. 16, 9:30am - 11:00am** in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.



HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF CHANUKAH BENEFIT CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Please join us as we gather to enjoy great music and raise funds for the many residents of the NY Metro Area who still need our help in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Buy tickets online at www.thebayit.org/sandy.

Minimum

suggested donations:
\$36.00 Individual
\$180.00 Sponsor
\$360.00 Benefactor



What's Up Band



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The Persuasions



The Shlomonos



Marc Weiner



Sigal Chen



Craig Shulman



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Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Listening Room

MOMENTUM: The Bayit's group for single moms will be hosting a "Dinner and a Movie" on **Motzei Shabbat, Dec. 22**, at 6:30pm. To RSVP contact Tzirel Bleier at momentum@hir.org. For more info, and to be notified of future events, please join our Yahoo! Group, HIRMomentum. We look forward to seeing you there!

Momentum

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

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

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven
7:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Learning Service with Rav Edelman (LL BM)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Room 3-3)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Room 3-3)*
7:30pm - The Fall of The Commonwealth - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (At his home)
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*
8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home. Email rebjeff@gmail.com to attend)

Tuesday

10:00am - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi (Lobby)
11:00am - The Unique and the Sublime: Biblical Characters with Rabba Sara (lobby)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am Book of Shoftim with Rav Steven (LL BM)
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

Friday

7:20am - Talmud Moed Katan with Rav Steven

* Hebrew classes are taught by our experienced teacher **Sara Kinberg**. For more info. and guidance on placement, please contact Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

Reserve the Bayit for Your Simcha

HIR is using a written contract for the rental of its facilities. If you would like to rent space in the shul, or if you believe that you have reserved the Bayit for your simcha but have not been contacted regarding the new contract, please contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org. Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.



HIR GIFT CARDS

Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit!

HIR Gift Cards welcomes Judean Hills Pizza to our program. Gift Certificates available in increments of \$5.00. Please remember to support all our local merchants who participate in the Gift Card program. For more info. on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.

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.

NEW HOURS: Anna can be reached at her office on **Monday 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tuesday 8:00am - 8:00pm and Thursday 8:00am - 8:00pm at 718-601-9714.**

You can also e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for this open communal dinner sponsored anonymously. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Last week's birthday Kiddush was also sponsored by Mark Kanal in honor of his 85th birthday.

CELEBRATING A SIMCHA? OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT? Please send an email to gabbai@hir.org so that we can arrange the appropriate Aliyah.

BAYIT SEFARIM FUND: Over the years our supply of prayer books, chumashim (Pentateuch) and other Jewish books tend to wear out. Help us replace them by donating to the Sefarim Fund. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the Rabbinical Staff 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.bayit.org/sefarim.

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Do you know someone who needs any of the following? Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?

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: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY

GROUP - Wed., Jan. 2, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. All are invited! Please note: this class is now on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (not Tuesdays) and is relocating to the 3rd FL, Room 3-4. Upcoming dates: 2/6, 3/6 and 4/3.



Upcoming Speakers

Mark your calendars for Shabbat learning opportunities with great community members. Shabbat afternoon between Mincha and Maariv.

January 5 - Leebie Mallin

January 12 - Jennie Rosenfeld

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to **Yossi Weissman** for delivering the ping pong table and the anonymous donors who donated the ping pong table.

Thank you to **Ayelet Rosenberg** and **Maya Pretsfelder** for conceiving of and executing the phenomenal Chanukah Youth Carnival which raised so much money for Hurricane Sandy victims.

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



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 2012-2013

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!

TWO-DAY WINTER CAMP

December 26-27

Looking for a fun and safe place to drop off the kids for two days?

8:45am-4:00pm
Ages 5+

Sample Day @ Camp:

8:45am – Welcome & Free Play
 9:30am – Tefillah
 10:00am – Snack
 10:20am – Torah with Rav Steven
 11:00am – Baking Cookies & Cake
 12:00pm – Pizza Lunch
 12:30pm – Arts and Crafts
 1:30pm – Movie with snack
 3:30pm – Free Play
 4:00pm – Pickup

Visit www.thebayit.org/wintercamp for more details.





AFTERNOON GROUPS WITH BNEI AKIVA SNIF @ HIR

3rd-5th Grades

We are very privileged to have a pair of Bnei Akiva visitors from Israel who guide a group of enthusiastic Riverdale teens, leading games and fun education activities for our youth. Meets every other Shabbat.

The Youth Department Salutes and Thanks: Maya Pretzfelder & Ayelet Rosenberg and their friends for running an incredible Chanukah carnival and raising over \$1200 for children affected by Hurricane Sandy. Thank you to all those who supported this effort!

SAVE THE DATE:



- Children’s Musical Tefillah: Sunday, January 13
- Movie, Smoothies & Free Play: Sunday, January 13
 - Teen Tefillah: Shabbat, January 12

<p>Friday Night Tot Kabbalat with Carmiya Ages 3 and younger (with parent) 5:01pm (50 min. after candle-lighting) in RSHS</p>	<p>Chanukah Book Reading with Shabbat Songs Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten 10:30am</p>	<h1>THIS SHABBAT!</h1>	<p>SHABBAT AFTERNOON GROUPS with BNEI AKIVA SNIF! Grades 3-5 3:30-4:30pm @ HIR</p>	<h2>CAN YOU SPONSOR SNACKS THIS WEEK?</h2>	
<p>TOT SHABBAT Lower Level Beit Midrash THIS WEEK 10:30-11:30 Free Play @ 9:30</p>	<p>Shabbat Morning Groups (3rd floor) 9:30-11:30am Room 3-4: NURSERY Room 3-5: PRE-K Room 3-6: KINDERGARTEN Room 3-3: GRADES 1 & 2 Room 3-7: GRADES 3 & 4</p>	<p>Groups Physical Activity in RSHS Pre-K & K @ 10am 1st-4th @ 10:30am</p>	<p>1st & 2nd Grade leading Aleinu in Main Sanc. 11:15am</p>	<p>3rd & 4th Grade Improv Skit on Chanukah with Melissa! 9:30-10am — Rehearsal 11:00am — Performance Performance for all groups!</p>	<p>Teen Lounge PING PONG TABLE Thank you to the anonymous donors And to Yossi Weissman for delivering it! 11am-1pm</p>



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.
Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!

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:

A JEWISH FOSTER HOME IS NEEDED FOR A 16 YEAR OLD OBSERVANT TEENAGE BOY: He is currently living in a community residence in Queens, but is having a difficult time being observant in that environment. His therapist writes, "He does not have behavioral issues and is calm and mild mannered." If you could provide a home for Joseph, please contact the Jewish Children's Adoption Network, at 303-573-8113, or by e-mail at jcan@qwestoffice.net. For further information, call Mia Diamond Padwa at 914-305-6847.

VISIT JOE: Our friend Joe Pissarevsky has been relocated to New Surfside Nursing Home, 2241 New Haven #402 in Far Rockaway. Phone number is 718-471-3400 x137. Calls and visits are most appreciated.

MEALS FOR NEW PARENTS: Baruch Hashem, our Bayit family continues to grow. A steady influx of young and growing families into our community has created steady work for our volunteer committee. Please join our roster of volunteers so that we can continue to provide support to new parents. To participate, email our coordinator for this committee, Aimee Baron at baronajl@yahoo.com with your contact information.

HOST NEW RIVERDALIANS AT YOUR SHABBAT TABLE: We're looking to expand our list of hosts to welcome new families to the community. If you can host new Riverdalians at your Shabbat table, please email hirwelcome@gmail.com to let Hospitality Coordinator Chavi Eisenberg know. Thank you for making our Bayit more welcoming!

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support of our Bayit. As we head in to the final weeks of the calendar year, I want to take an opportunity to step back from fundraising for ourselves and remember that we are part of a larger community. Beyond our Synagogue there are a plethora of groups that make Riverdale a vibrant Jewish community. Those organizations include:

- Hatzalah
- Riverdale Mikvah
- Riverdale Eruv

While we recently hosted a dedicated appeal for Hatzalah, which I hope you responded to, all of these organizations need our help. When you contribute through HIR your financial support is combined with the important message that our Bayit values the relationships, services and support we receive from our partners in building a healthy community.

Please help us support these organizations that support our Bayit. Click the link below or send in your check made out to HIR, with "Beyond the Bayit" in the memo line.
Thank you,

Richard Langer, Executive Director/COO
Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - the Bayit



Beyond the Bayit

YIOZ FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG SERIES: On Fri., Dec. 14, the Young Israel Ohav Zedek Friday Night Oneg series will feature a talk about the Bnei Menashe, a group based in Northeastern India that some people believe are descended from the tribe of Menashe. Dr. Meylekh Viswanath, who was born and raised in south India, will present a brief introduction of the Bnei Menashe before talking about his trip, this past summer, to visit this fascinating group. The talk, which will be followed by a dessert table, will take place at 7:30PM at YIOZ, 6015 Riverdale Avenue.

Beyond the Bayit

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AT CSAIR: The Israel Affairs Committee of CSAIR is presenting a festive Chanukah celebration on **Sat. evening, Dec. 15**, at 7:00pm that is free and open to all. The Riverdale Community Chorus will sing, we will show the film "Six Days in June", and there will be Chanukah-appropriate refreshments. Israeli dancing if time permits! 475 W. 250th St.. 718-543-8400.

MA'AYANOT'S ANNUAL DAY OF STUDY IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES: On **Sun., Dec. 16**, from 9:30am - 12:00pm, Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites the entire community to attend their Annual Day of Study in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, at the school, 1650 Palisade Ave. The keynote speaker will be Esther Herzfeld, Chair of the Ma'ayanot English Department, who will present on the topic "*Everybody's Talking About Bagism, Shagism, Dragism, Madism, Ragism, Tagism*" -- *But Nobody's Talking About Transcendentalism.*" The keynote address will be followed by sessions in advanced topics in the liberal arts taught by members of the Ma'ayanot faculty. For more info. please contact Pam Ennis, ennisp@maayanot.org.

THE SMALL WONDER PUPPET THEATRE: Stein Yeshiva PTA is presenting The Small Wonder Puppet Theatre on **Sun., Dec. 16**, at 11:00am at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. With over thirty years of experience this theatre delights audiences both young and old with a professional puppet and storytelling performance about Chanukah, with memorable characters and inspiring melodies bringing the story of the Chanukah miracle to life. Admission: \$8 per person (1-year-old and up) in advance and \$10 at the door. To use a credit card, call 914-965-7082 to make your reservations today!

CHANUKAH PARTY AT THE SHTIBEL: Come to an exciting Chanukah event packed full of fun that you won't want to miss! Live show and entertainment by Chinese Festival with hot food. At the Shtibel Torah V'Chesed Nanash, 629 W. 239th St., on **Sun., Dec. 16**, 12:00pm. Cost: \$22/Adult, \$12/Child. For reservations and more info. Call 718-543-5618.

MOSHAVA BA'IR DAY CAMP: Please join us at a Moshava Ba'ir day camp Open House at 8:00pm, **Mon., Dec. 17** at the home of Rabbi Davidi & Natalie Jonas, 2610 Henry Hudson Parkway. Moshava Ba'ir offers a caring, warm, and chinuchi environment with excellent swim, sports, arts, trips and more, deeply infused with the religious Zionist values of Bnei Akiva. Enjoy affordable tuition and convenient door to door busing from Riverdale. Special offer: attend the open house and receive \$100 off full summer tuition! To RSVP or for questions: email moshavabair@bneiakiva.org, call 212-465-9536, or visit www.moshavabair.org.

WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM: Join us **Wed. night, Dec. 19**, at 8:00pm to learn more about Westchester Summer Day and Westchester Day School. Hear about our popular Summer Program complete with Zipline, climbing wall, heated in-ground pools, waterskiing and more. Learn about our new WDS tuition schedule. Summer busing incentive for all Riverdale attendees! Meeting to be held at 3901 Independence Ave., Apt 5G. For questions and to RSVP contact alyons@westchesterday.org.

THE MUSIC MAN @ MA'AYANOT: The Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School Musical Theater Club is pleased to invite the community to a student production of "The Music Man" on **December 24, 2012** at 3:20pm and at 7:30pm. Both showings will take place for women in the Ma'ayanot Beit Knesset (with a simulcast for men in the Ma'ayanot Media Room). All proceeds from the event will go to Chai Lifeline's Camp Simcha. For more information please contact Pam Ennis at ennisp@maayanot.org.

WESTCHESTER TORAH ACADEMY PARLOR MEETING: Please join us **Mon., Dec. 17**, 8:00pm sharp, at the Briar Oaks Common Room (4555 Henry Hudson Parkway, ground floor) to hear Head of School Rabbi Rami Strosberg present on Westchester Torah Academy's 21st Century educational model. Tuition is \$8,750 to \$9,750, depending on grade. Light refreshments served. Busing subsidy available for Riverdale. For more info., see www.westchesterta.org.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute is a synagogue that 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, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the mentally and physically challenged.