

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
Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayigash

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:36am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:17pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am (Fast of Tevet)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues: 8:30am (Federal Holiday)
Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv:
Sun: 4:05pm (Fast of Tevet)
Mon-Thurs: 4:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayechi

- Candle Lighting: 4:18pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:22pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Chavi & Daniel Eisenberg on the birth of a son. To grandparents Gail & Norman Eisenberg and Sonja & Simon Swidler. To uncle Rabbi Dr. Steven Eisenberg. To big brothers **Elish** and **Noam**. The Shalom Zachar will take place this Fri. night at 8:00pm at the Eisenberg home, 679 W. 239th St., #2J.

Avinoram Miller, brother of **Shani Schwartz**, on his recent graduation from court reporting school.

Wishing Condolences to:

Elyorah Ellison Lieberman on the passing of her father **Rabbi Zevulun Lieberman**. Shiva will be observed through Sun. morning, Dec. 23 at Elyorah's home, 3530 Henry Hudson Parkway, #8M. Visitors welcome Fri. after 9:30am, and Sat. night after 5:45pm.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will take place this Shabbat at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

Drasha with Rav Avi: "Reflections on the Sandy Hook Massacre: Assuming Responsibility"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"Yosef and Yehudah: The Ultimate Encounter"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Listening Room

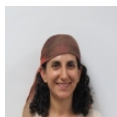
MOMENTUM: The Bayit's group for single moms will be hosting *Momentum* a "Dinner and a Movie" on **Motzei Shabbat, Dec. 22**, at 6:30pm. To RSVP contact Tzirel Bleier at momentum@hir.org. For more info. and to be notified of future events, please join our Yahoo! Group, HIR Momentum. We look forward to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

Sunday is Asarah B'Tevet Fast

Fast Begins: 6:06am; Shacharit: 8:30am; Mincha/Maariv: 4:05pm; Fast Ends: 5:15pm.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Leebie Mallin



"Miriam: Women and Water"

Leebie Mallin serves as a college guidance counselor and as a tenth grade mehanekhet at Maayanot Yeshiva High School for girls. She has previously worked in different capacities in Hillel. She has M.A.s in Political Science and Jewish History and is a graduate of the Drisha Scholars Circle.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Listening Room

TWO-DAY WINTER CAMP - December 26-27 - 8:45am - 4:00pm

Looking for a fun and safe place to drop off the kids for two days? Calling all parents of 5+ year olds, there are still some spots available to sign up for our Two-Day Winter Camp. 1st Child \$65/Day; 2nd Child \$55/Day; 3rd Child or more \$50/Day. To sign up online or for more info. go to www.thebayit.org/wintercamp.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT @ HIR

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CONCERT, ON **MON., JAN 21 AT 7:00PM**. AN EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG WITH REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK AND THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR.

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
Between Mincha and Maariv - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Cancelled this week)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Cancelled this week)*
7:30pm - The Fall of The Commonwealth - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (At his home)
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Cancelled this week)*
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 by Robert Berman in memory of his sister Gittel z"l. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

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

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF CONCERT T-SHIRTS: We have some t-shirts left from this past Sunday's concert (sizes: S; M; L). Cost: \$5. 100% of the proceeds will be given to the UJA's Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. To purchase a t-shirt, stop by the shul office.

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: 917-331-2285, baronaj1@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

STATEMENTS: 2013 dues statements have been mailed. As a benefit of your HIR membership, 100% of your dues payment is tax deductible, as are your voluntary contributions to The Bayit. If you would like to make a payment before the end of the year, please contact us.

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 - Aminadav Grossman

January 12 - Jennie Rosenfeld

Shabbat Shalom!

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



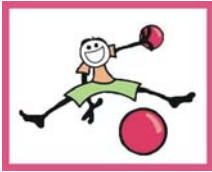
Looking for a fun and safe place to drop off the kids for two days?

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



**Activities include our new
BASKETBALL ARCADE, BOWLING, HOCKEY & MORE!**

Visit www.thebayit.org/wintercamp to sign up!

JUST ADDED!

**BAYIT KATAN WINTER CAMP
AGES 2-5**

Thursday, December 27th

9am-12pm

\$30/child

Sign up @ www.thebayit.org/wintercamp
Or email Kathy at BayitKatan@HIR.org

SAVE THE DATE:

- Children's Musical Tefillah:
Sunday, January 13
- Movie, Smoothies & Free Play:
Sunday, January 13
- Teen Tefillah: Shabbat, January 12
- Bnei Akiva Snif:
Shabbat, January 12



**Friday Night
Tot Kabbalat**
with Carmiya
Ages 3 and younger
(with parent)
5:03pm (50 min. after
candle-lighting) in RSHH

**Friday Night
Children's
Program with
Menachem**
Ages 4 and up
5:10pm in LLBM

THIS SHABBAT!

**Parasha Puppet
Play with
Melissa**
Nursery, Pre-K &
Kindergarten
10:30am

**CAN YOU
SPONSOR
SNACKS THIS
WEEK?**

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

**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**

Special Tefillah
Menechem will be leading
Tefillah with 1st-4th graders at
groups this week.
1st & 2nd Graders are leading
aleinu in the Main Sanctuary
at the end of tefillah.

Free Play @ Groups
Physical Activity & Free
Play @ Groups in LSHH
Pre-K & K - 10:00am
1st-6th - 10:30am

Teen Lounge
Kiddush, Pool,
Ping-pong, foosball,
cards, couches,
chulent and more!
11am-1pm



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. donate online at www.thebayit.org 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



If you'd like to receive this bulletin via e-mail please send your name and e-mail address to office@thebayit.org.

Beyond the Bayit

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 Dec. 24 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.

A NIGHT OF COMEDY & SOCIALIZING FOR 35+ SINGLES: What are you doing Mon., Dec. 24th? Come join us for a night of comedy and socializing featuring top professional comedians for Jewish singles. Before and after show mingling 7:00pm-10:30pm. \$25 with reservation, \$30 at the door. Refreshments and free raffle prizes. Chabad Midtown, 509 Fifth Ave., 2nd FL (between 42nd & 43rd Streets) NYC. For reservations call 973-851-9070 or email grin31@gmail.com.

DAVID BROZA @ THE 92ND STREET Y: "To see Broza in concert is to be mesmerized" - *New York Post*. David Broza personifies Israel at its finest, and yet he is also a musical citizen of the world. Come hear the 92nd Street Y's annual seasonal presentation of the star for all seasons. For more information go to www.92y.org or call 212-415-5500.



DECEMBER 25 IS A FREE FAMILY DAY @ THE Y: Gym Time (10:00am-1:00pm) - Enjoy our big blow-up bounce castle and other fun equipment for younger and older children. Counselors on hand to organize pickup games; **Swim Time (10:00am-12:00pm)** - Come make a splash in our heated pool, but don't forget your swim cap and towel. Parents must be in the water with children under age 5; **Art Time (11:00am-12:00pm)** - Beeswax candle-making in the Art Studio, led by our Early Childhood Center staff. Note: Space is limited; **Two Movies:** Tangled (10:00am-12:00pm) and Milo and Otis (2:00pm-4:00pm). For more info. call 718-548-8200.

JEWITH MARTIAL ARTS DEMO @ THE Y: Sensei Michael Fendrich, in affiliation with the Tora Dojo Martial Arts Association, will give a martial arts demonstration on Tues., Dec. 25 at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Ave., Racquetball Court from 11:00am - 12:00pm. This Demo is free of charge. For more information contact Lisa Bruskin at 718-548-8200 x241.

FIRST ANNUAL SHOLEM ALEICHEM YIDDISH KLEZFEST: This event will take place on Sun., Dec. 30 from 1:30pm - 5:00pm at the Sholem Aleichem Cultural Center, 3301 Bainbridge Avenue. Hosted by Psoy Korolenko from Russia; with Alpen Klezmer (Germany) (Andrea Pancur/ Ilya Shneyveys); Frank London and Friends (Aaron Alexander, Lauren Brody, Ron Caswell); Jake Shulman-Ment and his fidl-kapelye. Bring your instruments for jam session. Dancemaster: Steve Weintraub. Admission: \$10. For information call 917-930-0295.

HAYDALAH, MUSIC AND COMFORT IN NEWTOWN

Rabbi Shaul Praver of Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown, where Noah Pozner's family belongs, and with whom we have been in touch this week offering support, extended a personal invitation to our community to this event:

Havdalah and Concert for Remembrance and Healing in support of the people of Newtown, CT

On **Saturday, December 22**, at 7:00pm, we will be celebrating Havdalah with special guests from several different synagogues providing music and comfort to the community. This is a free event. Donations will be accepted for the Noah Pozner Memorial Fund - click the "Donate" link at <http://www.congadathisrael.org/>. Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown, 115 Huntingtown Road, Newtown, CT 06482

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.