

# 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](mailto:kiddush@hir.org).

### This Week

#### Shabbat Parshat Vayigash

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (LH SH)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:27am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Listening Room: 4:20pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:13pm

### Weekday Times

- Shacharit:  
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)  
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am  
Tues/Wed: 6:45, 8:15am  
Fri: 6:25, 8:15am  
(Fast of Asarah B'Tevet)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:15pm

### Next Week

#### Shabbat Parshat Vayeichi

- Candle Lighting: 4:10pm
- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 3:55pm (Fast of Asarah B'Tevet)**
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
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### Wishing Condolences to:

**Phil Shaw** on the passing of his mother **Blanche Shaw**. Shiva has concluded.

**Bob Hoch** on the passing of his father **Joseph (Joe) Hoch**, husband of **Muriel Hoch**. Shiva will be observed at the Hoch home, 134 Plymouth Drive, Scarsdale, NY 10503, until today, Fri. afternoon.

**Susan Zeif** on the passing of her mother **Nelly Ekstein**. Shiva will be observed at the Zeif home, 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, #9Y until Sun. morning, 12/8. Visitors welcome: Fri., 12/6: 11:00am - 1:00pm and Sat. night, 12/7: 7:00pm - 9:30pm. There will be no tefillot in the home.

**Rochelle Nulman** on the passing of her mother **Laura Rosenberg**. Shiva will be observed at 3671 Hudson Manor Terrace, #7E, Sat. night, 12/7: 5:30pm - 10:00pm until Thurs. morning, 12/12, 9:00am.

**Karen Jordan** on the passing of her mother **Mollie Nogue**, grandmother to **Michael** and **Debra**. The graveside funeral will take place this Sun., 12/8, 11:30am, at Mount Moriah Cemetery, 685 Fairview Ave., Fairview, NJ 07022. More details to follow.

### Welcome to New Members:

**Daniel Cohen** and **Toby & Howard Stahl**.

### This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**ANNUAL RIVERDALE-WIDE HATZALAH APPEAL:** There will be a brief appeal during services for Hatzalah. We will not be announcing pledges. There will be pledge cards & envelopes in the Lobby. Your support is needed to maintain the equipment and supplies Hatzalah volunteers need to do their work.

### GUEST SHIUR with Devorah Evron, Midrasha Oranim:

*"Dinah His Daughter and Serach Their Sister"*

In lieu of the drasha, Devorah will deliver a 30 minute interactive shiur immediately following tefillah.

As Director of the Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Studies "Nigun Nashim," Devorah Evron is empowering Israeli women towards social equality and progressive leadership.



### BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Professor Avigdor Shinan:

*"The Strange Connection Between Moshe Rabbenu and Chanukah"*

Professor Shinan is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is Tilde Klein and Pesach Klein z"l's son-in-law.



### THIS MOTZEI SHABBAT, Dec. 7th, 7:30pm - "THE MOUNT OF OLIVES"

Presentation with former Riverdale resident Jeff Daube

Join us this Motzei Shabbat, 7:30pm in the Lower Level Beit Midrash for an important multimedia update about Eastern Jerusalem. Jeff Daube is the Israel Office Director of the **Zionist Organization of America** and Israel co-chair of the **International Committee for the Preservation of Har Hazeitim**. Jeff is a regular visitor to Capitol Hill on behalf of Israel's leadership and will brief us on his latest trip in the Q&A after his multimedia presentation.



**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH** - This Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:00am: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.



### Asarah B'Tevet Fast

**This Friday, Dec. 13th**, is Asarah B'Tevet, one of the fasts in the cycle of fasts commemorating the destruction of the Temple. It is the only fast which can fall out on Friday and not be deferred. Mincha will take place at 3:55pm to allow time for the full fast day Mincha before sunset, and we will pace tefillah to allow us to return home for Kiddush when the fast ends at nightfall, 5:10pm.

Fast Begins: 5:59am  
Fast Ends: 5:10pm

Shacharit: 6:25, 8:15am  
Mincha: 3:55pm

### Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

**TEFILLAT ESTHER:** Women's Tefillah will take place **next Shabbat** at 9:00am in the LL BM.

**KIDDUSH:** Kiddush next Shabbat will be sponsored by **Karen & Ronald Slavin** in honor of their grandson **Benjamin's** Bar Mitzvah.

## 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 Yoma and beyond!

### Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner (Main Sanctuary)  
3:25pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)  
4:20pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

### Monday

6:30pm - Free Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)\*  
7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (at his home)  
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)\*  
8:30pm - Advanced Talmud: Topics in the Laws of Mourning with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's Home. Email [rebjeff@gmail.com](mailto:rebjeff@gmail.com) to attend)

### Tuesday

10:00am - Bereishit: The Genesis Narrative with Rav Avi (Lobby)  
11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (**Not meeting this week**)  
7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with Rav Steven  
Session 8: Kashrut I (Room 3-3)

### Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)\*

### Thursday

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

### Friday

7:25am - Tractate Megillah with Rav Steven (LL Lobby)

\* Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call 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](mailto:jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com).

**Shiva:** We are looking to grow this committee. Please contact [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

#### Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)

#### Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 917-331-2285, [aimeebaron1818@gmail.com](mailto:aimeebaron1818@gmail.com)  
Mazal tov to Aimee and Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! For info on meals for new moms please contact Shuli in the office: [shuli@thebayit.org](mailto:shuli@thebayit.org).

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)

**Bayit Band:** [lamelle.ryman@gmail.com](mailto:lamelle.ryman@gmail.com)

## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for our open communal dinner in honor of the '183rd' Birthday of Bob Kaplan, Michael Kaplowitz and Bob Santoriello. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to [www.thebayit.org/tent](http://www.thebayit.org/tent) or contact James Lapin at [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org).

**HOLIDAY BIKUR CHOLIM - Wed., Dec. 25th, 11:30am - 1:00pm:** Take time from your day off to visit with our veterans at the VA Nursing Home. To RSVP at [www.thebayit.org/event/holiday-bikkur-cholim.html](http://www.thebayit.org/event/holiday-bikkur-cholim.html) or email [yael@thebayit.org](mailto:yael@thebayit.org).


**PARKING AT THE TOP OF THE SHUL DRIVEWAY:** If you are using the HIR driveway to park and you need to park at the top of the driveway, please park to the right side of the driveway. Thank you.

**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](http://www.thebayit.org/sefarim).

**LOST ITEM:** Something valuable was found in one of the black bags donated to the Bayit's Tag Sale. If you've donated a black bag and believe that it may be yours please call Yael at the shul office (718-796-4730 x101) to provide identification markings on the bag. Thank you.

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# HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2013-14



**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!

**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!**

**Tot Kabbalat with Carmiya!**



Highly interactive Friday night Tot Shabbat for children 3 & younger (with parent or caregiver)

Light snacks included. (Feel free to bring your own snacks. No nuts)

**5:15pm in Social Hall**

**FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS & ONEG!**

**Friday Night Groups with Menachem:**

After the conclusion of **לנה דודי**, Lecha Dodi, all children ages 4-10 are invited to join Menachem for FREE PLAY, Parasha discussion, SHABBAT SONG & KIDDUSH - LH Social Hall

**This Friday Night!**

Join friends at the Sharbat - Freidenberg residence for games, snacks, story & Shabbat fun! 7:20pm - 8:45pm

2600 NETHERLAND AVE., #220



**HIR TEENS Present: ANNUAL WINTER BENEFIT CARNIVAL**  
 December 15, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Face Painting \* Cotton Candy \* Popcorn \* Food Court \* Arcade Basketball Shot \* Ring Toss \* Football Throw \* Metal Can Throw \* Xbox 360 with Kinect \* Bouncy House \* raffle \* prize table and more!

Join friends for an afternoon of fun as we raise money for children in the Philippines! \$15/child (\$25/2 children)

Entry entitles each child 1 free raffle ticket and choice between popcorn and cotton candy!!

\*\*Early bird signup entitles you \$2 free at the food court! Ends Dec. 8 - Hurry!! sign up today @ [www.thebayit.org/carnival](http://www.thebayit.org/carnival)



**NEXT SHABBAT @ GROUPS: SHEVATIM JOB FAIR & COMMUNAL YOUTH BLESSING**  
 In honor of Parashat Vayechi and the diversity of our wonderful community. Stay tuned for more information!



**HIR & THE RIVERDALE Y Present: WINTER CAMP 2013!**

December 23-31 (not including Dec.25)

Grades K-5

Gym, Martial Arts, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Baking, Hot Lunch & Snack all at the Y's amazing facilities ALONG with Tefillah and interactive Jewish programming with Menachem and more!  
 TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM BAYIT INCLUDED FOR FIRST 15 HIR MEMBERS!

Daily Rate: \$85/child (Y & Bayit Members: \$70!)  
 All 6 Days: \$480/child (Y & Bayit Members: \$390!)

Sign up today @ [www.thebayit.org/wintercamp](http://www.thebayit.org/wintercamp)



**TUESDAYS TORAH & FUN in the Teen Lounge**

GRADES 2-5

4:20pm: XBOX, SNACKS & GAMES  
 5:00pm: Torah w/ Menachem

4:20-5:30pm @ HIR  
 FREE FOR ALL!

**Nursery-Kindergarten**  
 Tefillah with Melissa and PJ Library Book with Abby followed by movement & fun!

**SHABBAT Morning Groups!**

Thank you to Elena & Stan Maydan for sponsoring this week's snacks in honor of Danielle's birthday. The Maydans invite children in grades 3-5 for a special Kiddush. Happy birthday!

Room 3-4: NURSERY  
 Room 3-5: Pre-K  
 Room 3-6: Kindergarten



**Shabbat Morning Groups:**  
 3rd Floor Youth Wing  
 9:30-11:30am



Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2  
 Room 3-1/3-2: GRADES 3-6

**TOT SHABBAT**  
 Tot Shabbat is led by nationally acclaimed Tot Leader, Carmiya Weinraub  
 TS meets @ 10:30am, Lower Level Bet Midrash  
 (@ 9:30am: Open Play, Right Hand Side Social Hall)

**KINDERGARTENERS**  
 Will be leading Hatikva in the Main Sanctuary this Shabbat!  
 Approx - 11:10am

**Grades 2-6**  
 Will have our special Tefillah with Menachem  
**Grade 1**  
 Will have a wonderful Tefillah with Jake

**Teen Lounge**  
 Teens welcome to come hang out in the lounge for Kiddush and games.  
 11:00am-1:00pm

**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/nv/HIR](http://www.pjlibrary.org/nv/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](mailto:menachem@thebayit.org)



## Chessed Opportunities:

**DONATIONS FOR THE BAYIT'S NURSING ROOM:** In an attempt to beautify and better equip our Nursing Room, we are asking for your help. If you have left-over disposable diapers or wipes that your child is not using any more, please consider donating them to us for our Nursing Room. Please drop off your donations with Yael at the shul office. Questions? Email [yael@thebayit.org](mailto:yael@thebayit.org).



**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](http://www.lionsclub.org)). Cell phones will be given to My Sister's Place ([www.mspny.org](http://www.mspny.org)).

**SHORT TERM TUTORING OPPORTUNITY BY ISRAELI SCHOOL TEACHER:** Does your child need help with school? Experienced Israeli elementary school teacher in Riverdale (who is here for medical treatment for the next few weeks) can help. Please call Efraim at 732-569-8542.

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION DRIVE @ KIDVILLE RIVERDALE:** Kidville has partnered with Second Chance Toys to collect gently used plastic toys for children in need! The drive will conclude **this Sun., Dec. 8th** at Kidville Riverdale, 555 W. 235th St. Ph: 718-708-8081. Donation requirements: Toys must be plastic, gently used, in good working condition. Battery powered toys must come with working batteries.

**VOLUNTEER AT THE BJCC'S ANNUAL DREYDL BALL:** Volunteers are needed to greet, set tables, serve, sing songs and celebrate Chanukah at the 12th Annual Bronx Jewish Community Council's Chanukah celebration for seniors. This event will take place **this Tues., Dec. 10th**, at Adath Israel of Riverdale, 250th St. and Henry Hudson Parkway. Set up: 4:15pm, Dinner: 6:00pm. To volunteer R.S.V.P. to Niti Minkove, Director of Volunteers at [nminkove@bjcconline.org](mailto:nminkove@bjcconline.org) or 917-693-3084.

## Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to everyone who was involved with making this year's Thanksgiving Dinner a success.

Thank you to **Ari White** from **Gemstone Catering** for donating turkeys. To our anonymous sponsor who keeps on supporting this program every year!

A big thank you to volunteer coordinators **Ellie & Hal Weinstein** and to onsite coordinator **Phyllis Newsome**.

To all of our wonderful volunteers: Sarah Berman, Rebecca Chen and family, Laurie Chameides, Nava Chameides and Noam Chameides, Jane Chan and Christopher Chan, Jeff Cumming, Judy Gurland, Annette Herstic, MJ Kanner and Benny Kanner, Ilana Lerhapt, Stephen Lief, Muriel Minoff, Dale Nordenberg and family, Stuart Olsen, Shari and Jeannie Rau, Kathey Goldstein & Ahron Rosenfeld, Modi Goldstein-Rosenfeld and Laila Goldstein-Rosenfeld, Nara Sainthil, Jane Flechner & Ron Schechter, Gloria Schneider and family, Nava Schorsch, Shoshana Shinnar, Susan & Barry Smuckler, Leslie Tugetman, Sharon, Jarid and Steven Weintraub.

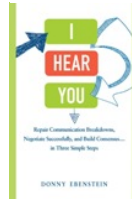
If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

SHAARE ZEDEK AND THE IDF IN THE PHILIPPINES: Please see this wonderful video of the disaster relief that Shaare Zedek and the IDF are doing in the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan - link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4QjIQLSIw>

Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit presents:

# I Hear You - Communication Through Conflict

Join us on **Sun., Dec. 22nd**, at **7:30pm**  
to hear **Donny Ebenstein** speak about his new book **"I Hear You: Repair Communication Breakdowns, Negotiate Successfully, and Build Consensus . . . in Three Simple Steps"**



*Donny Ebenstein is an expert in negotiation, communication, and conflict resolution.*

*He has trained and coached clients in both the public and private sectors across five continents, including extensive work in the Middle East.*

*A graduate of Harvard Law School, Donny runs his own New York-based consulting firm.*



**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. 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](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org).** (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)

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## RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA

To book your room reservation go to [www.thebayit.org/simcha](http://www.thebayit.org/simcha) or contact Richard at [Richard@thebayit.org](mailto:Richard@thebayit.org).



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

# Shabbat Shalom!

## 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.*

## BEYOND THE BAYIT - December 6 - 14, 2013

**THE MA'AYANOT ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO PRESENT A WEEKLY SHIUR SERIES ON PARSHA AND PARSHANUT:** An Analysis of Biblical Commentaries in Light of the Weekly Parsha given by Rabbi Yaakov Blau, Talmud Chair at Ma'ayanot. This series will meet on Tuesdays at 9:45am beginning **Dec. 3rd and continuing through Jan. 7th**. For more information or to sponsor a shiur, please contact Pam Ennis at [ennisp@maayanot.org](mailto:ennisp@maayanot.org) or 201-833-4307, ext. 265.

**KUMSITZ WITH RAV URI TOPOLOSKY @ JOFA:** Our very own Rav Uri and Dahlia Topolosky will be leading a kumsitz on **Sat. night Dec. 7th** at the JOFA conference. Be there (with your instruments) to support both of them and the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance! John Jay College West 59th St. For more information go to [www.jofa.org](http://www.jofa.org).

**8TH INTERNATIONAL JOFA CONFERENCE: Dec. 7-8,** John Jay College, NYC. Join us for 40+ sessions, panels, films and live music performances! Full schedule: <http://jofa2013.sched.org>. For more info call 212-679-8500 or visit [www.jofa.org](http://www.jofa.org).

**YAVNEH ACADEMY INVITES YOU TO A PARLOR MEETING FOR THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY: Sun., Dec. 8th** at 8:00pm, at the home of Rebecca & Yehuda Shmidman, 376 W. 245th St. Come meet our principal, Rabbi Jonathan Knapp, and other members of the Yavneh family. Have your questions answered in an informal environment, and learn more about Yavneh's dynamic, warm and exciting educational program. Busing options from Riverdale will also be discussed. Email [vivi.septimus@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:vivi.septimus@yavnehacademy.org) with any questions.

**JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP:** You are invited to a special session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group on **Tues., Dec. 10th** from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Join us as a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will talk about the Safe Return Program and general safety measures for people with memory impairment. Where: Beatman Center, 521 West 239th St., 2nd floor. Please RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or [akirshblum@jbfcs.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org).

**JEWISH ALCOHOLICS, CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT PERSONS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS (JACS):** JACS is offering two exciting programs in December. A Free Sober Israel Birthright Tour in **late Dec.** To learn more and sign up go to [www.israelfreespirit.com/jacs](http://www.israelfreespirit.com/jacs) or call JACS at 212-632-4727. JACS is also offering its 69th Spiritual Retreat next Weekend on **Dec. 13 -15** at the Ramada Conference Center in Fishkill, NY. For more information call JACS at 212-632-4600 or email [JACS@jacsweb.org](mailto:JACS@jacsweb.org) or visit [www.jbfcs.org/JACS](http://www.jbfcs.org/JACS).

**ISRAEL BONDS DESSERT RECEPTION @ RJC:** Israel Bonds invites the Riverdale Jewish community to a dessert reception on **Sat. night, Dec. 14th**, 7:30pm at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. Guest speaker Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, Middle East Strategic and Economic Expert. To RSVP or for investment information contact our Registered Representatives: Cynthia Blustein ([cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com](mailto:cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com)/914-713-9003) and/or Robert Lunzer ([robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.com](mailto:robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.com)/212-446-5835.)

**CAMP MAOR:** If you love acting, dancing, or singing come and hear about Camp Maor ([www.campmaor.com](http://www.campmaor.com)), an exciting new summer performing arts program for girls currently in 4th-8th grades. You will have professional artists with amazing experience working with you everyday. The director Sari Kahn will be presenting a media presentation for parents and their daughters at 500 W 235 St., #5M (Between Riverdale Ave. and Cambridge Ave.) at 7:30pm on **Motzei Shabbat, Dec. 14th**.

**CPR COURSE AT CHABAD OF RIVERDALE:** Riverdale Hatzalah Volunteer EMS will be offering a free American Heart Association CPR course for the community-at-large (no prior knowledge required). This class will cover CPR skills, choking relief and use of an AED. The course will be held on **Sun., Dec. 15th** at 6:00pm at Chabad of Riverdale, 535 W. 246th St. \*Registration is required and space is limited.\* To register, please go to [www.RiverdaleHatzalah.org/cpr](http://www.RiverdaleHatzalah.org/cpr). For more information, please contact Charlie Wohlberg at [charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com).

**SINGLES EVENT @ YOUNG ISRAEL OHAB ZEDEK:** You are invited to attend a Singles Event for frum professionals ages 26 to 38 at Young Israel Ohab Zedek, 6015 Riverdale Ave. on **Sun., Dec. 15th**, 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Speed Dating begins at 7:00pm. Cost: \$20. To register please call Sue at 646-327-7799 or email [srdzik207@aol.com](mailto:srdzik207@aol.com). This event is co-sponsored by Torah Lishmah Institute.

**2ND ANNUAL SHOLEM ALEICHEM YIDDISH KLEZFEST:** The Sholem Aleichem Cultural Center, located at 3301 Bainbridge Ave. and 208th Street will host its 2nd Annual Yiddish Klezfest on **Sun., Dec. 29th**, 1:30pm - 5:00pm including the best of international Yiddish song and klezmer. For additional information call 917-930-0295.

**ORTHODOX RETREAT FOR LGBT JEWS WITH A SPOTLIGHT ON DIVERSITY AND THE SEPHARDIC LGBT EXPERIENCE:** Join a growing community of Orthodox LGBT Jews who come together for community, learning, fun and support. **Fri., Jan. 17th through Sun., Jan 19th**, at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT. Including amazing speakers, traditional Shabbat with other LGBT Jews, fun, and a transformative experience! To register and for more info: [www.eshelonline.org](http://www.eshelonline.org).

## **Beyond the Bayit - December 6-14, 2013**

**BABY BOOMERS - MAKE YOUR OWN NEW BUSINESS IDEA A REALITY:** New York Baby Boomers! If you've experienced unemployment or are currently underemployed and want to start your own business, but are not sure where to start, then please join the Hebrew Free Loan Society, in conjunction with the OU Job Board and UJA/Federation of NY, in a 13 week Kaufman Foundation Fast Track new Venture Entrepreneurship Program. This program will provide you with the expertise to succeed and realize your dreams. Learn more and sign up at [www.hfls.org/courses](http://www.hfls.org/courses) or call 212-687-0188. LIMITED SPACE REGISTER NOW! Courses start **Jan 29th, 2014**.

**PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL, SUPPORT A TEEN'S TRIP:** A teen in the community is fundraising for JNF through their Plant Your Way to Israel Program. If you have an occasion or person to honor, consider planting a tree in Israel. You will be helping the land of Israel and at the same time help a deserving teen with the trip of a lifetime. Half of all funds raised will be put aside for the teen's trip and half will go towards JNF's Forestry work. To donate online go to [http://support.jnf.org/site/TR/Events/SecurePages?px=3860297&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1861](http://support.jnf.org/site/TR/Events/SecurePages?px=3860297&pg=personal&fr_id=1861).

**STRIVE FOR JUSTICE, THRIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH THE AVODAH FELLOWSHIP:** Applications are officially open for the AVODAH Fellowship, a six month long high-impact learning and community-building experience in New York City for Jewish early-career professionals already working to address the causes and effects of poverty. Join a Jewish community of experienced social justice leaders who will help you develop your skills, and build a support system that will nourish you personally, professionally, and spiritually. Visit [www.avodah.net/fellowship](http://www.avodah.net/fellowship) for more information.

**DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR:** The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers. Contributions can be left Sunday-Friday in the Lower Lobby collection box of the shul, located at 475 W. 250 St. For questions contact Phyllis Schulberg at [hcspgs@optonline.net](mailto:hcspgs@optonline.net).

**THREE EXCITING RAMAH SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2014:** Ramah Sport, Ramah Outdoors, and Ramah Performs are unique programs that combine specialized instruction with years of Ramah camping experience in a spirited environment where Judaism, Jewish values, and Hebrew language are integral to daily activities. Choose one or more specialty camp options either as part of a Ramah Nyack package or as a distinct experience. For dates, tuition, locations, and program descriptions, please visit [www.ramahnyack.org](http://www.ramahnyack.org). For questions contact Rabbi Ami Hersh, Assistant Director, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack at [ami@campramah.org](mailto:ami@campramah.org) or at 212-678-8884.