

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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### Kiddush

For a list of the January Birthday Kiddush sponsors see box on second page.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

### This Week

**Shabbat Parshat Vaera  
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Shevat**

- Candle Lighting: 4:30pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:42am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:45pm
- Mincha: 4:15pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:34pm

### Weekday Times

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

### Next Week

**Shabbat Parshat Bo**

- Candle Lighting: 4:38pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:40pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:25pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:42pm



### Wishing Mazal Tov to:

**Eileen & Daniel Langer** and **Gail & Elliot Zipser** on the birth of a grandson to their children Joy Langer & Jeremy Jutkowitz.

**Tzipora Hait & Eytan Buchman** on their marriage this past Sunday. To Eytan's parents Tova Osofsky & Dr. Aron Buchman of Ramot, Israel and to Tzipora's parents **Beth & Ari Hait**.

### Wishing Condolences to:

**Joe Guttman** on the passing of his wife **Goldie Guttman**. The funeral will be this Sun., Jan. 13 at 11:00am at the Bayit. Burial will follow at Eretz HaChaim Cemetery in Beit Shemesh, Israel on Tues. morning. Joe will be observing shiva in Israel from Tues. morning, Jan. 15 until Mon. morning, Jan. 21. More details to follow.

### This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**LEARNING SERVICE:** Seven 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 Feb. 16. 9:30am-11:30am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. All invited.

**SHABBAT MORNING LECTURE - "JACS - Addiction in the Jewish Community":** On **Shabbat morning, Jan. 12**, we'll address the real issue of addiction (alcohol, drugs and gambling) in the Jewish community and in our own Bayit. Explore how we can be more sensitive to these issues, and learn about the good work of **JACS** (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically dependent persons, and Significant others). In lieu of the usual dvar Torah, we'll hear from Bayit members Charlie Hall and Paula Sinclair at the end of tefillah. For more information on JACS, please visit [www.jbfc.org/jacs](http://www.jbfc.org/jacs).



### BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Dr. Jennie Rosenfeld

"Between Parents and Children, Between Keil Shakai and Hashem: What's in G-d's Name?"

Shiur commemorates the 3rd yearzeit of Jennie's father, Nata Shmuel ben Yosef Hayyim (Dr. Norman S. Rosenfeld). Dr. Rosenfeld is Scholar-in-Residence at SAR High School this year. She holds a PhD in English from CUNY Graduate Center and is a graduate of Stern College for Women and the YU Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies for Women, and has an MS in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School.



### BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Listening Room (NEW LOCATION: LL BM)

**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH** - Sunday, January 13: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.



### Next Shabbat @ The Bayit



**CAREGIVERS SHABBAT:** The Bayit would like to honor the wonderful caregivers who bring our Bayit members to shul for services and for classes on Shabbat and throughout the week. We will have a brief ceremony welcoming and acknowledging their dedication on **Shabbat Morning, Jan. 19** at approx. 10:30am. Please help us by calling or emailing us with your caregiver's name at rabbasara@thebayit.org or 718-796-4730 x107.

### BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - TORAH AND STORIES FROM

**SDEROT:** Next Shabbat, we'll hear from Yossi Baumol, director of American Friends of Sderot. Yossi has been at the forefront of cutting edge, pro-active Zionist endeavors for almost 30 years, with the Hebron Torah Academy, Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva (Jerusalem Reclamation Project), and The Hebron Fund. Yossi will share Torah thoughts, describe living in Sderot through the recent conflict between Israel & Hamas and explain how the work of the Yeshiva and similar community/Torah institutions are central to Israel's future.



### BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Listening Room (Lower Level Beit Midrash)

## 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 REV. ROGER & THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR.  
GUEST PERFORMANCE BY NESHAMA CARLEBACH.



**Weekday davening will take place in the Main Sanctuary for the next several weeks.**

## 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  
3:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

### Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Lobby)\*  
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Lobby)\*  
7:30pm - The Fall of The Commonwealth - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (on hiatus until March)  
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)\*  
8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home. Email [rebjeff@gmail.com](mailto:rebjeff@gmail.com) to attend)

### Tuesday

Moved to 10:00am - 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 (Lobby)  
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.

### 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](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, [baronajl@yahoo.com](mailto:baronajl@yahoo.com)

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

### Young HIR: [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.com)

**January Birthday Kiddush Sponsorship:** Kiddush this Shabbat is cosponsored by Dr. Charles Hall in honor of Dr. Paula Sinclair's birthday and by: Roberta & Bernard Horowitz in honor of their granddaughter Star Binyamin's 5th birthday - We Love You!; Shara & Jeremiah Yolkut in honor of Myron and Yani Yolkut's birthdays; The Rymans in honor of Neshama's 8th birthday - We are excited to celebrate the Mayor turning 8!; Michelle Cutler in honor of Alan and Annette Cutler's birthdays; Ety & Tzvi Bar-Shai in honor of Tzvi Bar-Shai's birthday and their granddaughter Dolev Haimovich's 2nd birthday; Evie & Frankie Torkin in honor of their parents Risa & Jeff Torkin's birthdays; Lisa Licht Hirsch in honor of Ruth Licht, Danny Hirsch & Malka Hirsch's birthdays; Yael, Noa and Adam Oshinsky in honor of Ari Oshinsky's birthday.

## 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](mailto:Richard@thebayit.org). Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.



## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for this open communal dinner. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org).

**HIR COMMUNITY CHOIR:** The HIR Community Choir resumes its 11th season on Wed. evening Jan. 16th at 7:30pm in the social hall. Current, past and new members are invited to join. Concerts are planned for Yom Ha'atzmaut in mid-April. For further information, contact Jonathan Dzik at [JFDzik326@aol.com](mailto:JFDzik326@aol.com) or at 718-549-8520.

**LECTURE ON PAIN WITH ELAN SCHNEIDER:** Sun., Jan. 20, at 7:30pm, come to learn what pain is really all about with expert Elan Schneider in a lecture and multimedia presentation entitled "Why Do Paper Cuts Hurt More Than Shark Bites? Exploring the New Neuroscience of Pain and Cutting Edge Approaches for Relief". Lower Level Beit Midrash. Elan Schneider MSPT, CYT is a physical therapist, yoga instructor and lecturer at the State University of New York. He specializes in pain education and treatment of complex pain disorders.



**CELEBRATING A SIMCHA? OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT?** Please send an email to [gabbai@hir.org](mailto:gabbai@hir.org) so that we can arrange the appropriate kibbudim (honors).

**HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF CONCERT T-SHIRTS:** We have some t-shirts left from the Sandy Relief 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](http://www.bayit.org/sefarim).

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:** Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers. Bulletins are emailed to almost 1,200 people, posted to our Facebook Page and 300 paper copies are distributed in shul each week. E-mail [office@thebayit.org](mailto:office@thebayit.org) for an insertion order form. Ads are printed 1x/first bulletin of every month.

## SEFARIM FUND

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

- The Schneider family in memory of Flora Rabinowitz and Pauline Braunstein.
- Beatrice and Selma Hollander in honor of Ruth Croes, Mindy Joy Katz-Svetcov, Rabbi Avi Weiss, Dr. Richard B. Lipton, Robert S. Stimpson, Jr. and in memory of beloved parents Maurice & Frances Hollander.
- Amy Koplow in memory of Milton Koplow.
- Zahava & Danny Lew.

To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website [www.thebayit.org/sefarim](http://www.thebayit.org/sefarim), or call the office.

## Attention Riverdale Teens!

Volunteers needed at the POTS Soup Kitchen one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at about 4:15pm. (The commitment is 12:00pm-4:00pm). We are scheduled for the following dates:

**Jan. 13** and **Feb. 10** so far...more to be scheduled.

If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at [sverrone@mac.com](mailto:sverrone@mac.com) or 917-885-4542.



## HIR GIFT CARDS

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

For more info. on volunteering or to place an order, email [giftcard@hir.org](mailto:giftcard@hir.org) or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.



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](http://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!


**Bayit Katan is Back!**  
 Calling all toddlers and siblings through age 3 with parent or caregiver! The program is hands-on, child-centered, experiential and developmentally appropriate for busy toddlers exploring their world. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play (fine and gross motor skills), sensory art, circle time with music and movement, and a healthy snack.

New Program time: Mondays 10:00am - 11:30am  
 Trial: Monday, Jan. 14  
 8 Week Session: (no Jan. 21), Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 (no Mr. 25 and no Apr. 1), Apr. 8

Fees: \$18 for a trial class, \$150 for a 8-week Session

Extended Session: Thursdays 10:00am - 11:30am  
 Trial: Thursday, Jan. 17  
 8 Week Session: Jan. 24, Feb. 7, 14, 31 (no 21), 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21  
 Fees: \$18 for a trial class, \$150 for a 8-week Session

To register, please visit: [www.thebayit.org/katan](http://www.thebayit.org/katan). For more info. contact Kathy Goldstein - [BayitKatan@hir.org](mailto:BayitKatan@hir.org).




**This Sunday & Next:**

- Children's Musical Tefillah** with Morah Chaya is meeting this Sunday at 10:00am in room 3-5/3-6. Children and parents are invited to enjoy an interactive musical experience, followed by a hearty breakfast. \$5/child.
- Movie, Smoothies & Free Play** is POSTPONED until NEXT WEEK. We apologize for any inconvenience. See you next Sunday!
- Bnei Akiva Snif** this Shabbat, January 12.



**Riverdale Teens 6th-8th Graders: We invited all to a pizza party and movie night! This Sunday, January 13 12pm-5pm at YIOZ.**



Want to stay up-to-date on Youth events and programming?  
 We still have 10 copies of the calendar left. Please contact Menachem to secure one.

This week's Teen Tefillah, scheduled for January 12, will NOT be meeting. We look forward to convening again soon.

Grades 1-2 will be having a special party. Thank you to Jake and Malka for their special initiative. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## This Shabbat!

**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 3-3: GRADES 1 - 2
Room 3-5: PRE-K	Room 3-7: GRADES 3 - 4
Room 3-6: KINDERGARTEN	Room 3-2: GRADES 5 - 6

**Menachem is away and Abby will be supervising groups!**

**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](http://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](mailto:menachem@thebayit.org)





## Chessed Opportunities:

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com) to let Hospitality Coordinator Chavi Eisenberg know. Thank you for making our Bayit more welcoming!

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



We continue to work on improving our website to communicate more effectively with you, our members. Please visit [www.thebayit.org](http://www.thebayit.org) and experience our:

- **New Layout** - the overall design and color scheme are more attractive and easier to navigate.
- **Revised Payment page** - [www.thebayit.org/donate.php](http://www.thebayit.org/donate.php) now makes it easier to direct your gift to a specific program.
- **Improved forms/events registration** - signing up for upcoming HIR events and sponsorships is easier than ever - test it by sponsoring the *January Birthday Kiddush* at [www.thebayit.org/birthday](http://www.thebayit.org/birthday)
- **Drashot Page** - [www.thebayit.org/drashot](http://www.thebayit.org/drashot) - including Rav Ari's drasha from last week.

**When you sign in to your account, you have even more options:**

- **Update your contact information** - Provide your bar/bat mitzvah parsha, birthday and family yahrzeits to assist our gabbai's in arranging for appropriate recognition.
- **Pay over time** - split your payment over several months with automatic charges to your PayPal account.

## Beyond the Bayit

**BLOOD DRIVE AT THE Y:** The Riverdale Y located at 5625 Arlington Avenue will have a Blood Mobile available for donors on **Tues., Jan. 15** from 2:30pm - 7:00pm. Donors must be at least 16 years old with parental consent form signed and not be beyond their 76th birthday. Weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated within 56 days. All donors must bring ID with photo or signature. Please eat within 4 hours of donation. For more info. call the Y at 718-548-8200.

**BEATLES EXTRAVAGANZA - AN OU SINGLES EVENT:** The OU Singles Connection invites singles of all ages to a Beatles Extravaganza featuring Come Together, a fab Beatles tribute band you won't want to miss! **Sat. night, Jan. 19, 8:30pm** at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, 5 East 62nd St. For further information, contact OU Community Services at [www.oucommunity.org](http://www.oucommunity.org) or call 212.613.8300.

**MIKVAH OF NEW ROCHELLE'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST:** On Sun., Jan. 20, at 10:00am the Mikvah of New Rochelle will be hosting their fourth annual breakfast at 1149 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Featuring Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, "*Actions and Emotions in the Service of G-d and Performance of Mitzvot*". To make a reservation or to be included in our scroll of honor please email: [nrmikvahbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:nrmikvahbreakfast@gmail.com).

**DRISHA ARTS FELLOWSHIP:** The Drisha Institute for Jewish Education is accepting applications for Arts Fellowships (2013-2014). The program is open to beginners and to advanced learners and is for professional women artists who would like to study in an open and dynamic Jewish learning environment, and develop skills to interpret classic Jewish texts. Some spaces are available mid-year this year (beginning **Jan. 22, 2013**) for select students by application only. If you are interested contact Ariella Newberger at [anewberger@drisha.org](mailto:anewberger@drisha.org), call 212-595-0307, or go to [www.drisha.org](http://www.drisha.org).

**TEENAGERS, SEXUALITY & HALAKHAH: HOW DO WE EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN?:** Please join us at our upcoming parenting lecture "*Teenagers, Sexuality & Halakha: How do we educate our children?*" by Dr. Yocheved Debow on **Wed., Jan. 23, 8:00pm** at SAR Academy, 655 W. 254th St. SAR MS area (geared toward parents of 6th-8th graders.) To RSVP go to [www.saracademy.org](http://www.saracademy.org).

**SHOW & AUCTION AT VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER - Sun., Jan 27, 11:00am:** The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. will host a show featuring John Turdo of Simply Magic and Tom Smith performing a Broadway/Nightclub musical retrospective. Buffet Lunch catered by Ginger Grill. Cost \$40 per person. **RSVP by Jan. 21** at 718-884-6105. To bid online for our Chinese auction go to [www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc](http://www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc) - runs from Jan. 11-27.

**BIKKURIM - AN INCUBATOR FOR NEW JEWISH IDEAS:** Bikkurim seeks innovative, NYC-based, Jewish, non-profit projects that are in early stages of formation and organizational growth. Bikkurim is a joint project of UJC and the Kaminer Family. Pre-applications can be downloaded from [www.bikkurim.org](http://www.bikkurim.org) and are due **Feb. 1, 2013**. For more info. contact Molly Goodwin at [info@bikkurim.org](mailto:info@bikkurim.org) or 212-284-6896.

**UNLIMITED JEWISH POSSIBILITIES AT LIMMUD NY 2013: Feb. 15-18.** Hilton East Brunswick Hotel in NJ. Join hundreds of Jews of all ages and backgrounds for a four-day festival celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish culture, life and learning through art, music, text study, film, hands-on workshops, performances and more. Programming for the whole family, including babysitting and children's camp. All meals are glatt kosher. Financial aid and student pricing available. Easily accessible by NJ Transit train and Short Line bus. To register go to [www.limmudny.org/register](http://www.limmudny.org/register). For questions call 646-807-9464 or email [info@limmudny.org](mailto:info@limmudny.org).

**HATZALAH MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS:** Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599. Support Hatzalah in its life-saving work!

## 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.