



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Kiddush

Kiddish this Shabbat is sponsored in honor of Shabbat Shirah. For list of sponsors see box to the right.

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

This Week - Tu B'Shevot Shabbat Parshat Beshalach Shabbat Shirah

- Candle Lighting: 4:46pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:50pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LH SH)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LH SH)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:40am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:50pm
- **Mincha: 4:20pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:50pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:55pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Yitro

- Candle Lighting: 4:55pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:55pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:40pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:59pm



Wishing Condolences to:

Brad Hirschfield on the passing of his father **Seymour Hirschfield**. Funeral and burial will take place in Israel. Shiva will begin in Israel and continue in Riverdale. More information will follow after Shabbat as it becomes available.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will meet this Shabbat at 9:00am in the left hand side of Social Hall.

DRASHA with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Maharat
"Renewing Orthodoxy: Tu B'Shevot as a model for the future of our community"

KIDDUSH: Kiddush is co-sponsored by Sharon Koren & Matthew Cohen in honor of Tamar's leynung at Women's Tefillah on the first anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah and by the Bayit's Shiras (Shira Annenberg; Shira Berkovits; Shira Billel; Shira Danzig; Shira Friedenberg; Shira Gordon; Shira Michaeli; Shira Rodriguez; Shira Schneider), in honor of Shabbat Shirah. Kiddush will be in the Main Lobby.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

Join Bnei Akiva, Beth Aharon and the Bayit for a Tu B'Shevot seder. Taste the fruits of Eretz Yisrael and partake in the mystical tradition of the Tu B'Shevot seder. Open to all. **Mincha 4:20pm.**



BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Listening Room (ROOM 3-4 THIS WEEK)

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

YACHAD SHABBATON: We are excited to welcome our RAYIM YACHAD friends for Shabbat! Our guests include friends with special needs and their advisors, who help ensure their well-being. The whole Bayit community is invited to join YACHAD for a special Kiddush & Seuda Shlishit, hosted by the Bayit. Please consider supporting these important programs with sponsorship. Please see the Youth Page for more details and programs.

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

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Sun., Feb. 3: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halachic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-6.



SUNDAY, FEB. 3RD -

SUPER BOWL XLVII PARTY & RAFFLE



This will be a family friendly atmosphere and fun for all.
Cost: \$10/person; \$25/family. Bring another person and you each save a dollar on a raffle ticket!! Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 or 4 for \$18. Place your tickets in either our AFC or NFC pool. The winner will be picked from whichever teams' pool wins the game. Each ticket may be placed in either pool. You don't need to be present to win.
E-mail jwlapin@yahoo.com for more information.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., Feb. 6, 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! Upcoming dates: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, and 6/5.



MELAVA MALKA AND CONCERT with Rabbi Yehoshua Engelman - Motzei Shabbat, Feb. 9, 6:30pm

Rabbi Engelman, a musician and Torah teacher and psychotherapist, will be playing songs of love from his four albums and also previously unrecorded music. His sensitive and moving compositions ornament words from Tanach, tefillah and modern Israeli poets. They are loved and sung in many places in Israel. This is a rare opportunity to hear him in New York. Suggested donation \$18.



Weekday services return to the Lower Level Beit Midrash this week.

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
3:50pm - 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 rebieff@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 (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.

**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

KUMSITZ WITH RABBI RAZ HARTMAN:



Please join us for a very special program on Thurs. night, Jan. 31 at 8:30pm at the home of Adinah & Elli Kranzler, 4640 Delafield Ave., Riverdale, NY 10471. Please come and share this wonderful experience. 10 suggested donation.

Rabbi Raz Hartman: The Rav of Kehillat Va'ani Tefillah, from Nachlaot Jerusalem, will be teaching his unique and spiritual Torah and performing his beautiful songs. He is an accomplished musician (classically trained) and composer, and an inspiring soul.

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). The next date is: **Feb. 10**. More to be scheduled. If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or 917-885-4542.



שבת שלום וחג ט"ו בשבט שמח!

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.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA: On Fri. night, Mar. 1 help a neighbor turn Fri. night into Shabbat, and bring them to the Bayit for a delicious dinner and Shabbat experience. \$15 per person, \$45 for families. To sign up please go to www.thebayit.org/saa.



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.

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 for an insertion order form. Ads are printed 1x/first bulletin of every month.

LEARN WITH RAV YEHOShUA ENGELMAN: Experience sweet Torah on Shabbat afternoon, Feb. 9, between Mincha and Maariv. Rav Yehoshua has taught widely around Israel in many yeshivot and spiritual settings. Stay for the Melava Malka concert at 6:30pm - details on page 1.

MODELING HEALTHY BODIES FOR OUR CHILDREN - FOR MOMS: Join Aviva Braun L.C.S.W. and Leora Blumenthal a registered dietitian for a lively discussion for mothers focusing on your role as a parent in creating a healthy home environment and enjoyable meal time. Get meal and snack ideas (especially for picky eaters) and discuss eating and behavior strategies and healthy body image. Sat. night, Mar. 2.

Purim is only 4 weeks away and everyone at the Bayit is excited and working hard to make this a fun and meaningful holiday.

There are 4 ways for each of you to get involved:

Volunteer: Do you enjoy performing on stage? Writing skits and *gramens*? Lend your talents to our annual Purim Shpiel and entertain your friends and neighbors. Shpiel features performers of all ages. Not a performer? We can use your help to serve at the post-Megillah Melave Malka or staff the door and booths at the Carnival. Contact the office via phone 718-796-4730 x101 or e-mail, office@thebayit.org to join in.



Donate: Please participate in Project Matanot L'evyonim. Send greetings to fellow Bayit members and help raise funds for the Bayit and 3 charities locally and in Israel. In our effort to go green, we are asking as many people as possible to sign up online. An email invitation with instructions has been sent. If you would like a paper form in the mail or did not receive the email please contact Richard or Yael in the office - office@thebayit.org, richard@thebayit.org or 718-796-4730 x101.



Participate: Join us Purim Night for Megillah reading and stay for a Melave Malka and our annual Purim Shpiel. The fun continues Sunday morning with our annual Purim Carnival. Contact Menachem (menachem@thebayit.org) for information about special teen programs as well.



Megillah Reading for the Homebound: Do you know someone who may need the megillah read for them at home? Can you offer to read the megillah for someone in need? If your answer to either of these questions is yes, please let Rav Steven know.

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 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!

Mark Your Calendar...

- **Youth Day** (President's Week Camp)
 - February 13 Full Day of Programming!
 - February 20 9am-4pm
- Children's Musical Tefillah, February 10
- Movie, Smoothies & Free Play, Feb. 10
- **PURIM Carnival**, February 24

NEXT SHABBAT!

February 2: Family Luncheon with Yachad

JOIN friends, family, and our special friends from Rayim Yachad for an inclusive and spirited communal Shabbat lunch at HIR, featuring song, dance, and much fun for the whole family.

\$20/adult; \$12/child; \$60/family
Sign Up Now @ www.thebayit.org/yachad

PURIM IS COMING!

This year, the Bayit is celebrating Purim with a **PURIM INTO THE SEA** theme!
We encourage you to enhance the festive atmosphere by supporting this theme through costume and other holiday traditions. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the main sanctuary.
Please contact Kathy Golstein @ Kathyandahron@verizon.net or Menachem for more details.

TU b'Shevat Celebrations @ Groups!

Join Rav Steven, Menachem, Abby & Melissa for an incredible TU b'Shevat celebration, featuring delicious fresh & dried fruit, songs, stories and games

10am — Nursery, Pre-k, K
10:45am — 1st-6th grades
Room 3-2

This Shabbat!

CAN YOU SPONSOR SNACKS THIS WEEK?

Family TU b'Shevat Seder @ SEUDAT SHELISHIT

Join HIR, Beth Aharon and Bnei Akiva for delicious exotic foods, songs, tefilot and games

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

AFTERNOON GROUPS with BNEI AKIVA SNIF!
3rd-5th Graders
3:30-4:30pm @ HIR

Teen Lounge
Kiddush, Pool, Ping-pong, foosball, cards, and couches!
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.

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:

PACK IT UP FOR PURIM: Join the BJCC and UJA- Federation of NY for the third annual Pack It Up for Purim initiative, a communitywide effort to create mishloach manot food packages for the most vulnerable New Yorkers. Donations can be dropped off at the Bayit from **Sun., Jan. 27 - Fri., Feb. 15**. The Bayit will deliver the food packages to a local food pantry located at 2157 Holland Ave., Bronx, NY 10467.

Suggested items to include in your Mishloach Manot Package are:

- 1 box of whole-grain cereal or oatmeal
- 1 box of pasta
- 1 can of vegetables (carrots, tomatoes, corn)
- 1 bag of rice
- 1 box of 100 percent fruit juice
- 1 package of dried fruit or granola bars
- 1 can of tuna
- 1 package of dried beans (or canned beans or peas)
- 1 jar of peanut butter (plastic containers only)
- 1 dessert (nonperishable)

For safety concerns, please do not include glass containers. Pop-top cans are a plus.

HELP WITH FRIDAY AFTERNOON SHABBAT SERVICE AT SCHERVIER: Help bring the spirit of Shabbat to residents at Schervier Nursing Care Center, 2975 Independence Ave., where many Bayit members have been helped. If you're interested in assisting with the Shabbat service (either leading, or bringing residents from their rooms) 1:00pm-3:00pm on Fridays, please contact Grace Bova in the Volunteer Department, 718-554-8870. For more information, contact Rav Steven.

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 baronaj1@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!

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)



Beyond the Bayit

RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET: Our Sunday Market has moved indoors for Winter! Dates are Sundays, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 17, and Apr. 14 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Ave. Vendors will offer fresh produce, Kosher cheese, hand-crafted soap products and Beads for Life!

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. For additional info. call 718-884-6105. To bid online for our Chinese auction go to www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc - runs from Jan. 11-27.

THE SHORT FICTION OF PHILIP ROTH: Second of three sessions: **Mon., Jan. 28, 8:00 pm.** Philip Roth's provocative stories about Jews set a standard for Jewish fiction that continues to this day. This three-session course taught by Prof. Wendy Zierler of Hebrew Union College, will explore selections from Goodbye Columbus and The Ghost Writer. Advance registration required. Register, see reading list, and purchase books online at <http://www.wizevents.com/register/1762>. Final session: **Mon., Feb. 4.**

MTA PARLOR MEETING IN RIVERDALE: Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA) invites prospective 8th (and 7th) grade parents and students to their "Presidential" Parlor Meeting at the home of President & Dr. Richard and Esther Joel in Riverdale, NY on **Tues., Jan. 29** at 8:00pm. For details or to RSVP contact Mr. Shuey Jacoby at sjacoby@yuhsb.org or 212.960.5400 ext. 6676.

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 and are due Feb. 1, 2013. For more info. contact Molly Goodwin at info@bikkurim.org or 212-284-6896.

FRISCH SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER - Feb. 9: We are celebrating *Frisch at 40* by paying tribute to 6 lay leaders who have led the yeshiva at different times over the past 40 years and continue their involvement to this day. They are: Marvin Eiseman, Charles Feldman z'l, Arthur Goldberg, Jerry Milch, David Rauch and Stanley Turitz. Rabbi Joshua Wald will receive the Rav Shlomo Kahn Memorial Educators Award. To RSVP go to www.frischdinner.com or contact Rachel Roth, at 201-267-9100 x290 or Rachel.roth@frisch.org.

UNLIMITED JEWISH POSSIBILITIES AT LIMMUD NY 2013: Feb. 15-18. at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel in NJ. This four-day festival celebrates 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. For questions call 646-807-9464 or email 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!

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 or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.

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.

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.