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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Bakst family in honor of the marriage of their son Harrie Bakst to Amy Eisen.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemot Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 4:23pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:25pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:41am
- Mincha: 4:10pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:27pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vaera Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Shevat

- Candle Lighting: 4:30pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:35pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:15pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:34pm

שבת שלום!



Wishing Mazal Tov:

Ellen & Larry Bakst on the upcoming marriage of their son, **Harrie Bakst**, to Amy Eisen, daughter of Etty & Jaime Eisen.

Rose Feigenbaum on the birth of her first great-granddaughter. To parents Kate & Jared Feigenbaum and grandparents Jody & Joel Feigenbaum and to the entire family.

Welcome to New Members:

Rachel & Samuel Groner and **Adiella & Binyamin Yitzchak Shem Tov**.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT DRASHA with Rav Ari

"Moshe vs. Buddah and Harry Potter: Unlocking the Power of Shemot"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Aminadav Grossman

"The Religious Significance of Communal Prayer"

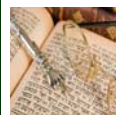
Aminadav Grossman, a Riverdale native, is a junior at Columbia College pursuing a major in History with a concentration in Jewish Studies.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Listening Room

The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFCs will be held on Tuesday, January 8th from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice from people who are actively caring for a loved one. Where: Beatman Center, 521 West 239th Street, 2nd floor. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum, LCSW at [718-601-9714](tel:718-601-9714) or by email at akirshblum@jbfc.org.

Next 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 issues 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.



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 yahrzeit 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 AND MAARIV - Listening Room

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Sunday, January 13: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-6.



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 Ari

Please note: Parsha Shiur will resume on Shabbat, January 12.

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 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.

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, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

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.



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.

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.

TORAH AND STORIES FROM SDEROT: Shabbat, Jan 19, between Mincha and Maariv, we'll hear from Yossi Baumol. Yossi Baumol has been in the forefront of cutting edge, pro-active Zionist endeavors for close to 30 years, serving as the director of the Hebron Torah Academy, the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva (Jerusalem Reclamation Project), The Hebron Fund and since 2011 as the director of the American Friends of Sderot. Yossi will be sharing some Torah thoughts as well as telling us about living through the recent conflict between Israel & Hamas in Sderot and why he sees the work of the Yeshiva and other similar community/Torah institutions as the key to Israel's future.



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 so that we can arrange the appropriate Aliyah.

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.

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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!

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. For more info. contact Kathy Goldstein - BayitKatan@hir.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

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



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.

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

Tot Kabbalat has finished for the season. Thank you to Carmiya Weinraub and all those who participated. Please share your feedback about your experiences with this program. Thank you.		THIS SHABBAT!		CAN YOU SPONSOR SNACKS THIS WEEK?	
TOT SHABBAT Right Hand Social Hall 10:30-11:30 Free Play @ 9:30	Thank you to Dan Held who will be leading Tot Shabbat this week.	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 - 5	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 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:

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!

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.
(In partnership with UJA & JBFC)

We continue to work on improving our website to communicate more effectively with you, our members. Please visit 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 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

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 yahrtzeits 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

THE SHIR FUN WINTER SESSION IS STARTING! Voted #1 kids' class in NYC, this popular Hebrew music program for kids ages 0-5, will begin at HIR on Tues., Jan. 8 and Wed., Jan. 9. To sign up, please email contact@shirfun.com. For more info go to: www.shirfun.com. Limited spots available.

WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE: Jan. 9 at 8:00pm at WDS, 856 Orienta Avenue, Mamaroneck. Nursery school parents are invited to get a glimpse inside our stellar Kindergarten program and hear from our amazing faculty and dedicated administration. All are welcome. For questions and to RSVP contact alyons@westchesterday.org.

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. Proof of age is required for 17-year-old donors. Please eat within 4 hours of donation. For more info. call the Y at 718-548-8200.

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, call 212-595-0307, or go to www.drisha.org.

SUNDAY FUNDAY RECREATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: The Y of Washington Heights located at 54 Nagle Ave., NYC, 10040 is hosting every Sun. A Sunday Funday recreation program for children with special needs, ages 5 through 12. Small groups with added supports, sports and gym, arts and crafts, music, drama, martial arts, social stories, and a Kosher snack. Reasonable rates and partial scholarships available. Please contact Deena Spindler, Special Needs Coordinator, at 212-569-6200, x 265, or dspindler@ywashhts.org.

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.



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



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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.

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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.