



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Beshalach

- Candle Lighting: 4:29pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (LH SH)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:42am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:45pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 4:15pm
- Listening Room: 4:40pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:33pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Yitro

- Candle Lighting: 4:37pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:40pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:25pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:41pm

שבת
שלום!



אג טו' בשבת שמח!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Madeline & Hillel Jaffe on the birth of a grandson. To parents **Michelle & Benzi Jaffe** and to grandparents **Marlene & Gamy Frankel**.

Anat & Giora Katz on Inbal's Bat-Mitzvah. To siblings **Hilla, Liat** and **Lev**, and to grandparents **Tova & Dov Yaron**.

Myriam & Dan Sebbah and **Nicole & Philippe Chemla** on the engagement of **Anael & Jeremy**.

Wishing Condolences to:

David Lowenfeld on the passing of his father **Leroy S. Lowenfeld**. Shiva will be observed through Tues. midday, at 965 Hewlett Drive, North Woodmere, NY 11581 and will continue in Riverdale on Tues. afternoon (at Mincha) until Wed. morning, at 701 W. 246th St.

Welcome to New Members:

Leora & David Zackon.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Davie Smith, Team Leader of Israel Aid Mission, an organization that provides disaster relief, will speak about his recent mission to the Philippines. www.israelaidmission.org.

Tu B'Shvat @ The Bayit

TU B'SHVAT WITH BETH AHARON: Please join us in celebrating Tu B'Shvat with a traditional Israeli meal including falafel, salads and fruit. Bring the kids and let them decorate a pot and plant a flower to celebrate the holiday. **This Wed., Jan. 15th @ 5:30pm** after tefilat Arvit. This event is free and open to friends and family. Want to Help with set-up? Email bethaharon@gmail.com. Want to help sponsor this event? Send your donation to: Beth Aharon, POB 630211, Bronx, NY 10463.

PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL IN HONOR OF TU B'SHVAT, SUPPORT A TEEN'S TRIP: A teen in the community is fundraising for JNF through their Plant Your Way to Israel Program. You can plant a tree in honor of Tu B'Shvat and at the same time help a deserving teen with the trip of a lifetime. 1/2 of all funds will be put aside for the teen's trip and 1/2 towards JNF's Forestry work. Donate: http://support.jnf.org/site/TR/Events/SecurePages?px=3860297&pg=personal&fr_id=1861.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rav Steven: "Musings from Moscow: Reflections on a Whirlwind Tour of the Jewish Community in the Former Soviet Union"

JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH - Shabbat, Jan. 18th. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a January birthday, please go to www.thebayit.org/birthday.

SEUDA SHLISHIT - Shabbat, January 18, 4:50pm: Sponsored by Susan & Jonathan Dzik for the Yahrzeits of their mothers Celia Wincelberg and Genevieve Dzik. Jonathan will speak on the topic: "Al ken ya'zov ish et aviv v'imo" ("Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother")



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT @ HIR

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT,
MON., JAN. 20 AT 7:00PM.

AN EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG WITH REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK AND THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR.

Featuring the Kinneret Day School Choir, under the direction of Brian Gelfand.

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Natan Slifkin. January 24-25th. Rabbi Slifkin will be speaking three times over Shabbat. Learn more about the "Zoo Rabbi" at his website www.zootorah.com. First talk will be at an Oneg on Friday night (free, RSVP requested). Don't feel like walking home and back? Join us for a delicious Friday Night dinner catered by Gemstone (reservations required) and stay for dessert and Oneg.

Visit www.thebayit.org/zoorabbi to make dinner reservations, sponsor the weekend and RSVP to the Oneg Shabbat. Rabbi Slifkin will deliver the following talks:

- The Evolution of Orthodoxy & the Making of Charedim
- The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought
- Radically Rethinking Organ Donation



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 Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
3:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
4:40pm - 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 (Not meeting this week)
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 to attend)

Tuesday

10:00am - Bereishit: The Genesis Narrative with Rav Avi
11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (Lobby)
7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with Rabba Sara (Session 11: Shabbat II)

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.

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:

Mazal tov to Aimee & Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! For info on meals for new moms please contact Shuli in the office: shuli@thebayit.org.

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: lamelle.ryman@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:30am
"KADDISH: A PRAYER OR A PRAISE"
Shiur with Rabbi Menachem Leibtag
in memory of Paul Blank z"l



Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, founder of the Tanach Study Center www.tanach.org, is an internationally acclaimed bible scholar and pioneer of Jewish Education on the internet. His essays on Parshat ha'Shavua reflect his vibrant thematic-analytical approach, blending the methods of modern scholarship with traditional approaches. A rebbe at Yeshivat Har Etzion, Rabbi Leibtag also teaches at Yeshivat Shaalavim, Midreshet Lindenbaum, and Matan Raanana; and routinely lectures around the globe, primarily as a Scholar in Residence in communities in North America.

Sponsored by the Blank family in loving memory of Paul Blank z"l.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner sponsored by Joe Guttman in memory of Goldie, z"l on her first Yartzheit. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to www.thebayit.org/tent or contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

HIR CHOIR 2014: The H.I.R. Community Choir resumes on Wed. evening, Jan. 29th at 7:30pm. All members--past, present and future--are invited to attend. Concerts are planned for the spring. For more information, contact director Jonathan Dzik at JFDzik326@aol.com or at (718) 549-8520.

HELP ISRAELI SOLDIERS: Adi Finkelstone (son of Jonny and Karen, who lived in Riverdale for several years) is an IDF soldier serving in a Nahal unit that is not outfitted with fleece jackets necessary to protect soldiers from the cold. Army regulations allow soldiers to receive these jackets only if the entire unit is outfitted with them. We are raising \$12,000 to underwrite the cost of the jackets for the entire unit. Please give generously. Checks may be made out to the HIR Rabbinic Discretionary Fund. Please insert "Nachal 50" into the memo portion of the check. If you have any questions please contact Steve Prefsfelder sprefsfelder@vanwagner.com.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:

Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 2, 2:00pm-4:00pm Support Our Troops Day program with Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner LTJG, CCPO USN

Sunday, February 2, 6:00pm-9:00pm Super Bowl Party
See details on page 4.

Sunday, February 9, 5:45pm Lone Soldier Center. Learn about the work of the Michael Levin z"l Lone Soldier Center helping IDF soldiers with no family in Israel and how your support will make a difference.

Saturday night, March 1, 7:00pm: Melava Malka and Post-Nuptial Agreement Signing Party. Details to follow.

Saturday night, March 8, 8:00pm: Guest Lecture by Jerusalem Post Legal Affairs Correspondent Jeremy Bob: "Iran, Syria, WMDs and the Legality of Preemptive Strikes"

SEFARIM FUND

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

- Nathan Weissler in memory of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Rosenthal.
- Sharon Grunfeld in memory of Sarah & Armin Grunfeld and Herman Weinberger.
- Beverly Grunfeld in memory of Bernie Weinberger and in memory of Sarah & Armin Grunfeld.
- Susan & Murray Rudnick in memory of Paul Blank.
- Iris, Mitchell and Florence Schneider in memory of Isidor Schneider.
- Laura Shaw Frank & Rabbi Aaron Frank in memory of Leroy S. Lowenfeld.

To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website www.thebayit.org/sefarim, or call the office.



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!

FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS!



with Shayna & Yakira
 Free Play, Tefillah, Torah, Activity, Kiddush & Snacks
4:45-5:45pm
 Meets in Social Hall
 Pickup in Main Lobby

Final Tot Kabbalat of the season!

Join Carmiya for one last evening of interactive fun and learning this Fri. night!
 Ages 3 and younger with caretaker :)
4:45-5:30pm
 In the RHSH

THE RIVERDALE Y
 Presents:
S.T.E.P. PARENTING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2013 - Free Introductory Class 7:00pm-8:30pm
 (By RSVP Only)
10-Class Workshop begins Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2013 7:00pm-9:00pm
 For more info. & to sign up: smith@riverdaley.org

SAVE THE DATES!

January & February Calendar:

MOVIE, SMOOTHIES & FREE PLAY!

Join friends for active free play, featuring indoor hockey, arcade basketball, bouncy house and more, as well as snacks, fruit smoothies & a theater style movie!
 \$10/child (\$18/2 children)

1:00-3:30pm on Sundays for ages 5-10

DATES: January 12 & 26, February 9 & 16* (*10:30-1pm)

TU B'SHVAT SEDER @ GROUPS!

Annual TU B'Shvat Seder with a bran new Haggadah! Music, exotic fresh fruit, dried fruit, songs, games and more!

DATE: January 18

PAJAMA PARTY @ THE SHUL!

Join friends for a BINGO game, ICE CREAM SUNDAYS, MOVIE in the lounge & MUSICAL HAVDALA
ALL IN OUR PAJAMAS!!!!

\$10/child (\$18/2 children) 6:45-9:00pm

DATE: Saturday night, January 18

Monthly Thursday Night Mishmar

4:00pm: Active Free Play with Bouncy House, Hockey/Basketball
 4:45pm: Dinner (hot dogs, veggies & Fries) & Dvar with Rav Steven
 5:15pm: Torah Discussion with Arts & Crafts with Menachem

\$10/child (\$18/2 children) 6:45-9:00pm

DATE: February 6

President's Day Winter Camp: Feb. 12 & 18

Full day camp @ The Bayit with Menachem with free play, sports, baking, tefillah, Torah, movie. **DETAILS COMING!**

Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!



Join friends as we welcome our friends of Rayim Yachad. Always a big hit, there are many ways to participate:

- Host guests to sleep and/or eat
- Join the communal Kiddush/lunch
- Join communal Seudah Shelisit

Sponsorship needed. Thank you for your support!

DATE: February 7-8

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

New season of AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAYS TORAH & LOUNGE With Menachem!

3:45pm - Torah for beginners (supporting children with limited Hebrew skills)

4:20pm - Lounge time for all (XBox 360 with Kinect, Billiards, Ping Pong along with snacks)

5:00pm - Torah for all (inclusive learning of week's Torah portion)

5:30pm - Pickup

SEE YOU THERE!!

Nursery-Kindergarten

Shabbat Story, Tefillah and movements with Abby!

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



SHABBAT Morning Groups!

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



Room 3-1 & 3-2: GRADES 3-5
 Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2

TOT SHABBAT

Tot Shabbat is led by nationally acclaimed, Carmiya Weinraub
 TS meets @ 10:30am,
 Lower Level Bet Midrash
 (9:30am: Open Play)

Supervision This Shabbat

This Shabbat, Abby is supervising groups. If you need assistance, she will gladly help :)

Friday Night Groups & Tot Kabbalat

See above for info about Friday Night Groups & Tot Kabbalat

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 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:


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.



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). Cell phones will be given to My Sister's Place (www.mspny.org).

JOIN TEAM SHAARE ZEDEK AT THE NYC HALF MARATHON: Spots are now available with team Shaare Zedek hospital at the NYC Half Marathon on Sun., Mar. 16th. Registration deadline is January 15th. To join Team Shaare Tzedek call Sharon Goldwyn at 371-287-7334 or email sgoldwyn@acsz.org.


SHAARE ZEDEK AND THE IDF IN THE PHILIPPINES: Please watch 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=T4QIQLSlw>

 **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. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)

POTS Teens Chessed Opportunity This Sunday

Attention Riverdale Teens... Volunteers needed at POTS (Part of the Solution) dining room one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at approximately 4:00pm. Contact Samantha Verrone: sverrone@mac.com, 917-885-4542 to sign up. Upcoming date are: 1/12, 2/9, 3/23, 4/6, 5/11, 6/8.



 **HIR GIFT CARDS** - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA



To book your room reservation go to www.thebayit.org/simcha or contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org.

SHEYIHIYE BE'MAZAL TOV!

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



**Super Bowl XLVII Party & Raffle
Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2014**

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 team's pool wins the game. Each ticket may be placed in either pool. You don't need to be present to win.

E-mail tent@hir.org for more information.

www.thebayit.org/superbowl

Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!

Shabbat, February 7-8

Join friends as we welcome our special friends from Rayim Yachad and their special advisors!



Always a big hit, there are many ways to participate: Host Guests to sleep and/or eat Friday Night dinner
Join the communal Kiddush/lunch
Join the communal Seudat Shelshit

Offer sponsorship to offset costs of this important event

Lunch Reservations:

\$20/adult; \$12/child; \$60/family

EARLY BIRD RATE: \$18/adult; \$10/child; \$50/family

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED:

\$500 - Leader; \$360 - Host; \$180 - Partner; \$100 - Friend

All sponsorships welcome and appreciated!

Sponsorships of \$100 and above entitles you to a family reservation.

This program is special for many reasons, but perhaps most important of all, it is special because it is unifying and inclusive, two great values of the Bayit.

Please join and enhance these wonderful plans!

Please visit www.thebayit.org/yachad for more info!



SAVE THE DATE:

*The Bayit's
40th Annual Dinner
will take place
on
Sunday, June 15th, 2014.*

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

The Bayit is pleased to partner with UJA-Federation to offer our members the opportunity to invest in a charitable gift annuity. When you do so, you receive guaranteed income for life, a potential immediate tax deduction, and possible future tax savings. Ultimately, the Bayit will receive 90% of the remainder value, while 10% will go to UJA-Federation to support its efforts for the entire Jewish community and to help cover the administrative costs of the program. For more information, including sample annuity rates, please contact the Bayit office.

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, 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 - January 10-17, 2014

SHIUR IN MEMORY OF DR. MORRIS GOLOMB @ RJC: On the occasion of the 30th Yahrzeit of her father, Marilyn (Michal) Selber will give a class this Shabbat afternoon, **Jan. 11th**, Yud Sh'vat, from 3:30 to 4:30pm, in the Boardroom, titled, "The Ties that Bind." Dr. Golomb passed away exactly 30 years ago, on Shabbat Parshat B'Shalach, the tenth of Sh'vat, as it falls this year.

WINTER SESSION of SUNDAY FUNDAY RECREATION PROGRAM for children with special needs at the **Y of Washington Heights** begins on **Jan. 12th** - 9:15am - 11:30am - small groups with added supports - ages 5 through 12 - sports and gym, martial arts and yoga, music and movement, arts and crafts, cooking, drama, and a Kosher snack; option for Jewish education add-on. Reasonable rates and partial scholarships available. Please contact Deena at dspindler@ywashhts.org or [212-569-6200, x 265](tel:212-569-6200).

MEMORIAL FOR THE YIDDISH POET AND SONGWRITER BEYLE SCHAECHTER-GOTTESMAN: The Sholem Aleichem Cultural Center will host this memorial this **Sun., Jan. 12th**, 1:30pm at 3301 Bainbridge Ave., corner 208th St. The program will include memoirs, songs, poetry, and film. Admission is free. Questions? Call 917-930-0295.

SAR EARLY LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES: The Early Learning Center at S.A.R. Academy, a Jewish Day School, is having a four day Open House for our licensed two year nursery program. The dates are from **Jan., 13th to Jan. 16th** from 9:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome to come and observe our youngest group in action. The program is from 8:30am to 5:30pm, with options for early drop-off at 8:00am as well as earlier dismissals. We look forward to seeing you; please let us know your preferred date by e-mailing Barbara Goodman bgoodman@saracademy.org.

MINI YOM IYUN @ YCT: Please join YCT Rabbinical School for a Mini Yom Iyun on **Mon., Jan. 13th**. The program will run from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Speakers include: Rabbi Angel, Rabbi Fox, Ms. Gedwiser, Rabbi Helfgot, Rabbi Leibtag, Dr. Katz and Rabbi Marder. For more information or to register visit www.yctorah.org or call 212-666-0036.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFCs will be held on **Tues., Jan. 14th**, from 5-6:30pm. 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 or akirshblum@jbfc.org.

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.

The VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER PRESENTS THE MURDER MYSTERY CO. in "OF SOUND MIND AND DEAD BODY" - an interactive show including Kosher Chinese Buffet Lunch, Dessert and a fantastic Chinese Raffle on **Sun., Jan. 26th**. Cost is \$45 per person, discounts available for Seniors and Group Sales. For more information visit www.vcjewishcenter.org

CARMEL ACADEMY PARLOR MEETING IN RIVERDALE: Come find out why Carmel Academy is the premier Jewish day school in the Bronx, Westchester and Fairfield counties. Meet with Carmel's Head of School, Nora Anderson, and Carmel parents in a relaxed and informal setting. On **Mon., Jan. 27th**, 7:30pm - 8:00pm at 4670 Waldo Avenue. RSVP to Daneet.Brill@Carmelacademy.com.

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 or call 212-687-0188. Limited space, register now! Courses start **Jan. 29th, 2014**.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A YCT STUDENT FOR A SHABBAT?: YCT is holding a shabbaton for students and alumni on **Shabbat, March 21st - 22nd**. We are looking for hosts for sleeping accommodations only. Please contact Ruthie at 212-666-0036 or rsimon@yctorah.org if you are able to host.

FREE CLASSES @ KCI: Classes with Cantor Chaim Dubin will take place on Sundays at 10:00am - Tefillah/Halacha, and on Thursdays at 7:30pm - Parasha (meal provided). At Kingsbridge Center of Israel, 3115 Corlear Ave. All are welcome to attend. For more info please call 718-902-5101.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - January 10-17, 2014

RIVERDALE HATZALA 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

SAFE AT HOME - THE HUDSON COMMUNITY PROJECT: The YM&YVHA of Washington Heights/Inwood has collaborated with the Riverdale YM-YVHA, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights/Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale to form The Hudson Community Project: Safe at Home. It combines agency resources, expands the geographic scope of our services, and streamlines the process. The result - seniors receive a more comprehensive selection of services aimed at helping maintain independence and make living at home more comfortable and secure. Services include: Case Management - Housing Advocacy - Kosher pantry - Kosher meals - Social Adult Day care - In-home support - Health Maintenance - Rehabilitation - Transportation. For more info contact: Sarah Leiner, MSW at 212-569-6200 x233.

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: On **April 30, 2014** you can take advantage of a rare opportunity to have private small group meetings and educate Members of Congress about the importance of a strong US-Israel relationship by advocating for Israel's security. Sign up now at www.norpac.net and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. Email David Frankel at dfrs.frankel@verizon.net if you have any questions.

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. For questions contact Rabbi Ami Hersh, Assistant Director, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack at ami@campramah.org or at 212-678-8884.

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