



# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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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 Mishpatim Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 4:45pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:50pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:40am
- Parsha Shiur: 4:00pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 4:30pm
- Listening Room: 4:55pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:49pm

## Weekday Times

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

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshat Terumah Rosh Chodesh Adar I

- Candle Lighting: 4:54pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:55pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:30pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:58pm

## Wishing Mazal Tov to:

**Dafna Israel Kotok & Adam Kotok** on the birth of their daughter, **Ori**. To big sisters **Aviv** and **Lielle** and to grandparents Tsipi & Amnon Israel and Rina & Mark Kotok.

**Susan Gross & Dov Weinstock** on the engagement of their son **Elan Weinstock** to **Sarah Silverman**, daughter of Liz & Jeff Silverman of Westport, CT. To siblings **Tamar, Yonatan** and **Daphna**, grandparents Helen Gross and Rachel & Aaron Weinstock, and the entire Silverman and Weinstock families.

## Wishing Condolences to:

**Adinah Kranzler** on the passing of her mother **Ruth Schnall**. Shiva is observed through Mon. morning, 1/27 at the Schnall home, 64-17 Boelson Crescent, Rego Park, NY 11374. Shacharit on Sun., 1/26: 8:00am; Minchah/Maariv on Sun., 1/26: 4:50pm.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE Rabbi Natan Slifkin**. Rabbi Slifkin will be speaking three times over Shabbat:

- **The Evolution of Orthodoxy & the Making of Charedim (Friday night, 8:00pm)**
- **The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought (Shabbat Morning)**
- **Radically Rethinking Organ Donation (Shabbat Afternoon, 5:00pm)**



Learn more about the "Zoo Rabbi" at his website [www.zootorah.com](http://www.zootorah.com).

Thank you to our Fri. night dinner sponsors: **FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS** - Fleur Levitz & Ian Christner, Uri Gordon, Roberta & Bernard Horowitz, Dan & Eileen Langer, Sara Mordzynski, Carole & Sy Oshinsky, Sara Schafner, Rena & Murray Schaum, Ariel & Josh Weiner; **WILDLIFE SUPPORTER** - Hillel Davis, Oberstein family; **BEAR SUPPORTER** - Sheryl & David Rosenberg; **LION SUPPORTER** - Paula Sinclair & Charles Hall, Helene Bergman & Edward Neuburger.

**CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00am:** Join us for raucous davening, singing & dancing with Noah Solomon in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Kiddush to follow. Questions? Email [hbroder@gmail.com](mailto:hbroder@gmail.com).

## POP-UP TEXAS KOSHER BBQ @ THE BAYIT:

The Wandering Que, NYC's only Kosher BBQ Pop-up is coming to the Bayit:

**This Sun., Jan. 26th: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**This Mon., Jan. 27th: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Catered by Ari White, **Gemstone Catering**. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bayit. For additional info and menu click here: [www.thebayit.org/que](http://www.thebayit.org/que).

**NOTE: The Bayit driveway is not available for parking this Sun., Jan. 26th and Mon., Jan. 27th.**



## Niddah Refresher, Sexuality, and Relationships - Part 2

**Sun. Night, Jan. 26th, 8:00pm-9:30pm, Room 3-3. For Women Only!**

"Harchakot and Laws of Sexuality, Intimacy Part 2" - Part two of this series will continue to review some practical laws of niddah and sexuality, as well as provide a comfortable and private space to learn about sexual desire, arousal, and pain during intercourse.

Co-taught by Rabba Sara Hurwitz & Dr. Bat Sheva Marcus, LMSW, MPH Clinical Director of The Medical Center for Female Sexuality.

## Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

**KINNERET DAY SCHOOL APPEAL:** Kinneret parent **Elliot Rabin** and Kinneret 7th grader **Benjamin Rudoy** will speak about Kinneret Day School and its current capital campaign and plans for expansion. Join us to learn more about this important and historic Riverdale Jewish institution.

**SEUDA SHLISHIT:** Rabbinic Intern and Navy Chaplain Dan Millner and sponsor Rick Feldman invite you to share stories about your family's involvement in the American Armed Services at Seuda Shlishit **next Shabbat, Feb. 1st**. Please bring pictures and artifacts with you to enhance your stories. In conjunction with Sunday's Support Our Troops Day.

## 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)  
 4:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)  
 4:55pm - 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 (On hiatus until March)  
 8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)\*  
 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 (On hiatus until March)  
 11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (Lobby)  
 7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with Rabba Sara (Session 12: Niddah and Sexuality)

### 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 - Topics in Tefillah 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.

## "Support Our Troops Day" at The Bayit!

Roll up your sleeves for our troops, **Sun., Feb. 2nd** from 2:00pm-4:00pm, by spending an action-packed afternoon of family fun getting busy with creative projects that will be sent to our overseas troops! Learn about different perspectives on religious pluralism in the US Military by hearing stories from Jewish and non-Jewish service members! A shiur will be presented by Rabbinic Intern, LTJG Daniel Millner CCPO, USN, titled, **"To Love, Honor, and Obey: Jewish Perspectives on Joining a Non-Jewish Military."**

**Flex your mitzvah muscles and show our troops you CARE!**

Admission: [www.msawi.org/troops.php](http://www.msawi.org/troops.php)

Suggested contribution: \$36/family, \$18/individual

Admission also includes entrance to our Community-wide **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS DAY** on March 23rd, 2014 at Congregation Ramath Orah.

**All contributions go directly to supporting the Troops – MSAWI is an all volunteer led organization.**

Our partners (in formation):



## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Abraham and Sarah's Tent will not be meeting this Friday night due to the Slifkin Scholar-in-Residence. 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).

**RAV STEVEN'S RUSSIAN JEWRY REFLECTIONS ONLINE:** Rav Steven's drashah from last Shabbat, *"Musings from Moscow: Reflections on a Whirlwind Trip to the Former Soviet Union"*, is now available online at [www.thebayit.org/drashot](http://www.thebayit.org/drashot) under Sefer Shemot. There are also hard copies in the flyer bins.

**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](mailto:JFDzik326@aol.com) or at (718) 549-8520.

**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Next Sun., Feb. 2nd:** An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.

**HEBREW FREE BURIAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST:** Hebrew Free Burial Association will hold its annual Riverdale community breakfast on **Sun., Mar. 2nd**, at 9:30am at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. The honorees are **Dr. Judah & Gail Schorr**. For more information or to make a reservation please call HFBA - 212-239-1662 or go to [www.hebrewfreeburial.org/rr.htm](http://www.hebrewfreeburial.org/rr.htm).



**BAYIT SHAPED PUSHKAS NOW AVAILABLE @ THE SHUL OFFICE:** We are once again offering reusable Bayit shaped pushkas for tzedaka. They can be emptied out at the shul office and taken back home for additional collections. If you would like to give tzedaka and would like to give to the Bayit, please drop by the shul office to pick one up.

**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](mailto:sprefsfelder@vanwagner.com).

**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).

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:** Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month.

**RABBI STEVEN EXLER,  
 RABBINIC INTERN  
 DANIEL MILLNER  
 AND MEMBERS OF  
 THE BAYIT AT AIPAC'S CONFERENCE**



Join The Bayit at the AIPAC Policy Conference, **March 2-4** in Washington, D.C. Nothing compares to the emotion and power of over 12,000 members of the pro-Israel community coming together to demonstrate our commitment to keeping Israel safe and secure. Register online at [www.aipac.org/pc](http://www.aipac.org/pc).



**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](mailto:giftcard@hir.org) or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

# 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  
4:55-5:55pm  
Meets in Social Hall  
Pickup in Main Lobby

## SUPER SUNDAY February 2 @ 2pm-4pm Support Our Troops with MsAWI

Join Rabbinic Intern, Dan Millner as we make cards and design matzo-covers for soldiers, as well as joining to make videos for our troops who are overseas!  
For more information and to sign up, contact Dan Millner or Beverly at [beverly@msawi.org](mailto:beverly@msawi.org)

## THIS SUNDAY MOVIE, SMOOTHIES & FREE PLAY

MOVIE: WALL-E  
SMOOTHIES: FRUIT  
FREE PLAY: Arcade B-ball, Hockey, Bouncy House & More!  
1:00-3:30pm @ HIR  
FREE PLAY: RHSH MOVIE, SNACKS & SMOOTHIES: 3rd Floor  
\$10/child; \$18/2 children

## SAVE THE DATES!

### 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

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

### 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, March 6**

## 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 Shelishit

**Sponsorship needed.**

Thank you for your support!

**DATE: February 7-8**

Visit [www.thebayit.org/yachad](http://www.thebayit.org/yachad) to sign up!

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

**3:45pm** - Tefillah & Torah for beginners (supporting children with special learning needs & 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

\$5 suggested per child

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S WEEK MID-WINTER CAMP @ THE BAYIT

**Drop kid; off for a day of fun @ The Bayit!**

Bouncy House, Arcade Basketball, Indoor Hockey, Xbox 360, Baking, Tefillah with Menachem & Torah with Rav Steven, Pool, Ping Pong, Foosball, and so much more!

Hot Lunch & Snacks Included!

9:00-4:00pm

**DATE: February 12 & 18**

Visit [www.thebayit.org/wintercamp](http://www.thebayit.org/wintercamp) for a sample schedule and to register!

1st child - \$60; 2nd child - \$50; 3rd child - \$40  
**EARLY BIRD: child 1; \$50; child 2; \$45; child 3; \$40**

**Nursery-Kindergarten**  
Tefillah, Story & Movements with Abby!  
Approximately 10:30am

## SHABBAT Morning Groups!

Thank you so much to Elena & Stan Maydan for sponsoring snacks this week. Special Birthday Kiddush in Honor of David Maydan's birthday for Grades 3-5 @ 10:40am Contact Menachem to sponsor next week!

Room 3-4: NURSERY  
Room 3-5/3-6: Pre-K &



**Holiday Style Shabbat Morning Groups:**  
3rd Floor Youth Wing  
9:45-11:30am



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)

### TOT SHABBAT NOTICE

As Carmiya begins a short period away for mommy-hood next week, we would like to introduce you to our incredible team of volunteers who will be leading Tot Shabbat over the next few months: Esther Berko, Ian Christner & Donna Rudolph. We are so excited about this talented team of individuals. Please join us in welcoming them. Thank you all!

### Holiday Style Groups

Due to the SAR HS senior class Shabbaton, we are shorter handed this Shabbat. Thank you to everyone for your support!

### 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/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.  
**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:**

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT MJHS:** Make a difference in someone's life: Volunteer for MJHS Hospice. Our caring, dedicated volunteers are an invaluable resource for our hospice patients and their families. MJHS Hospice needs your help in the Bronx! The next volunteer orientation will be **Wed., Feb. 12th** at the Block Hospice Residence (2550 Webb Avenue Bronx, NY 10468). For additional information about volunteering, and if you are interested in attending the orientation, please contact Danielle LaRosa, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at 212-649-5515 or at [dlarosa@mjhs.org](mailto:dlarosa@mjhs.org).

**SEEKING SUPERHEROES - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY:** Every day is a new opportunity to take an active role in our community. To do something about the issues that concern you. To have your voice heard and your presence matter. And to feel fulfilled on a whole new level. Find a volunteer opportunity through UJA's website [www.ujafedny.org/volunteer-services](http://www.ujafedny.org/volunteer-services).

**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)).

**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:**

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](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)

 **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)



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

*Shani & David Schwartz  
Guests of Honor*

**Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit**



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the MLK concert a success: To Chaim Dubin, Ilene Paikin and Shira Gordon for staffing the greeting table. To Avi Bloom and James Lapin for helping with the livestreaming and to Kinneret Day School Choir for a beautiful performance!

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit contact Rav Steven Exler at [ravstevenexler@gmail.com](mailto:ravstevenexler@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:tent@hir.org) for more information.

Sign up online at [www.thebayit.org/superbowl](http://www.thebayit.org/superbowl)

**Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!**

**Shabbat, February 7-8**

Join us as we welcome our special friends and staff from Rayim Yachad!

Host guests to sleep and/or eat Friday Night dinner

Join the communal Kiddush/lunch

Join the communal Seudat Shelishit

Sponsorships are offered to offset costs of this important event  
Lunch Reservations: \$20/adult; \$12/child; \$60/family / EARLY BIRD RATE - JAN. 24TH: \$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 core values of the Bayit.

Please join and enhance these wonderful plans!

Please visit [www.thebayit.org/yachad](http://www.thebayit.org/yachad) for more info!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Shabbat morning, February 22, after Mussaf:** Presentation from world renowned child sexual abuse expert Victor Vieth.

**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"

**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 24-31, 2014

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.** (11:00am: Chinese Raffle; 12:00pm: Chinese Buffet; 1:00pm: Interactive Murder Mystery Show; 3:00pm Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Raffle Drawings.) Cost is \$45 per person, discounts available for Seniors and Group Sales. For more information visit [www.vcjewishcenter.org](http://www.vcjewishcenter.org). For reservations call 718-884-6105. For online auction go to [www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc](http://www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc).

**"THE CASE OF THE BLUE TALLIT: FORMALISM AND MAXIMALISM IN JEWISH LAW"**: Young Israel of Stamford located at 69 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford, CT will host Elana Stein Hain, Community Scholar, Lincoln Square Synagogue. On **Sun., Jan. 26th,** 6:00pm - Light dinner followed by the lecture. Elana Stein Hain will speak about "The Case of the Blue Tallit: Formalism and Maximalism in Jewish Law." Free and open to the public. No charge. More info? Contact Michael Feldstein at [michaelfeldstein@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfeldstein@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.hfls.org/courses) or call 212-687-0188. Limited space, register now! Courses start **Jan. 29th, 2014.**

**"CAN THE KOHAIN GADOL SCRATCH HIS HEAD?":** In honor of Parshat Teruma, SAR Academy is excited to host Steve Frankel from Machon HaMikdash (The Temple Institute) to help us learn and experience the Mikdash. Parents, children and the extended community are invited to a night of learning and a presentation by Israel's Machon HaMikdash. On **Thurs., Jan. 30th,** 6:00pm - 7:30pm, at SAR Academy 655 West 254th St. Frankel will speak about "The Height of (spiritual) Fashion - Bigdei Kehuna." To RSVP e-mail [schmua@saracademy.org](mailto:schmua@saracademy.org).

**RIVERDALE RISING STARTS CELEBRATES OUR B'NEI MITZVAH:** In honor of this milestone all seats for our fall production of All Shook Up will be \$10 ONLY. Come and see these award-winning teens as they rock and roll to the music of Elvis Presley in this fun-filled, song-filled, dance-filled musical!! Show times: **Thurs., 1/30:** 7:30pm; **Sat., 2/1:** 8:00pm; **Sun., 2/2:** 2:00pm; **Thurs., 2/6,** 7:30pm; **Sat., 2/8:** 8:00pm; **Sun., 2/9:** 6:00pm. The Riverdale Y is located at 5625 Arlington Avenue. For tickets and more info call: 718-548-8200.

**SPRING INTO ACTION THIS MARCH WITH UJA'S WELLNESS MONTH:** UJA-Federation and Sports for Youth are excited to promote good health and wellbeing for our community and ourselves. Take advantage of a wide range of health and wellness events and opportunities to learn something new about this important topic. For more info contact Courtney Cohen at [cohenc@ujafedny.org](mailto:cohenc@ujafedny.org). A Kick-off event - **Family Fun Day 2014: Sweet Street** - will take place on **Sun., Mar. 2nd,** 11:30am - 2:30pm. Including Balloons, Carnival Booths, Games, Music, Prizes, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Mitzvah Projects, Face Painting. For more information or to register, please contact Nicole Fleishman at [Fleishmann@ujafedny.org](mailto:Fleishmann@ujafedny.org) or 212-836-1258.

**TALMUD CIRCLE INSTITUTE:** Join the Talmud Circle Institute for a weeklong "101" workshops with Arthur Kurzweil. Two sessions of Learning will take place at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: The. Session 1: **Mar. 17th - 21st;** Session 2: July 21st - 25th. Learn more and register at [www.hazon.org/talmudcircle](http://www.hazon.org/talmudcircle).

**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](mailto: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.

**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!**

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**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](http://www.norpac.net) and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. Email David Frankel at [dfrs.frankel@verizon.net](mailto:dfrs.frankel@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP GAN MIRIAM NOW OPEN:** Gan Miriam located at 3700 Independence Ave., 2nd Floor, is offering a six week summer camp for children ages 2-5. Sessions beginning **Mon., July 7th** and ending **Fri., Aug. 15th**. Early bird discount offered from now **until Fri. Feb. 7th**. For more information or to register please contact us: 718-543-2553 or email [ganrjc@gmail.com](mailto:ganrjc@gmail.com).

**SAFE AT HOME - THE HUDSON COMMUNITY PROJECT:** The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights/Inwood has collaborated with the Riverdale YM-YWHA, 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.

**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.

**DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR:** The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Aduv 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 [hcspsgs@optonline.net](mailto:hcspsgs@optonline.net).



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