

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah

- Candle Lighting: 5:29pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:18am
- Learning Service: 9:30am (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 4:30pm
- Mincha: 5:15pm
- Listening Room: 5:45pm (LL BM)
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 6:33pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshiot Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Hachodesh

- Candle Lighting: 5:36pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:40pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Mincha: 5:10pm**
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 6:41pm



Wishing Condolences to:

Bernard Horowitz on the passing of his mother Irene Horowitz. Shiva will be observed through Mon. Shacharit, 3/4. Sat. night 3/2: Maariv 6:35pm; Sun. 3/3: Shacharit 8:30am, Mincha/Maariv 5:35pm, Mon. 3/4 Shacharit 6:45am.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA: Welcome to all the guests who are joining us for the annual Shabbat Across America program. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

LEARNING SERVICE: Six meetings left this year with Rabbi Moshe Edelman. Join us **this Shabbat, March 2nd** 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. 9:30am - 11:30am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. All invited. The next date is: 3/23.

SEUDA SHLISHIT: Sponsored by **Susan & Jonathan Dzik** in commemoration of yahrzeits for their fathers Moshe Wincelberg and David Dzik. Jonathan will speak about "V'shamru b'ney Yisrael et Hashabbat"— *A Tale of Two Fathers.*"



MODELING HEALTHY BODIES FOR OUR CHILDREN - FOR MOMS:

Join Aviva Braun L.C.S.W, and Leora Blumenthal M.S., R.D., 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. **This Saturday night** at 8:00pm in Lower Level Beit Midrash.



Sunday, Mar. 3, 7:30pm Can Jerusalem Remain Undivided?

Don't miss this compelling presentation by Chaim Silberstein, President and Founder of Keep Jerusalem (www.KeepJerusalem.org) followed by a forum/discussion led by Rav Steven. *Chaim Silberstein* leads tours in Jerusalem and presents facts on the ground that you won't hear anywhere else. You'll walk away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of these relevant issues. Please join us **this Sunday evening, March 3, at 7:30pm** in the Bayit. \$10 suggested donation. Please email israel.action.hir@gmail.com for more information.

UJA JOB FAIR IN MANHATTAN: Wed., Mar. 6, JCC in Manhattan, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Meet Employers * Discover Opportunities

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The Jewish community at work for you

* Workshops. Co-sponsored by HIR and UJA-Federation of NY's Connect to Care and partner organizations. Pre-registration required. Call 646-505-5708 or go to www.jccmanhattan.org. For more information go to www.jbfc.org/connect-to-care.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE Dan Polisar, President of the Shalem Center

SHABBAT MORNING following tefillah: "Israel Today: What the Recent Elections Tell Us About the Changing Face of Israel" (approx. 11:00am)

SEUDAH SHLISHIT: "Zionism Resurgent: The Pioneers Transforming Israel's Educational System"
Sponsored by Daf Yomi

SATURDAY NIGHT 8:00pm: "How Should the Jewish State be Jewish?"

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HIR Clothing Drive - SUN., MAR 10, 9:30AM - 12:30PM: Please sort and bag separately men's, women's and children's clothing in the truck that will be stationed outside the HIR. Volunteers are needed. If you are able to help for even a short amount of time please call Steve Pretsfielder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586 or e-mail spretsfielder@vanwagner.com.

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 Shabbat and beyond!

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
4:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
5:45pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

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 (at his home)
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

10:00am - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi (Lobby)
11:00am - 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 (Lobby)

* 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.

HIR CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)

Interested in making healthier and fresher food choices this summer?

Join HIR CSA and receive your fruit, vegetables and/or eggs directly from local farms for 22 weeks this coming summer. Each CSA member can sign up for a weekly or every-other-week share of seasonal produce that is organically grown and freshly picked. The produce is conveniently delivered to the HIR and available for pick-up on Wednesday evenings. Sign up today - only a few spots left. For more information contact csa.at.hir@gmail.com.



Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to all those who helped make our Purim programming such a success:

Barry Bender for technical support on Purim night;

All our Megillah readers: Bernie Horowitz, Bobby Hoch, Yossi Horowitz, Richard Schleifer and Brian Spira;

Kathy Goldstein for heading the volunteers decorating the main sanctuary;

To all the decorating volunteers: Kathy, Modi and Laila Goldstein-Rosenfeld, Luba, Peri and Leona Teten, Ellie Schweber, Ruthie, Hattie and Avery Simon;

To all the volunteers who made Sat. night's program and Sunday's Carnival successful: James Lapin, Ilene Paikin, Ely Oberstein, Stuart Olsen, Leah Rollhaus, David Schwartz, Ruthie Simon, Gillian Steinberg and Akiva and Gavri Davis, and Edith Wolff. For additional names please see next page.

Yael Zand for a lively and funny skit performance on Sat. night;

Passover is coming up! If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: There will be no Tent this Friday night. Please join us for Shabbat Across America dinner. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

THE EMPTY CHAIR - PRE-PESACH PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED JEWS: Join Rav Steven and HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for some readings, reflections and an opportunity to honor your recently passed loved one in the context of Pesach. **Sun., Mar. 10, 12:00pm-1:00pm** at the Bayit. Please RSVP to Anna at 718-601-9714 or Rav Steven at 718-796-4730 x108 or ravsteven@thebayit.org.

PRE-PESACH MOMENTUM: Momentum - Single Mom's Group of Riverdale - take a break from all the Pesach work, and join Momentum for a Dinner and Movie Night Out on **Sun., Mar. 10, at 5:30pm** in the HIR Social Hall. We are very happy to be able to provide no cost on-site child care. There is no fee for the night out or child care. RSVP to momentum@hir.org.

GUEST SPEAKER YOSEF MENDELEVICH - Shabbat morning, Mar 16: Come hear Yosef Mendeleovich, a true Jewish hero and founder of the modern Zionist underground in the Soviet Union. Yosef has never given up the fight for the freedom of his fellow Russian Jews. Hear his amazing stories and be inspired by his activism and faith.

Preparing for Passover @ the Bayit

PESACH PRACTICUM WITH RABBA SARA AND RAV STEVEN - Mon. night, Mar. 11 at 7:30pm: To ensure that it is a Chag Kasher Vesameach, we'll study the laws and details of what foods or products can be bought and used for Pesach, and how to clean and kosher our homes in a halakhic way. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

GOLDEN AGE MODEL SEDER - Thurs., Mar. 14, 1:00pm: All Older Adults are invited to celebrate Pesach with a Model Seder celebration (led by Rabbi Steven) filled with song and Passover rituals, followed by a scrumptious meal. Please call 718-796-4730 x101 to reserve space or volunteer.

CHAMETZ & NON-CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting Chametz and non-Chametz food items that are nourishing, unopened and non-perishable. A portion of the food collected will help local neighbors in need and a portion will be donated to City Harvest. **THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION DATE - For both drives.** The deadline to drop off food in the boxes that are in the coat room is **Thurs., Mar. 21 at 1:00pm.**



BUY \$50.00 IN GROCERIES - AND GET 5 LB. OF MATZAH FREE: Please consider donating your extra or unwanted matzah to the Bayit this Pesach! 400 People will have a FREE SEDER @ the Bayit - help us make sure everyone who needs has access to matzah this Passover. Redeem store coupons and bring your extra matzahs to the HIR between now and March 18th.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN: Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers. E-mail office@thebayit.org for an insertion order form. Ads are printed 1x/first bulletin of every month.



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Cell: (914) 714-3365
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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 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!

ON BEHALF OF THE 250 PARTICIPANTS... THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING OUR PURIM CARNIVAL & TEEN PURIM PROGRAM SO GREAT!

Atad Atzmon
 Alisa Brown
 Nina Bruder
 Melissa Bulman
 Abby Finkelstein
 Kathy Goldstein
 Atara Gorsetman
 Beth Hait
 MJ Kanner
 Cecily Marbach
 Sandra Molinas
 Orit Neeman & Rina
 Eli Oberstein
 Maya Rudyoy

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SAVE THE DATES:

Please see below for upcoming youth events:

- **March 8: Friday Night Children's Program**
- **March 9: Afternoon Groups with Bnei Akiva Snif**
- **March 9 & 16: Teen Tefillah**
- **March 9: Stars Among Us for 3rd-6th grades**
- **March 9: V'Shinantam**
- **March 10: Stories with Rav Avi & Peninnah Schram**
- **March 16: Dodgeball with Bnei Akiva (after Shabbat)**
- **March 17: Movies, Smoothies & Free Play (Extended!)**
- **March 17: Distributing Pesach Packages with BJCC**
- **March 24: Full-day Youth Programming @ The Bayit**

Please note that the **March 10th MOVIES, SMOOTHIES & FREE PLAY** is being moved to **March 17th. IN HONOR OF PESACH, WE ARE EXTENDING THE DAY: 12:30-5:00pm**

HIR Social Hall
PIZZA LUNCH!
 \$18/child
 \$15/youth member



We're watching the movie UP!



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 dates are: **March 3, April 14, May 12 and June 16**. More to be scheduled. If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or [917-885-4542](tel:917-885-4542).

Torah-Time Story-Time with Menachem

Groups begin this week at 9:45am with story time with Menachem and end @ 11:20am.

This Shabbat!

THIS WEEK'S SNACKS @ GROUPS ARE VEGETARIAN CHULENT & JUICE/WATER
 WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP
CAN YOU HELP?

TOT SHABBAT
Right Hand Social Hall
10:30-11:30
 Free Play @ 9:30

Shabbat Morning Groups
 PLEASE NOTE that this week is the SAR HS Shabbaton and most group leaders are away.
9:45-11:20am
 Room 3-5/3-6: **NURSERY, PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN**
 Room 3-1: **GRADES 1-6**

Social Hall Free Play @ Groups
 10:15-10:45am:
 Nursery, Pre-K, K
 10:45-11:15am:
 1st-6th Grades

Teen Lounge
 Chulent-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:

WANT TO WIN A TRIP TO ISRAEL?: Please join the 5k and 10k race and walk to support the Halachic Organ Donor Society, an organization that encourages Jews to donate organs to the general public. Prizes include a free trip to Israel, an iPhone, and an iPad, etc. The race is **this Sunday, March 3 at 10:00am**. Go to www.hods.org for more information about the race or call 212-213-5087.

PROJECT HOPE - HELP DELIVER PASSOVER PACKAGES:

Join the Bronx Jewish Community Council to deliver Project H.O.P.E. Passover Packages. Pick up your packages and delivery list on **Sun., Mar. 17** at 9:00am. There will be two pick up locations: B'Nai Brith Building, 2050 Bartow Ave. and 100 Van Cortlandt Park South, (Corner of Orloff Ave. and Gale Place). RSVP to Niti Minkove at 917-693-3084 or nminkove@bjcconline.org.

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: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@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. Meet with her at HIR or in her office at the Beatman Center on 239th Street. **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)



FREE PESACH SEDERS @ THE BAYIT

Join us to eat, drink, celebrate and relive the story of our Exodus at HIR's free Passover Seders for either the first Seder on Mon., Mar 25 at 8:00pm, or the second Seder on Tues., Mar 26 at 8:00pm.

Call the office to reserve your spot by **Thurs., March 22**.

Sponsorships are needed. To sponsor e-mail

Richard@thebayit.org.

*This program is sponsored in conjunction with National Jewish Outreach Programs' **PASSOVER ACROSS AMERICA**.*



HIR's League of Their Own - Girls Softball for Grades 3-8: Register online @ www.thebayit.org/softball until **Mar. 17th**. Interested in coaching? Volunteer @ www.thebayit.org/coach. New player evaluations Mar. 17th from 10:00am - noon. For more information contact the commissioner Randi Carrey ranlee40@aol.com or Rebecca Hirschfeld bhirschfeld@optonline.net.

Beyond the Bayit

HEBREW FREE BURIAL ANNUAL BREAKFAST: Hebrew Free Burial Association will hold its annual Riverdale community breakfast **this Sun., Mar. 3**, at 9:30am at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. The honorees are **Andrea Cohen Harris**, and **Sherry & Ezra House**. For more info. or to make a reservation call HFBA at 212-239-1662 or go to www.hebrewfreeburial.org/rr.htm.

SPIRITUAL SPARKS FOR YOUR SEDER TABLE with Morah Sarah Richter: SAR Academy is hosting a workshop to guide you towards creating fun and engaging Seder and Yom Tov meals. **This Sun., Mar. 3** at 8:00pm. Open to the entire community. Please RSVP at www.saracademy.org/sedersparks to ensure adequate materials for all attendees. For more info call 718-548-1717.

P.A.L.S PARLOR MEETING: Come and learn about the outstanding P.A.L.S (Providing Alternative Learning Services) special education program within Carmel Academy, the premier Jewish day school in Westchester and Fairfield counties. **Tues., Mar. 5**, 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the home of Cheryl & Andrew Kaplan, 5 W. 86th St., #7B. For more information or to RSVP contact daneet.brill@carmelacademy.com or call 203-983-3503.

HEART MATTERS UJA LUNCHEON FEATURING RABBA SARA: Please join us at the Heart Matters UJA-Federation annual luncheon on **Thurs., Mar. 7**, at 11:30am as we step into the future with Dr. Marianne Legato and a panel of experts including **Rabba Sara Hurwitz** for an interactive dialogue on genetics from a medical, spiritual and ethical point of view. Cover is \$65 per person. For more information, please contact Adrienne Rubin-Prince at 212.836.1674 or email rubinprincea@ujafedny.org.

MA'AYANOT'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER: The Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls Annual Scholarship Dinner will take place on **Sat. night, Mar. 9**, at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center. Please join us in honoring Esti & Benyamin Kaminetzky with our Keter Shem Tov Award, Sara & Ira Olshin as Parents of the Year, Gila Stein as Teacher of the Year, and Art Carpenter with the Ma'ayanot Service Award. Please call 201-833-4307 for more information.

NBN ANNUAL ALIYAH EVENT: The Nefesh B'Nefesh Aliyah Mega Event will be taking place in Manhattan on **Sun., Mar. 10** from 12:30pm-5:45pm at the Crowne Plaza Times Square. Attendees will have the opportunity to win two free tickets to Israel! Please check out the NBN website at www.nbn.org.il/mega for more information about the Mega Event. We look forward to seeing you there!

YCT'S TENTH ANNUAL TRIBUTE DINNER: Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School's Dinner honoring Stewart Harris (Founders Award), **Ruthie Strosberg Simon** (Keter Shem Tov Award) and the 2013 S. Daniel Abraham Semikha Fellows (David Fried, **Bradley Hercman**, Noah Leavitt, Aaron Lerner, Aaron Potek and **Brachyahu Schönthal**) will take place on **Sun., Mar. 10**, 5:00pm, at the Harmonie Club in Manhattan. For more information please call 212-666-0036 or check our website at www.yctorah.org.

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: On **May 8, 2013** 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 issues vital to Israel's security. Sign up by **March 15** and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. To sign up go to www.norpac.net. For more information, email David Frankel at dfrs.frankel@verizon.net.

FREE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CPR COURSE @ RJC: Riverdale Hatzalah will be holding a CPR course for the community-at-large on **Sun., Mar. 17**, at 5:00pm in the Riverdale Jewish Center Social Hall (3700 Independence Ave.) This class will cover adult and child CPR skills, the Heimlich maneuver and use of a defibrillator. ***Registration is required and space is limited*** To register, please fill out the form online at www.bit.ly/cprMarch2013. For more info. email Charlie Wohlberg at charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com.

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.