



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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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 Behaalotecha

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:56pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:11am
- Listening Room: 6:35pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 7:00pm
- Mincha: 7:45pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 9:00pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 8:30am (Memorial Day)
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv All Week: 8:05pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Shelach Shabbat Mevarchim

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 8:02pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:15am
- Guest Speaker: 10:15am
- Fire Drill: 10:55am
- Musaf: 11:30am
- Mincha: 7:50pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 9:06pm

שבת שלום!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rachel & Josh Herman on the birth of their daughter, **Rose Miriam Herman**. To their parents **Ilana & Shya Herman** and Joan & Paul Foster and families.

Cheryl & Nick Chiovetta on the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of their triplets **Gianna, Eliana** and **Lauren** on Sunday.

Rabbi Brad & Becky Hirschfield on **Dini's** Bat Mitzvah on Mon., May 27. To her sisters, **Dassi** and **Avigail**, and to grandparents Paula & Al Madansky and Joanne Hirschfield.

Wishing Condolences to:

Yael (Kletter) Keller & Will Keller on the passing of Yael's father **Larry Kletter**. Shiva has concluded.

Milton Schwartz on the passing of his wife **Sarah Schwartz**. Shiva has concluded.

Welcome to New Member:

Selma Margulies and **Carey Rosen**.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MORNING TRIP TO PELHAM PARKWAY: Bring the joy of Shabbat to Russian Jews in Pelham Parkway. We leave from the Bayit at 8:00am for our walk, and join tefillah at Congregation Sons of Israel and Kiddush lunch with the Pelham Parkway Jewish community. On our way back we walk through the beautiful Botanical Gardens.

DRASHA with Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner
"Get Out of the Midbar! Grappling with the Fear of Success"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven
"American Soldiers and Jewish Law"

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM @ THE BAYIT - This Sun., May 26, at 9:15am

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Program begins with a brief memorial service followed by a screening of the film, "Taking Chance" (77 min) and concludes with reflections and comments on Jewish-American identity with Rabbinic Intern and US Navy Chaplain Candidate, Daniel Millner.

This program is dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Herschel Schacter z"l and our American Servicemen and Servicewomen.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

MAIN TEFILLAH will begin at **8:15AM** next Shabbat.

CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00AM: Join us for raucous davening, singing and dancing to welcome in the upcoming month of Tammuz next at the Bayit. Daven along with our own Noah Solomon. Kiddush to follow. For more info email davidmlknapp@gmail.com.

DANNY DANON, DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL SPEAKS @ THE BAYIT - 10:15AM: Are you passionate about Israel and want to be updated on current events first hand? Join us at 10:15am during services to hear Danny Danon, Deputy Defense Minister speak at the Bayit.



SHABBAT MORNING FIRE DRILL - 10:55AM: In preparation for the Fire Drill full info will be circulated via email and dialer, and we will review the plan during announcements **this Shabbat, May 25**. Please see more info on page 2.

SPEND A LITTLE EXTRA TIME WITH TOT SHABBAT: Join us for lunch @ the Bayit on June 1, 12:00pm and spend a little extra time with friends and fellow parents. Adults \$15.00 each; Older Siblings (4+): \$10.00 each; 3 and under: no charge; Family Rate: \$50. Sign up online at www.thebayit.org/lunch by Tuesday morning, May 28.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Seuda Shlishit sponsored by Josh & Michelle Younger in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Josh's zayde.

Artists Supporting Israel @ The Bayit - See page 2 for more details.

**YASHER KOACH TO ALL THE SUPORTERS OF OUR
39TH ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER - PLEASE SEE PAGE 4.**

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and this 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 (Main Sanctuary)
 6:35pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)
 7:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Beth Aharon Shiur - Pirke Mila Baparasha with Steven Fine (2nd Fl BM)

Monday - Memorial Day

No Classes.

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.

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.



ARTISTS SUPPORTING ISRAEL @ THE BAYIT SPECIAL PREVIEW EXHIBIT

As we prepare for our week-long art show June 17-21, we will continue to display the art pieces up in the Lobby until after the show.

Artists – The Response Art Series is a juried show open to all artists.

To download the artists prospectus and application go to www.thebayit.org/artshow.

Please plan to join us Monday Evening June 17th @ 7:00pm for the opening ceremony.

The Response Art Series exposes artists to specific material in support of Israel and encourages them to create and exhibit work in response. Artists will listen to a Pod-cast of at least one designated lecture or other media presentation. This project's aim is to create artwork that supports the right of Israel to exist in peace and security. Artists are invited to use the lectures as inspiration to create new artwork in an array of media. The theme may be broadly interpreted from an activist, political or personal context to connect to the viewer. Previews of the art to be exhibited will be available on our website in the days and weeks prior to the show.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for this open communal dinner sponsored by Steve Pretsfelder & Barbara Gochberg in memory of Lawrence Gochberg. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

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



THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., June 5, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. All are invited! In Room 3-3.

LEARNING SERVICE with Rabbi Moshe Edelman - June 8: Join us for warm and sincere tefillot/davening with study and explanations, a chance to ask and learn. Gain fuller understanding of the siddur's geography, choreography...and theology too. 9:30am - 11:30am in the LL BM. All invited. This Learning Service is the last one in this series. Learning Service will be back - watch out for details! Thank you to Rabbi Edelman for a wonderful year!



SUMMER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH - June 22 : Celebrating a birthday in June, July or August? Help sponsor our Birthday Kiddush. All donations \$18 and up will be listed in the bulletin. Go to www.thebayit.org/birthday to sign up.



LEARN @ THE BAYIT: We'd love to help you learn Torah! Visit www.thebayit.org/hevruta to put in your details about what kind of hevruta (study partner) you're looking for and what you want to learn, and find a study partner! Feel free to learn at the Bayit anytime, and especially Monday and Wednesday nights, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, when the YCT 2nd Floor Beit Midrash is open for nighttime learning and you can join the Torah study happening there!

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.thebayit.org/sefarim.

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

SHABBAT MORNING FIRE DRILL - JUNE 1ST:

Please make a special effort to be at the Bayit on Shabbat June 1st to participate in our fire drill. This is an important exercise to ensure that all of our members, staff, guests and children throughout our facility are prepared in case G-d forbid there is a real emergency.



Please keep in mind the following:

- This is only a drill, when the alarm goes off remain calm and follow the directions given by our Safety Committee (wearing orange vests.)
- Please make sure your children are prepared. Let them know the Fire Drill is coming, so they are not frightened by the alarm. Just a reminder, Bayit rules are that children are either with parents or participating in Youth Groups. Youth Leaders will be evacuating groups and remaining with children at all times. Please do not attempt to go up to the 3rd floor during the drill as this will block the stairwells.
- Our designated gathering point is the corner of Henry Hudson Parkway and Johnson Ave. We will meet at that location and then return to the building
- In preparation for the Fire Drill, during announcements, we will review the evacuation routes from each room and especially the Main Sanctuary.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.



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.

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

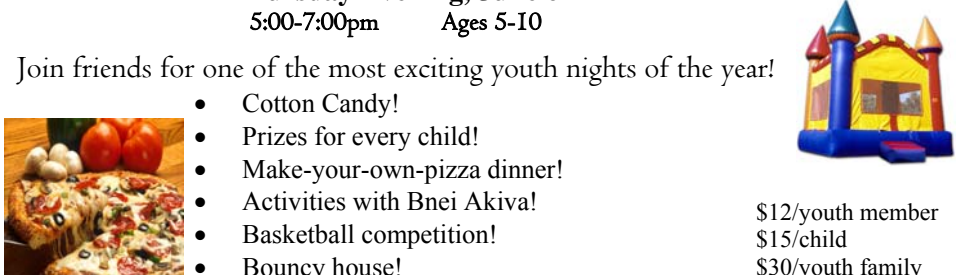
Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!
 Be a part of it! Please register your child and become a youth member today!

Preparing for 2013-2014
 Please note that planning is under way for an incredible 2013-14 year of programming!
 We are looking for a few highly qualified educators college age and above to assist with various programs next year. If you are interested, please contact Menachem at meachem@thebayit.org

2012/2013 CLOSING YOUTH PROGRAM
Thursday Evening, June 6
 5:00-7:00pm Ages 5-10

Join friends for one of the most exciting youth nights of the year!

- Cotton Candy!
- Prizes for every child!
- Make-your-own-pizza dinner!
- Activities with Bnei Akiva!
- Basketball competition!
- Bouncy house!
- And more!



\$12/youth member
 \$15/child
 \$30/youth family
 \$40/family

TOT SHABBAT LUNCHEON!
 Join Tot Shabbat families together with Bayit staff and long-time members for a relaxed schmoozing lunch. Family friendly, of course.
June 1 @ 12:00pm
 RSVP today!
www.thebayit.org/lunch

YOUTH SHABBAT — June 8
 Please join as we celebrate the accomplishments of the youth of our Bayit on Shabbat, June 8th

- Tefillah in the main sanctuary will be child and teen-led
- We will hear words of Torah and reflection from some of our star youth and teens
- Kiddush in honor of our leaders and the many individuals who have contributed to this year's successful youth and teen programming

We invite all youth/teen families to honor your child's group or program leader
 \$18+ Sponsorships will be listed Learn more at www.thebayit.org/youthshabbat

PJ Library Book, Shabbat Songs & Movements with Abby
 10:15am in Room 3-6

This Shabbat!

Please note Menachem is away this week. Abby is supervising

Can you please sponsor snacks this week?

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

Holiday-style Shabbat Morning Groups
 9:45-11:30am
 Room 3-4: NURSERY
 Room 3-5/3-6: Pre-K & K
 Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2
 Room 3-7: GRADES 3-6

FIRE DRILL PREP
 10:45-11:00am
 Please note the 3rd floor will be conducting fire drill exercises this Shabbat to prepare for next week.

Teen Lounge
 Kiddush, Pool, Ping-pong, foosball, and couches
11:00am-1pm
Next Teen Tefillah: June 15!

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



**Yasher Koach to all the supporters of our 39th Annual Journal Dinner.
Join us on Sunday June 9th, at 5:30pm (Note: time change)!**
Sign up online today @ www.thebayit.org/dinner.

Sara Hurwitz & Josh Abraham
Janet Albstein
Apple Bank, Kirk Warner
Seth Aronson
Lorna & Mark Baker
Mital Friedman & Adam Baldachin
Judith & Harry Ballin
Shari Rosenfeld & Yoni Barnhard
Etty & Tzvi Bar-Shai
Jayne & Harvey Beker, The Beker Foundation
Michelle Friedman & Benjamin Belfer
Ida & Joe Berger
Jennifer Pepper & Jed Bergman
Jackie & Marvin Binstock
Judy & Lanny Binstock
Anat Barber & Avi Bloom
Kara & David Bookbinder
Rachel Wolf & Andrew Borodach
Leah Botnick
Eva & Hillel Broder
David Bryfman
Lynn & Bob Cohen
Mabel Cohen
Susan & Jonathan Dzik
Moshe Edelman
Alisa & Adam Eilenberg
Shira Billet & Steven Exler
Wendy Zierler & Daniel Feit
Bernice Pohl Feldman & Gabriel Feldman
Shirley & Don Feldstein
Gella Schweid Fishman & Joshua Fishman
Marion Fishman
Beth Pepper & Jeff Fox
Robert Fox, Alan Party Rental
Sally & Danny Frankel
Anat Sharbat & Ariel Freidenberg
Estelle Friedman
Barbara & Martin Gelman
Sharon Glass
Shirley Glickman
Irit Rasooly & David Goldman
Dvora Goodman
Lauren & Jack Gorman
Carolyn & Howard Graybow
Sarit Kattan & Jonathan Gribetz
Jennifer & Brian Grosberg
Efrat & Tomer Grossman
Pamela & Jeff Gurock
Inge Gutmann
Joe Guttman

Beth & Ari Hait
Paula Sinclair & Charles Hall
Barbara & Steve Held
Ariella Berger & Daniel Held
Mitchel Herstic
Annie & Ari Hoffnung
Nancy & Milton Honig
Roberta & Bernard Horowitz
Sherry & Ezra House
Melanie & Mervyn Hurwitz
Karen Grushka & Keivan Kahen
Vivian & Matt Kanig
Erica & Scott Kaplan
Sharon & Michael Kaplowitz
Eve & Chanan Kessler
Sara & Seymour Kessler
Tilde Klein
Beth & Peter Kolevzon
Doris & Jonathan Konovitch
Amy Koplow
Kramer-Richard Family
Bryna & Joshua Landes
Barbara Estrin & Berel Lang
Eileen & Dan Langer
Ruby & Stanley Langer
Ann & James Lapin
Chani & Steven Laufer
Rose Levine
Ruth Licht
Deborah Zlochower & Dov Linzer
Alessandra & Rick Lipkin
Rabbi Helfgot Lishma Class
Yocheved & Donald Liss
Asher Lopatin
Sally Mendelsohn & David Lowenfeld
Sonia & Samuel Marder
Hillary Markowitz
Niva & Mark Marmer
Lillian & Michael Marton
Maze Laboratories
Brauna Doidge & Paul Nahme
Yonit & Dale Nordenberg
Stuart Olsen
Valerie Altmann & Daniel Perla
Ken Perry
Meredith & Joseph Pick
Judith Kaplan & Lawrence Polsky
Yoni Pomeranz
Nina Bruder & Gary Pretsfelder
Stephen Radziminsky

Riverside Memorial Chapel
Shira Brafman & Jorge Rodriguez
Sheryl Haut & David Rosenberg
Rebecca & Barry Rosenstein
Rena & Murray Schaum
Ethel & Stanley Scher
Elan Schneider
Jean & Phil Schneider
Nancy Scholem
Micky & Eric Schon
Hadassah Schultz
Bernice & Arthur Schwartz
Bat Sheva Marcus & Elliot Schwartz
Shani & David Schwartz
Sara Shapiro-Plevan
Helene & Yerachmiel Shapiro
Shira Gordon & Phil Shaw
Shoshana Shinnar
Susan Siegel
Tehilla Siegel
Signature Bank, Peter Marra
Ruthie & Joel Simon
Erin Lieb & Dan Smokler
Bobbie Gaims-Spiegel & Robert Spiegel
Joan & Arnold Stark
Ricki & Gary Steinman
Goldie & Marvin Stiglitz
Mierle & Jack Ukeles
Freda Rosenfeld & Howard Wallick
Susan & Dov Weinstock
Toby & Rav Avi Weiss
Hanna & Michael Weissbrot, SJ International
Shoshie Lockshin & Seth Winberg
Mimi & Jerry Wohlberg
Susan & Robert Zeif
Alexandra & Jonathan Zizmor



ARE YOU A JEWISH-AMERICAN OR AN AMERICAN-JEW?



MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM @ THE BAYIT

Sunday, May 26, at 9:15am

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Based on real-life events, Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, a volunteer military escort officer, accompanies the body of 19-year-old Marine Chance Phelps back to his hometown of Dubois, Wyoming.

Shacharit 8:30am

Program starts at 9:15am

Light breakfast will be served following Shacharit

Lower Level Beit Midrash

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and our American Servicemen and servicewomen.*



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Chessed Opportunities:

SUPPORT RESEARCH ON FD (Familial Dysautonomia): Please pick up a flyer with contact information to NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn to support funding for Fordham University Laboratory on FD Research.

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.

NEXT SHABBAT LUNCH: We are excited about this new program designed to ensure all newcomers feel at home in our Bayit and are invited for Shabbat lunch following their first visit. It takes a community to make this happen. Whether acting as an ambassador and reaching out to newcomers, hosting newcomers for lunch or being 'on call' when needed, each and every one of us can contribute, so that we can make this program a success!

For more details and to get involved, please contact Yonit Nordenberg at nextshabbat@thebayit.org or visit www.thebayit.org/nextshabbat.

CSAIR SISTERHOOD SHOE PROJECT: The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting as a fundraiser men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers to be distributed to people who might otherwise not be able to have them. Please leave contributions in the collection box in the lower lobby of the Shul located at 475 W. 250 St. The box will be available Sundays through Fridays. Any questions please contact Roz Samuels at rozbronx@aol.com or Sharon Hyman at sharonhyman@gmail.com.

**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:

Aimee Baron: 917-331-2285, baronajl@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)

Beyond the Bayit

JWV MEMORIAL DAY EVENT: Honor our veterans and remember our servicepeople this Memorial Day at the Jewish War Veterans Post 69 memorial service. Located at the flagpole on the grounds of the Bronx Historical Society Museum - approx. 3300 Bainbridge Ave. **Mon., May 27, 11:00am.** For more information, contact Rav Steven at ravsteven@thebayit.org.

STEIN YESHIVA'S SCHOLARSHIP DINNER: Stein Yeshiva's Annual Dinner will take place on **Tues., May 28**, at the Young Israel of Scarsdale at 6:30pm. This year two Riverdale families, Hope & Sidney Langer and Nomi & Akiva Roseman will be receiving Parent Awards and Avi S. Pollock will be receiving the Alumnus Award. To place a dedication or for more information, call 914-965-7082, email spollock@steinyeshiva.org or go to www.steinyeshiva.org.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE - Sun., Jun. 2: The Salute to Israel Parade is the largest event in the world celebrating the Anniversary of Israel's Independence. Join the 100,000 participants, stepping off Fifth Avenue (between 57th St. and 74th St.), cheered on by an expected one million spectators. The parade will take place this year on **Sun., Jun. 2**, from 11:00am - 4:00pm. For more information e-mail parade@salutetoisrael.com.

BJCC 4TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS: The Bronx Jewish Community Council will be celebrating 40 years of service to the community on **Fri., June 7, 8:00am** at the Riverdale Temple, 4545 Independence Ave. This year's honorees are: Margo & John Catsimatidis - Couple of the Year, Congressman Joseph Crowley, NY-14 - Public Service Award, David Kapelman, Esq. - Bronx Champion Award, Erica Leventhal - Young Leader Award, and our own **Gail & Dr. Judah Schorr** - Chessed Award. For more information about this event please call 917-447-3665.

A NIGHT OF LAUGHS - FOR SINGLES 35+: The Orthodox Union Singles Connection invites you to a night of laughs with comedian John DeBoer on **Thurs., June 13** at Lincoln Square Synagogue, 180 Amsterdam Ave. Chinese buffet: 7:00pm; Show begins: 7:30pm. Register online at www.oucommunity.org or call 212-613-8300.

INAUGURAL GRADUATION CEREMONY OF YESHIVAT MAHARAT: Please join us for this truly historic event, celebrating the Ordination as Clergy of our first three graduates: Ruth Balinsky Friedman, Rachel Kohl Finegold and Abby Brown Scheier. On **Sun., June 13, 11:00am** at the Morris and Ida Newman Educational Center, Ramaz Upper School, 60 E. 78th St. To sign up or for additional information email info@yeshivatmaharat.org or call 718-796-0590.

COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP IN PEARL RIVER: YMHA of Washington Heights is looking for counselors and sports specialists for their summer day camp in Pearl River. Must be entering senior year in high school or older. **Camp dates: June 27 - August 16.** If interested, please call Joseph at 212-569-6200, x 212.

RIVERDALE RIVERFEST 2013: Celebrate the Hudson River and support



the future Bronx Greenway on **Sunday, June 30**, Riverdale RiverFest. Gates open at noon at College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale Ave. at 263rd St. For more information or to sign up for a boat ride go to www.riverdalefest.org.

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.

If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.