

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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## Kiddush

*Kiddush is sponsored by the Becher and Davidson/Goodman families in honor of Ari's wedding and Davina's Bat Mitzvah.*

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

## This Week

### Shabbat Parshat Toldot

- Candle Lighting: 4:18pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:13am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:35pm
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:20pm

## Weekday Times

- Shacharit:  
Sun: 8:30am  
Mon: 6:40, 8:15am  
Tues/Wed: 6:45, 8:15am  
Thurs/Fri: 8:30am (Thanksgiving)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:20pm

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshat Vayetze

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:16pm



**Shabbat  
Shalom!**

## Wishing Mazal Tov to:

**Jane Flechner & Ron Schechter** on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Benjamin (Bin'ya'min). To parents Sharon & Rafe Sasson and big siblings Barbara and Elie.

**Jillian Davidson & Elliot Goodman and their whole family** on Davina becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Ronnie & Michael and the entire Becher family and Elaine & Norman** and the entire Brodsky family on the marriage of their children **Ari Becher** to Beth Brodsky.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**TEFILLAT ESTHER:** Women's tefillah in honor of Davina Goodman's Bat Mitzvah will take place at 9:00am in Lower Level Beit Midrash.

## BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Ari

"Responding to Disaster: Confronting Infinite Needs With Limited Resources"

## BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - THE LISTENING ROOM - A SHABBAT SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE:

We are offering a weekly quiet space for spiritual reflection and guided meditation. Guided by spiritual teacher Myra Estelle, this space will be open in Room 3-4 every Shabbat between Mincha and Maariv for listening to ourselves. For more info., please contact [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org) or [myra@myraestelle.com](http://myra@myraestelle.com).



## Momentum

**MOMENTUM:** The Bayit's new group for single moms will be kicking off our first "Night Out" on **Sun., Nov. 18** at 7:00pm. To RSVP, please contact Tzirel Bleier at [momentum@hir.org](mailto:momentum@hir.org). For more detailed information and to be notified of future events, please join our Yahoo! Group, HIRMomentum. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Free Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday, Nov. 22

*Don't spend your holiday alone, spend it with your HIR family.*



**12:00PM - Open Thanksgiving Service / 1:00PM - Free Thanksgiving Dinner**

*The afternoon will feature a live performance with soprano Sigal Chen & pianist Jonathan Dzik who will be performing popular songs from Broadway and patriotic Americana.*

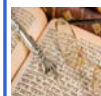
*Please R.S.V.P. at 718.796.4730, ext. 101*

We expect to feed almost 130 people at our thanksgiving dinner, we need your help to continue this important chessed project.



**If you are interested in volunteering to help set up, serve or clean up please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Ellie & Hal Weinstein at 917-859-6373 or e-mail [hal@ellieweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:hal@ellieweinstein@yahoo.com).**

## Next Shabbat @ The Bayit



**LEARNING SERVICE:** Nine meetings left this year with Rabbi Moshe Edelman. Join us for warm and sincere tefillot/davening with study and explanations, with a chance to ask and learn. Gain a fuller understanding of the siddur's geography, choreography... and theology too. Next gathering will be **Nov. 24, 9:30am-11:00am** in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. All invited. All levels welcome.



## LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS - A Chanukah program for bereaved Jews

Please join Rabbi Exler and HIR social worker, Anna Kirshblum for a Chanukah candle lighting ritual and an opportunity to honor your loved one in the context of Chanukah. When: **Sunday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm-7:30pm** at the Bayit. Please RSVP to Anna at 718-601-9714.

Many people from Stand with Us, Amcha and AFSI participated in last evening's Rally in front of the Israeli Consulate. If you are interested in participating in future events and/or rallies please email your name and contact info. to [Israel.action.hir@gmail.com](mailto:Israel.action.hir@gmail.com).

## This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

**Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer** meets 7:30-8:30am Sun.-Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Shabbat and beyond!

### Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven  
3:35pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven

### Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Room 3-3)\*  
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Room 3-3)\*  
7:30pm - The Fall of The Commonwealth - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (Canceled this week)  
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)\*  
8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home. Email [rebjeff@gmail.com](mailto:rebjeff@gmail.com) to attend)

### Tuesday

10:00am - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi  
11:00am - The Unique and the Sublime: Biblical Characters with Rabba Sara

### Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)\*

### Thursday - Friday - Thanksgiving Weekend

No Classes.

\* 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](mailto:Richard@thebayit.org). Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.

## HIR GIFT CARDS

Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit!

Plan your shopping for **Thanksgiving and Chanukah** using gift cards. **Stop by at the shul lobby this Sun., Nov. 18 from 11:00am - 12:00pm at the Gift Card table.**

Cards are available for your **Holiday Food Shopping** for Fairway, Skyview Wine & Spirits, Corner Café, Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market, Key Food, Stop & Shop and more.

**Chanukah gift ideas** for teachers and babysitters: Barnes & Noble; Itunes, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Coffee Bean, Candy Box, Carlos & Gabby's.

For more information on volunteering or to place an order email [giftcard@hir.org](mailto:giftcard@hir.org) or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.

**Bayit Katan Toddler Time is back!** Registration is open for our **Mondays Session from 10:00am - 11:30am**  
Dates: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and Jan. 7 - Cost: \$150 (Not meeting: Dec. 24 & 31)

Registration now open for an additional Bayit Katan session on **Thursdays from 10:00am - 11:30am.**  
Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 3 and 10; cost \$150. (Not meeting: Nov. 22, Dec. 27)

**SPACE IS LIMITED for both sessions!**

For more information, please contact Kathy Goldstein at [BayitKatan@hir.org](mailto:BayitKatan@hir.org).



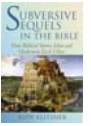
## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for this open communal dinner sponsored by Debbie & Rami Strosberg in honor of Avery and Hattie Simon. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org).

**SPECIAL SHIUR WITH DAN LANGER - DEC. 1:** Between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbat, Dec. 1, Dan Langer, who just published his fascinating book, *The Seventh and the First: The Divine Thread of the Torah*, will give a talk titled, *"How an Amazing Seven-Symmetry Connects Jacob and Esau to Cain and Abel, to the First Night, to the Flood, and to a Camp of Angels."*



**GET YOUR SUBVERSIVE SEQUELS:** Judy Klitsner, last Shabbat's outstanding scholar-in-residence, has made copies of her book, *"Subversive Sequels in The Bible"*, available at the Bayit for only \$12. Please contact Rav Steven to get a copy.



**CELEBRATING A SIMCHA? OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT?** Please send an email to [gabbai@hir.org](mailto:gabbai@hir.org) so that we can arrange the appropriate Aliyah.

**BAYIT SEFARIM FUND:** Over the years our supply of prayer books, chumashim (Pentateuch) and other Jewish books tend to wear out. Help us replace them by donating to the Sefarim Fund. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the Rabbinical Staff and Gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at [www.bayit.org/sefarim](http://www.bayit.org/sefarim).

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## Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to **Florence Schneider** for donating a havdallah candle to the Bayit.



Thank you to **Janet Albstein** for assisting us with signing up Golden Agers for our Pre-Thanksgiving Program this past Thurs., Nov. 15.

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact Rabbi Steven Exler [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

**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 at 718-601-9714 or at [akirshblum@jbfc.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfc.org). (In partnership with UJA & JBFC)



## Chanukah @ the Bayit

### LIGHTING AT DUNKIN' DONUTS

**Mon., Dec. 10 (3rd Light) - 4:30pm**

We are sponsoring a community-wide Menorah Lighting and Chanukah celebration at Dunkin' Donuts located at 259th St. & Riverdale Ave. Join us at the Kosher Dunkin' Donuts for Chanukah songs, candle lighting, and free donuts!



### ANNUAL CHOIR DINNER

**Wed., Dec. 12 (5th Light) - 6:30pm**

Please join us for a festive Chanukah dinner and Choir performance in Lower Level Beit Midrash. \$20/adult, \$15/child (4-12). Children under 4 eat free.



### CHANUKAH GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM

**Thurs., Dec. 13 (6th Light) - 1:00pm**

Calling all Golden Agers - join us in the main lobby for a Pre-Chanukah talk with Rav Steven and a light lunch. Cost: \$5 pay at the door. To RSVP call the shul office at 718-796-4730 x101.



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](http://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!

**This Saturday Night, Nov. 17**  
**BNEI AKIVA KICKOFF EVENT!**  
  
**Color War (the friendly kind)!**  
**6:30pm-9:00pm @ HIR Social Hall**  
**Grades 3-6**  
**PIZZA DINNER**  
 \$5/child

This Saturday Night  
**V'SHINANTAM**  
 Child-Parent Torah study & Snacks  
 6:20pm-7:20pm  
 2nd Floor Beit Midrash  
 Discussion with Menachem @ 7pm

**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**TOT SHABBAT ON FRIDAY NIGHT!**  
  
 Do you and your child love Tot Shabbat? Join incredible leader, Carmiya Weinraub, and the Tot Shabbat community for child-parent **TOT KABBALAT**, enjoying songs, movement, and parent involvement! Program meets Friday nights after Kabbalat Shabbat ends, approximately 50 minutes after candle lighting. Aimed for children 3 and under. Please note this program requires parent present (not a drop-off). We look forward to welcoming you!  
**Meets through Friday, December 28.**

## This Sunday!

  
**Children's Musical Tefillah!**  
 10:00am-11:30am  
 Grab your favorite instrument and join a circle of friends and parents to experience a lively musical tefillah. Following Tefillah, enjoy a hearty breakfast along with a Thanksgiving arts and crafts activity!  
 \$10/child; \$8/youth member — Parents join free with children.

**Movie, Smoothies & Free Play!**  
  
 Were you one of the 30 kids who joined last time?  
 1:00pm-3:30pm  
**Movie:** An American Tale  
**Smoothies:** Fresh Fruit/Yogurt  
**Free Play:** Gaga, Foosball  
 Jump-rope & Board games  
 \$8/child; \$5/youth member  
 Reserve a spot with Menachem  
**Social Hall!**

**PICK UP A PACKAGE & DELIVER WITH YOUR FAMILY!**  
 AS WE DISTRIBUTE THANKSGIVING PACKAGES with the BJCC's **PROJECT HOPE** to LOCAL **HOMEBOUND SENIORS** - 12:30pm **(NOT SUPERVISED)**

## This Shabbat!

**Parasha Puppet Play @ 10:15am for Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten**  
**10:00am: 3rd-6th graders will prepare a Thanksgiving skit about THANKFULNESS & BLESSING**  
**11:00am: 3rd-6th graders will perform Thanksgiving skit for all groups**

**TOT SHABBAT RIGHT HAND SOCIAL HALL THIS WEEK 10:30-11:30**  
 Free Play @ 9:30

**Shabbat Morning Groups**  
 9:30-11:30am on 3rd floor

- Room 3-4: NURSERY
- Room 3-5: PRE-K
- Room 3-6: KINDERGARTEN
- Room 3-3: Grades 1 & 2
- Room 3-7: Grades 3 & 4
- Room 3-2: Junior Congregation (5/6)

**Shabbat Snacks** have not yet been sponsored.  
**Can YOU sponsor them?**

**Teen Lounge**  
 Teens are welcome to join friends for pool, foosball, chulent, Kiddush and snacks in the Teen Lounge from 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)  


## Of prayer and deeds

HAARETZ

**The Talmud teaches us that the place of Jewish prayer is not centered in miracles or good fortunes. Rather, prayer is the place where we confront what is broken.**

By Ari Hart | Nov.09, 2012 | 5:19 AM |

Last week I had the great privilege of joining New Yorkers of every stripe in coming together to address the profound, human needs left in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. In my own synagogue, where I serve as assistant rabbi, we opened our collective doors to hurricane victims, reached out to vulnerable seniors, coordinated meals and places to stay, even temporarily housed a school. We put out a call for donations and within a short period, had collected many hundreds of pounds of food, water, clothes, batteries, toiletries. We asked for drivers to bring the supplies to people in need and cars showed up, with some people even renting a U-Haul trailer. And within just hours of making that call we had delivered it all to hard-hit areas - Brighton Beach, the Lower East Side, to shelters across Manhattan. All this while simultaneously having our lives disrupted in so many ways.

And this didn't just happen in my synagogue. As the call for volunteers went out from different communities, literally hundreds of people phoned in, texted, tweeted and just showed up to help. I worked with women and men, CEOs to children, from all faiths and no faith. We connected to each other through shared networks, shared links, and the shared desire to help, to give, to serve. One Facebook post at 6 P.M. Tuesday about picking up meals for delivery to homebound seniors resulted in over 30 people showing up at the appointed address the next morning. Someone in Georgia tweeted that a woman in Teaneck who was on her social network was running out of gas for the generator that was powering her daughter's respirator. Within five minutes, we got hold of a doctor in Teaneck, an Orthodox Jew, who immediately drove over to check on the family, who are, by the way, devout Muslims. They were safe and grateful.

Another image. A volunteer I was working with, while visiting apartment buildings in Chinatown was greeted by a woman, crying, with a screaming baby on her shoulder. She didn't speak English but wrote down a note for the volunteer, who promised to return. The volunteer went out to the street, found a person who spoke Chinese and English, and learned that the woman needed baby formula. The volunteer walked the streets until she found an open bodega, purchased the formula and returned, formula in hand.

As I write, thousands of elderly seniors are still stuck in high-rises, with no phone, radio, electricity or water. I visited a 94-year-old woman and her aide, trapped on the 11th floor of a public housing building on the Lower East Side. The elderly woman was confused, and they had almost run out of fresh water. The aide had been there for two days and needed to return to the Bronx because she had run out of medicine for herself, but she feared for the life of her client if she left. She had no cell-phone reception and a low battery, and the land-line wasn't working. We were able to reach her son, but he couldn't help because he was bedridden with cancer in Brooklyn. With no other option, we called 911, so that the elderly woman could be transported to the hospital, where she would be safe and the aide could go home and take her medicine.

These are more than just stories. They are prayers.

For the rabbis of the Talmud, Abraham's actions in last week's Torah portion are understood as the beginning of prayer. The Talmud (Brachot 26b ) says "Tefilot avot tiknum" - "Prayer was established by the Avot (patriarchs)," and then uses the following verse (Genesis 19:27 ) from Parashat Vayera to prove how Abraham established prayer: "Vayashkem Avraham baboker el hamakom asher amad sham et pnei Hashem" - "and Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord."

The connection here is in the word "amad" - "stood" - and its connection to the Amidah prayer. Strangely though, the Torah relates, just one chapter later (Genesis 20:17 ), "Vayitpalel Avraham el Ha'Elohim" - "And Abraham prayed unto God"! The word "vayitpalel" is directly related to "tefilah," prayer. When proving that Abraham established prayer, why didn't the Talmud use this verse? Further, in the case of Abraham's tefilah, God answered his prayer and miraculously healed Abimelech. Why isn't this clear, successful prayer our foundational model?

The Talmud's counterintuitive proof text offers a powerful lesson. Let's take a deeper look at our original proof text: "Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord." This place was of deep significance to Abraham. It was the place where he stood and confronted God before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the place where Abraham, alone, face to face with the Holy One, Blessed Be He, mustered all his courage to demand "shall not the Judge of all the earth do justly?"

By using this verse as a foundation for Jewish prayer, the Talmud teaches us that the place of Jewish prayer is not centered in miracles or good fortunes. Rather, prayer is the place where we confront what is broken. Prayer is the place where we struggle with a God who loves righteousness and justice but allows suffering. Prayer's place is where we, like Abraham, stand and see the distance between the world as it is and the world as it could be. This is where our prayer begins. Where hope begins. Where redemption begins. We have a lot of work to do. Let's get started.

**Rabbi Ari Hart is a founder of Uri L'Tzedek and an assistant rabbi at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, an Orthodox Synagogue in New York City. This piece is adapted from a sermon he delivered at the Hebrew Institute days after Hurricane Sandy struck the East Coast.**

## Chessed Opportunities:

**VISIT JOE:** Our friend Joe Pissarevsky has been relocated to New Surfside Nursing Home, 2241 New Haven #402 in Far Rockaway. Phone number is 718-471-3400 x137. Calls and visits are most appreciated.

**VOLUNTEER ESCORTS NEEDED FOR CEMETERY VISITS WITH SENIORS:** Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have participated in our cemetery visiting program this year. We have a few more requests from seniors who would like to visit the grave sites of their loved ones and we need your help to fulfill this need. This opportunity would not be possible without you. If you are able to volunteer please contact Niti Minkove at [nminkove@bjcconline.org](mailto:nminkove@bjcconline.org) or call 917-693-3084 to sign up.

**HOST NEW RIVERDALIANS AT YOUR SHABBAT TABLE:** We're looking to expand our list of hosts to welcome new families to the community. If you can host new Riverdalians at your Shabbat table, please email [hjwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hjwelcome@gmail.com) to let Hospitality Coordinator Chavi Eisenberg know. Thank you for making our Bayit more welcoming!

**KOSHER FOOD FOR FAR ROCKAWAY HURRICANE VICTIMS:** In response to Sandy, the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting food for people in need in Far Rockaway. Please bring kosher non-perishable foods to shul as soon as you can (475 W. 250th St., Bronx, NY). As soon as we have a sizable collection we will make the delivery. In addition to kosher food, they still need cleaning supplies (detergents, sponges, mops, brooms, disposable wipes and paper towels) Note: No more clothes, not even coats and jackets! For more info. contact Miriam Westheimer, CSAIR Social Action Committee, [mwestheimer@hotmail.com](mailto:mwestheimer@hotmail.com).

**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 [raysteven@thebayit.org](mailto:raysteven@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:**

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, [baronaj1@yahoo.com](mailto:baronaj1@yahoo.com)

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hjwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hjwelcome@gmail.com)

**Young HIR:** [hirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:hirsocial@gmail.com)

**Mishpacha Bodedet: The Lone Family** – Many of us are familiar with the Chayal Boded, the lone soldier who serves in the IDF. They are well respected and receive many deserved services. Sometimes, however the family of the lone soldier is left to muddle through the experience as best they can. Along with immense pride comes tremendous anxiety. In recognition of these conflicting emotions and the many questions that can arise, **a support group is being formed for families who have a close loved one serving in the IDF.** JBFCs/HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum, whose son served in the IDF, will facilitate the group. Come share your experiences, concerns, questions and pride in an open and supportive environment. The first group will be held on **Sun., Dec. 2** from 7:00pm-8:00pm at HIR. Please R.S.V.P. to Anna Kirshblum at 718-601-9714 or at [akirshblum@jbfc.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfc.org).



## Beyond the Bayit

**RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET:** The Riverdale Y Sunday Market will extend their 2012 season from 9:00am-2:00pm **until Dec. 23rd** at MS/HS 141, located at W. 237th St. and Independence Ave. The market will include some new vendors for the extended period including local artisans and businesses who will offer special gifts perfect for the holiday. Of course we will have our regular favorites of vendors for produce, baked goods, eggs, meats, cheese pickles, soaps, and more. For more info. call 718-548-8200.

**CARLEBACH YESHIVA RESUMES:** The Shlomo Carlebach Yeshiva has reopened its doors. It meets on Sundays at about 10:45am at the Carlebach Synagogue, 305 W. 79th St. Learning includes a video tape of Shlomo teaching, a shiur and breakfast. The next session will be **this Sun. Nov. 18**. For further info. contact Rav Avi Newman at 212-961-7725.

**A SPECIAL EVENING OF LEARNING IN SUPPORT OF PARDES INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES WITH JUDY KLITSNER:** Judy Klitsner a Senior Faculty Member at Pardes will be giving a lecture in support of Pardes titled *"Inside Out: Biblical Leaders and Their Non-Jewish Mentors."* On **Mon., Nov. 19, 7:30pm - 9:00pm** at the home of Shira Gordon & Phil Shaw, 4521 Waldo Ave. Please email [jamie@pardes.org](mailto:jamie@pardes.org) to RSVP.

**WRITE YOUR WAY TO A JOB WITH A QUALITY RESUME:** Learn how to make your resume shine through targeted discussion and easy to incorporate tips. Move away from the "shopping list" format to articulate your outstanding qualities and to convey how you can be of value to a potential employer. Presenter: Rabbi Daniel Coleman, a sought after educator on preparing effective resumes. Where: JBFCs Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St. When: **Mon., Nov. 19 3:30pm-5:00pm**. Pre-registration required by calling 212-632-4602 or emailing [connect-to-care@jbfc.org](mailto:connect-to-care@jbfc.org).

**PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SESSIONS @ SAR EARLY LEARNING CENTER:** SAR Early Learning Center & Academy will be holding prospective parent information sessions on **Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 7** from 9:30am-10:45am. Please reregister at: [www.saracademy.org/informationssession](http://www.saracademy.org/informationssession). For additional questions contact [beverly@saracademy.org](mailto:beverly@saracademy.org) or at 718 548 1717 x1262.

**MONDAY EVENING SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES @ YCT:** Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School is offering an exciting lecture series titled *"From the Rav's Desk - The Published & Unpublished Letters of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik z"l."* Given by Rav Nati Helfgot, Chair, Departments of Bible and Jewish Thought. Dates: **Nov. 19 / Dec. 3 / Dec. 10 / Dec. 17 - 8:00pm-9:00pm**. Location: YCT Beit Midrash, 3700 Henry Hudson Parkway, 2nd Floor. Cost: \$18. To register please contact 212-666-0036 or [abatalion@yctorah.org](mailto:abatalion@yctorah.org).

**BEIT RABBAN COMES TO RIVERDALE:** Prospective parents are invited to get an intimate glimpse of our progressive, innovative Manhattan day school at a Parlor Meeting on **Tues. Nov. 20** at the home of Gail & Jonathan Schorsch, 5040 Arlington Avenue, 8:00pm - 9:30pm. Discover how our individual approach to education supports your child's greatest potential. For more information contact Mary Setton, [mary@beitrabban.org](mailto:mary@beitrabban.org) or call 212-595-1386.

**WESTCHESTER TORAH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:** WTA is proud to announce its inaugural Open House on **Mon., Nov. 26**, at 8:00pm @ Temple Israel of New Rochelle! Come meet our Head of School, hear from the President of our Development Committee on how we are addressing the tuition crisis, learn about our 21st Century Educational Model, and tour WTA's beautiful premises! TINR is located @ 1000 Pinebrook Boulevard, New Rochelle. Please email [info@WestchesterTA.org](mailto:info@WestchesterTA.org) to RSVP for the Open House!

**ARRANGED-FRIENDSHIP HAS NO RELIGION:** The Riverdale Y located at 5625 Arlington Ave. will have a screening of the movie *"Arranged (Friendship Has No Religion)."* On **Dec. 1, 7:30pm - 9:30pm**. For more information call 718-548-8200.

## THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute is a synagogue that 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, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the mentally and physically challenged.