

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Yudin/Friedman family in honor of Kayla's Bat Mitzvah.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayetze

- Candle Lighting: 4:13pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- 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)
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:16pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach

- Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:13pm

SHABBAT SHALOM!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Kayla Friedman on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. To grandparents Ruth & Fred Friedman and Susan & Robert Yudin, to her parents **Judy Yudin & Charles Friedman**. To Kayla's older brothers **Ezra, Ariel, and Eli**.

Ilana Aisen & Eli Schneider on the birth of a son. To grandparents Mary & Irwin Aisen, Martha & Myron Bass and Uncle Michael Aisen and Aunt Rachel Bass. The brit will take place this Shabbat in the Lower Level Beit Midrash immediately following services.

Welcome to New Member:

Shoshana Shinnar.

This 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. This Shabbat, 9:30am-11:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. All are invited. All levels welcome. Next meeting **Sun., Dec. 16.**



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - LECTURE WITH PROFESSOR MIKE FRANK: "The Tower of Babel and 'the Prison House of Language': Some Ruminations on Lashon B'nei Adam." A thought-provoking shiur and discussion. Professor Mike Frank is Associate Professor of Cinema Studies at Bentley University in Waltham, MA, and served on the board of the Harvard Hillel Orthodox Minyan. He has also taught at Williams College, U. of Chicago, and Oberlin College.

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 information please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org or myra@myraestelle.com.

HAVDALAH AT THE ATRIA: Please join Rav Avi for a lively Havdalah at the Atria at 5:45pm.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rav Ari

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Dan Langer: "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." Come hear the Bayit's own Dan Langer, who just published his fascinating book, "The Seventh and the First: The Divine Thread of the Torah", employ his method of analyzing Torah text based on the numbers and appearances of key words, and see how it comes together in our parashah, Parshat Vayishlach.



Sunday, Dec. 2nd @ The Bayit

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. **Sun., Dec. 2, 9:00am** in Room 3-1.



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: **Sun., Dec. 2, 6:30pm - 7:30pm** at the Bayit. Please RSVP to Anna at 718-601-9714.

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 7:30pm - 8:30pm at HIR. Please R.S.V.P. to Anna Kirshblum at 718-601-9714 or at akirshblum@jbfcs.org.



Rally to Support Israel this Sunday - For more info. see page 2.

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 Avi

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 (at his Home)
 8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Room 3-3)*
 8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home. Email rebieff@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

* 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.

Support The Bayit on Small Business Saturday This Motzei Shabbat, Nov. 24 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Do you have an American Express Card? Did you know that our Gift Card program qualifies as a Small Business?

To participate:

- You must register your AMEX card in advance online at <https://enroll.amexnetwork.com/US/en/SBS2012/>.
- We must run your charge on Saturday night. You can place your order in advance or purchase in person from 7:30-9:00 pm a the Bayit. (Online purchases through PayPal will not earn a rebate.)
- Only personal credit cards - no corporate cards or debit cards.
- You must purchase at least \$25 worth of Gift Cards
- **You can only get one \$25 refund.**

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

Buy it for the Bayit!

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL!

Sun., Nov. 25, 11:00am @ the Israeli Consulate

With rockets raining down on Israel and terror attacks escalating, we need to express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Please join us on Sunday at 11:00am in front of the Israeli Consulate - 42nd/43rd and 2nd Ave. Bring Israeli and American flags and signs. See you there!




To follow what is happening in Israel go to the AMCHA/Israel Action Facebook page. To sign up for the Israel Action Committee e-mail list


or if you have any questions e-mail israel.action.hir@gmail.com. For up-to-date info. call AMCHA's new hotline 1-888-378-8188.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Thank you to Ari White of Gemstone Catering for a donation of smoked turkeys. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: Will take place on Shabbat, Dec. 10. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday. 

CELEBRATING A SIMCHA? OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT? Please send an email to 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. 

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Chanukah @ the Bayit




חנוכה שמחה

BETH AHARON'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY
Sun., Dec. 9 (2nd Light) - 5:00pm
 Join us for songs, sevivonim, sufganiot, holiday crafts and more... in the Social Hall. Suggested donation \$10 per family at the door. Mincha followed by Arvit @ 4:15pm.
 To R.S.V.P. e-mail bethaharon@gmail.com.
 All Banners and Friends are welcome!

LIGHTING AT DUNKIN' DONUTS 
Mon., Dec. 10 (3rd Light) - 4:30pm
 We are sponsoring a community-wide Menorah Lighting and Chanukah celebration at the Kosher Dunkin' Donuts located at 259th St. & Riverdale Ave. Join us 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 office at 718-796-4730 x101.

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF CHANUKAH BENEFIT CONCERT 
Sun., Dec. 16 - 5:00pm
 An evening of diverse popular musicians - including the What's Up Band, Pey Dalid and the Persuasions - to benefit Sandy relief. End your Chanukah by lighting up the lives of victims of this terrible storm.
 Something for everyone! Details to follow.



REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

www.thebayit.org/youth

Register and sign up for Youth Membership today!

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

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!

Winter Camp at HIR!

December 26-27

Drop off your kids for full days of fun!

Schedule:

10:00am - 4:00pm

(early drop-off available at 8:30am)

Ages 5+

More details to come.

To learn more, please contact Menachem.

Upcoming Events:

- November 30 — Friday Night Children's Program (in addition to Tot Kabbalat) for ages 4+. Join Menachem for a children's tefillah and activity, along with Kiddush and snacks. 35 minutes at the conclusion of Lecha Dodi.
- December 1 — Teen Tefillah with special kiddush
- December 1 — Saturday night V'Shinantam
- December 2 — Children's Musical Tefillah with Morah Chaya
- December 2 — Movie, Smoothies & Free Play
- December 2 — Baking for Seniors for Chanukah
- December 6 — Latke & Apple Sauce Making (5th-8th grades)
- December 7 — Teen Friday Night Oneg
- December 8 — Shabbat Afternoon Groups with Bnei Akiva Snif!
- December 8 — Teen Tefillah with special kiddush

To learn more about these programs, please stay tuned or contact Menachem

Sunday, December 9 — 1st Day

SUNDAY FUN-DAY

11am — Interactive Yiddish Concert

with Alisa Eilenberg and accompanist.

12pm — Chanukah Carnival!

Join friends and enjoy games, prizes, raffles, music, latke making, lunch & more!

All proceeds benefit victims of Sandy.



Chanukah Is Coming!

Monday, December 10

Free doughnuts at Dunkin' Donuts with PJ Library Book Reading, Live Music & Communal Lighting!



Thursday, December 13

Teen Bowl-a-thon!

Join friends from all over at Paradise Lanes for a teens-only bowling competition. Proceeds support teen programming and victims of Sandy. Every bowler gets a t-shirt!

Pizza, fries, mozzarella sticks, garlic knots with unlimited bowling & shoes for 2 hours!



This Shabbat!

Holiday Style Groups This Shabbat

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 3-5/3-6: PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN together
- Room 3-3: Grades 1 & 2
- Room 3-7: Grades 3-6

Story, Songs and Movement with Abby at 10:30am - Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten

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

Teen Lounge

Teens are welcome to join friends for pool, foosball, 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 Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children!

For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102.

Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!

For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel,

Director of Youth Education & Programming

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chessed Opportunities:

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@bjconline.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 hirwelcome@gmail.com to let Hospitality Coordinator Chavi Eisenberg know. Thank you for making our Bayit more welcoming!

**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: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to **MJ & Barry Kanner** for donating art supplies to our JYEP Program.



Thank you to our Thanksgiving Volunteer Coordinators **Ellie & Hal Weinstein**. A big thank you to all of our volunteers: **Howard Ackerson; Gail & Joel Appelbaum; Anthony Connors; Howard Farkas and Zachary Farkas; Ahuva Halberstam; Paula Holodosky; MJ & Barry Kanner; Mattie Karpf; Sam Mandel and Elana and Loren Mandel; Phyllis Newsome; Stuart Olsen; Charlotte Oestreicher; Kathy Goldstein & Ahron Rosenfeld and Modi Rosenfeld and Laila Rosenfeld; Janet Rosenthal, Elana, Chana and Matan Rosenthal; Gloria & Greg Schneider and Ariella, Aliza and Shira Schneider; Jeff Sternberg; Rhonda Stock and Benjamin Stock; Leslie & Michael Tugetman; Hillary Wolfe.**

Special Thank You to **Bob Rubinstein and the Riverdale Kiwanis Club** for their generous donation towards our Thanksgiving Dinner. And to **Ari White of Gemstone Catering** for donating Turkeys.

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

GET YOUR SUBVERSIVE SEQUELS: Judy Klitsner who spoke at the shul on Shabbat, Nov. 10, 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.



Beyond the Bayit

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! TISR is located @ 1000 Pinebrook Boulevard, New Rochelle. Please email info@WestchesterTA.org to RSVP for the Open House!

NIGHT OF LEARNING AT DRISHA TO BENEFIT HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS: In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy, the Drisha community invites you to join a night of learning, reflection, music and action. Learning focuses on questions of community, responsibility, justice, and Jewish responses to suffering. Information will be available about volunteer opportunities. **Thurs., Nov. 29, 7:00PM - 10:00pm.** The Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, 37 W. 65th St., Fifth floor. Suggested donation: \$10, benefiting the UJA Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

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.

ISRAEL NEEDS US NOW MORE THAN EVER: For more than 60 years Israel Bonds has been helping to build Israel and strengthen its economy - enabling Israel to grow a nation, protect citizens, connect Jews to Israel worldwide, and become the leader and innovator it is today. To speak with an Israel Bond representative contact Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835 or robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.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 at 718-601-9714 or at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)



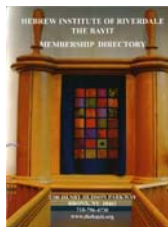
Help Israel by joining the Sh'mira Project:

Go to www.shmiraproject.com. This grassroots program pairs individual Jews worldwide with an Israeli soldier or resident in danger. By your doing acts of kindness, prayer and learning Torah in their name it adds to the spiritual merit of that soldier or resident in danger. It's simple, it's one on one and it's powerful.



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.



Our Membership Directories have arrived! If you participated in the HIR Shul Membership Directory - whether you took a photo or submitted your contact information to be included, come pick up your copy of the Directory. Directories can be picked up from the office during regular business hours, **AND this Sunday, Nov. 25, in the lobby from 9:00am - 11:00am.**

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.