

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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## Kiddush

For a list of the November Birthday Kiddush sponsors see box on second page.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact  
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## This Week

### Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah

- Candle Lighting: 4:24pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:25pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:59am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:30pm
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:26pm

## Weekday Times

- Shacharit:  
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)  
Mon: 6:40, 8:15am  
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am  
Thurs: 6:30, 8:15am  
(Rosh Chodesh Kisslev)
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:25pm

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshat Toldot

- Candle Lighting: 4:18pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:05pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 5:20pm



## Wishing Condolences to:

**Jack Erlichson** on the passing of his daughter **Frances Erlichson**. Shiva will be observed observed until Thursday morning at Jack's home, 601 Kappock St., #5E. Visitors welcome Sat. night until 8:30pm, and Sun.-Wed. 10:30am-4:00pm and 5:30pm-8:30pm.

## Welcome to New Members:

Malka & Josh Land.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**CARLEBACH TEFILLAH:** Will take place this Shabbat at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH:** See page 2 for list of sponsors.

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT WITH JUDY KLITSNER:

Friday night Oneg - 8:15pm: "Blurring the Lines Between Holy and Profane: Abusive Leadership from the Pages of the Bible to the Pages of Today's Newspaper"

Shabbat Morning Drasha: "Rebecca's Camels: The Story of a Matriarch Who Was Part Patriarch"

Shabbat After Mincha Talk - 4:30pm: "Would You Murder and Also Inherit? A Biblical Story of Crimes, Misdemeanors, and Other Addictions"

Judy Klitsner is a senior faculty member at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. A disciple of renowned Torah teacher Nehama Leibowitz, Klitsner has had a profound impact on a generation of students. Many now serve as teachers and heads of Jewish studies programs in the US, Israel and UK. *Judy's book Subversive Sequels is available at a discount - please contact Rav Steven at [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).*



## 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 3-7 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).



**KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Sun., Nov. 11, 9:00am:** An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation, study and song. Light breakfast follows. Room 3-6.

**VETERAN'S DAY BIKUR CHOLIM - SUN., NOV. 11, 10:00am-11:30am:** We'll be visiting veterans at the Bronx VA Nursing Home on Veteran's Day. Please join us to bring joy to and connect with those who have served our country so faithfully. Please RSVP to Rav Steven or [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org). If you can drive, please let us know.



## Kristallnacht Commemoration - Mon., Nov. 12 7:30pm, Lower Level Beit Midrash

Featuring Songs of Spiritual Resistance, a musical journey and tribute to the indomitable spirit of the writers and singers who continued to create music during our people's darkest hour. Performed by Avram, Elisha and Zalmen Mlotek. [www.nationallyiddishtheatre.org](http://www.nationallyiddishtheatre.org). All are welcome. English translation of the Yiddish poetry will be provided.



**THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - This Wed., Nov. 14, 7:00pm:** With poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems in Hebrew with English translation and discussion.



## 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 [halellieweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:halellieweinstein@yahoo.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 3-4. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Shabbat and beyond!

### Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven  
3:30pm - 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 for Kristallnacht Program)  
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 (Canceled this week)

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

10:00am Book of Shoftim with Rav Steven  
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.

## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for this open communal dinner sponsored by David & Beth Braunstein and Artie & Elaine Bloom in memory of their father, "Pop" Max Anshen. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org).

**PRE-THANKSGIVING GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM - Thurs., Nov. 15 - 2:00pm:** Calling all Golden Agers - join us in the Social Hall for a Pre-Thanksgiving lecture with Rav Steven and a light lunch. Cost: \$5 pay at the door. To RSVP call the shul office at 718-796-4730 x101.

**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 [hirmomentum@yahoo.com](mailto:hirmomentum@yahoo.com). For more detailed information and to be notified of future events, please join our Yahoo! Group, HIRMomentum. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:** Promote  your business to Bayit Bulletin readers. Bulletins are emailed to almost 1,200 people, posted to our Facebook Page and 300 paper copies are distributed in Shul each week. E-mail [office@thebayit.org](mailto:office@thebayit.org) for an insertion order form.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH:** Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by: Ilana Aisen in honor of Eli Schneider, Martha Bass and Mary Aisen's birthdays; Cecily & Eliezer Oberstein in honor of Rosalyn Oberstein's birthday; Mia Diamond Padwa & Daniel Padwa in honor of Eliana Padwa, Sarah Fitzgerald, Andrew Diamond, Shmuel Padwa, and Phyllis Diamond's birthdays; Sally & Danny Frankel in honor of their birthdays; The Braverman Grossman family in honor of Tiferet Levana Braverman Grossman's birthday; Charles Hall in honor of his birthday; Shira Billet in honor of Rabbi Steven Exler's birthday; Shira Billet & Rabbi Steven in honor of our niece Aliza Billet, Shira's parents Rookie & Heshie Billet and Steven's mother Emma Exler's birthdays; Rabba Sara and family in honor of Josh Abraham's birthday.

### SEFARIM FUND

Thank you to this month's donors to our Sefarim Fund:

- Nina & Bob Levine in honor of Arthur Bloom.

To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website [www.thebayit.org/sefarim](http://www.thebayit.org/sefarim), or call the office.

**Bayit Katan Toddler Time is back!** Registration now 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: Nov. 12, Dec. 24 & 31)

Registration now open for an additional Bayit Katan session on **Thursdays from 10:00am - 11:30am.**

Trial: Nov. 1, 2012, cost \$18;

8 week Session: Nov. 8, 15, 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).



**HIR GIFT CARDS:** Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! The Kosher Market on the Upper Westside is now participating in the HIR Scrip program. They will issue gift certificates in the denomination that you choose and will rebate the shul 5% of the amount. For more info. on volunteering or to place an order email [giftcard@hir.org](mailto:giftcard@hir.org) or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-4280.



### 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.



**Come and Learn!**

### 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.

**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](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org). (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)



### Tefillat Esther - Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

Women's tefillah in honor of Davina Goodman's Bat Mitzvah, will take place next Shabbat, Nov. 17, 9:00am in Lower Level Beit Midrash.



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!



**BNEI AKIVA KICKOFF EVENT!**

**Color War (the friendly kind)!**  
Next Saturday Night, Nov. 17  
@ HIR, Grades 3-6

For more information, please contact  
Orit- 347.610.9303 or  
Sara- 646.208.6997 or  
e-mail [riverdaleba@gmail.com](mailto:riverdaleba@gmail.com).  
Looking forward to meeting you there!



**STARTING THIS FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**TOT SHABBAT THIS 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 Friday, November 8 through Friday, December 28**

**Upcoming Events:**



**Children's Musical Tefillah!** November 18: 10:00-11:30am

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 an arts and crafts activity! \$10/child; \$8/youth member — Parents join free with children.

To sponsor, please contact Menachem.

**DISTRIBUTING THANKSGIVING PACKAGES with the BJCC's PROJECT HOPE**  
to LOCAL HOMEBOUND SENIORS - Sunday, November 18 @ 1:00pm



## This Shabbat!

Shabbat Songs, Story and Movement with Abby for Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten in room 3-6 at 10:30am

3rd-6th Graders are welcome to return to join Kasriel Linzer for Yu-Gi-Oh! in room 3-2

**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)

This week's snacks are sponsored by **Yonit & Dale Nordenberg** in honor of Noa's birthday. Thank you so much!  
**Happy birthday Noa!**

**Teen Lounge**

Teens are welcome to join friends for pool, foosball, 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)



## Post Sandy Efforts - Updates & Thank You's:

Thank you for your tremendous generosity and support! We have completed our collection of emergency supplies at this point.

**You can donate supplies at the following locations in Riverdale:**

- **P.S. 81** - Ph:718-796-8965  
5550 Riverdale Ave. at W. 256th St. - Collecting (until Tues., Nov. 13). Donations may be dropped off at the main office, 9:00am - 3:00pm.
- **Riverdale Y** - Ph:718-548-8200  
5625 Arlington Ave. - Collecting coats, pet food, water and other items to help storm victims. Donations may be dropped off on Fri. Nov. 10, 5:30am - 3:30pm and Sun., Nov. 11 until 9pm.
- **Kingsbridge Armory** - Ph: 347-590-2874  
29 W. Kingsbridge Road - Councilman Fernando Cabrera's office is collecting canned good, water, coats and batteries at the Kingsbridge Armory. Donations will be accepted at all hours and distributed to City Island, Far Rockaway and other parts of the city that were hit hard.

**You can volunteer at the following locations in Riverdale:**

- **Hebrew Home at Riverdale** - Volunteer Dept.: 719-581-1404.  
5901 Palisade Ave. - Seeking adult volunteers to spend time with Hurricane Sandy Evacuees taking refuge at the facility.
- **City of New York** - The City needs volunteers for a wide variety of purposes. If you can help, please email [nycservice@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:nycservice@cityhall.nyc.gov) with your name, email address and borough.
- **Red Cross** - To volunteer with the Red Cross's relief efforts, contact [staffing@nyredcross.org](mailto:staffing@nyredcross.org) or visit the Shelter Volunteer Website.

**Thank you for Helping at the Bayit with Post Sandy Efforts:**

To our volunteer coordinators Rav Ari Hart and Shira Berkovits. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers - for bringing supplies to the coat room; for sorting supplies; for loading vehicles with supplies; for donating your gas and vehicles to deliver our supplies; for helping coordinate our Google docs list of contribution requests; for making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches; for joining our email list so you can be involved!

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

**Thank you letter from Aaron Shmulewitz:**

Rabbi Weiss -

I was one of the "Sandy refugees" that spent last Shabbat at children in Riverdale, and I was privileged to attend Kabbalat Shabbat services at HIR last Friday evening. I'd like to thank you for the shot of spiritual adrenaline that I received as a result. The service was beautiful and your warmth was palpable. Looking around at the hundreds of faces there, I was struck by the fact that every single face clearly showed a desire to be, and pleasure derived from being, there - in contrast to virtually every other service at virtually every other Shul I've attended, where perfunctory "waiting-out-the-clock" is the norm. The breadth and depth of the services and resources that HIR offers (judging from the newsletter and the announcements) was amazing.

It is clear that you and Rav Steven and all other balabatim at HIR have "got it right" - this is what Judaism was intended to be.

*Yasher Koach, and keep up the wonderful work,  
Aaron Shmulewitz*

**Thank you letter from Chavie Wilner - Operations Manager at SAR Academy:**

Dear Rabbi Weiss, Mr. Langer and Mr. Schwartz.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for hosting SAR Academy last week when we were unable to conduct class in our own building. I owe a special hakarat hatov to your administrative staff who were so professional, efficient, and welcoming. They embody all that the Bayit represents.

*With much gratitude and appreciation,  
Chavie Wilner*

## 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@bicconline.org](mailto:nminkove@bicconline.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](mailto: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](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

**Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:**

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)

**Meals for New Mothers:**

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

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

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

## Beyond the Bayit

**JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP:** The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFCS will be held on Wed., Nov. 14 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice from people who are actively caring for a loved one. At the Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St., 2nd Fl. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or [akirshblum@jbfcs.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org).

**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 Sun. Nov. 18. For further info. contact Rav Avi Newman at 212-961-7725.

**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 West 239th St. When: Mon., Nov. 19 3:30pm-5:00pm. Pre-registration required by calling 212-632-4602 or emailing [connect-to-care@jbfcs.org](mailto:connect-to-care@jbfcs.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). If you have any additional questions, please contact [beverly@saracademy.org](mailto:beverly@saracademy.org) or at 718 548 1717 x1262.

# Shabbat Shalom!

## 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.