

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
Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah

- Candle Lighting: 5:43pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45pm
- 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)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:59am
- Listening Room: 4:05pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 4:30pm (Main Sanctuary)
- **Mincha: 5:15pm**
- **Seudah Shlishit: 6:00pm**
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:45pm

Weekday Times

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

Next Week Shabbat Parshat Toldot Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 5:34pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:35pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:20pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:36pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Yael & Will Keller on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents **Esther Kletter & Larry Kletter z"l** and **Barbara & Marty Keller**.

Ethel & Stanley Scher in honor of their grandson **Meir Zvi's** Bar Mitzvah. To parents **Aliza & Teddy Scher**, to siblings **Saadia, Tziporah, Yedidya**, and **Chagai Hillel** and to the entire Scher-Forgash family.

James Licht & Rosh Kehila Dina Najman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Yonatan Betzalel**. To siblings **Akiva** and **Amittai**. To grandmother **Ruth Licht**, aunt and uncle **Lisa Licht Hirsch & Daniel Hirsch**, grandparents **Hazzan Chaim & Dr. Sherrell Najman**, aunt and uncle **Carolyn & Howard Graybow** and to the entire Najman-Licht family.

Wishing Condolences to:

Yosepha Sarlin on the passing of her mother **Edna Fracht**. Shiva will be observed at the Sarlin residence, 405 W. 245th St. through Friday, Oct. 25th at 2:00pm.

Jolan Winkler on the passing of her husband **Robert Winkler**. Shiva visiting has concluded.

Charles Abrams on the passing of his mother **Cynthia Katlin Abrams**. Shiva has concluded.

Chaya Marks on the passing of her brother **Norman Kabak**. Shiva is observed at the Marks residence, 3750 Henry Hudson, #1BE through Wed. morning, Oct. 30th. Maariv Sat. night, 10/26: 6:45pm, Mincha Maariv Sun., 10/29 - Tues., 10/30: 5:40pm.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER - 9:00am: In the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

LEARNING SERVICE WITH RAV ARI! 9:30am - 11:00am. Social Hall. Weekly Kiddush.

SPECIAL TALK WITH RAV AVI at the end of Tefillah: Rav Avi will address his Times of Israel article, "End the Chief Rabbinate's Monopoly." Presentation followed by Q & A. In lieu of drasha.

SEUDA SHLISHIT - 6:00pm: Seuda Shlishit is sponsored by Ethel & Stanley Scher in honor of their grandson Meir Zvi Scher's Bar Mitzvah. Mincha will be at 5:15pm.

"Thomas Hardy: The Poems" - Book Talk with Professor Gillian Steinberg

Join us this Sun., October 27th, 7:00pm, in the Lower Level Beit Midrash

Thomas Hardy is one of the twentieth century's most complex and compelling authors.

This participatory talk will explore a variety of Hardy's evidence-based approaches to divine presence in the world by examining representative poems from his long and prolific career.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT SHELANU with Dafna Kotok - 4:30pm: Join the iHouse - Israeli house families of Riverdale Y for a very special Israeli style Kabbalat Shabbat and Friday night dinner. To sign up online go to www.thebayit.org/shelanu. Cost: \$30/family in advance or \$35 at the door. For more info contact Rav Ari ravari@thebayit.org or Hadas Oded at hadased2@gmail.com.

CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00am: Join us for raucous davening, singing, and dancing welcoming Kislev with Noah Solomon. Kiddush to follow. For more info email davidmlknapp@gmail.com.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Talk with Chanan Kessler: "After Kaddish: Reflections on the Transition From Mourning to Memory"



Kristallnacht Commemoration - Sat. night, Nov. 9, 7:30pm, Lower Level Beit Midrash:

Featuring our very own Professor Berel Lang who will discuss 'Unsung Hero: Raphael Lemkin and the Idea of Genocide'. All are welcome.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE GREEN CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE ON SUN., NOV. 10:

Why drive to the mall when you can walk to the social hall? Our Green Chanukah Boutique and Tag Sale is getting close! There will be lots of good stuff on sale, and we need adult and teenage helpers to sell it. Sale hours are 10:00am - 3:00pm on Sun., Nov. 10th. Please contact hirtagsale@gmail.com if you can sign up for a shift between 9:00am and 4:00pm that day, or to help set up on Sat. night, Nov. 9th. Keep those great donations coming! Help out the Bayit by donating new or gently used Judaica, housewares, collectibles, gift items, jewelry, artwork, toys, and sports equipment. NO used clothing, and NO used cooking or serving utensils. See the tag sale flyer for more details. Drop-off is in the shul office, Monday-Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm or Sundays 9:00am - 10:30am.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and at 4:30pm and 5:50pm this Shabbat in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Shekalim and beyond!

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

4:05pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

4:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

Monday

6:30pm - Free Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (At his home)

8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

8:30pm - Advanced Talmud: Topics in the Laws of Mourning with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's Home. Email rebjeff@gmail.com to attend)

Tuesday

10:00am - Bereishit: The Genesis Narrative with Rav Avi (Lobby)

11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (**Not meeting this week**)

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with Rav Ari
Session II: Walking with God (Room 3-3)

Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Shoftim with Rav Steven (Lobby)

7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

Friday

7:25am - Tractate Megillah with Rav Steven (LL Lobby)

* Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For 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 our open communal dinner sponsored by Ethel & Stanley Scher in honor of their grandson Meir Zvi Scher's Bar Mitzvah. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to www.thebayit.org/tent or contact James Lapin at tent@hir.org.

FREE HEBREW CRASH COURSE LEVEL 1: Learn to read Hebrew in just 6 hours, 1 hour weekly sessions. Continues this **Mon. Oct. 28** and also Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 6:30pm. Designed for people with little or no background in Hebrew. Each participant will receive a free textbook provided by NJOP. To register call 718-796-1430.

FOOD & GARDEN SCRAPS DROP-OFF FOR COMPOSTING: Next **Wed., Oct. 30th** will be the last CSA pick-up for this year. A bin will be available for everyone to drop off food/garden scraps. We accept: fruits & vegetables scraps, shredded newspaper, non-soiled paper, leaves, grass clippings, tea bags, coffee grinds & filters, twigs & small branches. After next week all scraps collected should be brought to the Riverdale Community Composting site, 4400 Independence Ave. More info? csa.at.hir@gmail.com or 917-968-8469.

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Next Sun., Nov. 3rd: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation and song. Light breakfast follows. Halachic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-3.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Wed., Nov. 5th, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. This meeting will be dedicated to the Yiddish and Hebrew poetry of Uri Tzvi Greenberg taught by the Bayit's own Gella Fishman. All are invited! 3rd FL, Room 3-4. Upcoming dates: 12/3, 1/7, 2/4.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The November birthday Kiddush will take place on **Shabbat, Nov. 9th**. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a November birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday.

LET'S WRITE THE LAST CHAPTER TOGETHER: Join a respected panel of speakers including Judith Ruskay-Rabinor, Ph.D., Bernard Lee, M.D., Marcy Bernstein, LMSW for an open discussion about the way we face end of life. Keynote speaker: our own Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. This event is sponsored in collaboration of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, MJHS, CSAIR with generous underwriting of UJA. **Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:45pm** at the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, 475 W. 250th St.



Brad Hirschfield

FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM - DISCOVERING OURSELVES

Join Rav Ari, Rav Steven and Rabba Sara to learn or revisit the core of our Jewish lives, from history, to text, to ritual and law, to the life cycle. Open to all. 30 sessions. Tuesday nights, 7:30pm. Room 3-3. Please share this information with anyone who may enjoy this class! **2nd session this Tuesday night.**



HIR GIFT CARDS - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit!
NEW - Riverdale Vintner has joined our scrip program and will contribute 10%.



For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

UPCOMING EVENT

Shabbat, November 9th Between Mincha and Maariv - Shiur with Rachel Keren, senior lecturer at Midreshet Ein Hanatziv



Free Thanksgiving Dinner & Collection for BJCC Local Food Pantry

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

Thursday, November 28, 2013

1:00pm - Open Thanksgiving Service

2:00pm - Free Thanksgiving Dinner



Please RSVP at 718-796-4730, ext. 101

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.

The Bayit is joining the BJCC's **Best Collections Project** and will be collecting new, unused, sealed groceries and cleaning supplies/toiletries. Donations can be dropped off until Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28 in the boxes located in the coat room. Here is a list of the requested items:

GROCERIES: Breakfast cereal, boxed milk; canned fruits and vegetables; canned meat and fish; coffee, tea, hot chocolate, coffee creamer; cookies, crackers; ketchup, mustard, mayo; pasta, rice; soup; tomato sauce; vinegar, oil salad dressing; raisins, prunes, dried fruit.

CLEANING SUPPLIES/TOILETRIES: Detergent; soaps; sponges; shampoo; deodorant; paper towels; toilet paper; tissues; diapers/depends.

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2013-14



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!



TEEN BOWLING
 with **BNEI AKIVA**
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT
7:50pm @ Paradise Lanes
 Cost: \$5.50 for Bowling + cost of Pizza
 RSVP: riverdaleba@gmail.com

BNEI AKIVA
KICK-OFF CARNIVAL
EVENT
 2nd-6th Grades



MINUTE TO WIN IT CHALLENGE
XBOX STATION
COTTON CANDY

NOVEMBER 3 @ HIR
 11:00am-1:00pm \$5/child



NOVEMBER & CHANUKAH SAVE THE DATES:



- **Bnei Akiva Kick-Off Event:** Sunday, November 3, from 11am-1pm @ HIR Minute to Win It Challenge, XBOX Station, Cotton Candy & More!
- **Baking to Support Chanukah Tag Sale:** Wednesday, November 6 Join resident chef & editor, Tamar Genger, Ayelet Spira and Menachem as we bake yummy pastries to support the shul's Chanukah Tag Sale on November 10. Please note the baked goods will be for the sale, not for consumption. Event is free. 5:00-7:00pm
- **Monthly Thursday Night Mishmar:** Thursday, November 7 Active free play, hot dogs & hamburgers dinner, Torah with Rav Steven & Menachem! 4:00-6:00pm. \$10/child
- **Child-Parent V'Shinantam Torah:** Saturday night, November 9 @ 7pm Join Menachem for an open beit midrash, followed by a values discussion based on the parasha and delicious snacks! \$5 suggested/family
- **Pre-Chanukah Benefit Carnival:** Sunday, November 24 Bouncy House, Just Dance with XBOX Kinect, Games, Prizes, lunch & so much more! All to benefit great tzedakot! More details to come!
- **Glow-in-the-Dark Chanukah Dodgeball with Bnei Akiva:** Sunday, Dec. 1. Details to come!
- **Chanuka PJ Library @ Dunkin Donuts:** Monday, December 2 Free doughnut for the first 200 people! PJ Library book reading, live music, and communal lighting!

Nursery-Kindergarten

PJ Library Book with Abby, followed by Torah and Tefillah

Room 3-4: NURSERY
 Room 3-5: Pre-K
 Room 3-6: Kindergarten



SHABBAT Morning Groups!

Shabbat Morning Groups:
3rd Floor Youth Wing
9:30-11:30am



We are still looking for snacks sponsors for this Shabbat.

Please visit:
<http://www.thebayit.org/?id=16355>
 Or contact Menachem. Thank you!

Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2
 Room 3-7: GRADES 3-4
 Room 3-7: GRADES 5-6

TOT SHABBAT

Led by nationally acclaimed tot leader & educator, Carmiya Weinraub
TS meets @ 10:30am
 (@ 9:30am: Open Play)
Lower Level: Right Hand Social Hall

This Shabbat, Abby will be supervising groups.
If you need assistance, Abby is glad to help!

Teen Lounge

Teen Tefillah will resume next Shabbat @ 9:30am.
 This Shabbat, come enjoy chulent & lounge from 11:00am-1:00pm
3rd floor

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:

RECYCLE/DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES AND CELLPHONES: There is a collection box in the coat room under the back table. Glasses will be given to the Lions Club (www.lionsclub.org). Cell phones will be given to My Sister's Place (www.msphny.org). 

RUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BEIT ISSIE SHAPIRO: Do you or someone you know want to run in the 2013 ING New York City Marathon on **Sun., Nov. 3rd** but don't have a spot? Sign up to run and raise funds for the American Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro (AFOBIS). For more information, please contact Bill Edelstein at bedelstein@afobis.org or 212-586-2464 or visit the AFOBIS website www.afobis.org.

"RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME" - 26th Annual Conference on Visiting the Sick: Explore the theme of renewal for the one visited and the visitor, in the context of illness. When: **Sun., Nov. 10** from 9:00am - 3:30pm, Where: UJA Federation of N.Y. 130 East 59th Street, Cost: \$36 includes kosher breakfast & lunch. Contact Rabbi Steven if you need to be sponsored. For more information call 212-632-4730 or email bikurcholimcc@jbfcs.org or visit www.jbfcs.org/bikurcholim.

DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR: The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers to be distributed to people who might otherwise not 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 Phyllis Schulberg at hcspgs@optonline.net 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, aimeebaron1818@gmail.com
Mazal tov to Aimee and Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! To make meals for them, please contact Shuli in the office: shuli@thebayit.org.

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: lamelle.ryman@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. 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

CPR COURSE @ RJC: Riverdale Hatzalah Volunteer EMS will be offering a free American Heart Association CPR course for the community-at-large (no prior knowledge required). Class covers CPR skills, choking relief and use of a defibrillator. **Sun., Oct. 27** at 6:00pm at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. Space is limited. To register, please go to www.RiverdaleHatzalah.org/cpr. For more info contact Charlie Wohlberg at charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE WESTCHESTER HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL: **Wed., Oct. 30th**, 6:30pm at 856 Orienta Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY. Light dinner will be served. To register online go to www.whhsny.org or call 914-698-0806 x308.


WTA OPEN HOUSE: Please join Yeshivat Netzach/Westchester Torah Academy on **Thurs., Oct. 31st** at 8:00pm for our Open House, located at 1000 Pinebrook Blvd, New Rochelle. Prospective parents and community members are invited to see our classrooms, learn about our school, meet some students, and hear from our head, faculty & parents. For more info or to RSVP visit westchesterta.org/open-house-2013. WTA will offer Pre-K through 2nd Grade for the 2014/15 school year. Email info@westchesterta.org to arrange a tour.

SONS OF ISRAEL 100th ANNIVERSARY GALA: The Gala celebration of the 100th anniversary of our sibling shul in the Bronx, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs' Congregation Sons of Israel will take place on **Sun., Nov. 3rd, 6:00pm** at The Marina Del Ray, Throgs Neck, Bronx. Pick up a card in the lobby flyer bin for more information. All are welcome - funds go to help the shul's services for needy in the community.

OPEN HOUSE @ ROSENBAUM YESHIVA OF NORTH JERSEY: We invite all prospective parents to our annual Open House on **Sun. evening, Nov. 3rd**. The evening will begin with an academic fair at 7:00pm followed by a program and interactive presentations at 7:30pm. For more information, we welcome you to contact Mrs. Tamar Kahn, Director of Admissions, at tkahn@rynj.org or 201-986-1414. Kindly register online at www.rynj.org.

WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: For families who are serious about Judaism, education, Israel, menschlichkeit, community...and fun. Westchester Day School Open Houses, **Mon. Nov. 4, 11, and 18** at 9:00am at 856 Orienta Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY. Meet Rabbi Joshua Lookstein, Head of School, and see WDS in action! Pre-register at www.westchesterday.org/openhouse2013. Any questions? Contact Allison Lyons, Director of Admissions, at alyons@westchesterday.org or 914-698-8900 ext. 134. Transportation available for Riverdale students.

POTS Teens Chessed Opportunity

Attention Riverdale Teens... Volunteers needed at POTS (Part of the Solution) dinning room one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at approximately 4:00pm except in November when we will leave at 8:45am and return at approximately 12:00pm. Contact Samantha Verrone: sverrone@mac.com, 917-885-4542 to sign up. Upcoming date are: 11/10, 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/23, 4/6, 

RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA
To book your room reservation go to www.thebayit.org/simcha or contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org.
SHEYIHIYE BE'MAZAL TOV!

Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained. 

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.