

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 Noach

- Candle Lighting: 6:15pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:20pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:50am
- **Listening Room: 4:50pm (LL BM)**
- Parsha Shiur: 5:15pm
- Mincha: 6:00pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 7:16pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30, 9:00am (Kavvanah)
Mon/Tues: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 6:10pm

Next Week

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Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Aviva Braun-Finkler & Gary Finkler on the birth of a daughter **Olivia Toby**. To the grandparents **Beckie Braun & Sam Handwerker** and **Lilli & Steve Finkler**.

Kathi & Abe Mezrich on the birth of a son **Jonah Zachary**. To grandparents **Roz & Steve Lipman** and **Livia & Joe Mezrich**. To big brother **Ezra**.

Samantha & Daniel Wiener on the birth of a son **Akiva Shraga**. To grandparents **Leslee Behar & Tom Schatz** and **Ayelet & Jonathan Wiener**.

Susan & Jonathan Dzik on the birth of a granddaughter to **Aliza Dzik & Saul Zipkin**, sister to **Hallel Raya**.

Wishing Condolences to:

Randy Apfelbaum on the passing of his father **Adek Apfelbaum**. Shiva has concluded.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

GUEST DRASHA with YCT President Rabbi Asher Lopatin: "Moving On Up": Terach, Sarah and Abraham respond to the Tower of Bavel - We're honored to hear words of Torah from Rabbi Lopatin on the eve of his formal installation as YCT President.

LEARNING SERVICE WITH RAV ARI! 9:30am - 11:00am. Social Hall. Weekly Kiddush. Sponsors welcome. To sponsor contact Rav Ari at ravari@thebayit.org / 718-796-4730 x124.

ANNUAL WELCOME LUNCH: We welcome all who have recently moved to the Bayit community and will be attending our Annual Welcome Lunch this Shabbat.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Ari

"Going... going... home? The wanderings of Terach and Avraham"

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - This Sunday, October 6: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-3.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

LEARNING SERVICE EVERY SHABBAT WITH RAV ARI! 9:30am - 11:00am in Social Hall by the windows. Weekly Kiddush.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

"Redemption Song - The Liturgy and Meaning of Pidyon Haben"

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE @ THE BAYIT - Dr. David Luchins - Shabbat, October 19

Dr. David Luchins is Chairperson of the Political Science Department of Touro College, was a longtime senior advisor to the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and is a Senior Vice President of the Orthodox Union. His talks over Shabbat - and Saturday night at 8:30pm, include: "Kulturkampf: Israel's Religious Wars", "Is the Party over? American Jewish Political Power Faces New Realities", and "When Public Policy and Halacha Clash - the Orthodox community and Marriage Equality." Schedule to follow in next week's bulletin.



FINANCIAL LITERACY & EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Join communal leaders, rabbis and financial experts at the Bayit to share and discuss Jewish wisdom and financial strategies in preparation for the upcoming Shmitta year. Featuring: Having the "Talk" - Family and Money; Financial Tools for empowerment; Torah study on money and values. For info or to RSVP: ravari@thebayit.org / 718-796-4730 x124.



RECYCLE UNUSED GIFTS AND BENEFIT THE BAYIT!

On Sun., Nov. 10th, we will be hosting a Green Chanukah Boutique / Giant Tag Sale. Help the environment by recycling unused gifts, Judaica, collectibles and more:

- Your unwanted items in excellent condition find new loving homes
- Proceeds from the sale raise needed funds for HIR
- Receipts available for items dropped off during office hours



Drop-off your donations at the Bayit Office Mon.-Thurs., 9:30am - 4:30pm and Sun. 9:00am - 10:30am. Questions? Contact the tag sale committee at hirtsale@gmail.com.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

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

Shabbat

8:10am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
4:50pm - The Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)
5:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

Monday

7:30pm - **Rav Avi will be not be teaching this class this week**
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)*

Tuesday

10:00am - Class with Rav Avi (Lobby)
11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (Lobby)

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.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHESED DAY VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

To our Blood Drive coordinator: Seryl Ritter

To our Blood Drive volunteers: Chaim Marks, Jean Schneider, Jane Flechner, Lauren Greenbaum Stein & Josh Stein, Sabrina Heit, Buddy Skydell.

We collected 99 pints of blood - our 2nd highest Drive collection ever - surpassing all prior records except for 2011 9/11 10th anniversary "Bo Bayom" commemoration!

To our Bone Marrow Drive coordinator: James Lapin

To our Bone Marrow Drive volunteers: Wendy Levinson, Leor Hackel, and Ruthie Glass.

We collected 15 new cheek swabs!!!

To our Clothing Drive coordinators: Steven Pretsfelder & Barbara Gochberg.

To our Clothing Drive Volunteers: Elaine Bloom, Artie Bloom, Eliora Bloom, Alexandra Scheman, Leigh Scheman, Nolan Caile, Grant Caile, Maddy Schumacher, Mattan Schumacher, Zach Tallerman, Naomi Fields, Rachel Chechik, Will Keller, Ariella Bulman, Avishai Bulman, Piny Bulman, Avi Pretsfelder, Gary Pretsfelder, Nina Bruder, Batia Rabin, Bran Rabin, Yonah Abraham, Zacharya Abraham, Davidi Abraham, Avery Simon, Michal Chamudot, Raizi Chechik, Gillian Steinberg, Gavriel Davis, Nancy Lerea.

To our Giftcard Committee coordinator, Shira Gordon and volunteer Wendy Levinson thank you for staffing the GiftCard table.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13th, 7:30pm: "Educating in the Divine Image: Gender Issues in Orthodox Jewish Day Schools" - discussion and book event with authors Chaya Gorsetman & Elana Sztokman

October 19th: Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Dr. David Luchins

Shabbat, November 2nd Between Mincha and Maariv - Talk with Chanan Kessler: "After Kaddish: Reflections on the Transition From Mourning to Memory"

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner sponsored anonymously in honor of all future Rabanim and Rabanot (Rabbis and Rabbas). 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.

FOOD & GARDEN SCRAPS DROP-OFF FOR COMPOSTING: There will be a bin available for everyone to drop off food/garden scraps during the weekly CSA pick-up time, usually Wed., 5:30pm - 8:30pm or come by to learn more and get your questions answered. We accept: fruits & vegetables scraps, shredded newspaper, non-soiled paper, leaves, grass clippings, tea bags, coffee grinds & filters, twigs & small branches. All scraps collected will be brought to the Riverdale Community Composting site, 4400 Independence Ave. More info? csa.at.hir@gmail.com or 917-968-8469.

FREE HEBREW CRASH COURSE LEVEL 1: Join us for FREE and EASY Hebrew classes. Learn to read Hebrew in just 6 hours, 1 hour weekly sessions. FREE Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level 1. Beginning on **Mon., Oct. 14**, at 6:30pm. Designed for people with little or no background in Hebrew. Each participant will receive a free text book.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The October birthday Kiddush will take place on **Shabbat, Oct. 19**. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a October birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday.

ADOPT EZRA FRIEDMAN'S COMPANY GIMMEL: Company Gimmel is an IDF combat company in the 53rd battalion of the 188th Barak Armored Brigade on the front lines of Israel's defense, made up of 50 young men ages 18-26 including our own Ezra Friedman. We are trying to raise funds so that all 50 soldiers are equipped with the proper winter gear for the upcoming winter season. Checks can be made to HIR Rabbinic Discretionary Fund with Company Gimmel in the memo and directed to Rav Steven. Email Battalion53@yahoo.com for more information.

BAYIT SEFARIM FUND: Donations to the Sefarim fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the rabbinic team and gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at www.thebayit.org/sefarim.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN: Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the 1x/first bulletin of every month.

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

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!

ON BEHAF OF THE

- 250 children who enjoyed visiting the live wax museum of
 - Biblical characters and our annual magic show
- 50 teens who enjoyed a yummy sliders bar dinner at the
 - Bayit on Simhat Torah night
 - Nearly 200 children who collected goody bags
- 100 people (children, adults, & Special Friends) who attended the
 - communal Simhat Bet Hashoeva
 - 100 Golden Age participants and SAR 8th Graders

The Youth Department welcomes you in saying THANK YOU to the following volunteers who helped make the holiday so great!

Shalom Holtz, Elie Oberstein, Shira Rodriguez, James Lapin, Margalit Shetreat-Klein, Elliot Rabin, Yael Zand, Rabba Sara Hurwitz, Dan Eisenberg, Ruthie & Joel Simon, Beth Levin, Atara Gorsetman, Gillian Steinberg, Luba & David Teten and Family.

To our Simchat Beit Hashoeva volunteers: James Lapin, Gavriela Lapin, Ruthie Simon, Leah Rollhaus, Rav Ari Hart, Rabba Sara Hurwitz and Rabbi Avi Weiss.

A big thank you as well to all of our Simchat Beit Hashoeva sponsors: Harry Follick, Beth Pepper & Rabbi Jeff Fox, Cecily & Eliezer Oberstein, Barie-Lynne & Ezra Rosensaft and Ruthie & Joel Simon.

A special THANK YOU to our dedicated maintenance & office staff for all their hard work this holiday season.

Have your children been in Tot Shabbat for the last couple of years?

Bring them upstairs for the 3 year-old group with Melissa, Liat, Davina and Kayla

The nursery group is hands-on and rich with fun, interactive educational programming. Parents welcome!

This Shabbat, for snacks, we will be decorating MABUL CAKES to themes from the Parasha!

Nursery-Kindergarten

Parasha Puppet Play with Melissa

1st-6th Grades

Special Tefillah program with Menachem

**SHABBAT
Morning Groups!**

We are still looking for snacks sponsors for this Shabbat.

Please visit:

<http://www.thebayit.org/?id=16355>

Or contact Menachem. Thank you!

TOT SHABBAT — RSHH

Meets under the leadership of acclaimed Tot leader, Carmiya Weinraub @ 10:30am (@ 9:30am: Open Play)

Shabbat Morning Groups:

3rd Floor Youth Wing
9:30-11:30am

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: GRADES 5-6

Teen Lounge

The Teen Lounge is open from 11am-1pm this Shabbat. Come enjoy kiddush with chulent, pool, ping pong, foosball and more

Teen Tefillah coming soon!

Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?

The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children!

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



For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel,

Director of Youth Education & Programming

Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

menachem@thebayit.org



Chessed Opportunities:

SPECIAL CHESSED OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS: Make a lifelong impact on a young Jewish mind as a JYEP tutor! Join other Bayit teens on Sunday mornings as we teach students in the Jewish Youth Encounter Program how to read Hebrew and give them Jewish mentorship and role models. Requirements: must have solid Hebrew skills and enjoy working with children. Contact ravari@thebayit.org for more info.

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.mspny.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 Sunday, November 3 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. For more information call 212-632-4730 or email bikurcholimcc@jbfcs.org or visit www.jbfcs.org/bikurcholim.

Do you know someone who needs any of the following? Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?

Meals For Ill Members:

Jackie Binstock - 718-543-9135, jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com.

Shiva: We are looking to grow this committee. Please contact ravsteven@thebayit.org.

Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, rivkahaut@yahoo.com

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@verizon.net


Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 917-331-2285, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirlwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

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. Meet with her at HIR or in her office at the Beatman Center on 239th Street. Anna can be reached on **Mon. 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tues. 8:00am - 8:00pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00pm at 718-601-9714** or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)

Beyond the Bayit

RABBI ASHER LOPATIN'S INSTALLATION @ YCT: Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabbi Dov Linzer and the YCT family invite the entire HIR community to the installation of Rabbi Lopatin as President of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School **this Sun., Oct. 6**, at Park East Synagogue, 163 E. 67th St. A roundtable discussion on the education of rabbis begins at 2:00pm and the formal program is at 3:00pm, followed by a reception. For more info and to RSVP please visit www.yctorah.org or call 212-666-0036.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFCS will be held on **Tues., Oct. 8**, 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. Where: Beatman Center 521 West 239th Street, 2nd floor. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or akirshblum@jbfcs.org.

NEW WEEKLY SHIUR AT MA'AYANOT: The Ma'ayanot Adult Education Committee is proud to present a weekly shiur series on "*Finding Inspiration in the Details: Studying the Positive Shabbat Commandments*" given by Rabbi Donny Besser, Talmud teacher and Mashgiah Ruchani at Ma'ayanot. This series will meet on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning **Oct. 10** and continuing through Nov. 14. All are welcome. For more information or to sponsor a shiur, please contact Pam Ennis at ennisp@maayanot.org or 201-833-4307, x265.

SAR ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: SAR Academy Open House will take place on **Wed., Oct. 16**, 7:00pm - 9:30pm. Pre-register at www.saracademy.org/acopenhouse by **Oct. 11**. Questions? info@saracademy.org or 718-548-1717 x1206.

SUNDAY FUNDAY @ Y OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS: Sunday Funday recreation program at the Y of Washington Heights begins **Oct. 13** - new offerings - sports and fitness, martial arts and yoga, music, arts and crafts, dance, drama, and an optional Jewish Ed add-on - for children with mild special needs ages 5 - 13 - 9:15 - 11:30 - small groups with added supports. Please contact Deena at 212-569-6200, x 265 or dspindler@ywashts.org.

THIRD ANNUAL ROCKERS IN RELIEF - Oct. 17, 8:00pm: This concert to benefit the Jewish Disaster Response Corps will take place at the Canal Room - 285 West Broadway at Canal St. The JDRC has been very active this past year, working in Joplin, Missouri, Central Oklahoma, Long Island and the Rockaways, logging over 10,000 hours of work, advising community groups and mobilizing volunteers. Learn more and make contributions at www.jdrccorps.org and join in for this great benefit concert! Performers include our very own David Lowenfeld, Michael Tugetman, David Eiseman and Tzvi BarDavid of MIDLIFE BAND!

"MOKUM AND MEDIENE" CONCERT @ CSAIR: Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale Sisterhood is sponsoring a concert on **Wed., Oct. 23** at 8:00pm. Musical presentation by Barbara Haimowitz with keyboard/guitar accompaniment. This event is free and open to all. Light refreshments from the Netherlands. For additional information call 718-543-8400.

JEWISH ALCOHOLICS, CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT PERSONS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS (JACS): JACS is offering two exciting programs in December. A Free Sober Israel Birthright Tour in late Dec. To learn more and sign up go to www.israelfreespirit.com/jacs or call JACS at 212-632-4727. JACS is also offering it's 69th Spiritual Retreat Weekend on Dec. 13-15 at the Ramada Conference Center in Fishkill, NY. For more information call JACS at 212-632-4600 or email JACS@jacsweb.org or visit www.jbfcs.org/JACS.

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.