

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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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 Vayakhel

- Candle Lighting: 5:19pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:20pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:25am
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Parsha Shiur: 4:35pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 5:05pm
- Listening Room: 5:30pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:23pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:25pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Pekudei Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 5:27pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:15pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:32pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Ilene & Zvi Paikin on the birth of a granddaughter. To parents **Laura & Marty Ariaei**. To siblings **Maayan** and **Shirel** and to grandparents **Shirin & Asher Ariaei**.

Wishing Condolences to:

Ellie Schweber on the passing of her husband **Ken Schweber**. Shiva has concluded.

Ruby Langer on the passing of her husband and past president of the Bayit, **Stanley Langer**. To children **Richard (& Lilly) Langer**, **Freddy (& Elli) Langer**, **Suzie (& Rabbi Chaim) Marder**, and **Paula (& Jonathan) Blank**.

Freddy Langer will sit shiva at his home on Sat. night, 2/22, 36 Lakeview Drive, West Orange, NJ.

Paula Blank and Freddy Langer will remain in West Orange at 36 Lakeview Drive on Sun., 2/23. Tefillot on Sun.: Shacharit 8:00am, Mincha/Maariv: 5:30pm.

Ruby Langer, Richard Langer and Suzie Marder will sit shiva in Scarsdale from Sun., 2/23, 12:00pm, at the home of Richard Langer, 37 Elmridge Drive, Scarsdale, NY. Tefillot on Sun.: Mincha/Maariv: 5:30pm.

All families will sit together in Scarsdale, NY from Mon., 2/24 through Tues. Shacharit 2/25 at 37 Elmridge Drive. Tefillot: Mon., 2/24, Shacharit: 6:35am, Mincha/Maariv: 5:30pm; Tues., 2/25 Shacharit: 6:45am.

Richard Lipkin (& Alessandra Scalmati) on the passing of Richard's father **Martin Lipkin**. Shiva will be observed at the Lipkin home, 595 W. 239th St., #4A. Visitors welcome: Thurs., 2/20: 1:00pm - 9:00pm; Mon., 2/24: 1:00pm - 5:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:00pm; Tues., 2/25: 1:00pm - 5:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:00pm. There will be one service at the Lipkin home, Mincha/Maariv on Sun., 2/23 at 5:30pm.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

Friday, Night, 6:45pm, after Tefillah - BRIEF REMARKS with State Senator Jeff Klein
Senator Klein will explain recent legislation addressing the academic boycott of Israel, and answer questions on this initiative.

MIKVAH APPEAL: For 40 years the RIVERDALE MIKVAH has served our community. It is now time to step up to make sure that this crucial resource maintains a strong and up-to-date position in our religious and communal life. We are excited to let the community know that we are in the early stages of planning to refurbish our Mikvah to address some structural issues, strengthen the observance of Taharat Hamishpacha and to create an enhanced experience. There are many opportunities to contribute financial support and expertise to this exciting community project. To contribute/volunteer go to: www.riverdalemikvah.org or info@riverdalemikvah.org.

GUEST LECTURE with world renowned child abuse expert Victor Vieth, JD, Executive Director Emeritus of the Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center:

"Understanding, Identifying, and Preventing Child Abuse in Our Community"

Please join us at approximately 11:15am for this critical 40 minute presentation.

Mr. Vieth has trained thousands of child-protection professionals from all 50 states and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. **Please use discretion in whether to include your children at this serious and direct talk.**



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with YCT 1st year Student Sam

Pearlson: "Steal This Shiur: Issues of Copyright in Halacha"

Sam is originally from Miami Beach, Florida, and attended the University of South Florida, where he studied Poetry and Religious Studies. Sam also has an MA in Jewish Education from HUC-JIR.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00am: join us for raucous davening, singing & dancing with Noah Solomon in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Kiddush to follow. Questions? Email hbroder@gmail.com.

KIDDUSH: Please join us for Kiddush in honor of the birth of **Ilene & Zvi Paikin's** granddaughter.

INTERSECTION OF MEDICINE AND JEWISH ETHICS:

The Impact of Genetics on the Jewish Family - A Free Lecture by Edward Reichman, MD
Tracing genetics from the Bible and Talmud to modern issues of pre-marital and pre-natal genetic testing, pre-implantation and population genetics

Sunday, March 2nd, 7:30pm

Sponsored in loving memory of Irene Horowitz a"h

Edward Reichman is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and of Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) of Yeshiva University. He writes and lectures widely in the field of Jewish medical ethics.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Joe Hoch z"l Memorial Daf Yomi Shiur 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 Sukkah and beyond!

Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

4:35pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Seven (Main Sanctuary)

5:30pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

Monday

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

7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (On hiatus until March)

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

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 (On hiatus until March)

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

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Niddah & Sexuality with Rabba Sara (Session 16)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Shmuel with Rav Steven (LL BM)

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

* Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

Roll Up Your Sleeves for US Troops - Next Event:

HIR was honored to host the 1st Riverdale 'Roll Up Your Sleeves for US Troops' event on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. The day kicked-off with inspirational messages about being Jewish at

West Point & the challenges of providing religious counsel to all faiths as a chaplain in the US military. Our very own Rabbinic

Intern & LTJG Dan Millner provided a shiur on "To Love, Honor, and Obey: Jewish Perspectives on Joining a Non-Jewish Military." Over 125 adults & children then proceeded to make matzah covers, patriotic rainbow loom bracelets, cards of thanks and 100 care packages for our US Troops serving far from home. **If you missed this truly wonderful day, please join on**

Sunday, March 23rd from 1-4pm at Congregation Ramath Orah (550 West 110th St.) - they need OUR help to make 1,000 care packages! For more information: www.msawi.org or beverly@msawi.org.



**RABBI STEVEN EXLER,
RABBINIC INTERN
DANIEL MILLNER
AND MEMBERS OF
THE BAYIT AT AIPAC'S CONFERENCE**



Join The Bayit at the AIPAC Policy Conference, **March 2-4** in Washington, D.C. Nothing compares to the emotion and power of over 12,000 members of the pro-Israel community coming together to demonstrate our commitment to keeping Israel safe and secure. Register online at www.aipac.org/pc.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner. 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.

CPR COURSE @ THE BAYIT - This Sun., Feb. 23rd, 6:00pm: *Registration is full.* To inquire about future courses please contact Charlie Wohlberg at charlie.wohlberg@gmail.com.



HEBREW FREE BURIAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST: Hebrew Free Burial Association will hold its annual Riverdale community breakfast on Sun., Mar. 2nd, at 9:30am at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. The honorees are Dr. Judah & Gail Schorr. For more information or to make a reservation please call HFBA - 212-239-1662 or go to www.hebrewfreeburial.org/rr.htm.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIDURIM AND CHUMASHIM: As our Bayit tefillot grow, our maintenance team has found more siddurim and chumashim left on our seats after tefillah. Please help us keep our Bayit organized and orderly by returning your siddurim and chumashim after tefillah to the appropriate shelves.



BAYIT SHAPED PUSHKAS NOW AVAILABLE @ THE SHUL OFFICE: We are once again offering reusable Bayit shaped pushkas for tzedaka. They can be emptied out at the shul office and taken back home for additional collections. If you would like to give tzedaka and would like to give to the Bayit, please drop by the shul office to pick one up.

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. www.thebayit.org/sefarim.

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



Post-Nup Party - Sunday night, March 30, 8:00pm

Never signed a pre-nup or a post-nup? Please join other Bayit couples for an evening of celebration and to sign a post-nuptial agreement.



7:45pm - Hors D'oeuvres

8:15pm - Post-Nup Signing and Celebration

9:00pm - Reception and Dancing

Families welcome! RSVP information to follow - mark your calendar! \$25/couple. Preview the post-nup at www.thebayit.org/pn.

Questions about the Post-Nup? Prepare for this event with a Shiur with Rav Steven: "Gittin, Get Refusal and Understanding the Pre- and Post-Nuptial Agreement" - Shabbat afternoon March 8th, between Mincha and Maariv.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday night, March 8, 8:00pm: Guest Lecture by Jerusalem Post Legal Affairs Correspondent Jeremy Bob: "Iran, Syria, WMDs and the Legality of Preemptive Strikes"

Shabbat Afternoon, March 15, After Mincha: Shiur with Aharon Lavi. Topic to follow.

Shabbat Shalom!

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!

FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS



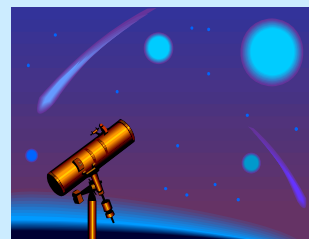
with Shayna & Yakira
ARE NOT MEETING THIS WEEK.
 See you next week!

MAZAL TOV & CONGRATULATIONS!

The Youth Department is so proud to share that we are recipients of the esteemed UJA Federation of NY Synagogue Inclusion Ignition Grant!
 Thanks to the generous support of the UJA, we will be launching a special program offering **CREATIVE ARTS & JEWISH LEARNING** In an **INCLUSIVE** environment, with: **MUSIC/CHOIR, THEATER, PAINTING**
Details to come!

Purim 'In Outer Space' is coming to the Bayit! March 15-16

- Come experience Megillah in our Main Sanctuary Planetarium
 - Join hundreds of kids at our annual Purim carnival, featuring:
 Bungee Run, Moonwalk, Intergalactic slide, Bouncy Obstacle Course, Carnival Games, Cotton Candy & Popcorn Carts, Food Court with Omelet & Pancake Bar, Raffle, Professional Face Art, Magic Show, Balloon-making, Prize Station with Prizes for Every Child, Skee-Ball, Photo Booth, Music & More!
- Learn more @ www.thebayit.org/purim



THURSDAY NIGHT MISHMAR

March 6: 4:00-6:00pm



Join friends for active free play, featuring indoor hockey, arcade basketball, bouncy house and more, dinner with hot dogs, fries & veggies, D'var Torah with Rav Steven, and Torah & arts/crafts with Menachem
 \$10/child (\$18/2 children) Ages 5-10
 HIR Social Hall

AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAYS TORAH & LOUNGE With MENACHEM

- 3:45pm** - Tefillah & Torah for beginners (supporting children with special learning needs & limited Hebrew skills)
- 4:20pm** - Lounge time for all (XBox 360 with Kinect, Billiards, Ping Pong along with snacks)
- 5:00pm** - Torah for all (inclusive learning of week's Torah portion)
- 5:30pm** - Pickup
 \$5 suggested per child
NEXT MEETING: March 4

Nursery-Kindergarten
 Tefillah, PJ Library Story & Snacks with Abby
 At 10:30am

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

This week's snacks are sponsored by Victoria Krasinski & Stas Chernyak in honor of Aaron's 6th birthday. Thank you so much for your generosity and for including us in the celebration. **Happy birthday, Aaron!** To sponsor a future Shabbat morning snacks, please contact Menachem.

Room 3-4: NURSERY
 Room 3-5/3-6: Pre-K & K



Shabbat Morning Groups:
 3rd Floor Youth Wing
 9:30am - 12:00pm



Room 3-1 & 3-2: GRADES 3-5
 Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2

TOT SHABBAT
 This Shabbat, Tot Shabbat is led by Ian Christner TS meets @ 10:30am, Lower Level Bet Midrash (9:30am: Open Play)
THANK YOU, Ian!

The Bayit is honored to host child abuse expert Victor Vieth for a Shabbat morning talk, "Understanding, Identifying, and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse" right after tefillah at 11:15am. Groups will extend until 12pm for those parents who wish to stay for the talk, which will include content not recommended for groups-age children. Groups pickup locations will be announced at the end of tefillah and of the presentation. Please join us to learn about this critical issue of protecting our children.

Supervision
 Abby is supervising groups this Shabbat. If you need assistance, she will gladly attend to you :)

Teen Lounge
 Teens welcome to come hang out in the lounge for Kiddush and games.
 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:

HELP A FAMILY IN NEED: A family with small children in the community is struggling with life-threatening illness. We're collecting some funds to help with their already heavily subsidized Jewish day school costs. Please contact ravseven@thebayit.org to help. Any amount makes a difference.

RIVERDALE FREE LOAN GEMACH: Please be advised that a new Free Loan Gemach has been established to serve residents of the Riverdale community. The Gemach of Riverdale is a non-profit organization providing interest-free loans to those with cash flow challenges, with dignity and respect. For further information please contact Rabbi Moshe Drelich at 917-408-3035 or GemachofRiverdale@gmail.com.



PACK IT UP FOR PURIM @ THE BAYIT: As Purim approaches, the Bayit is joining UJA-Federation of New York for Pack It Up for Purim, a vital effort to feed the hungry. This year, your food package will be part of an incredible effort to deliver one million meals to hungry New Yorkers through Feeding Our Neighbors: An Interfaith Response. UJA-Federation and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York are organizing this initiative. Please drop off packages in the Bayit coat room from Sun., Feb. 23 until Fri., Mar. 14. For suggestions of nutritious items go to: www.thebayit.org/packit.

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 ravseven@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:

Mazal tov to Aimee & Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! For info on meals for new moms please contact Shuli in the office: shuli@thebayit.org.

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: lamelle.ryman@gmail.com

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

The Bayit is pleased to partner with UJA-Federation to offer our members the opportunity to invest in a charitable gift annuity. When you do so, you receive guaranteed income for life, a potential immediate tax deduction, and possible future tax savings. Ultimately, the Bayit will receive 90% of the remainder value, while 10% will go to UJA-Federation to support its efforts for the entire Jewish community and to help cover the administrative costs of the program. For more information, including sample annuity rates, please contact the Bayit office.



HIR GIFT CARDS - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email giftcard@hir.org or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

NOTE: Purchases do not cost you anything extra.

Purim In Outer Space @ The Bayit

Purim is coming! Check out the schedule of events and tefillot at www.thebayit.org/purim!

Purim Night, Motzei Shabbat, March 15th

Join us for a Comedy Show after Maariv and Megillah Reading:

8:30pm - Maariv & Megillah Reading

10:00pm: Food and Drinks available for purchase after readings

10:15pm - Improv Show by Chicago City Limits

Chicago City Limits is New York City's legendary, award-winning improv comedy show, entertaining audiences in NY and around the country for over 30 years. Using audience suggestions, the brilliant CCL cast members create scenes and songs right on the spot, making each and every show unique and personal.



Purim Day, Sunday, March 16th

12:30pm - 2:30pm Youth Purim Carnival

Come show off your costume and get your Purim on with the best Party in town!

For more information go to www.thebayit.org/carnival!




SAVE THE DATE: The Bayit's 40th Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, June 15th, 2014.

Join us as we honor 3 outstanding couples for their hard work on behalf of our community.

*Shani & David Schwartz
Guests of Honor*

*Susan & Jonathan Dzik
Community Service Award*

*Carmiya & Michael Weinraub
Young Leadership Award*

 **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)


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, 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.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - February 7-14, 2014

RESPONDING TO A CONCERN: If you have experienced discrimination in the NYC public school system please contact the Annenberg family who has been working on this complex issue. If you have information or experience to respond to this concern, please reach out to be a part of the conversation. Contact the Annenbergs through jfb@yahoo.com.

 **MIXED MULTITUDE - A PASSOVER SEDER WORKSHOP:** This workshop offered by Congregation Tehillah, is designed to help multicultural and interfaith Jewish families weave their diverse backgrounds and cultures into the Seder Experience. 4 Sundays in 2014: **Feb 23, Mar 2, Mar 30, Apr 6**. Held at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Ave., Bronx, NY 10471. Led by Rabbi Linda Shriner-Cahn of Congregation Tehillah, and with assistance from guest artists. All texts, materials, and art supplies will be provided. Suggested contribution for the workshop series: \$40 per family. Childcare available. To register, contact Rabbi Linda: Rabbi@congregationtehillah.org / 718-884-4839.

GLUTEN-FREE BAKING CLASS IN RIVERDALE: Please join us at the next Kosher Gluten-free Purim Baking Class. We will be featuring hamentaschen, cream-filled chocolate cupcakes, and apple-cinnamon muffins. This class, for women and girls, will take place on **Sun., Feb. 23rd** at 7:00pm- at 5235 Arlington Avenue in Riverdale, New York. To register, please call: 718-601-6138 or e-mail elaine10471@yahoo.com. The fee for this exciting class is \$45 and all supplies are included.

Pre-Order Before Feb. 24th! ORGANIC WHOLE WHEAT SHMURA MATZAH: Order Yiddish Farm organic whole wheat shmura matzah, baked locally in Kiryas Joel under the supervision of Rabbi Yechiel Steinmetz of Monsey. Yiddish Farm is a non-profit organization. 100% of the wheat used for baking was grow on-site. A 1-pound box costs \$29.99 and includes a limited edition insert with the "Four Questions" in Yiddish: www.yiddishfarm.org/ordermatzo.html.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF A GREAT THEATER EXPERIENCE AT THE RIVERDALE Y: The Wizard of Oz Young Performer's Edition for ages 7-11 will be showing at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Avenue. Audition dates/times: **Feb. 25th, 26th** 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Call backs TBA. What to prepare: Girls prepare "Somewhere Over the Rainbow;" Boys prepare "If I Only had a Brain." Both: "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead." For tickets call 718-548-8200.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREENWAY'S EFFECT ON RIVERDALE: Please come to a meeting of the Community Board #8's Parks Committee **Wed., Feb. 26th** at 7:00pm at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Ave., 2nd Floor. There will be three presentations – an official plan, an unofficial plan, and a community perspective on both. For further information search "Greenway in Riverdale NY" for articles and websites about this proposal.

URI L'TZEDEK EVENT WITH OUR OWN RABBI ARI HART: Join us at the Drisha Institute, on **Feb. 26th**, 7:00pm to hear Rav Ari lead a Social Justice Beit Midrash about the role that Orthodox Jews can and should play in the Ramapo County educational system and its current crisis. The Drisha Institute is located at 37 W. 65th St., 5th Floor. For more info call 212-284-6540 or email info@utzedek.org.

SINGLES EVENT @ MT. SINAI JEWISH CENTER: Mt Sinai Jewish Center of Washington Heights is hosting a singles events featuring Chicago City Limits on **Sat. night, Mar. 1st**. Doors Open 8:00pm - Event Starts 8:30pm. Cost: Members: \$25, Non-Members: \$30. Pizza & Refreshments Included! Mt Sinai Jewish Center, 135 Bennett Ave., New York, NY 10033. Sign up online at: www.mtsinaishul.com/event/chicago-city-limits.html.

SPRING INTO ACTION THIS MARCH WITH UJA'S WELLNESS MONTH: UJA-Federation and Sports for Youth are excited to promote good health and wellbeing for our community and ourselves. Take advantage of a wide range of health and wellness events and opportunities to learn something new about this important topic. For more info contact Courtney Cohen at cohenc@ujafedny.org. A Kick-off event - **Family Fun Day 2014: Sweet Street** - will take place on **Sun., Mar. 2nd**, 11:30am - 2:30pm, at Pier Sixty/Chelsea Piers, 23rd St. and West Side Highway. Including Balloons, Carnival Booths, Games, Music, Prizes, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Mitzvah Projects, Face Painting. For more information or to register, please contact Nicole Fleishman at Fleishmann@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1258.

BOOT CAMP FOR BOOMERS IN MARCH: EXPERIENCE2WORK (E2W) is a customized, four-week, intensive skill development and employment preparation program that will increase your competitiveness in today's job market and increase your prospects for employment. Participants must be 50 years of age and over, have a work history and be actively interested in seeking employment in the near term. Sign up for March sessions: Mar. 3rd - 25th (Mondays and Tuesdays) or March 5th - 27th (Wednesdays and Thursdays). To sign up online go to www.FEGS.org/E2W or call (917) 606-6556 for more information. We are grateful to UJA-Federation of New York for their support of this initiative.

RETREAT FOR ORTHODOX PARENTS OF LGBT CHILDREN - Mar. 7th - 9th, Waynesboro, PA: Join us at a national Shabbaton for Orthodox parents with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children. Make the world a safer place for your child while sharing parenting resources in a confidential setting. Join this growing community for a Shomer Shabbos and Kosher weekend at a beautiful, modern retreat center. For info: info@eshelononline.org / www.eshelononline.org.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - February 7-14, 2014

MA'AYANOT'S ANNUAL DINNER: The Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls Annual Scholarship Dinner will take place on **Sat. night, Mar. 8th**, at Congregation Keter Torah in Teaneck. Please join us in honoring Mark & Bracha Bluman with our Keter Shem Tov Award, Ernie & Sallie Levi as Parents of the Year, and Abbie Rabin with our Faculty Appreciation Award. Please call Pam Ennis at 201-833-4307, x265 for more information.

TALMUD CIRCLE INSTITUTE: Join the Talmud Circle Institute for a weeklong "101" workshops with Arthur Kurzweil. Two sessions of Learning will take place at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Session I: **Mar. 17th - 21st**; Session 2: July 21st - 25th. Learn more and register at www.hazon.org/talmudcircle.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A YCT STUDENT FOR A SHABBAT?: YCT is holding a Shabbaton for students and alumni on **Shabbat, Mar. 21st - 22nd**. We are looking for hosts for sleeping accommodations only. Please contact Ruthie at 212-666-0036 or rsimon@yctorah.org if you are able to host.

CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF RAV AVI & TOBY WEISS: Yeshivat Chovevei Torah will be hosting an evening of celebration in honor of Rabbi Avi & Toby Weiss and family on **Sun., Mar., 23rd**, 5:30pm at the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017. For more info or to make reservation call YCT's office 212-666-0036 or email info@yctorah.org.

TORAH ACADEMY OF BERGEN COUNTY (TABC) ANNUAL DINNER: Please join TABC at its 31st Annual Dinner on **Sun., Mar. 30th** at Congregation Keter Torah as we honor a group of very special individuals. The theme of this year's dinner "Building our Future," acknowledges the tremendous contributions of our honorees; Wendy and Isaac Shulman, Alisa and Stephen Levy, Dr. Garry Katz and Yaacov Apfelbaum who have all contributed in significant ways to the growth of our Yeshiva. For reservations or to make a donation, please go to www.tabc.org/dinner.

STEIN YESHIVA'S ANNUAL DINNER: Larry & Nancy Falk are receiving the Parents Award at Stein Yeshiva's Annual Dinner on Monday, March 31st to be held at the Young Israel of Scarsdale. Please partner with Stein Yeshiva in honoring this couple by going to www.steinyeshiva.org and selecting "Events" for info on how you can be included in the yeshiva's dedication book. Please call Mrs. Pollock at 914-965-7082, or email spollock@steinyeshiva.org.

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON: On **Apr. 30th** you can take advantage of a rare opportunity to have private small group meetings and educate Members of Congress about the importance of a strong US-Israel relationship by advocating for Israel's security. Sign up now at www.norpac.net and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. Email David Frankel at dlrs.frankel@verizon.net if you have any questions.

SEND MISHLOACH MANOT TO YOUR FAMILY IN ISRAEL WITH GILI'S GOODIES:

Gili's Goodies is a bakery/gift basket company located in Efrat, Israel (Mr. Gili (David Ehrlich) is an original HIR member from the Whitehall days!) specializing in sending FRESH BAKED "SWEET HUGS" from families around the world to their children, family and friends living/studying in Israel. For Purim, we offer a wide range of Mishloach Manot baskets, all based around our fresh baked products. We can also deliver Mishloach Manot anywhere in the United States! Gili's also organizes chesed programs - sending packages to IDF soldiers as well as special needs children at SHALVA. You can order on line at www.gilisgoodies.com. For more information (TOLL FREE) 866-721-7292. WHEN CHECKING OUT, BE SURE TO SAY YOU WERE REFERRED BY "THE BAYIT" AND THE BAYIT WILL RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF EACH SALE!



RIVERDALE HATZALA MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS: Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot Cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599. SUPPORT HATZALAH IN ITS LIFE-SAVING WORK!

MATANOT L'EVYONIM FOR JERUSALEM'S ELDERLY: Torat Reva Yerushalayim is preparing Matanot L'evyonim to be delivered to the neglected elderly of Jerusalem. The packages that were delivered over the last few years were the ONLY gift packages that these individuals received! \$18 covers one package; \$180 covers packages for an entire floor of a nursing home. You can donate on line via PayPal at www.toratreva.org or mail a check payable to Torat Reva Yerushalayim to: 75 Berkeley Avenue, Yonkers NY 10705.

FREE CLASSES @ KCI: Classes with Cantor Chaim Dubin take place on Sundays at 10:00am - Tefillah/Halacha. At Kingsbridge Center of Israel, 3115 Corlear Ave. All are welcome to attend. For more info please call 718-902-5101.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP GAN MIRIAM NOW OPEN: Gan Miriam located at 3700 Independence Ave., 2nd Floor, is offering a six week summer camp for children ages 2-5. Sessions beginning **Mon., July 7th** and ending **Fri., Aug. 15th**. For more information or to register please contact us: 718-543-2553 or email ganrjc@gmail.com.