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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by Ilene & Zvi Paikin in honor of the birth of their granddaughter.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Seth Aronson - kiddush@hir.org.

This Week

*Shabbat Parshat Pekudei
Shabbat Shekalim
Shabbat Mevarchim*

- Candle Lighting: 5:27pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Carlebach Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:19am
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Parsha Shiur: 4:45pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 5:15pm
- Listening Room: 5:15pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:32pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
(Rosh Chodesh Adar II)
Mon: 6:30, 8:15am
(Rosh Chodesh Adar II)
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:35pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayikra

- Candle Lighting: 5:35pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:40pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:20pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:39pm

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Carmiya & Michael Weinraub on the birth of their daughter, **Nomi Sage (Naomi Esther)**, and to big siblings **Lily, Isaac, and Tobias**, and grandparents Ruth Kramer, Fred Silverman, and Rimma & David Kasse.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rabbi Avi Weiss

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.
The next Carlebach Tefillah will meet on Mar. 22nd.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven:

"What it Means to Give: Shabbat Shekalim in Halakhah and Philosophy"

This Week @ The Bayit

HEBREW FREE BURIAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST - This Sun., Mar. 2nd,

9:30am: Hebrew Free Burial Association will hold its annual Riverdale community breakfast this Sunday at the Bayit. 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.

IRENE HOROWITZ A'H MEMORIAL LECTURE - This Sun., Mar. 2nd, 7:30pm:

"Intersection of Medicine and Jewish Ethics - The impact of Genetics on the Jewish Family" - Lecture by Edward Reichman, MD. We will be tracing genetics from the Bible and Talmud to modern issues of pre-marital and pre-natal genetic testing, pre-implantation and population genetics. 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.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - This Tues., Mar.

4th, 7:00pm: Under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew with English translation and discussion. All are invited! 3rd FL, Room 3-3. Next: 4/1.



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

March 2-4 in Washington, D.C. Register online at www.aipac.org/pc.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT DRASHA with Rav Steven: "Gittin, Get Refusal and Understanding the Pre- and Post-Nuptial Agreement." Rabbi Steven will be giving this drasha in preparation for our Post-Nup Signing & Party on **Sun., Mar. 30th - SEE PAGE 2.**

MARCH BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The March birthday Kiddush will take place next

Shabbat, Mar. 8th. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a March birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday.



BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - MOCK TRIAL: Following our Shabbat morning Drasha join us in the Lower Level Beit Midrash to view a mock trial demonstrating the halakhic issues surrounding get and agunah.

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"

"Let the memory of Stanley be with us forever"

The Langer family has set up a memorial page on www.ForeverMissed.com. If you would like to share your thoughts and memories of Stanley Langer z"l please go to www.forevermissed.com/stanley-langer.



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

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)

4:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

5:15pm - 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 (at his home)

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 (Lobby)

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

7:00pm - Contemporary Israeli Poetry with Atara Fobar (Room 3-3)

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Holidays - Yamim Noraim with Rav Steven (Session 17)

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 Sun., Feb. 2nd. Over 125 adults & children made 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.



Post-Nup Party - Sunday night, March 30, 7:45pm

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! Learn more and sign up at www.thebayit.org/pn.

Questions about the Post-Nup? Email Rabbi Steven Exler at ravsteven@thebayit.org or Rabbinic Intern Anat Sharbat at anat.sharbat@gmail.com.

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.

KAVVANAH TEFILLAH - Next Sun., Mar. 9th, 8:30am: An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1. *Please note the 30 minutes earlier start time - one time occurrence.*



PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIDDURIM 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat Morning, March 15th: Special Guest Drasha with Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, Rabbi and Chaplain, New York University.

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

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

5:45-6:45pm

Social Hall

Pickup @ 6:45 in lobby

6th-8th Graders!
THIS SUNDAY: Movie, Waffles & Gelato @ The Candy Box

Join friends and Bnei Akiva for an exclusive early evening at the Candy Box 4:00-6:00pm \$10/pp (entitles 2 waffles, gelato injection and drinks!)
 RSVP with riverdaleba@gmail.com

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 & 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

This Tuesday, March 4
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

Nursery-Kindergarten

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

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

This week's snacks are not yet sponsored. Can you please help? Contact Menachem about this week's snacks or a future snacks sponsorship.

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



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



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

TOT SHABBAT

This Shabbat, Tot Shabbat is led by Donna Rudolph TS meets @ 10:30am, Lower Level Bet Midrash (9:30am: Open Play)
THANK YOU, Esther!

The Bayit Youth Department congratulates Carmiya and Michael and the whole Weinraub and Tot Shabbat Mishpacha on the birth of Nomi Sage! Mazal Tov!

This Shabbat there will be Youth Tefillah and there will be free play in the social hall.
 Reminder: Please provide authorization if you would like your child to be picked up by others. Thank you :)

Teen Tefillah & Lounge

There IS Teen Tefillah this Shabbat! Join friends and help make this teen-friendly and meaningful. Following Tefillah full Kiddush. 9:30am start. See you **then!**
 Lounge open until 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. Please drop off packages in the Bayit coat room 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

Acknowledging our 2014 members in next week's Bulletin: Thank you to all those who have committed to paying membership dues in 2014. We will be thanking these members in next week's bulletin. If you have not already paid or set up a payment plan, please contact the office (718-796-4730 x103 or phyllis@thebayit.org) by Wednesday morning so that we can thank you too. (If you prefer to be listed anonymously, next week, please let the office know by Wednesday morning.) *The Bayit needs your support in order to meet our financial obligations, and this support is especially important over the next two months.*



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.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish by 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. We are known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue; activism on behalf of the oppressed; youth and teen engagement; learning programs; and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the developmentally and physically challenged.

If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.

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)

BEYOND THE BAYIT - February 28 - March 7, 2014

INTERESTED IN A FREE TRIP TO ISRAEL IN THE EARLY SUMMER? Join YCT/ Maharat on the first ever Open Orthodox Birthright trip. We will blend the traditional Birthright experience of sightseeing, touring and traveling, with a unique open Orthodox feel of learning, challenging, and growing. Those interested do not, necessarily, need to be Orthodox; just interested, committed, and excited. We will be exploring Israel with love and passion, curiosity and enthusiasm. The trip will be led by YCT student Jordan Soffer, and by SAR faculty member Pessy Katz. Make sure to sign up soon as spots are quickly filling up. You can find a link here: www.birthrightisrael.com/VisitingIsrael/Pages/ezra.aspx.

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 jtfb613@yahoo.com.

SINGLES EVENT @ MT. SINAI JEWISH CENTER: Mt Sinai Jewish Center of Washington Heights is hosting a singles events featuring Chicago City Limits **this 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 **this 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.

B'NAI MITZVAH CHESED FAIR @ SAR: SAR Academy invites the broader community to attend a B'nai Mitzvah Chesed Fair coordinated by Areyvut **Mon., Mar. 3rd** from 8:20pm - 9:20pm at SAR Academy (655 W. 254th St. Riverdale). The fair is geared towards students of all ages searching for chesed opportunities, families looking for potential family volunteer opportunities and those looking to volunteer close to home and in Israel. The organizations that will be represented feature a variety of opportunities, such as healthcare, hunger/poverty, seniors, and special needs. The entire community is welcome to join us at the fair. Please contact Ailie Schmulowitz with any questions. Schmua@saracademy.org.

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.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: ISGAP (The Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy) is sponsoring an interdisciplinary seminar series. All seminars are free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. Join us for two lectures - the first lecture will take place on **Thurs., Mar. 6th,** at 6:30pm, "*Swastika as a Symbol of Happiness: Polish Judges and Prosecutors on Anti-Semitic and Racist Hate Cases*" by Dr. Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias. McMahon Hall 109 at Fordham University - Lincoln Center Campus. 155 W. 60th St., New York, NY 10023. The second lecture will take place on **Fri., Mar. 7th,** at 12:00pm "*The Quakers and Palestinian Refugee Relief*" by Dr. Asaf Romirowsky and Dr. Alex Joffe. Advanced RSVP for the second lecture is required. Please email Jenny Pigott at jenny.pigott@isgap.org.

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.

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.

MA'AYANOT PRE-PURIM BAKE SALE: The Ma'ayanot Parent Council invites the community to purchase home-made baked goods at their Pre-Purim bake sale on **Thurs., Mar. 13th** from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Ma'ayanot (1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck). For more information please contact Carrie Polonetsky at cpolonetsky@yahoo.com.

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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 1: **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.

ISRAEL BONDS DESSERT RECEPTION: Israel Bonds invites the Riverdale Jewish community to a dessert reception **Sun., Mar. 30th, 7:30pm** featuring Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, Middle East Strategic and Economic Expert. Ambassador Ettinger will be discussing "The US-Israel Two-Way Street: Israel's Unique Contributions to American Interests." The program will take place at Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. All are welcome and there is no fee to attend. If you would like to RSVP to the event or have questions about Israel Bonds, please call Cynthia Blustein at 914-713-9003 or by e-mail at cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com.

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 **Mon., Mar. 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 dfrs.frankel@verizon.net if you have any questions.

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

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