

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Please join us and Yachad friends for Kiddush after tefillah.

For a list of the Yachad Kiddush Sponsors see box to the right.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Tetzaveh

- Candle Lighting: 5:02pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:05pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Women's Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:35am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:45pm (Main Sanctuary)
- **Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 4:30pm**
- Listening Room: 4:55pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:06pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 5:10pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tisa

- Candle Lighting: 5:11pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:15pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 5:00pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:15pm



**Shabbat
Shalom!**

Welcome to New Member:

Tilda & Ariel Fintzi.

Wishing Condolences to:

Sarah Leah Weinberger-Litman on the passing of her father **Rudy Weinberger**. Shiva will be observed in Riverdale Sat. night 2/8 and Sun. 2/9 at the Weinberger-Litman home, 750 Kappock St., #315. Visitors welcome: Sat. night 2/8: after 7:30pm and on Sun. 2/9: all hours except 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Shiva will continue in Brooklyn Mon. morning, 2/10 until Wed. Shacharit 2/12, at 1530 48th St. (between 15th and 16th Avenues) in Boro Park, Brooklyn.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will take place this Shabbat at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

DRASHA with Rabba Sara

PUBLIC ADDRESS BY ELLIOT ENGEL AFTER TEFILLAH: We are honored to welcome Congressman Elliot Engel this Shabbat at the Bayit. He will share words at the conclusion of services. We are grateful to him for his support of Rav Avi and our Bayit always - and especially in recent times.

ANNUAL YACHAD SHABBATON: Join us as we welcome our special friends and staff from Rayim Yachad! Thank you to the following families who offered sponsorship: LEADER - Wendy & Edward Leyman, Shani & David Schwartz, Shira Gordon & Phil Shaw; PARTNER - Shani & Eli Hagler, Beth & Ari Hait, Rav Avi & Toby Weiss; FRIEND - Beth & David Braunstein, Roberta & Bernard Horowitz, Sharon & Michael Kaplowitz, Nancy & Rabbi Dov Lerea. Also thank you to Chaya & Fred Gorsetman, Raizi Chechik, Debbie Braverman & Hillel Grossman and Sofia & Maxsim Shapiro. To sponsor this important program please visit www.thebayit.org/yachad.

Mincha will be at 4:30pm followed by Seuda Shlishit with our Yachad guests.

Sunday, Feb. 9th @ The Bayit

Join us **this Sun., Feb. 9th, 5:45pm** to hear about the Lone Soldier Center. Learn about the work of the Michael Levin z"l Lone Soldier Center helping IDF soldiers with no family in Israel and how your support will make a difference. To learn more about this wonderful organization and the important work they do go to www.lonesoldiercenter.com.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rav Ari

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The February birthday Kiddush will take place **next Shabbat, Feb. 15th**. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a February birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday.



The Spiritual Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel: Two Riverdale Community Events

Wed., 2/19, 7:30pm / HIR: "Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence"

Thurs., 2/27, 8:00pm / CSAIR: "Why Amazement Matters: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's Vision of Theology, Spirituality, and Ethics"

Co-Sponsored by CSAIR, HIR, Riverdale Temple and Shachar

For additional info go to www.thebayit.org/heschel.



MORE YOUTH INCLUSION PROGRAMMING TO BE OFFERED AT THE BAYIT

We are thrilled to announce that the Bayit has been selected as the sole recipient of a \$10,000 award for the UJA Federation of New York Synagogue Inclusion Ignition Grant. This award reflects the Bayit's ongoing dedication to inclusion as a key value sustaining our community. Instrumental in writing the grant was our Director of Youth Education & Programming, Menachem Menchel, with the help of the Bayit team. The grant proposed a model of inclusion that will use creative arts as a platform for engagement of all Riverdale youth, with disabilities and without. We envision programming with music, theater and arts & crafts to explore ideas of the Torah portion, holidays and liturgical prayers and are excited for a space designed for inclusion and support. We plan to launch in the spring. If you or anyone you know is interested in this program, please contact Menachem.

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.

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 Yoma and beyond!

Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with Rabbinic Intern Daniel Millner (Main Sanctuary)

3:45pm - Parsha Shiur titled: "Do We Wear Our Clothes...Or Do Our Clothes Wear Us?" with Rabbinic Intern Daniel Millner (Main Sanctuary)

4:55pm - 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 - The Golden Calf: What Really Happened That Day at Sinai? with Rabbinic Intern Daniel Millner (Lobby)

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Blessings with Rav Ari (Session 14: Blessings)

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)*

Friday

7:25am - Topics in Tefillah with Rav Steven (LL Lobby)

* 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.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to **Lisa Cohen & Bernard Smith** and to **Leonard Rosenstein** for donating books and Sifrei Kodesh to the Bayit's library.

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



SEFARIM FUND

Thank you to this month's donors:

- Georgia Thomas in memory of Goldie Guttman.
- Laura Shaw Frank & Rabbi Aaron Frank in memory of Ruth Schnall.
- Gloria & David Eiseman in memory of Ruth Schnall.
- Rebecca & Barry Rosenstein in honor of the birth of Barak Yisrael, grandson of Mady & Hillel Jaffe.



To make a donation, pick up a flyer in the lobby, visit our website www.thebayit.org/sefarim, or call the office.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us for our open communal dinner sponsored by Steven Levine in honor of the 50th anniversary of my father, David E. Levine's Bar Mitzvah Parsha. 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.

RAV STEVEN'S RUSSIAN JEWRY REFLECTIONS ONLINE: Rav Steven's drashah from Shabbat, Jan. 18th, "Musings from Moscow: Reflections on a Whirlwind Trip to the Former Soviet Union", is now available online at www.thebayit.org/drashot under Sefer Shemot. There are also hard copies in the flyer bins.

CPR COURSE @ THE BAYIT: Riverdale Hatzalah Volunteer EMS will be offering a free American Heart Association CPR course for the community-at-large (no prior knowledge required). This class will cover CPR skills, choking relief and use of a defibrillator. The course will be held on **Sun., Feb. 23rd** at 6:00pm at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. "Registration is required and space is limited" To register, please go to www.RiverdaleHatzalah.org/cpr. For more information, 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.



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.

HELP ISRAELI SOLDIERS: Adi Finkelstone (son of Jonny and Karen, who lived in Riverdale for several years) is an IDF soldier serving in a Nahal unit that is not outfitted with fleece jackets necessary to protect soldiers from the cold. Army regulations allow soldiers to receive these jackets only if the entire unit is outfitted with them. We are raising \$12,000 to underwrite the cost of the jackets for the entire unit. Please give generously. Checks may be made out to the HIR Rabbinic Discretionary Fund. Please insert "Nachal 50" into the memo portion of the check. If you have any questions please contact Steve Pretsfelder spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.

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

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 this past Sunday. 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



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.**

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 OR 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!

THIS SUNDAY 1:00-3:30pm:

MOVIE, SMOOTHIES & FREE PLAY!



Join friends for active free play, featuring indoor hockey, arcade basketball, bouncy house and more, as well as snacks, fruit smoothies & a theater style movie!
 \$10/child (\$18/2 children)
 1:00-3:30pm on Sundays for ages 5-10
NEXT SUNDAY 10:30am-1:00pm

THIS SHABBAT Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!



Join friends as we welcome our friends of Rayim Yachad. Always a big hit, there are many ways to participate:

- Join the communal Kiddush/Lunch
- Join communal Seudah Shelishit

Sponsorship needed.
 Visit www.thebayit.org/yachad to sign up!

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

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S WEEK MID-WINTER CAMP @ THE BAYIT

Drop kids; off for a day of fun @ The Bayit!

Bouncy House, Arcade Basketball, Indoor Hockey, Xbox 360, Baking, Tefillah with Menachem & Torah with Rav Steven, Pool, Ping Pong, Foosball, and so much more!
 Hot Lunch & Snacks Included!
 9:00-4:00pm
DATE: February 12 & 18
 Visit www.thebayit.org/wintercamp for a sample schedule and to register!
 1st child - \$60; 2nd child - \$50; 3rd child - \$40
EARLY BIRD: child 1; \$50; child 2; \$45; child 3; \$40

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

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

We do not yet have a sponsor for this week's snacks.
CAN YOU HELP?
 Contact Menachem to sponsor this week or next week!

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



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



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, DONNA!

TOT SHABBAT NOTICE

As Carmiya begins a short period away for mommy-hood this week, we would like to introduce you to our incredible team of volunteers who will be leading Tot Shabbat over the next few months: Esther Berko, Ian Christner & Donna Rudolph.
 We are so excited about this talented team of individuals. Please join us in welcoming them. Thank you all!

Grades 2-6

There will be grades 2-6 Tefillah with Menachem this week

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:

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.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT MJHS: Make a difference in someone's life: Volunteer for MJHS Hospice. Our caring, dedicated volunteers are an invaluable resource for our hospice patients and their families. MJHS Hospice needs your help in the Bronx! The next volunteer orientation will be **Wed., Feb. 12th** at the Block Hospice Residence (2550 Webb Avenue Bronx, NY 10468). For additional information about volunteering, and if you are interested in attending the orientation, please contact Danielle LaRosa, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at 212-649-5515 or at dlarosa@mjhs.org.



UJA-Federation of New York
Pack It Up for Purim

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.

SEEKING SUPERHEROES - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY: Every day is a new opportunity to take an active role in our community, to do something about the issues that concern you, to have your voice heard and your presence matter, and to feel fulfilled on a whole new level. Find a volunteer opportunity through UJA's website www.ujafedny.org/volunteer-services.

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).

**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:

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

**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat morning, February 22, after Mussaf: Presentation from world renowned child sexual abuse expert Victor Vieth.

Saturday night, March 1, 7:00pm: Melava Malka and Post-Nuptial Agreement Signing Party. Details to follow.

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"

POTS Teens Chessed Opportunity This Sunday

Attention Riverdale Teens... Volunteers needed at POTS (Part of the Solution) dining room one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at approximately 4:00pm. Contact Samantha Verrone:

sverrone@mac.com, 917-885-4542 to sign up.

Upcoming date are: 2/9, 3/23, 4/6, 5/11, 6/8.



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

*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@jbfc.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)*

LOST HAT:

Hat inadvertently taken from the Bayit a few weeks ago. If you recognize this hat please contact the shul office.



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

RIVERDALE RISING STARS @ THE Y CELEBRATES OUR B'NEI MITZVAH YEAR: Join the Riverdale Rising Stars at the Riverdale Y celebrate our B'Nai Mitzvah year! In honor of this milestone all seats for our fall production of All Shook Up will be \$10 ONLY. Come and see these award-winning teens as they rock and roll to the music of Elvis Presley in this fun-filled, song-filled, dance-filled musical!! Show times: **Sat., 2/8:** 8:00pm; **Sun., 2/9:** 2:00pm & 6:00pm. The Riverdale Y is located at 5625 Arlington Avenue. For tickets and more info call: 718-548-8200.

SHOLEM-ALEICHEM CULTURAL CENTER: The Sholem-Aleichem Cultural Center invites you to a memorial service in memory of Charne Schaechter z"l. **This Sun., Feb. 9th,** 1:30pm at 3301 Bainbridge Ave. corner of 208th St. For additional information call 917-930-0295.



DANCE FOR PD® RIVERDALE PILOT CLASS - Feb. 20th: The Mark Morris Dance Group and Brooklyn Parkinson Group in collaboration with the Riverdale YM-YWHA and The College of Mount Saint Vincent are pleased to announce Dance for PD® Riverdale Pilot class.

Feb. 20th, 11:00am - 12:15pm, at the College of Mount St. Vincent, Peter Jay Sharp Athletic and Recreation Center, 6301 Riverdale Ave. Transportation to and from the YM-YWHA will be available for a modest fee. After class, a hot Kosher lunch is available for all participants who are NYC residents. Lunch is \$3.50 for guests under 60, and a suggested donation of \$2.25 for those 60+. Contact 718-548-8200 x223 for additional information.



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.

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 the 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.



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.

RETREAT FOR ORTHODOOX 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 more information: info@eshelonline.org / www.eshelonline.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.

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.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - February 7-14, 2014

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.

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.

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, and on Thursdays at 7:30pm - Parasha (meal provided). At Kingsbridge Center of Israel, 3115 Corlear Ave. All are welcome to attend. For more info please call 718-902-5101.

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. The shmura matzah initiative is part of a fundraiser for the Yiddish classes run by Yiddish Farm. A 1-pound box costs \$29.99 and includes a limited edition insert with the "Four Questions" in Yiddish: www.yiddishfarm.org/ordermatzo.html.

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.

SAFE AT HOME - THE HUDSON COMMUNITY PROJECT: The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights/Inwood has collaborated with the Riverdale YM-YWHA, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights/Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale to form The Hudson Community Project: Safe at Home. It combines agency resources, expands the geographic scope of our services, and streamlines the process. The result - seniors receive a more comprehensive selection of services aimed at helping maintain independence and make living at home more comfortable and secure. Services include: Case Management - Housing Advocacy - Kosher pantry - Kosher meals - Social Adult Day care - In-home support - Health Maintenance - Rehabilitation - Transportation. For more info contact: Sarah Leiner, MSW at 212-569-6200 x233.

THREE EXCITING RAMAH SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2014: Ramah Sport, Ramah Outdoors, and Ramah Performs are unique programs that combine specialized instruction with years of Ramah camping experience in a spirited environment where Judaism, Jewish values, and Hebrew language are integral to daily activities. Choose one or more specialty camp options either as part of a Ramah Nyack package or as a distinct experience. For dates, tuition, locations, and program descriptions, please visit www.ramahnyack.org. For questions contact Rabbi Ami Hersh, Assistant Director, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack at ami@campramah.org or at 212-678-8884.

DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR: The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Aduv Israel of Riverdale is collecting men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers. Contributions can be left Sunday-Friday in the Lower Lobby collection box of the shul, located at 475 W. 250 St. For questions contact Phyllis Schulberg at hcsps@optonline.net.

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