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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
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This Week

Shabbat Parshat Tzav Shabbat Zachor

- Candle Lighting: 6:43pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 10:06am
- Sephardic Tefillah Mincha: 1:30pm (2nd FL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 5:30pm
- **Mincha: 6:00pm (Special time)**
- Pre-Purim Mini-Shiur: 6:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:47pm
- Maariv & Megillah Reading: 8:30pm
- Additional Megillah Reading: 10:30pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am (Purim Day - Shacharit followed by Megillah Reading)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 6:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Shemini Shabbat Parah

- Candle Lighting: 6:51pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:55pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 7:55pm

שבת שלום ופורים שמח!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Adiella & Binyamin Yitzchak Shem Tov on the birth of a son. To big sister **Levana**, to grandparents and the entire family.

Anat Barber & Avi Bloom on the birth of a son. To grandparents **Elaine & Arthur Bloom** and Sarah & Shlomo Barber, to great-grandmother Malka Barber. To big sister **Eliora** and the entire extended family. Shalom Zachar will take place this Fri. night, 9:00pm, at 3750 Hudson Manor Terrace, #2FW.

Harriet & Joseph Sassoon on the birth of their first sabra grandchild, **Nechemia Ohr Shalem**. To parents **Robbie & Jenny** and big siblings **Noam, Tehila** and **Hadassa** and the entire family.

Sharon & David Moerdler-Green on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Elioa**. To siblings **Michael** and **Rachel**, to grandparents Charles & Pearl Moerdler, Keith Green & Gay Green and the entire family.

Welcome to New Members: Shana & Jon Poler.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

PARSHAT ZACHOR: There will be two additional readings of Parshat Zachor - one at the end of tefillah (approx. 11:30am), and one immediately before Mincha (6:00pm).

SPECIAL GUEST DRASHA with Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, Rabbi and Chaplain, New York University and past Rabbinic Intern at the Bayit


BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Shiur with Aharon Lavi - 6:30pm - 7:15pm

"Simcha and the Heart" - Thought simcha is the end goal for Rabbi Nachman of Breslov? Think again, and join us in exploring the space between happiness and a broken heart as preparation for Purim. Aharon Ariel Lavi is founder and director of the Nettot Mission-Driven Communities Network, reengaging Haredi Ba'aley Teshuva (Returnees) into Israeli society and co-founder of Garin Shuva.



Motzei Shabbat - Purim In Outer Space 5774

MEGILLAH READING at the ATRIA - 8:00pm

 **MAARIV & MEGILLAH READING (followed by Havdalah) - Main Sanctuary - 8:30pm:** During the reading, we'll project the text of the megillah onto a screen enabling the hearing impaired to follow along with the megillah reading and participate in the Purim celebration.


MAARIV & MEGILLAH READING WITH MINYAN SHACHAR - LL Beit Midrash - 8:30pm: Join Minyan Shachar for a lively Megillah reading: every character will be read by a different reader - men and women readers. Reading followed by light refreshments.

SHAKE IT UP FOR PURIM: Please bring a small (but noisy!) box of pasta or rice (boxes only, no bags) to use as a grogger, and after megillah we will donate them to the BJCC Food Pantry.



PIZZA & DRINKS FOR SALE AFTER MEGILLAH: Thank you to Pizza Plus/Corner Café for supplying the Pizza at our Purim Party.

BETH AHARON MAARIV & MEGILLAH READING - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 8:30pm

 **NYC'S LEGENDARY IMPROV COMEDY SHOW - CHICAGO CITY LIMITS - Approx. 10:15pm:** Chicago City Limits will be preceded by a brief Sock Monkey infomercial by Ariella Bulman, Bella Rudoy, Mica Sinayuk, and Avishai Bulman!

ADDITIONAL MEGILLAH READING - LL Beit Midrash - 10:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON PURIM NIGHT: We can use your help to serve at the post-Megillah Melave Malka or at the Carnival. To volunteer go to www.thebayit.org/volunteer.

Sunday - Purim In Outer Space 5774

SHACHARIT FOLLOWED BY MEGILLAH READING - Main Sanctuary - 8:30am

BETH AHARON Shacharit followed by Megillah Reading - LL BM - 7:45am

TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS Shacharit (2nd FL Beit Midrash) followed by Megillah Reading (Special Women's Reading option included) and Breakfast (Social Hall) - 9:30am

MEGILLAH READING at the ATRIA - 10:30am: Come spread Purim cheer to the residents before and after the reading.

Additional Megillah Reading - LL Beit Midrash - 11:00am

YOUTH PURIM CARNIVAL - 12:30pm - 2:30pm: Sign up online at www.thebayit.org/carnival.



EARLY MINCHA - LL Beit Midrash - 1:40pm

MINCHA/MAARIV - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 6:50pm



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)
 12:45pm - Hilkhhot Purim - Beth Aharon Shiur with Rav Dov Lerea (2nd FL BM)
 1:00pm - Mila BaParash - "Oznei Haman and Oznayim Lakotel"
 Beth Aharon Shiur in Hebrew with Tsur Gadasi (2nd FL BM)
 5:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Ari (Main Sanctuary)
 6:30pm - Simcha and the Heart - Pre-Purim Mini Shiur with Aharon Lavi (Main Sanctuary)
 Listening Room with Myra Estelle - Not meeting this week (will resume next week 75 minutes before Mincha)

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)
 7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Holidays - Pesach with Rabba Sara (Session 21)

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.

Post-Nup Party - Sun. night, Mar. 30th,

7:45pm

Our Rabbinic Team deeply believes in the use of the halakhic pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements to address the problem of get-refusal in our broader community. Please help us by filling out a brief survey, so we can learn about how you, our members feel on the subject.

Fill out the survey online @ www.thebayit.org/pn.

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.

"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.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Thank you to the Levine family who sponsored last week's tent in honor of Steven Levine who will be moving to Washington, DC. Join us this Shabbat 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.

SCENTS AND SENSITIVITY: As we dress up and accessorize for Shabbat and Yom Tov, we know that many members use personal fragrances (perfume, cologne, deodorants) to enhance their Shabbat experience. Please be aware that fragrances can be harmful to the health of our Bayit family, and in recent times, a number of congregants have shared with our staff that they often experience respiratory or allergic reactions to the fragrances. Please consider reducing or eliminating your fragrance use when you are in the Bayit.



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 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.



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

THANK YOU: As my Shloshim concludes appropriately on Shabbat Zachor, I would like to thank the rabbinic staff of the HIR, especially Rav Weiss and Rav Steven for their emotional support and spiritual guidance in my time of need. A special thanks goes out to all my closest friend and Kahal of the Bayit for their kind words and concern and strength upon my mother Nechuma Bas Zvi passing A"H. My mother was 93 years old and a holocaust survivor.

Joey Brender

Join the Bayit and Eitan Kastner for a Pre-Pesach tour of the Egyptian Galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Eitan Kastner will be leading the second installment of his Metropolitan Museum of Art tour series. At **11:00am on Sunday, April 6th**, he will lead a tour of the museum's Egyptian galleries to offer a survey of ancient Egyptian history in preparation for Passover.



Cost: \$36/person for museum admission and tour.

Eitan Kastner teaches history and Jewish history at the Frisch School. He has an MA in religious history from the University of Chicago and a BA from the Honors Program at Yeshiva University where he focused on Jewish history and art history.

Register online @ www.thebayit.org/met. Minimum registration 20 people. Payment due with registrations. Refunds will be issued if trip is canceled.



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
 7:00-8:00pm, Social Hall
 Pick up @ 8:00 in lobby



This Tuesday, March 18

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Full day drop-off
March 23 April 6 April 13
Ages 5-11
To learn more visit
www.thebayit.org/funday

Purim 'In Outer Space' is this weekend!

Saturday Night, March 15

- Come experience Megillah in our Main Sanctuary Planetarium
- Followed by food & IMPROV SHOW with Nationally Acclaimed, Chicago City Limits!



Visit www.thebayit.org/purim to learn more

Sunday, March 16

Family Megillah Reading @ The Atria

10:30am - Join our friendly neighbors at the Atria Senior Residence for a family-style Megillah reading, & singing/merriment
Teen Tefillah with Megillah, Breakfast & Carnival
9:30am - Late wake-up teen family Shacharit, with 2 megillah readings (one general, and one female) followed by pancake & omelet bar, plus one hour of teen-only carnival. Sponsorship needed; \$10/suggested

Purim carnival: 12:30-2:30pm

Inflatable Rides, Carnival Games, Professional Face Art, Magic & Balloons, Toddler Section, Prizes, Raffle, Food Court, Photo Booth, Music & More!

Sign up @ www.thebayit.org/carnival



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

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

This week's **SPECIAL SNACKS** (Potato Kugel, Meat Chulent & Humantash) are not yet sponsored. Can you please help? Contact Menachem about this week's snacks or a future snacks sponsorship. Thank you!

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



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



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

TOT SHABBAT

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to assist in setting up the main sanctuary for Purim, as well as Purim night and day, for the Improv Show and Carnival. Please visit www.thebayit.org/volunteer to sign up!

This Shabbat, in addition to youth tefillah, Menachem will be leading a special Parashat Zachor for all ages

Teen Lounge

Open from 11am-1pm for teens to hang with friends and Chulent Kiddush. Games and couches available.

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 ravsteven@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.

DONATIONS FOR THE BAYIT'S NURSING ROOM: In an attempt to beautify and better equip our Nursing Room, we are asking for your help. If you have left-over disposable diapers or wipes that your child is not using any more, please consider donating them to us for our Nursing Room. Please drop off your donations with Yael at the shul office. Questions? Email office@thebayit.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

 **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 & JBFC)*

HIR Clothing Drive 
 SUNDAY, MARCH 30th - 9:30AM - 12:30PM
 Please sort men's, women's and children's clothing into separate bags. We also are collecting blankets and quilts. Please bag those separately. Volunteers are needed. Please call Steve Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586 or e-mail spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.

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.

LISTENING ROOM - 5:20pm: Since we have moved the clocks forward an hour, we are moving the starting time of the Listening Room to 75 minutes before Mincha. All are encouraged to try it out!

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - SEUDAH SHLISHIT: Sponsored by Helaine Newman in honor of Alisha Diamond Saltzman's Birthday in December.

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*



THE EMPTY CHAIR - PRE-PESACH PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED JEWS: Join Rav Steven and HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for some readings, reflections and an opportunity to honor your recently passed loved one in the context of Pesach. Sun., April 6th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the Bayit. Please RSVP to Anna at 718-601-9714 or Rav Steven 718-796-4730 x108 or ravsteven@thebayit.org. 

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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.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - March 14-21, 2014

UPCOMING JACS EVENTS: JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons) is offering three programs for Purim and Passover:

- **Sat. night, Mar. 15th, 9:00pm** - Sober Purim for Teens and Young People
- **Wed., Mar. 19th, 7:15pm** - JACS Adult Sober Shushan Purim - 12 step phone meeting
- **Mon., Apr. 7th, 6:30pm** - JACS Sober Passover Seder – If you cannot attend please join us via a phone conference.

For additional information please call the JACS office at 212-632-4600.

VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER ONLINE AUCTION: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center will be holding its next online auction from **Mar. 16th - 31st**. Unique and fantastic items up for bid! Visit www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc. Do a mitzvah and get a bargain - all proceeds to benefit the VCJC. Questions? Call VCJC office at 718-884-6105.

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.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: You are invited to a special session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group on **Tues., Mar. 18th**, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Join us as a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will talk about the Safe Return Program and general safety measures for people with memory impairment. Where: Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St., 3rd floor. Please RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or akirshblum@jbfc.org.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHOICES FOR END-OF-LIFE CARE: MJHS and the YM&YWH of Washington Heights/Inwood are pleased to present Understanding Your Choices for End-of-Life Care. Join us as respected leaders from the community address common issues that arise when facing end-of-life challenges. Understanding your choices - and communicating your wishes to family now - will ensure that your medical care in the future will reflect your personal value and desires. **Sun., Mar. 23rd**, 10:00am - 11:30am, at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center, 135 Bennett Ave., New York, NY 10040.

MSAWI'S 5TH ANNUAL SUPPORT OUR TROOPS DAY: Save the date - **Sun., Mar. 23rd**, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. At Cong. Ramath Orah, 550 West 110th St. It's a day to show our Troops we care. Help to make 100 Kosher for Passover & 1,000 general care packages. Come through our mini-boot camp & take a class in our military academy. For more information, www.msawi.org/troops.php or beverly@msawi.org.

A TALE OF TWO EXILES - TIBETANS AND JEWS - Tues., Mar. 25th, 5:00pm: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center at Manhattan College will host this open and free lecture by Nathan Katz, Ph. D. At the Alumni Room, O'Malley Library, Manhattan College, 4513 Manhattan College Pkwy, New York, NY 10463. Questions? Contact Mehnaz Afridi, Ph. D., at mehnaz.afridi@manhattan.edu.

FREE CPR COURSE @ THE RIVERDALE TEMPLE: 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., Mar. 30th**, at 6:00pm at the Riverdale Temple. *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.

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.

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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.

RIVERDALE NATURE PRESERVANCY ANNUAL MEETING: Just in time for spring, please come participate in a discussion on non-toxic gardening and housekeeping. Speakers include: Dr. Maya Shetreat-Klein, integrative pediatric neurologist and Jack DePietro, organic gardener. **Thurs., Apr. 3rd, 7:30pm - 9:00pm.** At the Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Ave. For additional information go to info@riverdalenature.org or www.riverdalenature.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR @ THE RIVERDALE Y: Our Annual Environmental Fair will take place this year on **Sun., Apr. 6th, 10:00am - 12:00pm** at the Riverdale Y, 5625 Arlington Ave. RECYCLE - We'll have recycling stations for everything from Apple cores to defunct Zoons; UPCYCLE - Learn about new and creative ways you can turn trash into reassurance; REDUCE AND REUSE - Bring in your gently used toys for our Toy Drive (the Y has donation boxes in the lobby). Clean out your closets for textile donations (Crocs too!) For additional information call 718-548-8200.



WHEN COMEDY WENT TO SCHOOL - SCREENING @ RJC: Sun., Apr. 6th, 6:00pm, at the RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. Come see a screening of the remarkable documentary, WHEN COMEDY WENT TO SCHOOL, which presents an entertaining portrait of this country's greatest generation of Jewish comedians. See internationalfilmcircuit.com/wcwt/index.html for more information about the film.

The cost is \$5 per person; call the RJC office at 718-548-1850 to RSVP.

PROJECT HOPE - PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY - Sun., Apr. 9, 9:00am - 1:00am: Volunteer with your friends and family this Passover and deliver food packages to lonely home-bound seniors. An hour and a half of your Sunday morning will brighten the day of an older Jewish adult during the holidays!



To sign up contact Niti Minkove, Director of Volunteers at nminkove@jbcconline.org or 917-693-3084.

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.

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