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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 Tazria
Shabbat Hachodesh
Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 6:58pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Sephardic Mincha/Kabbalat: 7:00pm (LL BM)
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (LL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:53am
- Listening Room: 5:30pm (Room 3-3)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:00pm
- Mincha: 6:45pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:02pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues: 6:30, 8:15am
(Rosh Chodesh Nisan)
Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:05pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Metzora

- Candle Lighting: 7:05pm
- **Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm**
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:50pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:10pm

שבת שלום!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Milton Schwartz on the birth of his 18th great-grandchild, a girl born in Israel to his grandchildren Chani & Joel Bloom. To grandparents Rabbi Alan (Rabbi of OZ shul) & Elisa Schwartz. A big Mazal Tov the Bloom and Schwartz families.

Rebecca & Barry Rosenstein on the birth of a granddaughter. To parents Dina & Aaron Saks, siblings Joshua and Gabriella, and great grandmother Terry Rosenstein.

Wishing Condolences to:

Daniel Brock on the untimely passing of his wife **Shlomit Chaya**. The family is sitting Shiva in Kiryat Mal'achi, Israel. Daniel can be reached in Israel at 011-972-8-858-5944 or danielbrock72@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Members: Rachel & Seth Chalmer.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rav Ari

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - AIPAC Talkback: Hear what our Bayit delegation learned on our recent trip to Washington, DC for the Policy Conference.



This Sunday, March 30th @ The Bayit

HIR Clothing Drive - 9:30am - 12:30pm: Please sort men's, women's and children's clothing into separate bags. We are also 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.



Post-Nup Party - 7:45pm: Please join Ann & James Lapin, Shani & David Schwartz, Gillian Steinberg & Mark Davis, Valerie Altmann & Dan Perla, Bonnie & Isaac Geld, Melanie & Bob Santoriello, Debbie Braverman & Hillel Grossman, Bracha & David Jaffe, Jennie Goldress & Andrew Eisenbreger and others this Sunday evening at our post-nup signing and celebration. To sign up online go to www.thebayit.org/pn.

- 7:45pm - Hors D'oeuvres
- 8:15pm - Post-Nup Signing and Celebration
- 9:00pm - Reception and Dancing



THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Tues., Apr. 1, 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 Shabbat @ The Bayit

DRASHA with Rabba Sara

SHABBAT MORNING ADDRESS by Daniel Perla: Join us to hear Dan Perla speak about a new initiative in Riverdale - Riverdale Free Loan Gmach.

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah will take place **next Shabbat**, 9:00am in the LL BM.

SPEND A LITTLE EXTRA TIME WITH TOT SHABBAT: Join us for lunch @ the Bayit **next Shabbat, Apr. 5th**, 12:00pm and spend a little extra time with friends and fellow parents. 1 parent & child - \$25; 2 parents & child - \$40; 2 parents & 2 children - \$50; Family - \$60. Sponsorship needed. To sign up and/or sponsor go to www.thebayit.org/tot by Wednesday morning, Apr. 2nd.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rabbi Jeremy Stern, Executive Director, Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA)



FREE PESACH SEDERS @ THE BAYIT: Join us to eat, drink, celebrate and relive the story of our Exodus at HIR's free Passover Seders for either the first Seder on **Mon., Apr. 14th** at 8:15pm, or the second Seder on **Tues., Apr. 15th** at 8:15pm. Led by Rabbis Avi Weiss, Ari Hart and Steven Exler. Call the office to reserve your spot **by Wednesday, Apr. 9th**. Sponsorships are needed. To sponsor e-mail Richard@thebayit.org.

This program is sponsored in conjunction with National Jewish Outreach Program's **PASSOVER ACROSS AMERICA**.



Preparing for Passover @ The Bayit - See Page 2.

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)

5:30pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (Room 3-3)

6:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

After Mincha @ Beth Aharon: Mila BaParasha. This week "Tzahov - צהוב" - was it really yellow; what is the origin of the infamous yellow badge; how NY taxi became yellow; and does "feeling yellow" mean happy or angry? Basic Hebrew is sufficient.

Monday

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

7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (cancelled this week)

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 (cancelled this week)

10:00am - **Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith** with Rabba Sara (Lobby)

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

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Holidays - Chanukah and Purim with Rabba Sara (Session 23)

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.


Happenings @ the Bayit


ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us this Shabbat for our open communal dinner sponsored by Naomi Holzer in loving memory of her parents. 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 Sunday, Apr. 6th:** An hour of slower tefillah with Rav Steven including meditation & song. Light breakfast follows. Halakhic Shacharit requirements met. Room 3-1.

APRIL BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The April birthday Kiddush will take place on Shabbat, Apr. 26th. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of an April birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday. 

 **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.

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 to Stuart Olsen for volunteering on Sat. night, Purim night and on Purim Day, Sunday helping set up at the ATRIA.

Preparing for Passover @ the Bayit

CHAMETZ & NON-CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting Chametz and non-Chametz food items that are nourishing, unopened and non-perishable. The food that we collect will go to City Harvest. Please drop off food in the boxes that are in the coat room. **THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTION DATES - One for each drive:**

Kosher for Passover Food - with the specific certification for Passover -



Deadline is **Mon., Mar. 31st at 5:00pm.**

Chametz - Deadline is **Thurs, Apr. 10th at 9:00pm.**

PESACH PRACTICUM WITH RAV STEVEN AND RAV ARI - Sun., Apr. 6th at 8:00pm: To ensure that it is a Chag Kasher Vesameach, we'll study the laws and details of what foods or products can be bought and used for Pesach, and how to clean and kasher our homes in a halakhic way. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

PESACH QUESTIONS: If you have any Pesach related questions, feel free to call or e-mail our rabbinic team:

Rav Steven Exler: Ext. 108, ravsteven@thebayit.org

Rabba Sara Hurwitz: Ext. 107, rabbasara@thebayit.org

Rav Ari Hart: Ext. 124, ravari@thebayit.org

DO YOUR PESACH SHOPPING AND SUPPORT OUR BAYIT BY USING GIFT CARDS: Purchases of gift cards do not cost you anything extra. For a full listing of stores, log on to www.shopwithscrip.com. To create a new account, use the HIR enrollment code 58L43DE621333.

OU KOSHER FOR PASSOVER FOOD GUIDE: This useful guide is available for pick up in the shul lobby or office. You can also go to www.thebayit.org/pesach and click on the OU Guide link for an online version.


SALE OF CHAMETZ: To sell your chametz online go to www.thebayit.org/chametz. Forms are available also in the shul office and in the lobby. If you would like to make the transaction in person, please see one of our rabbinic team.

MA'OT CHITTIM: We are collecting funds for those in need in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the shul office or given to our rabbinic staff or paid online at www.thebayit.org/maot. These funds should be given in a separate check from any other payments, marked "Ma'ot Chittim" in the memo. Please donate generously.

GOLDEN AGE MODEL SEDER - Thurs., Apr. 10th, 1:00pm: All Older Adults are invited to celebrate Pesach with a Model Seder celebration (led by Rabbi Steven) filled with song and Passover rituals, followed by a scrumptious meal. Please call 718-796-4730 x101 to reserve space or volunteer.

SPECIAL FRIENDS PRE-PESACH PARTY - Thurs., Apr. 10th, 6:30pm: Build bridges between the Special Friends and the Bayit. If you know of special friends who would like to participate, please contact Yael at office@thebayit.org.

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 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
 7:15-8:15pm, Social Hall
 Pickup @ 8:15 in lobby



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

Sunday FUNDAY Drop-off @ The Bayit

Days full of fun! April 6, April 13



Bouncy House, Arcade Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Movie, Holiday Learning, Indoor Hockey, Xbox 360 with Kinect, Jump Ropes, Hula Hoops, Parachutes, Bowling & More! **Hot Lunch & Snacks Included!**

Sign up & sample schedule @ www.thebayit.org/funday
APRIL 6: Special Fitness Program with Camp Zeke, followed by optional orientation for parents!

Low cost per day:

Child 1 - \$30
 Child 2 - \$50

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

Tot Community Shabbat Lunch Shabbat, April 5



Join friends from our wonderful Tot community & meet others. Best yet, don't worry about cooking & cleaning 9 before Pesach!

Tot Programming

Included! To learn more visit

www.thebayit.org/tot

MISHMAR @ THE BAYIT

With Rav Steven & Menachem

APRIL 3: 4-6pm

- HOT DOG, FRIES, VEGIE DINNER
- FREE PLAY
- TORAH

\$10/child; \$18/2 children



CALLING ALL KIDS! Shabbat Afternoon, April 5

Bnei Akiva SNIF & Afternoon Groups return to the Bayit! With Hila, Zohar & Local Friends!

4:30-6:00pm Grades 2-5

Nursery-Kindergarten

Tefillah, PJ Library Story & Snacks with Abby & Melissa
 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 - 11:30am



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!

Tot Community Luncheon

We are in looking for volunteers to assist in planning the April 5 Tot community Shabbat luncheon. If you would like to help, please email Esther Berko @ estherberko@gmail.com or Menachem at menachem@thebayit.org

This Shabbat, Menachem is away and Abby is supervising

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:

SUPPORTING THE BROCK FAMILY: The Bayit is working together with other Riverdale shuls to provide continued support to the Brock family following Shlomit Chaya's passing. If you'd like to contribute towards this effort, please donate to the Rabbinic Discretionary Fund with "Brock Family" in the memo.

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@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA & JBFCs)

HIR CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)

Interested in making healthier and fresher food choices this summer?

Join HIR CSA and receive your fruit, vegetables and/or eggs directly from local farms for 22 weeks this coming summer. Each CSA member can sign up for a weekly or every-other-week share of seasonal produce that is organically grown and freshly picked. The produce is conveniently delivered to the HIR and available for pick-up on Wednesday evenings. Sign up today! For more information contact csa.at.hir@gmail.com.



**Yom Hashoa Seder,
Sunday April 27th, 7:30pm**

Calling all teens:
We are looking for FOUR responsible and creative teens to interview and help tell the story of a Shoah survivor.

Contact:
rabbasara@thebayit.org

Congratulations to our own Menachem Menchel for being one of the recipients of this year's Jewish Education Project 2014 Young Pioneers Award. The Jewish Education Project Young Pioneers Award recognizes five forward thinking and innovative educators, under the age of 36, who are creating 21st century Jewish education for children, teens and families.

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 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.

THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish community by warmly embracing 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 28 - April 4, 2014

CALL FOR STORIES: Seeking personal stories of fertility struggles from within the Jewish community. Share your story *anonymously* at www.WeAreUprooted.com. Your stories will help inspire UPROOTED, a mixed media performance piece that confronts the experience of infertility as presented in both Biblical and contemporary narratives. UPROOTED seeks to create understanding in the Jewish community about the experience of infertility. Your story could impact the choreographic process, be printed in the accompanying resource guide, and help shape the tone of this project. This is a project of Beit Midrash In Motion (www.beitmidrashinmotion.com).

UJA PESACH SEDER SWEEPSTAKES: Win a Passover Seder for 12! UJA-Federation is holding a Passover sweepstakes **starting Mar. 20th at noon through Apr. 3rd at noon**. One grand prize winner will receive a fully catered glatt kosher seder meal for 12 people. But that's not all – 18 additional winners will each get a platter of delectable sweets, kosher for Passover, of course. To enter, visit: www.facebook.com/ujafedny (sweepstakes rules apply).

MIX AND MINGLE WHILE DOING MITZVOT: The Orthodox Union Singles Connection and North Shore University Hospital & Young Israel of New Hyde Park present: Mix and Mingle while doing Mitzvot. Have an enjoyable, interactive evening with delicious dairy dining while preparing Pesach packages for patients at NSUH. Advanced reservations required – space is limited! **Early bird extended until Thurs., Mar. 27th: \$36 (\$45 after March 27)** RSVP: www.oucommunity.org/singles or call 212- 613-8188 or email: steinigi@ou.org.

400 MILES TO FREEDOM - Sun., Mar. 30th, 4:00pm - 8:00pm: Come meet Avishai Mekonen and see his story in a film about the Ethiopian observant Jews who escaped Africa. At Lincoln Park Jewish Center, 311 Central Park Ave., Yonkers, NY. Movie screening will be at 4:00pm, and Avishai Mekonen will be available after the film to meet you and discuss his film and his experiences. Cost: \$12/pay at the door; \$10/advance or group purchase at the synagogue prior to the event; \$5/children under 12 years of age. For additional info contact Robert Kalfus at 917-379-4165 or 914-965-7119.

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.

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.

BEGINNING OF LIFE MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE: Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, in participation with Yeshivat Maharat, presents its Beginning of Life Medical Ethics Conference, **Mar. 31st – Apr. 3rd**. This coming week, students will be exploring the halakhic, pastoral and spiritual dimensions of true to life cases, through lectures, role plays, and text study. Guests are welcome to join Thursday evening April 3 at 7:00pm (at HIR), when students will be presenting the cases to expert panelists for feedback. For more info call 212-666-0036.

VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER ONLINE AUCTION: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center will be holding its next online auction **until Mar. 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.

BEYOND THE BAYIT - March 28 - April 4, 2014

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.

YIDDISH POEMS' READING @ LEHMAN COLLEGE - Thurs., Apr. 3rd, 5:30pm - 6:30pm: This event will take place in celebration of two Yiddish women poets: Rivka Basman Ben-Haim and Kadya Molodowsky. Reflect on the work of these two award-winning writers and on the art of translation. Poems and readings presented in Yiddish and English by Lehman College Languages and Literature Professor Zelda Kahan Newman. Location: Treehouse, Leonard Lief Library, Lehman College, RSVP: <http://ZeldaNewman.eventbrite.com>. For more information on this free event call Alison Lehner-Quam at 718-960-7756.

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 A to Z; UPCYCLE - Learn about new and creative ways you can turn trash into treasure; 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, 5:30pm, at the RJC, 3700 Independence Ave. Come see a screening of the remarkable documentary which presents an entertaining portrait of this country's greatest generation of Jewish comedians. See internationalfilmcircuit.com/wcwtts/index.html for more info about the film. The cost is \$5 per person; call the RJC office at 718-548-1850 x114 to RSVP.

PROJECT HOPE - PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY - Sun., Apr. 6, 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.

SOBER PASSOVER SEDER: JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons) is offering a Sober Passover Seder on **Mon., Apr. 7th, 6:30pm.** If you cannot attend please join us via a phone conference. For additional information please call the JACS office at 212-632-4600.

JASA BRONX MODEL SEDER AT JASA VC SENIOR CENTER: Join us for a meaningful model Seder on **Thurs., Apr. 10th** with songs, blessing and appetizers at 11:45am. Including Klezmer musicians, and a performance by the National Yiddish Theatre – *Folksbiene*. To RSVP call the office at 718-549-4700 by Mon., Apr. 7th.

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. Email David Frankel at dfrs.frankel@verizon.net if you have any questions.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2014-15: Attention music teachers, students and parents! Applications are now being accepted for scholarships to support private music instruction or enhanced lesson time for music students, age 8-15, who live or study in Riverdale, NY. Applications should be submitted by music teachers on behalf of their students and should be received by **May 16, 2014.** Final auditions will be held on **June 15, 2014.** Applications are available from Allen Sher, Director, Rhoda Grundman Music School, Riverdale YM-YWHA. Please call 718-548-8200 x256 or go to www.RiverdaleY.org.