



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Weekly Edition

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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 Bechukotai

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:49pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:14am
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Listening Room: 6:20pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:50pm
- Mincha (Main & Sephardic): 7:35pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:53pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am (Lag Ba'Omer)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:55pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Bemidbar

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:55pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha (Main & Sephardic): 7:40pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:59pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rena & Murray Schaum on the birth of a grandson born to parents Devorah & Avidan Freedman. To sister Shefa and brothers Nachliel and Shivi. To grandmother Barbara Freedman and to the entire Schaum and Freedman families.

Rhonda & William Stock on **Benjamin** becoming a Bar-Mitzvah. To grandparents Helen & Jerry Gura and Sylvia Stock.

Rabbi Joseph Brodie and Erica Goldman-Brodie on the Bat-Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Ariella Brodie-Weisberg** in Berkeley, CA.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Rav Steven

LAG BA'OMER KUMZITZ: Join the Bayit Band for a Kumzitz **this Saturday night, May 17th**, at 9:30pm. Bring your musical instruments and melodies, stories and Divrei Torah.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MORNING SHIUR with Dr. Shmuel Faust:

"The Emperor's New Clothes - Converts and High Priests"

Dr. Shmuel Faust is the author of "Agadta: Stories of Talmudic Drama." He is a lecturer in Talmud, Midrash and Aggadah at the Yaacov Herzog Center for Jewish Studies and at Efrata College and is currently the Literary Editor of Shabbat, Makor Rishon's supplement on Jewish Philosophy, Literature and Art. The shiur will take place after Tefillah in lieu of the Drasha.

MAY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The May birthday Kiddush will take place **next Shabbat, May 24th**. If you would like to make a donation to the Kiddush fund in honor of a May birthday, please fill out the form at www.thebayit.org/birthday.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Abe Mezrich

Our **Book of Remembrance** - Yizkor Book is now in formation.

Please fill out the form and return it with an optional contribution to the shul office by Tues., May 27. **You must submit this form each year in order to have a listing in the book.** Register online at www.thebayit.org/yizkor.



EREV YOM YERUSHALAYIM FILM & CELEBRATION
Tuesday, May 27, 6:15pm - 8:45pm

Celebrate our connection to Jerusalem with film and festive prayer. We'll be screening a Jerusalem-themed movie at 6:15pm, followed at 8:05pm by Mincha and a festive Maariv with Jerusalem melodies.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS

The general membership meeting and elections will take place on **Thurs., June 26th** at 7:15pm. The two main agenda items are the election of officers and trustees (list of nominees online @ www.thebayit.org) and the adoption of a budget for next year. Please join us. Full Agenda to follow. Please contact Richard (richard@thebayit.org) for information on the procedure for additional nominations by petition.

40th Annual Dinner - Sunday, June 15th, 2014.

Sign up today @ www.thebayit.org/dinner



Shani & David Schwartz

Guests of Honor



Susan & Jonathan Dzik

Community Service Award



Carmiya & Michael Weinraub

Young Leadership Award

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. & Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join us and experience Tractate Rosh Hashanah and beyond!

Shabbat

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

6:20pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (Room 3-3)

6:50pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

After Mincha @ Beth Aharon: Mila BaParasha with Tsur Gadi. This week "Herem - עָרֵם" What does it mean? Could it be related to Armon - "palace" - or to Mount Hermon? Basic (and love of) Hebrew is sufficient.

Monday

7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (at his home)

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 Ari (Lobby. Guest teaching Rav Avi's class)

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

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Jewish History: I with Rav Ari (Session 27)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00am - The Concept of "Ger" in Jewish Tradition with Rabbi Moshe Edelman (LL BM. Guest teaching Rav Steven's class)

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.

YCT CHAG HASEMIKHA

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School invites you to our annual Chag HaSemikha on **Thurs., May 29th**, as we celebrate our 2014 graduating class, **Daniel Millner**, current Rabbinic Intern at HIR-The Bayit and Haggai Resnikoff. YCT will also recognize its first class on the 10th anniversary of their ordination and we will confer inaugural honorary semikha upon **Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky**. Cocktail hour 6:30 PM; processional 7:30 PM at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. For more information or to RSVP visit www.yctorah.org or contact abatalion@yctorah.org.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: 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.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Tues., June, 3rd, 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. Upcoming dates: 7/1 and 8/5.



PROFILE OF OUR "SACRED SPACE": Riverdale's Hamlet Hub website beautifully profiled our Bayit's sacred space in a series on houses of worship in Riverdale. To read the article, click on the link: <http://news.hamlethub.com/riverdale/life/994-embracing-paradox-the-bayit>.

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.



SEFARIM FUND: Donations to the Sefarim fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the rabbinic team and gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at www.thebayit.org/sefarim.

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



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Shiur Between Mincha & Maariv with Avivah Zornberg - Shabbat, May 31st

"Sing - now! - to God: Miriam and Moses"

The history of Miriam, the prophetess who speaks enviously of her brother Moses, offers an intimate glimpse of the tensions between brother and sister, both leaders, both prophets. Midrashic material will illuminate this mysterious relationship.

Memorial Service for Shlomit Brock z"l - Sun., June 1st, 6:00pm

The Brock family will be holding a memorial service in honor of the shloshim of their dear wife and beloved mother Shlomit Chaya. The memorial will take place at the Bayit together with Beth Aharon congregation. The entire community is invited. Please bring memories and wishes to share, and please contact Rav Steven ravsteven@thebayit.org if you'd like to learn mishnayot in her memory.

Leil Shavuot (Shavuot Eve) - Tues. Night, June 3rd
Come to HIR for all night learning.



Shavuot Graduation Celebration - Second Day Shavuot, Thurs., June 5th

Calling all graduates: We're celebrating your milestone accomplishments on the second day of Shavuot. Please submit your graduation announcements (including name and program) and an \$18 suggested donation and we'll publish them in the May 30th Bulletin issue and celebrate on the second day of Shavuot. **Names must be submitted by MAY 28TH AT 10:00 AM.**



Guest Drasha with Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg - Shabbat, June 7th

Our annual inspirational words of Torah from Rabbi Wohlberg: "Learning From Past Experience: Rav V'Lo Lokchu Musar"



Youth Shabbat - Shabbat, June 14th

Bayit Youth lead many portions of tefillah, and we'll have the opportunity to honor our departing senior Shabbat group leaders. Join us to celebrate our exceptional Bayit youth!

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



This Tuesday, May 20 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

Shavuot Festivities! June 3-5

- Teen-only dinner followed by all night learning including annual teen-only sessions
 - Day 2 Teen Tefillah followed by teen BBQ
 - Youth cheesecake baking
 - Youth afternoon free play with cheesecakes, snacks & story
 - Special Tot Programming
- MORE DETAILS TO COME!**



CALLING ALL KIDS!
This Shabbat, May 17
5:00-6:30pm
 HIR Social Hall
 Bnei Akiva SNIF &
 Afternoon Groups at the Bayit!
 With Hila & Zohar, Grades 2-7

This Sunday, May 18
Lag Ba'Omer Fun
With Bnei Akiva!
4:00-6:30pm



4pm—Relay Races @ RJC
5pm—BBQ & Bonfire @ HIR
\$10/child
 Bnei Akiva, YIOZ, RJC, HIR

Pre-Shavuot
Shabbat, May 31
4:00-6:30pm
 Child-Parent Torah Extravaganza with Rav Steven & Menachem!
 Trivia and Chavruta
 Fruit, Crackers, Cheese, Candy, Pastries & More!



TEENS & PRE-TEENS

The Youth Department Wants YOU!

Join your friends and become a part of our team of teen leaders. Welcoming applicants now.
Learn more about this exciting opportunity at an exclusive luncheon on June 7.
Register here: www.thebayit.org/leader

Nursery-Kindergarten
 Tefillah, Shabbat Story & Snacks
 with Abby & Melissa
 At 10:30am

SHABBAT Morning Groups!

We are still searching for snacks sponsorship for this Shabbat. **CAN YOU HELP?**
 Please contact Menachem about sponsoring this week 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
 Tot Shabbat meets @ 10:30am, and is led by nationally acclaimed Carmiya Weinraub Right Hand Social Hall (open play @ 9:30am)

Tot Shabbat
 Will be entering the main sanctuary for a Torah parade this Shabbat! YAY!

YOUTH SHABBAT - JUNE 14 (Parashat Sh'lach):
 Mark your calendars for this annual highlight, as we celebrate our community youth and the year of growth and learning that they have accomplished.

- Groups will be entering the main sanctuary to lead a tefillah
- Teens will be leading prayers, leining, and speaking
- Tot Shabbat Torah Parade in the main sanctuary

Teen Tefillah & Louge
TEEN TEFILLAH IS MEETING THIS SHABBAT
 In Room 3-2.
 Please come @ 9:30am
HOT KIDDUSH to follow!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

The Youth Department would like to hear from you. What kinds of programs are you and your children looking for? What programs do your children enjoy and want to experience more frequently? We are currently assessing our educational and programmatic offering and would love your feedback. Please contact Menachem at menachem@thebayit.org to share your thoughts.

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:

DONATE TO ZEV KAPLOWITZ'S BIKE RIDE FOR THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: Zev Kaplowitz is doing a cross country bike ride from San Diego to New York this summer to raise funds for The Friendship Circle. The Friendship Circle is a Jewish international organization that pairs up teens with special needs children in over 80 communities around the world. He could really use your support towards this amazing cause and donations can be made online at his page <http://www.bike4friendship.org/zevkaplowitz> or you can contact him at zevkap94@gmail.com for more information. The ride starts July 3rd so please help out as soon as possible!

CAN YOU HELP OUT?: An Israeli, Matan Raffeld, has arrived in NY. He is currently undergoing dialysis, in preparation for a kidney transplant. His brother, Assaf, and his mother, have accompanied him. The family needs an apartment in a building with an elevator and an apartment with a bathtub, either in Midtown, the Upper East or the Upper West sides. They need the rental for about a month, give or take. Anyone who can help with housing that meets these criteria, anyone with contacts for such housing during this period, please contact Rabbi Dov Lerea at dovlere@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF A COMMITTEE FOR A BONAI OLAM EVENT: A few young couples from the RJC are planning a fundraiser for Bonai Olam, a charity that assists couples struggling with infertility. The event will take place in either June or July. They are looking for a volunteer to act as a liaison for the HIR to join the committee. Whoever is interested can contact Joseph Jaspan at josephjaspan@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: One or two volunteers are needed to phone a lovely Riverdale lady...take her shopping list, shop for her and deliver it to her. The lady will cover the cost of the groceries. The family who does this chessed each week will be away late June, July and August, but will return to take over the commitment in September. If you can help out please contact Niti Minkove at nMinkove@bjcconline.org or 917-693-3084.

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 Drellich 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.



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.**

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:

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, ruth.licht@outlook.com

We have many ways to become meaningfully involved. Please consider becoming a Bikur Cholim Volunteer.

Meals for New Mothers:

Becca Linden: 434-962-7899, beccalinden@gmail.com

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Bayit Band: lamele.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)

RESERVE THE BAYIT FOR YOUR SIMCHA
To book your room reservation go to www.thebayit.org/simcha or contact Richard at Richard@thebayit.org.
SHEYIHIYE BE'MAZAL TOV!
Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.

Salute to Israel Parade
Sun., June 1st, 11:00am - 4:30pm
(Fifth Ave. from 57th St. to 74th St.)
This single largest gathering in the world in support of Israel, will celebrate the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel on Fifth Ave. Join the larger Jewish Community for this fun and important day.



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

Shabbat Shalom!

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 - May 16-23, 2014

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT @ RJC WITH RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS: The Jewish community of Riverdale is cordially invited to the Riverdale Jewish Center **this Shabbat, May 16th-17th**, for a Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom. Please join the RJC for Rabbi Sacks' addresses to the community, on Friday night between Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, Shabbat morning after Mussaf, and at a Seudah Shlishit featuring lively singing and a conversation between Rabbi Sacks and Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt. The Riverdale Jewish Center is located at 3700 Independence Ave. Please check rjconline.org for additional times and details.

FREE BREAKFAST LECTURE @ VCJC: The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is thrilled to welcome guest speaker Rabbi Emanuel Rigoberto Vinas **this Sun., May 18th** for our free Breakfast Lecture Series. Rabbi Vinas will speak on Black Fire and White Fire: The Mystical Power of the Hebrew Alphabet with Lag Ba'Omer Insights. Breakfast starts at 9:15am, lecture at 9:45am. The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. For more information call 718-884-6105.

LAG BA'OMER @ YIDDISH FARM, this Sun., May 18th: Come spend a beautiful afternoon on our 225-acre organic farm! Bring friends and family for a fun day of gardening, archery, bonfires, hayrides, BBQ and music. For additional information call 845-360-5023, email info@yiddishfarm.org or go to www.yiddishfarm.org/lagbaomer.html.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT @ THE RIVERDALE Y: Bonnie Geller-Geld will be having an exhibit of her photographs at the Riverdale Y **through May 30th**. There is an artist reception **this Sun., May 18th** from 1:00pm-3:30pm. On display will be a selection of black and white photographs, some vintage, primarily created in the 1980's. In the exhibit are photographs of Leonard Bernstein being honored at Tanglewood on his 70th birthday, Rudolf Nureyev in rehearsal at Lincoln Center, Prime Minister Shimon Peres during a visit to NY in 1985, Mayor David Dinkins at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. For more information: BGGeld@gmail.com.

ZUMBA CLASS FOR WOMEN IS STARTING! Class is on **Mon., May 19th** at 7:30pm at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. Please bring water, a towel and wear comfortable clothing. **SPECIAL PRICE FOR THIS INTRODUCTORY CLASS** is \$5 per person. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information please contact sharon.bardavid@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL DAY JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENT - Wed., May 21st, 7:00pm: Join the Bayit at a co-sponsored community event with the Council of Young Jewish Presidents and the JCRC-NY and others for a Memorial Day Ceremony honoring American service members killed in defense of our country. At The Jewish Center, 131 W. 86th St. For info and to reserve preferred seating, please contact cohend@jrcrcny.org or 212-983-4800 x489 or visit www.cyjpmemorialday.org.

MATAN B'SETER BAMBI BAKE SALE - Thurs., May 22nd, 8:15pm: Join us in supporting Bambi by buying delicious, home-baked cookies, cakes and Challahs for Shabbos. At the home of Liora Rosenblum, 4710 Fieldston Rd. Matan B'Seter Bambi has provided assistance to needy families in Jerusalem since the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Today, Bambi helps over 1,000 Jerusalem families with food, clothing, and the basic necessities of life, providing this help in a modest and dignified manner. To bake or volunteer, please contact Liora Rosenblum at lrosenblum@gmail.com or Orital Weinroth at oweinroth@optimum.net.



BRONX JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL: In honor of Jewish-American Heritage month, Senator Jeff Klein invites you to the first ever Bronx Jewish Film Festival. Three days, six films! **Tues., May 27th:** "The Chosen" @ 1:00pm and "Goodbye, Columbus" @ 8:00pm; **Wed., May 28th:** "Lost in Yonkers" @ 1:00pm and "Yentl" @ 6:30pm; **Thurs., May 29th:** "Gentleman's Agreement" @ 1:00pm and "Annie Hall" @ 6:30pm. For more information, please call Senator Klein's office at 718-822-2049.

SPIES, SCHOLARS & STATESMAN - AMAZING STORIES ABOUT THE JEWS & THE JAPANESE: Japan Society will be holding a "Meet the Author" program on **Thurs., May 29th** at 6:30pm, at 333 E. 47th St. between 1st & 2nd Ave. Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, Lifetime Honorary Rabbi of Japan's Jewish community and Dr. Ellen Rodman, writer, producer and President of LN Productions LLC, are coauthors of the soon-to-be-published *Pepper, Silk & Ivory: Amazing Stories about Jews and the Far East*. In this program, Tokayer and Rodman will share stories from Jewish and Japan's history. Cost: \$12/\$8 Japan Society members, seniors & students. For tickets call 212-715-1258.

JOIN THE SKATERS & BLADERS GROUP AT THE ISRAEL DAY PARADE: Join your friends and future friends at the Celebrate Israel Parade (f/k/a "Israel Day Parade") on **Sun., June 1st**. Skate, blade, board, cycle, roll, or even WALK with the fun-loving Skaters & Bladers group in memory of JJ Greenberg. To register, email your name & t-shirt size to SariScribe@gmail.com (shirts are compliments of the Greenberg family). Invite your friends, and send this to any relevant lists you're on! This year's theme is "50 Reasons to Celebrate Israel," so send us your reasons!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406678132778910/>

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RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S 55TH ANNUAL GALA: Mon., June 2nd at the Stone Mill, New York Botanical Garden. The RMHA is honoring past and current members of its Endowment Committee, including Bayit member Hillel Jaffe. For reservations, more information or to contribute, visit www.rmha.org.

YESHIVAT MAHARAT'S GRADUATION - Sun., June 15th: Yeshivat Maharat Graduation Ceremony: Yeshivat Maharat will be celebrating the ordination as clergy of our graduates, Victoria Sutton and Rori Picker Neiss on **Sun., June 15th** at 12 pm at the Kraft Center with a reception to follow. While there is no charge for attendance, reservations are required. Please consider acknowledging the outstanding achievements of our graduates and the innovative work of Yeshivat Maharat in our Tribute Scroll. Please visit www.yeshivatmaharat.org or email yaelkeller@yeshivatmaharat.org with questions, to RSVP or contribute to our Tribute Scroll.



BJCC 5TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS: This event will take place on **Fri., June 20th**, 8:00am at the Riverdale Jewish Center, 3700 Independence Ave. RSVP by June 9th at info@bjcconline.org.

VCJC ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER: Van Cortlandt Jewish Center located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. will be honoring Rabbi David Borenstein on **Sun., June 22nd** at noon. Deadline for ad submission is **Fri., May 23rd**. For more info or to sign up go to www.vcjewishcenter.org or call 718-884-6105.

CPR COURSE BY RIVERDALE HATZALAH: 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., June 22nd** at 6:00pm at Hudson Pointe at Riverdale Center for Nursing and Rehab. *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.

SAVE THE DATE: Riverdale Mikvah fundraising event. **Tuesday, July 8th**. Details to follow.

THE BEACON PROGRAM AT THE HENRY KAUFMANN CAMPGROUNDS: This program essentially offers a "country vacation" for older adults, is organized and supervised by the YM & YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood. Located in Pearl River, NY, the setting provides shaded areas for card playing and enjoying the sun, as well as activity space for discussion groups, dancing, and crafts programs. For more info call to Debbie Katznelson, the Program Director, at 212 569-6200 x219.



CAMP ZEKE - A JEWISH CAMP WITH A HEALTHY TWIST: Camp Zeke is a Jewish camp where kids celebrate healthy, active living. Campers can put on an apron and cook local, organic dishes in a professional teaching kitchen. They can also become fitter, faster, and stronger while choosing from sports, dance, yoga, strength training, running, Krav Maga, and countless other activities. The just-renovated, air-conditioned facility is located in beautiful Lakewood, Pennsylvania, just a short drive from New York City. To learn more, email the director at isaac@campzeke.org or visit www.campzeke.org.

SHOEBOX RECYCLING PROJECT AT CSAIR: The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is continuing the ShoeBox Recycling project. We accept all paired men's, women's and kids shoes that are still usable. This means no holes in the soles and no wet or mildewed pairs. Includes athletic shoes, dress shoes, work boots, sandals, heels, flats. The collection box is located in the CSAIR lower lobby, 475 W. 250th St. Questions? Email project chairs Faye Lieman fdlieman1@aol.com or Phyllis Schulberg hcspgs@optonline.net.

FUN IN THE SUN AT CAMP SHEMESH, DAYCARE- AGE 6, BOYS & GIRLS: Bright, fully-equipped air-conditioned facilities, enclosed playground, swimming, gym, special themes and activities, integrated Judaica program, science, music, and more! Lunch included. June 23-August 8. Early drop-off and aftercare. Partial or full summer. Contact: campshemesh@steinyeshiva.org, or 914-965-7082.

SUMMER SHMITA FELLOWSHIP @ YCT: Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School is excited to offer a Summer Shmita Fellowship! Limited Stipends available to men and women for self-guided study in a Beit Midrash setting on an approved topic related to shmita. The program will be from **August 4 - 28** and will take place in the YCT Beit Midrash. For more information, or to apply, contact Allison at abatalion@yctorah.org or call 212-666-0036.