

THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Yael & Asaf Ferber in honor of their son Yotam's Bar Mitzvah.

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

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Behar

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:42pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:18am
- Learning Service: 9:45am (Room 3-7)
- Listening Room: 6:15pm (LL BM)
- Parsha Shiur: 6:45pm
- Mincha (Main & Sephardic): 7:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:46pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Bechukotai

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Candle Lighting: 7:49pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha (Main & Sephardic): 7:35pm
- Shabbat Ends/Maariv: 8:53pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Yael & Asaf Ferber on **Yotam** becoming a Bar Mitzvah. To siblings **Itai** and **Lihi** and to the entire Raviv and Ferber families.

Adinah & Elli Kranzler on the birth of a granddaughter, **Rayah Ashira**. To parents **Ravital & Avi Korn**, to siblings **Adiv** and **Itai** and to the entire Korn and Kranzler families.

Wishing Condolences to:

The Family of **Sara Schaffer** on her passing. Shiva will be observed through Tues., May 13th at the home of Seth Schaffer, 22 Rockridge Road, Larchmont, NY 10583. Shacharit on Sun 5/11: 8:30am and Mon - Tues. 5/12 - 5/13: 7:00am. Mincha/Maariv on Sun.-Mon. 5/11 - 5/12: 7:30pm.

Rochelle (& Efreim) Nulman on the passing of Rochelle's brother **Joel Rosenberg**. Shiva will take place at the Nulman home, 3671 Hudson Manor Terrace #7E, from Sun. evening, May 11th at 6:00pm, through Fri. morning, May 16th, at 9:00am.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TRIP TO PELHAM PARKWAY: Join us as we bring the joy of Shabbat to Russian Jews in Pelham Parkway. We leave from the Bayit at 8:00am, and will have tefillah at Congregation Sons of Israel and Kiddush followed by lunch with the Pelham Parkway Jewish community. On our way back we will stop by the beautiful Botanical Gardens for a Shabbat walk. Please RSVP to Rav Steven or just show up!

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Women's Tefillah will take place at 9:00am in the LL BM.



BEFORE MUSSAF - GUEST DRASHA with David Zackon, Executive Director, Strategic Relations, JDC - Joint Distribution Committee: "Global Jewish Opportunity and Responsibility"

At JDC, David has established partnerships for the Ethiopian-Israeli community, served as chief liaison during Operation Cast Lead, and helped create Israel Unlimited, the initiative promoting inclusion for Israelis with disabilities.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Lecture with Bill Stock: "Judaism In The Movies"

This Sunday @ The Bayit



HIR CSA • Meet the Farmer • Sunday May 11 • 2:30pm

Meet Benjamin Shute of Hearty Roots Community Farm. Learn about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Not signed up for the CSA yet? Come learn more! Already signed up for the CSA? Meet our farmer, get to know other CSA members, and get excited for the season! Open to all ages, Lower Level Beit Midrash. For more info www.thebayit.org/csa.

Next Motzei Shabbat - Lag B'Omer @ The Bayit



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

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.



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

Sign up today @ www.thebayit.org/dinner



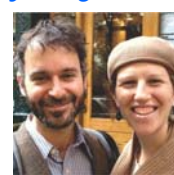
Shani & David Schwartz

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)

6:15pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (Room 3-3)

6:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

After Minha @ Beth Aharon: Mila BaParasha with Tsur Gadasi. "Pras - פָּרָס - "What does it really mean and is it related to "vulture" ?" פָּרָס "You will get a prize if you can guess. Basic (and love of) Hebrew is sufficient.

Monday

Rav Avi's class will not be meeting.

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

Rabba Sara and Rav Avi's morning classes will not be meeting.

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Jewish Life Cycles: Transitions with Rabba Sara (Session 26)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shiur Between Mincha & Maariv with Dr. Shmuel Faust - Shabbat, May 24th

"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.



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, dinner and schmoozing. Information to follow.



Youth 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!

Guest Drasha with Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg - June 21st

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

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.

GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM - Thurs., May 15th, 1:00pm: Join us at our next meeting. 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Learn and Light Lunch. 2:00pm - 3:00pm - Golden Age Adult Bat Mitzvah class with Rav Steven. For questions please call Rav Steven at 718-796-4730 x108. Cost: \$5, pay at the door. To RSVP call the shul office by Wed. morning at 718-796-4730 x101.



MAY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The May birthday Kiddush will take place on 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.

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.

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



Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit

Thank you to **Iris Schneider** for donating a Sony Boombox for the Bayit's Golden Age and Special Friends programs.



Thank you to **Florence Schneider** for donating a Havdallah Candle to the Bayit

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 to our Sefarim Fund:

- Bonnie & Isaac Geld in memory of Dina Sarah z"l - דינה שרה.
- Marda Ross Brown in honor of Nathan Weissler and in memory of Pearl Goldman Weissler z"l.

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



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 13 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 with teen-only sessions
 - 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!
 Next Shabbat, May 17
5:00-6:30pm
 HIR Social Hall
 Bnei Akiva SNIF &
 Afternoon Groups at the Bayit!
 With Hila & Zohar, Grades 2-7



**LaG BaOmer
 Fun With Bnei Akiva!**
Sunday May 18
 4:00-6:30pm
 Relay Races @ RJC
 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!

Thank you to Kathy Goldstein & Ahron Rosenfeld for sponsoring snacks this week, in honor of Andy, Laila, and Modi's birthdays. Happy birthday!
 Please contact Menachem about sponsoring next 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)

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.

- Each group will be entering the main sanctuary and leading a tefillah
 - Teens will be leading prayers, leining, and speaking
 - Tot Shabbat Torah Parade in the main sanctuary
- More information to come!

Teen Lounge

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

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:

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 from the HIR to join the committee. Whoever is interested can contact Joseph Jaspan at josephjaspan@gmail.com.

SPRING TOY DRIVE @ RIVERDALE KIDVILLE - May 9-15: Kidville has partnered with Second Chance Toys to collect gently used plastic toys for children in need! Bring your gently used plastic toys to Riverdale Kidville located at 555 W. 235th St. during business hours. We'll take care of getting the toys to children in need via our partners at Second Chance Toys. Donation requirements: Toys must be plastic, gently used, in good working condition. Battery powered toys must come with working batteries. Questions? Call 718-708-8081.

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@bjconline.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 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:

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: lanelle.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 & 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.

 **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.

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.



Shabbat Shalom!

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.

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 9-16, 2014

A JEWISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR SPOUSAL LOSS: A Jewish bereavement group for spousal loss is starting in **June**. The Shira Ruskay Center of Riverdale invites you to share the journey of loss while gaining strength from each other and drawing solace from Jewish spiritual resources. The group will meet on Mondays, twice a month from 5:30pm - 7:00pm at the Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St. For an initial meeting please call Anna Kirshblum LCSW, at 718-601-9714 or email her at akirshblum@jbfcs.org.

CAROLINE GLICK IN TEANECK TALK: Noted American-born Israeli journalist Caroline Glick, senior contributing editor of the Jerusalem Post, will discuss "Moving Beyond the Two-State Solution" on **Sun., May 11th**, at 8:00pm at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, 641 West Englewood Ave., in Teaneck, NJ. Her talk will benefit Dolev Homes for Youth at Risk, a national network of 14 projects in Israel helping to rebuild young lives. For more information contact Carole Oshinsky, proud_dolev@yahoo.com or Scott Feltman: scott@oneisraelfund.org, 516-239-9202.

JEWISH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: The next session of the Jewish Caregivers Support Group through the Shira Ruskay Center of JBFCS will be held on **Tues., May 13th**, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Share experiences, benefit from mutual support and gain practical advice from people who are actively caring for a loved one. At the Beatman Center, 521 W. 239th St., 2nd floor. RSVP to Anna Kirshblum LCSW at 718-601-9714 or akirshblum@jbfcs.org.

OU SINGLES CONNECTION AND YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE WEST SIDE PRESENT: Great Expectations? An interactive discussion of sensible and reasonable criteria for healthy relationships — and the unrealistic hopes that often arise. For Singles ages 26-38, **Wed. evening, May 14th**, 7:00pm, at Young Israel of The West Side, 210 W. 91st St., New York, NY 10024. Introductory comments by Rabbi Dovid Cohen, Esq., M.S., Mara D'Asra, Young Israel of the West Side. Discussion moderated by Michael Feldstein. Cost: \$25 (includes program and light dairy dinner). Pre-register required. Register at www.oucommunity.org/singles or call 212-613-8188.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RABBI SHELDON CHWAT: SAR Academy located at 655 W. 254th St. will hold a memorial service for Rabbi Sheldon Chwat z"l, Principal SAR Academy 1969-1983 on **Wed., May 14th**, 7:30pm. RSVP greatly appreciated to ChwatMemorial@saracademy.org.

POSITIVE EATING HABITS FOR A LIFETIME: Wed., May 14th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm at Beit Rabban - 15 W. 86th Street. Many of us have complex relationships with food - making it harder to foster healthy food relationships in our children. In this session, Nancy Wolfson-Moche will focus on modeling healthy eating habits and encouraging children to make informed choices. We'll also discuss recognizing and addressing eating disorders, and fostering positive body image. Free of charge (\$10 suggested donation). RSVP: parenting@beitrabban.org.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES FAIR @ THE WHITEHALL - Fri., May 16th, 12:30pm - 4:30pm: Do you put the highest value on maintaining your independence and dignity as you age? Do your loved ones want you to stay safe, comfortable and happy in your familiar surroundings? This Fair has everything you need to know! The Whitehall is located at 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway W. at 232nd St. For additional information call the Health Club at 718-796-2100.

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 16th, 2014**. Final auditions will be held on **June 15th, 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.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT @ RJC WITH RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS: The Jewish community of Riverdale is cordially invited to the Riverdale Jewish Center on **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 on **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, 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.

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LAG BA'OMER FIRE, FOREST & FARM FESTIVAL @ EDEN VILLAGE - Sun., May 18th, 12:30pm - 4:30pm:

Invite the magic of the forest into your life. We'll start the day around the campfire, sipping herbal tea as we hear tales of the Hebrew calendar's agricultural origins. Then we head into the woods to practice primitive (very sophisticated) skills: archery, shelter building, and the art of sneaking! You can bring a picnic or enjoy our excellent organic Kosher lunch. Eden Village is located at 392 Dennytown Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Registration closes **May 11th**. For pricing and additional info call 877-397-3336 or email ilana@edenvillagecamp.org.

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 on **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.

MEMORIAL DAY JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENT - Wed., May 21, 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@jcrny.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.



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. We will also recognize our 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.

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 Japans history. Cost: \$12/\$8 Japan Society members, seniors & students. For tickets call 212-715-1258.



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.

YESHIVAT MAHARAT'S GRADUATION - Sun., Jun. 15: Yeshivat Maharat Graduation Ceremony: Yeshivat Maharat will be celebrating the ordination as clergy of our graduates, Victoria Sutton and Rori Picker Neiss on **Sunday, 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.



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. The means no holes in the soles and no wet or midewed 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 hcspsgs@optonline.net.