



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Schneider family in honor of the Bat Mitzvot of Shira and Aliza.

This Week

**Shabbat Parshat Tzav
Shabbat Zachor
March 18-19**

- Candle Lighting: 6:48pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:50pm
- Shalom Bayit Tefillah: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (RH Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 10:02am
- Parsha Shiur: 5:15pm
- Mincha: 6:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:52pm
- Maariv & Megilah Reading with Bernie Horowitz: 8:30pm (Main Sanctuary)

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 6:55pm

Next Week

**Shabbat Parshat Shemini
Shabbat Parah
March 25-26**

- Candle Lighting: 6:55pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 6:40pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:59pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Gloria & Greg Schneider on the Bat Mitzvot of their daughters **Aliza and Shira Schneider**. To big sister Ariella and the entire family.

Ruth & Howard Bromberg on their 60th Anniversary.

Wishing Condolences to:

David and Maurice Elmalem on the passing of their father Eliyahou. Shiva is observed in Israel. They can be reached at 04-992-4919 until Sunday morning.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER WOMEN'S TEFILLAH - 9:00AM: In celebration of Aliza and Shira Schneider's Bat Mitzvot. Lower Level Beit Midrash.

PARSHAT ZACHOR

There will be three additional readings of Parshat Zachor: right after tefillah in the Main Sanctuary, right after Women's Tefillah in the Lower Level Beit Midrash, and at 5:55pm (right before Mincha) in the Main Sanctuary.

CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT - NEW TIME

Chess Club with Ben Wolfson continues! Shabbat at **4:30pm**. Room 3-6. All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess.

AFTER MINCHA - PURIM PONTIFICATION - 6:30PM

Following Mincha, we'll learn together about Purim.

6:30pm - "Purim - Perfecting the Past" with *Rabbinic Intern Ari Hart*

7:00pm - "At The Terumat Hadeshen's Table" with *Rav Steven*

Then return home to begin preparing for Purim right after Shabbat ends. There will not be Maariv right when Shabbat ends. Instead, we will daven Maariv before Megillah reading. Remember to say "Barukh hamavdil bein kodesh le-chol" after Shabbat ends at 7:52pm to begin preparing for Purim.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

MOTZEI SHABBAT @ THE BAYIT

"Open Orthodoxy: A Modern Orthodox Rabbi's Creed - PART II" - A Two Part Series, with Rav Avi. Following a powerful presentation on March 5th, we'll now take the philosophical foundations of our Open Orthodoxy and understand its particular consequences. 8:30pm in Lower Level Beit Midrash.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOGEL FAMILY OF ITAMAR AND VICTIMS OF THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

**PURIM MORNING, MARCH 20, 10:00AM @ THE MONUMENT
(239TH STREET AND HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY)**



Please join with us as we gather and offer prayers for the Fogel Family of Itamar, who were brutally murdered in their sleep last Friday night, and the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

On Purim, a day when we celebrate the reversal from destruction to survival, we remember those who have died and pray for a turnaround of fates.



**For our full Purim Schedule,
see page 3 of this bulletin.
PURIM SAMEACH!**

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am Sun. - Fri. in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, and after Mincha on Shabbat in the Lower Level Lobby. This Shabbat Daf Yomi will meet at 5:00pm.

Shabbat

12:30pm - Midrash Esther Rabba with Rav Piperno and Professor Steven Fine (2nd FL NM)
 5:00pm - Daf Yomi with Rav Linzer
 5:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven
 After Mincha - Arve Pesachim: 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesahim with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday - Purim Day

9:15am - Stories of the Talmud - Aggadot Hatalmud with Rav Avi (Cancelled due to Purim activities)
 9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (Cancelled due to Purim activities)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 7:30pm - Stories of Elisha & Eliyahu with Rav Avi (At his home)
 8:00pm - SHULA RAIT Memorial Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat (At the home of David Mann. Contact Rabbi Fox at rebjeff@gmail.com to attend.)

Tuesday

10:00am - Pirkei Avot with Rav Avi (Lobby)
 11:00am - Relationships in the Torah: the Good, Bad and Ugly with Rabba Sara Hurwitz (Lobby)
 8:15pm - Basic Judaism with Rabba Sara (Lobby)

Wednesday

8:00pm - Intermediate Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lobby)
 6:30pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*

Friday

7:20am - Moed Katan with Rav Steven (Lobby)

* All Hebrew classes are taught by our experienced teacher Sara Kinberg. For more info. on the Hebrew program and for guidance about placement, please contact Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

Coming soon! HIR Membership Directory!

In our continuing effort to help our members connect with one another, invite guests for a Shabbat meal, or simply pick up the phone to say "hello", an HIR Photo Membership Directory is being created. Watch the bulletin and your email for information and details! All current HIR members will be invited to sign up for a photo shoot at HIR (Sunday, weekday and evening appointments will be available); and to confirm your contact information for the Directory. Photos will be taken in early May and we plan to have the Directory in print for Rosh HaShanah.

To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact hirmembership@gmail.com or: Bonnie Geld 917-885-2793; Wendy Levinson 347-326-7239; or Edith Wolff 718-796-8527.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Ruth & Howard Bromberg in honor of their 60th Anniversary. To sponsor future Tents please contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

YHIR NOT MEETING: Our regularly scheduled YHIR Tefillah is not meeting next Shabbat, Mar. 26. The next meeting will be April 16.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE: A committee on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse is being formed to increase preventive measures in the community and to empower all families. For more information please call Carmiya Weinraub 347-602-6721.

HIR CLOTHING DRIVE - SUN., APR. 3, 9:30AM - 12:30PM: Please sort and bag separately men's, women's and children's clothing in sturdy garbage bags. Deposit clothing in the truck that will be stationed outside the HIR. Volunteers are needed. If you are able to help for even a short amount of time please call Steve Pretsfelder or Barbara Gochberg at 718-601-3586 or e-mail spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.

ISRAELI POET @ THE BAYIT: The contemporary Israeli Poetry Group's April meeting, Tue., April 12 at 7:00pm, will welcome Moishale Yitzhaki, a contemporary Israeli poet, who will lead the class and teach some of his poetry. He is a well known poet in Israel with 5 poetry books published, and he is the dean of literature at Midrashat Oranim which trains teachers.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to Aviva Braun Finkler, LCSW, and Sarah L. Weinberger-Litman, Ph.D., for organizing and participating in our Sat. night program and movie, Hungry to Be Heard. For more info. about eating disorders, please contact Aviva at aviva4223@yahoo.com.

Thank you to our two wonderful mailing volunteers who asked to remain anonymous for helping out with our last Matanot L'evyonim mailing. Chag Purim Sameach!

If you would like to donate your time, talent or expertise to the Bayit please contact our Rabbinic staff: Rabbi Steven Exler at ravstevenexler@gmail.com or Rabba Sara Hurwitz at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

JOIN US AT DAILY TEFILOT

In an attempt to enhance the existing daily tefillot, we invite you to sign up to attend as many week day Tefillot as possible. Just go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/attend (password: HIR) and use this as one more way to inspire you to attend just one more tefillah during the year. Men and women are encouraged to attend. You will receive a reminder a day or two before your commitment. Looking forward to seeing you in shul!



DAF YOMI LIVESTREAM WITH RAV LINZER:

Want to learn Daf Yomi but don't have time to go to a shiur? Now you can hear Rav Linzer's amazing and clear Daf Yomi shiurim live at 7:30am, and recorded thereafter. Visit though the YCT homepage: www.yctorah.org. In conjunction with Torah in Motion.

PURIM SCHEDULE 5771-2011

Shabbat, March 19 - Shabbat Zachor and Purim Night

Maariv & Megillah Reading with Minyan Shachar - LL Beit Midrash - 8:15pm

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.

Maariv & Megillah Reading (followed by Havdalah) with Ba'al Kriah Bernie Horowitz - Main Sanctuary - 8:30pm

Come in costume to hear the talented Bernie Horowitz read the megillah using different voices for each character. 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 be included in the joy of the Purim celebration. And come and see our special Purim Puppets as they perform during the reading!

In the spirit of Purim, please bring a small (but noisy!) box of pasta or rice (boxes only, no bags) to use as a grogger, and after megillah reading they will be donated to City Harvest.

Pizza & drinks from Cafecchino will be available for purchase after the readings in the right side of the Social Hall.

Beth Aharon Megillah Reading - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 8:45pm

Purim Shpiel - "Spoofs on the Bayit" - Approx. 10:00pm

Join us in the Social Hall for a hilarious Purim Shpiel variety show - written by, acted by, and about members of our Bayit. All are welcome - prepare to laugh!

Additional Megillah Reading - LL Beit Midrash - 10:30pm

Texas Hold 'Em Charity Tournament - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 10:30pm

It's Poker time! The tournament is \$25 to enter. Half of the proceeds will go to charity of your choice and half will go to HIR. To enter the tournament, please RSVP to Steven Laufer at sml8@nyu.edu.

Shpiel or No Shpiel! Ginger Grill - 10:00pm - 12:00am

All teens are invited to play Deal or No Deal, with real cash prizes up to \$300! Head over to Ginger Grill after Megillah reading for an all you can eat buffet, refreshments, and your chance at big money! \$20 includes dinner, refreshments, and your chance at big money!

Sunday, March 20 - Purim Day

Shacharit Followed by Megillah Reading - Main Sanctuary - 8:30am

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

Tefillat Esther Women's Tefillah Megillah Reading - Main Sanctuary - 11:00am

In celebration of Shira and Aliza Schneider's Bat Mitzvot.



Fantastical Purim Carnival & Performance - 3rd FL - 11:30am

All children who come in costume win a prize! Cost \$18 per family. Includes food, drinks and more! Sponsored in conjunction with Kinneret Day School and with our Jewish Youth Encounter Program.



Parade through the streets of Riverdale - Approx. 12:30pm

Public Megillah Reading with Amcha at Iranian Mission to the UN - 12:00pm

On a day when we commemorate the near-destruction of our people, we read our story aloud in the face of another who would destroy Israel. At a time of global unrest, this is a critical moment to show our Jewish pride and our responsibility to other communities in need on Purim. All are welcome. 622 Third Ave. (at 40th St.)

Early Mincha - LL Beit Midrash - 1:45pm

Mincha/Maariv - LL Beit Midrash - 6:55pm

Chesed Programs

Matanot L'evyonim (Gifts to the Poor): You can fulfill this mitzvah through our Project Matanot L'evyonim at the Bayit. We encourage every one to take part. In addition, we will distribute your cash and check donations which we collect before or on Purim day to needy Jews here in the Bronx and in Israel. You can give your donation to one of the rabbinic staff. Remember the words of Miamonides; "It is better to spend more on gifts to the poor than on the Purim meal or on mishloach manot. For no joy is greater or more glorious than the joy of gladdening the hearts of the poor."

Megillah Reading for the Homebound: Do you know someone who may need the megillah read for them at home? Can you offer to read the megillah for someone in need? If your answer to either of these questions is yes, please let us know.

Mishloach Manot Delivery to the Homebound: On Purim day, spread the Purim joy. Deliver Mishloach Manot to the homebound throughout our neighborhood. Contact ravstevenexler@gmail.com if you'd like to deliver and visit.

Retirement Residences: Celebrate Purim megillah readings and spread Purim joy to the residents at the Atria on Purim night, Sat. night, Mar. 18 at 8:15pm, and Purim day, Sun., Mar. 20, at 10:30am. Join the HIR rabbinic staff to bring the cheer of Purim to everyone.



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Watch out for our new site at:
www.hir.org
E-mail: please don't email. We
cannot respond in a timely
fashion.
To reach a person, please
call.....never mind

Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by no
one. As usual.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Jubilees March 21 - 22

- Candle Lighting: 3:52am
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 3:55am - 8:00pm
- Minyan not Shalom Bayit: 6:50am
- Minyan Teen Tefila: 10:00am
- Minyan Adult Tefila: 9:30am
- Minyan Kindergarten: 11:00am
- Minyan Ashkenazi Carlebach: 6:00am
- Minyan Ashkenazi non-Carlebach: 11:00am
- Sephardic Minyan: 8:00am
- Sephardic Temani: 10:00am
- Separdic Israeli Minyan: 8:00am
- Minyan Tot Shabbat: 11:00am
- Minyan Golden Ages: 10:00am
- Minyan Special Friends: 10:00am
- Minyan for those who wear pink shirts: 11:00am
- Mincha/Seuda Shlishit: 6:35pm
- Shabbat Ends: if you are at the HIR for Maariv, then Shabbat ends at 10pm, otherwise at 7:52pm

LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost anything in the bayit, like a long black coat, or any valuables, please don't expect to get it back.

Shabbat Shalom
and Happy Purim!

Mazal Tov:

To the Bayit community on the birth of a new building. Mazal tov to the grandparents, the Whitehall Boiler Room and Hebrew Institute University Heights, on this wonderful occasion.

This week at the Bayit:

This coming Shabbat, we will be having a joint tefillah of Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Roman Catholics, and Bahai. We have canceled services at all local houses of worship in order to enable a true communal prayer experience. In addition, in the spirit of truly blending our communities, there will be a communal kiddush combining meat and dairy as well as non-kosher delicacies from around the world. Come experience true unity at the Bayit!

Welcome:

To our Youth Members. You are the only children who may daven in our building.



THE JEWISH WEEK

The March 4th edition of the Jewish Week endorsed making the super computer Watson a Rabbi. It has come to our attention that a techie at IBM changed Watson's voice to a female and renamed him Wilma. The Jewish Week has withdrawn their endorsement stating that the computer is no longer capable of

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REFUNDS

Money collected from the capital campaign, to pay for our building, has been so successful that we have actually collected too much money and will be issuing refund checks to all our members. Please contact the Shul office if you have not received your refund.



Please Note - HIR's Offices Have Moved Again

Please look for the Staff at the Atria. We are still looking for an office for Rabbi Avi Weiss. If you have a space in your apartment, please let us know. Until then, Rav Avi will be holding meetings in the 3rd floor bathroom.

SHOES AT THE BAYIT:

Recently Rabbi Aaron Braun, our JYEP Director and Rabbi Steven Exler were seen in the building barefoot without any shoes. When asked to the nature of their behavior, they replied: Rav Avi told me "Targish Ba'Bayit!" (Feel at home!)



Getting to Know Each Other:



As our Bayit grows, we want to make sure that we get to know one another. This High Holiday season, the Rabbis will whistle every 15 minutes at which time everyone must find a different seat than the one currently occupied. No one may go back to any seat that they have already sat on and they must have a different person on either side. Thank you for your

CALL FOR A NEW SHUL PRESIDENT

Due to the success of recent citizen revolutions (Egypt and Libya) to oust oppressive and dictatorial regimes, a small group of shul insurgents (led by attorney Mark Baker) is organizing a rally to oust long time HIR President Dan Perla. Sponsors of the rally include Valerie Altmann (Dan's wife) and their four children.



Youth Department

YOUTH KIDDUSH

Youth Kiddush is sponsored by Michael and Stephanine Kress in honor of Yael's birth and Adira becoming a big sister.



HIR YOUTH LIBRARY

Help us build our fledgling youth department library. Sponsor a book in honor of a loved one for \$15, and enhance Shabbat morning groups for all. If interested, contact Shira.

POTS: Attention Riverdale teens! Volunteers needed at the POTS Soup Kitchen one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:30am and return at about 4:00pm. We are scheduled for the following dates: April 3 and May 8.

If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or (917) 885-4542. There are 4 spots available each month.

Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver! BAYIT KATAN will meet on Thursdays from 10:30am -12 noon. There will be trial a sessions on April 28th. Spring One Session will meet on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Spring Two Session: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 6. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. Fee: \$100 for 6 sessions. For more info or to register, contact Kathy Goldstein (kathyandahron@verizon.net) or Michael Weinraub (runmhw@gmail.com). To register please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/BayitKatanSpring2011>



YOUTH GROUPS : 9:30am - 11:30am

Tot Shabbat (Room open for play at 8:30am, tefillah at 10:30am): 3-1

3 Year Old Nursery: 3-4

4 Year Old Pre-K: 3-5

5 Year Old Kindergarten: 3-6

1st-2nd Grade: 3-3

3rd-4th Grade: 3-7

5th-6th Grade Junior Congregation: 3-2

Kol Hanearim 5th Grade and Up: 2-2

7th-12th Grade Teen Tefillah: Social Hall



Children in Tot Shabbat must be accompanied by an adult. All other groups are for children only. Families requiring transition time must meet with Shira. N-4th Graders must be picked up at 11:30am by a caregiver. If you are late, you will find your child in room 3-4. For safety reasons, children must be registered to attend groups. To register go to <http://tiny.cc/lt0y4>. Visitors are always welcome.

Teen Tefillah will meet this week at 9:30am on the right hand side of the Social Hall.



VESHINANTAM CONTINUES ON SHABBAT AFTERNOON

We invite you to join us for parent and child learning at Veshinantam. Return to the Bayit to learn with your children in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash. Open up a Mishna, bring your child's Parsha reader, or use one of our books or articles for child Jewish learning. Refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam will resume on **Shabbat afternoon, Mar. 26, 5:30pm.**

3rd - 4th GRADE SHABBATON - BRING A FRIEND

Calling all 3rd-4th graders! Join us on Shabbat March 26, for a super special Shabbat morning groups, complete with an awesome game, a special activity with Yisrael, and a special Kiddush. If you haven't tried groups before, try now...if you have, bring a friend! Following groups will be a delicious lunch at the shul with youth director Evan Zauder, and the group teachers and leaders. Following Shabbat, come back to the shul for a super fun Motzei Shabbat activity.



Our Youth Directors are Shira Berkovits and Evan Zauder.

You can e-mail Shira at

hirshira@yahoo.com and Evan at evanhir@gmail.com.



Social Worker @ The Bayit



In partnership with UJA-Federation and JBFCs, HIR social worker, Anna Kirshblum is available to assist with employment and financial advice, bereavement counseling and information and referral. There is no charge for these services and all information shared is strictly confidential. Call Anna at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at akirshblum@jbfc.org.



If you'd like to receive this bulletin via e-mail please send your name and e-mail address to hir_nexus@yahoo.com.

Chesed Opportunity

READ TO JOE: Joe Pissarevsky is looking for volunteers to read to him. Please email joshabraham18@yahoo.com for details on this chesed and friendship opportunity.

CLEANING FOR A REASON: For women currently undergoing chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while in treatment. All one has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Please pass this information on to your family & friends. For more info. go to www.cleaningforareason.org.

JOIN OUR BIKUR CHOLIM VOLUNTEERS: As our shul grows, we need to expand our pool Bikur Cholim Volunteers. We urgently need committed individuals to help plan, grow and organize our services. Help us make the Bayit all it can be. Please contact: Rivka Haut at rivkahaut@yahoo.com; Ruth Licht at ruth.licht@verizon.net; or Isaac Geld at kindcare@aol.com, or call 917-733-4961.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERDALE HOMELESS SHELTER: Looking for volunteers to cook meals for 8 homeless guests at the Society of Ethical Culture. To see the schedule and sign-up, go to TaketemAMeal.com. Last name: Society of Ethical Culture; Password: HIR. For questions, contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or shiragordon@optonline.net.

DONATE PLATELETS FOR NESHAMA: 6-year-old Neshama Ryman, a beloved member of our community, is undergoing 15 months of treatment for cancer. Neshama is in regular need of platelets. Donating platelets is as simple as donating blood, but takes a longer time. If you're available to donate platelets for her, please email or call Joe Licata at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Blood Donor Program to schedule an appointment: 212-639-8177 or licataj@mskcc.org. The last platelet appointments on T/W/Th: 6pm; F/(Sat)/S/M: 1:30pm. Please ALSO sign up on a website dedicated to coordinating Neshama platelet donations: <http://goo.gl/0G9np>. Donations are at Sloan Kettering, 1250 1st Ave. Visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations for complete information.

**Do you know someone who needs any of the following?
Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?**

Shiva: We are looking for fill-in volunteers. Please contact ravstevenexler@gmail.com

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
Isaac Geld: 917-733-4961, kindcare@aol.com

Meals for New Mothers:

Aimee Baron: 718-432-0777, baronajl@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Welcome:

hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR:

hirsocial@gmail.com

Social Worker - Anna Kirshblum: 718-601-9714, akirshblum@jbfcs.org



Beyond the Bayit

THE YIDDISH RADIO HOUR: The Folksbiene Yiddish Theater presents - The Yiddish Radio Hour, **Tues., Mar. 22, 2:00pm**, at Lehman College, Lovinger Theater. Admission is free, but you must have a ticket. For tickets call 718-960-8024. For group tickets call: Izzzy Firestone 212-213-2120 x204.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: Come hear experts talk about women's roles in economic development abroad and Israel's involvement in the important advances being made. This evening of learning will take on **Tues., Mar. 22, 7:30pm - 9:30pm** at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, 37 W. 65th St., 5th Floor. This event is co-sponsored by the Drisha Institute, the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA) and the Pardes Institute. For more info. Call JOFA at 212-679-8500.

SUMMER ISRAEL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS: UJA-Federation of New York's Israel Experience Center provides both needs-based and merit scholarships. Scholarship details and eligibility requirements can be found here: <http://ujafedny.org/israel-experience>. Please contact Rav Steven if you are interested in applying. Deadline is **Wed., Mar. 23**.

ANTIQUITIES JEWISH STUDIES CONFERENCE: "Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antiquity", organized by the YU Center for Israel Studies. Speakers include many scholars including Daniel Sperber, Lawrence Schiffman, Laura S. Lieber, and the Bayit's own Steven Fine. Day 1: **Sun., Mar. 27, 1:00pm-6:00pm** at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St. Day 2: **Mon., Mar. 28, 10:00am - 6:00pm**, at Furst Hall 501, 185th and Amsterdam Ave. For program information and to register, visit yu.edu/cis.

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE: Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for girls will be hosting this event on **Tues., Mar. 29, 4:00pm - 9:00pm**, at 1650 Palisade Ave., Teaneck, NJ. For more info. contact Reva Judas at springf824@aol.com or Sallie Levi at sallielevi@gmail.com.

HAIRSPRAY: Riverdale Rising Stars are thrilled to announce their spring production of HAIRSPRAY. With a cast and crew of over 70, our talented teens come to us from Riverdale (with appearances by Bayit Members Rebecca and Rachel Abrams and Shara and Yona Zierler Feit), South Bronx, Kingsbridge, Inwood, lower Manhattan, Yonkers, Hastings and more. Show dates are: **Sat., Apr. 2 at 8:30pm, Sun., Apr. 3 at 2:00pm, Thurs., Apr. 7 & 14 at 7:30pm, Sat., Apr. 9 & 16 at 8:45pm, Sun., Apr. 10 at 4:00pm & 7:30pm and Wed., Apr. 13 at 7:30pm**. Tickets are available online at Riverdale.org. Group rates are available. For more info. call 718-548-8200.

CLASS IN DAVENING @ THE CENTURY: Join Marilyn Selber on Fri. mornings, 9:30am - 10:30am, at the Century to study the order and meaning of the prayers, concentrating on the shresh (root) of the Hebrew words. For more information contact Marilyn at [symp6th@aol.com](mailto:symph6th@aol.com) or call 347-275-8801.

Support HIR with your purchases

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THE BAYIT

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale - The Bayit - is an open Orthodox Synagogue which serves the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute is a synagogue that warmly embraces all Jews regardless of affiliation, commitment or background. It is affectionately known as the "Bayit", which is a home - a place of love and welcome. The HIR is known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue, for activism, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and the mentally and physically challenged.

We would like to thank the following members who have renewed their membership for 2011.

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