



THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

There will be no Kiddush this Shabbat.
Please contact the shul office to
sponsor a Kiddush.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Kedoshim April 29-30

- Candle Lighting: 7:32pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mevarchim Tefillah: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (RH Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:24am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:30pm
- Mincha: 7:15pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:36pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Wed/Thurs: 6:30, 8:15am
(Rosh Chodesh Iyar)
- Mincha/Maariv:
Sun: 6:45pm (Erev Yom Hashoah)
Mon-Thurs: 7:40pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Emor May 6-7

- Candle Lighting: 7:39pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:20pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:43pm

שבת שלום!

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Anat Sharbat & Ariel Freidenberg on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents Aviva & Binyamin Sharbat and Edna & Yehuda Freidenberg. To big sisters Yiskah, Tzruyah and Naama Rachel.

Ilene & Tzvi Paikin on the birth of twin granddaughters born to Laura & Marty Ariaei.

Beth & David Braunstein on the birth of a grandson born to Devorah & Meir Bar-David. To grandparents Sharon & Yaacov Bar-David and to great-grandmothers Selma Anshen and Pauline Braunstein.

Rabbi Dov Linzer, Rabbi Avi Weiss, and Rabba Sara Hurwitz on being amongst Newsweek's Top 50 Rabbis. Visit www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2011-04-16/50-most-influential-rabbis-in-america/#.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: All are invited to join the chevra at 9:00am for lively davening to Reb Shlomo's melodies. All are encouraged to bring kosher-certified, sealed packaged food for communal Kiddush following the service. In Lower Level Beit Midrash.

SIDDUR CLASS with Rabbi Moshe Edelman: "The Siddur: An Interactive Engagement with Praying (A Spiritual Need) and Prayer (A Commanded Obligation)". 10:30am - 11:30am in Rabba Sara's office (2nd Fl Rabbinic Offices). Open to all.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT: Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Ilene & Tzvi Paikin in honor of the birth of twin granddaughters to Laura & Marty Ariaei. Food, singing, and blessings for the new babies.

Seudat Hoda'ah (Celebration of Thanksgiving) - This Sunday, May 1, 10:00am

Please join us as we give honor to **John Stone** who saved Toby's life at Yankee Stadium. We invite you, our Bayit family, to join us for a Seudat Hoda'ah (Celebration of Thanksgiving) Sunday, May 1st, 2011 at the Bayit. The theme of this event is **service** - the importance of 'stepping up to the plate' to help others. RSVP is appreciated. Please email savtitoby1@aol.com. Celebratory Dessert Reception.

YOM HASHOAH SEDER - This Sun., May 1, 7:00pm: Join us in the Social Hall for our annual community Seder where young and old come together to re-tell the experiences of the Holocaust and hear firsthand accounts from Holocaust survivors. We will also see powerful and beautiful paintings detailing the story of one survivor's experience. **Please note: Mincha will be at 6:45pm, and Maariv will follow the Seder.**

Kavvanah will be postponed from Sunday, May 1 to Sunday, May 8 at 9:30am.

CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP: Study Israeli poetry in the original with English translation and discussion. Led by Atara Fobar. **This Tues., May 3, 7:00pm - 8:00pm.** In the main lobby.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MORNING TRIP TO PELHAM PARKWAY - 8:00AM

Join us **next Shabbat, May 7**, as we bring the joy of Shabbat to Russian Jews in Pelham Parkway. We leave from the Bayit at 8:00am. After tefillah we will join the community for lunch. On our way back we will stop by the beautiful Botanical Gardens for a Shabbat walk. All are encouraged to join us! Please RSVP to ravstevenexler@gmail.com.

SHABBAT LEARNING SERVICE - 9:00AM: Learning Service will take place **next Shabbat, May 7** at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash.

SHABBAT CHOVEVEI - MISHAEL ZION: Outstanding teacher and YCT student Mishael Zion will teach us after tefillah on May 7. His 11:00am lecture is titled "Love Without Rebuke is Not Love: The Mitzvah of Tochecha in our Personal Lives and for Medinat Yisrael."

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - Guest Shiur with Rav Ethan Tucker: "When Moshe Got Stumped: Four Stories About Leadership, Citizenship, and the Limits of Personal Responsibility"



HIR's 37th Annual Journal Dinner - Sun., June 5, 6:00pm

Save the date for a spectacular Journal Dinner honoring:

Daniel Perla & Valerie Altmann - Guests of Honor
Rabbi Tomer & Efrat Grossman - Community Service Award
Steven & Chani Laufer - Young Leadership Award

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.

Shabbat

6:30pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven
 After Mincha - Daf Yomi with Rav Linzer
 After Mincha - Midrash Ruth Rabba' with Rav Piperno (2nd Fl BM)

Sunday

9:15am - Stories of the Talmud - Aggadot Hatalmud with Rav Avi (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
 9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (not meeting this week)

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 (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.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to the Sephardic Tefillah for donating money to purchase a second meat warmer for the Bayit.

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.

CLASSES AT THE BAYIT

Thank you to Ben Wolfson for donating his time to teach chess. Your classes were enjoyed! If you have a skill to offer, please contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES

Gift cards or store credit available for all local stores and many beyond. You can order directly from Kosher.com using the password KOSHERHIR - no gift card necessary. For a complete list of all available stores, log on to shopwithscrip.com. The HIR enrollment code is 58L43DE62133. For more information or to place orders, e-mail Shira Gordon at hirgiftcards@gmail.com.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S TENT: Join us for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

HIR MEMBERSHIP PHOTO DIRECTORY: All current HIR members will have the opportunity to have their family photographed professionally (and you get a FREE 8" x 10" photo!) and be part of our directory that will be distributed to all members of HIR in time for Rosh Hashanah. To reserve a time for your photo session (times available May 1, 3, 4 & 5, and July 10, 11, 12 & 13), please go to <http://tinyurl.com/BayitDirectory>. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Geld 917-885-2793; Wendy Levinson 347-326-7739; or Edith Wolff 718-796-8527.



YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY - Mon., May 9, 7:15pm: HIR invites all to a solemn Yom Hazikaron ceremony (in honor of Israel's Remembrance Day) in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Please note Mincha will be at 7:00pm.


YOM HA'ATZMAUT TEFILLAH CHAGIGIT - Mon., May 9, 8:00pm: We will host a Yom Ha'atzmaut Festive Prayer Service in honor of Israel's Independence Day. It will be followed by a delicious BBQ, lively music, dancing and a performance by the HIR Choir.



ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL - Tues., May 10, 4:00pm - 7:00pm: Join hundreds of Riverdalians on Yom Ha'atzmaut for a massive festival for children and families, "Israel: Gifts of the Land". Sponsored by the HIR and the Bronx Borough President's Office. The festival will take place next to Seton Park, on Independence Ave. (between 232nd and 235th Streets). There will be a carnival with rides, vendors selling their wares. Featuring entertainment by Shir Fun! Rain Location: PS 24 on 234th St. & Independence Ave.

GUEST TEACHER DR. AVIVAH ZORNBERG: Join us for our annual Dr. Zornberg lecture, titled "Why Did Sarah Laugh?" Shabbat afternoon, **May 14** at 7:30pm. Mincha at 7:00pm. This annual event inspires us and deepens our understanding of Torah.

SUPPORTING ITAMAR: The Bayit is collecting funds for Itamar to be distributed to Friends of Itamar which works on projects in the Itamar community, and to the Israel Trauma Coalition, an organization doing trauma counseling and training in Itamar. We are aiming to raise \$1,500. Please make checks payable to HIR Rabbinic Discretionary with "Itamar" in the memo, and drop off in the office.



CITY HARVEST

FEED THE KIDS FOOD DRIVE

Every summer, hundreds of thousands of New York City kids that depend on lunch at school face hunger. From Mother's Day to Father's Day (May 8 - June 19), HIR will participate in City Harvest's Feed the Kids food drive to collect child and family friendly nonperishable food items. Help us reach our goal of 100 pounds! Drop non-perishable food items in the coat room opposite the Bayit entrance.



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

Book of Remembrance

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 Thursday, May 26. You must submit this form each year in order to have a listing in the book. Extra forms are available in the shul office or lobby.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) at HIR

Interested in making healthier and fresher food choices?



Join CSA at HIR and receive your fruits, vegetables and/or eggs directly from a local farm. Each CSA member will receive a weekly or bi-weekly share of seasonal produce that is organically grown and freshly picked. CSA at HIR is a delightful way to eat better tasting food, help support local agriculture and create community! Respond quickly; only a few shares remain for this season. For more information contact csa.at.hir@gmail.com.



The PJ Library®

JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

The PJ Library is Coming to Riverdale!

HIR is excited to announce that we will be partnering with the PJ Library to bring free children's books and music to families in the HIR community!

Stay tuned for more details and how you can sign up.

Please enjoy the books in the Lobby - these are a taste of what PJ Library is all about.

For more info or to sponsor this program please contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x.102.



Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver! BAYIT KATAN meets on Thursdays from 10:30am - 12:00pm. Spring Two Session has begun. The next dates are: May 5, 12, 19, 26 & Jun. 6. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. 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 Department

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

Tot Shabbat (Room open for play at 8:30am): 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

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.

YOUTH KIDDUSHES

Kiddush on Shabbat, April 16 was sponsored by Aviva & Daniel Goldman in honor of Elisha's birthday.

Kiddush on the last day of Pesach, April 26 was sponsored by Kathy Goldstein & Ahron Rosenfeld in honor of Modi, Leila, and Andy's birthdays.

Youth Kiddush this week is sponsored by Nava, Adam and Hila Cohen in honor of Galya and Erez's birthdays.

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 **Lower Level Beit Midrash**. Open up a Mishna, bring your child's Parsha reader, or use one of our books or articles for child Jewish learning. Light Seudah Shlishit will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam meets this **Shabbat afternoon, Apr. 30, 5:30pm-6:30pm.**

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 next Sunday, May 8.

If you are interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or (917) 885-4542.

There are 4 spots available each month.



GOT A PING PONG TABLE?

Please contact Shira if you have a ping pong table in good condition and would like to donate it to the Youth Department.

Our Youth Directors are Shira Berkovits and Evan Zauder. You can e-mail Shira at hirshira@yahoo.com and Evan at evanhir@gmail.com.



Chesed Opportunity

JOIN OUR BIKUR CHOLIM VOLUNTEERS: As our shul grows, we need to expand our pool of 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.

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: 6:00pm; 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 @ 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.

ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE INPUT

OUR INFORMATION ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! WHAT KIND OF ISRAEL RESOURCES, ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU WANT AT THE BAYIT?

PLEASE E-MAIL KAREN STAHL-DON AT KAREN.STAHL-DON@LAW.CARDOZO.YU.EDU WITH SUGGESTIONS. WE'RE ALSO

LOOKING TO COMPILE A LIST OF NAMES AND E-MAILS OF BAYIT MEMBERS NOW IN ISRAEL. PLEASE ALSO SEND THOSE TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS ABOVE.



Beyond the Bayit

45TH ANNUAL MICKEY MARCUS MEMORIAL SERVICE: This service will take place **this Sun., May 1** at 11:00am in the Jewish Chapel at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. A coffee hour will begin at 10:00am. Speakers will be Israel Consul General from NY, Mr. Ido Aharoni, and West Point Chief of Chaplains, Col. Mike Durham. For more info. call Rick Feldman at 646-431-7734.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR @ THE Y: The Riverdale Y located at 5625 Arlington Ave. will once again host Riverdale's largest environmental fair on **Sun., May 15** from 10:00am - 2:00pm. This year the fair will feature **Stop 'n Swap** - Bring clean, working and portable items you no longer need (including clothing), but this is not required. Please do not bring furniture or other large items that cannot be carried away easily; **Bring your old Crocs** - Crocs recycles and donates your used Crocs to impoverished countries via their SolesUnited program; and three movies for children: 10:30am - **Eco Beeps! With Skip & Molly** (22 min.), 11:00am - **The Story of Stuff** (20 min.), and at 11:30am - **Curious George Goes Green** (108 min.). For more info. call 718-548-8200.

EMUNAH NATIONAL CONVENTION: This convention will take place on **Sun., May 15**, 1:00pm at Lincoln Square Synagogue, 200 Amsterdam Ave. at 69th St. The program includes internationally recognized personalities, renowned lecturers, authors, educators and Jewish spiritual leaders. To RSVP go to emunah.org/convention or call 212-564-9045 x306.

RUN FOR ISRAEL: Celebrate Israel and Israeli culture on **Sun., June 5**, the day of the Israel Parade, at 9:00am! Join New York Road Runners and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) for this inaugural 4-mile race in Central Park. For more info. visit <http://nyrr.org/races/2011/r0605x00.asp>.

COMING TO AID OF ISRAEL FIREFIGHTERS: Responding to December's forest fires, Riverdale Lifeline to Israel hopes to raise \$130,000 to purchase a customized GMC Savana van, trailer and lifesaving equipment for use by a 10-firefighter team of the Northern Galilee Fire Department. Donations will be placed in the JNF account maintained for the fire department. Make checks payable to the Jewish National Fund with notation "Riverdale Lifeline to Israel" and mail to Riverdale Lifeline/CBA, P.O. Box 630211, Bronx, NY 10463. For info. e-mail riverdalelifelinetoisrael@yahoo.com.

CAMP GAN MIRIAM: Sessions will begin Tues., July 5 and end Fri., Aug. 12. Early registration discount available. The *younger* group (2 - young 3 year olds) will meet 9am-1pm Mon-Fri. 3, 4 or 5 days are available. The *older* group (3½ - 5 year olds) will meet 9am-3pm Mon-Thurs and 9am-2pm Fridays. Camp includes regular daily sessions, enrichment programs, indoor and outdoor water play, trips and special nature programs. Lunch and snack served daily. For pricing and further information please call 718-543-2553 or email ganrjc@aol.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY PROGRAM: The Y of Washington Heights is planning to offer a Sunday morning recreation program for children with special needs in grades K through 5 beginning in the early fall. For more info., please contact dspindler@ywshhts.org.

LOST: A small volume of Hebrew poetry entitled "Masada", by Isaac Lamdan. Please contact Pesach Klein at 718-543-4667.

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.