

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 Behar May 13-14

- Candle Lighting: 7:45pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
Friday night Maariv ends around 8:00pm
- Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Tefillat Esther: 9:00am (LL BM)
- Teen Tefillah: 9:30am (RH Social Hall)
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:15am
- Parsha Shiur: 6:00pm
- **Mincha: 6:45pm**
- Shabbat Ends: 8:49pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:50pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Bechukotai May 20-21

- Candle Lighting: 7:52pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 7:30pm
- Shabbat Ends: 8:56pm



Mazal Tov To:

Felice Helfgott on her daughter Wendy Amsellem's being honored at the Drisha dinner this Sunday.

Welcome to New Members:

Estelle Friedman and **Tamar Riwlin Baumgold**.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

TEFILLAT ESTHER: Will meet **this Shabbat, May 14**, at 9:00am in the 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)". **This Shabbat, May 14**, 10:30am - 11:30am in Rabba Sara's office (2nd Fl Rabbinc Offices). Open to all.

BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV - DR. AVIVAH ZORNBERG: Join us for our annual Dr. Zornberg lecture, titled "Why Did Sarah Laugh?" **Shabbat afternoon May 14** at 7:15pm. **Mincha at 6:45pm**. This annual event inspires us and deepens our understanding of Torah.



ORTHODOXY AND HOMOSEXUALITY: After the recent publication of a book by lesbians with connections to the Orthodox community, we'll hear some of the authors' stories and continue the conversation about helping these communities coexist. The book will be available for sale at the event. **Monday, May 16**, 8:00pm reception and program at 8:30pm. This is a conversation we value having at the Bayit - please join us for it.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

YHIR TEFILLAH: Young HIR will begin at 9:15am in the Right Side of the Social Hall.

EIN HANATZIV SCHOLARS WEEKEND: We welcome the faculty of Midreshet Ein Hanatziv, a women's yeshiva which shares the Bayit's values. The Midrasha is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a weekend of learning here in Riverdale.

BEFORE MINCHA - Shiur with Rachel Keren at 6:30pm: "Chazak Chazak V'Nitchazek - The Transition from Vayikra to Bamidbar"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV: Rav Yitzchak Ben David: "Shiur for Lag BaOmer - Resistance, Tolerance or Accommodation: Three Rabbinc Paradigms for Engaging Foreign Culture"

MOTZEI SHABBAT - Lag B'Omer Musical Havdalah and Kumzitz - 9:00pm
Join Rav Avi and the Bayit Band for musical Havdalah and Kumzitz with songs and stories.



PHILADELPHIA JEWISH MUSEUM TRIP



Join Rav Steven and the Bayit for a trip to the new Jewish Museum in Philadelphia. **Tues., May 24**. We will leave the Bayit at 9:30am and return around 8:30pm. \$35 cost includes coach bus, lunch, and admission. Dinner in Philadelphia before returning. RSVP to Judy in the Older Adults Dept. at 718-796-4730 ext. 111.



HEBREW INSTITUTE OF RIVERDALE - THE BAYIT 37TH ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER

Come join us for our 37th Annual Journal Dinner - Sun., June 5, 6:00pm



DANIEL PERLA & VALERIE ALTMANN
Guests of Honor



RABBI TOMER & EFRAT GROSSMAN
Community Service Award



STEVEN & CHANI LAUFER
Young Leadership Award

Thank you to those who have mailed in their ads or placed their reservations.

All ads must be received by Fri., May 20, 2011.

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets 7:30am Sun.-Fri. in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash, and before Mincha this Shabbat in the Lower Level Lobby.

Shabbat

5:45pm - Daf Yomi with Rav Linzer (Lower Level Lobby)
 6:00pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 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)
 10:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (concluded for the year)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
 7:30pm - Stories of Elisha & Elyahu with Rav Avi (At his home)
 8:00pm - SHULA RAIT Memorial Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
8:30pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Maharat (At the home of **Stanley Langer**. 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.



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.

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.

Happenings @ the Bayit

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

HIR'S YOM HASHOAH SEDER AVAILABLE ONLINE: A clip of our annual Yom Hashoah Seder commemorating the Holocaust is available on Jewish Funk. Please click on the link below to see Aaron Herman interview Rav Avi and Rabba Sara about this unique, important program and to experience some of the meaningful moments of this Seder. To view the clip please go to: <http://www.jewishfunk.com/2011/05/03/yom-hashoah-seder/>.

ERETZ HABAYIT: Lend a hand, work the Bayit's land! Please help us turn the soil of the Bayit's yard in preparation for some new plantings and greening before the Journal dinner. No gardening experience necessary. Please email shiragordon@optonline.net to sign up for one hour of Bayit yard work next **Sunday, May 22nd, 4:00pm-7:00pm; Sunday, May 30th, 12:00pm-7:00pm; and Monday, May 31st, 12:00pm-7:00pm.** All ages can help! Tools provided, but please feel free to bring your own gardening gloves, steel rakes, and shovels.

MIDRESHET EIN HANATZIV PARTNERS LEARNING - MAY 22: Come celebrate the Midrasha's 25th anniversary **Sunday morning, May 22,** for brunch, partners learning facilitated by the Midrasha faculty, and an anniversary celebration. Beginning at 10:00am.

HUMOR IN THE BIBLE: Take a unique look at the Torah in this shiur with Dr. Berel Lang. **Shabbat, May 28,** between Mincha and Maariv - around 8:00pm. Dr. Lang is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Humanistic Studies at SUNY-Albany, and has been Visiting Professor of Philosophy at Hebrew U and Wesleyan. He is author or editor of 21 books including 'Act and Idea in the Nazi Genocide' and 'Writing and the Moral Self'. He was awarded a Spring 2012 Fellowship from Yad Vashem.



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 July 10, 11, 12 & 13), please go to <http://tinyurl.com/BayitDirectory>. To volunteer, or with questions, please contact Bonnie Geld 917-885-2793; Wendy Levinson 347-326-7739; or Edith Wolff 718-796-8527.

YIZKOR PLEDGE: Thank you to everyone who made a Yizkor pledge this past Yom Tov. Please contact the office with payment information to fulfill your pledge. Thank you.

Thank You for Giving Back to the Bayit



Thank you to the Kinneret 5th graders, Morah Yael Yizchak, and Mr. Abramovitz, for the moving Yom Hazikaron ceremony. 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.

BIKUR CHOLIM VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 12, 9:30am (rescheduled from May 15)

Interested in connecting with the homebound or ill in our Bayit community? We have many new volunteers and are looking for more! Join us for the Bikur Cholim Breakfast to meet and connect with other volunteers and those who have been in need, develop skills and community. Light breakfast and educational program. Please RSVP to ruth.licht@verizon.net. All ages welcome!



DRY BONES @ THE BAYIT

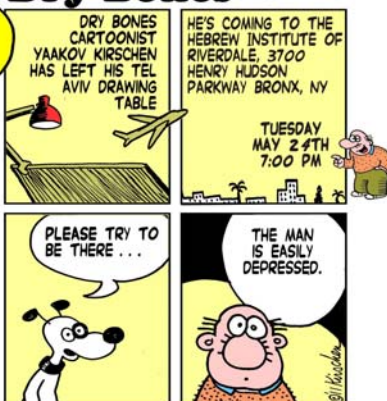
Tues., May 24, 7:00pm

SECRET CODES HIDDEN WAR "A SHOCKINGLY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE"

Dry Bones COMES TO TOWN



SPONSORED BY Z STREET AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL



YAAKOV KIRSCHEN, POLITICAL CARTOONIST, JEWISH JOKE TELLER, AND ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT YALE'S INITIATIVE FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF ANTISEMITISM.

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 this week is sponsored by Neshama, Steven, Rafael & Micah Katchen.

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, May 14, 5:30pm-6:30pm**.



Family Tefillah returns on Lag BaOmer, **Sun. morning, May 22, at 9:30am**. Celebrate with a kid-friendly, musical Tefillah, a light breakfast, and then enjoy a really fun Lag BaOmer art project.

Come and celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with a 'Salute to the IDF End-of-year Party' from 11:00am - 1:00pm, **Mon., May 30**. We'll go through basic training, we'll decorate our own military berets, we'll write letters to real Israeli soldiers, and we'll have an authentic IDF lunch (plus fun food too...). K-3rd Grade.



Join our e-mail list today!



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.

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New at Groups: Torah Time w/the Rabbis!

Starting this Shabbat, May 14, join the entire HIR Youth Department every Shabbat morning at 9:30am on R'chov Yiladim (the 3rd floor hallway) for dramatic stories and fun times w/ the rabbis.

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 Donations are at Sloan Kettering, 1250 1st Ave. Visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations for complete information. FREE Parking is available - pick up a flyer in the lobby.

**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

BJCC DAY AT THE BRONX ZOO: Sun., May 15, starting at 10:00am. Support Bronx Jewish Community Council - which enhances the quality of life for ALL Bronx Residents. Honoring: Howard Jonas, Hon. Ruben Diaz Jr. - Bronx Borough Pres., Hon. James Vacco, and John Cavelli - Wildlife Conservation. For more info. and reservations call Howard Millendorf at 718-796-5850.

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.

BONEI OLAM EVENT: Evening of Inspiration to benefit Bonei Olam, helping infertile couples achieve their ultimate dream. **Sun., May 15,** 8:00 pm. At the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alain and Naomi Spira, 5245 Blackstone Avenue. Guest Speaker Rabbi Jonathan Rietti. Refreshments will be served. Free Admission. For Men and Women. For more info. please contact Eliyohu Goldberg at boneiolam3@yahoo.com or 347-420-0906.

ORA PARLOR MEETING IN RIVERDALE: The Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, an extraordinary non-for-profit organization which advocates on behalf of agunot and ensures that a get is issued unconditionally and in accordance with halakha, will be hosting a parlor meeting in Riverdale. **Sat. night, May 21,** 9:30pm, at the home of Michelle & Jeff Kobrin, 2780 Arlington Ave. This program is hosted by Aimee & Jonathan Baron, Giti & Jack Bendheim, Yarden Osband & David Glazer, Miriam & Alan Goldberg, Michelle & Jeff Kobrin and Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, Rabbi Mordechai Willig and Rabbi Shmuel Hain. A brief program will be followed by light dinner and desserts. For more info. please call Rabbi Jeremy Stern 212-795-0791.

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>.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

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.