

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 Shelach June 17-18

- Candle Lighting: 8:12pm
- 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
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:10am
- Shiur with Rav Avi: 7:15pm
- Mincha: 8:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 9:15pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am (*Father's Day*)
Mon/Thurs: 6:40, 8:00am
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv:
Sun/Mon/Wed/Thurs: 8:20pm
Tues (*Annual Membership Meeting*):
Mincha 7:45pm ~ Maariv 10:00pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Korach June 24-25

- Candle Lighting: 8:14pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 8:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 9:17pm

Shabbat Shalom!



Wishing Mazal Tov To:

Ruby & Stanley Langer and **Judith & Paul Blank** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Tamar Blank, to Daniel Rutta. To parents Dr. Jonathan & Paula Blank and Dr. David & Molly Rutta.

Jolan Winkler on her 90th Birthday.

Dr. Ahron Rosenfeld for receiving the 2011 Young Innovators Award from the NY Intellectual Property Association for inventing a curb climbing wheelchair attachment.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SIDDUR CLASS with Rabbi Moshe Edelman: "The Siddur: An Interactive Engagement with Praying (A Spiritual Need) and Prayer (A Communal Obligation)". 10:30am - 11:30am in Rabba Sara's office in the 2nd Floor Rabbinic Office Suite.

BEFORE MINCHA - Shiur with Rav Avi: "Reflections on Eretz Yisrael"

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Yonatan Ben Dov: "Biblical Prophets: the medium is the message"



FEED THE KIDS FOOD DRIVE - LAST DAY IS THIS SUNDAY

Every summer, hundreds of thousands of New York City kids that depend on lunch at school face hunger. HIR is participate in City Harvest's Feed the Kids food drive to collect child and family friendly nonperishable food items. The last day for the food drive is this Sunday, Father's Day. Please drop off non-perishable food items in the coat room opposite the Bayit entrance **by this Sun., June 19.**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND COMMITTEE FAIR

Please join us for our Annual Membership Meeting **this Tuesday, June 21.**

The meeting will begin with **Mincha at 7:45pm**
and conclude with **Maariv at 10:00pm.**

We will discuss and vote upon the budget for the coming fiscal year and the draft new constitution. The meeting will also include a **committee fair** where all will be welcome to sign up to join or learn more about our many committees.

Please see the committee flier attached to this bulletin for the list of committees and committee chairs.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM TEFILLAH: All are invited to join the chevra at 9:00am in the Lower Level Beit Midrash for lively davening to Reb Shlomo's melodies.

SHABBAT DRASHA WITH ROSH YESHIVAT MAHARAT - Shiur with Rabbi Jeff Fox: "Values in Halakha: Abortion as a case study" in memory of Judith Pepper, Yehudit Bat Shmuel V'Leah.

BEFORE MINCHA - Lecture with Jeremy Spierer: "The decision to make Aliya"
The Bayit wishes the Spierer family Tzetchem Le'Shalom on their move to Israel.



"THE UGLY CAMPUS WAR AGAINST ISRAEL"

CUNY Trustee Jeffrey Wiesenfeld shares an insider's perspective on the spiraling attacks against Israel and Jewish identity taking over our college campuses. At the Bayit, **Tues., Jun. 28** at 7:15pm.



HIR Membership Photo Directory!

Please sign up now to have your family picture taken for the Membership Directory. More than 100 families have already signed up to participate. Appointments are available July 10-13 by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/BayitDirectory> or calling Edith Wolff at 718-796-8527.

Online reservations receive a \$10 off coupon. If you prefer that your picture not be in the directory, we will not include it, but please still sign up for a photo shoot, as the shul receives a free copy of the directory for each participant. We look forward to seeing you in the directory!

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

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

Rav Avi's classes, Rav Steven's classes and Rabba Sara's classes have concluded for the season.

Shabbat

7:15pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Daf Yomi with Rav Linzer (Lower Level Lobby)
After Mincha - Midrash Ruth Rabba' with Rav Piperno (2nd Fl BM)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
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.)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30pm - Beginners' Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)*
7:30pm - Siddur Hebrew with Sara Kinberg (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 Randi Carrey & Erik Mintz for lending the shul their fridge for the past 7 months. Also thank you to Bertha Saltzman and Alisha Diamond Saltzman for donating coat racks to the Bayit. Thank you to Tsurie Gadasi from the Sephardic Tefillah and to Ben Hur Moving and Storage for assisting with the transport of both of these donations.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE ELKIN FAMILY:

The entire family of Rabbi Elkin wishes to express its overwhelming appreciation and admiration for the Jewish communities of Riverdale who are ideal examples of Jewish values in action. It may have been Yom Tov, but Ahavat Yisrael and Pikuach Nefesh became the priorities for all of you. Few may know Rabbi Daniel (Dougie) Elkin (some know his children Abbie (Elkin) and Stevie Samuels who live in Riverdale); our wish is that Rabbi Daniel will recover from two brain surgeries and that you may get to know the wonderful person you worked to rescue - a true Tzadik - a deeply religious person who emanates joy and goodness with every ounce of his being.

Every Shavuot we shall think with gratitude of your three synagogues and the Riverdale Jewish Community. The festival on which G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish People - on that Holy Day the Jewish Community of Riverdale acted in accordance with the Torah's highest principles.

A Giant Todah Rabbah,
THE FAMILY OF RABBI DANIEL ELKIN

לכל האבות בבית שלנו - יום אב שמחה!

Happenings @ the Bayit

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

DAF YOMI SIYUM & SEUDAT MITZVAH: Please join Rabbi Dov Linzer, the HIR Daf Yomi, and the other Riverdale Daf Yomi groups, as we celebrate the completion of tractate Menachot with a Siyum and Seudat Mitzvah (light dairy dinner). Join us at the Bayit, on **Sun., Jun. 26** at 7:00pm, followed by Mincha/Maariv at 8:25pm. Please RSVP to riverdalesiyum@gmail.com, or contact Dov Weinstock at 917-848-8914 for further info. We also welcome you to join us as we begin studying Chullin, daily at 7:30am (Shabbat between Mincha/Maariv) - open to men and women of all skill levels from beginner to advanced.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION THIS PAST SHAVUOT: On the second day of Shavuot, June 9, we celebrated our graduates milestone accomplishments. One of our graduates name did not make it into the list of graduates and we would like to acknowledge Yaakov Padwa graduating SAR Academy. Yasher Koach Yaakov!



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, akirshblum@jbcfs.org

GREENING THE BAYIT: Sponsors needed for the backyard landscaping project. We hope to create a small slate patio in the backyard, for Shabbat afternoon shiurim, quiet contemplation and socializing, a peaceful place for the Bayit staff, YCT students, and community members to rejuvenate and connect with nature. Donations accepted for this project. Contact Shira Gordon, shiragordon@optonline.net with questions or feedback. Enjoy!

Looking for very strong volunteers to transfer slate stones from Shira Gordon's house to the HIR backyard on Sunday, June 26th. Time to be determined. Also looking for someone with a pick-up truck to transfer the stones. Contact Shira Gordon to volunteer.

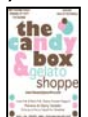
Message from The Bayit's Green Committee



SUPPORT HIR WITH YOUR PURCHASES

Gift cards or store credit available for most local stores. Gift cards are also available for **Carlos and Gabby's** and the new Gelato store, **The Candy Box**, on Riverdale Ave. across from Skyview Shopping Center. 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.

Looking for volunteers to sell gift cards Sunday mornings 9:00am - 11:00am at the shul, and at special events. Please e-mail Shira Gordon at hirgiftcards@gmail.com.



Youth Department

THIS WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF REGULAR 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



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.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUPS: 9:30am - 11:30am (unless otherwise noted)

Please note: This is the last week of regular youth groups. Scaled back summer youth groups begin **next Shabbat, June 25**.

The groups are as follows:

Play Room: 3-1 (8:30am - 11:30am)

Tot Shabbat: 3-2 (10:30am - 11:30am)

Nursery: Room 3-4

Pre-K and K: Room 3-5 3-6



Our Youth Director is Shira Berkovits. You can e-mail Shira at hirshira@yahoo.com.

Beyond The Bayit

RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET: Announcing the opening of the Riverdale Y outdoor green market! At MS 141 (Independence Ave. and 237th). It will take place every Sunday from 9:00am - 2:00pm, starting Jun. 19 (opening day) through Nov. 20. Natural, fresh, organic, local and healthy food choices will be available. Come support Riverdale's efforts to become green, healthy and community-centered. Some events for opening day include: Yoga for Dads & Kids (and moms can join too) at 10:30am and again at 12:30pm - bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Capoeira (an Afro-Brazilian martial arts/dance form for kids and adults) at 11:30am.



57TH RJC ANNIVERSARY DINNER: RJC's Annual Dinner will take place this year on Tues., June 21 at 6:00pm. For more info. or to make a reservation please call the RJC shul office at 718-548-1850.

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.

Torah Time

Join the whole Youth Department this Shabbat morning at **9:45am** (please note new time) on R'chov Yiladim (the 3rd floor hallway) for dramatic stories & fun times w/ the rabbis. Please note Torah Time with the Rabbis will not be meeting over the summer, and will resume in the fall.

YOUTH KIDDUSH

Thank you to Ethel & Stanley Scher for sponsoring youth Kiddush this week in honor of their grandson Mei.

Open Youth Department Positions

Youth Group Leader: We are now accepting applications for youth leaders for the summer and Fall 2011. If you will be in 7th grade or up and are interested, please contact Shira. No prior experience necessary.

Youth Group Teacher: Looking for experienced and dynamic teachers to lead our Shabbat morning groups for the 2011 year. Responsibilities include some weekday preparation, running the Shabbat group, and providing guidance for our teen leaders. Please contact Shira for more details if you or someone you know is interested.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The youth department is looking for 15 one-time volunteers to help us organize our toys closets and take stock of inventory as the year comes to an end. Teams of two-three volunteers will be assigned to one classroom each. Help us plan for next year and keep our Tefillah props and free-play toys sanitary, in good-condition, and current. If you are interested, please contact Shira.

THANK YOU

If you see a youth group leader or teacher this Shabbat, please stop them to say "thank you". It is because of their dedication, enthusiasm, and love that youth groups this year have been such a success. Wishing all youth staff a restful and enjoyable summer. We'll miss you - can't wait to see you back in the fall!

Thank you to Rav Yisrael Hollender for finding a ping pong table for the youth department and to Laurence Nash for helping to transport it to the shul. We appreciate your support of the youth department.



YOUR MAZAL TOV AND OUR CALENDAR

If you're having a simcha in the coming year, mazal tov! Please contact the shul office to reserve the date in our calendar, as we are planning the year's events and want to include your simcha. We have many wonderful new rooms available at the Bayit. Please contact Shuli in the Bayit office at 718-796-4730 x102.

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.



HEBREW INSTITUTE OF RIVERDALE - THE BAYIT

THE BAYIT COMMITTEES

*Thank you for coming to The Bayit - The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale.
We hope that you will become involved in the many activities of the shul.
To assist with these activities, we have established the following committees:*

The Achdut Committee

Chaired by Daniel Feit, works to promote unity among the shul's tefillot and helps ensure minyanim at the shul and in shiva houses.



The Amcha/Israel Action Committee

Chaired by Karen Stahl-Don, develops Israel related programming and Israel advocacy for the shul.



The Annual Dinner Committee

Chaired by David Braunstein, plans our major annual fundraiser.



The Bayit/House Committee

Chaired by Artie Bloom, helps the maintenance staff deal with upkeep of the building and plans renovations or improvements.



The Bikkur Cholim Committee

Chaired by Ruth Licht, ensures that people visit the ill or homebound who want visitors.



The Capital Committee

Chaired by Danny Perla, raises money to pay for our beautiful new building.



The Chaverei HaBayit Committee

Chaired by James Lapin, ensures that the shul offers an extensive array of social programming for all demographics.



The Educational Programming Committee

Chaired by Hillel Grossman, develops adult educational programming.



The Fundraising Committee

Chaired by Steven Pretsfelder, ensures we have sufficient funds for our operating budget.



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THE BAYIT COMMITTEES

The Gift Card Committee

Chaired by Shira Gordon, raises funds for the shul through our gift card program.



The Green Committee

Also chaired by Shira Gordon, addresses environmental and landscaping issues for the shul and organizes our Community Supported Agriculture effort.



The Internet Committee

Chaired by Charlie Hall, builds a web presence for the shul, including most importantly the ability to donate to the shul online.



The Kiddush Committee

Chaired by Arielle Berger, develops kiddush options and encourages kiddush sponsors.



The Meals Committee

Chaired by Jackie Binstock, ensures that meals are prepared for those who need them.



The Membership Committee

Chaired by David Schwartz, develops strategies to attract, retain and grow our membership.



The PJ Library Committee

Chaired by Danny Perla, supports the PJ Library program to provide Jewish books monthly to young Riverdale families free of charge.



The Special Friends and Seniors Committee

Chaired by Ariel Finkelstein, encourages member involvement in Special Friends and Seniors programming.



The Welcome/Hospitality Committee

Chaired by Ronnie Becher, ensures that new people feel welcome and those interested in visiting can do so.



The YCT Committee

Chaired by David Eiseman, identifies and oversees potential joint programming with Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.



The Youth Committee

Chaired by Gillian Steinberg, creates safe, fun and educational programming for our children.

