



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Kiddush

The entire Friedman family invites the congregation to Kiddush in the Lobby and on the Terrace in honor of their son Eli's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Shoftim September 2-3

- Candle Lighting: 7:09pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
Friday night Maariv ends around 8:00pm
- Tefillah Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sof Zman Kri'at Shema: 9:39am
- Parsha Shiur: 5:45pm
- **Mincha: 6:15pm**
- Shabbat Ends: 8:11pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am, 9:30am (Kavvanah)
Mon: 8:30am (Labor Day)
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:00am
Thu: 6:40, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 7:05pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Ki Teitzei September 9-10

- Candle Lighting: 6:58pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- **Mincha: 6:30pm**
- Shabbat Ends: 7:59pm



Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Judy & Charlie Friedman on **Eli's** becoming a Bar Mitzvah. To grandparents Ruth & Fred Friedman and Susan & Robert Yudin, aunts, uncles, and cousins. To siblings **Ezra, Ariel, and Kayla**, and to the entire family.

Sharon & David Moerdler-Green on **Michael's** becoming a Bar Mitzvah. To grandparents Pearl & Charles Moerdler and Gaye Green and Keith Green. To siblings **Elinoa and Rachel** and to the entire family.

Amy Gottlieb & Ralph Mernit on **Ezra's** becoming a Bar Mitzvah. To grandmother Edythe Rosenberg. To big brother **Eli**.

Sherry & Ezra House on the birth of a granddaughter born to Jessica & Ari. To grandmother Layla Levitas and great-grandmother Berta Lavipour, to uncles Michael House and Andrew Levitas, and the entire family.

Condolences to:

Natalie Dwek on the passing of her mother Iris Senior. Shiva has concluded.

Welcome to New Members:

The Kramer-Richard Family.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

SEUDA SHLISHIT - In celebration of **Michael Moerdler-Green's** becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Please note that Mincha will begin at 6:15pm. Mazal tov!

KAVVANAH - A TEFILLAH EXPERIENCE @ THE BAYIT: Join us this **Sun., Sept. 4** at 9:30am. One hour reflective tefillah guided by Rav Steven: meditation, study and song. Open to all - something for everyone. Bagels and juice follow. In Room 3-6.

Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

SEUDA SHLISHIT - sponsored by Karen Jordan, Frances Oz, Sharon Wolfe, Felice Helfgot, and Faye Kulick to commemorate the yahrzeits of loved ones. Wendy Amsellem of Drisha Institute will speak during the meal. Mincha will take place at 6:30pm.

SATURDAY NIGHT INTERFAITH MEMORIAL PROGRAM- On **Saturday night, September 10th**, the night before the 10th Anniversary of this terrible day, draw strength from community and our faith leaders. Rav Avi, Father John Knapp of St. Gabriel's Church, Dr. Mehnaz Afridi of Manhattan College's Holocaust Resource Center, and Reverend Roger Hambrick of Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir will lead a memorial and commemoration together. 8:45pm in the Main Sanctuary. The evening will conclude with a candlelight march to the Riverdale Monument.



See page three for the full schedule of 9/11 events.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS 5772

Thank you to those who have submitted their High Holiday seat forms and payments. Forms are available for pickup in the shul office and lobby. **Please submit your forms as soon as possible so we can accommodate your requests.**



Membership Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 8:30 pm

Please attend this membership meeting to welcome and have Q&A with our new Executive Director, Richard Langer, and our new Youth Director, Menachem Menchel. We will also vote on changing Rav Steven's formal title from Associate Rabbi to Rabbi, as recommended by the Bayit Executive Committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Shabbat

5:45pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
 After Mincha - Daf Yomi with Rav Linzer (Lower Level Lobby)
 After Mincha - Midrash Ruth Rabba' with Rav Piperno (2nd Fl BM)


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)*

Pre-High Holiday Class Series beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13!

Tuesdays at 10:00am with Rav Avi (9/13, 9/20, 10/4)
 Tuesdays at 11:00am - "Talmudic Tales of Repentance" 
 with Rabba Sara (9/13, 9/20, 10/4)
 Thursdays at 10:00am - "The High Holiday Haftorot" with Rav Steven (9/15, 9/22, 10/6)

Regular fall classes will begin Tuesday, October 25.

* 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.

Kiddush in Honor of Our Outgoing and Incoming Youth Directors, September 17

Please join us for kiddush on **Shabbat, Sept. 17**, as we honor our fantastic outgoing Youth Director, Shira Berkovits, and welcome our dynamic new Youth Director, Menachem Menchel. If you would like to help sponsor this kiddush in honor of Shira's dedication to our Bayit, please contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.

Please seek out Menachem and introduce yourself. He is eager to meet you and your child(ren) and excited to embark on this journey of Jewish education and experience with you. You can find Menachem on the 2nd floor of the Bayit or at 718-796-4730 x119 or hir.menachem@gmail.com.



New to Riverdale Luncheon—September 17th

If you moved into Riverdale within the past year or so, please join us for a fun and informative lunch at the Bayit. While enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal, you will have a chance to meet other new people. HIR staff will be on hand to introduce themselves and answer questions about our various programs and activities. RSVP to Kara Bookbinder at 718-796-4730 x101 or by email at hirkara@gmail.com.



Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: Join us on the Terrace for a Shabbat meal this Friday night. Sponsored by Judy & Charlie Friedman in honor of Eli's Bar Mitzvah. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

THE BAYIT'S CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POETRY GROUP - Tues., Sept. 6, 7:00pm: We're excited to continue our contemporary Israeli poetry group under the guidance of poet and translator Atara Fobar. Poems will be read in Hebrew and in English translation and discussion. All are invited! For more info. contact a.fobar@verizon.net.

ISRAEL ADVOCACY COLLEGE CAMPUS PACKETS: Amcha/Israel Action Committee is distributing packets for college students to prepare them for anti-Israel sentiment they may encounter on campus. These packets are available upon request. Please contact Karen.Stahl-Don@law.cornell.edu or israel.action.hir@gmail.com for further information.

MEET THE NEW BAYIT PRESIDENT: Do you have an issue or idea you'd like to share with new Bayit president, David Schwartz? David is holding "office hours" on Sunday mornings at the Bayit. To schedule an appointment, please contact Shuli at ravaviweiss@gmail.com or 718-796-4730 x102.

WELCOMING TO OUR BAYIT: If you would like friends or family welcomed on Shabbat morning, you can now enter their names in this link: <http://tinyurl.com/bayit-shabbat-welcome>. Please continue to make our Bayit welcoming by introducing yourself to at least one new person every Shabbat and by inviting new families to join you for a Shabbat meal. Not every "new" face is new to Riverdale, but if they are new to you, that's what counts.

JEWISH CALENDARS: If you would like a Jewish calendar for the upcoming year 5772, please pick one up from the office or from the table in the lobby.

YCT ADULT BEIT MIDRASH @ THE BAYIT: LISHMA - THE YCT ADULT BEIT MIDRASH PROGRAM: Join a serious adult learning program of chevruta study and shiur, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm, located at YCT on the second floor of the HIR. Talmud focus together with Tanakh and contemporary Jewish topics sessions, led by Rabbi Nati Helfgot, with classes by Rabbi Dov Linzer and Rav Steven Exler. To apply and for more information, please contact Jennifer Geretz at jgeretz@yctorah.org. **Beginning in mid-September.**

MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Theodor Schneider invites the Bayit community to a reception in memory of his wife Regina Schneider on **Sunday, September 18**, at 12:15pm in Room 3-2, following her unveiling (11:00pm at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Paramus, NJ). All are welcome.

Youth Department

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

Play Room: 3-1 (8:30am - 11:30am)
 Tot Shabbat: 3-7 (10:30am - 11:30am)
 Nursery: Room 3-4
 Pre-K and K: Room 3-5 & 3-6
 1st - 2nd Grade: Room 3-3
 3rd - 6th Grade Lounge: 3-2 (Unsupervised)



Children in Playroom and Tot Shabbat must be accompanied by an adult. N-2nd grades are for children only. All children must be picked up at 11:30am by a caregiver. Please note that 3rd - 6th grade lounge is an unsupervised space for children in the age group to play. If you would like your child to be supervised, please join him/her there. For questions please contact Menachem Menchel at hir.menachem@gmail.com or at the shul office.

Open Youth Department Positions: Apply Now

We are looking for experienced and dynamic youth leaders (7th grade and older) and adult teachers to lead our Shabbat morning groups for the 2011-2012 year. If you or someone you know is interested, please fill out the online application form at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rprspw>.

Shabbat Shalom!

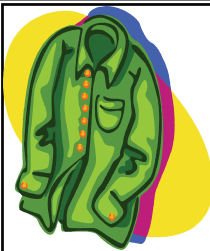
September 11th Programming @ The Bayit and Beyond

עולם חסד יבנה



BAYIT CHESED FAIR - Sun., Sept. 11, 2011, 11:30am - 2:30pm

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the Bayit will hold a Chesed fair, featuring community volunteer opportunities, as well as services of our Riverdale community. Cafecchino will be selling food. The fair includes two wonderful donation opportunities: our annual **Blood Drive** and **Clothing Drive** (see below for more info). If you have a service to offer, and would like a table, please contact Rabba Sara at sarahurwitz@yahoo.com.



HIR CLOTHING DRIVE - Sun., Sept. 11, 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 email spretsfelder@vanwagner.com.

9/11 COMMUNITYWIDE MEMORIAL - Sun., Sept. 11, 8:30am-11:30am



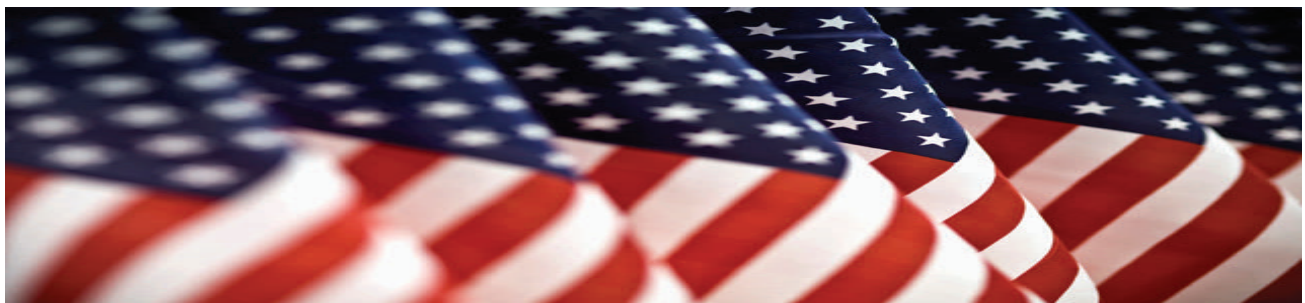
The Bayit will join other Riverdale houses of worship at the Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Moshulu Ave., on 9/11 for the 10th anniversary. We will be taking slots to read names of the victims, pause at the moments of the hits and collapses, and remember as a community. The Bayit will be reading names from 8:30am-9:00am. Please join us there to read, or stop by at any time that morning. *There will be an additional 7:30am Shacharit to enable us to begin on time.*



HIR 9/11 10th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, September 11, 9:00am - 3:00pm

In our Social Hall. Our area blood supply is in life-threatening crisis. Please honor the memory of 9/11 on this 10th anniversary as a national day of service, charity and compassion by donating blood. If you are healthy, 17+ (16 with NYBC parental consent form) and have ID, please join us. Walk-ins welcome. For info., to reserve a time, or to volunteer: Contact Seryl at 718-549-8152 or sermc@aol.com. Enrich your blood donation experience with Torah: join us throughout the drive for mini-classes with the HIR Rabbinic staff on the importance of donating blood. **Give Blood-Give Life.**



Chesed Opportunity

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:

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.

A Note of Appreciation

Our family would like to thank Rabbi Weiss, Rav Steven and Rabba Sara, for their great kindness and support during this period of bereavement at the loss of our mother and grandmother, Sylvia Genauer. We appreciate the friendship of the many HIR families who offered words of comfort and shared memories, all of which made the shiva so healing and meaningful for us. Thank you.

-Blu Greenberg

HIR Community Choir

The H.I.R. Community Choir starts its 10th season next week. Rehearsals resume on Wed. night **Sept. 7th** at 7:30pm in the social hall. Performances are scheduled during Chanukah week. Former, current and new members are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jonathan Dzik at JDzik326@aol.com or at (718) 549-8520.



Beyond the Bayit

GILAD'S BIRTHDAY - BRING HIM HOME: Dear Friends of Israel, **Sunday August 28th**, was Gilad Shalit's 25th birthday. Please sign a petition on his behalf. Dedicate your Facebook and other profiles to Gilad for a few days. Together we can keep a strong connection to him and continue fighting for his release. Sign the petition here: www.standwithus.com/gilad

CEMETERY CHESD: On **Sunday, September 11** from 10am to 12pm, join volunteers at Hebrew Free Burial Association's special Community Chesed Day to help maintain and beautify its historic Silver Lake Cemetery. Supplies provided and all ages are welcome. For directions visit www.hebrewfreeburial.org or call 212-239-1662.

SCOUTS: Do you have a daughter who is entering grades 4 or 5 this new school year? Being a Girl Scout helps our daughters unleash their future potential! They create lasting friendships, learn life skills and get a sense of responsibility and accountability, in a fun and safe environment. Come on **Sunday, September 11**, at 5pm, and sign up for a year of fun, learning and chesed at the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel, 475 West 250th Street, Bronx, NY. For more info. please email: bxgstroop6112@verizon.net or contact Barbara Haimowitz at 646-207-5059.



Are you interested in learning in our Beit Midrash?

We are hoping to offer a weekly Monday night learning program during the coming school year. Depending on interest, we would offer space for you to learn: 1) On your own or with your own study partner; 2) With another Bayit

member with whom we will match you; 3) With a rabbinical student as a study partner; or 4) In a class given by a YCT student in a small group setting.

If you are interested in one of these options, please e-mail hillel.grossman@gmail.com. To sponsor an evening of learning in honor or in memory of someone, please let us know; once we determine the frequency of our learning program, we will contact you regarding sponsorship.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING BACK TO THE BAYIT

Thank you to our outstanding volunteers who gave some - or all! - of their Sunday afternoon and evening mopping, sweeping, and vacuuming water out of our Bayit, moving furniture, and organizing our cleanup from Hurricane Irene. You made all the difference:

Ilana Aisen, Arielle Berger, Shira Billet, Artie Bloom, Avi Bloom, Yoni Brafman, Aaron Braun, Abby Eisenberg, Rav Steven Exler, Charlie Hall, Daniel Held, Karen Held, Nisan Lerea, David Levine, Simon Livson, Naftali Nussbaum, Ariela Rosenberg Brafman, Elan Schneider, Eli Schneider, Joshua Strosberg, Garret Weber, Rav Avi Weiss, Shlomi, and Zev.

Thanks as well to our entire outstanding maintenance team: **Jerome, Bryan, Elmer, Eric, Charlie, and Manuel.**



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.