



THE BAYIT BULLETIN



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Kiddush

There is no Kiddush this week.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact
Arielle Berger - hirkiddush@gmail.com.

This Week

Shabbat Parshat Vayeshev

- Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 6:50am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:33am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:25pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha: 3:55pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:14pm

Weekday Times

- Shacharit:
Sun: 8:30am
Mon: 6:40, 8:00am
Tue: 6:45, 8:00am
Wed - Fri: 6:30, 8:00am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:20pm

Next Week

Shabbat Parshat Miketz

- Candle Lighting: 4:14pm
- Chanukah Candlelighting/
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:05pm
- Shacharit: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:00pm
- Shabbat Ends: 5:18pm



Mazal tov to:

Debra Kaplan & Donny Ebenstein on the birth of a baby boy. Mazal Tov to big brothers Avishai and Noam, and to grandparents Noemi & Sam Ebenstein and Susie & Robert Kaplan, great-grandparents Helene & Israel Kofman, and the whole family.

Condolences to:

The family of our friend **Albert Kahn**. Shiva will be observed at 3755 Henry Hudson Parkway, Apt. 8G.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM: This Friday night, all children of the Bayit are welcome to join Menachem for a 20 minute youth Tefillah and activity, after Kabbalat Shabbat. *2nd fl. Beit Midrash.*

LEARNING SERVICE: The Learning Service will take place from 9:30-11:00am in Room 3-1 with Rabbi Moshe Edelman. Upcoming dates are **Jan. 8** (Sunday review session) and **Jan. 28**.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - SHIUR WITH ABE MEZRICH:

Social Media: Why we need to use technology to bring us together before it tears us apart (Thoughts on the Tower of Babel and Joseph, with a siyyum on Mishnayot Seder Zraim thrown in).



Abe Mezrich is the Director of Communications at MediaBank, one of the most widely-used advertising technologies in North America. He is also the creator of TorahParsha, a poetically short piece on the Torah each week.



"Lights in the Darkness"

A Chanukah program for Bereaved Jews. Come in from the dark and share a moment with those who understand. Please join Rav Steven and Anna Kirshblum, the HIR social worker, for a Chanukah candle lighting ritual and an opportunity to remember your loved one within the context of Chanukah. **Sun., Dec. 18th, 6:30-7:30pm.** Holiday refreshments will be served.



Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

EREV SHABBAT CHANUKAH LIGHTING - 4:05PM: Sing with us and participate in a communal candle lighting of our large menorah in the Main Sanctuary before Mincha. Mincha will be at 4:15pm.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - SHIUR WITH SHIRA BILLET: Celebrate Shabbat Chanukah with a Chanukah shiur entitled, "Chanukah before Chanukah: Biblical Miracles of Oil."

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH: The December birthday kiddush will take place on Dec. 24. If you would like to make a donation to the kiddush fund in honor of a December birthday, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/HIRbirthday>.



CANDLE LIGHTING AND MUSICAL HAYDALAH - 5:30PM: Musical instruments for all. Children and adults welcome. Main Lobby.

MOTZEI SHABBAT KUMZITZ WITH RAV AVI - 8:00PM: Light up the night with spirited song, musical accompaniment, and sweet Torah with participation of the Bayit Band. Bring your own instruments!



Chanukah @ The Bayit!
See Page 2 for more info!

This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer meets in Room 3-4.
7:30am Sun.-Fri., and Shabbat after Mincha.

Shabbat

8:10am - Parshat Hashavua with Rav Avi (Main Sanctuary)
3:25pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)
After Mincha - Parshat Hashavua with Beth Aharon (2nd Fl. Beit Midrash)

Sunday

9:15am - Aggadot Hatalmud with Rav Avi (Lower Level Lobby)

Monday

6:30pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I (Lobby)*
7:15pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level II (Lobby)*
7:30pm - Book of Kings with Rav Avi (at his home)
8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)*
8:00pm - Advanced Talmud with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's home.
E-mail rebjeff@gmail.com to attend.)

Tuesday

10:00am - Book of Genesis with Rav Avi (Lobby)
11:00am - The Unique and The Sublime: Biblical Characters with Rabba Sara (not meeting this week)

Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan (Lobby)*

Thursday

10:00am - Book of Joshua with Rav Steven (Lower Level Beit Midrash)
7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study (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.

Happenings @ the Bayit

ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT: This week the tent is sponsored by Ms. Helen Follick in loving memory of her brother Moses ben Chana and sister Raizel bas Chana. To sponsor future tents contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Many of you have asked about the membership directory. Because there has been a large influx of new members this year, and we would like the directory to be as up-to-date as possible, we chose to wait to complete it. You will be receiving the membership directory in the coming months. -The Membership Directory Committee

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.

ISRAEL ADVOCACY SESSIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: We are in the process of setting up Israel advocacy sessions through Stand With Us for those college students interested in participating. Please contact us for further information: Israel.Action.HIR@gmail.com or Dalia.Wolfson@gmail.com.

SHIUR WITH AVIGAIL ZOHAR: Gain insight into the Biblical character of Boaz as the Rabbis understand him in this fascinating shiur with our visiting teacher Avigail Zohar. **Shabbat afternoon, Dec. 31**, between Mincha and Maariv.

SUPPORTING AN ETHIOPIAN STUDENT: Please help to strengthen Israel and her neediest and encourage leadership by supporting an Ethiopian student, as the Bayit has annually. Your contribution of any amount will go towards an \$1100 a year stipend to a promising Ethiopian college student. Checks may be made payable to HIR with memo: "Ethiopian student". Thank you!

CHAVAYA



CHAVAYA: the Bayit Cultural Enrichment Program: Our first six week session of Chavaya will begin the week of January 4th. Classes will include Tai Chi, Chess, Torah and Haftorah Trop, Art, Drama and Maj Jongg. Registration materials are available - look out for the brochure of course offerings in the lobby!

Chanukah 5772 at the Bayit - Join Us for Spectacular Chanukah Events!

Tue., Dec. 20th (1st Light)

Lighting at Dunkin Donuts (in the Skyview Shopping Center) in collaboration with PJ Library, 4:30 - 6:00pm. First 300 people get a FREE donut!



Wed., Dec. 21st (2nd Light) Annual Choir Dinner

6:30pm Candle lighting followed by dairy dinner in the Social Hall

7:30pm HIR Community Choir Performance in the Lower Level Beit Midrash

concluding with dessert in the Social Hall. \$15/adult, \$10/child, max. \$50/family.

Thu., Dec. 22nd (3rd Light) Street Lightings Around Riverdale:

Bring friends and family as we brighten the Riverdale night with our 6-foot Chanukiah and celebratory music.



5:15pm: Cafecchino ~ 5:45pm: Corner Café ~ 6:15pm: Mother's Bakery.

5:00pm: Party in The Century Lobby! Lighting & Children's activities. An annual favorite. All are welcome!



Sat. night, Dec. 24th (5th Light) Musical Havdallah featuring the Bayit Band. Followed by a Youth Extravaganza 6:00pm. Magician, food, & more!



8:00pm: Kumzitz with Rav Avi - join us for spirited songs and stories. Bring your own instruments!

HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!

Be a part of it! Registration required - now open.

Please use the following link to register: <http://tinyurl.com/3gzfgu9>



Shabbat Morning Groups:

9:30am-11:30am



- Room 3-4: **NURSERY**
- Room 3-5: **PRE-K**
- Room 3-6: **KINDERGARTEN**
- Lower Level: Right Hand Social Hall:
TOT SHABBAT* *10:30am-11:30am
(non-supervised open play space 9:30am-10:30am — parent must stay with child(ren))
- Room 3-3: **GRADES 1 & 2**
- Room 3-7: **GRADES 3 & 4**
- Room 3-2: **JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

We are so glad to welcome you and your children to Shabbat morning youth groups. Groups are meant to provide a setting that is first and foremost safe, and that supports an interactive educational experience that is fun and enjoyable.

Please remain respectful of the groups and the groups leaders who are running your child's groups. Parents are welcome to stand outside the groups room while the child is acclimating, but if your child needs extra assistance transitioning, please speak to Menachem so that he can arrange special arrangements for you and your child.

Looking forward to seeing you Shabbat morning!

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

THIS SHABBAT!

**11:45am — 2nd floor Beit Midrash
YOUTH DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION &
MEMBERSHIP PARTY!**

The registration party is sponsored by the Laufer family in honor of Shoshana's 6th birthday and Erez's 1st birthday. Happy birthday!

Meet other families from the Youth Department as we celebrate this year's YD registration with a Hot Kiddush and party, with an interactive children's activity!

Please register and set up youth membership today!

**All 2011-2012 registered youth families welcome.
RSVP with Menachem**

CHANUKAH IS COMING!

Mark Your Calendars and Check out the Flyers:

<u>Tuesday, Dec. 20</u> Lighting & Singing at Dunkin Donuts! Free Donuts for all!	<u>Thursday, Dec. 22</u> • Century Party! • Teen Program!	<u>Motzei Shab, Dec 24</u> Children's Extravaganza with Musical Havdallah!	<u>Sunday, Dec. 25</u> • Make Your Own Pizza & Latkes (5th-8th grade)
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This shabbat:

Teen Tefillah

Teen Tefillah is not meeting this week. Looking forward to seeing you next week.

Junior Congregation!

All 5th & 6th Graders are welcome to join Rav Steven for a discussion about tefillah and a new tefillah melody.
Shabbat morning @ 10:00am

Friday Night

This Friday night, all children of the Bayit are welcome to join Menachem for a 20 minute youth Tefillah and activity, at the end of Kabbalat Shabbat.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AND APPRECIATED

We welcome families to sponsor snacks at a Shabbat morning group this year. Party option available to sponsor in honor of your child's birthday.

For more information please contact Gillian Steinberg at gsteinbe@yu.edu or Menachem.

We are still looking for a sponsor for this week's youth groups' snacks.

V'Shinantam!

Motzei Shabbat 6:00-7:00pm

All Ages Welcome

Parent-Child learning is back! Join your friends and bring your families as we begin another season of Torah and Pizza!

Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?



The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children!

For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102.
Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!

For Assistance, Please Contact:

Menachem Menchel, Director
Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119
Cell - 516-233-8285
menachem@thebayit.org



Chesed Opportunities

**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 ravsteven@thebayit.org

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

Meals for New Mothers:

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

Hospitality and Welcome: hirwelcome@gmail.com

Young HIR: hirsocial@gmail.com

READ WITH JOE: Joe Pissarevsky, a vision impaired member of our community, is looking for a volunteer to read to him one hour a week. If you can help, please call him at 718-549-7823.

Reserve the Bayit for Your Simcha

HIR has begun using a written contract for the rental of its facilities. If you would like to rent space in the shul, or if you believe that you have reserved the Bayit for your simcha but have not been contacted regarding the new contract, please contact Richard at richard@thebayit.org. Only reservations that accompany a signed contract and the required deposit will be maintained.



Social Worker @ The Bayit



Questions about an aging loved one, financial pressures, concerns about children? Contact HIR social worker, Anna Kirshblum for guidance, information, referrals and a sympathetic ear. There is no fee and all conversations are strictly confidential.

Meet with her at HIR or in her office at the Beatman Center on 239th street. Anna can be reached at 718-601-9714 or at akirshblum@jbfcs.org. (In partnership with UJA and JBFCs)

HIR Gift Card Program

Plan for your shopping using gift cards! Cards available for Fairway, Skyview, Corner Cafe, Glatt Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market and many more. Email order to hirgiftcards@gmail.com. To see listings, log on toshopwithscrip.com, create an account, use the HIR non-profit code 58L43DE621333, and shop! **Buy it for the Bayit!!** For questions call **Shira Gordon - 718-549-4280.**

The HIR Scrip committee is looking for volunteers to sell gift cards at shul events if you would like to volunteer, please contact Shira.



Chesed Opportunity

Daniel and Shlomit Brock need our community support as Shlomit battles lung cancer. If you are able to donate money to help with childcare, please send a check to Chabad of Riverdale 535 W. 246th St. Riverdale, NY 10471 made out to Chabad Chessed Fund, with Shlomit Brock in the memo line.

Beyond the Bayit

CHARLIE BROWN SHOW: Riverdale Children's Theatre presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". The cast features local youth ages 10-13 including our own **Tamar Cohen**. Performances **Saturday nights, Dec. 17th** at 8pm and **Sun., Dec. 18th** at 2pm and 6pm at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Auditorium at 660 West 237th Street. Tickets available at www.riverdaletheatre.org or at the door, \$15/Adults, \$12/Students. Street parking only.

THE FOUNTAINHEADS LIVE IN NEW YORK: Join worldwide Youtube sensations The Ein Prat Fountainheads for an exclusive Chanukah performance this **Sat. night, Dec. 17th** at 7:30pm at the JCC in Manhattan. They will be performing your favorite hits live, including recent mega-hit "Dip Your Apple". Appropriate for everyone. For tickets and info: <http://www.jccmanhattan.org/content.aspx?catID=2904&progID=25170>

PRE-CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA: Sponsored by Stein Yeshiva, **Sun., Dec. 18th**, 10:30am-1:00pm, at RJC Gym. Chanukah Carnival, Interactive Concert, Shopping, Food, and more.. For more information and tickets contact Mindy Reiss at mindyona@gmail.com

FOREVER YOUNG: Is a new program at the Riverdale Y for baby boomers to meet new people and relax after a long day. Join their Holiday Party on **Sun., Dec. 18th** 11:30am - 1:30pm with brunch and light jazz. \$8 for prepaid tickets and \$12 at the door. Contact Riverdale Y's Senior Center at 718-548-8200 ext 204.

MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION WITH DR. ERIC MANDEL: The Israel Affairs Committee of CSAIR and B'nai B'rith will be co-sponsoring a discussion by Dr. Eric Mandel, an expert on Middle East issues, anti-Zionism, and anti-Semitism on college campuses. The discussion will be held at the Conservative Synagogue: 475 West 250 Street on **Sun., Dec. 18th** at 2pm. Refreshment will be served; admission is free.

ORTHODOX WOMEN IN THE PERFORMING ARTS: For/by women only. **Sun., Dec. 18th** 3-5pm at the Great Neck Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, NY 11021. \$15 admission fee benefiting Kol Neshama, a performing arts school for observant girls and women. Dessert/meet and greet reception immediately following. See www.rebeccashira.com for more details.

CABARET NIGHT TO BENEFIT AT-RISK ISRAELI TEENS: Acclaimed Israeli singer/songwriter Adina Feldman will perform 6:30-8:30pm **Sun., Dec. 18th**, in the Penthouse Ballroom of Manhattan's New York Skyline Hotel, 725 Tenth Ave. at 49th Street, in a Cabaret Night event to benefit the Ulpanat Dolev residential school in Israel and its innovative projects for at-risk youths. Admission by donation. Reservations by e-mail appreciated: carole.oshinsky@gmail.com.

CHANUKAH CONCERT: The Orthodox Union Singles Connection and Congregation Ohab Zedek present a Chanukah Concert starring C Lanzbom, Nochi Krohn, and Yisroel Juskowicz taking place on Motzei Shabbat Chanukah, **Dec. 24th** at Cong. Ohab Zedek, 118 West 95th Street, New York, NY. Details and registration can be found online at www.oucommunity.org or by calling 212-613-8300.

MINI-VACATION FOR CHILDREN: The Early Childhood Center at the Riverdale Y is offering a mini-vacation session between **Dec. 26th - Dec. 30th**. Experienced Riverdale Y teaching staff will be on hand to offer half-day, full-day and extended hours for children to experience learning, art, literacy and outdoor gross motor activities. Call Wendy Pollock @ 718-548-8200 x 220 for further details. Vacation rates: Member 9-12: \$200, 9-3: \$250, 9-6:\$300; Non Member 9-12: \$275, 9-3: \$325, 9-6: \$375.

DAVENING AND CHUMASH CLASSES WITH MARILYN SELBER: Learn the order and meaning of the prayers. Learn Chumash in Hebrew. Improve your Hebrew reading, writing and comprehension. Learn the key to understanding Hebrew words through the Shoresh, root, of the word. This class gives you the tools you need. Everybody learns, regardless of their level. For more information, contact [symp6th@aol.com](mailto:symph6th@aol.com).

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.



Annual Chanukah Dinner featuring the HIR Community choir

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Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011
at 6:30pm

Join us for the
Annual Chanukah Dinner
with a performance by our
beloved HIR Community Choir,
in the social hall.

New pieces and old favorites.

Candle Lighting at 6:30 pm,
performance approx. 7:30 pm.

Cost: \$15/adult \$10/child (4-12)
Under 4 eat free



CHANUKAH SAMEACH!



Please sign me up!

Name: _____

of adults: ___ # of paid children: ___

children under 4: _____

total due: _____ (\$50 max/family) ___ Check enclosed

___ Please charge my Visa/MC: _____

Exp Date: _____ Signature: _____