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Weekly Edition

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Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by the Kozodoy and Penso families in honor of Avraham's Bar Mitzvah.

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**For our full
Purim Schedule,
see pages 2 & 3
of this bulletin.**

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Anat Barber & Avi Bloom on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents Sarah & Shlomo Barber and **Elaine & Arthur Bloom**, great-grandmothers Selma Anshen of Riverdale and Malka Barber of Ramat Gan, and to the entire extended family.

Rachel Kirschbaum on the birth of a son. To grandparents Esther & Myron Kirschbaum, and to great-grandparents Deborah Weiner and Jonas Kirschbaum.

Sarah Kozodoy Penso & Vitali Penso on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avraham.

Wishing Condolences to:

Rochelle Simon and Jerald Simon on the passing of their mother, **Thea Simon**. Shiva will be observed at Thea's home, 3555 Netherland Ave. #6C until Sunday at noon.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

ASHKENAZIC-SEPHARDIC MAIN TEFILLAH: In celebration of Avraham Penso's Bar Mitzvah this **Shabbat, March 12**, tefillah in the Main Sanctuary will include the Beth Aharon community and incorporate Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions. Tefillah will begin at 8:15am and will follow the Sephardic customs (using a Sephardic siddur) through the Shacharit Amidah repetition. Beginning with taking out the Torah, we will switch to the Artscroll siddur and follow Ashkenazic customs. This will be a beautiful synthesis, and we look forward to celebrating as a community. Please contact Rav Steven with any questions.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Dr. Jonathan Ben Dov
"Ibbur Hachodesh - How Jewish is the 'Jewish Calendar'?"

Learn the history of the Jewish calendar and its various influences while we're in the thick of the leap month Adar II! Rescheduled from last month.



CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT

Chess Club with Ben Wolfson returns! Shabbat at 3:30pm. Room 3-6. All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess.



MOTZEI SHABBAT @ THE BAYIT - "Hungry to be Heard":

Take part in a powerful evening this **Saturday night, Mar. 12**, beginning at 8:00pm: see "Hungry to be Heard", an OU documentary focusing on Jewish young adults struggling with eating disorders, and the long road to recovery.

Following the film, we will hear from community member Aviva Braun Finkler, LCSW, and the film's associate producer, Sarah L. Weinberger-Litman, PhD. Parents and teens (7th grade and up) are encouraged to attend.

**Next Shabbat @ The Bayit -
See Page 2 for Shabbat Zachor Programs**

YOUTH POLICY

It has come to our attention that the following policy needs to be reiterated: We encourage children to be in youth groups or in shul. It is acceptable (though not ideal) for children to play calmly in the lobbies *with adult supervision*. It is unacceptable for children to play in stairwells, coatrooms, offices, or hallways. So as to maintain order and safety on the youth floors, the second and third floor of the Bayit should be clear (of both children and adults) except for pick up and drop off. Please make sure to communicate these policies to your family, and assist us in creating a safe and respectful Shabbat morning experience for all.



**Please remember to move your
clocks forward to move your
this Saturday night, March 12.**

PURIM SCHEDULE 5771-2011

Sunday, March 13 - Pre-Purim

Family Tefillah - Purim Style! - 9:30am

Join us Sunday, at 9:30am on the third floor for a special morning of music and singing followed by a light breakfast and a special Purim arts and crafts project! For Ages Toddlers-6 yrs.

Thursday, March 17 - Ta'anit Esther (Fast of Esther)

Fast Starts - 5:52am

Shacharit - 6:25am and 8:00am

Mincha/Maariv - 6:40pm

Fast Ends - 7:45pm



Friday, March 18

Handing Out Baskets - 10:00am

Spread Purim cheer with the HIR rabbinic staff! They will be in costume on Johnson Ave. handing out mishloach manot to Riverdale residents. Interested in volunteering with your children? Let us know.

Shabbat, March 19 - Shabbat Zachor and Purim Night

Tefillat Esther - 9:00am

Will meet in celebration of Aliza and Shira Schneider's Bnot Mitzvah! Lower Level Beit Midrash.

Mincha - 6:00pm

Mini-Shiurim - 6:30pm

Hear two short classes from members of the Bayit community highlighting different elements of the Purim holiday. Then return home to begin preparing for Purim right after Shabbat ends.

Shabbat Ends - 7:52pm

Maariv & Megillah Reading with Minyan Shachar - LL Beit Midrash - 8:15pm

Join Minyan Shachar for a lively Megillah reading: every character will be read by a different reader - men and women readers. Reading followed by light refreshments.

Maariv & Megillah Reading (followed by Havdalah) with Ba'al Kriah Bernie Horowitz - Main Sanctuary - 8:30pm

Come in costume to hear the talented Bernie Horowitz read the megillah using different voices for each character. During the reading, we'll project the text of the megillah onto a screen enabling the hearing impaired to follow along with the megillah reading and be included in the joy of the Purim celebration. And come and see our special Purim Puppets as they perform during the reading!

In the spirit of Purim, please bring a small (but noisy!) box of pasta or rice (boxes only, no bags) to use as a grogger, and after megillah reading they will be donated to City Harvest.

Pizza & drinks from Cafecchino will be available for purchase after the readings in the right side of the Social Hall.

Beth Aharon Megillah Reading - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 8:45pm

Purim Shpiel - "Spoofs on the Bayit" - Approx. 10:00pm

Join us in the Social Hall for a hilarious Purim Shpiel variety show - written by, acted by, and about members of our Bayit. All are welcome - prepare to laugh!

Additional Megillah Reading - LL Beit Midrash - 10:30pm

Texas Hold 'Em Charity Tournament - 2nd FL Beit Midrash - 10:30pm

It's Poker time! The tournament is \$25 to enter. Half of the proceeds will go to charity of your choice and half will go to HIR. To enter the tournament, please RSVP to Steven Laufer at sml8@nyu.edu.

Shpiel or No Shpiel! Ginger Grill - 10:00pm - 12:00am

All teens are invited to play Deal or No Deal, with real cash prizes up to \$300! Head over to Ginger Grill after Megillah reading for an all you can eat buffet, refreshments, and your chance at big money! \$20 includes dinner, refreshments, and your chance at big money!



Sunday, March 20 - Purim Day

Shacharit Followed by Megillah Reading - Main Sanctuary - 8:30am

Additional Megillah Reading - LL Beit Midrash - 11:00am

Tefillat Esther Women's Tefillah Megillah Reading - Main Sanctuary - 11:00am

In celebration of Shira and Aliza Schneider's Bnot mitzvah.



Fantastical Purim Carnival & Performance - 3rd FL - 11:30am

All children who come in costume win a prize! Cost \$18 per family. Includes food, drinks and more! Sponsored in conjunction with Kinneret Day School and with our Jewish Youth Encounter Program.

Parade through the streets of Riverdale - Approx. 12:30pm

Public Megillah Reading with Amcha at Iranian Mission to the UN - 12:00pm

On a day when we commemorate the near-destruction of our people, we read our story aloud in the face of another who would destroy Israel. At a time of global unrest, this is a critical moment to show our Jewish pride and our responsibility to other communities in need on Purim. All are welcome. 622 Third Ave. (at 40th St.)

Early Mincha - LL Beit Midrash - 1:45pm

Communal Purim Seuda - Main Lobby - 5:00pm

Join us at the Bayit for Mexican food and merriment. Bring your musical instruments, Purim Torah, and celebratory spirit. Cost \$10/per person, \$30/per family. Please make your reservations **by Wed., Mar. 16.**

Mincha/Maariv - LL Beit Midrash - 6:55pm

Chesed Programs



Matanot L'evyonim (Gifts to the Poor)

You can fulfill this mitzvah through our Project Matanot L'evyonim at the Bayit. We encourage every one to take part. In addition, we will distribute your cash and check donations which we collect before or on Purim day to needy Jews here in the Bronx and in Israel. You can give your donation to one of the rabbinic staff. Remember the words of Miamonides; "It is better to spend more on gifts to the poor than on the Purim meal or on mishloach manot. For no joy is greater or more glorious than the joy of gladdening the hearts of the poor."

Megillah Reading for the Homebound

Do you know someone who may need the megillah read for them at home? Can you offer to read the megillah for someone in need? If your answer to either of these questions is yes, please let us know.

Mishloach Manot Drive and Delivery to the Homebound

Pack it Up for Purim: Join the Bayit, through a NY-wide effort coordinated with UJA, in collecting food packages for needy New Yorkers. Make a healthy Mishloach Manot package filled with nutritional nonperishable goods and drop it off at the Bayit between Tuesday, Mar. 1 to Thursday, Mar. 10. For more info. please contact ravstevnexler@gmail.com. Then, on Purim day, spread the Purim joy. Pick up these mishloach manot bags from the HIR lobby and deliver them to the homebound throughout our neighborhood. Contact ravstevnexler@gmail.com if you'd like to deliver and visit.

Retirement Residences

Celebrate Purim megillah readings and spread Purim joy to the residents at the Atria on Purim night, Sat. night, Mar. 18 at 8:15pm, and Purim day, Sun., Mar. 20, at 10:30am. Join the HIR rabbinic staff to bring the cheer of Purim to everyone.

Social Services Programs

Older Adults Purim Party

All older adults and children are invited to HIR on Sunday, Mar. 13 at 1:00pm, to sing Purim songs and dance together while enjoying a delicious meal. For reservations contact Judy at 718-796-4730 x111.

Golden Age Purim Party

Join HIR Older Adults on Tuesday, Mar. 15 at 2:00pm, for a stimulating lecture about Purim with Rav Steven followed by a sumptuous meal with hamentaschen. Contact Judy at 718-796-4730 x111 to make your reservation.

Special Friends Purim Party

Bring your families to make Purim masks and get in the Purim spirit with our special friends. Build bridges between the special friends and the Bayit. Tuesday evening, Mar. 15, at 5:30pm.

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

4:40pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven
After Mincha - Arve Pesachim: 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesachim with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd Floor Rav Steven's Office)

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 Hurwitz (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.

DAF YOMI LIVESTREAM WITH RAV LINZER:

Want to learn Daf Yomi but don't have time to go to a shiur? Now you can hear Rav Linzer's amazing and clear Daf Yomi shiurim live at 7:30am, and recorded thereafter. Visit though the YCT homepage: www.yctorah.org. In conjunction with Torah in Motion.



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 please contact James Lapin at TheBayit-Tent@yahoo.com.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE: A committee on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse is being formed to increase preventive measures in the community and to empower all families. For more information please call Carmiya Weinraub 347-602-6721.

OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM: All Older Adults are invited to participate in the next program which will take place on **Sun., Mar. 13** at 1:00pm. A Golden Age Purim Celebration will also take place, on **Tues., Mar. 15** at 2:00pm. Please call Judy for reservations as soon as possible at 718-796-4730 x111.

SPECIAL FRIENDS PROGRAM: HIR programs for individuals who are developmentally disabled will be held on **Sun., Mar. 13** at 3:30pm and **Tues., Mar. 15** at 6:30pm. Here is an opportunity to volunteer and spread the joy of Purim. This is a unique Chesed opportunity in your own synagogue. Please call Judy at 718-796-4730 x111.

ISRAELI POET @ THE BAYIT: The contemporary Israeli Poetry Group's April meeting, **Tue., April 12** at 7:00pm, will welcome Moishale Yitzhaki, a contemporary Israeli poet, who will lead the class and teach some of his poetry. He is a well known poet in Israel with 5 poetry books published, and he is the dean of literature at Midrashat Oranim which trains teachers.

JOIN US AT DAILY TEFILLOT



In an attempt to enhance the existing daily tefillot, we invite you to sign up to attend as many week day Tefillot as possible. Just go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/attend1 (password: HIR) and use this as one more way to inspire you to attend just one more tefillah during the year. Men and women are encouraged to attend. You will receive a reminder a day or two before your commitment. Looking forward to seeing you in shul!

Saturday Night Specials @ The Bayit

Mark your calendars to spend Saturday nights at the Bayit! Stay tuned for programmatic details. Contact Rav Steven for more information.

3/12: Film - Hungry to be Heard
3/26: Open Orthodoxy with Rav Avi, Part II

Please pick up a flyer in the lobby with our upcoming Shabbat afternoon and Saturday night events over the coming weeks until Purim!



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@jbfcs.org.

Youth Department

FAMILY TEFILLAH -

This Sun., Mar. 13, 9:30am

Join us for tefillah and then work with a Sofer to make your own Megillah.



YOUTH KIDDUSH

Youth Kiddush is sponsored by Ainat & Judah Koller in honor of the birthdays of Benaya and Yuval.



HIR YOUTH LIBRARY

Help us build our fledgling youth department library. Sponsor a book in honor of a loved one for \$15, and enhance Shabbat morning groups for all. If interested, contact Shira.

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 the following dates: March 13, April 3, and May 8. If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or (917) 885-4542. There are 4 spots available each month.

THANK YOU

The Youth Department would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations. We are truly moved by your support.

Nancy Bossov & Temple Israel of New Rochelle: 60 children's chairs & tables for youth groups
Klara & Phillip Brief: Children's books
Brian & Jenifer Grossberg: Toys
Abby & Ariel Finkelstein: Shabbat tablecloths
Ainat & Judah Koller: Shabbat tablecloths
Milton, Sue, Avi, and Hillel Sussman: Awesome foosball table
Yael Zand: Office desk

Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver! BAYIT KATAN will meet on Thursdays from 10:30am -12 noon. There will be trial sessions on April 28th. Spring One Session will meet on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Spring Two Session: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 6. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. Fee: \$100 for 6 sessions. 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 GROUPS : 9:30am - 11:30am

Tot Shabbat (Room open for play at 8:30am, tefillah at 10:30am): 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

Kol Hanearim 5th Grade and Up: 2-2

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.

Teen Tefillah will not be meeting this week. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah in the main sanctuary.



VESHINANTAM CONTINUES THIS SAT. NIGHT

We invite you to join us for parent and child learning at Veshinantam. **Every Sat. night, approx. one hour after Shabbat**, return to the Bayit to learn with your children in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash. Open up a Mishna, bring your child's Parsha reader, or use one of our books or articles for child Jewish learning. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam will take place this **Sat. night, Mar. 12, 7:15pm - last Saturday**. Veshinantam will resume on **Shabbat afternoon, Mar. 26, 5:30pm**.

3rd - 4th GRADE SHABBATON - BRING A FRIEND



Calling all 3rd-4th graders! Join us on Shabbat March 26, for a super special Shabbat morning groups, complete with an awesome game, a special activity with Yisrael, and a special Kiddush. If you haven't tried groups before, try now...if you have, bring a friend! Following groups will be a delicious lunch at the shul with youth director Evan Zauder, and the group teachers and leaders. Following Shabbat, come back to the shul for a super fun Motzei Shabbat activity.



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

READ TO JOE: Joe Pissarevsky is looking for volunteers to read to him. Please email joshabraham18@yahoo.com for details on this chesed and friendship opportunity.

CLEANING FOR A REASON: For women currently undergoing chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while in treatment. All one has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Please pass this information on to your family & friends. For more info. go to www.cleaningforareason.org.

VOLUNTEER TO JOIN OUR BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE: As our shul grows, we need to expand our Bikur Cholim committee. 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERDALE HOMELESS SHELTER: Looking for volunteers to cook meals for 8 homeless guests at the Society of Ethical Culture. To see the schedule and sign-up, go to TaketemAMeal.com. Last name: Society of Ethical Culture; Password: HIR. For questions, contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or shiragordon@optonline.net.

**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: 718-601-9714, akirshblum@jbfc.org



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

Beyond the Bayit

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: 6pm; F/(Sat)/S/M: 1:30pm. Please ALSO sign up on a website dedicated to coordinating Neshama platelet donations: <http://goo.gl/OG9np>. Donations are at Sloan Kettering, 1250 1st Ave. Visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations for complete information.

MA'AYANOT DINNER: Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School invites the community to attend our Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner on **Sat. evening, Mar. 12**, at Congregation Keter Torah, honoring Dr. Howie & Paula Friedman, Abie & Dena Feigenbaum, Dr. Hillel & Linda Moed Cohen, and Mrs. Shayna Goldberg. Our annual dinner is dedicated to underwriting Ma'ayanot's scholarship program and is the only major fundraising campaign for the year. To make a reservation, place an ad, or make a donation, please call 201-833-4307 ext 110 or go to our website: www.maayanot.org.

COMEDY CAFÉ NIGHT @ RJC: Riverdale Jewish Center, located at 3700 Independence Ave., will be hosting comedy night with comedian, actor & writer Modi, on **Sat. night, Mar. 12** at 8:30pm. For more info. e-mail rjcyouth@gmail.com. To purchase tickets, please call the RJC office at 718-548-1850 x111 or e-mail bella@rjconline.org.

RABBA SARA AT JCC: Rabba and Rabbi: An Evening with History Makers. **Wed., Mar. 16**, 7:00pm. The JCC in Manhattan presents a conversation between Rabba Sara Hurwitz and Rabbi Judith Hauptman, the first woman to receive a PhD in Talmud in 1982. Register at jccmanhattan.org/jewishlearning. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

SUMMER ISRAEL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS: UJA-Federation of New York's Israel Experience Center provides both needs-based and merit scholarships. Scholarship details and eligibility requirements can be found here: <http://ujafedny.org/israel-experience>. Please contact Rav Steven if you are interested in applying. Deadline is **Wed., Mar. 23**.

ANTIQUITIES JEWISH STUDIES CONFERENCE: "Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antiquity", organized by the YU Center for Israel Studies. Speakers include many scholars including Daniel Sperber, Lawrence Schiffman, Laura S. Lieber, and the Bayit's own Steven Fine. Day 1: **Sun., Mar. 27**, 1:00pm-6:00pm at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St. Day 2: **Mon., Mar. 28**, 10:00am - 6:00pm, at Furst Hall 501, 185th and Amsterdam Ave. For program information and to register, visit yu.edu/cis.

HATZALAH MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS: Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot Cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599 in the evenings. Support Hatzalah in its life-saving work.

**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.



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Sarah Kozodoy Penso & Vitali Penso on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avraham.

Wishing Condolences to:

Rochelle Simon and Jerald Simon on the passing of their mother, **Thea Simon**. Shiva will be observed at Thea's home, 3555 Netherland Ave. #6C until Sunday at noon.

This Shabbat @ The Bayit

ASHKENAZIC-SEPHARDIC MAIN TEFILLAH: In celebration of Avraham Penso's Bar Mitzvah this **Shabbat, March 12**, tefillah in the Main Sanctuary will include the Beth Aharon community and incorporate Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions. Tefillah will begin at 8:15am and will follow the Sephardic customs (using a Sephardic siddur) through the Shacharit Amidah repetition. Beginning with taking out the Torah, we will switch to the Artscroll siddur and follow Ashkenazic customs. This will be a beautiful synthesis, and we look forward to celebrating as a community. Please contact Rav Steven with any questions.

BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV - Shiur with Dr. Jonathan Ben Dov
"Ibbur Hachodesh - How Jewish is the 'Jewish Calendar'?"

Learn the history of the Jewish calendar and its various influences while we're in the thick of the leap month Adar II! Rescheduled from last month.



CHAVAYA - CULTURE @ THE BAYIT

Chess Club with Ben Wolfson returns! Shabbat at 3:30pm. Room 3-6. All levels welcome. 6 years and up. Ben has 3 years experience teaching children to play chess.



MOTZEI SHABBAT @ THE BAYIT - "Hungry to be Heard": Take part in a powerful evening this **Saturday night, Mar. 12**, beginning at 8:00pm: see "Hungry to be Heard", an OU documentary focusing on Jewish young adults struggling with eating disorders, and the long road to recovery.

Following the film, we will hear from community member Aviva Braun Finkler, LCSW, and the film's associate producer, Sarah L. Weinberger-Litman, PhD. Parents and teens (7th grade and up) are encouraged to attend.

**Next Shabbat @ The Bayit -
See Page 2 for Shabbat Zachor Programs**

YOUTH POLICY

It has come to our attention that the following policy needs to be reiterated: We encourage children to be in youth groups or in shul. It is acceptable (though not ideal) for children to play calmly in the lobbies *with adult supervision*. It is unacceptable for children to play in stairwells, coatrooms, offices, or hallways. So as to maintain order and safety on the youth floors, the second and third floor of the Bayit should be clear (of both children and adults) except for pick up and drop off. Please make sure to communicate these policies to your family, and assist us in creating a safe and respectful Shabbat morning experience for all.



**Please remember to move your
clocks forward to move your
this Saturday night, March 12.**

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

4:40pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven
After Mincha - Arve Pesachim: 10th Chapter of Tractate Pesachim with Rav Piperno (2nd Floor BM)

Sunday

9:30am - Parshanut with Rav Steven (2nd Floor Rav Steven's Office)

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 Hurwitz (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.

DAF YOMI LIVESTREAM WITH RAV LINZER:

Want to learn Daf Yomi but don't have time to go to a shiur? Now you can hear Rav Linzer's amazing and clear Daf Yomi shiurim live at 7:30am, and recorded thereafter. Visit though the YCT homepage: www.yctorah.org. In conjunction with Torah in Motion.



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Happenings @ the Bayit

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

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE: A committee on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse is being formed to increase preventive measures in the community and to empower all families. For more information please call Carmiya Weinraub 347-602-6721.

OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM: All Older Adults are invited to participate in the next program which will take place on **Sun., Mar. 13** at 1:00pm. A Golden Age Purim Celebration will also take place, on **Tues., Mar. 15** at 2:00pm. Please call Judy for reservations as soon as possible at 718-796-4730 x111.

SPECIAL FRIENDS PROGRAM: HIR programs for individuals who are developmentally disabled will be held on **Sun., Mar. 13** at 3:30pm and **Tues., Mar. 15** at 6:30pm. Here is an opportunity to volunteer and spread the joy of Purim. This is a unique Chesed opportunity in your own synagogue. Please call Judy at 718-796-4730 x111.

ISRAELI POET @ THE BAYIT: The contemporary Israeli Poetry Group's April meeting, **Tue., April 12** at 7:00pm, will welcome Moishale Yitzhaki, a contemporary Israeli poet, who will lead the class and teach some of his poetry. He is a well known poet in Israel with 5 poetry books published, and he is the dean of literature at Midrashat Oranim which trains teachers.

JOIN US AT DAILY TEFILLOT



In an attempt to enhance the existing daily tefillot, we invite you to sign up to attend as many week day Tefillot as possible. Just go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/attend1 (password: HIR) and use this as one more way to inspire you to attend just one more tefillah during the year. Men and women are encouraged to attend. You will receive a reminder a day or two before your commitment. Looking forward to seeing you in shul!

Saturday Night Specials @ The Bayit

Mark your calendars to spend Saturday nights at the Bayit! Stay tuned for programmatic details. Contact Rav Steven for more information.

3/12: Film - Hungry to be Heard
3/26: Open Orthodoxy with Rav Avi, Part II

Please pick up a flyer in the lobby with our upcoming Shabbat afternoon and Saturday night events over the coming weeks until Purim!



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@jbfcs.org.

Youth Department

FAMILY TEFILLAH -

This Sun., Mar. 13, 9:30am

Join us for tefillah and then work with a Sofer to make your own Megillah.



YOUTH KIDDUSH

Youth Kiddush is sponsored by Ainat & Judah Koller in honor of the birthdays of Benaya and Yuval.



HIR YOUTH LIBRARY

Help us build our fledgling youth department library. Sponsor a book in honor of a loved one for \$15, and enhance Shabbat morning groups for all. If interested, contact Shira.

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 the following dates: March 13, April 3, and May 8. If interested, please contact Samantha Verrone at sverrone@mac.com or (917) 885-4542. There are 4 spots available each month.

THANK YOU

The Youth Department would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations. We are truly moved by your support.

Nancy Bossov & Temple Israel of New Rochelle: 60 children's chairs & tables for youth groups
Klara & Phillip Brief: Children's books
Brian & Jenifer Grossberg: Toys
Abby & Ariel Finkelstein: Shabbat tablecloths
Ainat & Judah Koller: Shabbat tablecloths
Milton, Sue, Avi, and Hillel Sussman: Awesome foosball table
Yael Zand: Office desk

Calling all toddlers up to age 3 with parent or caregiver! BAYIT KATAN will meet on Thursdays from 10:30am -12 noon. There will be trial sessions on April 28th. Spring One Session will meet on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Spring Two Session: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 6. Our nurturing Jewish environment will include free play, sensory art, circle time with music, and a healthy snack. Fee: \$100 for 6 sessions. 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 GROUPS : 9:30am - 11:30am

Tot Shabbat (Room open for play at 8:30am, tefillah at 10:30am): 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

Kol Hanearim 5th Grade and Up: 2-2

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.

Teen Tefillah will not be meeting this week. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah in the main sanctuary.



VESHINANTAM CONTINUES THIS SAT. NIGHT

We invite you to join us for parent and child learning at Veshinantam. **Every Sat. night, approx. one hour after Shabbat**, return to the Bayit to learn with your children in the 2nd Floor Beit Midrash. Open up a Mishna, bring your child's Parsha reader, or use one of our books or articles for child Jewish learning. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the entire community. Veshinantam will take place this **Sat. night, Mar. 12, 7:15pm - last Saturday**. Veshinantam will resume on **Shabbat afternoon, Mar. 26, 5:30pm**.

3rd - 4th GRADE SHABBATON - BRING A FRIEND



Calling all 3rd-4th graders! Join us on Shabbat March 26, for a super special Shabbat morning groups, complete with an awesome game, a special activity with Yisrael, and a special Kiddush. If you haven't tried groups before, try now...if you have, bring a friend! Following groups will be a delicious lunch at the shul with youth director Evan Zauder, and the group teachers and leaders. Following Shabbat, come back to the shul for a super fun Motzei Shabbat activity.



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

READ TO JOE: Joe Pissarevsky is looking for volunteers to read to him. Please email joshabraham18@yahoo.com for details on this chesed and friendship opportunity.

CLEANING FOR A REASON: For women currently undergoing chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while in treatment. All one has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Please pass this information on to your family & friends. For more info. go to www.cleaningforareason.org.

VOLUNTEER TO JOIN OUR BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE: As our shul grows, we need to expand our Bikur Cholim committee. 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERDALE HOMELESS SHELTER: Looking for volunteers to cook meals for 8 homeless guests at the Society of Ethical Culture. To see the schedule and sign-up, go to TaketemAMeal.com. Last name: Society of Ethical Culture; Password: HIR. For questions, contact Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280 or shiragordon@optonline.net.

**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: 718-601-9714, akirshblum@jbfc.org



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

Beyond the Bayit

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: 6pm; F/(Sat)/S/M: 1:30pm. Please ALSO sign up on a website dedicated to coordinating Neshama platelet donations: <http://goo.gl/OG9np>. Donations are at Sloan Kettering, 1250 1st Ave. Visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations for complete information.

MA'AYANOT DINNER: Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School invites the community to attend our Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner on **Sat. evening, Mar. 12**, at Congregation Keter Torah, honoring Dr. Howie & Paula Friedman, Abie & Dena Feigenbaum, Dr. Hillel & Linda Moed Cohen, and Mrs. Shayna Goldberg. Our annual dinner is dedicated to underwriting Ma'ayanot's scholarship program and is the only major fundraising campaign for the year. To make a reservation, place an ad, or make a donation, please call 201-833-4307 ext 110 or go to our website: www.maayanot.org.

COMEDY CAFÉ NIGHT @ RJC: Riverdale Jewish Center, located at 3700 Independence Ave., will be hosting comedy night with comedian, actor & writer Modi, on **Sat. night, Mar. 12** at 8:30pm. For more info. e-mail rjcyouth@gmail.com. To purchase tickets, please call the RJC office at 718-548-1850 x111 or e-mail bella@rjconline.org.

RABBA SARA AT JCC: Rabba and Rabbi: An Evening with History Makers. **Wed., Mar. 16**, 7:00pm. The JCC in Manhattan presents a conversation between Rabba Sara Hurwitz and Rabbi Judith Hauptman, the first woman to receive a PhD in Talmud in 1982. Register at jccmanhattan.org/jewishlearning. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

SUMMER ISRAEL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS: UJA-Federation of New York's Israel Experience Center provides both needs-based and merit scholarships. Scholarship details and eligibility requirements can be found here: <http://ujafedny.org/israel-experience>. Please contact Rav Steven if you are interested in applying. Deadline is **Wed., Mar. 23**.

ANTIQUITIES JEWISH STUDIES CONFERENCE: "Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antiquity", organized by the YU Center for Israel Studies. Speakers include many scholars including Daniel Sperber, Lawrence Schiffman, Laura S. Lieber, and the Bayit's own Steven Fine. Day 1: **Sun., Mar. 27**, 1:00pm-6:00pm at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St. Day 2: **Mon., Mar. 28**, 10:00am - 6:00pm, at Furst Hall 501, 185th and Amsterdam Ave. For program information and to register, visit yu.edu/cis.

HATZALAH MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS: Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot Cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599 in the evenings. Support Hatzalah in its life-saving work.

**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.