



# SHOFAR

Kislev/Tevet 5778

December 2017

## Sisterhood Shabbat



Friday, December 1, 7:30 pm

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Ben-Eli**

Dr. Ben-Eli has been described as a brilliant visionary, who collaborated with R. Buckminster Fuller to rethink the ways that businesses and communities can use modern technology more effectively...

A respected scholar, who authored the widely-acclaimed "Five Core Sustainability Principles," which serves as a roadmap to sustaining a rapidly-growing population...

One of Jewish National Fund's most innovative partners, whose lab pioneered Project Wadi Attir, the first sustainable agricultural cooperative in a Bedouin community, which has transformed barren desert land into a flourishing farming enterprise in the Negev, while boosting the region's economy and preserving local tribes' traditions. This model could be scaled around the world.



An oneg sponsored by Sisterhood will follow our Erev Shabbat Service.



*We will be lighting our Menorah each evening at 5 pm beginning on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Menorah lighting will take place at 6:00 pm immediately prior to Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah dinner. We hope you will join us these nights!*

Our new members:

- Joanne & David Ranzer



For membership information contact the office at (203) 267-3394

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## Donations

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in memory of*

**Joan Y. Hoffman**

Nancy & Joe Stammelman

**Ralph Schoonmaker**

Roz Schoonmaker

**Rose Hozer**

Joyce & Lew Hozer

**Rose Engel**

Sylvia & Howard Engel

**Mitchel Meyers**

Marjorie Ross

**William Cohen**

Phyllis & Samuel Klausner

**Philip Oblas**

Cary Strauss

**Leo Menaker**

Susan Fishman & Coby Ben-Chitrit

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi's care & eulogy for Sylvia Stein**

Nancy & Joel Becker

**Rabbi's beautiful Auf Ruf ceremony for our son,**

**Dov & his bride, Tricia Shimamura**

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

**Leah Linton's Bat Mitzvah**

Zeena & Donald Garber

### General Fund

*in memory of*

**Ann Bress**

Norma & Charles Fleishman

**Evelyn Fisher**

Judy & Joel Sherman

**Marilyn Grob**

Heather & Burt Cieply

**Bill Mazur**

Estate of Beverly Mazur

**Jean Komitor**

Eleanor Crystal

**Max Garber**

**Sally Garber**

Zeena & Donald Garber

**Doris Pace**

**Herman Pace**

Zeena & Donald Garber

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Davis**

Lisa & Scott Segal

**Gratitude for High Holy Day Honors**

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

**Wonderful High Holy Day Services & Choir**

Eleanor Crystal

**Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kipperman**

**Bar Mitzvah of Julian Morris**

The Burwin Family

### Music Fund

*in memory of*

**Klara Zatman**

Dawn & Bob Tendler

**Joseph Wertheimer**

Ruth Littman

**Mona Gordon Drayman**

Sharon & Ira Goldman

**Mona Gordon Drayman**

Lisa & Scott Segal

**Herman Schwartz**

Rosalie Koester

### Music Fund

*in honor of*

**Beautiful Music during High Holy Days**

Cynthia Rechtman

**Birth of Delilah Poindexter, granddaughter of**

**Lorraine Luger & Dennis Guillaume**

Lisa & Scott Segal

**Marriage of Sandy Gold & Paul Medina's son**

Lisa & Scott Segal

**Makhela's beautiful music at the Auf Ruf of our children Dov & Tricia**

Bea Gold, Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

### Ritual Fund

*in memory of*

**Harriette Bauman**

Dawn & Bob Tendler

**Harriette Bauman**

Sharon & Ira Goldman

### Flower Fund

*in memory of*

**Frieda Gross**

The Engelman Family

### Caring Fund

*in memory of*

**Emanuil Gelfand**

Anna Gelfand

**Joseph Wertheimer**

Ruth Littman

**Rose Ross**

Marjorie Ross



Purchase a Tree of Life leaf and receive 50% off the purchase price!

Each leaf is \$180, apply the coupon-\$90!!

This coupon is valid on any number of leaves in a single purchase. For more information contact the B'nai Israel office at 203.267.3394 or Memorials & Dedications Chair Eric Hall at 203.405.6576

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ORDERING  
KIPPOT & TALLIT  
FOR YOUR  
CHILD'S SERVICE

## B'NAI ISRAEL JUDAICA SHOP

At B'nai Israel's Judaica shop, you can choose from a large selection of Tallit in varying sizes and materials, many made in Israel.

Many styles of Kippot are also available and can be customized with your child's name in Hebrew and/or English.

Please browse through our catalogs for candlesticks, mezuzot and other ritual items for yourself or for gift giving!

## MAKE IT A MITZVAH!

When you purchase your Kippot and/or a Tallit from B'nai Israel's Judaica shop, a donation will be made to BIRS in honor of your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah!

For more information call:

Michelle Rosen  
(516) 320-5089

## December Anniversaries

12/18 Jodi & A.J. Wasserstein  
12/19 Suzanne & Herb Isaac  
12/21 Abby & Andrew Peklo  
12/31 Tina & Glenn Herman



## Sisterhood Schmooze Meeting

Sisterhood Members please join us for a schmooze and meeting with special guest speaker Susan McNeil from Safe Haven Thrift Shop on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the social hall.

Please bring a cosmetic or toiletry item to donate to Safe Haven for a Victim of Domestic Abuse.



Please RSVP to Michelle Rosen (203) 405-6576 or  
bnaisisters@gmail.com

## B'nai Israel Judaica Shop-Chanukah Sale

The Shop is having a Chanukah sale! Candles, dreidels, menorahs & more! Wed. 11/29 and Wed. 12/6 from 11-2.

More opportunities to buy-The Shop will be have a space at the B'nai Boutique. Sunday mornings or by appointment as well.

The store will be decorated for Chanukah after Thanksgiving.

Michelle Rosen (516) 320-5089 or theshop@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

Host an oneg and invite your B'nai Israel family to share in the fun!

Think of it as having friends over for coffee and...



To find out more about sponsoring  
an Oneg please contact:  
Sandy Marcus at (203) 264-9136

## December Yahrzeits

**12/1**

Sally Abbot  
**Sophie Brinker**  
**Isidore Chase**  
**Alfred Decker**  
Betsy Deutsch  
Rose Farrell  
Philip Friedman  
**Martin Greenblatt**  
Max Klausner  
**Harry Liebeskind**  
Marion McNally  
**Rose Mintz**  
Edna Purrinson  
**Harry Rearson**  
**Philip Semack**  
Eli Shapiro  
Harry Slutsky  
**Rose Traurig**  
**William Tobias Traurig**  
**Sidney Yavetz**  
**Thelma B. Zackin**  
**Robert Zetzer**

**12/8**

Irving Abramson  
Betty Alter  
**Herman George Cantor**  
**Frances Davidson**  
Edith Diamond  
**Michelle Dorfman**  
**Joseph Gaber**  
Hortense Gifford  
**Max Goldberg**  
**Celia Greenblatt**  
Rita Idelson  
Naomi Krakow Kanter  
Kurt Levy  
Sidney Leiber  
Eli Meisel  
**Sarah Rose Muni**  
**Florence Sherman**  
Morris Sperling  
**Ida Wale**  
Linda Wasylewski  
Anna Wertheimer  
Edmund Wright  
Mickey Wright

**12/15**

Albert Beninson  
**Morris Fleisher**  
**Abraham Frost**  
**Max Goudsmith**  
**Samuel H. Greenberg**  
Oscar Kipperman  
**George Levine**  
**Joseph Matzkin**  
Bernard Polen  
**Philip Rearson**  
Elsie Rudin  
**Ferdinand Schatzki**  
Milton B. Scheibel  
**Irving A. Shimans**  
**Richard G. Traurig**  
Charles Weinstein  
**Hyman Zeidler**  
**Pauline Danen Zackin**

**12/22**

**Herman Alexander**  
**Harry Bloom**  
**Helen Einhorn**  
Betty Elkins  
**Bessie Frank**  
**Shirley K. Greene**  
Elizabeth Grossman  
**Frances Howard**  
**Fannie L. Jennes**  
**Max Mirrer**  
Molly Phillips  
George Reed  
Richard Reily  
**Harold Rosenberg**  
Donald Scheibel  
**George Shapiro**  
Marion Silver  
Gertrude Steiglitz

**12/29**

**Elizabeth Weisman Davis**  
Alfred Deutsch  
Joan Dolcort  
**Ida Edlin**  
Leo Eisenberg  
William Epstein  
**David Fischer**  
**Flora Goldstein Greenblatt**  
Janet Meyers Hennick  
**Nathan Jarmak**  
**Kate Leopold**  
Ida Medina  
**Joseph Protter**  
Frances Rachells  
**Sylvia Segal**  
**Peter Horn Solomon**  
Joseph Wurzbarger  
**Nathan Yarish**

### remembering your loved ones

For those who might like a more permanent way to memorialize a loved one, consider purchasing a bronze plaque to hang on a board in the rear of our sanctuary in perpetuity which would be lit on the annual Yahrzeit date when kaddish is recited, and at every Yizkor service. Rabbi also prepares a special blessing to include as part of the Erev Shabbat service at the time the plaque is placed.

For more information or to order a  
Memorial Plaque, please contact:

**Eric Hall at (203) 405-6576**



Names indicated in bold  
have plaques on Memorial  
Boards in the rear of the  
sanctuary.

## December Birthdays

### December Onegs

12/1	Sisterhood Shabbat
12/8	Available
12/15	Sisterhood Chanukah Celebration
12/22	Available
12/29	Available

To find out more about sponsoring an Oneg contact:  
Sandy Marcus at  
(203) 264-9136

12/01	Alice Manning
12/02	Arik Dagan
12/03	Sarah Albert
12/05	Rachel Albert
	Sylvia Engel
12/06	Julia Isaac
12/07	Emma Rockafellow
12/08	Adam Johnson
	Emily Segal
12/11	Adam Buccino
12/12	Claire Bodian
12/13	Kenneth Friedman
	Marc Rubel
12/14	Jay Berko
	Murray Haber
12/17	Eric Hall
	Phyllis Klausner
12/18	Peggy Klein

12/19	Stephen Price
	Ken Witmyer
12/20	Eleanor Saperstein
12/21	Marilyn Engelman
	Philip Feinman
	Dan Telesco
12/22	Debra Brandt
	Joah Gerstenfeld
	Erin Menard
	Andrew Paley
12/23	Ethel Goldberg
	Tina Herman
12/24	Sarah O'Brien
12/28	Rachel Bearz



B'nai Israel is again collecting LaBonne's receipts. If you give us your shopping receipts from LaBonne's markets we can earn some dollars!  
Many thanks in advance!

## ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi's Adult Education classes are on Tuesdays, from 11-12 pm in the Library.

To download a registration form go to our updated website: [www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org)

Visit our website for a current calendar of events  
[www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org)

## Camp Scholarships

Be sure to visit our website at:  
[www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelouthbury.org) for camp scholarship opportunities through the Brad & Seth Mahler Scholarship Fund.





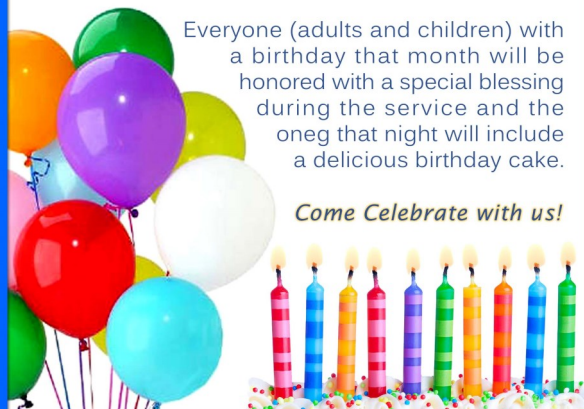
## Birthday Celebration Shabbat!

Do you have a birthday in the month of December?

Come celebrate on the first Shabbat of the month.

Everyone (adults and children) with a birthday that month will be honored with a special blessing during the service and the one that night will include a delicious birthday cake.

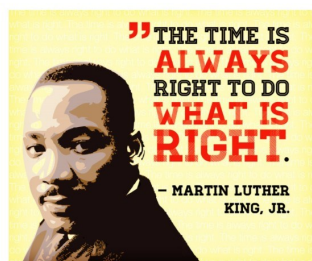
*Come Celebrate with us!*



*The Residents of Watermark at East Hill express appreciation for the time Rabbi Polokoff gives us throughout the year by observing holidays or leading discussions of current topics concerning the world Jewish community. A donation is made to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund by:*

Bea Gold  
Retta Fagin  
Ursula & Erwin Frank  
Zeena & Don Garber  
Molly Garfin  
Bea Gold  
Lila Howard  
Suzanne & Herb Isaac

Phyllis & Sam Klausner  
Leah Linton  
Ruth Littman  
Audrey Namowitz  
Phyllis & Eric Roth  
Patricia & Alan Schwartz  
Marvin Wurth



Join us.  
All are welcome.

## Civil Rights Shabbat Services Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

*BIRS Grade Six Students will help lead services  
and recite inspirational quotes from Civil Rights leaders.*

Friday, January 12, 2017

7:30 p.m.

**Pot Luck Supper** at 6:15 p.m.



RSVP for the Pot Luck Supper  
at stigs 12@aol.com.  
For more information, contact the  
B'nai Israel office at  
(203) 267-3394.

Please contribute a pot luck dish to serve 8-10:

*Last name starting with A-H: Main Dish  
(no pork, shellfish, no meat/milk combinations)*

*Last name starting with I-M:  
Salad or Vegetable Side Dish*

*Last name starting with N-Z: Dessert  
To assist people with allergies please list all ingredients.*



**Attention  
preschool  
families!**

Please join the children of B'nai Israel's  
Religious School as we celebrate  
Chanukah on Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>!

10:00 Spirited prayer service in the  
Sanctuary.

10:25-10:45 Latkes and sing along in  
the Social Hall.

#### RABBI

Eric Polokoff, D.D.  
rabbi@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

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#### School Director

Abby Peklo  
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#### Trustees

David Augenbraun (2020)  
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Gerry Klein (2018)  
Beth Rosen (2020)  
Michelle Rosen (2019)  
Len Ross (2018)  
Pauline Zimmerman (2019)

#### Introduction to Judaism classes

Sunday mornings

Please visit our website for  
class schedule.

[www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org)



## Tribute Cards



From: Joyce & Lew Hozer

To: Sandra Gold & Paul Medina \*Congratulations on their son's marriage

From: Lois & Rudy Zeidler & Pauline Zimmerman

To: Yvette Mickenberg, Sarah & Kevin Manning, Tracy & David Hill,  
Ellen & Rabbi Eric Polokoff, Linda & Dan Goodman, Peggy & Gerry Klein,  
Susan Fishman & Coby Ben-Chitrit \*Thank you for opening your homes  
for the Progressive Dinner. We are moved by your generosity.

From: Nancy & Joe Stammelman

To: Lionel Schwartz \*In memory of his brother Israel Schwartz

From: Ina & Irv Borenzweig

To: Celia Schwartz \*In memory of Lionel's brother, Israel

From: Sandy & Dan Marcus

To: Celia & Lionel Schwartz \*Deepest sympathy on loss of his brother, Israel

From: Lois & Rudy Zeidler

To: Sarah & Kevin Manning \*Mazel Tov on Ella becoming a Bat Mitzvah

To: Richie Bauman \*So sorry for the loss of your beloved wife, Harriette

To: Amir Rosenthal \* In memory of his father, Robert Rosenthal

From: Celia & Lionel Schwartz

To: Ina Borenzweig \*Feel better and get well soon!

To: Phil Rockmael \*In memory of his beloved wife, Terry

To: Ethel Schwartz \*In memory of your beloved husband, Israel

To: Sari & Bob Richie \*Welcome your grandson to the world, Jacob Schenfield

To: Marcia Brooker \*Welcome your grandson Benjamin Brooker to the world

From: Doris & Joel Abramson

To: Richie Bauman \*In memory of his wife, Harriette

Beautifully designed cards by artist Michelle Pulver

Hand calligraphy by our own Doris Landaeta

Tribute Cards cost \$5 each including postage. Please contact Doris Landaeta  
directly at (203) 232-6206 or [dorikam1958@gmail.com](mailto:dorikam1958@gmail.com)

### Mazel Tov!

- ◇ **Sandy Slater & Joe Hochheiser on the birth of their grandson, Leo**
- ◇ **Nancy & Joel Becker on the birth of their 2 new granddaughters-Caroline Becker Lemle & Grace Becker Goodliss**





*Sisterhood of B'nai Israel invites you to share in the glow  
of the holiday as we celebrate our annual*

# Chanukah Dinner!

Join in the **Chanukah** – **Hoopla** as we **spin dreidels**, make  
**Lego menorahs**, **sing** and bask in the warmth of our  
congregational family.

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM**

(Services at 7:30 following dinner.)

**\$18 Per Person**

**Ages 12 and under \$9, Children under 3 are free**

Includes potato latkes, challah, garden salad, baked chicken, vegetables  
(chicken fingers and pasta available for children) and a dessert oneg  
featuring **Heather's famous cookies and a hot chocolate bar!**

RSVP to Temple Office – 203.267.3394 or  
office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.com **by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
Payment required for reservation – No walk-ins at the door.

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