B'nai Israel's Community Passover Seder

Who:
ALL are welcome!

What:
A traditional kosher-style, family-friendly seder led by Rabbi Polokoff and Dir. of Sacred Music Linda Goodman with buffet dinner & dessert

When:
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - 6PM

Where:
B'nai Israel
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Community Function Hall
444 Main Street N., Southbury

How:
RSVP to Valerie no later than 4/12/24
203.267.3394
Please submit checks to the office.
Sorry, no walk-ins
Seder will be streamed on YouTube

Cost: $36 pp.
children under 13 $15
and under 4 free.
Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
in memory of
Elizabeth Ival Stratford
Francis Arthur Stratford
Ival & Ron Kovner
Frederick Stein
Natalie Bram
Doris Garber
Herbert Garber

Caring Fund
in memory of
Belle Rosmarin
Sharon Goldman
Roza Gelfand
Anna Gelfand
Rose Gianat
Bobbi Gianat

Music Fund
in memory of
Helen Gleiberman
Sheila Baum
Estelle Solomon
Rachel & Jonathan Albert
Clara Koweek
Barbara Phillips
Esther Rechtman
Lisa & Scott Segal
Tamara Loeffler
Nancy & Joel Becker

General Fund
LeTicia Lee

General Fund
in appreciation of
Rabbi officiating at the funeral
of Paul Frenkel
Rita Frenkel

General Fund
in memory of
Kenneth Mahler
Fred Stein
Sharon Goldman
Kenneth Mahler
Margie Ross
Frederick Stein
Kenneth Mahler
Lisa Miller & Joe Weisman
Marty Green
Nancy & Robert Green
Anne Kaplan
Nancy Brown & Rudy Zeidler
Joseph Komitor
Fanny Crystal
Kate Cooperman
Ellie Crystal
Malke Metz
Andrea Vartanian

Memorials & Dedications Fund
in memory of
Kenneth Mahler
Dawn Tendler
Sylvia Tendler

Israel Advocacy Fund
in memory of
Naomi Leaf Halpern
Ruth N. Holt

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DONATIONS
To send a tribute card contact Doris Landaeta at dorikam1958@gmail.com
$5 per tribute card (includes postage)
If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious the school please call Education Director Jacqui Schulefand at 203.267.3396 or e-mail educator@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

B’nai Israel
Religious School

Todah Raba to Sisterhood!

The B’nai Israel B’nai Mitzvah (or 7th Grade) class would like to thank the Sisterhood for their generous gift of a beautiful engraved Kiddush Cup for each Bar and Bat Mitzvah student. We are very grateful for their continued support. This gift is very meaningful and something we will cherish for years to come.

Todah Raba to Heather Cieply!

BIRS would like to thank Heather Cieply for her delicious hamentashen fundraiser to benefit the B’nai Israel Religious School. We can’t do what we do without the dedication and generosity of people like Heather. What a great way to celebrate Purim while supporting the B’nai Israel community. Heather’s hamentashen are the absolute best!!

BIRS students who have attended 5 or more Shabbat services this year, were recognized with an ice cream party with Rabbi Eric. We had a lot of fun along with thoughtful and meaningful conversations. A great time was had by all and what’s better than ice cream for breakfast!

www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org
Celebrate a simcha, remember a friend, or share a milestone by sending a tribute card. Cards are hand calligraphied and still only $5 including postage!

Contact Doris Landaeta:
dorikam1958@gmail.com

HERE ARE THEIR MITZVAH PROJECTS FOR THEIR BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS

Eli Price
For my bar mitzvah project I wanted to do something to learn about how to help fight against antisemitism.

I did a lot of research including reaching out to the ADL and the Foundation to Combat Anti Semitism (FCAS) which leads the Blue Square Project. [https://www.standuptojewishhate.org/](https://www.standuptojewishhate.org/)

I plan to raise money for the Yemin Orde Youth Village. The village is on Mount Carmel in northern Israel and is a home and school to 450 at-risk immigrant youth from around the world. The Village provides a really special role in Israel as it is open 24/7 and every day of the year to provide a home for kids who have no other place to go in Israel. It has children from North Africa, Iran, India, Yemen, Eastern Europe, Ethiopia, France, the former Soviet Union, Brazil, Israel, and more. The village was founded in 1953, after the Holocaust, and provided a home for Holocaust orphans and immigrant children.

The school campus includes a high school which offers a high-quality academic curriculum, an art and music center, a large computer center, a carpentry shop, a dining room, a library, and sports facilities. They also offer lifelong support for graduates. Their mission is to help children understand their connection to Judaism and Israel.

I also plan to volunteer at The Little Guild, which is an animal shelter in Northwest Connecticut. Currently it accommodates 16 dogs and 25 cats. The goal of the organization is to provide playgroups, learning activities, temperament testing, socialization, exercise, and mental stimulation for both cats and dogs waiting to get adopted. To help out, I’m going to volunteer to walk dogs and socialize with cats to help them adjust to humans and hopefully get matched with a loving family.

I chose these projects because they are both meaningful to me personally. The Yemin Orde Youth Village is important to me because I want to help make a difference with what’s happening in Israel and The Little Guild matters to me because I have a dog of my own who I really love and I want all animals to be able to live in a loving home.

Leah Obenshain
For my Mitzvah project, I wanted to give back to the community by raising money for the Susan B. Anthony program, which supports and helps families that were in bad situations get out of them.

The Susan B. Anthony project is an organization that helps women and their kids escape bad situations to be safer and have a fresh start in life. They also provide emotional support, food, and a safe place to live. They have a 24-hour, 365 days a year-round hotline support where you can call and they will help you. To help this organization, I will be making art such as clay earrings, string wood art, and bead animals, and selling them at my school fair to raise money to buy food and supplies to give to the organization.

This project is important to me because when I used to live in East Hartford, I would see moms and their kids sitting on the sidewalks asking if we had any food or water for them. As a little kid, I was not able to help them as much as I wanted to, so now that I am older, I want to make a difference by giving as much as I can to the families that need it.
Interested in joining B'hai Israel's Sisterhood?

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Book Discussion
Lilac Girls
By Martha Hall Kelly

Date: 6/3/2024

Time: TBD

Phone: 203-297-3394
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How does it work?
Each person brings 2 new items with them valued at approx.$10 - $20. All items will be displayed for all of the attendees to see. The person who brought the item will introduce herself and share why that particular item is her favorite thing. Numbers will be drawn and everyone will go home with someone else’s favorite item. Prepare to laugh, learn about new items and perhaps make new friends.

IDEAS:
Hand Cream, Umbrella, Bottle of Wine, Kitchen Gadget, Coffee/Tea, Socks, Hair clip, Spices, Gift Card, Perfume, Hair Brush, etc.

For more information, contact Michelle at bnaisisters@gmail.com
Yahrzeits
May their memories be for blessing

04/05
Allan Crystal
Nathan Davidson
Michael Dorf
Seymour Drantch
David Elliot
Florence Erlanger
Joseph Goldberg
Harold G. Green
Morris Horn
Heather Rose Kornick
Ann Procter
Jacob N. Reardon
Benjamin Saunders
Linda Schiff
Charlotte Smotroff
Rae Spearo
Morris Stein
Marvin Yaffe
Rose Zetzer

04/12
Max Berland
Mollie Breslawsky
Franklyn Danen
Freda Erlanger
Bernard Feinman
Jennie Berman Finkelstein
Bertha Fleisher
Rita Friedman
Maye Gaber Halberstam
Murray Goldberg
Mollie Goldfarb
Judy Kipperman
Celia Kosersky
Albert Leopold
Pauline Levedu
Helen Friedman Perretz
Ranny Ranzer
C. Howard Shore
Edward Traurig

04/19
Mitchell Backon
Joseph David Dover
Edith Effren
Henry Fleischman
Joseph Halperin
Ben Hofstadter
Aaron Jarmak
Meyer Land
Rose Mahler
David L. Martin
Anne Paley
Benjamin Weiss
Lisa K. Weiss
Frances Winland
Henrietta Zackin
David Zeidler

04/26
Harry P. Horn
Adeline Isaac
Herman Lester
Frances Lieber
Judy Marangio
Rose Menaker
Anne Oblas
Tobie Perlman
Joanne Ranzer
David Rubin
Stephen Scharf
Patricia Schwartz
Philip Schwartz
Lillian C. Spier
Miriam Sukman
David R. Traurig
Ethele Weiss
Carlos Yelin
Samuel R. Zetzer

*each name in bold has a plaque in the B’nai Israel sanctuary
The Three Amigos on 'Friendship and Transcendence'
April 18, 2024
from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

A Priest, Rabbi and Imam – Mons. Joseph Donnelly, Rabbi Eric Polokoff and Imam Gazmend Aga – are known in Connecticut as “The Three Amigos.”

The trio have been friends and interfaith partners for years, and first lectured together in 2010. In 2019 a nun dubbed them “The Three Amigos,” and the moniker stuck. Their public conversations modeling interreligious understanding have drawn unexpectedly large audiences and critical acclaim both online and at leading area institutions.

They have a weakness for selfies, and seem to be nearing consensus over who is the smart one, the good one and the handsome one.

This event will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who can’t attend in person. There is no need to register if you will be watching the livestream. Simply go to this link: https://www.facebook.com/hartfordinternational
“Please God, please heal them.”

Mindful of how our Misheberach prayers are to be timely, as we begin the New Year 5783 we seek to check on the status of those for whom we pray publicly. Beginning December 1st, to maintain, add or remove a name from the list, the office must be notified on a monthly basis. Call the office at 203.267.3394 or email: office@bnaisraelsouthbury.org to maintain, add, or remove a name.