

Shofar



Kislev/Tevet 5783

December 2022



CHANUKAH!

CELEBRATE THE 1ST NIGHT OF THE
HOLIDAY WITH US!



18 DEC - 5PM

In the Social hall after menorah lighting

All are welcome! Please RSVP to
office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

**Chanukah Games,
Latkes, salad and
sufganiyot!**

Menorah Lighting Times

Sunday, December 18th	5:00 PM
Monday, December 19th	5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 20th	5:00 PM
Wednesday, December 21st	5:00 PM
Thursday, December 22nd	5:00 PM
Friday, December 23rd	6:45 PM
Saturday, December 24th	5:00 PM
Sunday, December 25th	5:00 PM

Join Rabbi Eric each of these nights to light the menorah!



CHANGE TO SERVICE TIME

**PLEASE MARK
YOUR CALENDARS**

After discussion the Ritual
Committee of B'nai Israel has
decided to experiment with an
earlier service time. Beginning
December 9, 2022-March 2023 Erev
Shabbat services will begin at **7:00
p.m.**

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B'nai Israel Committees/Projects and Opportunities

Mitzvah Garden

The B'nai Israel Mitzvah Garden is maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers committed to providing nourishing vegetables to our food-challenged neighbors in Southbury and Woodbury. During this past growing season, we contributed over 100 pounds of vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, celery, kale, various lettuces and beans to the Southbury and Woodbury Food Banks.

Our volunteers perform a variety of tasks ranging from working the soil, planting the seeds, tending the weeds and harvesting the vegetables. Those who are not inclined to work the soil can deliver the produce or help with procuring donations for seedlings and supplies. Every one of these tasks is essential for the production of these precious vegetables. No experience is necessary! You can learn from more experienced gardeners as you spend meaningful time tending to the garden with fellow congregants.

The Mitzvah Garden operates from March to October with the busiest months being June, July and August. Please contact me if you are interested in getting involved.

Linda Goodman,
Chairman Mitzvah Garden
music@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

Resettlement of Refugees

New Start Ministry is an interfaith group based in Woodbury that welcomes refugees to the United States and helps them resettle in the Greater Waterbury area. With each family that arrives, members of New Start Ministry form different committees, each focused on supporting the new family in a different area such as finding a home and furnishing it, teaching them about dealing with finances in the U.S., teaching them English, helping them understand the culture in the United States, helping them find employment, etc.

New Start Ministry is currently helping an Afghan refugee family of four. They arrived nine weeks ago and are doing well. The children are enjoying school (pre-K and Kindergarten), the father has been working part-time for now so he has time to work on improving his

English, and the mother is working hard at Adult ESL and is looking forward to taking the DMV test.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are still some opportunities to help this family. New Start Ministry is seeking people to assist with driving family members for activities such as school and medical appointments. Perhaps you prefer working with children? Then please consider volunteering to assist with childcare, needed when the parents are involved with meetings and with appointments outside the apartment. Another important need is for ESL tutors, mastery of English is crucial for their successful resettlement.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Merri Klar at merri7385@gmail.com. You can also view the New Start Ministry website: newstartministryct.org

Makhelah B'nai Israel Adult Choir

Makhelah, B'nai Israel's adult choir is led by Linda Goodman, Director of Sacred Music. Makhelah participates in worship services monthly partnering with Rabbi Eric to inspire congregants and enhance their spiritual experiences. Sometimes we provide a quiet piece for reflection, sometimes a rousing piece encouraging congregants to sing-along. We have an impressive repertoire and continue to learn new pieces.

Makhelah singers meet from 7:00-8:30 every other Thursday, rehearsing music to be presented at erev Shabbat services. These rehearsals increase to weekly in July and August as we prepare for the extensive body of music prepared for High Holy Day services.

Our singers are a group of dedicated individuals with a variety of musical backgrounds who all read music to varying degrees of proficiency. We work hard to achieve a beautiful sound.

If you have no musical experience but love to sing, please contact me. With our many technological options, singers have multiple ways to learn music and to participate in our services.

Please consider singing with us. It is a lovely way to meet fellow congregants and

a meaningful way to enhance spiritual connections with Judaism.

Please contact me to learn more.

Linda Goodman,
Director of Sacred Music
music@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

Israel Advocacy Committee

Contact: Hadar Lubin or Rabbi Eric
More Info to Come Soon

Library

Assist in digitizing the index for our library, done on computer. Contact: Rabbi Eric
More Info to Come Soon

Kulanu

Task Force on Antisemitism as part of ADL pilot program.
Contact: Rabbi Eric

Sisterhood (Women of Reform Judaism)

Contact: Michelle Rosen
More Info to Come Soon

Tech Corps

Help direct and run the AV systems.

Run tech for erev Shabbat, B'nai Mitzvah and all types of services.

Direct the cameras, run the soundboard and facilitate Vimeo, Zoom and YouTube.

Basic computer skills are a requirement.

2 hour training session will be provided and guides are available.

Erev Shabbat commitment, 6:30 - 8:30 when asked to participate.

Contact Steven Reps if interested - president@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org



Donations

Donor Opportunities



Yahrzeit Plaque

Purchase a plaque to memorialize your loved ones
With a memorial plaque
Each plaque is \$380

Please contact
Sharon Goldman

Contact Us

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rabbi@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

Visit our website for a full list
of staff email addresses
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

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Rose Ross
Mitchell Meyers

Margie Ross

Audrey Walzer

Natalie Bram

Max Hoffman

Joan Hoffman

Nancy Stammelman

Joseph Stammelman

Mildred Schwartz

Leona & Allen Schwartz

Robert Weil

Sara & Michael Matzkin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

The Henry Nias Foundation

Caring Fund

in memory of

Lucille Gianat

Bobbi Gianat

Music Fund

in memory of

Bob Weil

Sylvia, Jonathan & Rachel Albert

Israel Advocacy Fund

in memory of

Art Phillips' connection to Israel

Ruth Holt

Memorials & Dedications Fund

in memory of

Jay Steinberg

Sharon Goldman

Adult Education Fund

in memory of

Sophia & Manuel Stillerman

Myra Suib

Tamid

The Henry Nias Foundation

General Fund

The Henry Nias Foundation

General Fund

in honor of

Linda & Dan Goodman's
50th anniversary

Ellen Rosmarin

Steven Reps' kindness

Barbara Phillips

Rabbi & Linda for their support
during funeral & Shiva for our
fathers

Beth & Mike Rosen

General Fund

in memory of

Art Phillips

Kevin Kennedy

Jay Steinberg

Barbara Phillips

Jay Steinberg

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

Rosalyn B. Schoonmaker

Kathryn Katz

Evelyn Fisher

Judy & Joel Sherman

Philip Oblas

Carolyn Strauss

Jay Steinberg

The Segal Family

Paula Green

Nancy & Robert Green

Robert Weil

Sharon Goldman

*Your donations
are greatly
appreciated!*



YAHRTZEITS

Leadership

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Trustees

Kathryn Albee (2024)
Charlene Blatter (2023)
Marci Durnell (2025)
Melissa Fleischer (2024)
Paul Medina (2025)
Allison Berman Schwartz (2023)
Jodi Wasserstein (2023)
Alexis Zimmerman (2025)

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*each name in **bold** has
a plaque in the B'nai
Israel sanctuary

12/02

Sophie Brinker
Isidore Chase
Alfred Decker
Betsy Deutsch
Sidney Eisenberg
Martin Greenblatt
Bernard G. Kempler
Sam Klausner
Harry Liebeskind
Marion McNally
Leo Menaker
Edna Purrinson
Harry Rearson
Philip Semack
Harry Slutsky
Rose Traurig
William Tobias Traurig
Sidney Yavetz
Thelma B. Zackin
Robert Zetzer

12/09

Irving Abramson
Betty Alter
Frederic D. Brown
Herman George Cantor
Frances Davidson
Edith Diamond
Michelle Dorfman
Rose Farrell
Joseph Gaber
Max Goldberg
Celia Greenblatt
Rose Mintz
Helen Marcia Morgen
Sarah Rose Muni
Maurice Passy
Eli Shapiro
Morris Sperling
Linda Wasylewski
Ruth Weinstein
Edmund Wright
Mickey Wright

12/16

Morris Fleisher
Abraham S. Frost
Max Goudsmith
Samuel H. Greenberg
Rita Idelson
Oscar Kipperman
Naomi Krakow Kanter
George Levine
Sidney Lieber
Joseph Matzkin
Eli Meisel
Carinta Olszweski
Bernard Polen
Philip Rearson
Ferdinand Schatzki
Milton B. Scheibel
Florence Sherman
Irving A. Shimans
Richard G. Traurig
Ida Haselkorn Wale
Hyman Zeidler

12/23

Herman Alexander
Albert Beninson
Harry Bloom
Pauline Danen
Zackin
Helen Einhorn
Betty Elkins
Marilyn Engelman
Bessie Frank
Jack Gerstenfeld
Shirley K. Greene
Elizabeth Grossman
Frances Howard
Fannie L. Jennes
Max Mirrer
Molly Phillips
Richard Reily
Harold Rosenberg
Donald Scheibel
George Shapiro
Marion Silver

12/30

Elizabeth Weisman
Davis
Joan Dolcort
Ida Edlin
Leo Eisenberg
William Epstein
David Fischer
Lilian Garber
Alexander Greenberg
Flora Goldstein
Greenblatt
Nathan Jarmak
Kate Leopold
Bessie Meisel
Janet Meyers Hennick
Joesph Protter
James Quigley
Frances Rachells
Sylvia Schwartz
Sylvia Segal
Peter Horn Solomon
Joseph Wurzbarger
Nathan Yarish

May their memories
be for blessing





For more
information
regarding B'nai
Israel's Sisterhood
please contact
Michelle Rosen at
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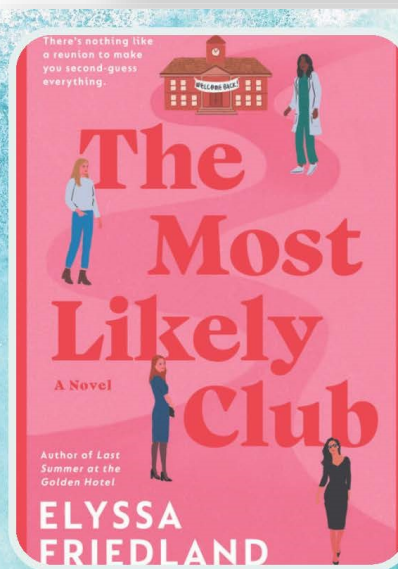
Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon

Wednesday, December 21st
11:00 AM

B'nai Israel Social Hall
\$18 Couvert

RSVP Bnaisisters@gmail.com by 12/14

May your celebration be bright
and peace and light be shine in your heart.



Join WRJ Film,
Fiction & Fine
Wine in Welcoming
Elyssa Friedland
author of
The Most Likely Club

Thursday,
December 15
8PM ET

Register <https://urj.zoom.us/j/6181818181>

A hilarious, heartfelt story
about four lifelong friends
determined to change their
lives, come hell (terrible
bosses, ex-husbands living
next door) or high water
(laundry...so much laundry)
from the acclaimed author
of Last Summer at the
Golden Hotel.



Donor Opportunities



"Tree of Life"

Purchase a leaf on our
"Tree of Life" to honor a simcha.
Each leaf is \$180

Please contact
Sharon Goldman
sharon.goldman@hotmail.com



Like us!

Tribute Cards

From: **Debby Garber**

To: *The Rosen family* *in memory of Beth's
father, Jay Steinberg

To send a tribute card contact
Doris Landaeta at
dorikam1958@gmail.com
\$5 per tribute card
(includes postage)



December

Candle lighting times

12/02	4:02
12/09	4:01
12/16	4:03
12/23	4:06
12/30	4:10



Services will begin
at 7:00 PM on
December 9th!!

Celebrating a Simcha?

We would love to share the
good news!
office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org



DECEMBER

B'nai Israel Religious School



If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious school please contact the office at 203.267.3394



12/18 Jodi & A.J. Wasserstein
12/21 Joyce & Elliott Nowak



12/01	Alice Manning	12/21	Philip Feinman
12/03	Albert Weinstein		Dan Telesco
12/05	Rachel Albert	12/22	Joah Gerstenfeld
12/08	Emily Segal		Robert Green
12/13	Marc Rubel		Andrew Paley
12/16	Martin Quigley	12/25	Michele Shapiro
12/17	Rosalind Goldberg	12/26	Ariana Fisch
12/18	Peggy Klein	12/29	Samuel Schenfield
12/20	Eleanor Saperstein		



Shalom Aleichem; Welcome to services.

We remind our Zoom participants that web cameras and microphones display more video and carry more audio than is often realized.

Kindly silence audio when not speaking, and turn off the video function when moving around your location.

Thank you for joining us online! We are grateful for your presence.

DECEMBER 2, 2022
7:30 P.M.

B'nai Israel: 20th anniversary

FOR OUR CAMPUS

- A special oneg will follow the service
- Save the Date

JOIN US FOR THIS
SPECIAL SERVICE
AND CELEBRATION

On December 2nd beginning at 7:30 PM during our Kabbalat Shabbat worship services we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of our campus. We celebrate our congregational and communal vision, and the sustained leadership and presence of B'nai Israel, the Jewish Federation of Western CT and the LLC that has brought us to this milestone.



Centerpieces for Tzedakah

Make your simchas even more meaningful by renting our lovely centerpieces and helping those in your community.



Celebrate your next special occasion with centerpieces rented from B'nai Israel Sisterhood. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will be used to purchase groceries and/or gifts for members of our community. These centerpieces are great alternatives for flower arrangements on the bima and on tables in the social hall. We can arrange to make custom ones as well.

For more information please contact Michelle Rosen
at (203) 405-6576 or mrs2511@yahoo.com



“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 October 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@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org to maintain, add, or remove a name.