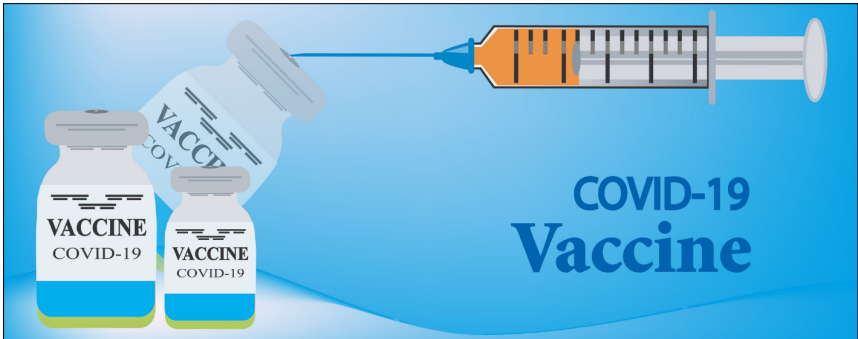


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Tevet /Adar 5781 January/February 2021



Facts vs. Misinformation

Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:00 PM

Join **Dr. David G. Hill, M.D.**,
Board Director of the American Lung Association,
Director of Clinical Research and practicing physician at
Waterbury Pulmonary Associates
for a discussion about the facts and misconceptions of the
Covid 19 Vaccine.
and
Rabbi Eric Polokoff,
discussing Jewish Values associated with vaccination

Dr. Hill is a member of the Lung Association's National Board of Directors and is the immediate past chair of the Northeast Regional Board of the American Lung Association. He serves on the Leadership Board of the American Lung Association in Connecticut and is a former chair of that board. He is a practicing pulmonary and critical care physician with Waterbury Pulmonary Associates and serves as their director of clinical research. He is an assistant clinical professor of medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine, an assistant clinical professor at the Frank Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, and a clinical instructor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Hill attends at Waterbury Hospital and St Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, CT and serves as the chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at Waterbury Hospital. He is the past president of the Connecticut Thoracic Society. Dr. Hill has served as the medical director for the Respiratory Care Training Program at Naugatuck Valley Community College since 1998. He has been the principal investigator for more than 75 pulmonary research trials and the author of many papers. Dr. Hill is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Lehigh University (1987) and a Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of Pennsylvania (1991). He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Connecticut (1991-1994) and his Post-doctoral fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Yale University (1994-1997).

Email - Bnaisisters@gmail.com for the Zoom pre-registration link.



Rabbi Rachel Adler

**AUTHOR APPEARANCE
BOOK DISCUSSION**

This engaging book is a guide to Jewish literacy, using the behaviors of Adler's most peculiar cat to lead readers on a journey through thousands of years of Jewish thought, history, and practices.

Sunday, January 10, 2021 • 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
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Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Western CT for their Chanukah gift to B'nai Israel!

Yahrzeits



May their memory be for blessing

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Memorialize your loved one with a plaque on our Yahrzeit boards. Contact the B'nai Israel office or Memorials & Dedications Chair, Sharon Goldman at 860.631.6541 or sharon.goldman@hotmail.com

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2/13	Linda & Ron Herrmann

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BIRS news

Holy Flying Latkes! BIRS sold more than a hundred boxes of latkes during its first annual Chanukah Latke fundraiser this year. We are touched by the participation of B'nai Israel families and others in the community and are especially appreciative to those who purchased latkes for neighbors with food insecurity. Special thanks to parents Tina Herman, Eric Linnetz, and Lisa Segal for delivering Chanukah goody bags to our dedicated BIRS teachers in their homes. BIRS students shared good cheer throughout this year's virtual holiday celebration. Seventh grader Henry Blatter taught students how to play Virtual Dreidel and we all enjoyed a rousing virtual game during Tuesday afternoon Hebrew school. Linda Goodman led a Chanukah song session and together, students watched an uplifting music video of the Maccabeats singing a funny Chanukah mashup.



Ian Lee, Jonathan Lee, Jacob Paley, and Adam Packer received Chanukah gift bags from Michelle and Rebekka Rosen.

The Wilson Family (Diane, Jonathan, Myles, Josh, and baby Ayla) lights Mike's Magnificent Menorah during this year's eight nights of Chanukah outdoor gathering to celebrate the festival of lights.



Artist, Michelle Pulver
Calligraphy, Doris Landaeta

Tribute Cards

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

From: Herb Garber

To: *Rabbi Eric Polokoff and family* * In memory of Sylvia Polokoff Engel, beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother

From: Joel Abramson

To: *Rachel Albert* * Happy Birthday

From: Joan and Arthur Oshins

To: *Rabbi Eric Polokoff* * Condolences on the passing of Sylvia Engel, beloved mother.

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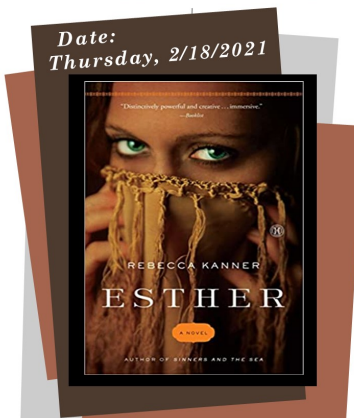


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Author Appearance and Book Discussion Esther—A Novel Rebecca Kanner



Date:
Thursday, 2/18/2021



Time: **7:00 PM EST**
Via ZOOM—email for link

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From the award-winning author of Sinners and the Sea comes a breathtaking new look into the timeless tale of Queen Esther, “a riveting tale of courage” (New York Times bestselling author Tosca Lee).

A glittering Persian king has a vast empire that reaches farther than where the sun meets the horizon. He is bathed in riches and commands a frightening military force. He possesses power beyond any other mortal man and rules his kingdom as a god. Anything he desires, he has. Any woman he wants, he possesses. Thousands of them. Young virgins from all across his many lands.

A Jewish girl is ripped from her hut by the king's brutish warriors and forced to march across blistering, scorched earth to the capital city. Trapped for months in the splendid cage of the king's palace, she must avoid the ire of the king's concubines and eunuchs all while preparing for her one night with the king. Soon the fated night arrives, and she does everything in her power to captivate the king and become his queen.

But wearing the crown brings with it a new set of dangers. When a ruthless man plies the king's ear with whispers of genocide, it is up to the young queen to prevent the extermination of the Jews. She must find the strength within to violate the king's law, risk her life, and save her people.

This is a story of finding hidden depths of courage within one's self. Of risking it all to stand up for what is right. This is the story of Queen Esther.

Interested in joining Sisterhood?
Call Michelle Rosen, President, at msr2511@yahoo.com for more information.

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WEEKLY DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ARTICLES. CONTACT US FOR A CODE. RABBI'S DISCUSSION GROUP, TUESDAYS 11 AM - NOON ON ZOOM

Nov 3, 2020
Nov 17, 2020
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Jan 5, 2021
Jan 12, 2021

A LOVING EXAMINATION AND DISCUSSION USING ANCIENT AND CONTEMPORARY SOURCES, FOR ALL PERSONS CURIOUS ABOUT THE TEXT. CONTACT US FOR A CODE. TORAH STUDY, SHABBAT MORNING, 10:30-11:45 AM ON ZOOM

Nov 14, 2020
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Dec 12, 2020
Dec 19, 2020

THE BASICS OF JUDAISM, THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND JEWISH COMMUNITY EXPLAINED. CONTACT US FOR A CODE. INTRO TO JUDAISM, SUNDAY MORNINGS ON ZOOM

B'NAI ISRAEL

ADULT EDUCATION

WITH RABBI ERIC POLOKOFF

Nov 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM
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Dec 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM
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