

SHOFAR



Tevet/Shevat 5780

January-February 2020

Recent Headlines and Upcoming Observances

Recently the ADL reported an 81% increase this past year in anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses. This reminds us of why we need, and will continue to need, observances in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year we recognize the date in our own worship services, as well as with the African American community in Waterbury.

News of how climate change is altering New England fisheries with dramatic and devastating consequences is a reminder of why we need, and will continue to need observances such as *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees. Each year we recognize the date in our religious school and congregation by remembering our Jewish holy day that focuses on environmental sustainability.

Jewish wisdom and Jewish community offer ongoing guidance for the real concerns faced by us and our generations. May our upcoming winter holidays help to strengthen us in our relationships within and beyond our community, as well as in our respect for the earth.



Rabbi Eric

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

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Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Ray Sher

The Paley Family

William Cohen

Samuel Klausner

Sary Ritchie

Jen Burwin, Eric Schenfield
and their families

Selma Greenblatt Fleisher

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Eleanor Saperstein

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

June Gaston & Stephen Rubenstein

Debra & Tim Brandt

General Fund

in memory of

Sary Ritchie

Susan & Jerold Burwin

Max Goudsmith

Michele & Jason Goudsmith

Sam Klausner

Sandy & Dan Marcus

Ray Scher

Judi Scher

Sam Klausner

Eleanor Crystal

Charles Yarish

Helen Marcia Morgen

Selma Fleisher

Gilda & Mark Haranzo

General Fund

in honor of

Chanukah wishes to

Barbara & Arthur Phillips

Lisa Phillips

Linda Goodman

Marilyn & Thomas Maughan

Caring Fund

Bobbi & George Knezek

Caring Fund

in honor of

Pauline Zimmerman

Jessica & Max Zimmerman

Caring Fund

in memory of

Harriet Marcus

Fanny Sperling

Sandra & Dan Marcus

Music Fund

in memory of

Ray Sher

The Paley Family

Ida Haselkorn Wale Rosensweig

Judith Feinman

Sam Klausner

Rachel & Jonathan Albert

Helen Schrier Getnick

Paula & Richard Getnick

Marjorie Menaker

Paula & Richard Getnick

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in memory of

Sam Klausner

Ina & Irv Borenzweig

Bea Gold

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Ritual Fund

in memory of

Ida Epstein

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Annual Giving

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Deborah Garber

Joanne & David Ranzer

Patricia & Matthew Magida

Nelson Zackin

Debra & Tim Brandt

Project Tamid

Yvette Mickenberg

Sharon Goldman

Did you know that donations to any of our funds can be made directly from our website? Just go to: www.bnaisraelsouthbury.org and click on the "donate/scholarship" link at the top of our homepage.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Your donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you!

B'nai Israel is a congregation with a history of tradition which also embraces the future. We take pride in our inspiring music, educational excellence and sense of community. Also setting us apart is our spiritual leadership, commitment to advocacy, and inclusiveness. We welcome traditional, non-traditional, LGBTQ and interfaith families.

We are a home for all generations committed to life-long learning, to Israel and Jewish survival, and to Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World).

Help B'nai Israel continue to maintain a position of prominence in the greater Southbury area and beyond. Your [tax deductible donation](#) is greatly appreciated and easy to make. Stop in the office and say hello, send a check or go to our website:



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

Donating

If you would like to make a donation to one of our funds, purchase a memorial plaque, or add a leaf to our "Tree of Life" in honor of a Simcha please visit our website at www.bnaisraelsouthbury.org then click the "donate" page.



Lunch at Chai Noon?



Join Sisterhood for lunch on the 18th of each month to celebrate and share 'Chai' Noon with each other.

Please RSVP to Michelle for Dec. 18th at (516) 320-5089

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Yiddish Word Bingo

FREE EVENT
Prizes
Coffee and Noshes

Co-sponsored by B'nai Israel Sisterhood and
The Watermark

Questions - Please call Michelle at (203)
405-6575

Location - The Watermark

January 28th @ 1 pm



This fall, BIRS welcomed our newest students during a lively Consecration ceremony. All new students received a small stuffed Torah and URJ certificate. Parents and teachers joined the Consecration celebration during Simchat Torah and carried our congregational Torahs during the Torah Parade. Also this fall, students enjoyed singing animal-themed songs and meeting visiting aquatic creatures from The Maritime Aquarium during Noah's Ark Shabbat. The Aquatic Touch Tank was part of our yearlong program called Two by Two, sponsored in part by a generous grant from The Jewish Federation of Western CT Endowment.

Photos:

1. Newest BIRS students being consecrated by Rabbi Eric under the tallit chuppah
2. Morah Sarah Regensberger and parent Danielle Quigley carry Torahs during Simchat Torah
3. Students enjoy touching visiting aquatic creatures during Noah's Ark Shabbat



BIRS NEWS

BIRS Grade 7 students joined the community-wide trip to The Museum of Jewish Heritage to tour the traveling exhibit "Auschwitz: Not Long Ago, Not Far Away." They had a docent-led youth tour, where they learned stories behind this historic tragedy. They saw authentic objects: Nazi helmet, prisoner uniform, and concentration camp wooden bunk. They were attentive, interested, and inquisitive as they tried to absorb the information shared by the docent. This trip was made possible by a grant from The Jewish Federation of Western CT Endowment. Back at school, younger BIRS students enjoyed a combined class art project to better learn the Alef Bet. They decorated the hallway with brightly colored, large Hebrew letters and taught their peers how to recognize different letters.

Photos:

1. Despite the cold, rainy weather, 7th grade students accompanied by Rabbi Eric, Morah Rachel Barclay and Education Director Abby Peklo had time for a brisk walk along the river path at Battery Park during their recent trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC to see the traveling Auschwitz Exhibit.
2. Ori Rose points to one of the letters that students in grades K-5 decorated.



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Phil Feinman (2022)
Rochelle Gershenow (2021)
Joyce Hozer (2021)
Jonathan Kapstein (2020)
Eric Linnetz (2022)
Beth Rosen (2020)
Michelle Rosen (2022)
Kim Rubel (2021)
Allen Schwartz (2020)



“Tree of Life”

Purchase a leaf on the “Tree of Life” to honor a simcha.
Each leaf is \$180

(203) 267-3394

Tribute Cards





From: Celia & Lionel Schwartz
To: Gail Jantz *In memory of her sister, Joanne
To: Bob Ritchie & family * In memory of his wife, Sary

From: Sheri Kipperman & family
To: Jaden Hozer *In honor of making “All New England Soccer”
To: Jen Burwin & family *Condolences on the loss of Jen’s mother, Sary Ritchie

To purchase Tribute Cards,
please contact
Doris Landaeta at
(203) 232-6206 or
dorikam1958@gmail.com

Adult B’nai Israel Southbury

Education 



LEARN

Tuesday mornings Adult Ed classes are free to members
11:00 a.m.-noon Non member registration is \$72 for fall & spring semesters

For members in need of support

Our staff and Caring Committee are available for our congregants who are home-bound or hospitalized as well as any member in need of some extra care. If you or a temple member you know could benefit from the support of our Caring Committee or the services of our Rabbi, please call the office at (203) 267-3394 or send an email to the office at office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org.

All information will be held in strict confidence, but without your assistance, we may never know that one of our congregants is in need.

Yahrzeits

1/03

Regina Augenbraun
Belle Bram
Elizabeth Weisman Davis
Joan Dolcort
Ida Edlin
Laurel Falk
Rebecca Feitelson
Ida Fleisher
Lilian Garber
Alexander Greenberg
Harriet Marcus
Gussie Matzkin
Bessie Meisel
Jacques Pollock
Joseph Protter
James Quigley
Frances Rachells
Beatrice Slater
Fannie Spirt
Marcy Traurig
Murray Weiss

1/10

Albert Augenbraun
Anne Freeman Bacher
Philip Bernstein
Samuel Brandvein
Louis Decker
Charles Denzel
Ida Epstein
Cary Fishman
Ida Freedman
Fay Friedman
Madelyn Griner Keiser
Morris Klein
Jacob Korkin
Harry C. Lichtenstein
Ida Medina
Pauline K. Novak
Ben Oshins
Marcus Schwartz
Elsa Siegel
Jules Silfen
Elliott V. Wright
Molly Rudolf Zeidler

1/17

Anna Alexander
Yetta Loew Blank
Jacob Brandvein
Celia Fetbroth
Isaac Gaber
Sam Golub
Edward Gorman
Patricia Liebeskind
Morris Novak
Leo Schein
Charlotte Scher
William C. Shepard
Fanny Sperling
Irving Steiglitz

1/24

Aida Abramson
Celia Baum
Dvora Rose Brodsky
Charles Cohen
Ben Farer
Clara Gaber
Ilya Gelfand
Anita Greenberg
Samuel R. Greenblatt
Annette Hall
Florence Silverman Horn
Jacob Horn
Irving Kantrowitz
Jean S. Keiser
Richard Krasow
Mary Pollock
Naomi M. Rearson
Cecille Rhodes
Sheila Schwartz
Harry Simon
Dorothy Griner Strisik
Theresa Traurig
Aranka Zelinger

1/31

David Joseph Beninson
Bernard Blick
Louis Cohen
Stanley Cohen
Clara Drazner Fischbein
Donald Garber
Louis Gershenow
Helen Schrier Getnick
Myron W. Green
Irving Gross
Selma Halperin
Hyman Hochheiser
Mary Jarmak
Bernard Lerner
Gladyce Lerner
Fagi Sapphire

2/07

Lena Borenzweig
Elias Freedman
Charles Green
Otto Gutman
Mildred Herrmann
Tillie H. Lax
Israel Menaker
Arnold Polokoff
Samuel Rosenberg
Carol Semack
Morris J. Sherman
Estelle Wurth

2/14

Gail Fingerhut
Samuel F. Freedman
Helen Gleiberman
Ginny Greenberg
Pamela Fleisher Jensen
Samuel Kadish
Sallye Katrosar
Madeline Korkin
Pauline S. Leopold
Ella Light
Harry Molaver
Rose Molaver
Albert Nathanson
Kathleen Rogers
Herman Saperstein
Hannah Wise
Howard Wohlgemuth

2/21

Lillian Bisnov
Molly Leah Blank
Lena Cohen
Leila Farer
Gordon A. Genoe
William Goldman
Gloria Golfin
Nellie B. Klein
Martha P. Leonard
Lewis W. Millen
Herman Pace
Irving Pollock
Cathryn A. Raphael
Alvin Tendler
Henry A. Weisman
Eleanor Zimmerman

2/28

Sidney J. Albert
Mae Carver
Joseph J. Davis
Henry Engelman
Jonathan B. Fleisher
Miriam Gorman
Morris Halberstam
Morris Kosersky
Sylvia Millen
Hasha Mintz
Eugene Schiff
George L. Smith
Elizabeth Ival Stratford
Nancy Wright





**Our prayers for a
Refuah Shleima:**

A Complete Healing

Valesca Araripe
Helen Beninson
Paul Bisbort
Harriet Blum
Bert Boyson
Trina Cohan
Hadas Gold
Ira Goldman
Peter Gorski
Lori Lawson-Chabot
Babs Rachells
Patti Richards
David Rybinski
West Schoenfuss
Charles Stabinsky
Justin Suib
Dan Telesco
Dianne Thompson
Audrey Walzer

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

Onegs

- 1/01 Birthday Shabbat 
- 1/10 IAC Shabbat 
- 1/17 BIRS Grade 6 Families in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/24 Mitzvah Day Committee
- 1/31 Available
- 2/07 Available
- 2/14 Available
- 2/21 The Voegeli Family in honor of Jason's Bar Mitzvah
- 2/28 BIRS Grades 4 & 5 Families

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



The Ritual Committee is requesting donations of new or gently used clean tallitot to enhance the current inventory for the wooden stand outside the sanctuary donated by last year's B'nai Mitzvah class and lovingly crafted by Andrew Peklo. As a Reform congregation we understand that some of our congregants may choose to wear a tallit to enrich their worship experience. (No kippot donations please.)

- 1/01 Joseph Stammelman
- 1/03 Deborah Garber
- 1/05 Rachel Basch
- 1/08 Mia Polokoff
- 1/09 Noah Ackert
Sandra Gold
- 1/10 Don Durnell
David Hill
Hannah Rockafellow
- 1/11 Arielle Brandt
- 1/12 Henry Price
- 1/13 Sheila Baum
Mia McConnon
Elaine Turin
- 1/14 Heather Cieply
Jensine Eckwall
- 1/15 Julius Smotroff
- 1/16 Matthew Ferris-Kohanski
Aryella Hozer
- 1/19 Don Liebeskind
- 1/20 Ellis Gerstenfeld
- 1/21 Benjamin Witmyer
- 1/22 Robin Goldberg
Babs Rachells
Carolyn Strauss
- 1/23 Brian Peck
Lily Slepoy
- 1/24 Traci Ferris
Ariel Hogan
Lisa Segal
- 1/25 Marcy Feinman
Ellen Rosmarin Zwang
- 1/30 Eric Greenberg
Hanna Reps



- 1/31 Richard Getnick
- 2/01 Suzanne Meyers
- 2/02 Kylie McKenzie
Samuel Qualls
Karen Senich
- 2/03 Eden McKenzie
- 2/04 Hannah Basch-Gould
- 2/06 Kyle Berkowitz
Scott Davidow
Janine Elder
- 2/07 Pearle Appelman
Ayla McKenzie
Danielle Quigley
- 2/10 Alan Siegel
- 2/13 Natalie Bram
Terri Cohen
Sandra Slater
Bryce Wassa
Pauline Zimmerman
- 2/14 Sidney Frenkel
- 2/17 Arthur Oshins
- 2/18 Judy Mirrer
- 2/19 Leslie Crotty
- 2/20 Jason Voegeli
- 2/21 Jacob Max Engelman
Carol Weil
- 2/23 Judith Feinman
- 2/24 Shari Abelson
- 2/26 Caren Menard
- 2/27 Drew Berkowitz
- 2/28 Patricia Magida

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/01 Anita Pettengill & Dan Telesco
- 1/05 Jane & Keith Mahler
- 1/09 Becky & Sean Samberg
- 1/18 Leslie & William Crotty
- 1/25 Peggy & Gerry Klein
- 1/27 Judy & Eugene Mirrer
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- 2/10 Patricia & Alan Schwartz
- 2/13 Linda & Ron Herrmann
- 2/24 Heather & Howard Bearz





Good News!

Dawn & Bob Tendler welcomed a new great-grandson: Logan Jack Overland on November 18th 4lbs 4 oz





What do Sirens and Crawdads have in common?

Book and Coffee Discussion

Date: 2 / 25 / 2020



*Time: 10:30 AM
STARBUCKS*

Join B'nai Israel Sisterhood on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Starbucks (Southbury Green) to learn about and sample Siren's Blend Coffee, the brew created by women and supports women on 3 continents.

Immediately following our discussion on Siren's Blend join us for a discussion on the book 'Where The Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. The discussion will be led by Lisa Segal.

Please RSVP to Michelle at (516) 320-5089 if you are planning to be at this program so that Starbucks can prepare appropriately.

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It's time to order!

Heather's Heavenly Homemade Hamentaschen!



- * Don't wait until it's too late ~ Pre-order your hamentaschen today!
- * Orders must be in full dozens, but you can mix flavors of each dozen.
- * Cost is \$10 per dozen. Please make checks payable to "B'nai Israel Religious School."
- * Order forms with payment are due by **Tuesday, February 25** in the BIRS office or mail to: B'nai Israel Religious School, PO Box 350, Southbury, CT 06488.
- * **You can pick up your boxed order at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 8 from 4-6pm.** Additional hamentaschen will be sold at this time.
- * Questions? Call Heather at 203.264.8805.



Heather's Heavenly Homemade Hamentaschen Order Form

Flavors	Quantity
Almond	_____
Apple	_____
Apricot	_____
Blueberry	_____
Cherry	_____
Chocolate	_____
Poppy Seed	_____
Prune	_____
Raspberry	_____
Strawberry	_____



Name: _____

Phone Number: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Total Number of Dozens _____ X \$10 = \$_____ Circle One: Cash Check



Share in the Festival of Purim



During the festivities of Purim we listen to the reading of the Megillah and enjoy traditional foods to emphasize the concepts of friendship and unity. Mordecai instructed the people to send gifts of food (Mishloach Manot) to at least two people. Hamantaschen, fruit and delicacies are exchanged amongst family and friends. The giving of Tzedakah is also a customary gesture.

Since it is a mitzvah to give Mishloach Manot during Purim, B'nai Israel Sisterhood is preparing boxes that can be ordered. Each recipient will receive a card listing the names of the senders. You can order for one or two recipients, or perhaps even the entire congregation!

The price to give a box of Mishloach Manot is \$18 for the first recipient, with each additional tribute costing \$4. If you prefer, in lieu of sending a box of delicacies, you may send someone a certificate indicating that a donation has been made to B'nai Israel Sisterhood in honor of them during the festival of Purim. The certificate cost is \$10.

Boxes can also be shipped to children/grandchildren/friends in college or away from home. The cost of a shipped box is \$30 which includes shipping (via USPS standard, continental United States).

The Mishloach Manot boxes will be available for the recipients to pick up prior to and after services on Friday, March 6th, as well as during the Purim Spiel on Sunday, March 8th. If a recipient does not have the physical ability to pick up his/her Mishloach Manot committee members will help with delivery.

To choose your recipients please select the families/staff members that will be provided to you through email. Should you not have email access please call Michelle at (516) 320-5089 and a list will be mailed directly to you.

Checks (payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood) with completed order forms may be dropped off in the Synagogue office or you may mail your order to Michelle Rosen 160 Lake Ridge Road, Southbury, CT 06488. Please feel free to call with any questions Michelle (516) 320-5089.

PAID ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2020

Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

This program supports Sisterhood's Annual Community Break Fast.

Description	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
1st B'nai Israel Member Box	1	@ \$18.00	= \$18.00
# Additional B'nai Israel Tributes		@ \$4.00 ea.	=
# Donation Certificates to be mailed		@ \$10.00 ea.	=
# Shipped Boxes (continental US)		@ \$30.00 ea.	=
		TOTAL	=