

# Shofar



Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5783

January/February 2023

## From the Rabbi

**Hate Has No Home Here** lawn signs are available for members of our community. (One sits on our campus, another in front of the Polokoff Residence).

Go to: [hatehasnohome.org](http://hatehasnohome.org)

to purchase your sign.



## B'nai Israel Committees/Projects and Opportunities

**IAC: Israel Advocacy Committee** – Israel education and advocacy. Contact: Hadar Lubin or Rabbi Eric

### THE IAC

For nearly two decades B'nai Israel has been developing innovative programming for our membership and community through its Israel Advocacy Committee. With the goal of heightening links to the State of Israel and its citizenry, the IAC sponsors and co-sponsors events to educate on Zionism and Jewish life. The committee meets roughly once a month, and coordinates programs at Shabbat Services and at other times throughout the year. It enjoys a close working relationships with AIPAC, JNF, ADL and the Jewish Federation of Western CT.

**Library:** Assist in digitizing the index for our library, done on computer. Contact: Rabbi Eric

B'nai Israel's collection of books on Jewish subjects is assuredly amongst the most extensive in the area. Its listings are not yet available on-line, and thus are not fully accessible to our membership and community. For his Eagle Scout Project Eric Greenberg organized a method for creating a digital index. We are seeking additional volunteers to help scan and create barcodes for our books — only limited technical experience is needed.

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

B'nai Israel is participating in a pilot program with the ADL called "Kulanu" or all of us. The goal is to educate about rising Antisemitism beyond the congregation and Jewish community. Plans for upcoming events are being formulated.

## 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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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*

**Irving G. Abramson**

Joel Abramson

**Rita Idelson**

Eleanor Saperstein

**Leo Menaker**

**Cary Fishman**

Susan Fishman & Coby Ben-Chitrit

**Lilian Garber**

Herbert Garber

**Elaine Sampliner**

Margie & Jonathan Hertz

**Belle Bram**

Natalie Bram

**Judith Feinman**

Fran Beilinson

**Ida Medina**

**Maurice Passy**

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

**Ada Abramson**

Joel Abramson

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Polokoff's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at**

**B'nai Israel**

Patricia Gaston

**Rabbi's officiating at funeral &**

**Shiva for Bob**

Carol Weil

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

June Gaston & Stephen Rubenstein

#### Caring Fund

*in memory of*

**Frances Rachells**

Barbara Rachells

**Lawrence Engelman**

Anna Gelfand

**Janet Meyers Hennick**

Margie Ross

**Bob Weil**

Ellen Myers & Ben Myers

**Harriet Marcus**

Sandy & Dan Marcus

**Marcus Schwartz**

Leona & Allen Schwartz

#### Music Fund

*in memory of*

**Fanny Sperling**

Sandy & Dan Marcus

#### General Fund

Jake Albert

#### General Fund

*in memory of*

**Robert Weil**

Amy & Michael Wortzman

**Robert Weil**

Deborah Rheinstrom

**Bob Weil**

Barbara & Harvey Temkin

**Bob Weil**

Susan Fenton

**Rosalyn Schoonmaker**

Susan A. Breiner

**Bob Weil**

Maxine Horn

**Hyman Zeidler**

Nancy Brown & Rudy Zeidler

**Marilyn Engelman**

Deyanira Engelman

**Ida Epstein**

Sharon Goldman

**Ben Oratz**

Stephanie & Paul Basta

**Bob Weil**

Arlene Brodsky

**Bob Weil**

Aaron Simon

**Molly Zeidler**

Nancy Brown & Rudy Zeidler

**Harold Lawson**

Nancy & Robert Green

**Robert Weil**

The Kossoffs & families

#### Music Fund

*in honor of*

**Linda's music at funeral & Shiva for Bob**

Carol Weil

#### Israel Advocacy Fund

*in memory of*

**Bert Boyson**

Ruth N. Holt

#### Adult Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Edna Purrinson**

Rochelle Gershenow

#### Tamid

Peggy & Gerry Klein

#### Annual Giving

Jodi & A.J. Wasserstein

Ruby Corby O'Neill & Art O'Neill

Albert Brothers, Inc.

Sharon Goldman

Judy & Eugene Mirrer

# Yahrzeits

## Leadership

### Rabbi

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### Director of Sacred Music

Linda Goodman  
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### School Director

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### 01/06

Regina Augenbraun  
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**Ida Medina**  
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Ben Oshins  
**Leo Schein**  
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Elsa Siegel  
Jules Silfen  
Irving Steiglitz  
**Molly Rudolf Zeidler**

### 01/20

**Anna Alexander**  
**Bert Boyson**  
**Jacob Brandvein**  
**Charles Cohen**  
**Ben Farer**  
**Celia Fetbroth**  
**Isaac Gaber**  
Ilya Gelfand  
**Sam Golub**  
**Edward Gorman**  
**Samuel R. Greenblatt**  
Annette Hall  
**William C. Shepard**  
**Harry Simon**  
Fanny Sperling  
Joel Sukman  
**Theresa Traurig**  
Aranka Zelinger

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Aida Abramson  
Celia Baum  
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**Bernard Blick**  
Dvora Rose Brodsky  
**Clara Gaber**  
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**Selma D. Halperin**  
**Hyman Hochheiser**  
Florence Silverman Horn  
**Jacob (Uncle Jack) Horn**  
**Mary Jarmak**  
**Irving Kantrowitz**  
**Jean S. Keiser**  
**Mary Pollock**  
**Naomi M. Rearson**  
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**Dorothy Griner Strisik**



May their memories  
be for blessing

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

# Yahrzeits

## 02/03

**Louis Cohen**

Stanley Cohen

**Clara Drazner Fischbein**

Donald Garber

Louis Gershenow

Helen Schrier Getnick

**Irving Gross**

**Otto Gutman**

Mildred Herrmann

**Bernard Lerner**

**Gladyce Lerner**

**Israel Menaker**

Samuel Nydick

Arnold Polokoff

**Fagi Sapphire**

**Morris J. Sherman**

## 02/10

Lena Borenzweig

**Gail Fingerhut**

**Elias Freedman**

**Charles Green**

**Ginny Greenberg**

**Eric J. Hall**

**Samuel Kadish**

**Tillie H. Lax**

**Pauline S. Leopold**

Stuart Ludlow

**Samuel Rosenberg**

Herman Saperstein

**Carol Semack**

Hannah Wise

## 02/17

Molly Leah Blank

**Leila Farer**

**Samuel F. Freedman**

Helen Gleiberman

**Gloria Golfin**

Hamilton Hertz

**Phyllis Klausner**

**Madeline Korkin**

Ella Light

**Harry Molaver**

**Rose Molaver**

**Albert Nathanson**

**Irving Pollock**

**Cathryn A. Raphael**

**Howard Wohlgemuth**



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## 02/24

Lillian Bisnov

**Jonathan B. Fleisher**

Gordon A. Genoe

William Goldman

**Miriam Gorman**

Nellie B. Klein

**Martha P. Leonard**

**Lewis W. Millen**

Hasha Mintz

Herman Pace

**George L. Smith**

**Alvin Tendler**

**Henry A. Weisman**

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## 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

Interested in joining B'nai Israel's Sisterhood?

Contact Sisterhood  
President, Michelle Rosen  
**bnaisters@gmail.com**



## Tribute Cards

From: Nancy Brown & Rudy Zeidler  
To: Carol Weil \*Deepest condolences of the loss of her beloved husband, Robert  
To: JoAnne Haberman \*On the loss of her dear mother

From: Celia Schwartz \* for the Board of the Jewish Culture Club of Heritage Village  
To: Woodworking & Metal Shop of Heritage Village \*In honor of their work

From: Debby Garber  
To: Barbara Matison \* In memory of her beloved husband, Gary

From: Celia and Lionel Schwartz  
To: Ron Altman and family \* In memory of Elaine Altman, a very special woman.

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



### January/February

#### Candle lighting times

1/06	4:17
1/13	4:24
1/20	4:32
1/27	4:41
2/03	4:50
2/10	4:59
2/17	5:08
2/24	5:16



B'nai Israel  
Religious School



If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious school please contact Education Director, Abby Peklo at 203.267.3396

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

- 1/01 Anita Pettengill & Dan Telesco
- 1/05 Jane & Keith Mahler
- 1/09 Becky & Sean Samberg
- 1/25 Peggy & Gerry Klein
- 1/27 Judy & Eugene Mirrer



- 2/13 Linda & Ronald Herrmann



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|------|------------------------------|------|---|
| 1/01 | Joseph Stammelman            | 2/01 | Suzanne Meyers  |
| 1/02 | Jehsinia Weiss               | 2/02 | Samuel Qualls<br>Karen Senich                                       |
| 1/03 | Deborah Garber               | 2/06 | Kyle Berkowitz<br>Scott Davidow<br>Ronald Scheinberg                |
| 1/05 | Rachel Basch                 | 2/07 | Danielle Quigley  |
| 1/09 | Sandra Gold                  | 2/10 | Alan Siegel   |
| 1/10 | Don Durnell<br>David Hill    | 2/13 | Natalie Bram<br>Sandra Slater<br>Nelson Zackin<br>Pauline Zimmerman |
| 1/12 | Henry Price                  | 2/14 | Sidney Frenkel  |
| 1/13 | Sheila Baum<br>Mia McConnon  | 2/16 | Mikael Haeggstroem  |
| 1/14 | Heather Cieply               | 2/17 | Arthur Oshins   |
| 1/15 | Brittany Weiss               | 2/18 | Judy Mirrer   |
| 1/19 | Donald Liebeskind            | 2/20 | Jason Voegeli   |
| 1/20 | Ellis Gerstenfeld            | 2/21 | Jacob Max Engelman<br>Carol Weil                                    |
| 1/22 | Carolyn Strauss              | 2/22 | Daniel Dar  |
| 1/23 | Lily Slepoy                  | 2/26 | Caren Menard  |
| 1/24 | Ariel Hogan<br>Lisa Segal    | 2/27 | Drew Berkowitz  |
| 1/25 | Marcy Feinman                | 2/28 | Patricia Magida   |
| 1/26 | Leah Obenshain               |      |   |
| 1/30 | Eric Greenberg<br>Hanna Reps |      |   |
| 1/31 | Richard Getnick              |      |   |





Interested in  
joining  
Sisterhood?

Contact Michelle Rosen,  
President at  
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# OUR MOSAIC

*Peacing It Together!*

## WRJ Northeast District Convention

March 23 - 26, at the Ethan Allen Hotel in Danbury, CT

Register by  
**February 10**  
to receive  
Early Bird  
Registration  
**\$125**

**Hotel Room:**  
Only \$114/ night double occupancy

**Meal Pricing:**  
Thursday - Sunday (9 Meals): \$356  
Friday - Sunday (6 Meals): \$295

*Registration Ends  
March 5.*

*Chocolate Tasting!  
Concert!  
Choir!  
Mixology Event!*




*With Special Guests  
Rabbi Deborah Zecher  
& Judy Wexler!*

**Planned Workshops Include:**

- Unity and Diversity: Our Mussar Moment
- Cultivating the Gardens of Our Souls
- Mosaic Art Project
- Conflict Resolution
- Learning Center
- I Wear Teal Because...
- The Power of Aromatherapy
- ...and so much more!

*WRJ & B'nai Israel Sisterhood  
Present*

# THE LOST CHILD

## WATCH PARTY

**WATCH PARTY -  
FEBRUARY 5 @ 1 PM**

**DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW ON:  
FEBRUARY 22 @ 8PM  
VIA ZOOM - LINK TO BE  
SUPPLIED BY WRJ**

**DISCUSSION BASED UPON  
THEMES RAISED IN MOVIE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
TO RSVP  
PLEASE EMAIL  
BNAISISTERS@GMAIL.COM**






# BIRS Fundraiser



Pre-orders only

Order by Sunday, February 26th

- \$15 per baker's dozen (13)
  - Orders must be in full baker's dozens, but you can mix flavors of each baker's dozen
  - Drive Up to Pick Up your boxed order at the front of B'nai Israel at the Walzer Family Jewish Community Campus, 444 Main Street North in Southbury, on Sunday, March 5th between 9:30 - noon
  - Venmo @Lisa-Segal-12 with your name, phone number, # of baker's dozens and preferred flavors or send a check to the office (payable to BIRS)
- Questions? Contact Heather , 203-264-8805



Flavors	How many each?
Almond	_____
Apple	_____
Apricot	_____
Blueberry	_____
Cherry	_____
Chocolate	_____
Poppy Seed	_____
Prune	_____
Raspberry	_____
Strawberry	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Dozens: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:    Cash            Check            Venmo

Thank you for supporting our religious school fundraiser!

Submit your order today!