It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I begin my tenure as the incoming President of B’nai Israel. I humbly accept this honor and will work tirelessly to ensure the legacy of B’nai Israel. I am grateful to immediate Past President Steven Reps for his leadership, dedication and friendship. My love for this community runs deep. Twenty years ago my husband Mark and I joined the Temple as the doors to this beautiful building opened. Our two sons, Drew and Kyle, attended religious school, celebrated their Bar Mitzvah’s and became Confirmands under the watchful eye of Rabbi Polokoff. During those twenty years I have dedicated my time to volunteering and supporting this magical place and am beyond excited for my newest adventure as President.

As President, I am eager to work cooperatively with the members of the Board of Trustees Executive Board lead by Sheri Kipperman as 1st Vice President, Alexis Zimmerman as 2nd Vice President as Paul Medina, Treasurer and Eric Linnetz as Secretary. The Board of Trustees will be comprised of returning members Melissa Fleischer, Kathryn Albee, Marci Durnell and Allen Schwartz and the newest members Iurie Schwartz, Steven Reps, Lisa Segal, Doug Fuchs, Dawn Tendler and Peggy Klein. The combined experience and enthusiasm of the Board members will certainly positively serve the B’nai Israel community. I wish to thank all members of the Board for their willingness to step-up as we work to make this Jewish community strong and sustainable. Your commitment to this congregation is truly a labor of love and devotion.

As my first term begins, I wish to proactively thank you all for your support and patience. I am proud to lead this inclusive, hospitable, and spiritual community!

Best,
Patti Berkowitz

Outgoing President, Steven Reps, receiving the President’s Award from incoming President, Patti Berkowitz and 1st Vice President, Sheri Kipperman. Steven’s volunteerism, commitment, presence and fund-raising abilities were acknowledged.

Congratulations Steven on a job well done!
DONATIONS

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In honor of
Rabbi Eric & Linda Goodman
for officiating at their
ceremony
Ellen Allen & Harvey Sukman

Music Fund
In honor of
The marriage of
Ali Garoon to Jake Albert
Sharon Goldman

Memorials & Dedications Fund
In memory of
Clarence Perretz, Sr.
Dawn Tendler
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Dawn Tendler
Robert Tendler
Dawn Tendler

General Fund
In honor of
Jonathan & Rachel Albert’s
son, Jake’s wedding
Lisa Miller & Joe Weisman

Social Action Fund
In memory of
Eli Mintz
Leona & Allen Schwartz

General Fund
In memory of
William Wise
Susan & Thomas Wise
Muriel Lawson
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Joan Hertz
Jonathan Hertz

Yahrzeit Plaque
Purchase a plaque to
memorialize your loved ones
With a memorial plaque
Each plaque is $380
Please contact
Sharon Goldman
sharon.goldman@hotmail.com

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) 405-6578 or msr2511@yahoo.com

Hate has no home here.
Mohrer Kadosh B’Yisrael.
אזרחותいます 오름바
El odio no tiene hogar aquí.

Your donations are
greatly appreciated!
Leadership

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Linda Goodman
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Yarhzeits
May their memories be for blessing

7/07
Mortimer Atlas
Sophie Bamberger
Doris Drantch
William B. Greenburg
Henry Johnson
Regina Kipperman
Harriet Sanditz Meyers
Anna Nydick
Barry Nydick
William Shore
William P. Wertheimer

7/14
Bradley Eliot Boyson
Clinton Chichester
Morton H. Engelman
Barbara Farber
Gary Gelb
Morris A. Green
Sidney Hillman
Louis Liebeskind
Bernice Medin
Benson Meth
Seena Monagan
Lora Erlanger Silver
Rabbi Sholom Silver
Ida Smith
Frank Summit

7/21
Nat Balmuth
Mickey Behrend
Samuel Berman
Shirley Buzin
Morton Cieply
Lore Jarmul
Bella Liebeskind
Sadie Oberman
Clarence Perretz, Jr.
Clarence Perretz, Sr.
Sara Schwarzbach
Robert Tendler

7/28
Eva Frankel
Emanuil Gelfand
Esther Gershenow
Celia Gordon
Maurice Grob
Fred Hennick
Sol A. Infeld
Rose Land
Melvin J. Millson
Jacob Niv
Samuel Rabinowitz
Arthur Sermer
Helen Slutsky
Milton Steinhardt
Morris Wise
Jennie Baily Zetzer

8/04
Karen Ina Berland
Joseph Borenzweig
Frank Dolcort
Max Garber
Irving G. Green
Lisa Gostanian Johnson
Israel J. Kapstein
Sarra Lazer
Anita Liebeskind
Lewis Nathan Medin

8/11
Augusta Decker
Samuel R. Elman
Rebecca Feinn
Baruch Golda
Sarah Golda
Laura Goldberger
Sue Strisik Grossman
Arthur Infeld
Jack Kaplan
Stella Cohen Kapstein
Jack N. Leonard
Benjamin Leopold
Morris N. Levy
Bertha Mirrer
Franklin G. Nathanson
Leo Purrinson
Jennie Sacks
Stanley Saperstein
Jerome Schwarzbach
Abraham D. Singer
Sadie Zackin
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*each name in bold has a plaque in the B’nai Israel sanctuary
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:
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Yahrzeits
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8/18
Doris Abramson
Eva Greenblatt Alderman
Anna Weisman Blick
Herman Borenzweig
Belle O. Brandvein
Gertrude Fleischman
Samuel J. Frank
Bettina Gladstone Jackson
Bruce Robert Jenson
Jennie Liebeskind
Joseph Paley
Adolph Pollak
Edward F. Sheinbaum
Julius Smotroff
Esther Sochin
Gertrude Spearo
Joseph Stein
Leo Swerdlick
Leona Tendler
Julia Wright
Doris Zelnin

8/25
Phillip Aronson
Donald M. Berkowitz
Corinne Cantor
David Aaron Feinman
Steven Charles Feinman
Bernard Garber
Mary Goldberg
Halina Gorski
Anne Jacobs Greene
Francis Kipperman
Abe Muravnick
Arnold A. Pollak
Jacob Rutman
Jacob Strisik
Gertrude Traurig

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**Tribute Cards**

From: Nancy Brown & Rudy Zeidler
To: Sue Beldock * In memory of her beloved husband Howard

From: Joel Abramson
To: Hadar Lubin & David Johnson *In honor of their anniversary

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

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Donor Opportunities

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Contact Sisterhood President, Michelle Rosen
bnaisisters@gmail.com

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“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

Thank you to these families for purchasing leaves for our Tree of Life!
Sharon Goldman
Debby & Alan Siegel
Margi & Michael Sermer
Ariel & Adam Price
The B’nai Israel Board

July & August candle lighting times

7/07  8:09
7/14  8:06
7/21  8:01
7/28  7:55
8/04  7:47
8/11  7:38
8/18  7:28
8/25  7:17

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

The “Tree of Life” has been installed in the same familiar B’nai Israel hallway to replace the damaged beyond repair previous tree. The updated and larger plexiglass structure with its cherry wood trunk and branches has new accent lighting and tricolor leaves as well as stones at its base. All existing leaves are interspersed with new leaves.

Two stones acknowledge benefactors: the original donors to Temple Israel, Phyllis and Alex Novak and Scott Segal whose generous donation in honor of his wife Lisa’s presidency allowed this project to move forward. Please consider purchasing a leaf for our new tree. Contact Sharon Goldman at sharon.goldman@hotmail.com for more information.
B’nai Israel
Religious School

If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious the school please contact Education Director @ 203.267.3396 or educator@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

JULY/AUGUST

7/01 Liz & Matthew McConnon
7/02 Amy & Timothy Qualls
7/04 Brenna & Matthew Rader
7/12 Tikva & Doug Rose
7/15 Bonnie & Henry Voegeli
7/22 Rachel Barclay & Mike Pekovich
7/23 Amy & Jonathan Bernon
7/25 Nancy & Robert Green
7/31 Patti & Mark Berkowitz

8/01 Linda Herrmann
8/03 Caleb Gaynes
8/04 Margie Hertz
8/05 Paula Getnick
8/07 Herbert Slutsky
8/08 Maria Weinstein
8/09 Gerry Klein
8/11 Rochelle Gershenow
8/12 Charles Schmidt
8/14 Jesse Liebman
8/17 Diane Fuchs
8/19 Bonnie Voegeli
8/20 Melissa Fleischer
8/22 Sarah Manning
8/23 Abby Peklo
8/24 Yvette Mickenberg
8/25 David Thrasher
8/26 Ronald Kovner
8/27 Lucas Gaynes
8/28 Leona Schwartz
8/29 M. Ival Kovner
8/30 Max Kovac
8/31 Burt Cieply

8/08 June Gaston & Stephen Rubenstein
8/12 Linda & Dan Goodman
8/16 Eric & Soi Schenfield
8/19 Paula & Richard Getnick
8/23 Rachel & Jonathan Albert
8/24 Margie & Jonathan Hertz
8/25 Sharon Elias & Jay O’Brien
8/31 Shari & Andrew Paley

7/01 Norma Fleischman
7/04 Thomas Wise
7/06 Dan Goodman
7/12 Haskel Schiff
7/13 Joel Becker
7/14 Rachel Barclay
7/16 Timothy Qualls
7/17 Herbert Garber
7/18 Allison Berman Schwartz
7/19 Orien Rose
7/20 Roslyn Ross
7/22 Selah Schmidt
7/23 Tikva & Doug Rose
7/24 Paul Medina
7/25 Nancy & Robert Green
7/26 Paul Medina
7/28 Savannah Davidow
7/29 Annaleigh Davidow
7/30 Sheri Kipperman
7/31 Sidney Baron
8/01 Linda Herrmann
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Become a part of Sisterhood’s ‘Vision board’

Join us on July 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Panera in Southbury

Please RSVP – bnaisisters@gmail.com

Book Group Discussion
‘Lady Tan’s Circle of Women’
By: Lisa See
Moderator: Peggy Klein

The latest historical novel from New York Times bestselling author Lisa See, inspired by the true story of a woman chosen from 19th-century China—adapted for film of Spike Lee

The story of a woman chosen from the streets of Shanghai, a woman who was forbidden love, forbidden happiness, forbidden parenthood— forbidden, because she was a woman. Fei Fan and The Island of Sea Women

According to Confucius, “Uneducated women are useless; wives who don’t match their husbands are useless; daughters who don’t serve and please their parents are useless.” Fei Fan—a woman who defies this rule—falls in love with a man who can only marry her at the age of 13—without his approval or his father’s permission. He is the son of the Premier of the Manchu, and she is the daughter of a poor fisherman. Their life together is one of struggle and survival:

Arrested and detained by the authorities, Fei Fan filters and labels, and asks—something a man can never do with a female patient.

From a young age, Fei Fan learns about women’s bodies, of the practices of kinship, of the responsibilities of being a woman. She must learn to be the best wife, the best daughter, the best mother, the best sister, and the best friend. She must learn to navigate the politics of the household, the politics of the family, the politics of the community.

The story of Fei Fan is one of struggle and survival, of love and loyalty, of friendship and family. It is a story of the power of women, of the power of love, of the power of community. It is a story of the strength of women, of the strength of love, of the strength of community.

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Save the Date
For Book club!
B’NAI ISRAEL & THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT PROUDLY PRESENT JEWISH HERITAGE DAY AT DUNKIN’ PARK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH 2023
GAME TIME: 1:10 pm | GATES OPEN: 11:30 am
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (TORONTO BLUE JAYS) VS HARTFORD YARD GOATS (COLORADO ROCKIES)

Spend a Day Enjoying Yard Goats Baseball with B’nai Israel & The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut Community on Jewish Heritage Day at Dunkin’ Park!

Featuring:
- Reserved Seating
- Kosher Food Options Available
- Pre-Game Klezmer Band Performance
- Post-Game Kids-Run-The-Bases Activity
- Complimentary Loaded Value of $2.00 Per Ticket Valid for Food, Drink &/Or Merchandise

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent’s lap during the game. Please note any handicapped tickets needed.

NAME: ________________________________

NUMBER OF TICKETS x $15.00: __________ EMAIL (REQUIRED): ____________________________

OPTIONAL DONATION: __________________________
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Thanks to a generous grant from The Jewish Federation of Western CT, we are able to offer a bus leaving from our joint campus at no additional cost. You must RSVP in advance to reserve a spot on the bus.