



# SHOFAR

## We celebrate our Sisterhood!



Sisterhood of B'nai Israel is excited to announce that Rabbi Marla Feldman, Executive Director of WRJ will join our congregation for Sisterhood's Bat Mitzvah weekend, June 7th and 8th. Rabbi Marla J. Feldman began her position as Executive Director of Women of Reform Judaism in January 2012. Prior to taking this position, Rabbi Feldman was the Director of Development for the Union for Reform Judaism.

She also served for seven years as the Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism and directed the Union's Department of Social Action.

During Erev Shabbat Services Rabbi Feldman will be discussing Women of the Wall and the ways in which WRJ advances gender equality in Israel, the U.S. and throughout the world. During our Shabbat morning Bat Mitzvah service, Rabbi Feldman will share the history of WRJ and the impact WRJ has had over the years in advancing women's rights and opening the doors to women's inclusion in religious leadership.

Our Sisterhood Board hopes you will join us.



In celebrating today we share past customs and create future traditions.

Please join B'nai Israel Sisterhood as it celebrates its 13th year with a *Bat Mitzvah*



**JUNE 8TH**  
-SERVICE AND LUNCHEON-  
10:00 a.m. All are welcome

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 21ST  
TO [BN AISISTERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BN AISISTERS@GMAIL.COM)  
OR CALL 203.267.3394

**B'NAI ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**  
CELEBRATES ITS 13TH YEAR  
with *a Bat Mitzvah*  
B'NAI ISRAEL 444 MAIN STREET NORTH SOUTH BURY, CT

For membership information contact the office at (203) 267-3394

Our newest members:

- Sheila & William May



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## Donations

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in memory of*

**Juanita Chichester**

Herbert Garber

**Aaron Frenkel**

Rose & Sidney Frenkel

**Ethel Goldberg**

Carol & Bob Weil

**Ethel Goldberg**

Deborah Garber

**Ethel Goldberg**

Doris & Joel Abramson

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Placement of memorial plaque memorializing Ruth Littman**

Jon Littman

Emily Eisen

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Polokoff**

Newtown High School

### General Fund

*in memory of*

**Lois Zeidler**

Matthew Mandelberg

**Ethel Goldberg**

Rose & Sidney Frenkel

**Ethel Goldberg**

Sherman London

**Marvin Rechtman**

Lisa Segal

**Ethel Goldberg**

Sheila & Nick Tetreault

### Adult Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Ethel Goldberg**

Rochelle & Earl

Gershenow

**Ethel Goldberg**

Sharon & Ira Goldman

### Education Fund

*in memory of*

**George S. Wale**

Judith Feinman

### Caring Fund

*in memory of*

**Benjamin Ross**

Marjorie Ross

**Ethel Goldberg**

Marjorie Ross

**Marjorie Menaker**

Marjorie Ross

### Music Fund

*in memory of*

**Ethel Goldberg**

Antonietta & Wayne Hallet

**Eli Gleiberman**

Sheila Baum

**Ethel Goldberg**

Rachel & Jonathan Albert

### Music Fund

*in honor of*

**Linda Goodman's Birthday & evening of uplifting joy**

Eleanor Saperstein

**Linda Goodman's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Rabbi & Ellen Polokoff

**College graduations of Rebekka Rosen & Mia Polokoff**

Linda & Dan Goodman

### Ritual Fund

*in memory of*

**Charles Light**

Dawn & Bob Tendler

**Ethel Goldberg**

Dawn & Bob Tendler

### Ritual Fund

*in honor of*

**Friendship of Valerie & Maria**

Sharon Goldman

**Wedding of Max & Jess Zimmerman**

Dawn & Bob Tendler

**Wedding of Max Zimmerman & Jessica Lee**

Sharon & Ira Goldman

*Thank you!*

### **Please note:**

We continue to strive to be as budget conscious as possible.

Therefore, due to high fees, we can no longer accept American Express.



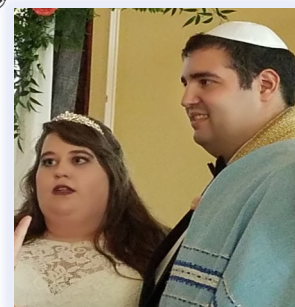
We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

**DONATE NOW**



**MAZEL TOV!!**



Jess & Max Zimmerman



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



# free kindergarten

Are you looking for a warm, nurturing and creative religious school in which to start your child's Jewish Education? B'nai Israel Religious School would like to have you join us!

Our free Kindergarten program takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. offering the children an introduction to Jewish holidays and customs, the Hebrew Alef Bet and Jewish life cycles through music, art projects, books, stories, movies and fun, age appropriate discussions.

Temple Membership is not required for participation in our introductory kindergarten program: only a supplies / snack fee will be charged. Young kids have a GREAT time!

Feel free to call  
**203.267.3396**  
for information  
and a tour of  
our facility.



Monsignor Donnelly  
Imam Gazi  
Rabbi Polokoff

## 3 amigos at the mosque



# Yahrzeits

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| <p><b>6/7</b><br/>                 Paul Blatter<br/>                 Lillian Cieply<br/> <b>Beverly Danen</b><br/>                 Ida Deutsch<br/> <b>Morris Frank</b><br/> <b>Henrietta Trier Greenberg</b><br/> <b>Adam Landau</b><br/> <b>Charlotta Landau</b><br/> <b>Henry Landau</b><br/> <b>Mark Landau</b><br/> <b>Roze Landau</b><br/> <b>Rebecca Levin</b><br/>                 Eli Mintz<br/> <b>Max Oberman</b><br/>                 Gertrude Ravitz<br/>                 Mayta Saper<br/>                 Erwin Weissmann<br/> <b>W. Theodore Whitman</b><br/> <b>Dora Furrer Yelin</b></p> | <p><b>6/14</b><br/> <b>George Feitelson</b><br/> <b>Lillian Mann Goldberg</b><br/> <b>Phillip Goldberg</b><br/>                 Ruth Goldman<br/>                 Ida Jacowitz<br/> <b>Rose Johnson</b><br/> <b>Kitty Kaplan</b><br/> <b>Louis A. Leopold</b><br/>                 Elizabeth Levine<br/> <b>Max Matzkin</b><br/> <b>Arthur Rothschild</b><br/> <b>Dora Kramer Shapiro</b><br/> <b>Isidore Shapiro</b><br/> <b>Arthur Silver</b><br/> <b>David Stein</b><br/> <b>Edward Steingart</b><br/>                 Bernice Weinstein</p> | <p><b>6/21</b><br/> <b>Oscar A. Bieber</b><br/> <b>Herman Effren</b><br/> <b>Harry Fleisher</b><br/> <b>Harry Goldfarb</b><br/> <b>Bessie Greene</b><br/> <b>Ray Hochheiser</b><br/>                 Elizabeth Jensen<br/>                 Victor Jensen<br/>                 Michael Karal<br/>                 Howard Klausner<br/>                 Mitchell Klausner<br/>                 Jacob Kovner<br/>                 Jacob Lamhut<br/> <b>Jack Markowitz</b><br/>                 Lillian Oratz<br/>                 Carl Ravitz<br/> <b>Beckie Rubin</b><br/> <b>Norman Shoheit</b><br/>                 Daniel Slater<br/>                 Hazel Slattery<br/> <b>Florence Stammelman</b><br/> <b>Frances Yavetz</b></p> | <p><b>6/28</b><br/> <b>Robert Agin</b><br/>                 William Barnet II<br/> <b>Regina Blum</b><br/> <b>Elizabeth Cohen</b><br/> <b>Constance A. Cryne</b><br/> <b>Clara Dolberg</b><br/> <b>Jules M. Don</b><br/> <b>Mae Frank Fishman</b><br/>                 Joseph Garber<br/>                 George Getnick<br/>                 Toby David Goldfarb<br/> <b>Irwin Hahn</b><br/>                 Charles Herrmann<br/> <b>William Lesser</b><br/> <b>Jeanette Matzkin</b><br/> <b>May Millman</b><br/>                 Sallie Nadel<br/> <b>Bertha Pollak</b><br/> <b>Charles Rosenberg</b><br/> <b>Pauline Infeld Schechter</b><br/> <b>Fannie Schiff</b><br/> <b>Julius Spearo</b></p> |
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Names indicated in **bold** have plaques on Memorial Boards in the rear of the Sanctuary.



A gentle reminder that any account balance must be paid ASAP. Please call the office if you have any questions. (203) 267-3394

The Ritual Committee is requesting donations of new or gently used 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.)*

## Adult Education

B'nai Israel Southbury

LEARN

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

### HOST AN ONEG

Call Sandy Marcus at (203) 264-9136 if you are interested in hosting an Oneg or joining the committee

# Onegs



- 6/07** Birthday Shabbat Sisterhood in honor of its Bat Mitzvah
- 6/14** The Bree/Reps family in honor of Hanna's Bat Mitzvah
- 6/21** Available
- 6/28** The Hozer family in honor of Jaden's Bar Mitzvah

Want to sponsor an Oneg ?  
 contact:  
 Sandy Marcus at (203) 264-9136



## "Tree of Life"

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

(203) 267-3394

# Birthdays

- 6/02** Lee Greenwald
- 6/06** Dave Hawthorne
- 6/07** Susan Fishman
- 6/08** Jake Albert
- 6/09** Hannah O'Brien  
Joshua Wilson
- 6/10** Jared Cocomazzi  
Jessica Cocomazzi  
Michael Friedman
- 6/11** Michele Gerstenfeld  
Rebecca Ross  
Margi Sermer
- 6/12** Randi Brandt  
Charlene Falk  
Suzanne Isaac  
Merri Klar  
Calvin Turin
- 6/13** Ariel Price  
Lionel Schwartz  
Eryn Wassa
- 6/14** Jane Mahler
- 6/15** Marlyse Duguid  
Louis Klein  
Kenneth Kohanski
- 6/16** Jerry Beilinson  
Rose Frenkel  
Morgan Rosen
- 6/17** Samantha Sorcher  
Maya Williams
- 6/19** Jordan Baron  
Elliot Linnetz  
Sary Ritchie
- 6/20** Doris Landaeta
- 6/21** Robert Ritchie  
Allen Schwartz
- 6/22** Aaron McConnon
- 6/23** Bea Gold
- 6/24** Patricia Schwartz
- 6/25** Jonathan Albert  
Eugene Mirrer  
Arthur Phillips  
Rudy Zeidler
- 6/27** Samantha Albert
- 6/28** Len Ross
- 6/29** Landon Burwin
- 6/30** Nancy Becker  
Lilian Senich



# Anniversaries

- 6/02** Ina & Irv Borenzweig
- 6/06** Amy & Gregory Davis
- 6/10** Pat & Matt Magida
- 6/11** Judy & Joel Sherman  
Elaine & Calvin Turin
- 6/12** Gina & Jesse Fry
- 6/13** Nancy & Joel Becker
- 6/14** Sandra Gold & Paul Medina
- 6/16** Marcy & Philip Feinman
- 6/17** Judith & Sam Lamhut
- 6/20** Heather & Burt Cieply  
Linda & Haskel Schiff
- 6/22** Celia & Lionel Schwartz
- 6/25** Hadar Lubin & David Johnson
- 6/27** Barb & Arthur Phillips  
Carol & Robert Weil
- 6/28** Jan & Eric Albert  
Fran & Jerry Beilinson  
Jennifer & Adam Burwin



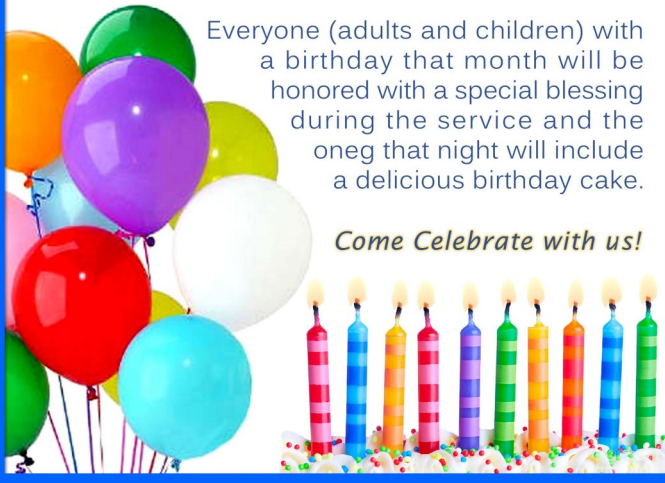
## Birthday Celebration Shabbat!

Do you have a birthday in the month of June?

Come celebrate on the first Shabbat of the month.

Everyone (adults and children) with a birthday that month will be honored with a special blessing during the service and the oneg that night will include a delicious birthday cake.

*Come Celebrate with us!*



# BIRS NEWS

Sunday, May 19 was **Mitzvah Day** at B'nai Israel Religious School. Sixty students from Kindergarten through Confirmation and teen volunteers participated in a "morning of service" throughout the community. Mitzvah projects included singing to elderly residents at The Watermark, helping Companion Pet Rescue with a dog adoption event, painting picnic tables at Flanders Nature Center, prepping our synagogue's mitzvah garden for summer crops, organizing school supplies, and helping at the Jewish Book Burial and Dedication to Leo Goldberg at the Waterbury Jewish Cemetery. After their morning of service, students gathered back at BIRS to enjoy our annual Mitzvah Day Pizza Lunch. This year's Pizza Lunch was sponsored by Michael Friedman Orthodontics. Students "had a slice and gave a slice" by enjoying free pizza while contributing enough *tzedakah* to purchase four large pizzas for those who use the Southbury Food Bank. Despite the rainy weather, this year's Mitzvah Day was very successful. Special thanks go to congregants Jill Schoenfuss and Ellen Zwang for helping to coordinate this important community event.

Students at B'nai Israel Religious School enjoyed an animal-filled spring! Thanks to a grant from The Jewish Federation of Western CT, students learned how animals are connected to Judaism. Learning included animals portrayed in Bible stories, such as Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Big Fish. Students learned about the mitzvah of caring for animals, and how animals help humans thrive, such as seeing eye dogs and comfort dogs. Several students helped this year at local animal shelters and collected donations for them. For her mitzvah project, seventh grader Rachel Rubel volunteered at Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation and spoke about her experience at an Erev Shabbat service. Students practiced Hebrew fluency with a group of great canine listeners from Newtown Strong Therapy Dogs, as part of a national *Reading Paws* movement to help reluctant readers improve literacy skills. As one comfort dog volunteer shared, "Our dogs never heard Hebrew before! How wonderful that the children read to them in Hebrew today."



Lauren Bearz reads to therapy dog



Newtown Strong Therapy Dogs visit



Photo: Thanks to Michael Friedman Orthodontics for sponsoring this year's Mitzvah Day Pizza Lunch.

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Sheri Kipperman, Secretary

Trustees

Rochelle Gershenow (2021)  
Joseph Hochheiser (2019)  
Joyce Hozer (2021)  
Jonathan Kapstein (2020)  
Beth Rosen (2020)  
Michelle Rosen (2019)  
Kim Rubel (2021)  
Allen Schwartz (2020)  
Pauline Zimmerman (2019)

**FREE KINDERGARTEN**

Time to start thinking ahead!  
B'nai Israel Religious School  
offers **free** kindergarten to  
all. For more information  
please contact:

Abby Peklo, School Director  
(203)267-3396



**Tribute Cards**

From: Celia & Lionel Schwartz  
To: Jack Tesler \*Wishing you good health

From: Rudy Zeidler  
To: Brina Goldberg \*In memory of her beloved mother, Ethel  
To: Alan Haberman \*On the yartzheit of his beloved wife, Linda

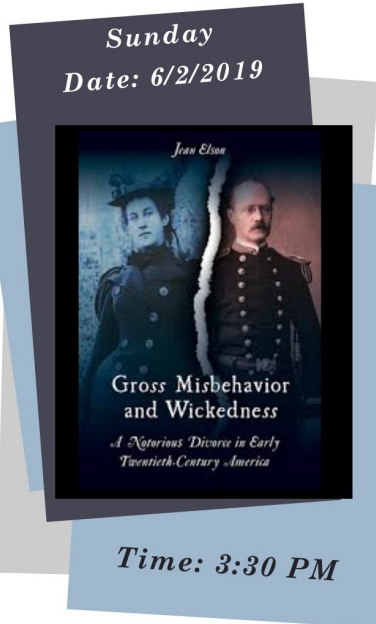
From: Joan & Arthur Oshins  
To: Brina Goldberg \*In memory of her beloved mother, Ethel  
To: Arlene Teplensky \*Congratulations on the graduation of her 3 grandchildren:  
Evan, Madeline, & Remy

From: Dawn & Bob Tendler  
To: Lou Hozer \*Hope you feel better every day!



To purchase Tribute Cards, please  
contact  
Doris Landaeta at  
(203) 232-6206 or at  
dorikam1958@gmail.com  
The cost per card is still only **\$5.00**  
including postage

**Book Group**  
Special Appearance and Discussion  
by Jean Elson, Author



Sunday  
Date: 6/2/2019

Gross Misbehavior  
and Wickedness

A Notorious Divorce in Early  
Twentieth-Century America


Time: 3:30 PM

*The bitter and public court battle waged between Nina and James Walker of Newport, Rhode Island from 1909 to 1916 created a sensation throughout the nation with lurid accounts of—and gossip about—their marital troubles. The ordeal of this high-society couple, who wed as much for status as for love, is one of the prime examples of the growing trend of women seeking divorce during the early twentieth century.*

*Gross Misbehavior and Wickedness—the charges Nina levied at James for his adultery (with the family governess) and extreme cruelty—recounts the protracted legal proceedings in juicy detail. Jean Elson uses court documents, correspondence, journals, and interviews with descendants to recount the salacious case. In the process, she underscores how divorce—in an era when women needed husbands for economic support—was associated with women’s aspirations for independence and rights. The Walkers’ dispute, replete with plot twists and memorable characters, sheds light on a critical period in the evolution of American culture.*

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Your attendance is requested.  
 Help us meet our quorum.  
 For questions on this meeting or  
 any other event please contact  
 the office at 203.267.3394

B'NAI ISRAEL  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Notice**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 @ 7 PM  
 Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Community Function Hall



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