

Shofar

b'nai israel



S O U T H B U R Y
S Y N A G O G U E

Iyar/Sivan 5784

June 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION
IS PREFERRED

 b'nai israel  SYNAGOGUE

June 13th, 7:00 pm 

in person & via zoom 

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Leadership

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Patti Berkowitz, President
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Kathryn Albee (2024)
 Melissa Fleischer (2024)
 Douglas Fuchs (2024)
 Peggy Klein (2024)
 Allen Schwartz (2024)
 Dawn Tandler (2024)
 Marci Durnell (2025)
 Lisa Segal (2025)
 Iurie Schwartz (2026)

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An evening with Yossi Klein Halevi



to view the program from May 9th-

<https://vimeo.com/948512481>



Members of the congregation participated in B'nai Israel's Annual Hike at Whitmore sanctuary led by Jodi Wasserstein.

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) 405-6576 or msr2511@yahoo.com

Adult

B'nai Israel Southbury

Education

Tuesday mornings 11:00 a.m.-noon
Adult Ed classes are free to members
Non member registration is \$72
per semester

Donor Opportunities



Yahrzeit Plaque

Purchase a plaque to memorialize your loved ones with a memorial plaque
Each plaque is \$380

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Visit our website for a full list of staff email addresses

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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

DONATIONS

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Rabbi officiating at Sarah & D.J.'s wedding

Sharon Elias & Jay O'Brien

Baby naming

Sharon & Stuart Medow

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Audrey Walzer

Roy Walzer

Benjamin Ross

Marjorie Ross

Dorothy Stein

Nancy & Joel Becker

Joanne Ranzer

David Ranzer

David Ludlow

Joyce & Elliott Nowak

Burt Albert

Jan & Eric Albert

Music Fund

in honor of

Linda Goodman's birthday

Judith Shulman

Linda Goodman's birthday

Jan & Harvey Goodman

Linda Goodman's birthday

Ival & Ron Kovner

Music Fund

in memory of

Audrey Walzer

Roy Walzer

Eli Gleiberman

Sheila Baum

General Fund

in honor of

Birth of Jan & Eric Albert's grandson

Lisa E. Miller

Israel's 76th Birthday

Hadar Lubin & David Johnson

Medical School Graduation of

Jade Phillips

The Family of Barb Phillips

General Fund

in memory of

Abram Bress

Norma & Charles Fleischman

Hirsch Crystal

Jack Cooperman

Eleanor Crystal

Frances Winland

Heather & Burt Cieply

Marvin Rechtman

Leonard Segal

Lisa & Scott Segal

Elihu Hill

Tracy & David Hill

Memorials & Dedication Fund

in memory of

Charles Light

Dawn Tandler

Walter Wisnefsky

Tammy & Eric Wisnefsky

Caring Fund

in memory of

Philip Leon Schwartz

Leona & Allen Schwartz





HATE HAS NO HOME HERE.

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ישנאד אין בית כאן אין בית אין בית
الكراه ليس له مكان هنا El odio no tiene hogar aqui.

Interested in joining B'nai Israel's Sisterhood?

Contact: Sisterhood President, Michelle Rosen

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Book Discussion Lilac Girls By Martha Hall Kelly



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • One million copies sold! Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second chances.

"Extremely moving and memorable... This impressive debut should appeal strongly to historical fiction readers and to book clubs that adore Kristin Hannah's The Nightingale and Anthony Doerr's All the Light We Cannot See."—Library Journal (starred review)

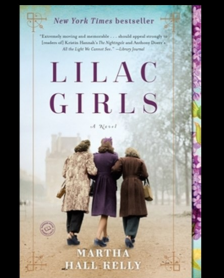
New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France.

An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerik, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences.

For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

Date: 6/3/2024



Time: TBD

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DIGNITY GROWS PACKING PARTY

Join B'nai Israel Sisterhood and the Jewish Federation of Western CT on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 7pm for their first Dignity Grows "Packing Party".

This community wide, intergenerational program will address the issue of Period Poverty. We will pack tote bags with feminine hygiene products which will be donated to Safe Haven of Waterbury.

Our guest speaker, Louisa Printz, Community Prevention Education Coordinator of Safe Haven, will discuss the organization's mission and the importance and necessity of these bags. Once the bags are filled, the party will continue with small bites, mocktails and music provided by DJ Lucas!

'HELP US HELP THEM' WITH A \$10 DONATION AT THE DOOR

For more information please contact Michelle Rosen or Ariel Price at BNAISTERS@GMAIL.COM

Thank you to the following local organizations for their generosity:

Middlebury & Southbury Equity & Inclusion Council, The Upper Room at the Church of the Epiphany, South Britain Congregational Church, The Bevy Co., Jacqui Schulefand, & Rachel Albert



REGISTER BY EMAILING CATHY CONTI AT CCONTI@JFED.NET

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT HARRY & JEANETTE WEINBERG COMMUNITY FUNCTION HALL 444 MAIN ST. NORTH, SOUTHBURY, CT 06488





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Tribute Cards

To send a tribute card contact Doris Landaeta at
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\$5 per tribute card
(includes postage)



Your participation is
greatly appreciated!



Thank you to these individuals for
purchasing leaves on our newly
re-designed "Tree of Life"!

Your name here!

Please consider purchasing a leaf
for our new tree.
Contact Sharon Goldman at
sharon.goldman@hotmail.com
for more information.

To All our Wonderful Members!

Thank you all for being a part of our very special congregational family.

We want to make sure all our members are aware of our newly revised caring committee, renamed Chesed v'Shalom.

Chesed meaning compassion and Shalom meaning peace and love.

We have started a "chicken soup for the soul" program. If you are in need of healing with homemade chicken soup, please know that it is available and we can get it delivered if and when needed.

If you need someone to talk too, please call Valerie.

If you need a ride to services, let us know.

If you need a meal or are having a health issue, we want to help!

Please let us know how we can help. Our community is growing stronger and we are here for you!

Also, if you are interested in joining our committee, we would love your help and support.

Thank you all, and Happy Holidays,

Sheri Kipperman, Sherrie Bitterman, Evan Cooper, and Patti Berkowitz

Email contact information in the left side column



If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious the school please call Education Director

Jacqui Schulefand at 203.267.3396 or e-mail educator@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org



BIRS Holocaust Remembrance program with Tamara Reps Freeman



I had the opportunity to participate in a very interesting talk about the Holocaust as part of my B'nai Israel Religious School class. Our speaker played us multiple songs from the era, some of which were in German, and some which didn't have lyrics. We were given pieces of paper where we wrote about the messages of the songs and how they made us feel. I really appreciated the activity because it made me think about what people went through during the Holocaust and how people were still able to connect with their Jewish culture despite what was happening.

-Leah Obenshain-

Through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut, B'nai Israel Religious School of Southbury hosted a program on Sunday, April 28th in observance of the commemoration of *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Remembrance. B'nai Israel was honored to have welcomed Dr. Tamara Reps Freeman, a noted Holocaust Educator. Her teaching about the Holocaust through music instruction sensitively reaches the emotional and cognitive growth of each age group in our school. The class themes range from "Celebrating Jewish Culture with Joy and Dignity" and "Eastern European Songs During Times of Peace and War" to "The Creative Power of Children." Dr. Reps-Freeman's programming enriches each student's understanding of the Holocaust and fosters a meaningful and lasting understanding of Jewish history and the dangers of Antisemitism. B'nai Israel is most grateful to the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut for making this opportunity possible. For additional information about the religious school contact Educator Jacqui Schulefand through educator@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org.

The following is a poem written by one of our 3rd Grade students, Brenna Rader -

What I Learned by Brenna Rader

I learned a lot about the dreaded Holocaust. Songs and words churned inside my head, so as I often do I wrote a poem to capture those feelings:

We were thought of as different. As if we were not humans.

They tried to exterminate us like bugs. As if we were pests.

I heard stories and songs and imagined the feelings, grief, pain, disbelief, and agony that the prisoners felt and experienced. This played out like a movie in my mind, picturing what that would have been like. I could really feel it.

How? Why? I could not, and have not stopped thinking about what happened. It really moved me and has made me appreciate my faith even more.

Candle lighting times for June

06/07	8:05
06/14	8:09
06/21	8:11
06/28	8:11





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

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Yahrzeits

May their memories be for blessing

06/07

Jacob Bamberger
Paul Blatter
Juanita Chichester
Lillian Cieply
Beverly Danen
Ida Deutsch
Fannie Fingerhut
Morris Frank
Henrietta Trier Greenberg
Kate Hofstadter
Adam Landau
Charlotta Landau
Henry Landau
Mark Landau
Roze Landau
Morris Lax
Selma Levy
Eli Mintz
Erwin Weissmann
W. Theodore Whitman

06/14

Harry Brod
George Feitelson
Murray S. Fleischer
Earl Gershenow
Lillian Mann Goldberg
Phillip Goldberg
Ruth Goldman
Suzanne Isaac
Ida Jacowitz
Rose Johnson
Louis A. Leopold
Rebecca Levin
Elizabeth Levine
Max Matzkin
Edward Minnick
Audrey Namowitz
Max Oberman
Arthur Rothschild
Mayta Saper
Gilda Scharf
Zusana Sermer
Dora Kramer Shapiro
Isidore Shapiro
Arthur Silver
Edward Steingart
Michael Wasser
William Wise
Dora Furrer Yelin

06/21

Oscar A. Bieber
Herman Effren
Harry Fleisher
Harry Goldfarb
Doris Goodman
Bessie Greene
Joan Hertz
Ray Hochheiser
Elizabeth Jensen
Victor Jensen
Ruben Johnson
Kitty Kaplan
Jacob Kovner
Jack Markowitz
Milton Negrin
David Reps
Beckie Rubin
Norman H. Shohet
Daniel Slater
Florence Stammelman
David Stein
Bernice Weinstein
Frances Yavetz



06/28

Robert J. Agin
William Barnet II
Regina Blum
Constance A. Cryne
Jules M. Don
Leah Friedman
Frederick Gostanian
Charles Herrmann
Muriel Lawson
William Lesser
Jeanette Matzkin
May Millman
Sallie Nadel
Robert Ormsby
Adam Paley
Charles Rosenberg
Pauline Infeld Schecter
Fannie Schiff
Julius Spearo

JUNE



Mazal Tov to Ali & Jake Albert on the birth of Lily Judith

Proud grandparents: Rachel & Jonathan Albert

Mazal Tov to Jamie & Steven Berkowitz on the birth of Asher Wolf Berkowitz

Proud grandparents: Jan & Eric Albert



- 06/02 Ina & Irv Borenzweig
- 06/10 Pat & Matt Magida
- 06/11 Judith & Joel Sherman
- 06/13 Nancy & Joel Becker
- 06/14 Sandra Gold & Paul Medina
- 06/16 Marcy & Phil Feinman
Sarah & Mikael Haeggstroem
Sheila & Bill May
- 06/19 Debbi & Marc Breslawsky
- 06/20 Heather & Burt Cieply
- 06/22 Celia & Lionel Schwartz
- 06/28 Jan & Eric Albert
Evan & Ross Cooper



Happy Anniversary



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| 06/01 Joseph Tangredi | 06/20 Doris Landaeta |
| 06/02 Robert Schmidt | 06/21 Allen Schwartz |
| 06/03 Ruby Libman | 06/22 Aaron McConnon |
| 06/05 Marty Steiglitz | 06/24 Chloe Langer |
| 06/07 Susan Fishman Ben-Chitrit | 06/25 Jonathan Albert
Eugene Mirrer
Rudy Zeidler |
| 06/09 Hannah O'Brien | 06/27 Samantha Albert |
| 06/10 Jared & Jessica Cocomazzi | 06/28 Sarah Haeggstroem |
| 06/11 Michele Gerstenfeld
Rebecca Ross
Margaret Sermer | 06/30 Nancy Becker |
| 06/12 Charlene Falk
Merri Klar | |
| 06/13 Ariel Price
Lionel Schwartz | |
| 06/14 Jane Mahler | |
| 06/16 Rose Frenkel
Morgan Rosen | |
| 06/19 Jordan Baron
Elliot Linnetz | |



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