



THE SHOFAR



PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, April 19, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Join us for a community Seder led by Rabbi Eric and Linda

Menu and registration form on back page

Make your reservations today!

New Caterer!



Our newest member:

- Harriet Meisel

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

See page 8 for Seder sign up form

We hope you'll join us too!

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Tuesday mornings	11:00 a.m.	Rabbi's Discussion Group-registration required
Sunday mornings	10:00 a.m.	Introduction to Judaism-see page 4 for schedule

For our most current calendar please visit our website at www.bnaisraelsouthbury.org

March Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Charles Denzel

Joyce & Lewis Hozer

Gail Fingerhut

Barry Fingerhut

Marcus Schwartz

Leona & Allen Schwartz

Irving Abramson

Doris & Joel Abramson

Edward, Stuart & Sol Goldberg

Bea Gold

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Susan Fishman & Coby Ben-Chitrit

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Eleanor Crystal

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rachel Basch

June Gaston & Stephen Rubenstein

Marie Brenner

Joseph Stammelman

Keren Beiti

Amy & Tim Qualls

General Fund

Marie Brenner

General Fund

in memory of

Molly Rudolph Zeidler

Rudy Zeidler

Rosalie Koester

Elizabeth & Edward Giacomazzo

Max Goudsmith

Michele & Jason Goudsmith

Nathan Yarish

Charles Yarish

Rosalie Koester

Eleanor Crystal

Regina & Albert Augenbraun

Deborah & David Augenbraun

Mildred Romanoff

Fern Sundermeyer

Roselyn Zackin

David B. Margolis

Evelyn Fisher

Judy & Joel Sherman

Sylvia Schwartz

The Segal Family

Gordon A. Genoe

Judy & Joel Sherman

Kathleen Rogers

Tina & Glenn Herman

General Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Eric Silver

Fern Sundermeyer

Ellen & Rob Zwang's twin

granddaughters

The Segal Family

Education Fund

in memory of

Harriet Marcus

Sandy & Dan Marcus

Music Fund

in memory of

Morris Sperling

Sandra & Daniel Marcus

Hannah Wise

Susan & Thomas Wise

Florence & Morris J. Sherman

Judy & Joel Sherman

Celia Baum

Sheila Baum

Memorials & Dedications Fund

in memory of

Bertha Lamhut

Samuel Lamhut

Israel Advocacy Fund

in honor of

Ruth Holt's birthday

Barb & Art Phillips

Ritual Fund

in honor of

Birth of Isaac Martin Zlotoff,

grandson of Charlene Falk & John

McNally and

Ronald Zlotoff & Donna Kemper

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Ida Epstein

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Rosalie Koester

Bobbi Gianat & Babs Rachells

Lillian Bisnov

Sharon & Ira Goldman

William Goldman

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Birth of Ellen & Rob Zwang's twin

granddaughters

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Ella Light

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Alvin Tendler

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Caring Fund

in memory of

Frances Rachells

Barbara Rachells

Ilya Gelfand

Anna Gelfand

Rosalie Koester

Ina & Irv Borenzweig

Aranka Zelinger

Susan & Thomas Wise

Jules Silfen

Dianne Selby-Nybakken

Rosalie Koester

Sandra & Daniel Marcus

Maurice Passy

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

Donald Garber

Sandy Gold & Paul Medina

Caring Fund

in honor of

Ellen & Rob Zwang's twin

granddaughters

Pauline Zimmerman

Flower Fund

in memory of

Fanny Sperling

Sandy & Dan Marcus

End of Year Donations

Pat & Matt Magida

Judy & Gene Mirrer

Jodi & A.J. Wasserstein

Project Tamid Donors

The Henry Nias Foundation

Phil & Marcy Feinman

Barbara & Art Phillips

Eleanor Saperstein

Margi & Michael Sermer

Ellen & Eric Polokoff

Linda Waldman & Hesch Sommer

Doris & Joel Abramson

Marina Zatman & Larry Smotroff

Eleanor Crystal

Abby & Andrew Peklo

Gail & Stephen Rudin

Peggy & Gerry Klein

Lisa & Scott Segal

William Handelman

Eleanor Crystal

Thank you!



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

b'nai israel
SYNAGOGUE

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th @ 7PM

\$20pp for members/\$25pp for non-members or
a table of 8 \$120 for members/\$180 non-members



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RSVP to office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org
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B'nai Israel Religious School students in pre-K through Confirmation have begun a year-long adventure to increase their interest in engaged Jewish learning. This new initiative is called "Two by Two-Inspiring Jewish Learning through Bible Stories & Animals." Students practice their Hebrew reading skills with therapy "reading" dogs, watch *Bible Players*, a comedy improvisation performance, meet with service and rescue animals to reinforce Jewish values of helping those in need and being kind to animals. Students will celebrate the end of the school year with a Hebrew scavenger hunt at the Bronx Zoo. Funding for "Two by Two" is made possible through a generous grant from the Endowment of the Jewish Federation of Western CT .

BIRS NEWS



Dedication of 7th Grade congregational gift of Tallit & Kippot Stand designed and crafted by Andrew Peklo. Pictured L-R: Ella Manning, School Director-Abby Peklo, President-Lisa Segal, Rabbi Polokoff, Designer-Andrew Peklo, Rebecca Ross, & Bennett Samberg

March Yahrzeits

3/1

Sidney J. Albert
Mae Carver
Samuel A. Chase
Joseph J. Davis
 Lillian Denzel
Herry Engelman
Bertha Erlanger
 Roza Gelfand
Morris Halberstam
Samson Holczer
Morris Kosersky
Sylvia Millen
Rebecca Rearson
Jane Salomon
Eugene Schiff
 Elizabeth Ival Stratford
 Nancy Wright

3/8

Nettie Behrend
Louise Brandvein
Charles Dolberg
Joseph Fetbroth
Jacqueline Frank
Doris Garber
 Samuel Gifford
Harry Harnick
Louis Kaplan
 Joseph Komitor
Selma Liebeskind
Edward Oberman
Haskell Rosenbaum
Elizabeth Swirsky

3/15

Irving Bisnov
 Fanny Crystal
Sadelle Don
 Rose Epstein
Gloria Novak Forsten
Esther Gaber
 Rose Gianat
Sandra H. Goldfarb
 Roberta Grossman
Anne Kaplan
Theodore Linton
Alvy Martin
 Nathan Oratz
 Jacob Pashkis
 Rose K. Weil
Jack Wilson

3/22

Molly Bieber
 Kate Cooperman
 Nathan Hamar
Jules Krakoff
Herman Levin
Phillip Mahler
Gussie Menus
Frances P. Miller
Esther Rechtman
Anna Sacks
Shirley Schein
Abraham Schiff
Casper Spearo
 Francis Arthur Stratford
Sylvia Tandler
 Abraham M. Weil
Herman J. Weisman
Inge Yaffe

3/29

Sarah Cohen
William N. Green
Manning Greenberg
 Florence Hamar
 Morris Horn
Stanley L. Levin
Irving Rosen
 Charlotte Smotroff
 Howard Weitzer
Lois E. Zetzer

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



PROJECT TAMID

Marina Zatzman and Larry Smotroff have been members of B'nai Israel Southbury since its founding. They have the distinction of being the first couple to be married in the sanctuary our beautiful building on April 25th, 2004. This is a reflection of the sense of belonging and connection they feel with Judaism and B'nai Israel. Marina and Larry have one son, Joshua, who recently celebrated becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Marina and Larry come from very different backgrounds and have spent considerable time reflecting on how this has impacted their current thinking in regard to their synagogue lives. Marina, grew up as a Jewish child in Russia, had little religious education yet was committed to fostering a Jewish lifestyle for her family, particularly valuing Jewish education for Josh. While her psychiatric practice and family occupy most of her waking hours, she is fully supportive of the time Larry devotes to temple. Larry's parents served as role models of Jewish involvement and Julius Smotroff has been an integral part of Federation and temple life.

Most of us know Larry as a valued member of Makhela, our choir, and a frequent soloist at services. In fact, Larry has been singing in temple choirs since he was a teenager. In addition to his love of music, Larry has been active in Federation and Federation Foundation, has worked on strategic planning endeavors for temple and is a key member of the Mitzvah Garden work team. Most recently, as a member of the Project Tamid committee, Larry has shared his expertise by helping our group navigate the complex world of grant research allowing us to take advantage of available funds to augment the B'nai Israel Southbury Endowment. To demonstrate their commitment to Project Tamid, Larry and Marina have made a generous donation to Project Tamid.

Marina and Larry feel that engagement with a community who share similar values is a key to their well-being. The work that Larry has done with the generous support and encouragement of Marina, is an indication of their belief that ongoing service to our community is a way of giving back. We are truly fortunate to have this family in our congregation.

March Onegs

- 3/01 Birthday Shabbat World Union Shabbat 
- 3/08 BIRS Grade 6 Shabbat
- 3/15 Mitzvah Day Shabbat
- 3/22 Available
- 3/29 BIRS Grade 3 Shabbat and Ina & Irv Borenzweig in honor of Ina's 80th birthday

To find out more about sponsoring 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

March Birthdays

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| 3/03 Adam Burwin
Eric Wisnefsky | 3/18 Howard Bearz
Rebecca Beilinson
Burton Goldfarb |
| 3/05 Glenn Herman
Keith Mahler
Ari Schwartz | 3/19 Zeena Garber |
| 3/06 Laura Augenbraun
Helen Slutsky | 3/20 Howard Engel
Charles Fleischman |
| 3/08 Amelia Rosen | 3/21 Matthew Witmyer |
| 3/09 Zeke Peklo | 3/22 Robin Gerber
Alan Schwartz |
| 3/10 Iurie Schwartz | 3/24 Frederick Rubenstein
Jodi Wasserstein |
| 3/11 Sean Elder | 3/26 Elizabeth Goldfarb |
| 3/12 David Augenbraun
Barry Fingerhut
Earl Gershenow
Samantha Kent
Chase Langsam | 3/28 Alexander Bearz
Joshua McNally |
| 3/14 Dahlia Greenberg | 3/29 Ina Borenzweig |
| 3/15 Joel Abramson | 3/31 Walter Borenstein
Ryan Rubel
Joel Sherman |
| 3/17 Jey Herman | |



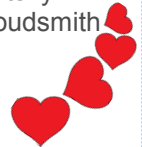
MAZEL TOV!



- * Charlene Falk and John McNally on the birth of their grandson Isaac Zlotoff.
- * Ellen & Rob Zwang on the birth of their twin granddaughters Sarah & Samantha Zwang
- * Marian Dar on the birth of her grandson, Adam
- * Traci Ferris & Ken Kohanski on the birth of their daughter, Pearl

March Anniversaries

- 3/23 Helen & Herbert Slutsky
- 3/27 Michele & Jason Goudsmith
Lisa & Scott Segal



Heather's Hamentashen Orders due by March 8th

Heather's Homemade Hamentashen will be sold at the Annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, **March 17th**, from 4-6 pm. Order yours now and pick up your boxed order at the Carnival. Orders must be in full dozens, but you can mix from 10 different flavors!

For more information contact Heather Cieply at
(203) 264-8805 or pharmom99@hotmail.com

Birthday Celebration Shabbat!

Do you have a birthday in the month of March?

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!



Save THE Date
AS B'NAI ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD
CELEBRATES ITS 13TH YEAR
with
a Bat Mitzvah
JUNE 8TH
SERVICE AND LUNCHEON
all are welcome

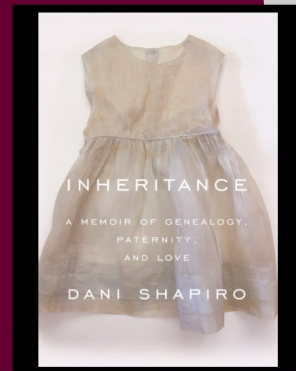


Book Group

Moderated by Rochelle Gershenow



Date: 4/24/2019



Time: 10:30 AM

What makes us who we are? What combination of memory, history, biology, experience, and that ineffable thing called the soul defines us? In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history—the life she had lived—crumbled beneath her. Inheritance is a book about secrets—secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It is the story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that has been scrupulously hidden from her for more than fifty years, years she had spent writing brilliantly, and compulsively, on themes of identity and family history. It is a book about the extraordinary moment we live in—a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover. Timely and unforgettable, Dani Shapiro's memoir is a gripping, gut-wrenching exploration of genealogy, paternity, and love.

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LET'S GET ARTSY!
AT A PAINT-ALONG PARTY!
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019
6:30PM-8:30PM
THE GOLDEN BUTTON SHOP
122 S. POMPERAUG ROAD
WOODBURY, CT
Bring Your Own Drinks & Snacks!
Space is Limited!
RSVP by April 2nd
203-267-3394
\$36 FOR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS/
\$40 FOR NON-MEMBERS



RABBI

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

FREE KINDERGARTEN

It's time! B'nai Israel offers **free** kindergarten to all. For more information please contact:

Abby Peklo, School Director
(203)267-3396



Tribute Cards

To: Helen Forman *Hope you are feeling stronger & wishing you a healthy, happy 2019
From: Celia & Lionel Schwartz

To: Harriet Blum *In memory of her brother, Alan Krakow
From: Joe Stammelman

To: Charlene Falk & John McNally *Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson
To: Ellen & Rob Zwang *Mazel Tov on becoming grandparents
To: Marian Dar *Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandchild
From: Rudy Zeidler

To: Carl Kraushaar *Get well soon!
To: Abby Peklo *Hope you are back to normal soon.

To: Paul Goldstein *Get well soon!
From: Dawn & Bob Tendler

To: Rudy Zeidler *In memory of Lois
From: Susan & Murray Haber

To: Zeena Garber *In memory of her wonderful husband, Donald
From: Rudy Zeidler

\$5 donation includes postage

Please contact Doris Landaeta at 203.282.6206 or dorikam1958@gmail.com



In Honor of Women's History Month
B'nai Israel Sisterhood is sponsoring

Women in the Torah

JOIN RABBI ERIC
FOR THIS SPECIAL TORAH STUDY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 2019
10:00 AM

Please RSVP to bnaisisters@gmail.com
or call (203) 267-3394

A light breakfast will be served





You Are Cordially Invited to B'nai Israel Southbury's Annual

Passover Seder

Friday, April 19th, 2019 at 6:00 PM

New Caterer:

Jewish Senior Services, Fairfield, CT



Menu

At your seat:

- Traditional Seder Plate Items, Matzo, Wine
- Mixed Green Salad
- Matzo Ball Soup
- Gefilte Fish

Selections on the Buffet Table:

- Brisket
- Honey Glazed Salmon
- Roasted Potatoes
- Green Beans with Craisins & Almonds
- Passover Dessert Selection
- Tea, Coffee, Juice, Soda

Seder Begins at 6:00 PM

(following short erev Shabbat service in sanctuary at 5:30)

\$ 48 adults \$10 children

For Questions call or email:

(203) 267-3394

office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org

Reservation Deadline: April 10th

Please return bottom portion & check payable to:

"B'nai Israel Southbury"



Drop Off or Mail by 4/10 to:

B'nai Israel Southbury
PO Box 350 444 Main Street North
Southbury, CT 06488

Your check confirms your reservation for seder

Please Print Clearly

Name(s) 1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Even) _____ (Email) _____

Number Adults Attending _____ Number Children Attending _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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