

SHOFAR



Adar/Nisan 5780

March 2020

THE *SUPER* SISTERHOOD OF B'NAI ISRAEL



Pictured above are some of Sisterhood's amazing members.



Michelle Rosen,
President

Break Fast, Themed Book discussions, Apples & Honey Sweet Treat for Rosh HaShanah, Sisterhood Shabbat, an excursion to a Mikvah, Book Groups, Speakers, "My Favorite Things" party, annual Chanukah party, a chocolate Seder and Cinco de Mah Jongg, generous donation to B'nai Israel's endowment, recipient of WRJ "Or Ami" Award, "Yingo", Mishloach Manot boxes for Purim, lunch at Chai noon, Torah studies, Sisterhood's Bat Mitzvah celebration, community outreach, siddurim & kiddush cups for BIRS students, dinners, wine tastings, and the list goes on...

These women are inspired to grow together; to support their mutual love of Judaism and their desire to support each other.

If you share these values and would like to be part of this amazing group please contact:

Sisterhood President, Michelle Rosen at (516) 320-5089.
(membership at B'nai Israel is required)



Cinco de Mah Jongg

Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM

444 Main Street North, Southbury

Mahjong Day of Fun!

Food, Laughter & Friendship!

Schedule

- 10 AM Registration & continental breakfast
- 10:30 Play Begins
- 12:30 Lunch & chance to win prizes
- **We provide lunch and dessert!**
- 1:30 More time to play

Event Includes

- Continental breakfast
- Chance to win prizes
- Refreshments
- Lunch and Desserts!

\$28 advance registration required— lunch included!

Call 203-267-3394



Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Bea Gold

Sandra Gold & Paul Medina

Gail Fingerhut

Barry Fingerhut

Doris Garber

Herbert Garber

Israel Menaker

Susan Fishman & Coby Ben-Chitrit

Bert Boyson

Eleanor Saperstein

Lillian Denzel

Joyce & Lew Hozer

Francis Arthur Stratford

Ival & Ron Kovner

General Fund

in memory of

Michael Barr

The Weil Family

Morris J. Sherman

Judy & Joel Sherman

Kathleen Rogers

Tina & Glenn Herman

Eric Hall

Carol & Bob Weil

Eric Hall

Doris & Joel Abramson

Toby Berkowitz

Merri Klar & Jeff Berkowitz

General Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Eric's naming of

Lily Slepoy

Silverman/Slepoy family

Myra Suib becoming a

Great Great Grandmother

Frances Goldenberg

Caring Fund

in memory of

Jules Silfen

Dianne Selby-Nybakken

Ilya Gelfand

Anna Gelfand

Frances Rachells

Barbara Rachells

Rose Gianat

Bobbi Gianat

Music Fund

in memory of

Aranka Zelinger

Susan, Tom, Julie & David Wise

Bert Boyson

Carol & Bob Weil

Beatrice Ryack Slater

Sandra Slater & Joseph Hochheiser

Music Fund

in honor of

**Linda Goodman's & Larry Smotroff's
music**

Sandra Gold & Paul Medina

Ritual Fund

in memory of

Charles Denzel

Joyce & Lew Hozer

William Goldman

Sharon & Ira Goldman

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Dawn & Bob Tendler

Alvin A. Tendler

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Irving Bisnov

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Sylvia Tendler

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Ritual Fund

in honor of

Peggy & Gerry Klein's 50th anniversary

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Israel Advocacy Fund

in memory of

Bert Boyson

Sharon & Ira Goldman

Bert Boyson

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Bert Boyson

Barb & Art Phillips

Bert Boyson

John McNamara

Bert Boyson

Sandra Slater & Joseph Hochheiser

Bert Boyson

Doris & Joel Abramson

Bert Boyson

Rachel & Jonathan Albert

Adult Education Fund

in memory of

Louis Gershenow

Rochelle & Earl Gershenow

Hyman Hochheiser

Sandra Slater & Joseph Hochheiser

Bert Boyson

Rochelle & Earl Gershenow

Memorials & Dedications Fund

in memory of

Eric Hall

Roni & Gil Mason

Eric Hall

Heather & Burt Cieply

Eric Hall

Ival & Ron Kovner

Eric Hall

Dawn & Bob Tendler

Annual Giving

Roz Schoonmaker

Tamara & Barry Freeman

**Your donations are tax
deductible and greatly
appreciated!!!**



Rabbi Eric with Leah Linton at Nonnewaug High School where Leah spoke about her Holocaust experience.

Donating

If you would like to make a donation to one of our funds, purchase a memorial plaque, or add a leaf to our "Tree of Life" in honor of a Simcha please visit our website at: www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org then click the "donate" page.



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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



Our newest member:

- Ken Levy

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

Acronyms and Terms at B'nai Israel Southbury

It can be difficult for newcomers and even longtime members, to follow all of the acronyms and terms regularly used here at our synagogue. With this in mind, we inaugurate a periodic column explaining some of our terms.

BIMA	Raised platform. The area where the service is led, which also holds the <i>Aron Kodesh</i> (Holy Ark). Alternatively transliterated as Bema, it originated in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem.
BIRS	B'nai Israel Religious School
<i>Mishloach Manot</i>	The sending of portions. This practice, discussed in <i>Megillat Esther</i> (the Scroll of Esther) as part of the celebration of Purim, now denotes holiday gift packages given during Purim.
<i>Tamid</i>	Always, continual. The Eternal Light in our Sanctuary is known as a <i>Ner Tamid</i> . Project Tamid is our Endowment effort to sustain B'nai Israel into the future.
<i>Yizkor</i>	Remembrance. A special memorial service component known as <i>Yizkor</i> takes its name from the special, silent <i>Yizkor</i> prayer. This service is part of worship on <i>Yom Kippur</i> , <i>Simchat Torah</i> , the last day of Passover and <i>Shavuot</i> .

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



purim carnival

A FAVORITE TRADITION

Sunday
march 8th
4:00 - 6:00 pm



A March Madness

CHILI COOK-OFF!



Admission prices:
\$18/adult
\$10/under 18
\$5/13 & under

\$10 for chili cook-off entry (Rules will be provided upon RSVP)

Beer & wine for sale

CHILI CONTEST!
CASH PRIZES!

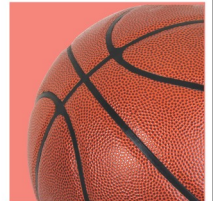
WATCH THE GAME LIVE!

FAMILY FRIENDLY!
GAMES!

MAR 21
5-9 PM

Fundraising
EVENT OPEN TO ALL!

B'nai Israel
444 Main Street North
Southbury



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO RSVP, CONTACT VALERIE AT 203.267.3394

BIRS NEWS



On a wet and cold Sunday morning, BIRS students celebrated Tu B'Shevat. This holiday, which celebrates the new year of the trees and the beginning of spring in Israel, was a good reminder that the darkness of winter in New England will soon end and warmer, sunnier days will be upon us. Students sampled symbolic fruits that grow in Israel, including dates, figs, and olives. To help them get in the spirit of the coming of spring, Morah Rachel Barclay led an edible bird's nest project. Students in grades K-5 quickly learned that birds are smarter than we think and that they do a much better job than we do building their homes! Students thoroughly enjoyed eating their creations made from Twizzlers, pretzels, Rice Crispy Treats, jellybeans, vanilla frosting, and colorful Peeps.



Ryan Rubel shows his edible bird's nest during our BIRS Tu B'Shevat Seder Celebration.

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Phil Feinman (2022)
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Joyce Hozer (2021)
Jonathan Kapstein (2020)
Eric Linnetz (2022)
Beth Rosen (2020)
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Kim Rubel (2021)
Allen Schwartz (2020)



“Tree of Life”

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

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Tribute Cards



From: Joan & Arthur Oshins
To: Babs Rachells *Get well soon
To: Phyllis & Howard Boilen *In memory of sister Judy Kanyon

From: Joyce & Lou Hozer
To: Babs Rachells *Wishing you a speedy recovery
To: Peggy & Gerry Klein *Happy 50th Anniversary
To: Ruthie Holt *In memory of Bert Boyson

From: Rachel Basch
To: Peggy & Gerry Klein * Mazel Tov on your 50th Anniversary

From: Margie Ross
To: Ellen Zwang *Happy Birthday
To: Judy & Gene Mirrer *Happy Anniversary
To: Karen Senich *Happy Birthday
To: Pauline Zimmerman *Happy Birthday
To: Judy Mirrer *Happy Birthday

From: Rudy Zeidler
To: Michelle Rosen *In memory of your soulmate, Eric Hall
To: Rebekka & Morgan Rosen *Condolences on the loss of your father, Eric Hall

To purchase Tribute Cards,
please contact
Doris Landaeta at
(203) 232-6206 or
dorikam1958@gmail.com

Tribute cards are a beautiful and economical way of sending a message. For \$5 a lovely card, designed by artist Michelle Pulver, is hand calligraphied by congregant Doris Landaeta and mailed for you. Your donation is greatly appreciated!
For more information please contact Doris at 203.232.6206 today.

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
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Yahrzeits

3/06

Harry D. Barr
 Nettie Behrend
Louise Brandvein
Samuel A. Chase
 Lillian Denzel
Bertha Erlanger
Joseph Fetbroth
Jacqueline Frank
Doris Garber
 Sol Goldberg
 Fanny Haselkorn
Samson Holczer
Jacob K. Jennes
Louis Kaplan
 Joseph Komitor
Selma Liebeskind
 Harry Meisel
Tillie Merson
Edward Oberman
Haskell Rosenbaum
Morris Sacks
Jane Salomon
Elizabeth Swirsky

3/13

Toby Berkowitz
 Irving Bisnov
 Fanny Crystal
Charles Dolberg
Sadelle Don
Charles Edlin
 Rose Epstein
Gloria Novak Forsten
Esther Gaber
 Samuel Gifford
Sandra H. Goldfarb
Harry Harnick
Anne Kaplan
 Clara Koweek
 Henry Krakow
Alvy Martin
 Jacob Pashkis
Shirley Schein
Jack Wilson

3/20

Molly Bieber
 Kate Cooperman
 Roza Gelfand
 Rose Gianat
 Nathan Hamar
Jules Krakoff
Herman Levin
Theodore Linton
Gussie Menus
Frances P. Miller
Rebecca Rearson
Esther Rechtman
Anna Sacks
Abraham Schiff
Casper Spearo
Sylvia Tendler
 Rose K. Weil
Herman J. Weisman

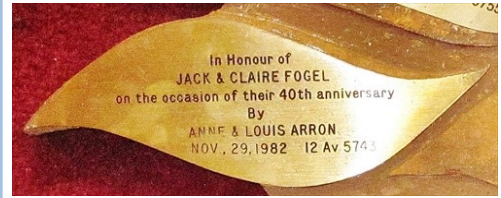
3/27

William N. Green
 Florence Hamar
Stanley L. Levin
Phillip Mahler
Irving Rosen
 Francis Arthur Stratford
 Abraham M. Weil
Inge Yaffe
Lois E. Zetzer



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

Tree of Life



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

203.267.3394

Remembering your loved ones

For those who might like a more permanent way to memorialize a loved one, consider purchasing a bronze plaque to hang on a board in the rear of our Sanctuary in perpetuity which would be lit on the annual Yahrzeit date when Kaddish is recited, and at every Yizkor service. Rabbi also prepares a special blessing to include as part of the Erev Shabbat service at the time the plaque is placed. For more information or to order a Memorial Plaque, please contact the office at 203.267.3394.

Host an Oneg and invite your B'nai Israel family to share in the fun!

Think of it as having friends over for coffee and.....



To find out more about sponsoring an Oneg please contact:
Sandy Marcus at (203) 264-9136

HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE?

simcha shabbat

join us the first Friday of each month




Onegs

3/06 Simcha Shabbat
IAC Shabbat



3/13 World Union Shabbat



3/20 BIRS Grade 3 families in honor of receiving Siddurs from Sisterhood; Young Emissaries

3/27 Silverman/Slepoy family in honor of Lily Slepoy's Bat Mitzvah

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



- 3/03 Adam Burwin
Eric Wisnefsky
- 3/05 Glenn Herman
Keith Mahler
Ari Schwartz
- 3/06 Laura Augenbraun
Helen Slutsky
- 3/08 Amelia Rosen
- 3/09 Zeke Peklo
- 3/10 Iurie Schwartz
- 3/11 Sean Elder
- 3/12 David Augenbraun
Barry Fingerhut
Earl Gershenow
Chase Langsam
- 3/14 Dahlia Greenberg
- 3/15 Joel Abramson
- 3/17 Jey Herman



- 3/18 Howard Bearz
Rebecca Beilinson
- 3/19 Zeena Garber
- 3/20 Howard Engel
Charles Fleischman
- 3/21 Matthew Witmyer
- 3/22 Robin Gerber
Alan Schwartz
- 3/24 Frederick Rubenstein
Jodi Wasserstein
- 3/28 Alexander Bearz
Joshua McNally
- 3/29 Ina Borenzweig
Harriet Meisel
- 3/31 Walter Borenstein
Ryan Rubel
Joel Sherman

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/04 Sandra Slater & Joseph Hochheiser
- 3/23 Helen & Herb Slutsky
- 3/27 Michele & Jason Goudsmith
Lisa & Scott Segal



All are welcome!

Congregational Pot Luck

Friday Evening, March 20 at 6:30 P.M.

Followed by

Erev Shabbat Services at 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary

Please contribute a pot luck dish to serve 8-10:

Last name starting with A-M: Main Dish (no pork or shellfish, no meat/milk combinations)

Last name starting with N-S: Salad or Vegetable Side Dish

Last name starting with T-Z: Beverage

To assist people with allergies please list all ingredients.



- BIRS Grade 3 Students will receive their Siddurim & help Rabbi Eric lead services.
- Lion Avraham & Tal Azizi will share their experiences as this year's Israeli Emissaries.

RSVP to 203.267.3394 or
office@bnaisraelsouthbury.org.

b'nai israel SYNAGOGUE

Good News!



Mazal Tov to Harriet Blum on the birth of her Great Great Grandson: Raphael Jonah Nelson-Shore



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*You are
Invited*

B'NAI ISRAEL SOUTHBURY INVITES YOU TO JOIN MEMBERS OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 AT 6 PM FOR A
FAMILY FRIENDLY TRADITIONAL SEDER LED BY RABBI ERIC POLOKOFF

\$48 per adult

\$10 per child 5-12

Children under 5 are free

Kosher style dinner & dessert

Open seating

Reservations can be made by calling

the office at (203) 267-3394

R.S.V.P. by April 2nd

No walk-ins can be accommodated



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