

# SHOFAR



Iyar-Sivan 5780

May2020

## A letter from the President



To my B'nai Israel family,

I hope this month's Shofar finds you healthy and weathering this storm in the best possible spirits. Life has thrown all of us such a curveball! Now more than ever I am so grateful to our congregational community. At a time when we can feel so isolated we have been able to join together in so many creative ways; whether it be through weekly Zoom services, Sisterhood Zoom book groups, religious school online classes, a Zoom community seder, a YouTube Yom Hashoah program and daily Uplifts to keep us entertained and informed. I would like to personally thank Rabbi Eric, Linda Goodman, Abby Peklo and Michelle Rosen for going above and beyond to make sure our B'nai Israel community stays connected.

It has also been so lovely to see how we all support each other. I am so grateful to those who have offered to grocery shop for our community and those who have volunteered to make phone calls, send messages, and run errands for those in need. We are truly a family and lucky to have one another.

In the meantime, please know that if you have other needs at this time, we are here for you and ready to help. Don't hesitate to contact Valerie in the office and she will direct you to the appropriate person. You may also e-mail or call me at

[emilysmomlisa@aol.com](mailto:emilysmomlisa@aol.com) or 203.233.3643 for assistance or with questions, concerns or just to say shalom!



Stay safe, stay home and stay well.

Warmly,

Lisa

*Celebrating our Moms*  
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All proceeds to benefit the B'nai Israel General Fund.



Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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*in honor of & gratitude for*

#### **the music at Ira's funeral & shiva**

Sharon Goldman

### Music Fund

*in memory of*

#### **Michael Hozer**

Joyce & Lew Hozer

#### **Kristen Lindsey Grosso**

Ina & Irv Borenzweig

#### **Eric Hall**

Antoinetta & Wayne Hallet

#### **Bert Boyson**

Antoinetta & Wayne Hallet

#### **Ira Goldman**

Antoinetta & Wayne Hallet

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

#### **Rabbi's caring & support during Ira's illness**

Sharon Goldman



The members of the Memorials & Dedications Committee have purchased a plaque in remembrance of their Chair, Eric J. Hall

Irv Borenzweig  
Herbert Garber  
Sharon Goldman  
Ron Herrmann  
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May their memory be for blessing

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5/03	Linda Goodman Adam Packer Scott Segal	5/19	Ronald Isaac Jonathan Kapstein Ryan McConnon
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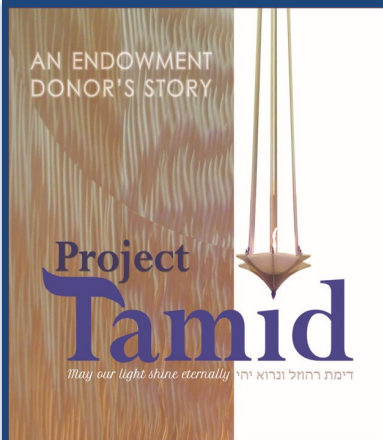
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## “Tree of Life”

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

(203) 267-3394



## Tribute Cards

From: Joyce and Lou Hozer

To: Rabbi Eric Silver \* Happy Birthday

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

Artist, Michelle Pulver

Calligraphy, Doris Landaeta

# BIRS news

BIRS students have been champions at learning virtually via Zoom with their teachers during this COVID-19 shutdown. Students have been actively engaged in conversations with teachers and classmates. They have also been keeping up with Hebrew and Judaic learning at home each week. Students in Grades 4-5 got to make a virtual trip to the Tenement Museum to learn how a Jewish family a hundred years ago might have made pickles! Students were able to follow along with the educator-led description and real-life photos depicting daily life in the tenement and shopping on the street for pickles on the Lower East Side. Students also had the opportunity to make pickles in real time while watching the demonstration on screen. We are also proud of our students who have engaged in mitzvot during this time. Three



Aurora Rose makes pickles during an online class hosted by The Tenement Museum.



Emma, Hannah, and Jacob Rockafellow create beautiful tissue paper flower arrangements to share with those in need during the COVID-19 shutdown.

students in the Rockafellow family spent some time creating beautiful tissue paper flower arrangements to share with those in need of a sunny uplift.

Dear B'nai Israelites and Friends of B'nai Israel,

Our congregation and Jewish community are, thankfully, up and working. We are now doing so completely remotely as our facility has been entirely shut down. B'nai Israel's staff can be reached via our emails. Calls to the B'nai Israel office and individual staff will reach us, albeit not in real time.

We are also grateful for the response of congregants prepared to assist the elderly or infirm with shopping and errands. We now have a cadre of volunteers prepared to do a *mitzvah*. Should you be vulnerable and in need of help do let us know.

We hope you will join us on-line for services Friday nights at 7:30 PM.

*L'Shalom,*

Rabbi Eric & Lisa

## Contact Us

During this unprecedented time we are not in the office and are working remotely.

Should you wish to be in touch please email :

[office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org](mailto:office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org)

Or visit our website for a full list of staff email addresses

[www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org)



## 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 [mrs2511@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs2511@yahoo.com)

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## HOST AN ONEG

Call Sandy Marcus

if you are interested in hosting an Oneg or joining the committee

Sandy Marcus:

(203) 264-9136



## Adult Education

B'nai Israel Southbury



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

[www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org](http://www.bnaiisraelsouthbury.org)





**Join Women of Reform Judaism** and for a day of learning, rejuvenation, and Kabbalat Shabbat worship featuring **Chava Mirel** on Friday, May 1st, all from the comfort of your own home, *for free!* Attendees will tune in on Friday, May 1st to hone their leadership skills and deepen connections with other women, receive tools for intergenerational programming, and learn more about WRJ's advocacy work. **WRJ is proud to open this virtual conference to any identifying woman who would like to attend, free of charge.**

*Interested in joining Sisterhood?*

*Call Michelle Rosen, President, at msr2511@yahoo.com for more information.*

## Book Discussion

### The Dutch House

Moderated by Barbara Phillips



Date: 5/14/2020

The Dutch House  
Ann Patchett

Time: 2:00 PM  
Via ZOOM—email for link

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Commonwealth* and *State of Wonder*, comes Ann Patchett's most powerful novel to date: a richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. *The Dutch House* is the story of a paradise lost, a tour de force that digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.

At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves.

The story is told by Cyril's son Danny, as he and his older sister, the brilliantly acerbic and self-assured Maeve, are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother. The two wealthy siblings are thrown back into the poverty their parents had escaped from and find that all they have to count on is one another. It is this unshakable bond between them that both saves their lives and thwarts their futures.

Set over the course of five decades, *The Dutch House* is a dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past. Despite every outward sign of success, Danny and Maeve are only truly comfortable when they're together. Throughout their lives they return to the well-worn story of what they've lost with humor and rage. But when at last they're forced to confront the people who left them behind, the relationship between an indulged brother and his ever-protective sister is finally tested.

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