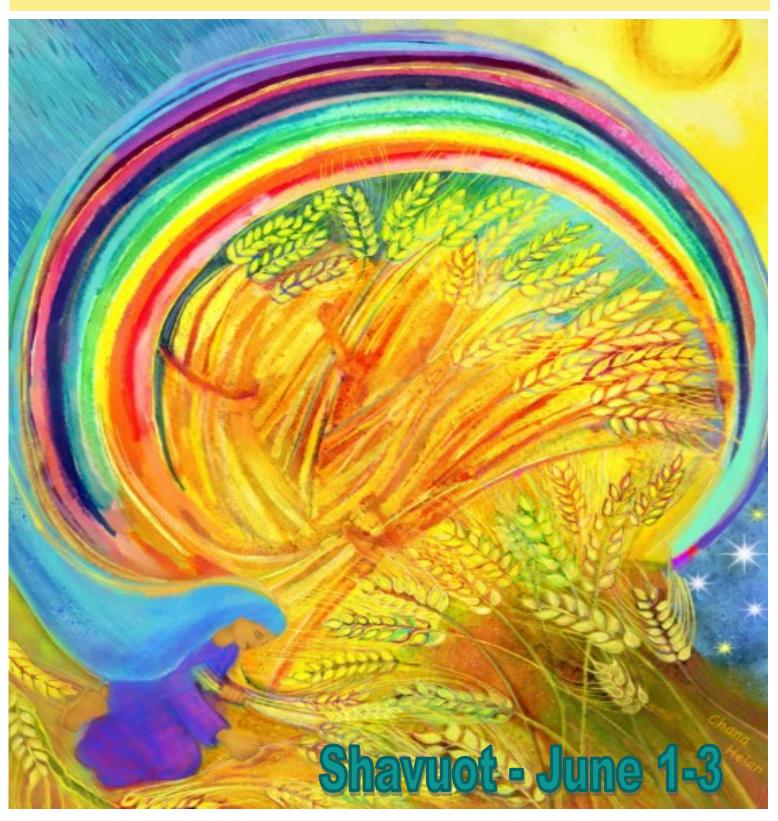
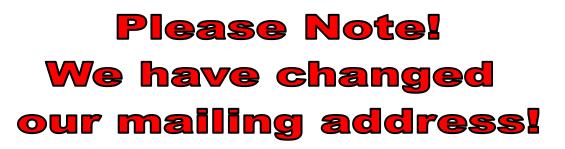
Shofar



Sivan/Tammuz 5785 June 2025







Please use the building address



We no longer have our PO Box



Scam Alert

The past month included phishing attempts directed at our membership and extended community.

Remember no official communication from the Rabbi or staff will ever come from anything other than our official domain, ending @bnaiisraelsouthbury.org.

Moreover, Rabbi Eric and our staff will NEVER make contact to solicit funds via gift cards.





Shavuot Monday June 2nd 10am In the Sanctuary Morning Festival Service and Yizkor

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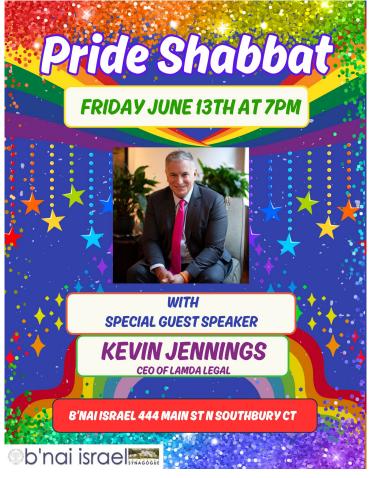








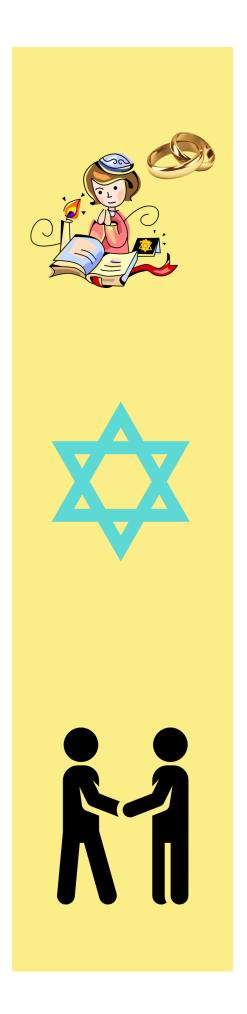






















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Shabbat Candle lighting times for June

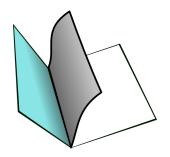
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Would you like a printed copy of the Shofar mailed to your home?

We would be happy to send you a copy!

Just contact the office to let us know and provide us with your address.





Looking for a ride to service?

Looking for a ride to services? We have congregants who have volunteered to help drive those in need of a ride. Please contact the office if you would like assistance with arrangements.

Willing to volunteer to give a ride?

Use the QR code to sign up, follow the link below or contact the office!

https://shorturl.at/gtJW5







Stream our Shabbat Services Online



Kabbalat Shabbat services are broadcast live through 3 different streaming services:

Zoom, Vimeo and YouTube.

Zoom allows for an interactive experience where congregants can see each other and address the congregation during services when required. For reasons of security, we ask that all who would like to access Zoom to send a request to the office for the link.

Vimeo and YouTube are one-way streaming services. YouTube is open to the public, while Vimeo is a higher quality broadcast than YouTube.



Vimeo Streaming

https://vimeo.com/event/1356106

All previous services are recorded and available. Please contact the office for links to obtain them.

YouTube streaming

https://www.youtube.com/
@bnaiisraelsouthbury9620/streams



BIRS: Mitzvah Day

We had a fun and meaningful Mitzvah Day on the last day of Religious School. We began the day with Rabbi Eric joining us to talk about why Jewish people place stones on headstones in Jewish cemeteries. The students had previously worked with Morah Sheila to decorate stones which will be in the synagogue office for our members to take for their loved ones who have passed away. We talked about 'hiddur mitzvah' which means beautifying a commandment, which they certainly did with their beautiful stone artwork.

We also worked in the Mitzvah Garden with Morah Linda and our Mitzvah Gardeners to help plant vegetables (and pollinators) which will be donated to soup kitchens in the area when harvested. We made baked ziti, salad and brownies with Morah Dana and Morah Sheila that was delivered to GWIM in Waterbury. Some of the students opted to work with Morah Shari Lynn and her nephew, to create crocheted critters for wheelchair bound children in South America. The students loved learning how to crochet. We ended the day playing outside on our bikes, scooters, and just running around having fun. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the year.









































BIRS: End of Year Wrap Up

The students and teachers of BIRS had a busy and fun year filled with learning and growth. Our enrollment grew by 75% this year which was very exciting and a bit challenging. However, everyone rose to the occasion, welcoming our new students and making sure each one was given individual attention to assure a successful year, both academically and socially.

Some of the highlights this year were-Open House Class Shabbatot Decorating the Sukkah Simchat Torah and Consecration Chanukkah Celebration MLK Commemoration

Holocaust Remembrance Day with Renee Pessin (grandmother to students Amanda, Giselle and Eury)

Tu B'shvat Seder

Purim Celebration and hamantashen fundraiser Ice Cream for Breakfast with Rabbi Eric

Passover Matzoh Ball Mania

Yom Hashoah Program with Tami Reps Freeman Mitzvah Day

7th and 8th Grade Step Up Shabbat Campfire and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Maple Syrup Fundraiser

All of this while learning Torah, holidays, Hebrew reading, prayers, Jewish history, and Judaism through art with our wonderful faculty, Morah Sheila May, Morah Dana Packer, and Morah Shari Lynn Kochman.

Each student from 4th - 7th grade was given the opportunity to learn Hebrew reading 1:1 on Tuesday Zoom Class. We can already see what a difference this has made in reading competency and fluency.

We are already getting ready and looking forward to our next Open House/First Day of School on Sunday, September 7, 2025. We wish everyone a wonderful and peaceful summer. See you next year!

Respectfully, Jacqui Schulefand



Good News

For Jews!

We would like to share **YOUR** good news in our monthly Shofar.

Please send us simchas, happy news, newspaper photos or clippings featuring you or your family, or announcements for plays, art exhibits, shows, or other events that fellow congregants might be interested in attending or learning about. We would love to share your Good News for Jews!

This Month's Good News

Thank you to Steve Reps for donating a grill.

This gift will help create BBQ memories at B'nai Israel!









Good News

For Jews!

This Month's Good News

We welcome Elliot Neal Zimmerman, son of Jessica and Max.

Mazal Tov also to his Grandmother Pauline and Aunt Alexis.





Good News

For Jews!

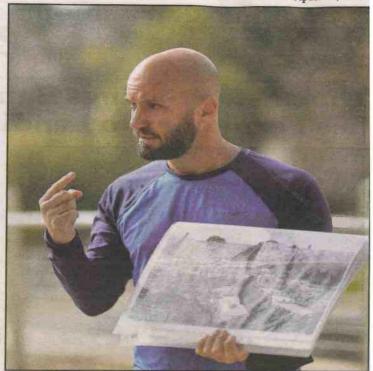
This Month's Good News

Herb Garber and 69 other WWII veterans were recognized at the Hartford Armory for their service. The Lieutenant Governor gave out the medals. Then the deputy consul from the French consulate spoke to Herb. His daughter Deborah attended with him.



Bhai in the News

April 23, 2025



Yuval Zelinkovsky, an Educator and Tour Guide will be speaking directly from Israel on "The Shaping of the Modern Middle East and the Birth of Zionism" during an online lecture April 27 hosted by B'nai Israel synagogue of Southbury.

B'nai Israel Offers Online Middle East and Birth of Zionism Lecture

SOUTHBURY — B'nai Israel offers a free, online lecture titled "The Shaping of the Modern Middle East and the Birth of Zionism" via Zoom at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.

Yuval Zelinkovsky, an engaging instructor and lecturer with deep ties to B'nai Israel synagogue of Southbury, will be giving the lecture. This program is the fourth in a six-part, free lecture series for the community sponsored by B'nai Israel's Israel Advocacy Committee, together with the congregation's partner on the Walzer Family Jewish Community Campus: The Jewish Federation of Western CT.

Mr. Zelinkovsky's presentation will examine the profound transformations of the Middle East in the wake of World War I and the rise of the Zionist movement. This lecture focuses on the colonial reorganization of the region by the European allies, which gave birth to the modern nations of today. Within this historical context, Mr. Zelinkovsky will explore the beginnings of the Zionist movement and its development alongside the growing tensions between the emerging Jewish community and the Arab world.

By addressing the broader regional dynamics, this lecture sheds light on the roots of conflicts that continue to shape the Middle East, according to a press release. To attend the online session, contact the synagogue office at 203-267-3394 or office@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org.

Donor Opportunities



Yahrzeit Plaque

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

Please contact
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Visit our website for a full list of staff email addresses



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

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In appreciation...

Ron & Ival Kovner

Of Rabbi participating in the unveiling for Marvin Deutsch Caren Menard

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In honor of...

Steve Reps, Deb Garber, Deb Siegel, Heather Cieply, Michelle Rosen, & Sisterhood BIRS Families

<u>Linda Goodman</u> <u>Music Fund</u>

In memory of...

Hasha Mintz Allen & Leona Schwartz

Caring Fund

In memory of...

Benjamin Ross Marjorie Ross

Education Fund

In memory of...

Jonathan Nowak Joyce & Elliott Nowak

Tribute Cards

To: Raquel Kennedy — Sending condolences on loss of beloved Aunt Anita

Rudy Zeidler and Nancy Brown

To: Marc and Jennifer Bebergal — In memory of Gary Bebergal, beloved father, grandfather

Rudy Zeidler and Nancy Brown





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Stop in and check out the beautiful Judaica on offer!





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



To our B'nai Israel Family -

Caring for others is an important Jewish value. Our congregation's caring committee is called Chesed v'Shalom. Chesed, in Hebrew, means compassion and Shalom translates to peace and love. Our Chicken Soup for the Soul program delivers homemade chicken soup to those in need. Volunteers can provide a ride to worship services, prepare a meal for those who are ill, or lend a friendly ear when you are experiencing a challenge. Please let us know how we can help you.

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Yahrzeits

May their memories be for blessing 6/20

6/6

6/13



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



Jacob Bamberger Lillian Cieply Beverly Danen Marvin Deutsch Dr. Murray S. Fleischer Henrietta Trier Greenberg Kate Hofstadter Adam Landau Charlotta Landau Henry Landau Mark Landau Roze Landau Moritz Lax Sheila Mahler Eli Mintz Erwin Weissmann W. Theodore Whitman

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William Wise

Dora Furrer Yelin 18



Oscar A. Bieber Ruth Chalfin Clara Dolberg Herman Effren Mae Frank Fishman Joseph Garber Irwin Hahn Elizabeth Jensen Victor Jensen Ruben Johnson Kitty Kaplan Jacob Kovner Milton Negrin **Charles Rosenberg** Arthur Rothschild **Beckie Rubin** Pauline Infeld Schecter Norman H. Shohet Daniel Slater Florence Stammelman Bernice Weinstein Frances Yavetz

6/27

Robert J. Agin William Barnet II Regina Blum Elizabeth Cohen Constance A. Cryne Jules M. Don Harry Fleisher Leah Friedman Harry Goldfarb Frederick Gostanian Bessie Greene Charles Herrmann Joan Hertz Muriel Lawson Dr. William Lesser May Millman Robert Ormsby Adam Palev Alex Phillips **David Reps Julius Spearo**





Eileen & Lawrence Linnetz	6/01	Debbi & Marc Breslawsky	6/19
Ina & Irving Borenzweig	6/02	Heather & Burt Cieply	6/20
Patricia & Matt Magida	6/10	Celia & Lionel Schwartz	6/22
Judith & Dr. Joel Sherman	6/11	Alex Mustachi & Elizabeth Feingold Mustachi	
Nancy & Joel S. Becker	6/13		0.2.
Sandra Gold & Paul Medina	6/14	Jan & Eric Albert	6/28
Marcy & Philip Feinman	6/16	Evan & Ross Cooper	6/28









"Please God, please heal them."

Mindful of how our *Misheberach* prayers are to be timely, we seek to check on the status of those for whom we pray publicly. 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@bnaiisraelsouthbury.org to maintain, add, or remove a name.



Puzzle Page

Complete a themed wordsearch or crossword online through the link below or print out this page and complete it on paper!

This month's theme is Shavuot

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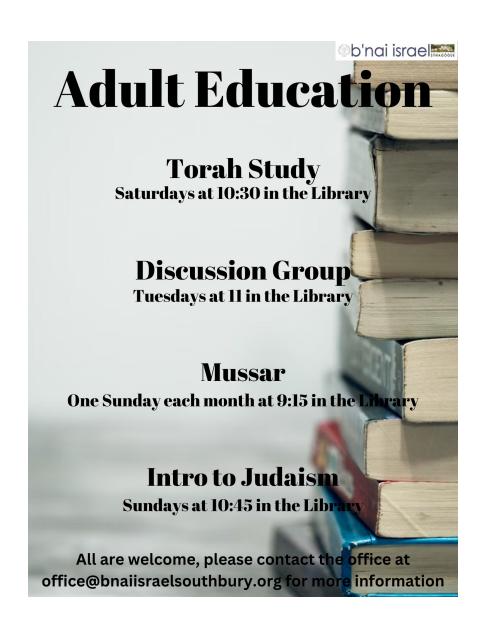
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Interested in studying to become an Adult B' Mitzvah?

We are thinking of starting an adult B' Mitzvah Class!

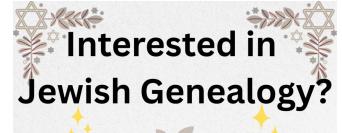
Contact Rabbi Polokoff for more information











Want to learn more about your your lineage?

A new group is forming!

Contact the office to be included in an introductory group chat

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.



Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries (GWIM) is a 501 C 3 non-profit charity. Since 1933, GWIM has provided an array of services, including daily meals in their Soup Kitchen, an Emergency Food Pantry, a Children's Center, and a Resource Center.

Feed the Need Charity Dinner

A Benefit to Support GWIM's Battle to Eliminate Hunger

Date: June 4, 2025, Wednesday

Location: Aria Wedding and Banquet Facility

45 Murphy Road, Prospect CT

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Tickets: \$70 per person Tables of 10: \$675

Dinner, Cash Bar, Dancing, and Raffles (Please bring cash for Raffle Tickets)

Entertainment brought to you by:





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Platinum: \$5000 Gold: \$3500 Silver: \$2500 Bronze: \$1500

Ads in Program book: \$750 Front Cover; \$750 back cover; \$250-full page, \$150-half page, and \$100 - 1/4 page

Make all Checks payable to GWIM and mail to GWIM 770 East Main Street Waterbury, CT 06702

If you want to pay any of the above with a credit card, please click the checkout button at the bottom of the page on the following website link:

http://feedtheneed2025.square.site/













BUILDING TOMORROW Youth, Zionism, and the Future of Israel



Thursday, June 5, 2025

7:00 pm • Check In & Registration

7:20 pm • Program

8:00 pm • Dessert Reception

Woodbridge, CT | Address Provided Prior to Event

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For security purposes preregistration is required

for all guests. Attendees

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Come meet our Executive Director and Program Manager, as we look to increase out PJ Library engagement!

Danbury

June 9, 2025 8:30 AM

Mothership on Main

Bethel

June 9, 2025 10:00 AM Molten Java

June 10, 2025 10:00 AM

The River & Rail Cafe

Southbury

New Milford

June 12, 2025 10:00 AM Panera Bread on Main St.



Rabbi Paul F. Resnick Executive Director



Lev Nathaniel Kropsky Program Manager

Please RSVP to presnick@jfed.net



DAYBREAK DUO

JUNE 26, 2025

Luncheon begins at 12pm performance starts at 1pm.

Couvert: \$10 Please RSVP by June 19, 2025.

For more information please contact Lev Nathaniel Kropsky Inkropsky@jfed.net or call 203-267-3177 Ext. 310





Daybreak Duo delivers high-energy pop rock covers with a full band sound all from just two powerhouse performers!

Gina and Paul combine years of experience, dynamic vocals, and cutting-edge music tech for an unforgettable live show. From today's charttoppers to classic hits, Daybreak keeps the good vibes going all night long.

This event is held at the Jewish Federation of Western CT Walzer Family Jewish Community Campus at 444 Main St N, Southbury, CT 06488