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& The Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning
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Be sure to join us!

Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, May 31st at 7:00 pm

BTS Annual Meeting and Brunch

Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 am

Barbara Katzman's 90th Birthday Luncheon & Celebration

Saturday, July 20th, following services



Celebrate

Rabbi Marshal Press' 85th Birthday!

Saturday, May 4th at 11:30 am
Following 10:00 am services

Join us to celebrate the 85th birthday of Rabbi Press who has served the Jewish community in Connecticut since 1963 at B'nai Israel in Rockville, Tikvoh and BTS, and Adath Israel in Middletown. He also served as a chaplain at Hartford Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Rockville Hospital and Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown and as a Connecticut State Police chaplain.



The kiddush is sponsored by Laurie Press.

Please RSVP to the office at office@btsonline.org or 860-243-3576 by Wednesday, May 1st.

The cover photo of daffodils outside the Faxon Library in West Hartford, as well as the photo on this page of *discentra spectabilis* (bleeding hearts) is courtesy of Shari J. Cantor.

Livestream tickets available!

✨ **Don't Miss Out!** ✨

Have you secured your Ner Tamid tickets? Virtual access is still available!

It's not too late to join us virtually for Ner Tamid on April 7th as we celebrate Schechter's Connection with Israel! We're delighted to honor our exceptional honorees: Sharon Conway, Ronny Siegel, Renana and Ruth Ben Porat, and Asif Peretz. Get livestream access to celebrate their remarkable contributions:

100% of the proceeds go toward the Solomon Schechter Day School Scholarship Fund. Make a difference in a child's Jewish future!

Tickets: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/f/4nhu/n/>



Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 2pm-5pm



The office will be closed on
Monday, April 1st,
Tuesday, April 23rd,
Monday, April 29th, and
Tuesday, April 30th.

BTS Members at Beth El/BTS Purim Celebration

Photos courtesy of Barry Goldberg



Barbara Katzman



Rabbi Debra Cantor & James Beede

Pesach Schedule

Hametz sale forms due in office

Friday, April 19th

Watch for the form in your Pesach mailing.

Siyyum Bikhorim

Monday, April 22nd at 7:30 am on Zoom

Special service for first-born, who would otherwise fast (although everyone is welcome), followed by teaching by Rabbi Cantor.

Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/gtlUqpd/5784Passover>

First Seder

Monday, April 22nd

First Day Pesach Morning Services

Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 am

Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/gtlUqpd/5784Passover>

Second Seder

Tuesday, April 23rd

Hol HaMoed Evening Minyan

Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Hol HaMoed Evening Services

Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm

Register at: https://bit.ly/BTS_Welcome_Shabbat

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Morning Services

Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am

Register at: https://bit.ly/BTS_ShabbatDeepDive

Eighth Day Pesach Morning Services

Tuesday, April 30th at 10:00 am

Yizkor will be recited.

Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/gtlUqpd/5784Passover>



Phyllis & Bob Berman



Dale Osborn & Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg



Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, April 7th at 10:30 am on Zoom

Friends of Yiddish is an informal, mostly English bilingual drop-in social group which meets to hear a guest speaker or discussion & maybe absorb a Yiddish word or two. For more information, contact Barbara Katzman at 860-666-6751 or barbaralenore@yahoo.com. You only need to register once for Friends of Yiddish online.

<https://bit.ly/BTS-Friends-of-Yiddish>

Tangling with Talmud

Tangling with Talmud will resume meeting in May.

The Talmud is a rich and lively conversation among many generations. Passionate arguments about law and justice are intertwined with wild stories and musings about the meaning of life. Come participate and add your own voice. No experience needed.

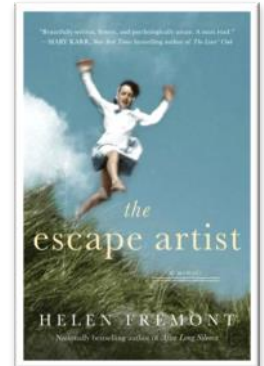
only need to register once for Tangling With Talmud online. https://bit.ly/BTS_Tangling_With_Talmud



Sisterhood Book Discussion: *The Escape Artist* by Helen Fremont

Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm on Zoom

When Helen Fremont and her sister were in their twenties, they discovered that their parents were actually Jewish Holocaust survivors. That discovery and the story of her parent's survival was detailed in the acclaimed *After Long Silence*, published in 1999. In *The Escape Artist*, Fremont delves deeply into the family dynamic that produced such a startling devotion to secret keeping, beginning with the painful and unexpected discovery that she has been disinherited in her father's will. In scenes that are frank, moving, and often surprisingly funny, She writes about growing up in such an intemperate household, with parents who pretended to be Catholics but were really Jews—and survivors of Nazi-occupied Poland. She shares tales of family therapy sessions, disordered eating, her sister's frequently unhinged meltdowns, and her own romantic misadventures as she tries to sort out her sexual identity. Searching, poignant, and ultimately redemptive,



Join Shari J. Cantor to discuss this “Beautifully written, honest, and psychologically astute” “devastating family portrait of the intergenerational trauma that can torment the children of Holocaust survivors .” You only need to register once for Sisterhood book discussions online.

https://bit.ly/BTS_Sisterhood_Book_Group

Trash Talk: What Environmental Justice Looks Like in Our Community

Saturday, May 11th at 11:30 (following Shabbat morning services which begin at 10:00 am)

Discussion led by Sarah McCoy, Greater Hartford Interfaith Alliance (GHIAA) and Rabbi Debra Cantor

From the 1980's to 2022, a trash-to-energy plant in Hartford's South End took in trash from scores of surrounding suburbs, leaving behind a polluted wasteland. Last year, GHIAA learned that the money allocated for remediation of this land and its buildings wasn't being used in a way that would help Hartford's residents or economy. GHIAA mounted a successful campaign to change the leadership of the oversight board and make them accountable. But it turns out this was not the win we thought it was! Join us to find out what went wrong and to wrestle with questions about power, representation, and environmental racism. And then let's discuss what we can do to make things right.

This event is free and open to all; donations to the Katten Fund, which helps to make Lunch and Learn Programs possible, are welcome. Please register in advance by Tuesday, May 7th, so that we have enough food for everyone. Note that the Lunch & Learn will be in-person only.

Register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/vlF3Orb/BTSShabbatDeepDive> by Tuesday, May 7th.



June Sisterhood Book Discussion Change of Date

The discussion of *An Undisturbed Peace* by Mary Glickman has been moved from Sunday June 9th to Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm.

Weeknight Minyan

Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Join us for a brief service to *daven* and say *Kaddish*. Register for Weekly Minyan online. https://bit.ly/BTS_WednesdayMinyan

Welcome Shabbat

Fridays at 7:00 pm at BTS

Join us as we make the transition from the workweek into Shabbat. We'll sing some Shabbat melodies, share words of Torah, recite a prayer for healing and Mourner's *Kaddish*, and then make *kiddush*. Register for Welcome Shabbat Services online. https://bit.ly/BTS_Welcome_Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Services and Deep Dive

Saturdays at 10:00 am at BTS

We'll celebrate Shabbat with services, Torah reading and a deep dive into the text. Register for Shabbat Morning Services online. https://bit.ly/BTS_ShabbatDeepDive



Looking for new Passover dessert recipes?
Click on the links below.



Flourless Chocolate Cake

<https://www.womansday.com/food-recipes/food-drinks/recipes/a11808/flourless-chocolate-cake-recipe-122900/>



Matzah Icebox Cake

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a52352/matzoh-icebox-cake/>



Parve Passover Apple Cake

<https://www.abakershouse.com/applecakeforpassover/>

Mazal Tov to:

Marian Adler, on the birth of her great-grandson, Miles Lee Adler, to Jeffrey and Stephanie Adler, on January 29th.

Refuah Sheleymah to:

Ruth Brainin, Rabbi Debra Cantor, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Leon Goldsmith, Esther Multer, Rabbi Marshal Press, Elayne Ringler, Marty Shinder, Barbara Siskin, Marc Siskin, Marion Warner

Condolences to:

Jeffrey Zagoren and Jacqueline Bass-Zagoren on the death of their daughter, Rebecca (Gottlieb) Whiddon and her husband, Richard Whiddon of Connecticut, in Bristol, Pennsylvania, on February 24th.

Good News

Got good news to share? We want to hear it. To share good news with your friends at BTS, contact Rabbi Debra Cantor at cantordebra@gmail.com or 860-463-0986 or Dale Osborn at daleoz@att.net or 860-508-7261.

Donations as of March 15th

GENERAL FUND

Marian Adler, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery and good health

Marian Adler, in honor of the yahrzeit of Rose Sadick

Barry Goldberg & Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, to help defer the cost of new stoves

Ellen Leonard & Greg Matthaey, to help defer the cost of new stoves

Marsha & Richard Lowry, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy and complete recovery

John & Andrea Tannenbaum, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy and successful recovery

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bob & Phyllis Berman, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery

Sandy & Art Cassel, wishing Rabbi Cantor good health and a speedy recovery

Tom & Donna Divine, wishing Refu'ah Sheleymah to Rabbi Cantor

Dan & Hope Firestone, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery

Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene & Art Greene, wishing Refu'ah Sheleymah to Rabbi Cantor

Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene & Art Green, to thank Rabbi Cantor for baby naming

Harvey Jassem, wishing Rabbi Cantor a full and speedy recovery with his wishes for new positive insights and better than ever pain-free future

Ilona & Marty Levitz, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery and with gratitude to her for a wonderful class

Susan & Allan Viner, to wish Rabbi Cantor a complete recovery

Eileen Zornow, to thank Rabbi Cantor for baby naming

NESHAMA CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

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BUILDING FUND

Barbara Katzman, in honor of Emilani Crow, MD, being named a best doctor in Honolulu

Barbara Katzman, in memory of Richard Seidman, son of the late Irving & Betty Seidman

Irv Mermelstein & Corinne Thurstan, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery

Irv Mermelstein & Corinne Thurstan, wishing Corinne's father, Richard Gordon a speedy recovery

MEIER AND RAHEL KATTEN MEMORIAL FUND


Miriam & Norman Fleishman, with thanks to Shari J. Cantor

Lois Galinsky, wishing Rabbi Cantor a swift and full recovery

Lois Galinsky, in honor of the yahrzeit of Bertha Galinsky



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 22 Adar II BTS Office Closed	2 23 Adar II	3 24 Adar II 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	4 25 Adar II	5 26 Adar II 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services 7:03 Candle Lighting	6 27 Adar II Shabbat HaHodesh Shmini 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services & Deep Dive
7 28 Adar II 10:30 Friends of Yiddish on Zoom 3:00 Sisterhood Book Discussion: <i>The Escape Artist</i> on Zoom 4:15 Sisterhood Board Meeting	8 29 Adar II 7:00 BTS Board of Directors Meeting	9 1 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Nisan	10 2 Nisan 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	11 3 Nisan	12 4 Nisan 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services/ Birthday Shabbat 7:11 Candle Lighting 	13 5 Nisan <i>Tazria</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services & Deep Dive
14 6 Nisan	15 7 Nisan	16 8 Nisan BTS Bulletin Deadline	17 9 Nisan 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	18 10 Nisan	19 11 Nisan Hametz Sale Forms Due 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services 7:18 Candle Lighting	20 12 Nisan Shabbat HaGadol <i>Metzora</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services & Deep Dive
21 13 Nisan	22 14 Nisan 4:26am Fast Begins 7:30 <i>Siyyum</i> <i>Bekhorim</i> on Zoom Erev Pesach 7:22 Candle Lighting First Seder	23 15 Nisan Pesach I BTS Office Closed 10:00 First Day of Pesach Morning Services 8:26 Candle Lighting Second Seder	24 16 Nisan Pesach II 7:00 Hol HaMoed Minyan on Zoom	25 17 Nisan Hol HaMoed	26 18 Nisan Hol HaMoed 7:00 Shabbat Hol HaMoed Evening Services 7:03 Candle Lighting	27 19 Nisan Hol HaMoed 10:00 Shabbat Hol HaMoed Morning Services
28 20 Nisan Hol HaMoed 7:28 Candle Lighting	29 21 Nisan Pesach VII BTS Office Closed 8:33 Candle Lighting	30 22 Nisan Pesach VIII BTS Office Closed 10:00 Eighth Day Pesach Morning Services Yizkor 8:35 Havdalah				




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(Revised 11/1/2020)

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Mail and items placed in the drop box will be picked up.

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To offset the costs of operating the building

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To fund Lifelong Learning

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To support the operation of the synagogue

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To support the operation of the synagogue

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To support Lunch and Learn programs

Kiddush/Ritual Fund

To provide food for Shabbat and Holidays

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To subsidize teen trips to Israel

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To support the Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning

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