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& The Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning
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BTS Film Schmooze: For the Love of Spock

Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 pm on Zoom (Watch the film beforehand and then come schmooze with us.)

Available on Netflix for subscribers, for \$2.99 on Amazon Prime or Vudu, or for \$3.99 on Youtube or Google Play

“Live long and prosper.” It’s impossible not to cherish those famous words spoken by the half-human Vulcan. Leonard Nimoy, the man behind the pointy ears, was born in 1931 in Boston’s West End to immigrant Jewish parents. After moving to Los Angeles Nimoy caught the eye of producer Gene Roddenberry who had Nimoy in mind when he was creating the Spock character for the NBC science fiction series Star Trek. The pilot episode bombed, but Roddenberry was given permission to do a second version with a whole new cast. Only Nimoy remained, and the rest is history. Through three seasons of the series and six Star Trek films, it was Spock who became the fan favorite. The coolheaded, logical Vulcan was an outsider aboard the USS Enterprise, just as Nimoy himself was an outsider as a Jew growing up in predominantly Catholic Boston. Spock’s otherness served as the very essence of what Star Trek was really all about: examining what makes us human. Featuring clips from Nimoy’s career and inspiring interviews with the Star Trek cast past and present, including William Shatner, George Takei, Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto, director Adam Nimoy has crafted a loving tribute to not only his father, but also to the man we know as Mr. Spock.



Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion about Boston’s favorite Jewish son and America’s favorite alien. You only need to register once for BTS Film Schmooze events. https://bit.ly/BTS_FilmSchmooze

Note New Location



GHIAA POWER SUMMIT

DECEMBER 7, 2022

**7-9 PM at Weaver High School
in Hartford**

Please contact your
institution's Core Team to
register for the event!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

KN95 masks will be required
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- Launch New Issue Campaigns
- Obtain legislative commitments
- Sing with the interfaith choir
- Welcome new members



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A Year of Books: 2023 Sisterhood Book Discussions

January 22nd at 3:00 pm on Zoom

Escape from the Ghetto: A Story of Revival and Resilience in World War II by John Carr

"An eloquent tribute to courage and resourcefulness, *Escape from the Ghetto*, is a gripping page turner."— Esther Safran Foer, author of *I Want You to Know We're Still Here*

March

Henna House by Naomi Eve

"A captivating and evocative novel, at once intensely intimate and sweeping in scope."—Molly Antipol, author of *The UnAmericans*

May

The Thread Collectors by Shauna Edwards and Allyson Richman

"An unforgettable story of female strength, hope and friendship. This collaborative work is magnificent—a true revelation!" —Pam Jenoff, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Woman with the Blue Star*

July

As Close To Us As Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

"Vivid, complex, and beautifully written, Elizabeth Poliner's novel, *As Close to Us as Breathing*, brims with characters who leave an indelible impression on the mind and heart. —Edward P. Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Known World*

October

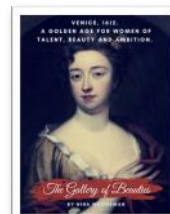
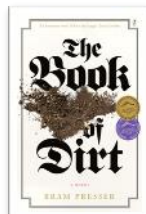
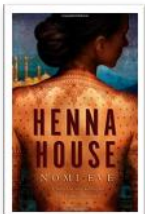
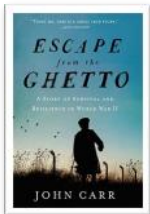
The Book of Dirt by Bram Presser

"The lyrical, impassioned and culturally rich prose of *The Book of Dirt*, and its moral force, bears echoes of such great Jewish writers as Franz Kafka, Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, Isaac Bashevis Singer and Cynthia Ozick . . ."—*Saturday Paper*

December

The Gallery of Beauties by Nina Wachsmann

"Riveting, magical & beautifully written."— Mally Becker, Agatha-award 2022 nominee for *The Turncoat's Widow*



Sisterhood Book Discussion: *Escape from the Ghetto* by John Carr

Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 pm on Zoom (Note new time.)

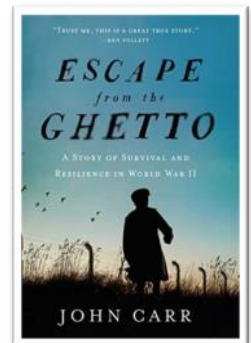
For nearly twelve years of his life, John Carr believed his father was Catholic. On learning otherwise, he became curious to know why his Dad had lied in the first place and then kept the secret for so long." In due course, it became clear that Henry Carr (Chaim Herszman) was born a Polish Jew. He was embarrassed by the way he had deceived his wife and five Catholic sons. Over time he opened up to John, who interviewed him over several years, tracing in detail his father's extraordinary European experiences.

In early 1940, when he was 13, Chaim Herszman was locked in to the Łódź Ghetto. Hungry, fearless, and determined, Chaim goes on scavenging missions outside the wire fence—where one day he is forced to kill a Nazi guard to protect his secret. That moment changes the course of his life and sets him on an unbelievable adventure across enemy lines.

Chaim avoids grenade and rifle fire on the Russian border, shelters with a German family in the Rhineland, falls in love in occupied France, is captured on a mountain pass in Spain, gets interrogated as a potential Nazi spy in Britain, and eventually fights for everything he believes in as part of the British Army. He protects his life by posing as an Aryan boy with a crucifix around his neck, and fights for his life through terrible and astonishing circumstances.

Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion of this "eloquent tribute to courage and resourcefulness."

You only need to register once for Sisterhood book discussions online. https://bit.ly/BTS_Sisterhood_Book_Group



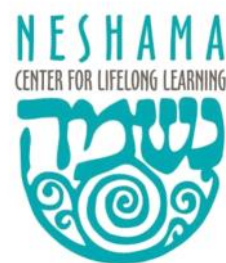
Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, December 11th 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 860-666-7651 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

Special Hannukah Edition on Wednesday, December 21st

Wednesday, December 7th and 14th at 10:30 am on Zoom

Tangling with Talmud will not meet on Wednesday, December 28th

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.

You only need to register once for Tangling With Talmud online.

https://bit.ly/BTS_Tangling_With_Talmud



Partners in Creation— "L'hadlik Ner: Finding the First Spark"

With Rabbi Debra Cantor and Art Instructor Melinda Wright

Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 am on Zoom

One candle lights all the others. But what does it take to kindle that first one? On the eve of the first night of Hannukah, let's explore the mystery of those initial sparks whose tiny lights shine in the darkness.

We'll study some texts, then do some reflective writing and simple expressive art with items easily found around the house. Please have a pencil or pen and any kind of paper handy.

You're welcome to use any kind of art supplies you have: colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, whatever. But just pencil and paper are fine.

Absolutely no experience needed! This virtual event is free and open to all.

You only need to register once for Partners in Creation online.

https://bit.ly/BTS_PartnersInCreation



Shabbat services have returned to the chapel, with a hybrid option for those who prefer to remain at home. Please join us in person or online. We look forward to worshipping with you.



Weeknight Minyan

Wednesday, December 7th minyan will take place at 5:30 pm due to GHIAA Power Summit

Wednesday night at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Join us for a brief service to daven and say Kaddish. Register for Weekly Minyan at 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. You only need to register once 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.

You only need to register once for Shabbat Morning Services online. https://bit.ly/BTS_ShabbatDeepDive

Advance registration is required for all online BTS events. With just one registration for any recurring event, you'll automatically be signed up for each week's meeting. You'll also receive emails 30 minutes in advance to remind you to sign in and provide you with everything you need to participate. If you do not have a computer, tablet or smartphone, contact Maria during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm) and she will provide you with the information to dial in.

It's Hannukah Madness at BTS!

Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 pm (Inclement weather date: Thursday, December 22nd)



We've got it all—mass menorah lighting, latkes, soup & sufganiyot, & fireworks. Bring your menorah, candles and matches in order to join in the “mass conflagration.” Eat inside, or if you prefer, step outside under the stars to nosh on your soup and latkes.

A suggested donation of \$10 at the door is requested.

A portion of the funds raised will go to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry.

Bring a friend!

RSVP to the office at office@btsonline.org or 860-243-3576 by Wednesday, December 14th, so we have enough for everyone.

Mazal Tov to:

Janet Bruner, former Jewish Community Foundation Executive Director from 1983-1992, who was honored by the Jewish Community Foundation at their 50th Anniversary Reception on October 20th.

Shirley and Bob Gerrol on their 64th wedding Anniversary on December 21st.

Gavriella Lehrer, daughter of BTS members Alan and Sherry Lehrer, and Brian Forster on their upcoming wedding on Saturday evening, December 17th.

Deb and Ian Polun on the marriage of their son, Jordan Polun, to Abbey Senft on October 28th.

Deb Polun, on her appointment to the West Hartford Town Council.

Refuah Sheleymah to:

Phyllis Berman, Ruth Brainin, Judith Cramer, Alan Fein, Mary Calvert-Heavilin, Bob Gerrol, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Leon Goldsmith, Esther Multer, Judy Pearlson, Rabbi Marshal Press, Elayne Ringler, Marty Shinder, Marion Warner, David Wolf

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 November 15th

GENERAL FUND

Marian Adler, in honor of the yahrzeit of her sister, Pauline Sadick Piuze

Thomas Divine, in honor of the yahrzeit of Rita Divine

Jay & Karen Fienman, in honor of the yahrzeit of William Askwyth

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Jay & Karen Fienman, in honor of the yahrzeit of Bryan Oppenheimer

Janis Homar, in honor of the yahrzeit of Benjamin Homar

Irv Mermelstein, to cover cost of Sanctuary door repair

Al Oppenheimer, in honor of the yahrzeit of his wife, Barbara Oppenheimer

Larry Rosenberg, in honor of the yahrzeit of Esther Rosenberg

Mariam Wachsmann, in honor of the yahrzeit of Goldie Taxsar

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ruth Brainin, in honor of the yahrzeit of Lenore Birnbaum

Shari J. Cantor, in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother, Barbara Cantor

Shari J. Cantor, in honor of the yahrzeit of her aunt, Beryl Cantor

Shari J. Cantor, in honor of the birth of Tom & Maria daCunha's new grandson,

Thomas J. daCunha III

Jeffrey & Virginia Kluger, in honor of their grandsons, Ari & Zachary Kluger

BUILDING FUND

Barbara Katzman, in honor of the yahrzeit of Rita Chasen

Barbara Katzman, in honor of Tom & Maria daCunha's 38th anniversary

Barbara Katzman, in honor of the birth of Tom & Maria daCunha's new grandson, Thomas J. daCunha III

Barbara Katzman, in honor of the wedding of Deb & Ian Polun's son, Jordan to Abbey Senft

Barbara Katzman, in honor of Deb Polun's upcoming appointment to the West Hartford Town Council

Jeffrey & Virginia Kluger, in honor of their sons and their spouses, Scott & Katherine Kluger and Alex & Emily Kluger



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 Kislev	2 8 Kislev 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services	3 9 Kislev <i>Vayetzei</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services & Deep Dive
4 10 Kislev	5 11 Kislev 7:15 Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom	6 12 Kislev	7 13 Kislev 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 5:30 Minyan on Zoom 7:00 GHIAA Power Summit at Weaver High School in Hartford	8 14 Kislev 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom	9 15 Kislev 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services/ BirthDay Shabbat 	10 16 Kislev <i>Vayishlach</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services & Deep Dive/ Aufruf of Gavi & Brian
11 17 Kislev 10:30 Friends of Yiddish on Zoom 4:00 BTS Film <i>Schmooze: For the Love of Spock on Zoom</i>	12 18 Kislev BTS Office Closed	13 19 Kislev	14 20 Kislev 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 4:00 Different Perspectives Committee Meeting on Zoom 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	15 21 Kislev	16 22 Kislev 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services BTS January Bulletin Deadline	17 23 Kislev <i>Vayeshev</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services & Deep Dive
18 24 Kislev Hannukah 1st Night 10:30 Partners in Creation— L'hadlik Ner: Finding the First Spark on Zoom	19 25 Kislev Hannukah 2nd Night	20 26 Kislev Hannukah 3rd Night 6:30 Hannukah Madness at BTS	21 27 Kislev Hannukah 4th Night 10:30 Tangling With Talmud: Hannukah Edition 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	22 28 Kislev Hannukah 5th Night 6:30 Hannukah Madness Inclement Weather Date	23 29 Kislev Hannukah 6th Night 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services	24 30 Kislev Hannukah 7th Night Rosh Hodesh Tevet <i>Miketz</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services & Deep Dive
25 1 Tevet Hannukah 8th Night	26 2 Tevet BTS Office Closed	27 3 Tevet	28 4 Tevet No Tangling With Talmud 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	29 5 Tevet	30 6 Tevet 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services	31 7 Tevet <i>Vayigash</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services & Deep Dive



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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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

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To offset the costs of operating the building

Education Fund

To fund Lifelong Learning

General Fund

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

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