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& The Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning  
May 2024 Nisan/Iyyar 5784**

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## Celebrate

### Rabbi Marshal Press' Birthday & Forster Baby Naming

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.

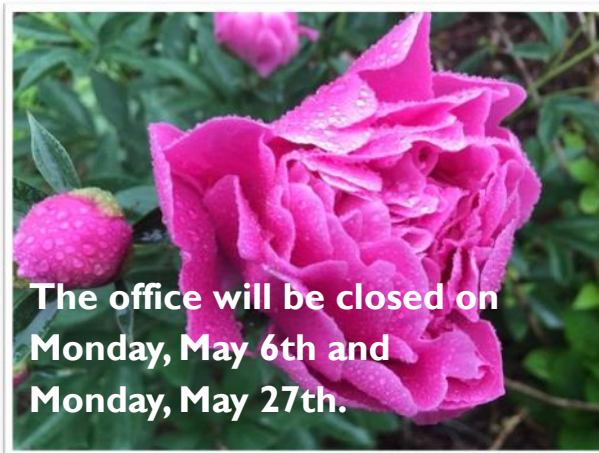
That same morning we will also name the daughter of Gavi and Brian Forster. Rabbi Press performed the marriage of Gavi's parents, Sherry and Allan Lehrer, and will now take part in naming their granddaughter.

The kiddush is sponsored by Laurie Press and Gavi and Brian Forster. Please RSVP to the office at [office@btsonline.org](mailto:office@btsonline.org) or 860-243-3576 by Wednesday, May 1st.

The cover photo of rain drops on a lady's mantle leaf, as well as the photos of a peony on this page, columbines on page 9 and a rhododendron flower on page 12, are courtesy of Shari J. Cantor.



BTS Member Ronnie Siegal was honored at Solomon Schechter Day School's Ner Tamid dinner on Sunday, April 7th, along with Sharon Conway and *shlichim* Asif Peretz and Renana and Ruth Ben Porat.



The office will be closed on Monday, May 6th and Monday, May 27th.



**SAVE THE DATE**

# YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

**Standing Together in Remembrance**

**Shiri Sandler, Keynote Speaker**

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 2:00pm | West Hartford Conference Center (Town Hall)

Reading of the names of our community's family who perished and departing survivors - 1:30pm.



**RSVP Required**

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**Please upload photos of Connecticut survivors and their families**

**Candle procession of family members who perished and departed survivors**

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**Community-wide  
Reading of the Names:**

Monday, May 6

8:00am-8:00pm | Mandell JCC





# Yom Hazikaron Ceremony

ISRAEL REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Sunday, May 12, 6:30 pm**  
**Herbert & Evelyn Gilman Theater**  
**Mandell JCC**

**Free and Open to All**  
Scan the QR Code to register



*We can never forget.*

We will gather to remember Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror, those that have lost their lives so that Israel can exist.

This year we would like to spotlight the memory of our beloved ones that were lost in Israel. If you would like to share their names, please add their names on the registration form.

For more information contact  
Asif Peretz, [APeretz@mandelljcc.org](mailto:APeretz@mandelljcc.org)



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**ISRAEL  
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DAY**

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Join Six13 and the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford as we celebrate Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut.

World renowned acapella group Six13, has been entertaining Jewish audiences for years with their energetic performances & parody videos like "West Side Chanukah Story", "A Billy Joel Passover", and their most recent blockbuster, "Era-Lution of Taylor Swift (Chanukah Version)."

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**Jewish Federation  
of Greater Hartford**

Six13 Live at the Bushnell, has been underwritten by a generous Federation donor. All ticket proceeds from this event will be used for Israel relief efforts.

## 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.



## Friends of Yiddish

**FOY will not meet in May. The next meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd 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](mailto:barbaralenore@yahoo.com).

You only need to register once for Friends of Yiddish online. <https://bit.ly/BTS-Friends-of-Yiddish>

## Tangling with Talmud

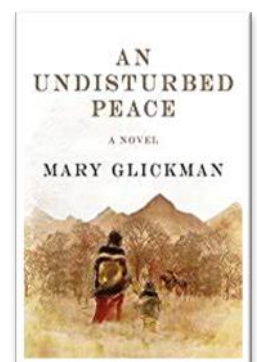
**Tangling with Talmud will resume in the fall.**



## Sisterhood Book Discussion: *An Undisturbed Peace* by Mary Glickman

**Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm (summer time) on Zoom**

A Jewish immigrant, a Cherokee woman, and a black slave find love, friendship, and redemption in the midst of the tragedy of the Trail of Tears. Abraham Bento Sassaporta Naggar has traveled to America from the filthy, Jew-hating streets of East London in search of a better life. But Abe's visions of a privileged apprenticeship in the Sassaporta Brothers' empire based in Savannah, Georgia, are soon replaced with the grim reality of indentured servitude in his uncle Isadore's camp town near Greensborough, North Carolina. Some 50 miles west, a woman named Dark Water of the mountains leads a life of irreverent solitude. The daughter of a powerful Cherokee chief, it has been nearly 20 years since she renounced her family's plans for her to marry a wealthy white man. Far away in Georgia, a black slave named Jacob has resigned himself to a life of loss and injustice in a city of refuge for criminals.



A trio of outsiders linked by unrequited and rekindled love, Abe, Dark Water, and Jacob find themselves surrounded by the escalating horrors of President Jackson's Indian Removal Act. As the US government implements the appalling logistics of transporting the Native American tribes of the South to the western side of the Mississippi River, Abe tries desperately to intervene—and Jacob and Dark Water fight for their lives.

Join Shari J. Cantor to discuss this sweeping story of “love, loss, horror and beauty”

You only need to register once for Sisterhood book discussions online. [https://bit.ly/BTS\\_Sisterhood\\_Book\\_Group](https://bit.ly/BTS_Sisterhood_Book_Group)



# Sisterhood Shabbat

Join us for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat when  
Sisterhood members will lead services at BTS on

**Friday, May 31st at 7:00 pm**

## Israel in our heart

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem  
Let my right hand forget her cunning  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
If I remember thee not  
If I set not Jerusalem  
Above my chiefest joy.  
—Psalm 137: 5-6



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**Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 am**

annual  
**MEETING**

Join us afterwards for brunch in the social hall.

## Jessica Steinberg

**Sunday, May 19th at 7:30 pm**

### Emanuel Synagogue

A Jerusalem-based journalist, and Culture and Lifestyles Editor for *The Times of Israel*, Jessica has been the point person for reporting on everything related to the hostages and their families and will speak about her experiences.



Watch the BTS Digest for further information.



**Be sure  
to RSVP by  
Thursday,  
June 27th.**

**You are invited to join us to celebrate & honor  
Barbara Katzman on her 90th Birthday.  
Saturday, July 20th at B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom  
11:30 kiddush luncheon, following 10:00 am services**

Mail this form and (if donating or placing a message in the tribute book) your check,  
made out to BTS with General Fund on the memo line, to:  
B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Road, Bloomfield, 06002 by **Thursday, June 27th.**

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I would like to place a message in the tribute book. All donations are tax deductible.  
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## **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](https://bit.ly/BTS_WednesdayMinyan)

## **Welcome Shabbat**

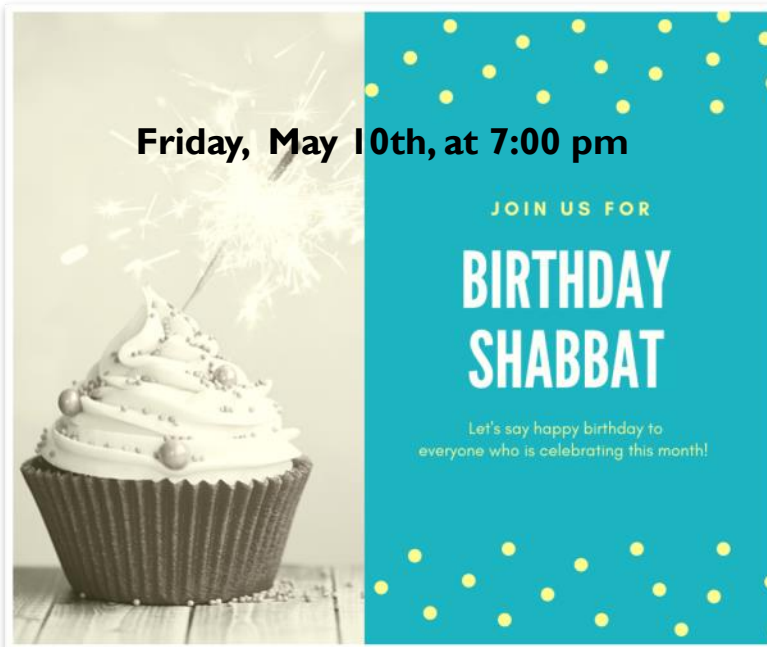
**Fridays at 7:00 pm at BTS**

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](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](https://bit.ly/BTS_ShabbatDeepDive)



## Mazal tov to:

Judy and David Salm, on the engagement of their son, Eric, to Jordan Rubinfeld. The wedding will take place in November.

Judy and David Salm, on the graduation from UCONN Medical School of their son, Justin Salm. Justin will be doing his medical residency at Yale New Haven Hospital.

## Refuah Sheleymah to:

Ruth Brainin, Hope Firestone, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Judith Goldsmith, Leon Goldsmith, Barbara Hirsch, Ellen Leonard, Greg Matthaey, Esther Multer, Rabbi Marshal Press, Elayne Ringler, Marty Shinder, Marc Siskin, Marion Warner.

## 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](mailto:cantordebra@gmail.com) or 860-463-0986 or Dale Osborn at [daleoz@att.net](mailto:daleoz@att.net) or 860-508-7261.



## Donations as of April 15th

### GENERAL FUND

Helen Salm, in honor of the graduation from UCONN Medical School of her grandson, Justin Salm, son of David & Judy Salm

Barbara Sperber, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy and complete recovery

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bob & Phyllis Berman

Daryl & Fred Googel, wishing Rabbi Cantor a speedy recovery

Andrea Igdalsky, in appreciation of the Rabbi and BTS

Sylvia Johnson, thank Rabbi Cantor for all she does for me, my family and the congregation

### BUILDING FUND

Barbara Katzman, in honor of the yahrzeit of her grandfather, David Steinberg





# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 23 Nisan</b> 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>2 24 Nisan</b>	<b>3 25 Nisan</b> 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services 7:34 Candle Lighting	<b>4 26 Nisan</b> <i>Achrei Mot</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services <b>11:30 Kiddish in honor of Rabbi Marshall Press &amp; Forster Baby Naming</b>
<b>5 27 Nisan</b> 2:00 Yom Hashoah Commemoration West Hartford Conference Center (Town Hall)	<b>6 28 Nisan</b> <b>Yom HaShoah</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00 am-8:00 pm Reading of the Names at the Mandell JCC	<b>7 29 Nisan</b>	<b>8 30 Nisan</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh Iyyar</b> 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>9 1 Iyyar</b>	<b>10 2 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services/ <b>Birthday Shabbat</b> 7:41 Candle Lighting 	<b>11 3 Iyyar</b> <i>Kedoshim</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services <b>11:30 Lunch &amp; Learn—</b> <b>Trash Talk: What Environmental Justice Looks Like in Our Communi-</b>
<b>12 4 Iyyar</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 6:30 Yom Hazikaron Ceremony Mandell JCC	<b>13 5 Iyyar</b> <b>Yom HaZikaron</b> 7:00 BTS Board Meeting	<b>14 6 Iyyar</b> <b>Yom HaAtzma'ut</b>	<b>15 7 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>16 8 Iyyar</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>17 9 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services 7:48 Candle Lighting	<b>18 10 Iyyar</b> <i>Emor</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services & Deep Dive
<b>19 11 Iyyar</b> 9:30-5:00 North Atlantic Region Women's League Conference 7:30 Jessica Steinberg Both events are at Emanuel Synagogue	<b>20 12 Iyyar</b>	<b>21 13 Iyyar</b>	<b>22 14 Iyyar</b> <b>Pesach Sheni</b> 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>23 15 Iyyar</b>	<b>24 16 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services 7:55 Candle Lighting	<b>25 17 Iyyar</b> <i>Behar</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services & Deep Dive
<b>26 18 Iyyar</b> <b>Lag BaOmer</b>	<b>27 19 Iyyar</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28 20 Iyyar</b>	<b>29 21 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>30 22 Iyyar</b>	<b>31 23 Iyyar</b> 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Services/ <b>Sisterhood Shabbat</b> 8:01 Candle Lighting	




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(Revised 11/1/2020)

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The rabbi is happy to communicate with you via email, text and telephone or in person. Feel free to contact her.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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To fund Lifelong Learning

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To support the operation of the synagogue

### Bob Guggenheim Memorial Fund

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 fund music programs

### Neshama Center For Lifelong Learning Fund

To support the Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

To be used at the Rabbi's discretion

### Alyssa Suzanne Roy Memorial Fund

To provide gifts to *bar* and *bat mitzvah* students

### Ilse & Manfred Stein Memorial Fund

### Malcolm M. Snyder Memorial Fund

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