

**B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom  
& The Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning  
March 2023 Adar/Nisan 5783**



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## BTS Active Threat Training

**Monday, March 20th at 6:30 pm at BTS**

BTS is working hard to ensure the security and safety of the synagogue and all its members and staff. While we hope we never experience any security threats, it is important for all members to be educated and trained on how to best respond to an emergency situation. We will be conducting in-person training, led by a local security expert. The training will provide a greater understanding of active threat incidents, the importance of proactive planning, and how to best respond to an emergency situation.

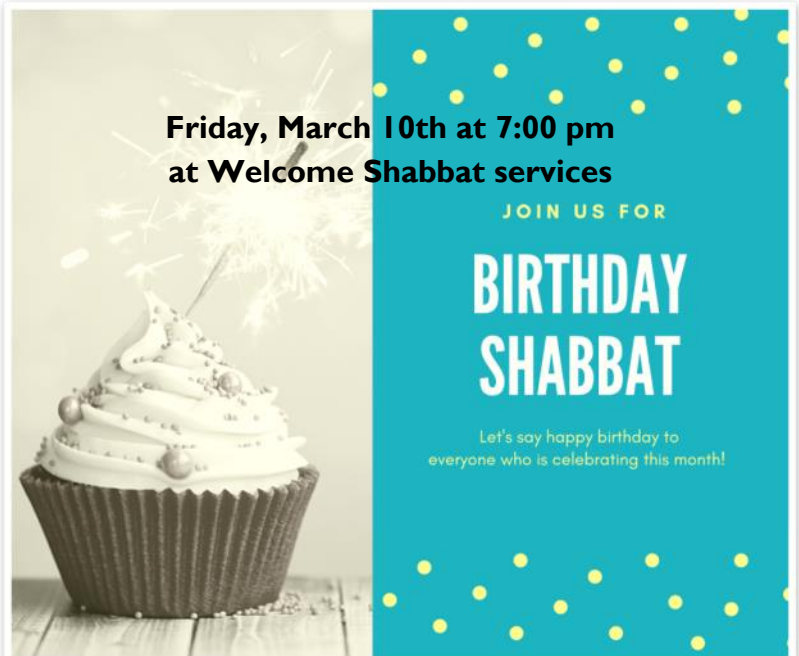
The training should last approximately 90 minutes. We strongly encourage all to attend so your safety and security can be ensured.

To register for the BTS Active Threat Training, go to <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/oRjR9Q4/BTSSecurityTraining>



**The BTS office  
will be closed on  
Monday, March 13th.**

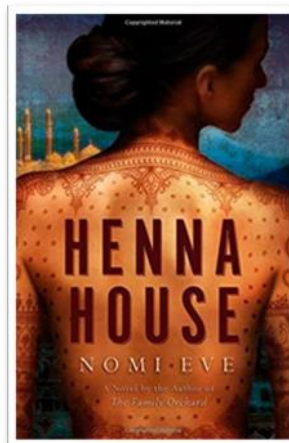
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## Sisterhood Book Discussion: *Henna House* by Nomi Eve

March 19th at 3:00 pm on Zoom

Nomi Eve's vivid saga begins in Yemen in 1920, when Adela Damari's parents desperately seek a future husband for their young daughter. After passage of the Orphan's Decree, any unbetrothed Jewish child left orphaned will be instantly adopted by the local Muslim community. With her parents' health failing, and no spousal prospects in sight, Adela's situation looks dire until her uncle arrives from a faraway city, bringing with him a cousin and aunt who introduce Adela to the powerful rituals of henna tattooing. Suddenly, Adela's eyes are opened to the world, and she begins to understand what it means to love another and one's heritage. She is imperiled, however, when her parents die and a prolonged drought threatens their long-established way of life. She and her extended family flee to the city of Aden where Adela encounters old loves, discovers her true calling, and is ultimately betrayed by the people and customs she once held dear.



*Henna House* is an intimate family portrait and a panorama of history. From the traditions of the Yemenite Jews, to the far-ranging devastation of the Holocaust, to the birth of the State of Israel, Eve offers an unforgettable coming-of-age story and a textured chronicle of a fascinating period in the twentieth century.

Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion of this “rich, spirited, and sensuous tale of love, loss, betrayal and forgiveness.” 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)



**Sunday, March 26th  
from 1:00-3:00 pm  
at BTS**

Co-sponsored by BTS Sisterhood  
and the Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning.  
Pesach begins on the evening of April 5th.

Spice up and adorn your Seder table with something new this year. In this workshop, we'll learn about Miriam's well and make beautiful glass Miriam's cups. We'll also prepare a range of charoset recipes from around the Jewish world.

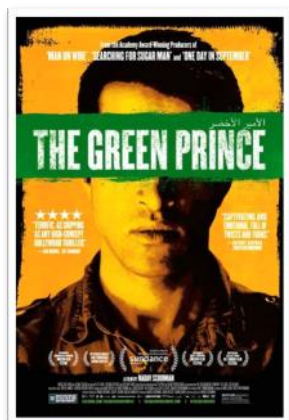
This program is free and open to the entire community! RSVP by Wednesday, March 22nd, to Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg at [lynnkaplan@gmail.com](mailto:lynnkaplan@gmail.com) or 860-944-1974.

## BTS Film Schmooze: *The Green Prince*

Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00 pm on Zoom

*The Green Prince* is based on the autobiography of Mosab Hassan Yousef, *Son of Hamas: A Gripping Account of Terror, Betrayal, Political Intrigue, and Unthinkable Choices*. The film received four awards including the Best Documentary Award at the Sundance Film Festival in 2014.

It tells the story of Mosab, son of Hamas leader Sheikh Hassan Yousef, who for ten years was a spy for Israel's Shin Bet and features interviews with Mosab Hassan Yousef and also with his operator Gonen Ben Yitzhak, along with original footage from the events covered, mainly from the Second Intifada, interspersed during and between those interviews. It covers Israel's counter-terrorism efforts during that period.



Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion about the issues raised by this “undeniably gripping documentary.” You only need to register once for BTS Film Schmooze events. [https://bit.ly/BTS\\_FilmSchmooze](https://bit.ly/BTS_FilmSchmooze)



## Friends of Yiddish

**Sunday, March 12th 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](mailto:barbaralenore@yahoo.com).

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



## Partners in Creation—“Hidden in Plain Sight: Masking and Unmasking on Purim” With Rabbi Debra Cantor and Art Instructor Melinda Wright

**Sunday, March 5th at 10:30 am on Zoom**

The Purim story is filled with things hidden and revealed. Esther hides her identity, there are lots of secrets, and even God works behind the scenes! Join us as we delve into the theme of masking and unmasking; we'll study some texts, and then do some reflective writing and simple expressive art with items easily found around the house. You'll be astonished at what emerges!



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

## Tangling with Talmud

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am on Zoom, March 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th**

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



## A Year of Books: 2023 Sisterhood Book Discussions

**March 19th at 3:00 pm on Zoom**

***Henna House* by Nomi Eve**

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

**May 21st at 3:00 pm on Zoom**

***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 16th at 4:00 pm on Zoom (Note later time for summer)**

***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 15th at 3:00 pm on Zoom**

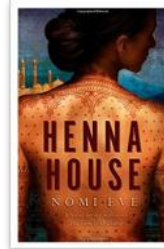
***The Book of Dirt* by Bram Presser**

"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 17th at 3:00 pm on Zoom**

***The Gallery of Beauties* by Nina Wachsman**

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



## A Year of Films: 2023 BTS Film Schmooze

**April 23rd at 4:00 pm on Zoom**

***The Green Prince***

"Taut dramatic reconstructions and an extraordinary story of strained allegiances, subterfuge and an unexpected friendship makes the *The Green Prince* as tense as any Hollywood thriller."—*The Times (UK)*

**June 11th at 4:00 pm on Zoom**

***Menashe***

"It's a touching and nuanced film, and so skillfully made that you quickly get over the novelty of the fact that its characters are speaking Yiddish and get right into the story."—*Jerusalem Post*

**November (date TBA) at 4:00 pm on Zoom**

***The Flat***

"*The Flat* is a compelling tale of history made personal, and of what happens when light is shone on something previously murky."

—*Seattle Times*

**December (date TBA) at 4:00 pm on Zoom**

***Norman Lear: Just Another Version of You***

"This is a story of a life of enormous fulfillment-eloquently told and openhearted as related by the subject himself, now in his early 90s, who knows, as he reveals, what to value in life."—*Wall Street Journal*



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 night 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)



## Shamrock Shabbat

**Friday, March 17th at 7:00 pm at BTS**

Put on your Tam O'Shanter (or leprechaun kippah) and join Rabbi Cantor at BTS for lively Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a special Oneg Shabbat featuring St. Paddy's Day goodies. Will the kiddush wine be green that night?

Come and find out! Register for Welcome Shabbat Services online. [https://bit.ly/BTS\\_Welcome\\_Shabbat](https://bit.ly/BTS_Welcome_Shabbat)



**Monday, March 6th at 6:30 pm at BTS**

Join us as we read the Megillah, cheer for the good guys, stamp out the name of You-Know-who, tell jokes, and eat home-made Hamantachen. Costumes and funny hats are encouraged, but not required.



## Mazal Tov:

Deborah Butler, on the engagement of her daughter, Allison, to Corey Vann

## Refuah Sheleymah to:

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

## Condolences to:

Ruth Shapiro, on the death of her partner, Donald Charles Fisher, on December 29th,

## 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 February 15th

### GENERAL FUND

Deborah Butler, in honor of the engagement of her daughter, Allison, to Corey Vann

Deborah Butler, in honor of the yearzeit of Maurice Lashin

Deborah Butler, in honor of the yearzeit of Marilyn Weil

Karen Freilich, in honor of the yearzeit of her grandfather, Hyman Blumberg

Janis Homar, in honor of the yearzeit of Abraham Goldman

Jeffrey & Virginia Kluger, in honor of the yearzeit of Jeffrey's father, Solomon Kluger

Richard Lowry, in honor of the yearzeit of Leona Lowry Engel

Irv Mermelstein, in honor of the yearzeit of Sara Mermelstein

Irv Mermelstein, to defray cost of parking light repair

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ruth Brainin, in honor of the yearzeit of William David Brainin

Jeffrey & Virginia Kluger, in honor of the yearzeit of Jeffrey's mother, Sophie Kluger

Ellen Koch, in honor of the yearzeit of her brother, Norman Koch

Ellen Koch, in honor of the yearzeit of her mother, Reta Koch

### KIDDUSH FUND

Norma K. Fienman, in honor of the yearzeit her father-in-law, Maurice Fienman

Norma K. Fienman, in honor of the yearzeit of her brother, Morton Kosto

Lois Galinsky, in honor of the yearzeit of David Galinsky

### MALCOLM M. SNYDER MEMORIAL FUND

Elizabeth Zelek, in memory of her parents, Malcom & Lilo Snyder



# March 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<b>1 8 Adar</b> 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>2 9 Adar</b>	<b>3 10 Adar</b> 5:25 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat	<b>4 11 Adar</b> <b>Shabbat Zachor</b> <i>Tetzaveh</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services and Deep Dive
<b>5 12 Adar</b> 10:30 Partners in Creation— “Hidden in Plain Sight: Masking and Unmasking on Purim” on Zoom	<b>6 13 Adar</b> <b>Fast of Esther</b> 4:56a Fast begins 6:21p Fast ends <b>Erev Purim</b> 6:30 Megillah Reading at BTS	<b>7 14 Adar</b> <b>Purim</b>	<b>8 15 Adar</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b> 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>9 16 Adar</b>	<b>10 17 Adar</b> 5:33 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat/Birthday Shabbat 	<b>11 18 Adar</b> <b>Shabbat Parah</b> <i>Ki Tisa</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services and Deep Dive
<b>12 19 Adar</b> 10:30 Friends of Yiddish on Zoom	<b>13 20 Adar</b> <b>BTS Office Closed</b>	<b>14 21 Adar</b>	<b>15 22 Adar</b> No Tangling With Talmud 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>16 23 Adar</b>	<b>17 24 Adar</b> 6:41 Candle Lighting 7:00 Shamrock Shabbat	<b>18 25 Adar</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>HaHodesh</b> Vayakhel-Pekudai 10:00 Shabbat Services and Deep Dive
<b>19 26 Adar</b> 3:00 Sisterhood Book Discussion: <i>Henna House</i> on Zoom 4:15 Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom	<b>20 27 Adar</b> 6:30 Security Training at BTS	<b>21 28 Adar</b> <b>BTS Bulletin Deadline</b> 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom	<b>22 29 Adar</b> 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 4:00 Different Perspectives Committee Meeting on Zoom 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>23 1 Nisan</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh Nisan</b>	<b>24 2 Nisan</b> 6:49 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat	<b>25 3 Nisan</b> <i>Vayikra</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services and Deep Dive
<b>26 4 Nisan</b> 1:00 For Your Seder Table: A Hands-on Workshop! at BTS	<b>27 5 Nisan</b>	<b>28 6 Nisan</b>	<b>29 7 Nisan</b> 10:30 Tangling With Talmud on Zoom 5:00 JCL Community Seder at BTS 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	<b>30 8 Nisan</b>	<b>31 9 Nisan</b> 6:57 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat	





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Provide additional information if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sol Ackerman Fund**

To provide support for the Kiddush/Ritual Fund

### **Beautification Fund**

To further enhance the beauty of the synagogue

### **Justin Bernheimer Award**

For a Congregational Service Award

### **Cantor Wilfred Birnbaum Fund for Religious Enhancement**

### **Building Fund**

To offset the costs of operating the building

### **Education Fund**

To fund Lifelong Learning

### **General Fund**

To support the operation of the synagogue

### **Bob Guggenheim Memorial Fund**

To support the operation of the synagogue

### **Meier and Rahel Katten Memorial Fund**

To support Lunch and Learn programs

### **Kiddush/Ritual Fund**

To provide food for Shabbat and Holidays

### **Mandell Israel Program Fund**

To subsidize teen trips to Israel

### **Phyllis Margolin Memorial Music Education**

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**

To support the operation of the synagogue

### **Torah Fund**

To maintain integrity of the Torahs

### **Youth Fund**

To subsidize attendance at youth events

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

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

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