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Shabbat Lunch and Learn

In Its Prosperity You Shall Prosper: Unpacking the Prayer(s) for Our Country

Saturday, January 25th 11:30 am

(immediately following services, which begin at 10:00 am)

Two and a half millennia ago, the prophet Jeremiah urged the exiled Jews to “seek the welfare of the city’ in which they lived and pray to God on its behalf “for in its prosperity you shall prosper.” (Jer. 29:7) Thus began the long tradition of offering Jewish prayers for the (non-Jewish) government. On the Shabbat following Inauguration Day, we’ll take a deep dive into this tradition, look at some prayers — old and new — and discuss what those prayers real about the Jewish community’s relationship with the leaders of the larger community in which it lives.

This event is free to BTS members. The charge for non-members is \$10, payable to the Katten Fund, which helps to make Lunch and Learn events possible. To pay, go to <https://www.btsonline.org/give> or make your check out to B’nai Tikvoh-Sholom, write Katten Fund on the memo line and mail it to B’nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Please register in advance by January 23rd.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/s1/PSsqNN6/BTSLunchandLearn0125>

Also, please note that while our services are offered in-person and on Zoom, the Lunch & Learn will be in-person only.



These were served at the December Lunch and Learn.

White Chocolate Almond Bars

Bars

1 cup unsalted butter, cubes
12 oz. white chocolate, finely chopped
½ cup heavy cream
3 cups AP flour
½ cup almond flour
1 tsp sea salt
1 ½ cups sugar
4 large eggs
2 large egg yolk
2 tsp almond extract
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Almond Icing

2 ½ cups powdered sugar
2 tbsp heavy cream
4 tbsp milk
¼ tsp almond extract



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 13” x 9” pan with parchment paper, leaving a couple of inches of overhang.

Melt the butter, white chocolate and heavy cream together. Stir gently until smooth. Set aside to cool slightly.

In a bowl, whisk together the AP flour, almond flour and salt.

In a large bowl, whisk together the sugar, eggs, egg yolk, and extracts until smooth and well combined. Stir in the white chocolate mixture until well combined. Stir in the flour mixture just until combined.

Transfer the batter to the baking pan. Bake till a toothpick inserted into the center of the bars has a few moist crumbs attached, about 18-23 minutes. Do not overbaked. Let cool for a least 10 minutes in the pan. Remove the bars from the pan and let cool completely. Top with the almond icing and toasted almonds.

Tangling with Talmud—Now on Tuesdays!

Tuesday, January 7th, 21st and 28th at 10:30 am on Zoom

Our theme this year is “Rereading the Women of the Talmud.” We’ll be exploring Talmudic stories about famous female figures and then re-examining them through a variety of lenses. Our discussions will be inspired and guided by Gila Fine’s amazing new book, *The Madwoman in the Rabbi’s Attic*. Come join us anytime—no experience is needed!

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



Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, January 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 860-666-6751 or barbaralenore@yahoo.com.

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

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



The cover photo of a hydrangea in the snow is courtesy of Shari J. Cantor.

Change in Office Hours

Starting in January, the office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

“Out to Lunch” with Sisterhood at the Rockledge Grill

Monday, January 6th at 1:00 pm

Rockledge Grill at the Rockledge Country Club

289 South Main Street, West Hartford

Join your fellow Sisterhood members at the Rockledge Grill for lunch overlooking the Rockledge Country Club. RSVP to Shari J. Cantor by Friday, January 3rd at betorah@aol.com.



Sisterhood Book Discussion

Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy by Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Jan 26th at 3:00 pm on Zoom

This is an intimate memoir from a founding editor of Ms. magazine who grew up in a Jewish immigrant family mired in secrets, haunted by their dread of shame and stigma, determined to hide their every imperfection—and in denial or despair when they couldn't.

The word "shanda" is defined as shame or disgrace in Yiddish. This book, *Shanda*, tells the story of three generations of complicated, intense twentieth-century Jews for whom the desire to fit in and the fear of public humiliation either drove their aspirations or crushed their spirit.

In her deeply engaging, astonishingly candid memoir, author and activist Letty Cottin Pogrebin exposes the fiercely-guarded lies and intricate cover-ups woven by dozens of members of her extended family. Beginning with her own long-suppressed secret, the story spirals through the hidden lives of her parents and relatives—revealing the truth about their origins, personal traumas, marital misery, abandoned children, religious transgressions, sexual identity, radical politics, and supposedly embarrassing illnesses. While unmasking their charades and disguises, Pogrebin also showcases her family's remarkable talent for reinvention in a narrative that is, by turns, touching, searing, and surprisingly universal.

Join Shari J. Cantor to discuss this “frank and often amusing tabulation of well-kept family secrets.” You only need to register once for Sisterhood book discussions online. https://bit.ly/BTS_Sisterhood_Book_Group

Also scheduled for 2025:

When We Flew Away by Alice Hoffman

March 23rd at 3:00 pm

Rashi's Daughters Book 1: Joheved by Maggie Anton

May 18th at 4:00 pm

Deadly Scrolls: The Jerusalem Mysteries, Book One by Ellen Frankel

July 13th at 4:00 pm

Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust by Janet Singer Applefield

Oct 19th at 3:00 pm

By Fire, By Water: A Novel by Mitchell James Kaplan

Dec 7th at 3:00 pm

Mazal tov to:

Fillis and John Stober, on their 53rd wedding anniversary on January 3rd.

Refu'ah Sheleymah to:

Bob Gerrol, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Judith Goldsmith, Leon Goldsmith, Ethel Kramer, Marsha Lowry, Greg Matthaey, Esther Multer, Rabbi Marshal Press, Elayne Ringler, Marty Shinder, Marion Warner

Condolences to:

Ann Brainin and Janis Monat and their families, on the death of their mother Ruth Brainin, on December 16th.

Good News

Got good news to share? We want to hear it. To share good news with your 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.



Rabbi Joshua Hescher and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Donations as of December 15th

GENERAL FUND

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5 5 Tevet	6 6 Tevet 1:00 "Out to Lunch" with Sisterhood at Rockledge Grill 7:00 BTS Board Meeting	7 7 Tevet 10:30 Tangling with Talmud on Zoom	8 8 Tevet 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	9 9 Tevet	10 10 Tevet Asara B'Tevet 5:49am Fast Begins 4:21 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat/ Birthday Shabbat 	11 11 Tevet Vayechi 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services And Deep Dive
12 12 Tevet 10:30 Friends of Yiddish on Zoom	13 13 Tevet	14 14 Tevet No Tangling with Talmud	15 15 Tevet 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	16 16 Tevet	17 17 Tevet 4:29 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat	18 18 Tevet Shemot 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services And Deep Dive
19 19 Tevet	20 20 Tevet Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 21 Tevet 10:30 Tangling with Talmud on Zoom	22 22 Tevet 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	23 23 Tevet	24 24 Tevet 4:38 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat	25 25 Tevet Vaera 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services/ 11:30 Lunch and Learn
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To fund Lifelong Learning

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