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& The Neshama Center for Lifelong Learning
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Shabbat Lunch & Learn

"In Gaza: Israel's War Against Hamas and Against Witch Hunts"

Saturday, December 16th at 11:30 am (following services which begin at 10:00 am)



Dr. Donna Divine returns!

Join us for a Shabbat morning Lunch and Learn discussion with Dr. Donna Robinson Divine, Morningstar Professor Emerita of Jewish Studies and Government at Smith College, and adjunct professor at the University of Haifa. Dr. Divine will examine the ongoing war in the context of history and politics.

The event is free and open to all; donations to the Katten Fund, which helps to make Lunch and Learns possible, before or after Shabbat, are welcome. <https://www.btsonline.org/give>

Please register in advance by December 13th.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/s1/AK7/wC5/BTSLunchandLearn>

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



Rabbi Cantor spoke at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center on November 20th.



**The Office will be closed on
Monday, December 25th and
Tuesday, December 26th.**

The cover photo of chocolate Hannukah gelt, as well as the photo on this page of the Provincetown Moors and the Prismafied version of a photo of her mantel on page 8 are courtesy of Shari J. Cantor.

It's Hanukkah Madness at BTS! And Fireworks!!!

Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 pm

(The inclement weather date is Sunday, December 10th.)



We've got it all—Havdalah, ugly Hanukkah sweaters, mass menorah lighting, latkes, sufganyiot (and more) and fireworks.

Wear your ugly Hanukkah sweater and bring your menorah, candles and matches in order to join in the "mass conflagration."

Please contact the office at office@btsonline.org or 860-243-3576 to RSVP by Thursday, December 7th. Please include the names of those attending.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door.



A number of requests were received after the November lunch and learn for this recipe. For home use, you may wish to make half the recipe.

Balela Salad

- 2 15-oz cans of black beans, drained
- 2 15-oz can of chickpeas, drained
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 jalapeno, finely chopped (optional)
- ½ cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and cut into pieces
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/3 cup dill, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup flat leaf (Italian) parsley, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup basil or mint, chopped

Dressing

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves of minced garlic
- 3 tbs apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- crumbled Feta cheese (optional)



Baking Brownies

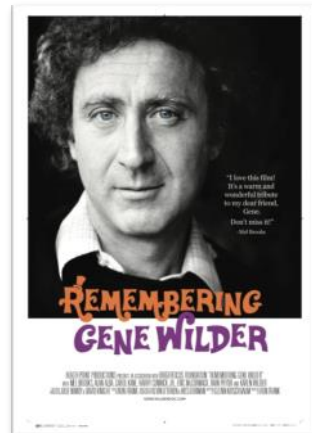
Many thanks to the crew who gathered on October 29th— Shari J. Cantor, Bonnie Eisenberg-Green, Janna Gross, Jerry Hirsch, Ellen Leonard, Maura Nemirow and Dale Osborn—who cracked eggs, sprayed pans and lined baking pans, measured ingredients and mixed the brownies. An oven malfunction meant that pans of brownie batter were shlepped across town to be baked. And, finally, thanks to Shari's son, John Taylor, who bagged all 96 brownies individually and helped to deliver them on October 30th to the South Park Inn.

Mix together salad ingredients. Whisk together dressing ingredients, or add to a jar, cover and shake.

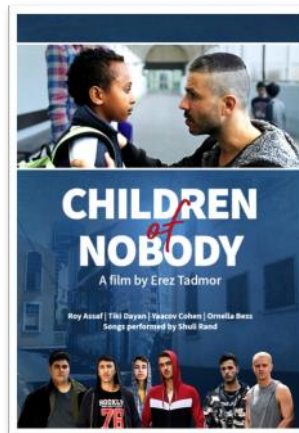
Add dressing to salad ingredients. Let sit for several hours or overnight before serving. Add crumbled feta cheese, if desired.

The Phyllis Hoffman Hartford Jewish Film Festival continues with three films in December. To read about the films, go to <https://hjff.eventive.org/films> and click on the icon for each film.

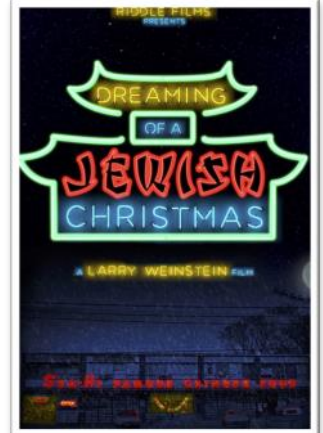
To order tickets, go to <https://hjff.eventive.org/schedule>.



Saturday, December 16th
7:00-9:00 pm



Sunday, December 17th
1:00-3:00 pm



Saturday, December 17th
5:00-7:00 pm
Dinner & a Movie

Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, December 10th 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

Wednesday, December 6th, 13th and 20th on Zoom

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

Sisterhood Book Discussion: The Gallery of Beauties by Nina Wachsman

December 17th at 3:00 pm on Zoom

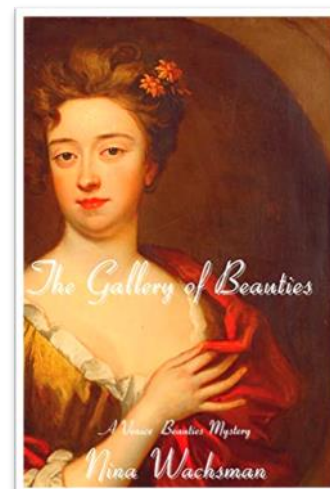
In Venice in 1612, two very different women, a notorious courtesan and a Talmudic scholar, are brought together by an artist when they pose for a "Gallery of Beauties," forming a relationship neither of them anticipated.

Conflicted about her past, Belladonna finds herself drawn to Diana, the rabbi's widowed daughter, and has ambitions for her future, but only if Diana will discard her origins and her traditions. While Diana is torn by indecision, Belladonna feels threatened, as one by one, the subjects of the portraits are poisoned. The two women must rely on their wits and each other to avoid becoming the next victims, as they confront the powerful men who seek to control them and Venice.

Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion about this "riveting, magical & beautifully written" "deliciously wicked mystery."

You only need to register once for Sisterhood book discussions online.

https://bit.ly/BTS_Sisterhood_Book_Group



Quill and Chill

Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 pm (previously scheduled for December 3rd)

Join Sisterhood to engage in the ancient craft of paper quilling to make a Tu B'shevat decoration for your home. All it takes is rolling, folding and gluing. No experience needed. Refreshments will be served.

Please register by Wednesday, January 3rd [here](#).

Donations are encouraged and can be made at the event.



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 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*.

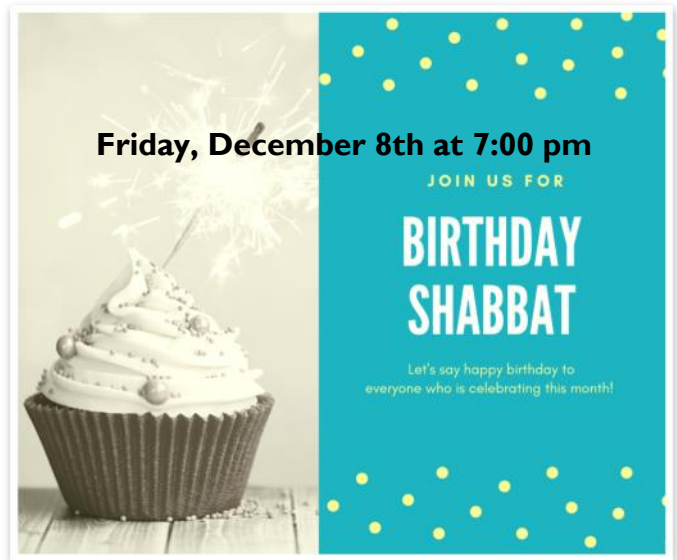
Register for Welcome Shabbat Services online. https://bit.ly/BTS_Welcome_Shabbat

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



Shabbat Morning Services and Deep Dive: Hanukkah Edition

Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 am at BTS

We'll celebrate Shabbat with services, Torah reading and do a special deep dive into the text.

Register for Shabbat Morning Services online.

https://bit.ly/BTS_ShabbatDeepDive

Refuah Sheleymah to:

Phyllis Berman, Ruth Brainin, Donna Divine, Barbara Feivou, Bob Gerrol, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Leon Goldsmith, 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 or 860-463-0986 or Dale Osborn at daleoz@att.net or 860-508-7261.



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Barbara Katzman, wishing Al Oppenheimer a speedy recovery

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Lois Galinsky, to help fund Lunch & Learn program
David Silver, to help fund Lunch & Learn program
Steven Warner, wishing a speedy recovery to Fred Katten



December 2023

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10 27 Kislev Hanukkah 4 10:30 Friends of Yiddish on Zoom (6:00 Hanukkah Madness & Fireworks—Inclement weather date)	11 28 Kislev Hanukkah 5 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting	12 29 Kislev Hanukkah 6	13 1 Tevet Rosh Hodesh Tevet Hanukkah 7 10:30 Tangling With Talmud: Hanukkah Edition on Zoom 4:00 Different Perspectives Committee Meeting on Zoom 7:00 Minyan on Zoom	14 2 Tevet Hanukkah 8	15 3 Tevet Bulletin Deadline 4:02 Candle Lighting 7:00 Welcome Shabbat Service	16 4 Tevet <i>Miketz</i> 10:00 Shabbat Morning Services and Deep Dive 11:30 Lunch and Learn—"In Gaza: Israel's War Against Hamas and Against Witch Hunts"
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