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**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

**10 AM**

**B'NAI TIKVOH-SHOLOM**

## ***SIDONIA'S THREAD***

Hear from author Hanna Marcus about her book *Sidonia's Thread: The Secrets of a Mother and a Daughter Sewing a New Life in America*, the story of a Holocaust survivor and her daughter forging a new life in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Copies of the book will be available for sale and signature.

## From Rabbi Cantor



*The leader breaks the middle matzah, and wraps one half in a napkin... - Haggadah*

Lately, I've been thinking about *Yachatz*, that little ritual at the beginning of the seder (after we eat the green *Karpas*) when a sheet of matzah is broken in two. *Yachatz* is far from the flashiest part of the seder; it involves action only by the leader and is unaccompanied by even a single word. And yet, this year at least, *Yachatz* clamors for my attention. Maybe because this year I feel a bit broken myself, having literally broken my ankle and fibula a month ago. But mostly because this is my first Passover without my mother.

My mother, Marion Bassett Cantor, z"l, absolutely loved Pesach. And her excitement spread to the rest of us, despite the fact that it was so much work to get ready. In the days before we had a dishwasher (which spanned my entire childhood), it seemed to take days to wash and dry those green glass Pesach dishes which my father brought up from the basement. Then came the trips to the Crown to buy all the special food. Which was followed by cleaning and polishing and vacuuming and dusting (including all the woodwork and ledges). Finally, we set up the long folding tables which spanned the living room. My

mother would cook and we were her *sous chefs*, rinsing and chopping and helping as she prepared our Pesach favorites. She was a great, inventive and intuitive cook. We set out the plates and bowls and cups, the wineglasses and pitchers, the seder plates and the *haggadahs*. We brought in bunches of forsythia from the yard, stuck them in vases, and awaited our guests.

Our seders - whether at our home, at my grandparents' house in New Haven, or with our cousins - were always lively and participatory. We used the *Maxwell House Haggadah* for years, and later bought fancy *Haggadot*, which were artistically designed and full of "meaningful" readings. No matter the book we used, there was always a great deal of singing and laughter. After the kids sang the Four Questions, my mother would chant them to the Talmudic tune she had learned as a girl in yeshiva. And there were serious moments as well; my mother always told us the story of the revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto, which had begun on the eve of Passover. At the conclusion of the seder, we didn't stop at *Chad Gadyo* and *Adir Hu*; we belted out Zionist songs my mother had learned in Junior Mizrachi, along with labor songs and old Negro spirituals.

There are empty chairs at every Pesach seder.

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## From Our President



*By Julie Shifreen*

*As* spring is now officially here, (even though it feels more like summer), I am sure many of us have Passover on the brain. Just thinking about all

the things that have to be done is exhausting, and with this wonderful weather that's arrived it's hard to imagine staying inside to clean! However it's that time of the year and the seder must go on! So, as we start planning and preparing for this holiday, see if you have any extra places at your seder

table. Our congregation is not having a second seder this year; however, we are offering home hospitality. So if you need a place to go for Passover, or if you have an extra place or two at your seder table, please call the office and let us know, and we will work on filling those empty seats. Please see page 8 of this newsletter to help in making these arrangements.

Wishing everyone a joyous Pesach!



### **RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday 1-4:30 PM**  
**Wednesday 2-6 PM**  
**Thursday 11:30 AM-3:30 PM**

**Please call ahead—  
Thank you.**

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday 10 AM—2 PM**  
**Tuesday 10 AM—6:15 PM**  
**Wednesday 10 AM—6:16 PM**  
**Thursday 10 AM—2 PM**  
**Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM**



## UPCOMING LIFELONG LEARNING EVENTS AT BTS

**Torah Study with Rabbi Cantor** Thursdays - 10:30 AM—last class—June 7th.



### MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE

Think you have to look like this to study Talmud? Even if you don't have a beard or *payes* and your Hebrew doesn't extend beyond *shalom*, *matzah* and *bat mitzvah*, you can participate in this conversation on important issues that dates back nearly two thousand years. Self-contained lessons with Rabbi Cantor on sections of the Mishnah. Attend one or all. Refreshments provided.

**10 AM Sunday in the Chapel—April 29**  
**7:30 PM Saturday *Tikun Leil Shavuot* May 27**

### NEW FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

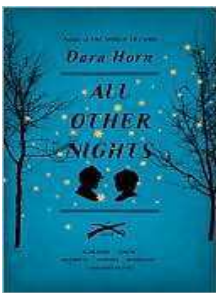
No Program in April due to Pesach

10 AM Sundays in the Chapel

Upcoming Programs:

May 20

June 10



### JEWISH BOOK CLUB

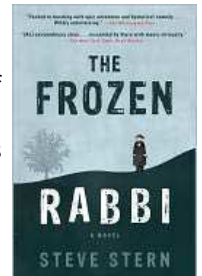
Everyone invited—even men!

**THURSDAY, MAY 17—7:30 PM**

*All Other Nights*—Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union Army, is ordered on Passover, 1862, to murder his own uncle, who is plotting to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Afterwards, he is recruited to pursue another enemy agent—this time not to murder the spy, but to marry her. Based on real historical figures, this eagerly awaited novel from award-winning author Dara Horn delivers multilayered, page-turning storytelling at its best. Read it and join us to discuss this exciting work.

### THURSDAY JULY 22ND, 7:30 PM

*The Frozen Rabbi* by Steve Stern. Award-winning novelist Steve Stern's exhilarating epic recounts the story of how a nineteenth-century rabbi from a small Polish town ends up in a basement freezer in a small Polish town ends up in a basement freezer in a suburban Memphis home at the end of the twentieth century. What happens when an impressionable teenage boy inadvertently thaws out the ancient man and brings him back to life is nothing short of miraculous.



### Stay cool this summer with BTS's Tuesday Night at the Movies

Save these dates to join us at 7:30 PM for three Jewish movies this summer:

June 19

July 17

August 21

Watch for the movie titles in next month's bulletin.

### B'NOT MALKA ROSH HODESH GROUP

Since ancient times, Jewish women have had a special connection with Rosh Hodesh – the new moon. Join Rabbi Cantor at the beginning of each Hebrew month at the JCC. Through text study and lively discussion, we will celebrate Rosh Hodesh and explore some remarkable women of the Bible. The group welcomes women all of all faiths.

All sessions begin at 7:30 PM at the  
**Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford,**  
**333 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford**

**Thursday, April 26 (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)**  
**Monday, May 21 Tuesday, June 19**





## The BTS Chapter of USY and Kadima is looking for new members

Are you in grade 5 through 12? Do you like having fun? Would you like to go on trips? Would you like to meet new friends?

If so, contact one of the BLUSY Advisors: Phil Cohen: [studiokdj@aol.com](mailto:studiokdj@aol.com), Sue Rubin: [suzie147@yahoo.com](mailto:suzie147@yahoo.com), or contact the BTS Office – [Office@BTSONline.org](mailto:Office@BTSONline.org) – (860)243-3576  
Look for us on Facebook.

### What You Missed!

## PURIM 5772



## Knitzvah

New knitters and crocheters are always welcome. Experienced instructors are available to help you. Yarn and printed instructions are provided. Bring a pair of #8 bamboo needles.

Don't want to travel to Temple Sinai? Bring your finished squares (leave a 4-inch piece of yarn at the beginning and end of each piece), BLACK helmet liners (for Israeli and US military),

infant caps and baby blankets (for UConn and CT Children's Hospital neo-natal units) to the BTS office.

**Drop-In Schedule: Sundays til noon**

**Wednesday, April 25, at 7 PM**  
**Sunday, May 6, 9:30 AM**

# Religious School News

## Tzedakah Matching Challenge!

Over the past few months, Toratenu fourth graders have been busy! Under the leadership of teacher, Lexi Levy, students decided that this year's mitzvah project would be connected with *Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim* - the commandment to be kind to animals. So far, the students have personally brought in \$100, plus an assortment of new toys, leashes, collars and blankets to

donate to the CT Humane Society. Rabbi Cantor has offered to donate an additional \$50.00 if BTS members can match it, for a total of \$200.00! The class plans to go to the Humane Society later this Spring to present a check and go on a tour.

Lexi's class has also been working on planning a "mock" wedding to be held on Sunday, April 29th, at 9:00 am. The entire congregation is cordially invited (see the invitation in this bulletin!).

(Continued from page 2) Rabbi Cantor

Of course, we are grateful that God has kept us in life and enabled us to celebrate Passover. But as we look around the table, we recall who is missing, and know that we are not entirely whole. That's what *Yachatz* is about. There's always some brokenness, even (perhaps, especially) in the midst of celebration. Acknowledging this, we quietly break the *matzah* in half. The seder cannot proceed until we do so. The act of breaking is deceptively simple. For while it separates and destroys, it also enables rebuilding, making way for growth, for

healing, for transformation. Every seder moves in this direction. From slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy. As the great Leonard Cohen sings: "There is a crack, a crack in everything; that's how the light gets in."

May Pesach this year bring renewed meaning to our lives. May our seder experience uplift us and strengthen our commitment to work towards a better world. May God bring us all out of *Mitzrayim* once again. And may our memories be sweet. Have a *zissen* Pesach.



## Bikur Cholim Committee (BCC)

By Jean Vitale

### BRINGING BIKUR CHOLIM TO THE BTS COMMUNITY

You hear that one of our members is ill, recuperating, homebound, experiencing the loss of a loved one, isolated, or otherwise in distress. What can you do to help? It's called *Bikur Cholim*. In Hebrew, that translates to visiting the sick, but it more generally means taking care of one another.

The act of *Bikur Cholim* is a *mitzvah*, a moral and spiritual act that is an important part of being a Jew. By joining this "mitzvah brigade," we enrich our lives and the lives of those to whom we connect, whether that link is made through a visit, a card, a phone call, or a meal.

Join our team—by adding your name to a list of volunteers we can call upon, whether once in awhile or more frequently, the amount of time you devote to *Bikur Cholim* is up to you. To volunteer your services, call or e-mail Jean Vitale or Barbara Katzman— e-mails and phone numbers below.

Here are just some of things you can do as part of our team:

- Phone a homebound senior or shut-in before Shabbat or a holiday.
- Bring food to a family in their time of need, whether ill, in mourning, or otherwise needing that bit of extra help.

- Send a card to brighten someone's day, let him/her know he/she is remembered for whatever the person is going through.
- Visit a patient at home, in a hospital, or nursing home.

### YOU CAN HELP EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE PART OF OUR TEAM

Next time you make a donation to BTS, consider earmarking it for the *Bikur Cholim* fund. Your contribution will help cover the costs of providing these important services to our community.

### WE WILL SOON BE READY TO START REACHING OUT TO OUR BTS COMMUNITY

On Monday, April 23rd, following minyan, we will have Rabbi Marshal Press here to give us some insight into the proper way to speak with a person who is ill, what to say and what not to say, as well as give us more insight into what we want to achieve with our work on the *Bikur Cholim* Committee.

If you know of someone who could use a boost from our *Bikur Cholim* team, please call the office, Jean Vitale or Barbara Katzman, and let us know what sort of services might be needed.

Jean Vitale - [jmvita18@gmail.com](mailto:jmvita18@gmail.com) - 860-231-9507  
Barbara Katzman - [barbaralenore@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaralenore@yahoo.com) - 860-666-6751

# PESACH 5772—APRIL 2012

Important information: We have copies of the Rabbinical Assembly *Guide for Passover 5772* available in hard copy in the lobby. If you would like a copy sent to you, please call the office at 860-243-3576 to request your copy.

## Siyyum Bechorim



**What:** Siyyum Bechorim - "Fast of the First Born"  
**When:** Friday, April 6, 2012; 7:00 AM - 8:15 AM  
**Where:** BTS Social Hall  
**Who:** All ages welcome to this FREE breakfast provided by Gary Cohen  
**Why:** It has become customary for synagogues to arrange a *Siyyum* on the morning before Passover to allow those fasting for *Ta'anit Bechorim* (Fast of the Firstborn) to break their fast, taking advantage of the *halakhic* principle that prioritizes Torah study.

## April Worship Services

Sunday—Thursday—Minyan—7:15 PM

Friday morning, April 6—	Fast of the First Born—Siyyum	7 AM	Wednesday, April 19—	Yom Hashoah
Friday evening, April 6—	NO Shabbat Services due to First Seder		Friday evening, April 20—	Shabbat Services 7 PM
Saturday morning, April 7—	Shabbat Services	9:30 AM	Saturday morning, April 21—	Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
	Second Seder		Wednesday, April 25—	Yom Hazikaron Observed
Sunday morning, April 8—	Yom Tov Services	9:30 AM	Thursday, April 26—	Yom Ha'atzma'ut Observed
Friday morning, April 13—	Yom Tov Services	9:30 AM	Friday evening, April 27—	Shabbat Services 7 PM
Friday evening, April 13—	Shabbat Services	7 PM	Saturday morning, April 28—	Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
Saturday morning, April 14—	Shabbat Services	9:30 AM		
	Last day Pesach—Yizkor			

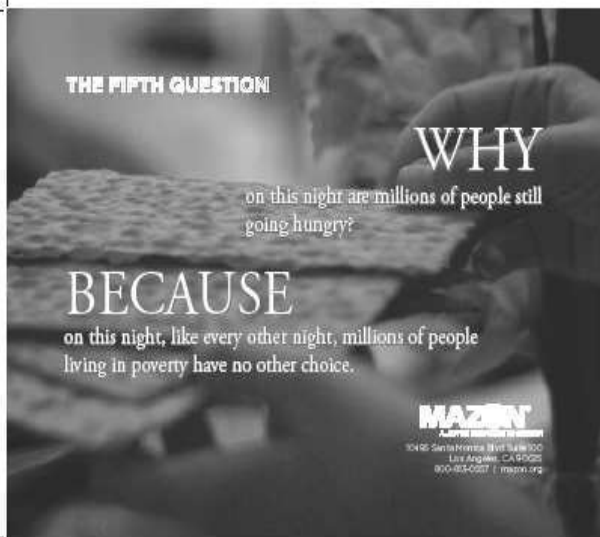
## Synagogue Directory

BTS is creating a Membership Directory. If you wish to opt out of having your email address or telephone number appear in the directory, contact Laurie at the office at (860)243-3576, or [lpres@btsonline.org](mailto:lpres@btsonline.org). If you do not contact the office to opt out, your information will appear in the directory.

### Request from the Office:

Please—when your committee is deciding on a function for the Synagogue, please be sure to call the Office to clear the date. That way, there will not be (hopefully) any double—booking of the Social Hall, Library, etc. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Laurie*





# Seder 5772

## Home Hospitality Form

*Kol dichfin yatay v'yaychol...*

*Let all who are hungry come and eat!*

Since the very beginning, Passover has been a time to gather with family and friends for the *seders* and commemorate our People's journey from slavery to freedom. Do you need a place at someone's *seder* this year? Would you be able to host someone at your *seder* table? Would you like to host one night and be a guest the other night? Please fill out the form below by April 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier and we will match you up!

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRST SEDER (Friday evening, April 6<sup>th</sup>)

I can host # \_\_\_\_\_ people.

(Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_)

I need a place for # \_\_\_\_\_ people.

(Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_)

### SECOND SEDER (Saturday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>)

I can host # \_\_\_\_\_ people.

(Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_)

I need a place for # \_\_\_\_\_ people.

(Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_)

Please return to BTS office: 180 Still Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002 (860)243-3576





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## **SELLING OF HAMETZ**

The final step in preparing home for Passover, after providing for Passover food and changing over to Passover dishes, is selling non-Passover food and utensils that remain in the home. This includes all premises, including vacation homes, places of business, and dormitory rooms. This is because, in addition to not eating any *hametz* on Passover, we also may not even possess *hametz*. Accordingly, it is customary to "sell" our *hametz* to a non-Jew on *Erev Pesah*. Naturally, we also buy it back at the conclusion of the holiday. Anything "sold" in this manner becomes the nominal property of the purchaser during the holiday so that we do not own the *hametz* on our property. Rabbi Cantor will be glad to make the necessary arrangements for selling your *hametz*.

Please fill out the section below and return it to the synagogue office no later than **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There is no charge for "selling" *hametz* on your behalf. However, it is customary to make a contribution (*ma'ot hittim*) to provide Passover necessities for those who are in need. Please make these checks payable to "The Kosher Food Pantry."

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PLEASE RETURN BY **THURSDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>** to: B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom,  
180 Still Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002

### **FORM FOR SELLING HAMETZ**

Dear Rabbi Cantor,

I hereby appoint you to be my agent for selling my *hametz* in advance of Passover. My *hametz* will be set aside in a separate area of my home by Friday morning, **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. This includes all *hametz* I own or will acquire, which is located at the address below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use an additional sheet of paper for any other names or addresses to be included in this sale of *hametz*.



## Sponsoring An Oneg Shabbat or a Kiddush— How to Share the Responsibility:

Sisterhood is attempting to ensure there is an Oneg or Kiddush following each Shabbat service held at BTS. To be sure that the shopping, setting-up and clearing does not fall on the same small group of volunteers, we would like to open the opportunity to participate in this Mitzvah. Can you help us with one or more of the currently unsponsored Friday evening or Saturday morning Onegim or Kiddushim, following Shabbat services? This benefits our entire BTS Community.

If you are interested, please contact Barbara Katzman, 860-666-6751 or barbaralenore@yahoo.com, and she will mail lists to you which contain all Friday Onegim and Saturday Kiddushim dates from April through the end of December 2012, plus all Jewish and American holidays. We hope you can sponsor,

alone or with friends, for any occasion OR JUST BECAUSE it is a Mitzvah. This effort also will save BTS funding, which then can be used for programming and special events.

If you cannot sponsor, but can shop (and be reimbursed for what you spend) on any unsponsored date/dates, set up, serve, clear alone or with friends, we also would be most appreciative and this too is a huge Mitzvah. Please help BTS by providing your helping hands one way or another. Thank you so much on behalf of the Sisterhood of B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom.

*Barbara Katzman and Helene Fabian,*  
Co-Coordinators

## Thank-You for Providing an Oneg Shabbat, Kiddush or Seudah Shlisheet for Havdalah

THANK-YOU FOR PROVIDING AN ONEG SHABBAT, KIDDUSH OR  
LENDING A HELPING HAND WITH EVENTS DURING MARCH:

*Synagogue, Sisterhood, Barbara Katzman, Kim Himmelfarb, Trudi & Lou Brown, Barbara Feivou, Deena Buddle, Tori Buddle, Janna Gross, Lynn Kaplan, Linda & Mark Aronowitz, Julie & Steven Shifreen, Roslyn Elston, Glenn Herzig, Arlene Herzig, Marian & Si Pava, Barry Gordon, Todd Gladstone, Rhoda Gladstone, Suzy & George Lipschitz, Lenny Bren, Milt Fried, Judith Cramer Barbara & Al Oppenheimer, Lou Brown, Gary & Karin Cohen, Phil Cohen.*

*Thank you to Lou & Trudi Brown for sponsoring the Kiddush on March 17th in honor of Laurie & Rabbi Marshal Press.*

We hope to be able to include many more sponsors' names following our contacting members in the near future. Meanwhile, if we have omitted someone's name, please forgive us—things do get a bit hectic when clearing.

Sincerely and with thanks,

*Helene Fabian and Barbara Katzman, Oneg and Kiddush Coordinators, on behalf of Sisterhood:*

## Crown/BTS Fundraiser

The Crown & B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom continue together to raise funds for BTS.

The following is what you need to do to ensure that the 3% donated by The Crown is received by B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom:

When you shop at The Crown, purchase or update their Gift Card with your charge or check, and please do the following: Let them know that you wish their 3% donation paid to B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, Bloomfield, CT. Make sure you tell them the original name under which you purchased your Gift Card, i.e., B'nai Sholom / Newington or West Hartford OR Tikvoh Chadoshoh / Bloomfield.

Every time you pay your Crown bill with the Gift Card, The Crown will let you know the balance left on the Gift Card. Just

refill the card as needed---crediting B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom—180 Still Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

If you earn cash or air miles with your charge card...you win and BTS wins. PLEASE remember to tell The Crown that you are updating the Gift Card on behalf of B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, Bloomfield. In that way we will receive a bi-monthly check from The Crown – 3% of all purchases made with this process. Keep spending—everyone wins!

Thank you in advance to all who follow this procedure. Costs you nothing extra and it is an instant fundraiser for B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom.

# Sisterhood

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## SISTERHOOD ORDERS CHARGED AT THE CROWN SUPERMARKET—NEW INSTRUCTIONS:

Sisterhood of BTS now has its own account at The Crown. If you are ordering anything for a specific Sisterhood event, please make sure you charge your order to our Sisterhood. Also, PLEASE leave the Sisterhood Crown bill in the Sisterhood manila folder in the BTS office so it can be paid promptly after we receive our 3% donation from The Crown. Remember: Also, please mark the bill SISTERHOOD when you sign it and list the name of the specific event. Thank you very much.

## CALENDAR INFORMATION – SAVE THE DATES:

Monday, April 16 – 7:15 pm – Board Meeting following Minyan  
Monday, May 14 – 7:15 pm – Board Meeting following Minyan  
Monday, June 18 – 7:15 pm – Board Meeting following Minyan

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: ALL Members of BTS INVITED

Location B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom Library following Thursday 7:15 pm Minyan.

Thurs. May 17 – **ALL OTHER NIGHTS**, by Dara Horn.

Thurs. July 12 – **THE FROZEN RABBI** --- ALL INVITED!

## SPECIAL SISTERHOOD EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, May 11 – **Special Sisterhood Sabbath – 7:00 pm**

Thursday, June 14 – **Volunteer Recognition Dinner in Social Hall – Details will follow**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2012-13: WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS.

We are forming a Nominating Committee and hope you can participate in this very important work. Please call Barbara Feivou, 860-665-0572. AND if you are interested in volunteering for a position on the Executive Board, Board of Directors or filling a Chair position, please let Barbara know. We need everyone's input and assistance.

**May your Passover preparations culminate in beautiful and joyous Seders with family and friends.**



Join Local Synagogues & Schools  
Wednesday, April 25, 2012 – 7:30-9:00 PM



**B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom**  
180 Still Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002  
**Commemorating Israeli Memorial Day  
&  
Celebrating Israeli Independence Day**

Featuring:

Local Children's Choirs—*Kinah le-David* and *Kel Moleh Rachamim*  
Celebration of Gilad Shalit's Return

With other commemorations and information, including presentations by students who traveled to Israel with their schools in 2011 and a montage of greetings from students currently there.

*No cost to members of participating congregations.*



## Counting of the Omer Cereal Drive

Help make sure that everyone can eat breakfast.

The count\* doesn't start until the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Pesach, and lasts until Shavuot, but we're starting our drive early because the need is so great. Bring kosher cereal (hot or cold) to BTS for the Jewish Family Services Kosher Food Pantry. Now through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please do not bring cereal in from April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup> (Pesach).



\*The counting of the Omer counts the days between the traditional offering of barley at Pesach to the offering of wheat at Shavuot in the Temple.

## Ritual Committee Information

The callers below try to ensure our daily Minyanim on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For a Kaddish Minyan--Please call at least two weeks in advance. If you signed up to attend a specific Minyan and cannot attend, please call the name listed below for your day, so they can make sure our Minyan is complete.

### **MINYAN LOCATION, INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBERS TO CALL:**

ALL Minyanim will take place at 180 Still Road, Bloomfield, at **7:15 pm unless otherwise notified.**

For the **SUNDAY Minyan**, our co-chair is **Deb/Ian Polun, 860-523-8707.**

If you require a **MONDAY Minyan**, please call **Adam Wolmer, 860-232-1705** or **Marc Siskin, 860-561-2937.**

For a **TUESDAY Minyan**, please call **Laurie Press at 860-243-3576.** We currently are seeking a chair for Tuesdays. Please call Adam Wolmer, 860-232-1795, or Laurie in the office to volunteer. It is an easy chore. Thank you!

### **To BTS Congregants,**

How thoughtful of you to present us with a gift basket of plants at the Shabbat Across America dinner. What a kind and thoughtful thing to do! We thank you so very much. It was our pleasure to make the dinner; however, that was just a part of what turned out to be a fantastic evening! It was the camaraderie that could be seen and felt all over the social hall and the kitchen as well. Congregants, as well as guests, were

### **Shabbat Across America**

Friday, March 2, ninety-five B'nai Tikvoh Shalom congregants came together for spiritual renewal and Shabbat dinner. After services led by Rabbi Cantor, we enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Barbara and Al Oppenheimer.

For a **WEDNESDAY Minyan**, please call **Burt Miller, 860-666-8104** or **Julie Shifreen, 860-2312-7898.**

For a **THURSDAY MINYAN**, please call **Jerry Lubusky, 860-276-9197** or **Barbara Katzman, 860-666-6751.**

However, if you regularly have called Laurie Press at the office, 860-243-3576, please continue to do so.

**FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING Shabbat Services take place as follows: Friday NIGHT --- 7:00 pm, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Saturday MORNING --- 9:30 am, followed by a Kiddush.** All services held at 180 Still Road, Bloomfield.

### **YAHRTZEIT LIST**

If you wish to add any name/names to our Yahrzeit listings, please call Barbara Katzman, 860-666-6751, evenings, except Shabbat or holidays, OR Laurie Press at the synagogue office, 860-243-3576 . They will be happy to add any names to the Yahrzeit Listing.

mingling and striving to help out in any way they could from setting up, serving, cleaning up. Nothing was too much and no one had to be asked! That's what made the evening so special! We have become a family and are working together graciously and with pride! BTS should be proud of who we are - yes a family! We appreciate so much having you there.

Fondly,

*Barbara & Al Oppenheimer*

Thank you to Barbara Katzman, Sandi Kofsky, Shirley Gerrol and my "partner" Dale Osborn for setting up, and all who attended for capably stepping up to serve and clean up.

*Judy Salm*

## Synagogue Wishes & Thoughts

### **MAZAL TOV:**

**Sam Alman** on the B'nai Mitzvot of his twin grandchildren, **Morgan and Robert Tromberg**, in Florida, February 22, 2012.

**Gloria Bein** on the marriage of her granddaughter, **Dr. Sarah Bein**, in California

During April, to

**Betty & Irving Seidman** on their 62nd anniversary, **Allen & Myrna Kruh** on their 54th anniversary, **Avis & Bernie Cohen** on their 52nd anniversary, **Allen & Susan Viner** and **Helene & Bill Fabian** on their 50th anniversaries.

If your news is not above, we did not hear about it. PLEASE-PLEASE call the office, 860-243-3576 or for Sisterhood Information, Barbara, 860-666-6751, so we may share in your Simcha or Sorrow. Thank you!

**CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM  
CEMETERY, INC. CALENDAR  
Spring 2012 5772**

In accordance with custom, the Congregation B'nai Sholom, Cemetery will be open on the following days for visitation.

Sunday, April 1, 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> Nisan	<b>Prior to Pesach &amp; Yizkor</b>
Sunday, May 13, 2012	21st Iyar	<b>Mother's Day</b>
Sunday, May 20, 2012	28th Iyar	<b>Prior to Shavuot &amp; Yizkor</b>
Sunday, May 27, 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> Sivan	<b>Memorial Day Weekend</b>
Monday, May 28, 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> Sivan	<b>Memorial Day</b>
Sunday, June 17, 2012	27 <sup>th</sup> Sivan	<b>Father's Day</b>

**Weather permitting, the Gates will be Open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

Should you desire to visit at other times, there is a walk-in entrance to the right of the gate. Please be aware that our Cemetery is in an isolated area, and although there have not been any incidents, it would be prudent not to go alone.

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# YAHRTZEITS

## APRIL 2012

## NISAN / IYAR 5772

Light the Yahrzeit candle the night before the day of Kaddish as well  
and say Kaddish the night before the actual day of Kaddish.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIVE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIVE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIVE</u>
<u>April 1</u> 9 Nisan		<u>April 10</u> 18 Nisan		<u>April 21</u> 29 Nisan	
Ada Marks Ginsberg	Avis Cohen	Corinne Googel	Fred Googel	Beatrice R. Bilansky	Larry Bilansky
Joseph A. Pearl	Jason Pearl	Hyman W. Gordon	Barry Gordon		
M. Gerry Oppenheimer	Ruth Shapiro	Arthur Seglin	Arlene Herzig	<u>April 22</u> 30 Nisan	
			Glenn Herzig	John Mortimer	Marsha
<u>April 2</u> 10 Nisan		Morris Firestone	Daniel Firestone	Jacobsohn	Yanofsky
Jeffrey Scott	Ruth & Stephen	Fannie Juster Chaikin	Susan Viner		
Weisenberg	Weisenberg			<u>April 23</u> 1 Iyar	
Martin Lippe	Andrea Igdalsky	<u>April 11</u> 19 Nisan		Marion Bassett Cantor	Rabbi Debra
		Joseph Bren	Leonard Bren		Cantor
<u>April 4</u> 12 Nisan		Wendy Cooke	Kim Himmelfarb		Michael Cantor
Julia Miller	Burton Miller	Ronald Merin	Dorothy Merin		Cindy Maher
David Steinberg	Barbara Katzman			<u>April 24</u> 2 Iyar	
Maurice Glazier	Francine Thierfeld	<u>April 12</u> 20 Nisan		Norman Stien	Jerome Stien
		Evelyn O. Polansky	Janice Kritzman	David Levine	Steven Levine
<u>April 5</u> 13 Nisan		Jesse L. Sklar	Claudia Sklar		
Nathan M. Franklin	Bernard Levine	Rivka Hammerschlag	Margot	<u>April 25</u> 3 Iyar	
Rose Gerrol	Robert Gerrol	Fannie Pava Chaikin	Simon Pava	Daniel Bason	Hope Firestone
Betty Buchheim	Marion Warner				
<u>April 6</u> 14 Nisan		<u>April 14</u> 22 Nisan		<u>April 26</u> 4 Iyar	
Bernard Brooks	E. Jack Brooks	Esther Fine	Rhoda Gladstone	Hyman Rosenfeld	Lorraine Pavlowitz
Ellen Leavy	Doris Weinberg	Isadore Kaplan	Sara Malley		
Bernard Brooks	Barry Brooks	Edna Quint	Lynn Kaplan	<u>April 27</u> 5 Iyar	
			Carolyn Tertes	Dora Deitch	Barbara Feivou
<u>April 8</u> 16 Nisan		<u>April 16</u> 24 Nisan		Ernest Littlefield	Sherry Lehrer
Abraham Cohen	Bernard Cohen	Esther Hazel Pearl	Jason Pearl	Melvin Goldstein	Margot Goldstein
Ruth Harris Kaplan	Lynn Kaplan				Deborah
Edith Gaylor	Sarah Tollin	<u>April 17</u> 25 Nisan			Guggenheim Fox
Harold Stern	Miriam Fleishman	Marion Keller	Jane Herzig	<u>April 29</u> 7 Iyar	
Janice Goetz	Gary Goetz			Abraham Pavlowitz	Lorraine Pavlowitz
<u>April 9</u> 17 Nisan		<u>April 18</u> 26 Nisan		<u>April 30</u> 8 Iyar	
Gold Schoen	Al Kadden	Anne Angowitz	Judith Goldsmith	Sadie Vidaver	Lisa Rydecki
	Gerda Lion	Ethel Brown	Amy Oved		
	Alice Schwartz	<u>April 20</u> 28 Nisan			
	Harold Schoen	William Novograd	Louise Tellan		
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Thank you to Rabbi Cantor, the Board of Trustees, and all of our friends for the lovely Purim basket. It was really appreciated!

By: Barbara & Al Oppenheimer

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Thank you to my congregational friends for the beautiful and delicious Purim basket!

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Many thanks for sending Purim boxes to my grandsons, Eitan and Erez Cramer—I can report that both were very happy to receive Purim goodies! Thanx,

By: Judith Cramer

Thanks so much for the Purim goodies sent to our grandsons, Jeffrey & Marc Adler. They loved the hamentaschen!!

By: Marian & Manfred Adler

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Mazel Tov to Anna Mangot on her 100th birthday!

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By: Ruth Shapiro

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9th Nisan</p> <p>9 A—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>10 A—1 P—SELL YOUR HAMETZ AND KASHER YOUR POTS, ETC. IN THE BTS KITCHEN</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>2 10th Nisan</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>3 11th Nisan</p> <p>4 P—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>4 12th Nisan</p> <p>4 P—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>5 13th Nisan</p> <p>NO TORAH STUDY</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>6 14th Nisan</p> <p>7 A—SIYYUM BEKHORIM/FIRST-BORN, FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST</p> <p>NO SHABBAT SERVICES—FIRST SEDER</p>  <p><a href="#">Erev Pesach</a> 7:04 p Candle lighting</p>	<p>7 15th Nisan</p> <p>9:30 A—SHABBAT SERVICES</p> <p>EVENING—SECOND SEDER</p>  <p><a href="#">Pesach I</a> 8:03 p Havdalah (40 min)</p>
<p>8 16th Nisan</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>9:30 A—YOM TOV SERVICES</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach II</a> 8:04 p Havdalah (40 min)</p>	<p>9 17th Nisan</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach III (CH"M)</a></p>	<p>10 18th Nisan</p> <p>4 P—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:30 P—BOARD MEETING</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach IV (CH"M)</a></p>	<p>11 19th Nisan</p> <p>4 P—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach V (CH"M)</a></p>	<p>12 20th Nisan</p> <p>NO TORAH STUDY</p> <p>7:15 P—EREV YOM TOV EVENING SERVICE</p>  <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach VI (CH"M)</a> 7:11 p Candle lighting</p>	<p>13 21st Nisan</p> <p>9:30 A—SERVICES FOR THE 7TH DAY OF PESACH</p> <p>7 P—SHABBAT SERVICES—: "FREEDOM SHABBAT"</p>  <p><a href="#">Pesach VII</a> 7:12 p Candle lighting</p>	<p>14 22nd Nisan</p> <p>9:30 A—SHABBAT SERVICES—YIZKOR</p> <p>HARRY SAPERSTEIN'S BAR MITZVAH—OFFSITE</p> <p><a href="#">Pesach VIII</a> 8:11 p Havdalah (40 min)</p>
<p>15 23rd Nisan</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>16 24th Nisan</p> <p>7:30 P—SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>17 25th Nisan</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>18 26th Nisan</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>19 27th Nisan</p> <p>10 A—TORAH STUDY</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Yom HaShoah</a></p>	<p>20 28th Nisan</p> <p>7 P—SHABBAT SERVICES</p>  <p>7:20 p Candle lighting</p>	<p>21 29th Nisan</p> <p>9:30 A—SHABBAT SERVICES</p> <p><a href="#">Parashat Shmini</a> 8:19 p Havdalah (40 min)</p>
<p>22 30th Nisan</p> <p>9 A—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>10 A—SIDONIA'S THREAD PROGRAM</p> <p>6:30 P—MINYAN AT BETH EL, FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM</p> <p>NO MINYAN AT B'NAI TIKVOH-SHOLOM</p> <p><a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Iyyar</a></p>	<p>23 1st Iyar</p> <p>7:30 P—BIKUR CHOLIM MEETING</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Iyyar</a></p>	<p>24 2nd Iyar</p> <p>4 PM—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>25 3rd Iyar</p> <p>4 P—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>7 P—KNITZVAH @ TEMPLE SINAI</p> <p>7:30 P—YOM HAZIKARON/YOM HA'ATZMAUT PROGRAM</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Yom HaZikaron</a></p>	<p>26 4th Iyar</p> <p>10 A—TORAH STUDY</p> <p>7:30 P—B'NOT MALKA GROUP AT JCC</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p> <p><a href="#">Yom HaAtzma'ut</a></p>	<p>27 5th Iyar</p> <p>7 P—SHABBAT SERVICES</p>  <p>7:27 p Candle lighting</p>	<p>28 Iyar</p> <p>9:30 A—SHABBAT SERVICES</p> <p>10:45 A—LAST YOUTH SERVICE OF THE YEAR</p> <p><a href="#">Parashat Tazria-Metzora</a> 8:26 p Havdalah (40 min)</p>
<p>29 7th Iyar</p> <p>9 A—RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>10 A—MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE</p> <p>11:30 A—FACULTY MEETING</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>	<p>30 8th Iyar</p> <p>7:15 P—MINYAN</p>					

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*Barbara Katzman*, Social Action Committee Chair