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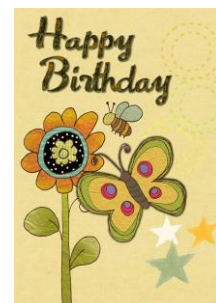
Calls for Submissions (Sent in a separate document)

Congratulations To Our Members!

Upcoming Events by Members

To – **All December Birthdays** – Happy Birthday. May your day and year be filled with happiness, good health, and may all your happy dreams come true.

A Very special birthday this month – Susan Rosenberg is celebrating 97 years! We love you Susan and wish you many more in good health.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Poets,

I hope you are all managing to enjoy Chanukkah with your families despite the newest addition to the Corona alphabet and the resulting restrictions. Here in Voices Israel, we do at least have some happier news:

First: **Elana Dorfman is our new Events Coordinator** – a warm welcome to her! We all know Elana from the workshops she has given; she'll be in charge of the organization of future workshops and any other events we organize and will help me with other national events such as the competition prize-giving and the anthology launch. **If anyone has an idea for a workshop, either via Zoom or face to face, please contact Elana at elanado@gmail.com.**

Second: **the submission period for the Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize is now open.** Please everyone do remind all your family, friends and anyone with teenage children who may be interested, and direct them to the information on the Bar Sagi Prize page of our website: <https://www.voicesisrael.com/bar-sagi-prize>. This year we're reverting to the original format of the competition – it is open to Israeli students only. (Prof. Joseph, our generous prize sponsor, has informed me that he is hoping to open a separate competition for overseas students).

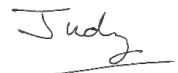
Simultaneously, the submission period for the Reuben Rose competition closed this month and the judges are now busy judging the over-300 entries that we received. Because submissions closed a month later than usual, **the Anthology submission period has also been moved forward a month. It will open on January 15th and run till April 15th.**

As you may know, we change the panel of judges for the Anthology every two years, so our Chief Editor, Dina, has been looking for three new judges. Our new team is Eli Ben-Joseph, Wendy Blumfield and once again Elana Dorfman who has taken on this role in addition to the events coordination. Many thanks to you all! Many thanks also to our previous judges, Edit Gavriely, Yehudit Goldfarb and David Silverman, who may now take a well-earned rest from the job of reading and judging the over 300 poems that the Anthology also receives in a typical year.

The workshop scheduled to be given on November 23rd by Dr. Judy Belsky unhappily had to be postponed for medical reasons; Judy Belsky hopes to give it at a later date. We wish her all the best and a speedy return to full activities!

To end, again, on a happier note: as reported in last month's newsletter: this month Dina Yehuda and I will give a 2-hour Zoom workshop about writing poetry to the TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) students of Givat Washington College, a teacher-training institute near Ashdod. This is a wonderful opportunity to publicize our existence, and that of the Bar Sagi Prize, to those who in a year's time will be teaching English to Israeli high-school students.

All the best,



Judy Koren, President, Voices Israel.

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MEETING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES

<p>HAIFA TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM AT WENDY BLUMFIELD'S 19 SD. WINGATE HAIFA</p> <p>Coordinator: Wendy Blumfield Tel: 04-837-6820 Mobile: 054-524-0412 wendyblumfield@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>TEL AVIV MEETING VIA ZOOM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00 PM</p> <p>Coordinator: Mark Levinson Mobile: 054-444-8438 nosnivel@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>JERUSALEM NO MEETING IN DECEMBER</p> <p>Coordinator: Avril Meallem Tel: 02-567-0998 aemeallem@gmail.com</p>	<p>UPPER GALILEE MEETING VIA PERSONAL ZOOM AND IN PERSON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 5:00-7:00PM</p> <p>Call 04-697-4105 or write to: poetsprogress@gmail.com for a link & guidelines.</p> <p>Coordinator: Reuven Goldfarb Tel: 04-6974105 Mobile: 058-414-0262 poetsprogress@gmail.com</p>
<p>ASHKELON CONTACT CHAIM FOR DETAILS</p> <p>Coordinator: Chaim Bezalel Mobile: 054-674-5900 bezalel.levy@gmail.com</p>	<p>NETANYA & SHARON MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 7:00 PM AT SUSAN OLSBURGH'S 2/6 ZALMAN SHAZAR (3RD FLOOR) RAMAT POLEG</p> <p>Coordinator: Susan Olsburgh Tel: 074-704-2736 olsburgh.susan@gmail.com</p>	<p>WESTERN GALILEE CONTACT PHYLLISIE FOR DETAILS</p> <p>Coordinator: Phyllisie Gross Tel: 052-874-6880 phyllisie@hotmail.com</p>	<p>LONDON UK FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ESTHER.</p> <p>Coordinator: Esther Lipton eblipton@talk21.com</p>
<p>SOUTHERN MEETING VIA ZOOM MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 5:00-7:00 PM</p> <p>Coordinator: Miriam Green Tel: 05-7388640 miriamsgreen@gmail.com</p>	<p>GLOBAL GROUP MEETING VIA PERSONAL ZOOM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 6:45 PM (ISRAEL TIME)</p> <p>Coordinator: Shoshana Kent Tel: 052 808 9365 Y2nosh@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>USA/CANADA NO MEETINGS PLANNED</p>	

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The Voices Israel Group of Poets in English announces the Third Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize Competition, 2022

The Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize commemorates a talented young Israeli poet, Bar Sagi, who died at the age of fifteen. The competition was established by Bar's family and is administered by the Voices Israel Group of Poets in English in consultation with Prof. Anthony Joseph, Bar's grandfather.

The competition is open to Israeli school students aged 12 through 19.

Submission dates: November 15, 2021, through January 15, 2022.

Cash prizes will be awarded to three winning poems: 400 NIS first prize, 250 NIS second prize, 100 NIS third prize. One or more other poems may be awarded an Honorable Mention.

There is no fee for entering the competition.

Competition rules and submission guidelines

- The competition is open to young poets aged 12 to 19 when the poem was written.
- Poets may use their whole name, first name, or a pseudonym. We will not publish any contact information.
- Poets submit by sending up to three poems, by email, in one file – either in the body of the email, or as an attached Word file – to barsagivoices@gmail.com.
- The parent or guardian's name and postal address, and the child's age when the poems were written, must be included somewhere within the document.
- Poems may be in any style and on any subject, but each must have no more than 41 lines (not including title), and they must be in English.
- Poems must be previously unpublished. The poets retain sole copyright of their poems.
- Prizes will be presented by Bar Sagi's family, and the winning poets will read their poems, at a prize-giving ceremony held by Voices Israel. This may be held separately, or together with the prize-giving for the Reuben Rose competition, Voices Israel's annual poetry competition for adults.
- The winning poems, and Honorable Mention poems if there are any, will be published in the annual Voices Israel anthology. Upon acceptance, a parent or legal guardian must sign a release allowing us to publish the poem.

For information about the competition and its winners, and PDF files of the winning poems from previous years, see <https://www.voicesisrael.com/bar-sagi-prize>.

For further questions, contact Susan Bell, the administrator of the competition, at sujubell@gmail.com.

Voices Israel is a fully accredited and approved organization registered since 1993 with the Israel Organizations Authority: number 580197036.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER(S)

PHILIPPA LAMBERT, BEER-SHEVA

ZVI SELLA, HAIFA

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

ELANA DORFMAN HAS AGREED TO TAKE ON THE TASK OF EVENTS COORDINATOR!! WELCOME, ELANA.

A SPECIAL OFFER FROM JOHNMICHAEL SIMON

Johnmichael Simon is offering his chapbook design services to Voices Israel members and friends.

If you would like to possess a beautifully presented and published collection of your own favorite poems, please contact Johnmichael for details of this special offer at johnmichaelsimon@gmail.com.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The most recent **Calls for Submissions** has been sent separately along with this newsletter.

KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

To – **Paul Rabinowitz (USA)** who has three poems and photos in The Montreal Review and The Wish in The Metaworker Literary Journal.

TO: ALL POETS:

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. I WILL PUBLISH THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. YOU DESERVE TO BE CONGRATULATED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paul Rabinowitz (USA). Saturday, December 4, 7-9pm

Join us on Saturday with Dream Float and the film makers of Little Gem Magnolia for an evening of music, free doughnuts from the Doughnut Plant (you read that right) and the premiere of the poetry film, Little Gem Magnolia.

When: December 4th at 7-9PM

Where: Pete's Candy Store, 709 Lorimer St, Brooklyn

Why: Free Doughnuts from the Doughnut Plant

For more info [Little Gem Magnolia](#)

Shot on location at Pete's Candy Store, Brooklyn, NY and Keyport, NJ

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