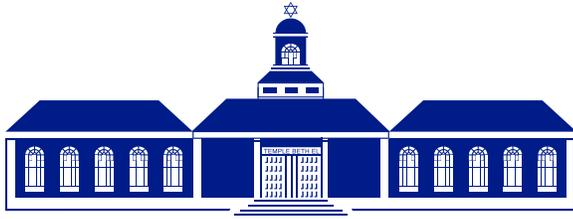


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Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday evening, August 3

At the home of
Sandy Levy & Joe Brachfeld

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## July 6

8:11pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## July 7

9:30am Shabbat Services

## July 13

8:08pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## July 14

9:30am Shabbat Service

## July 20

8:04pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## July 21

9:30am Shabbat Service  
8:52pm Candle Lighting  
9:30pm **Community Tisha B'Av  
Service at CBE**

## July 27

7:57pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## July 28

9:30am Shabbat Service

## CLOSINGS —

**Office Closed: July 4**

## August 3

7:50pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Shabbat Under the Stars  
(Service is offsite)

## August 4

9:30am Shabbat Service

## August 10

7:41pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## August 11

9:30am Shabbat Service

## August 17

7:32pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## August 18

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7:21pm Candle Lighting  
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9:30am Shabbat Service, Bat  
Mitzvah of Risa Rotstein

**Make a Minyan...** No, not that minion, **our Minyan.** 8:00 am any and every weekday morning



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## Rabbi's Table by Rabbi Ita Paskind

### Holding Up the Weight of the World – Part 3

Dear friends,

In our January/February and March/April Bulletins, we have been exploring a well-known teaching, and we'll bring it to a conclusion here:

#### **Avot, Chapter 1, Mishnah 2**

*Shimon HaTzadik (Shimon the Righteous) was one of the last members of the Great Assembly.*

This was a favorite teaching of his:

The world rests on three things — on Torah (*Torah*), on service of God (*Avodah*), on deeds of lovingkindness (*Gemilut Chasadim*).

In many ways, this is the most relatable of Shimon HaTzadik's 3 pillars. After all, who among us doesn't recognize that performing acts of lovingkindness — to those we know as well as to complete strangers — is commendable?!

What makes this pillar of Judaism so crucial, I believe, is the very fact that Shimon HaTzadik presents it in a religious context. Doing good, for us Jews, is THE #1 way we live up to our membership in the Jewish people. I suppose we could enumerate each of the 613 mitzvot, or even just the ones that fall under the larger umbrella of *Gemilut Chasadim*, and articulate the reason each is important. But I'd like to share a theory that I believe unites all of our chesed-related mitzvot: They're all motivated by our people's experience as slaves in Egypt.

What do I mean? Of all the foundational elements of biblical Judaism, the slavery and exodus from Egypt are way at the top. Why must we be kind to the stranger in our midst? Because the Egyptians treated us horribly. Why do we have a day of rest that includes all human beings in our communities, as well as any animals we might own? Because we never had a minute of rest when we were slaves. Every ounce of kindness that the Torah commands us to display may be traced back to those 430 years of persecution. For me, at least, this is extremely powerful. It ties our acts of lovingkindness in this modern world to our Jewish story, bridging millennia and connecting us to our ancestors throughout the generations.

And so, we bring Shimon HaTzadik's teaching to a close. For now. He found a way to communicate that Judaism values equally our relationships to Jewish text, to God, and to other human beings. That balance is what holds up the weight of the world. I pray that each of us strikes that balance during our lives, and that it enriches us and those around us. *Ken yehi ratzon*. May that be God's will.



*We are excited to be back with the community starting July 10.*



### To Our New Members

Cindy Almanzar  
Susan & Ira Kaplan  
Stacy & Lee Soffer

## President's Greeting by David Hirshfield

### The Call

One afternoon during the intermediate days of Pesach, Rabbi Paskind texted to ask me whether we could find time to chat. "Of course," I replied, and as my afternoon work meetings continued apace, I wondered what was up. I knew we had Torah readings covered for the holiday, and beyond, since I've been responsible for lining up readers for Shabbat and holidays for the past several years. The rabbi and I share a love for *leyning* and related cantillation trivia, but it didn't seem likely that she'd be calling me to talk about an unusual trope. I concluded she probably needed to discuss a minor detail related to her upcoming (and somewhat delayed) absence that would follow her child's birth — already nearly a week overdue.

Later that afternoon we finally spoke, and you'll probably guess that the topic had nothing to do with Torah readings or maternity leave coverage. Rabbi Paskind told me she was calling on behalf of the Nominating Committee, formally asking whether I'd accept their nomination to be the next President of the synagogue. I've arrived at a point in life where I'm not often surprised, but I'll admit that the rabbi's question left me momentarily without words — something that those of you who know me merits a special mention. When I regained the power of speech, I echoed what I refer to as a *Honeymooners* response: when Ralph, memorably played by Jackie Gleason, is inevitably confronted by his wife Alice with proof that his latest scheme had not exactly worked as planned, he would be left only able to mumble, "humuna, humuna, humuna."

As I gradually became more coherent, I responded with a few of my own questions — the most important of which was whether the Rabbi had, in fact, called the right David. It is, after all, not an uncommon name. Rabbi Paskind assured me that she hadn't misdialed. I told the Rabbi I'd need some time to think it over, to discuss it with my wife Jayne, and to hear the perspectives of others on the nominating committee. She told me to take all the time I needed — and then we both laughed, since it was clear that time was short.

I had several conversations over the next few days, soliciting the views of friends and family. Since both my father and my brother have served in the same role, their perspectives were particularly valuable. My kids were both very excited and Jayne has been very supportive, gradually warming up to the idea of becoming First Lady.

As Pesach wound down and the deadline for my decision — like the return of *hametz* — loomed, a few things came into focus. I feel greatly honored to be asked to take on this important leadership role in our community. Of course, I had been telling that to everyone, but when I considered the deep multi-generational ties to CBE of my three immediate

predecessors — Sharon, Keith, and Steve — I felt all the more privileged to have been asked — after all I'm a relative newcomer to Beth El, only joining about 10 years ago. I am lucky to have found, in Norwalk, the warm embrace of a wonderful congregation; where both my children became bar and bat mitzvah; where I'm able to indulge my love of Torah reading each week; and where I've been privileged to lead Rosh Hashanah services for the entire community. And so as I considered assuming this very different type of leadership — decidedly non-liturgical, to be sure — I realized (as Jayne so perceptibly told me) that this is always something towards which I've been drawn. I'm thankful for the strong leadership that Sharon, the members of the Executive Committee, and the Board have provided over the past three years; and I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me to continue that important work over the next two years.

*B'Hatzlacha* — Good Luck — to us all!

### Beth El Memorial Park Announces New Purchase Plan

End of life decisions are the kind we often put off, until too late. Advanced planning reduces stress and can save your family money at the time of the funeral. To assist in that regard, the Beth El Memorial Park Board has authorized a purchase plan for Beth El members. This plan takes the cost per plot and divides it evenly over four years. Purchasers also have the opportunity to include perpetual care costs in these arrangements or defer them until the time of burial. Any outstanding costs are due at the time of interment. For more information call the Beth El Office or Keith Satter, Chair, at 203-856-5669.

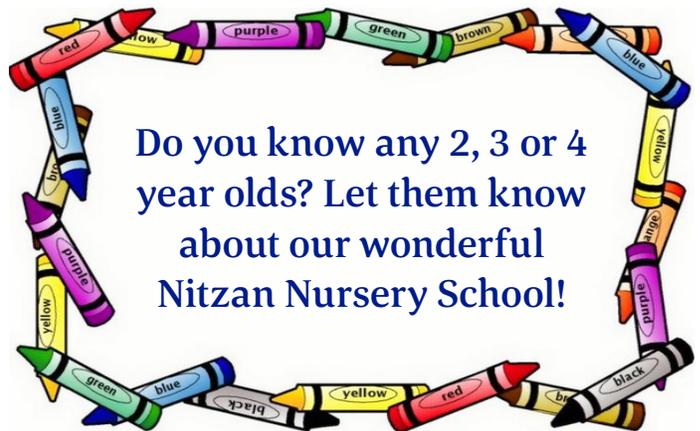


*Dina Fleischmann runs into gift card sales guru, Harry Morgenthaler!*

# Nitzan News

by Amy SantaLucia, Director

The end of the school year is always so bittersweet for me – I am so happy for my students who will be off to kindergarten in the fall, but I also feel sad because we are losing members of our Nitzan family. I couldn't be more proud of our graduates – although they will be missed, I know they will be fabulous in their new schools. Our Goodbye Party/Graduation on June 6th was a huge success. The children sang their hearts out to their families, we had yummy cake to help celebrate and then Tom Weber, a children's musician, helped us rock out right into summer.



**Do you know any 2, 3 or 4 year olds? Let them know about our wonderful Nitzan Nursery School!**



If you have been around Beth El lately and have heard squeals of delight, it's because Summer Fun Camp at Nitzan Nursery School is in full swing. The number of campers we have signed up far surpasses what I had anticipated. Whether we are having fun in the sprinklers, creating a wonderful art experience to bring home, cooking at our toy grill or enjoying our super cool bubble machine... the children (and staff) are having a blast. Feel free to stop by our playground and check out all the fun!! (Although you may get WET).



Thank you to all who came out to Mr. Frosty's Ice Cream Shop for our school fundraiser in May. The weather was perfect, the ice cream delicious and everyone had a blast. I am happy to report that the money we earned will be used in the fall for some new programming for the Nitzan students. Thanks for always supporting us!!



Watermelon Wednesday will be making its return come August. Rabbi Paskind and I will be meeting on the playground every Wednesday in August 9:30-10:00. We will be sharing some songs, stories and... watermelon. Our program is FREE. All are welcome. Help us spread the word about this special program. We hope to see many of you there.



Save the date – Tuesday, September 4th will be Nitzan's Third annual Dining for Dollars event at Bertucci's Restaurant. More details to follow.



We are currently accepting registration for the fall. If you know any preschool aged children, please tell them about our wonderful school. They can contact me at [nitzan@congbethel.org](mailto:nitzan@congbethel.org) to learn more about our program.



**Keep those Box Tops coming... Nitzan earns 10 cents for each one we collect!**

## Navasky News by Danielle Mittleman



Shalom! My name is Danielle Mittleman and I am excited to be your new Director of Education in Navasky Explorers. I have had a love of teaching in Jewish education since I was a child. It started when I was 13 and after my Bat Mitzvah. I became a madricha in the Hebrew School that I attended. The teachers saw something in me and, by the end of the year, I was helping run the class of three and four-year-olds. This experience changed my life and made me pursue a career in education and specifically in Jewish education.

While a lot of my teaching experience is in the Early Childhood field, it was always along side teaching Hebrew School. I have personally taught almost every grade from Pre-K through seventh grade. My husband and I were very involved in our own temple's youth group until we had our own children, which even included chaperoning a retreat while pregnant with my first child! We keep in touch with many members of this youth group, who are no longer youths but are getting married and starting to have children of their own!

Teaching has brought me a lot of joy over the years. I love to watch as the children learn new concepts for the first time or

make realizations that can affect their life now and in their future. Having these moments is why one goes into teaching. We call them the "ah ha!" moments. It doesn't matter what age you are teaching because they will happen. And when they do, there is a pure sense of joy and success. I also plan on using my many years of teaching experience as your director to help the already fantastic teachers here.

Al Treidel has helped to ensure that Navasky Explorers has a wonderful curriculum and is on a great path. There is an abundance of resources and great teachers to help influence the children so that they are prepared and knowledgeable in their Jewish learning. I have been meeting with Al to understand what Navasky has to offer and the splendid programming that is in place. I plan on continuing the curriculum and programming that have been working so well. I am looking forward to making sure that others in our community know what a special and inspiring school Navasky Explorers has become. Attracting new students so that they too can receive a warm and exciting Hebrew school experience is a priority that I know is shared within the Beth El community.

I will be in and out of the building sporadically throughout the summer while I spend time with my husband and two boys, gearing up to start in mid-August. Please feel free to stop by, introduce yourself and have a schmooze so we can get to know one another. Also, I can't wait to meet the Navasky children that I have heard so many amazing stories about. I have repeatedly been told, in and outside the congregation, that these children are the BEST in Fairfield County. How lucky am I!

Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer.

B'Shalom,  
Danielle Mittleman

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**Please stay on the lookout for emails and flyers for our upcoming events!**

Pictured left to right:

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## Editorial Page by Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg

*The following is an introduction from the editors to Kim Krieger's editorial which begins on page 8:*

The current Turkish regime, led since 2005 by Recep Tayyip Erdogan, appears to be abandoning its roots as a secular state founded by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923 to revert to its Ottoman roots circa 1909, when Sultan Abdul Hamid II (or Sultan Abdul the Damned) was overthrown by the Young Turks/Committee of Unity and Progress. Abdul Hamid was the last Sultan to effectively control the Ottoman Empire, the Sick Man of Europe, during his reign from August 31, 1876 through April 27, 1909.

Abdul Hamid II attempted to rule the Ottoman Empire with an autocratic hand and deep animosity toward the Empire's minority nations: the Kurds, the Armenians, the Turcomans and the Greek Orthodox Christians. The Jews were relatively unaffected because they had no separatist aspirations. Though paying lip service to the Young Ottomans, Abdul Hamid promulgated a New Constitution in 1876. This constitution was rejected by both Russia and the Western European Nations because Western norms did not work with Muslim beliefs, ideals and the Ottoman political culture. Following its defeat during the Russo-Turkish War (April 1877- February 1878), the Ottoman Empire lost major European territory to Russia. The Western European Nations, fearing Russian gains in South Eastern Europe, effectively gutted the Treaty of San Stefano ending the Russo-Turkish War and again propped up the Ottoman Empire as a defense against Russian encroachment in Southern Europe.

Instead of attempting to placate the Ottoman minorities and consolidate power, Abdul Hamid suspended the Constitution and dissolved Parliament. He then recommenced his campaign against the minorities, most actively against the Christian Armenians. Abdul Hamid also believed that the Ottoman Empire controlled all Muslims religiously as the Caliphate was located in Constantinople, present day Istanbul.

The Committee of Unity and Progress joined with the Young Turks to attempt to democratize, reform and modernize the Ottoman Empire. Both organizations included Jews, such as Emmanuel Carasso Effendi and Tekin Alp, Donmeh (descendants of followers of the false Messiah Shabbatai Tzvi who converted to Islam in the 17th century) such as Mehmet Cavit Bey and other minority representatives, along with a majority of Muslim Turks. The absolute Monarchy was overthrown in 1908 and the suspended Constitution of 1876 was restored. In 1909 a counter-revolution to restore the autocratic regime deposed the Young Turk cabinet. However, loyal troops from Salonica in the Ottoman Province of Greece restored the Young Turks to power. Abdul Hamid II was

deposed and his brother, Sultan Mehmed V, was proclaimed as the "Parliamentary" Ottoman Emperor.

The revolution inspired by the Committee of Unity and Progress and the Young Turks, at the onset, reorganized the Ottoman Empire's economy, rail systems and military forces in the European models. They granted civil rights to most Turkish minorities. Ultimately however, the westernized Young Turk government splintered and fell apart. An extreme faction led by Enver Pasha, Talaat Pasha and Djemal Pasha took over the reins of power, in effect forming a military ruled government with ties to Germany. Minority rights were revoked from the Kurds and Armenians.

The Ottoman Empire entered World War I as a member of the Axis powers, allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary. The Turkish armies, led by the German halachically Jewish General Limon von Sanders, were ultimately defeated. In 1915, the Turks, claiming that the Turkish Armenians were supporting the Russians, expelled the Armenians from areas abutting Russia and forced marched them south into the Ottoman's Syrian Province. Ultimately 1,500,000 Armenians were massacred, overworked and/or starved to death in what became known as the Armenian Massacre or Genocide. In an effort to whitewash Muslim Turks, it has been falsely claimed that the perpetrators of these acts, Enver Pasha, Talaat Pasha and Djemal Pasha were Donmeh, descendants of converted Jews.

Following the Treaty of Sevres which broke apart the Ottoman Empire, the Republic of Turkey was formed. Led by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the Republic became a secular democratic nation with no national religion. Minorities were granted Turkish citizenship but were Turkified; they were educated in and required to speak and transact business in Turkish. The minorities were allowed freedom of worship and tolerance. The State banned the fez, the taboosh and the chador. The Turkish Army became the guardians of the secular state and, on various occasions, effectuated regime changes to enforce the secular state and constitution.

Jewish/Turkish relations go back in time to the beginning of the Ottoman Empire. Jews were often brought into newly acquired provinces and territories to spur economic growth. Prior to the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1473, there were major Jewish communities in Bursa (the capital from 1335-1363) and Edirne (the capital from 1363-1453). In 1517 the Ottomans, under Sultan Selin I the Conqueror, occupied Jerusalem and present-day Israel. They ruled the area until defeated by the British in World War I.

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## Editorial by Kim Krieger *continued from page 7*

*Kim Krieger has written a powerful editorial on Jewish-Turkish relations in the modern era through the lens of history for our interest as follows:*

Turkish-Israeli relations hit a low in May, when the Turkish government ordered the Israeli ambassador to leave the country in retaliation for the deaths of Palestinian protesters in the Gaza Strip. The two countries had only recently reconciled after a previous dispute involving Gaza, and the rhetoric has been escalating. Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan in May called Israel “a terror state” that has committed “a genocide” and Netanyahu responded with a personal attack on Erdogan, saying that as a supporter of Hamas, the Turkish president himself was involved in “terrorism and slaughter.”

It’s a far cry from the 1990s, when the two countries shared both a secular outlook and concern over instability in the Middle East. Trade and tourism between the two countries were booming, and they even practiced joint military maneuvers in Turkish airspace.

But relations cooled with the election of Erdogan in 2005 and Turkey’s pivot toward a more Islamic-flavored state. The question is now whether the strained relations between Israel and Turkey herald the start of a pervasive, Arab-style antisemitism, or whether the historic good relations and shared interests between the two countries will prevail.

In the seventh century, many Jews praised the Muslim advance conquering the Middle East as a relief from Christian Roman tyranny. And it did indeed prove better. Under the Ottoman millet system, Jews, Greek Orthodox Christians, Syrian Christians and Armenians each had a separate, binding charter under which they could be tried and judged under their own religious law.

The Jewish community expanded dramatically in 1492 when Ferdinand and Isabella took Granada in El Andalus, and 30,000 Jews emigrated to Ottoman territory. The Sultan Bayezid II recognized the influx of Jews as an opportunity, and said, “You call Ferdinand a wise ruler...yet he impoverishes his own country to enrich mine!” By 1477 there were 1,647 taxpaying Jewish households in Istanbul alone, 11% of the population.

This is not to say there were no anti-Jewish incidents under the Ottomans. For example, during the Greek War of Independence in 1821, the Greek patriarch of Istanbul was hung in retribution for the Greek revolt. The Grand Vizier, instead of using agents of the Ottoman state, told Jews to cut the patriarch’s body down and throw it into the sea. The Christians rioted, and 5,000 Jews were killed.

When Turkey transformed into a republic in the early 1920s, the first president, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, instituted a broad series of reforms intended to make it a modern, secular

country. Jews were citizens. But when the country was stressed, it still targeted its minorities. During the Axis alignment with Germany, for example, Turkey imposed punitive taxes on Jews—but also on Greek and Armenian Christians. (The tax regime did not mean the Turkish government threw away its morals; as the atrocities of World War II became apparent, Turkish embassies in France and eastern Europe gave Jews the passports of young Muslim students so that they could escape the death camps and travel back to Turkey, saving as many as 100,000 Jewish lives.) During the Turkish nationalist pogrom of September 6-7, 1955, Greek and Armenian businesses were targeted right along with Jewish ones.

In general, the anti-Semitic episodes in Turkey through the end of the 20th century were really anti-minority episodes that targeted Jews not because they were Jews but because they were not the Turkish Muslim majority.

And this is what makes the current spat between Turkey and Israel so troubling. Erdogan’s government seems to be making common cause with the Palestinians simply because they are Muslims. This is similar to many of the Arab nations, which focus their people’s attention on the Palestinians to avoid hard questions about their conduct at home. But unlike these other Middle Eastern countries, Turkey is not Arab. Turkey is diverse, with citizens descended from peoples in Central Asia, the Caucasus, Mesopotamia, former Soviet areas, and Greece. An overwhelming Turkish nationalism born of Ataturk’s reforms unites them.

Another troubling sign is the rumor that Ataturk himself was a Jew. The rumor serves two insidious purposes: first, it paints Jews as The Other instead of fellow citizens, and second, it delegitimizes Ataturk in some minds and makes the secular, inclusive Turkey he midwived into a foreign idea. It paves the way for Islamist political groups to make the idea of “being Turkish” mean “being Muslim”. If that happens, many Turkish citizens will suffer, and Europe, the US and Israel could lose a valuable ally. We should all hope the Turkish people reject the lie that Turkish equals Muslim, and re-embrace their inclusionary, secular national identity and their world allies who share these ideals.

**SOUP  KITCHEN**

**Join us at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to prepare and serve lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Come for one or both shifts:  
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**Any questions, please contact  
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# BLACK DAY IN JULY TISHA B'AV THE BLACK FAST July 21-22, 2018

*A day of mourning, contemplation, fasting and lamentations. We remember with sorrow:*

- (1312) BCE The traditional date when the spies return to Moses with their reports that Canaan cannot be conquered. However, Joshua and Caleb dispute this negative assessment.
- 587 BCE Destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians.
- 70 CE Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans.
- 135 CE Destruction of the Fortress of Betar by the Romans, crushing the Bar Kochba revolt.
- 136 CE Romans commence to build a pagan city, Aelia Capitolina, on the site of destroyed Jerusalem. The site of the Temple Mount is ploughed over.
- 1095 CE Pope Urban II declares the First Crusade. Jewish communities are destroyed in France and the Rhineland. Ten thousand Jews are killed in the first month of the Crusade.
- 1290 CE King Edward I expels the Jews from England.
- 1492 CE The Jews are expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.
- 1626 CE Shabbatai Tzvi, a false Jewish Messiah who ultimately converted to Islam is born in Smyrna, Ottoman Turkey.
- 1914 CE World War I commences, Britain and Russia declare war on Germany.
- 1942 CE Deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Extermination Camp at Treblinka commence.
- 1989 CE Iraq walks out on talks with Kuwait.
- 1994 CE The Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina is bombed, killing 86 people and wounding over 300 others.
- Tradition: The Jewish Messiah will be born of Tisha B'Av.

How deserted lies the City (Jerusalem),  
once so full of people.  
How like a widow is she,  
who once was great among the nations!  
She who was Queen among the provinces  
has now become a slave.

**Lamentations Chapter 1 Verse 1**

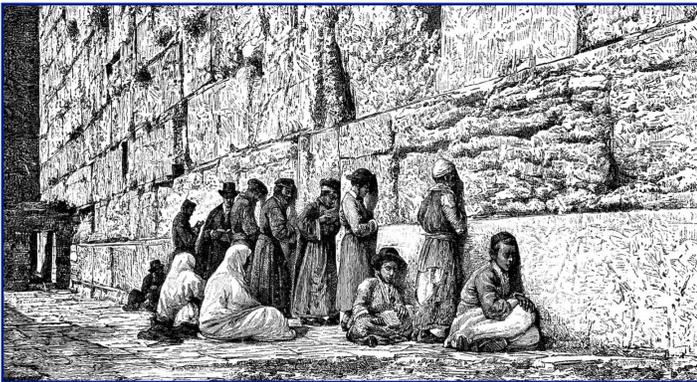
# Photo Album: Commemorating Tisha B'Av



*The People Mourning over the Ruins of Jerusalem, Lamentations 1:1-2 (1866) by Gustave Doré*



Photograph of Jews commemorating Tisha B'Av at the Western Wall during the Ottoman period (late 1800s – early 1900s)



Hand-drawn representation of Lamentations at the Western Wall during the Ottoman rule



Jewish captives entering Rome following the destruction of the Second Temple (70 CE); Arch of Titus, Rome



Jews mourning the destruction of the Temple at the Western Wall (late 1600s – early 1700s)



Modern day Israelis lamenting the Tisha B'Av tragedies, 21st century

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Don Herman & Joan Herman-London in honor of the Baby Naming of Brooke Cobin

Richard & Karen Schwam in honor of Ellen Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah

David & Lindsey Rossen in honor of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Marvin Rosenbaum in honor of Morah Morgan's Bat Mitzvah

Marvin Rosenbaum in honor of Belle DeFala's Bat Mitzvah

Marvin Rosenbaum a speedy recovery to Sandy Levy

Marvin Rosenbaum a speedy recovery to Alan Rich

Alison & Steve Sherman in honor of Riva Silverman and Jim Sugarman for making Annie's Bat Mitzvah service so perfect.

## Kadden B'nei Mitzvah Fund

Alan & Sunny Rich in honor of Ellen Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jack & Marilyn Rice in memory of Leo Rice

Wendy Engel in honor of Noa Paskind

Andy Meyers & Andrea Tolchinsky in honor of the naming of Noa Maayan

Alan & Sunny Rich – Mazal Tov to Rabbi Paskind & her new daughter

Mike & Janis Siegel – Mazal Tov to Rabbi Paskind on the birth of Noa Maayan

Steven Rotstein & Marguerite Felsenfeld in honor of Noa Paskind

Bob & Judy Rosenkranz in honor of Ellen Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah

Bert & Maddi Wasserman in honor Ellen Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah

Ellen Wasserman, to thank Rabbi Paskind for her patience and enthusiasm as she prepared me for my Bat Mitzvah

Marion Avrick

Sharon & Marc Rosen in memory of Dr. Heinz Munter

## Hesed Fund

Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of Herman Sobel

## Soup Kitchen Fund

Richard & Karen Schwam in memory of Helen Arend

## Nitzan Nursery School Fund

Alan & Sunny Rich in honor of the Baby Naming of Brooke Cobin

Stephen & Linda Stein in honor of Noa Paskind

Robert & Gail Ginsberg in honor of Rabbi Paskind & the birth of Noa

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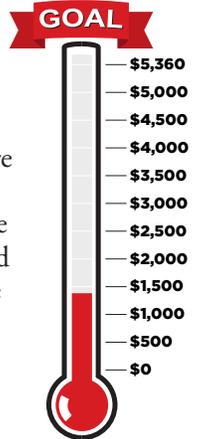
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**General Kiddush Fund**

Ellen & Joel Wasserman in honor of Moriah Morgan's Bat Mitzvah  
Ellen & Joel Wasserman in honor of Gabrielle Saffan's Bat Mitzvah

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