



# Bulletin

## Summer is here... let's take Shabbat outside!

Welcome Shabbat in the heart of nature! We'll be holding Shabbat services every other week outside, weather permitting, of course.

Bring your Shabbat dinner to the beach and the park, and we can spend Friday evening together nourishing our souls and our tummies.

Dust off those beach chairs and picnic baskets, and mark your calendars!

### 2019 SUMMER SCHEDULE

**6:00pm start\***

**June 28** - Sherwood Island Beach

**July 12** - Bunkhouse at Cranbury Park

**July 26** - Sherwood Island Beach

**August 9** - Bunkhouse at Cranbury Park

**August 16** - Sherwood Island Beach

\*We'll send an email by 4pm if the weather looks iffy



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## July/August 2019 Schedule of Services

### July 5

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

### July 6

9:30am Shabbat Service

### July 12

8:09pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service at the Bunkhouse

### July 13

9:30am Shabbat Service

### July 19

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

### July 20

9:30am Shabbat Service

### July 26

7:58pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Sherwood Island

### July 27

9:30am Shabbat Service

### CLOSINGS

Office Closed: July 4 and 5

### August 2

7:51pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### August 3

9:30am Shabbat Service

### August 9

7:43pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service at the Bunkhouse

### August 10

9:30am Shabbat Service  
9:00 pm Erev Tisha B'Av at TCS Westport

### August 11

8:45 am Shacharit at TCS  
8:48pm Havdalah

### August 16

7:33pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Sherwood Island

### August 17

9:30am Shabbat Service

### August 23

7:23pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### August 24

9:30am Shabbat Service, B'not Mitzvah of Alexis & Madeline Shukovsky

### August 30

7:12pm Candle Lighting  
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### August 31

9:30am Shabbat Service

### Make a Minyan...

No, not that minion, *our Minyan.*

8:00 am any and every  
weekday morning



**NOTE: MINYAN REMAINS AT 8:00 AM EVEN ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS**

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*Remember Congregation Beth El-Norwalk in your Will*

# Rabbi's Table

by Rabbi Ita Paskind

## Reflections on Pop-Up Rabbi

A warm latte (decaf\*) in the winter. An ice-cold Americano (decaf\*) in the spring. A few tables pushed together. A sign that invites questions. And you.

Six months in, I'd like to reflect on the experience of Pop-Up Rabbi.

When I wrote to you last winter introducing the concept, I set out only 2 guidelines:

1. There's no agenda.
2. Whoever shows up — congregant or new friend — will be the right company.

I felt compelled to write that because, in truth, I was worried that there might only be 1-2 people showing up, and they/you might feel that it was a waste of your time or a flop of a "program". Luckily — as far as I know — those worries were unfounded.

### Connection and Re-Connection

I discovered something magical in that motto over the last six months. On most Wednesdays (both mornings and evenings), the folks who came to share coffee and conversation almost always knew me, but didn't always know everyone else. Sometimes people hadn't seen each other in years! With that motto ringing in my ears, I set out to *foster connections and re-connections* between members of Beth El! That's one of my favorite outcomes of this endeavor.

### Portable Pop-Ups

One of the features of our Beth El community is that we live ALL over Fairfield county. If I were to always pop up in Norwalk, it would be a schlep for those who live in Stamford, Bridgeport, South Salem NY, and Wilton. (Well, it would be the same schlep you make when you come to Beth El.) But

my hope was to be more accessible, and that meant choosing coffee shops in our different towns. To date, I've spent time in Norwalk, Wilton, Westport, and Stamford. And it makes a difference. Some of you have the flexibility to grab a cup anywhere, but others are more pressed for time. In each location, the majority of people who came live in that town. So I'll keep doing that!

I also discovered that Wednesday mornings aren't ideal for anyone who works (duh), so I was happy to add a monthly evening Pop-Up Rabbi, which has been great.

### But What Do You Talk About?

This is the FAQ about Pop-Up Rabbi. If there's no lesson plan or agenda,

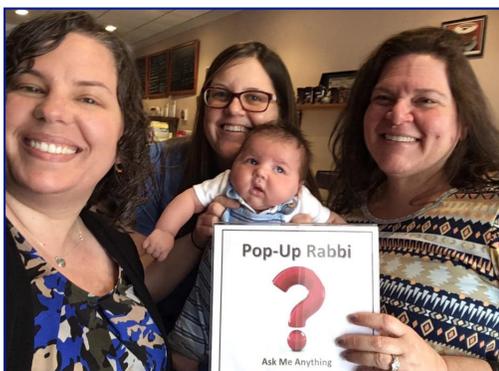
what could the conversation possibly be about? In truth, it's different every time. Sometimes, someone asks me or the group a question, and we discuss. (My favorite: Can Jews own pigs as pets?) Very often, someone in the coffee shop who hasn't been sitting with us will ask me what a "pop-up rabbi" is, and that's a great conversation starter. And sometimes, nobody asks a question, but the conversation develops organically, often but not only on a Jewish subject.

The goal remains the same: To find opportunities to connect with YOU, Beth El friends, wherever you are.

I'm taking a summer break from Pop-Up Rabbi, but I'm always available to grab a cup of coffee with you. I hope you'll take me up on that offer. We can talk about whatever's on your mind.

Rabbi Ita Paskind

\*For those of you who have worried that my dedication to you has affected my caffeine intake, please know: I only drink decaf. ☺



# Nitzan News

by Amy SantaLucia, Director

This time of year is always so bittersweet for any educator. You look at your students and you see how far they have come during the school year. You are so proud of all the hard work that they have put into school. On the other hand, you are sad to send them on their way. Preschool is no different. We feel like we have had a hand in molding these young children and now we must say goodbye to them. I could not be prouder of our graduates. I know they are going to shine in kindergarten.

Our Goodbye Party/Graduation 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.



Camp is already in full swing at Nitzan. We are busy running through sprinklers, painting outside, getting wet at the water table – all kinds of good, outdoor fun! If you are passing through the Beth El parking lot, you may hear squeals of delight as the campers are enjoying themselves. Feel free to peek your head in and see what all the fun is about. We have a few special visitors planned for throughout the summer – Sparky the Fire Dog and the Smoke house, a dog from PAWS animal shelter, EMS will bring an ambulance by... just to name a few. Tons of fun to be had!!



A huge thank you to all who came out to support Nitzan at our third annual “Mr. Frosty’s Ice-cream shop” fundraiser. Although the weather didn’t fully cooperate, we didn’t let that dampen our moods. We all had a blast. It was wonderful to see all the Navasky and Nitzan families interacting and getting to know one another.



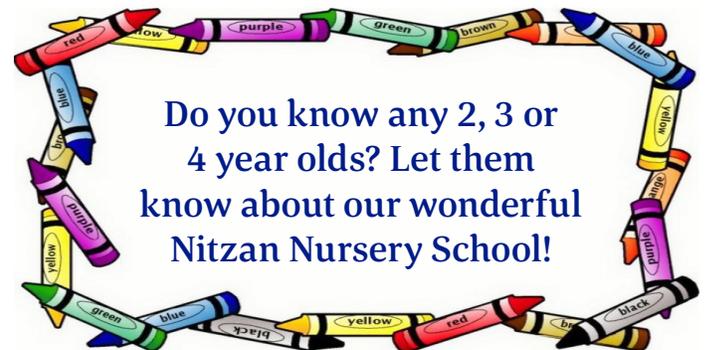
Exciting news... Nitzan families, Navasky families and Beth El congregants will all have another chance to mingle with one another in the Fall. Keep an eye out for more information on a BERTUCCI'S “Dining for Dollars” event. Stay tuned!!

## Bertucci's



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 children are welcome. Help us spread the word about this special program. We hope to see many of you there.

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.



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



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

## Navasky News by Danielle Mittleman

School is over and I know I'm looking forward to a warm and fun summer. But I'm also really excited about the Fall and another amazing year at Navasky! I want to make sure to have everyone's information. Please take the time to send in your registration papers as soon as you can! In case you have misplaced your paperwork, here is the link to print the forms.

<https://images.shulcloud.com/630/uploads/Navasky/registration-form-2019-2020.pdf>

You will also find a calendar for next year on our website. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall and have a wonderful summer!

## B'nai Mitzvah



**Madeline Shukovsky**

Hi, my name is Madeline Shukovsky and I can't wait to become a Bat Mitzvah on August 24, 2019. I remember just barely starting to learn the Hebrew alphabet and wondering how long it would take for me to become a Bat Mitzvah. I am so excited to stand on the bima and count in a minyan.

I live in Wilton with my mom, Valerie; my dad, Sam; and my sister, Lexi. I am now a rising 7th grader at Middlebrook School. I can't wait to share this big day with my twin sister, Lexi. Outside of school, I swim competitively on the Wilton Wahoos; I practice 5 to 6 days a week. I also attended Navasky Hebrew School and am looking forward to become a madricha this fall. In my free time, I love to read, cook, and bake.

For our Bat Mitzvah project, Lexi and I wanted to bring our love of baking to life by baking birthday cakes for the kids living at Open Door Shelter. By doing this, we help kids who are having a difficult time feel special on their birthdays. I have been co-leading this project with Lexi since January and have been baking a cake every month for the kids living in the shelter.

I would like to thank my mom for listening to me practice endless times and keeping me company while I practiced my Haftarah and Torah portions. Thank you to my dad, who always pumps me up and gives me encouragement. Thank you to my sister for always giving me competition, which has motivated me throughout this process. I would also like to thank my Navasky friends, who always give me great ideas. Finally, a big thank you to Rabbi Paskind and Bracha Moshe for fine tuning and helping me continue to learn the prayers, Haftarah, and Torah portions.

## 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:  
11am-12pm – Prep or  
12:30-2pm – Serve

Any questions, please contact  
Stephanie Gordon, ng3364@aol.com



**Alexis Shukovsky**

Hi, my name is Alexis Shukovsky and my parsha is Eikev. On August 24, 2019, I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. This is not only a thrilling occasion for me, but it's extra special that I am sharing this monumental moment with my sister, Maddie.

I am currently a rising 7th grader at Middlebrook School in Wilton. I live with my parents, Valerie and Sam, and my twin sister, Maddie. Outside of school, I swim with the Wilton Wahoos. I have been swimming with the Wilton Wahoos for over five years now and I go to practice up to six days each week. Cooking and baking have also become a really fun part of my life. This past year, Maddie and I won the Top Chef competition in the desserts category at school. When I am not at school, swimming, cooking, or baking, I like to read. Reading is a way for me to explore different times in history. I love to read about Judaism in the past.

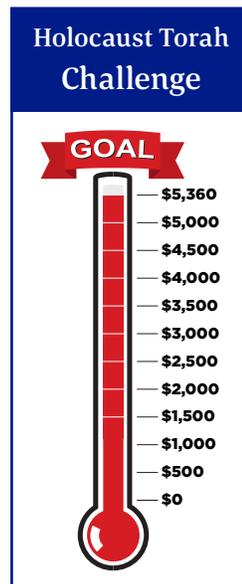
A big theme in my parsha is to be thankful for what you have. So, I wanted to not only tell, but show, that I am thankful for the food I eat. My bat mitzvah project is to bake cakes for the kids' birthdays at Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. I have done this once each month since January.

I would like to thank Rabbi Paskind and Bracha Moshe for helping me perfect my prayers, Haftarah, and Torah portions. I would like to thank my friends from Hebrew school for always giving me a helping hand when I felt stuck. I would like to thank my dad for motivating me to keep on going; my mom for always helping me in any way she can; and my sister, Maddie for always motivating me to move forward.

## Editorial Page by Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg

Last year our congregants met a challenge to raise funds to obtain a Torah damaged in the Holocaust as a memorial to the “six million.” As the article below entitled “*Synagogues Use Rescued Scrolls As Legacy Of Lost Czech Communities*” states, there are fewer than one hundred scrolls left.

What are the next steps required to obtain this living memento of our past, this sacred symbol showing that we stand together against bigotry and anti-Semitism in a world which has seen a regnesis of hatred? A committee must be formed to prepare our application and then transfer funds to the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust at the Westminster Synagogue in London, England. For those wishing to serve on this milestone endeavor, please leave a message for Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg at the synagogue office.



### Synagogues Use Rescued Scrolls As Legacy Of Lost Czech Communities

*from The Archive of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency*

During World War II, the Nazis destroyed Jewish communities across Czechoslovakia and brought Jewish objects to Prague for a planned “museum of an extinct race.”

But as a recent conference in Chicago showed, some of these objects are being used for a Jewish people that is, indeed, alive and well.

The conference, which was attended by Jews from across the United States and Britain, focused on 1,564 Czech Torah scrolls that were rescued nearly 40 years ago from an abandoned synagogue in Prague.

Most of the scrolls, part of a massive collection of Jewish ceremonial objects accumulated in Prague under the Nazis, are on permanent loan to Jewish institutions and synagogues across the world courtesy of their rescuers, the London-based Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust at the Westminster Synagogue.

All but 100 or so of the 1,564 scrolls originally brought to Westminster have been distributed — as far afield as Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Puerto Rico and South Africa. More than 1,000 are held by synagogues and Jewish institutions in the United States.

The Chicago event was attended by 50 scroll-holding representatives under the auspices of the U.S.-based Czech Torah Network, a group dedicated to showing congregations how they can explore the legacy of their Czech Memorial Scroll.

The conference, sponsored by the Chicago-based congregation B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, included a workshop on the scrolls conducted by Michael Heppner of London’s Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue.

“It was very emotional,” he said. “We have a Kolin scroll that is very important to us. When we received it 35 years ago, it was the last glowing ember of a 600-year-old congregation. We blew on it, and thank goodness it didn’t go out.”

Heppner, who chairs Northwood & Pinner Synagogue’s “Czech Connection,” which has built bonds with the town and its lost Kolin congregation, said the conference was particularly important because many holders of the scrolls may be unaware of the “deeply symbolic” link between them and the destroyed congregations.

Others were equally moved by the conference, which covered a range of issues, including how to trace the original scroll-holding communities, and how to encourage congregations to get more involved and interested in their scrolls.

Larry Glickman, senior youth group adviser at B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, called the conference “wildly successful.”

“People got what they came for,” he told JTA. “They left our conference enthused and excited about connecting with their ‘Torah town.’ I think you are going to be hearing about a lot more people traveling to the Czech Republic to visit these Jewish communities which, until now, have been largely forgotten about and ignored.”

Glickman, whose congregation also holds a Kolin scroll, believes the scrolls represent much more than just ceremonial objects.

“For our congregation, the Kolin Torah puts a human face on the Holocaust,” he said. “We have 480 people, names and dates to connect with — not the unimaginable 6 million.”

“The scrolls remind our congregation of the Jewish people of Kolin. The Jews of Kolin have no one to carry their memories, they have no one to say Kaddish for them. We see ourselves as the inheritors of their Jewish tradition. We say their names, we clean their graves, we pray in their synagogue. We remember.”

The gathering was made possible by the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust, which not only rescued the scrolls from gradual decay in an abandoned synagogue but also restored as many of them as possible.

# BLACK DAY IN AUGUST TISHA B'AV THE BLACK FAST August 10–11, 2019

9:00pm Service on Saturday night at TCS  
8:45am Shacharit at TCS (no tallit or tefillin)

*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 on 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**

**Thank you to Michelle Fanwick for leading our Rainbow Challah Baking workshop and preparing the Oneg Shabbat for Pride Shabbat.**



**Thank you to Beth El's own Harry Heftler for serving as our speaker for Pride Shabbat.**



**Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown,  
Sunday, September 29.**

Information regarding the High Holidays will be going out by the end of July. Watch your mailbox for your High Holiday Envelope!

## We Remember Rabbi Goldberg

May 28, 1984 was a rainy day – it was pouring buckets and it was also our daughter Rebecca’s bat mitzvah day. Everyone got wet coming to Beth El.

Cantor Debbie had prepared Rebecca to chant special melodies. But May 28, 1984 started out as a truly gloomy day.

When all were settled in seats, Rabbi Jonas took to the bimah and opened by saying, “It may be dark, raining and dreary outside, but the sun is going to shine inside Beth El.”

Rabbi Jonas changed the mood of everyone in the shul with a few simple words. And the sun did shine that day even if it wasn’t up in the sky.

Rabbi Jonas did that a lot – saying the right thing at just the right time – at many simchas and times of tzuris – at a lot of b’nai mitzvot, weddings and funerals. He said the right thing when we were hiring Cantor Debbie as the second woman cantor in the Conservative movement. He said the right thing to do was to make our shul more inclusive.

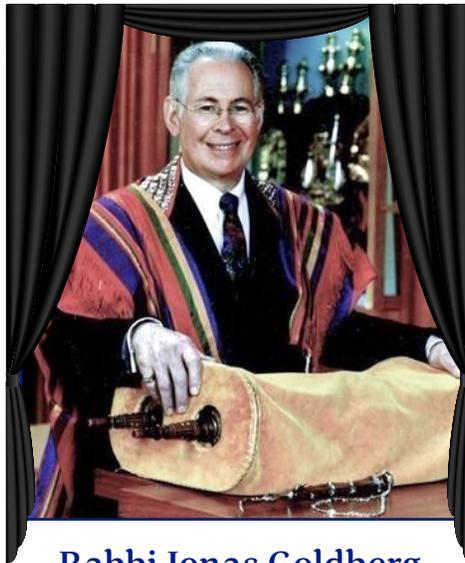
He will be remembered as a kind, forward thinking gentle man and a very good rabbi.

His memory will be for a blessing.

— *Linda and Steve Stein*

I was fortunate to get to know Rabbi Goldberg beyond his capacity on the bimah, although it all started that way. He officiated at my own bat mitzvah here at Beth El (egalitarianism being new for me) at age 37; he later officiated at the bat mitzvah of each of our daughters.

The Goldbergs were strong proponents of Jewish Marriage Encounter and led many Encounter weekends. Ron and I became part of their local marriage encounter group which met regularly once a month on Sunday evenings for well over a decade. This included very



**Rabbi Jonas Goldberg**

**October 2, 1939 – May 1, 2019**

personal sharing, all in confidence, which allowed us to know each other in a different way, certainly a bonding one.

There ensued an era of lodgings, one for the other. The Goldbergs stayed with us a couple times early on when they were back visiting in Norwalk; I stayed with them several times while on piano judging tours in the Boston area, both in Marblehead and later in Swampscott. They projected a casual ambience which I always enjoyed.

The sweetest moment of all was when the Goldbergs were vacationing in the Berkshires and came to see our newly acquired trailer in the woods, a lot in a camping resort. Jonas affixed a mezuzah to our trailer door, complete with accompanying ceremony. Imagine how special, miles from home, one’s own rabbi performing this act! Like that mezuzah it remains affixed in my memory with great affection.

I picture Jonas Goldberg always smiling. He was astute, perceptive, so competent on our bimah, yet a gentle soul. He continued to contribute greatly in his own community, always to the good. I will treasure the memories of my rabbi and friend. — *Dorothy Grimm*

One of the great privileges of my life was spending time almost on a daily basis with Rabbi Goldberg during his tenure at Cong. Beth El in Norwalk, CT. Rabbi Goldberg had all the attributes we hope to find in a Rabbi. He was among the kindest and most consistently caring individuals I’ve ever met. We enjoyed many discussions together with other Congregants that sometimes carried into the kitchen table of the home where Rabbi Goldberg and Chelly lived. Rabbi Goldberg had a very deep knowledge of Judaism in all of its facets that he was always willing to share with us. And had the wonderful facility of not pushing his own views forward always willing to encourage discussion. Even after many years together I never really knew his “politics”. They were kept close to vest. And had an especially deep love for Israel. All told Rabbi Goldberg was a born to be a Rabbi. He was our Rabbi. Forever. And will always be cherished.

— *Peter Berman*

I had no contact with Rabbi Goldberg following his departure from Beth El until my wife died in 2013 and I received his most thoughtful condolence call. I advised him, as I had every other Rabbi including Rabbi Fish, that the circumstances were such that I could no longer believe in G-d, and only went to shul to say Kadish out of respect for Pauline. Absolutely nothing else! With great kindness and patience he told me that G-d’s shoulders were broad enough to carry that load, and it remained to be seen where I would be after my anger had subsided. That the tincture of time heals many wounds. He proved prophetic. When I advised Rabbi Kantor of Chabad Westport of my feelings he asked if I realized that meant I was losing my wife twice-physically and spiritually. I’m still not certain what that meant but it started

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me on the long road back. I should have called Rabbi Goldberg and told him he was right.

— *Stuart Garrellick*

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On May 5, just two weeks ago, Ellen and I along with Joyce and Marvin Nekrich attended his funeral in Marblehead, Mass. Jonas came to B/E as a young Rabbi after serving as Chaplain in the US Army and then as an assistant Rabbi in another Congregation. When I was President, Jonas was our Rabbi. We worked together on many, many issues and events. He was part of our Beth El family for 17 years, from 1972 to 1989. My 3 children, Cheryl, Deborah and Ross grew up here with Rabbi Goldberg as their spiritual leader. They all became Bat and Bar mitzvah with him on this Bimah. His wife Chelly taught Deborah how to make Challah for Shabbat. My daughter Cheryl used to baby sit for the boys. And, Ross and David whirled around the Shul together. My daughter Cheryl and Mitch were married by Rabbi Goldberg. Jonas also officiated at my father's funeral. Jonas was an innovator. Back in the '60's, the Rabbi and the Cantor always wore the black Robes during services. I believe that Jonas was our first Rabbi here at B/E that did not wear a Robe on the Bimah. I can still hear Eli Bai, (an old time member) saying –“Der Rabbi is not vearing a Robe?”

Another first for our congregation came a few years later when there was a major issue facing the conservative movement, regarding women being given full religious rights and privileges during a service. I remember going over the pros and cons with Jonas and suggesting that at the congregational meeting, at which the vote would be taken, he lay out both sides of the issue... what is halachic and what is just customary. We had a full house

at that meeting and Jonas was quite clear about all sides of the issue. The results of the vote came in — it was overwhelmingly passed and our synagogue became egalitarian.

Jonas was a scholar and had a commanding presence on the Bimah. Besides not wearing a robe on the Bimah, he led our congregation in masterful ways. For example, it was under his leadership that we hired Cantor Debbie Katchko Gray. Our first female Cantor and the second female Cantor in the Conservative movement in the United States. She and the Goldbergs stayed very close in the ensuing years, and she spoke and sang at his funeral.

The United Synagogue of America selected our Minyanaires for the Solomon Schechter Award. Rabbi Goldberg, Harry Schwartz and myself went to the Concord Hotel, along with 3 cars full of minyanaires to accept the award at the semi annual United Synagogue Convention. — *Robert Gordon*

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Rabbi Jonas Goldberg – He lived the life of the right kind of person.

Chelly & Rabbi Jonas Goldberg and family arrived in Norwalk, CT in 1972.

Joyce & Marvin Nekrich and son Robert arrived in 1973.

Rabbi Jonas Goldberg was our Rabbi and mentor.

David Goldberg and Robert met when they were 3 years old and are now in their 50th year. David just turned 50 and Robert will celebrate his 50th birthday later this year.

Our families began a close relationship in 1973 and it has remained that way ever since.

There have been many simchas as well as other life cycle events that Rabbi and Chelly were there to help celebrate and

to comfort us: Joyous baby naming for our daughter Lisa, Bar and Bat Mitzvot for Robert and Lisa, Adult Bat Mitzvah for Joyce.

When Eileen and Robert were married in 2001, we invited Rabbi and Chelly along with Cantor Debbie Katchko to come to Long Island and officiate at this special event for our family. Even though they were no longer here at Congregation Beth El it was with the warmest hearts that they accepted.

Chelly & Rabbi were part of our marriage encounter group and continued to inspire to us to stay active in helping ourselves and other families.

Joyce and I are grateful for all the Shabbats, Holidays and special occasions we spent with Rabbi and Chelly both in Norwalk and in Marblehead Massachusetts.

I would like to read a short story that Rabbi Goldberg would often read to us during Rosh Hashanah Services:

Joyce and I sent this story/message to our wonderful Granddaughter Alexa on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah in 2016:

[Dearest Alexa: You are the right kind of person (see the short story below). Love, Bubbie Joyce and Grandpa Marvin.]

### *A Story of Two Seas*

There are two seas in the Land of Israel. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Children play along its shores.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And people build their homes near to it, birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is here.

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The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, and no children's laughter. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither people nor animals will drink here.

What makes this mighty difference in these seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country "round about."

This is the difference:

The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.

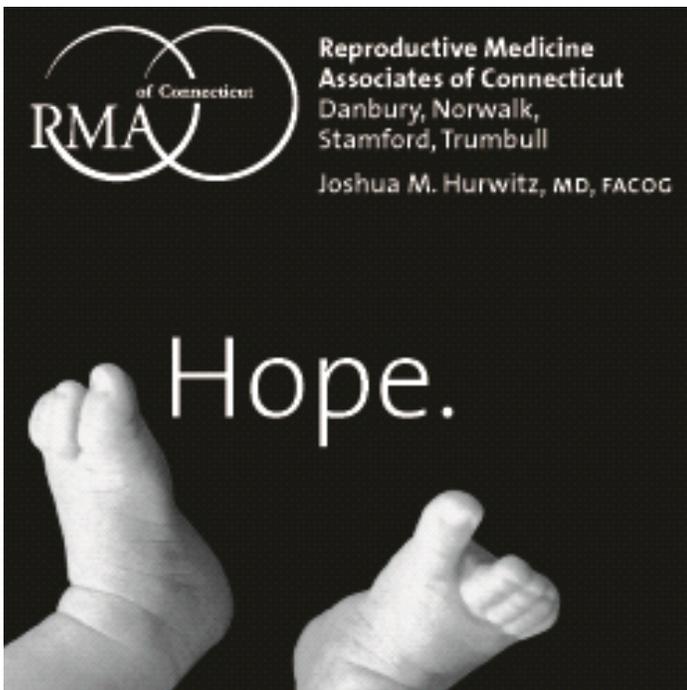
This other sea cannot sustain life. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two seas in the Land of Israel.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

— from "*The New Mahzor*" for Rash Hashanah and Yom Kippur/Compiled and edited by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg and Rabbi Jonathan D. Levine

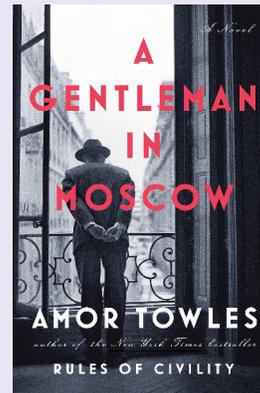
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## News From Beth El Memorial Park

We are making some changes at BEMP. This summer we will be replacing the broken slate stones on the walkway along with the wood siding. We are also painting our storage shed to make it more appealing. We have also asked our lawn care staff to keep an eye on the weeds along side the cemetery drive.

Last winter's wind storm, which saw the loss of a large tree in the front of our property, reminds us that care and maintenance of head stones is the responsibility of the family. We can suggest an excellent company of help should these problems arise.

At its recent annual meeting, the BEMP Committee voted to raise the cost of perpetual care 5% to \$2,360 per plot effective August 1, 2019. You can beat the increase by paying for perpetual care now or making arrangements for a payment plan. Perpetual care which has not been paid or contracted for are charged at the then-rate at the time of internment.

Finally, it is never too soon to consider purchasing plots at Memorial Park. Plots can be purchased in full or on a payment plan.

Contact the office for information on any of the above items.

Keith Satter  
Chair, BEMP



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