Celebrate Shavuot
Saturday, May 19th at 5:00 pm

Evening of activities and study including a delicious dairy dinner, ice cream and cheesecake!

Sunday, May 20th
9:30 am Yom Tov Services
and children Candy Tablets activity

Monday, May 21st
9:30 am Yom Tov Services
and Yizkor

Open to the community. Cost $10 for dessert and dinner
To register: https://www.congbethel.org/event/erev-shavuot.html
For more info: office@congbethel.org 203-838-2710
## May/June 2018 Service Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Service</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>May 4</td>
<td>7:35pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 5</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service, Adult B’nai Mitzvah</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10:30am</td>
<td>Youth Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 11</td>
<td>7:43pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 12</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Finley Cohen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 18</td>
<td>7:50pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Saffan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 19</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Erev Shavuot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5:00pm</td>
<td>Family-friendly Shavuot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8:51pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Tikkun Leil Shavuot (community dinner &amp; night of study)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 20</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shavuot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8:52pm</td>
<td>Yom Tov Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 21</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shavuot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Yom Tov Service &amp; Yizkor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 25</td>
<td>7:56pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 26</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Moriah Morgan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 28</td>
<td>9:45am</td>
<td>Bat Mitzvah of Annie Sherman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 1</td>
<td>8:02pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 2</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 8</td>
<td>8:06pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:00pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service (note time)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 9</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah of Evan McDonnell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 15</td>
<td>8:10pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:00pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service (note time)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 16</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Belle DeFala</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 22</td>
<td>8:12pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 23</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 29</td>
<td>8:12pm</td>
<td>Candle Lighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 30</td>
<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Shabbat Service</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### CLOSINGS — Office Closed: May 21, May 28

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

---

Welcome to Our New Members, Stacy & Lee Soffer

---

THE BETH EL BULLETIN
Congregation Beth El-Norwalk
Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America
109 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851
(203) 838-2710 • www.congbethel.org

RABBI       Ita Paskind
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR  Jody Dietch
NAVASKY DIRECTOR       Alfred Treidel
NITZAN SCHOOL DIRECTOR Amy Santalarica

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PRESIDENT     Sharon DeFala
1st VP HR/ritual  David Loewenberg
VP FUNDRAISING     Stephanie Gordon
FUNDRAISING     Marguerite Felsenfeld
VP MEMBERSHIP   Dina Fleischmann
TREASURER     Hilary Shaefitz
FINANCIAL SECRETARY  Ellen Wasserman
RECORDING SECRETARY  David Rossen
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY  Esther Lester

TRUSTEES
Winthrop Baum       Josh Hurwitz        Gary Mozer
Brian Berger       Josh Kesselman     Robert Neumann
Michael Charlip    Linda Lerman       Nancy Oberst
Michelle Fanwick   Josh Lander
Steven Freshman    Barrett Lester     Sharon Rosen
Stuart Garrellick  Melissa Marlowe    Alison Sherman
Paul Ginsberg      Andrew Meyers      Sam Shukovsky
Howard Greenberg   Andrew Moss

LIFETIME TRUSTEE
Harold Morgenthaler

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
BUDGET    Hilary Shaefitz
CALENDAR  Esther Lester
DINNER/KITCHEN  Ellen Wasserman
FUNDRAISING  Stephanie Gordon
HIGH HOLIDAY  Marvin Rosenbaum, Riva Silverman, James Sugarman
HOUSE     Winthrop Baum
L’CHAIM SOCIETY  TBD
MEMBERSHIP  Andrea Greenberg, Ali Hurwitz, Melissa Marlowe
MEMORIAL PARK  TBD
MITZVAH DAY  Paul Ginsberg, Keith Satter
NAVASKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Jessica Rutherford, Andrew Meyers
NITZAN NURSERY SCHOOL  Fran Charlip, Samanta Eskenazi
NOMINATING  Keith Satter
OFFICE     Ellen Wasserman
PUBLICITY/MARKETING  Alison Sherman
RITUAL COMMITTEE  David Loewenberg, David Hirschfield, Andrew moss, Marvin Rosenbaum, Steven Freshman
SECURITY    Steven Freshman
TOT SHABBAT/YOUTH SERVICE  Andrea Goldman
TRUST FUND/SPECIAL FUNDS  Robert Gordon
YOUTH     TBD

BULLETIN EDITORS
Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg
Erika Ruggiero, Graphic Design

---

May/June 2018 Service Schedule
Mazal Tov to our Adult B’not Mitzvah!

Siman Tov u’Mazal Tov… I always love singing these words of celebration at happy occasions, but they will be especially meaningful on Shabbat morning, May 5, as we celebrate the five women in our community who will become Adult B’not Mitzvah: Cindy Almanzar, Ali Hurwitz, Valerie Shukovsky, Linda Stein, and Ellen Wasserman.

Over the course of the last 18 months, our group has met weekly, some on Sunday mornings, others on Wednesday afternoons. We have discussed our way through the entire Torah, studied an overview of Jewish history, and learned Torah trope in order to be able to learn particular readings for May 5, Parashat Emor. What I found most meaningful, and what I couldn’t have expected, was witnessing the bonds of support and friendship that developed between the students, some of whom really didn’t know each other when we began!

I interviewed the five students and want to share a bit of their journey with you.

**RP: Why did you decide to become an Adult Bat Mitzvah?**

**VS:** When I was growing up, I had liked the idea of having a bat mitzvah but was not able to have one. When I saw the sign on the bulletin board about an adult bat mitzvah class, I thought it sounded fun, so I signed up.

**EW:** I wanted to become a Bat Mitzvah because I wanted to learn to read Torah and haftarah. I attended Hebrew School for many years, I read Hebrew, and have good Synagogue skills. When I was growing up, Bat Mitzvahs were not the norm so when Rabbi Paskind presented this opportunity, I decided to finally close this gap in my Jewish life.

**AH:** I decided to become a Bat Mitzvah because as a young child I was not religious. When I met my husband and had children, I became more connected to my roots. My son became a Bar Mitzvah and after that I felt like it was an important rite of passage. My daughter is becoming Bat Mitzvah after me, so I felt it was a good example for her as well.

**RP: What have you found most meaningful in your Bat Mitzvah studies?**

**CA:** The dedication of time given to help me learn how to read Hebrew and to understand and read my aliyah for my Bat Mitzvah.

**LS:** Most meaningful to me, I’d say, was the challenge and the sense of accomplishment. I looked upon learning to read from the Torah as a challenge that I wasn’t sure I would complete. I was encouraged by the other women, especially Ellen, who kept telling me I could do it.

**VS:** Learning about the history of the Jews and Israel in our classes last year.

**EW:** I especially enjoyed our discussions during the early part of the process when we studied Torah. Sharing ideas and life experiences laid the groundwork for supporting one another in studying and learning.

**RP: How do you envision this experience will impact your Jewish life after May 5?**

**LS:** I will have a sense of completion. The circle will be closed. Not only will my daughters and granddaughters have been Bat Mitzvah, but I will have been, too.

**CA:** My plan is to continue my learning journey. Plus, I will be able to participate in Shabbat services.

**AH:** I will finally be able join the ranks of the B’nei Mitzvot in the Jewish community.

As you can see from our Adult Bat Mitzvah students’ reflections, this is incredibly meaningful to each of them. I look forward to celebrating with them, their families, and each of you on May 5. Siman Tov u’Mazal Tov!

B’Shalom,
Rabbi Ita Paskind

---

Do you know any 2, 3 or 4 year olds? Let them know about our wonderful Nitzan Nursery School!
President’s Greeting by Sharon DeFala

This is Ilan.

He lives on a kibbutz in the Golan Heights of Israel. That’s Syria in the background. While we were standing at the site of this photo we heard shots and an explosion. Then we saw the smoke rising from a bombed building. “Don’t worry,” Ilan calmly told us, “they are firing at each other. Not at us.”

Perhaps some of you have met Ilan. In addition to his other jobs (cowboy, military intelligence officer, truffle farmer, to name a few), he is a tour guide. Whether you have met him or not, you should know who he is, because he might just be the most important person in the world.

In order to understand my logic, you’ll need to see this plaque which was dedicated in 2007 in the Le Marais district in France.

In rough translation, it says, “Arrested by the police of the Vichy government, an accomplice to the occupying Nazi forces, more than 11,000 children were deported from France from 1942 to 1944 and assassinated in Auschwitz because they were born Jews. More than 500 of the children lived in this neighborhood. 87 of them were too young to start school. By reading their name, your memory is their only grave.” Then it lists the children’s names and ages. The eldest children were 6 years old. And it finishes, “Ne les oublions jamais,” meaning let us never forget them.

In February my family visited this site, and we placed stones in the garden beneath the memorial. A small act set against an enormous atrocity. We talked about the fact that if there had been someplace safe for those families to go, they would have been gone before the Nazis came through France.

A few days later, we visited Yad Vashem, the museum in Jerusalem dedicated to remembering, learning from, and understanding what we can from the Holocaust. The tragic plaque in Paris became like one small piece in a hideous jigsaw puzzle. The overall image coming into clear focus that all of Europe, most of the world, was acting as “an accomplice to… Nazi forces” during that same time period.

And, yet, it is also a museum that inspires us to imagine a brighter future – challenging us to learn from history and teach others from our experience.

The trail of our vacation also led to Independence Hall in Tel Aviv — the art gallery in which David Ben Gurion declared on May 14, 1948: “…the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable… his right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State…. Accordingly we… hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish state in Medinat-Israel, to be known as the state of Israel.”

HAS THE LIKE OF THIS HAPPENED IN YOUR DAYS OR IN THE DAYS OF YOUR FATHERS? TELL YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT IT, AND LET YOUR CHILDREN TELL THEIRS, AND THEIR CHILDREN THE NEXT GENERATION!

(1 JOEL, 2:3)
This year May 14th will be the 70th anniversary of those immortal and brave words, said into a microphone and broadcast around the world. An audible and visceral response to the horrors which preceded it and a beacon of hope for the future.

The next day, seven Arab nations went to war against Israel, threatening to shove the newly born Jewish state into the Mediterranean Sea. Miraculously, the tiny group of vastly outnumbered and ill-equipped Jews succeeded in pushing back the massed strength of the invading Arab armies.

From there, of course, Israel has thrived. It is a hotbed of technology and innovation, while also a world leader in archeology, uncovering and documenting antiquities dating back hundreds of thousands of years. Israel provides a model of ingenuity and democracy. And, for 70 years, when the forces of anti-Semitism rise to the surface, Jews know that there is one country in the world that will always take us in. It is the land of Israel, where our ancestors prayed to return and where our contemporaries guard our freedom.

Which brings us back to our jeep tour with Ilan, who was born and still lives in Kibbutz Merom Golan, situated in the northern part of the Golan Heights. It was the first Israeli settlement founded on the Golan, on the 14th of July 1967, following the Six Day War. Merom Golan was established by young people — including Ilan’s parents — from older, established kibbutzim who came to settle Merom Golan and the Golan Heights. The establishment of Kibbutz Merom Golan was the lever that propelled forward modern day settlement of the Golan.

As Ilan explained, he disputes the word “settlers,” because the land is so beautiful that they never felt like they were settling for anything by living there. He grew up on the kibbutz as a cow-boy, and then his military service brought him into intelligence.

The kibbutz has a resort village, with luxurious cabins, guest rooms, restaurants, a riding stable, and many art studios and galleries. There are two schools and a medical facility. They raise beef and chickens, and are also leaders in agriculture; growing apples, pears, kiwis, strawberries, cherries, grapes, mangos, lychees and avocados for both domestic consumption and export, as well as experimentation with growing Israel’s first truffles. The land is so rugged and remote you would never expect the wealth of cultivation and culture wrapped through and around the area.

Merom is amazing and worth a visit all on its own. But, we were privileged to explore beyond the kibbutz, and take a ride with Ilan up the slopes of Mount BenTal at a height of 1171 meters above sea level. From there we were able to see Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. We stood closer to Tehran at that moment than to our apartment back in Tiberias.

During our tour Ilan explained to us that although the Syrian civil war is ostensibly a conflict which has nothing to do with Israel, it is actually the biggest existential threat Israel has faced. The war in Syria is being fought not only by two factions from within Syria, but with fighters and weapons on both sides from all over the world, including Isis, Al-Qaeda and Hezbollah, and Turkey, Iran, Russia, Qatar, and Lebanon. All of these anti-Israel groups are amassing weapons at the Syria-Israel border as they fight the civil war; but when that war ends the weapons will still be there, right at Israel’s front door.

While the farmers of the kibbutz improve organic agriculture, the artists sculpt, and the children attend their schools, it is the role of Ilan and his fellow officers to monitor the war in Syria. We rode through the abandoned buildings and bunkers which used to belong to Syria, before the Six Day War. We drove up to the fence which separates the two countries. It is a short walk from Syria into Israel.

And, from the Golan it is a short ride to Jerusalem.

However we in the diaspora choose to express our Judaism, whether by attending Rosh Hashanah services, or lighting Hanukkah candles, laying t’fillin every morning, or ordering bagels and lox on a Sunday morning, we are only as free as the next despot’s whim without Israel. And, Israel is only as free as its ability to stay ahead of the wars that surround and threaten it. While we go about our business, practice our religion, and plan our futures, we are free to do so because of Ilan and the men and women like him in Israel.

Ne les oublions jamais.
Navasky News by Al Treidel, Director

Having returned from Florida on March 15, I felt that weather-wise I had missed nothing!!! I guess that the spring snows were in my honor. Lots of great things have been happening. For Purim, all of our students had the opportunity to bake Hamantaschen to make their Purim that much more festive. Additionally, lots of hands-on activities occurred in preparation for Pesach. Many thanks to Rabbi Paskind for conducting a series of Matzah baking workshops for all of our students in grades K through 7. On Sunday, March 25, we gathered for some amazing pre-Passover activities. Our K through 2 students were involved in an interactive and hands-on Model Seder. One could hear the singing of Dayeinu all over the building. In addition to the usual parts of the Seder, there was dancing and even a play. Children and their parents had a great time. Not to be outdone, our 3rd through 7th graders participated in a series of challenges at our Passover Round Robin Competition. The activities included a Passover Rap Competition, Passover Quiz, Word Searches, Haggadah Scavenger Hunt, Passover Charades, Pesach Music Challenge and even a challenge Crossing the Red Sea. The Red Sea Challenge was led by our super Israeli Emissary Itamar who even appeared dressed as Moses. What a morning of fun that included both learning and review. We are very grateful to the many parents, volunteers, teachers and Rabbi Paskind who were so instrumental in preparing all of our children for Passover.

There is much more to follow before school ends this year. On Tuesday, April 17, we will have special activities commemorating Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha’Atzmaut celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Our K’tanim and Kindergarten families will enjoy Yom Ha’Atzmaut at the 5th and final Family Holiday Program on Sunday, April 22. That same morning, our 7th graders and their families will meet with Mrs. Betty Deutsch, a Holocaust survivor who will share her amazing story of how she and her sister were able to survive the Shoah at Auschwitz. May 6 will feature our annual Parsha Expo in which all youngsters becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah within the coming year will display projects that they created to teach about their Parsha. On Sunday, May 13, we will have a family Mother’s Day Breakfast followed by the presentation of awards and moving up certificates. Our final day of classes is on Tuesday, May 15 which will be a shortened day and moving-up certificates will be presented to our 3rd through 6th graders. Dismissal will be at 5:15 pm.

We have an awesome religious school and I hope that you will spread the word to families of children ages 3 through grade 7 that they should learn more about Navasky Explorers and consider registering their youngster(s) here for an outstanding and fun education.

As many of you are aware, I am completing Act 2 of my career at Beth El. It has been a distinct honor for me to have presided over the education of two generations of children here. Beth El has been my second home and it will be difficult for me to bring Act 2 to a close as I enter my “4th retirement.” I will miss everyone and especially the children very much and hope to stop by from time to time to see all of you. Thank you all for entrusting the education of your children to me and for your on-going warmth and support.

Kol tuv,
Al Treidel
Hard to believe it, but it’s already that time of year again. I am currently accepting registration for the 2018-2019 school year for Nitzan Nursery School. We still have some openings – if you know of anyone with young children, please have them contact me for a tour. I also am enrolling for our Summer Fun Camp program. Many opportunities to become part of the Nitzan family!

Frogs, lice, wild beasts… lots of interesting characters in our Passover play/model Seder this year. The children did a wonderful job helping me share the story of Passover with their families. We then feasted on matzah, charoset, and of course… some yummy macaroons. Thank you to Rabbi Paskind for helping us with our songs and making matzah with us.

The Critter Caravan made a stop at Nitzan this month. We “traveled” to England, Africa and Australia. Along the way, we visited with some super cool animals and learned about their habitat and their eating habits. I think we all fell in love with the bunny rabbit (at least the teachers did). Look at how fluffy he is!! What an exciting “touch and feel” experience the children had.

Nitzan Nursery School took off on a flight to Israel to help us celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut. After our long flight there, we got busy visiting many of the different cities in Israel. Some of the highlights were visiting a kibbutz and making orange juice, traveling to an archeological dig in the desert and finding some artifacts, and of course, saying some prayers at the Kotel. It was an exhausting trip but we all had a blast. I think the highlight of the trip was the yummy snacks we had on our plane ride. We are already looking forward to our visit again next year.

The FUNBUS returned to school again. You can not imagine how much fun the children have inside of the refurbished school bus. From the rock climbing wall and the trampoline to the giant swing, the children are all in heaven.

We are eagerly awaiting our annual Trike-a-thon for St. Jude’s that will occur in early May. The children are invited to bring their bikes, trikes or scooters to school and ride them around on a prepared track in the social hall – complete with stop signs, speed bumps, and a rest stop. We also turn this into a Mitzvah project encouraging the children, with their parents’ help, to collect money that we then donate to St. Jude’s. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Morah Amy. Thanks in advance for helping us to support a good cause.

Please join us at Mr. Frosty’s Ice-cream shop in Norwalk on May 8th from 4:00-7:00. Nitzan will earn a percent of all sales made during that time frame. Hoping for a beautiful night and a lot of ice-cream being eaten. We will also be having a lemonade stand that evening. Come on down, have some ice-cream and lemonade and enjoy some good company!

Coming soon – Nitzan Nursery School’s “Goodbye Party” on June 6th. We are already working on learning songs for this special day. Hard to believe but… some of our friends will be off to Kindergarten in the fall.

Stay tuned… coming in August… Watermelon Wednesdays will be making a return.
My name is Finley Cohen. My parents are Aliza and Ari Cohen. I have a sister Sage (11) and a brother Holden (16). I have been a member of Beth El since I was born. I live in Westport, CT and I am in 7th grade at Bedford Middle School. I love playing sports, and hanging out with my friends. I play Beachside which is a premier soccer team, I also play basketball, and play on a travel lacrosse team for my town.

Whenever I am not doing that I am with my friends hanging out. I spend my summers at camp Modin in Maine. I am in the lake a lot water skiing, and tubing.

My mitzvah project is collecting used sports equipment and donating it to a program called PLAY IT FORWARD. They donate the equipment to underprivileged kids that can not afford new equipment. I chose this project because I am fortunate enough to play many sports and get new equipment every year, and I would like other kids to enjoy the same.

To me, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I will now be considered a Jewish adult and will be talking on the responsibilities of the Jewish traditions. I would like to thank my tutor Bracha Moshe for all her time and patience and also Rabbi Paskind for all her support. I hope you will join me and my family when I am called in front of the congregation as a Bar Mitzvah on May 12th!!

Finley Cohen

My name is Moriah Morgan. My family (parents Liz Wolf and David Morgan and brothers Zack and Noah) have been members of Beth El since I was born. I am a seventh grader at John Read Middle School in Redding, Connecticut.

I enjoy playing field hockey and tennis, singing, playing violin and piano, taking my dog Rocky on long walks, and performing with my rock band.

My mitzvah project is collecting used sports equipment and donating it to a program called PLAY IT FORWARD. They donate the equipment to underprivileged kids that can not afford new equipment. I chose this project because I am fortunate enough to play many sports and get new equipment every year, and I would like other kids to enjoy the same.

To me, becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that not only will I be considered a Jewish adult, but I will take on the responsibilities of coming to minyan, reading from the Torah, and being respected as an equal.

I would like to thank the people who have guided me throughout this process, especially my Mom and Dad, Rabbi Paskind, Bracha Moshe, my Navasky teachers and Mr. Treidel. Please join me in shul and at kiddish as I am called up to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 26!

Moriah Morgan

My name is Annie Sherman and I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Monday, May 28th. I am the daughter of Alison and Steve Sherman, granddaughter of Rena and Bob Grodd and Claire and Norton Sherman, sister of Zachary Sherman. I am a student at Middlebrook School in Wilton. I enjoy dance, cooking, and spending time in NYC going to Broadway shows and museums.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting diapers for donation to and distribution by Norwalk Family and Children's Services Agency. It was shocking to learn that one third of mothers in the US today cannot afford diapers for their baby. There is a collection box in the foyer and diapers of any brand and

Annie Sherman

continued on the next page
B’nai Mitzvah continued from page 8

any size are welcome. Additionally, please check your weekly circulars in the newspaper for diaper coupons which are being accepted for the collection as well.

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am at a point in my life where I need to take a more active role in promoting and embracing my Jewish identity. Since birth, my parents, my extended family, Beth El, the Jewish community we live in, and Camp Gan Israel have all given me the tools, pride, and lessons that have shaped and fostered my Jewish pride and desire to do mitzvot. I am excited to be considered an adult under Jewish law and take responsibility for doing mitzvoth and being able to participate fully in religious services.

My name is Evan McDonnell. I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 9th, 2018. My parents are Randi and Sean McDonnell. I have two brothers, Alex and Jacob and a sister, Samantha. I am a seventh grader at Middlebrook school in Wilton, Ct. I am a member of the crew team at Norwalk River association and I like basketball, sailing, the New York Giants, video editing and coding and hanging out with my family and friends. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I am taking on the responsibility of becoming a Jewish adult. This includes helping lead services, doing Mitzvot, participating in a minion and continuing the Jewish traditions of my family.

For my Mitzvah project I am raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation. The Make a Wish Foundation is an organization that grants wishes for children with life threatening illnesses. From meeting a celebrity to becoming Batman for a day, the foundation works to make these dreams come true for these children.

I want to thank Rabbi Paskind and Bracha Moshe for helping to prepare me for my Bar Mitzvah.

Belle Elyse DeFala will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Belle is the daughter of Steve & Sharon DeFala, the granddaughter of Nancy & Gary Oberst, and the sister of Donny. She feels lucky that her mom, her brother, her cousins Josh and Rachel Oberst and her Uncle Dave were all also called to the Torah at Beth El as bar and bat mitzvahs. And, her grandmother and her Aunt Kathie both had their adult bat mitzvahs here!

Belle is a student at Nathan Hale and enjoys musical theater, karate, and travel.

For her mitzvah project, Belle began a monthly program at Stepping Stones Museum for Children in which she goes one Sunday each month to read to young children at the museum. She hopes that this will help to encourage literacy in those kids.

Belle wishes to thank Eliza Loewenberg, Rabbi Paskind, and grandpop for helping her prepare for her bat mitzvah. We hope the congregation will join us at services and the Kiddush on June 16th.

**Belle DeFala**

**Evan McDonnell**

---

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Join us at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to prepare and serve lunch on the 2nd 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

---

We are thrilled to announce that Rabbi Paskind gave birth to a girl on April 13, 2018!

Her new bundle of joy, and new Beth El member, came in at 7 lbs 2 oz.

She received her name, Noa Maayan, at her Simchat Bat on Sunday, April 22 at Congregation Beth El.

Mazel Tov to the Rabbi and her new family!
The Jewish State that almost wasn’t
by Peter Berman with an introduction by your editors

In May of 1948, the six hundred thousand Jews in Palestine were in the crosshairs of annihilation. Only three years since six million Jews were discovered to have been exterminated in the World War II/Holocaust years by the Nazis, their allies and their collaborators, these six hundred thousand stood virtually alone against the Arab world. Would Israel be stillborn? Would six hundred thousand more be massacred? Azzam Pasha, the “moderate” head of the Arab League stated: “This war will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongol massacres and the Crusades.”

Most of the world, including the United States, refused to supply Israel with the means to defend itself. The US embargoed all military equipment to the outmanned Jews of Palestine/Israel.

On January 2, 1948, Golda Meir, as David Ben Gurion’s ambassador from the Yishuv, the Palestinian Jewish governing body, came to the US to appeal for aid, not from the US government, but from the Jewish people. “I am not exaggerating when I say that the Yishuv in Palestine will fight in the Negev and will fight in Galilee and will fight on the outskirts of Jerusalem until the very end. You cannot decide whether we should fight or not. We will. The Jewish community in Palestine will raise no white flag for the Mufti; that decision is taken. Nobody can change it. You can only decide one thing: whether we shall be victorious in this fight or whether the Mufti will be victorious. That decision American Jews can make.” She raised in excess of $25 million for the cause.

The Mahal was formed. Forty-five hundred foreign military officers and soldiers, Jews and non-Jews, came illegally to Palestine to aid the nascent state. David Marcus, a US army Colonel helped establish the Israeli Army and paid with his life, lifting the siege of Jerusalem. Paul Schulman, a Jewish Navy Lieutenant from Stamford, CT, became the first “Admiral” in the Israeli Navy. Other volunteers came from France, Britain, South Africa, Canada and other nations. Major Thadée Difre, a French non-Jew, led the forces that captured Beersheba from the Egyptians; Major Ben Dunkleman of the Canadian Army led the Israeli 7th Armour Brigade that captured Nazareth; Boris Senior, a South African Air Force pilot; Esther Ceilingold, a young British teacher who died after the siege of Jerusalem; and Vidal Sassoon, a member of the British 43 Group that confronted the British Nazi party post World War II.

Less well known, but even more important, were the Jews and non-Jews who strove to break the arms embargo; who smuggled guns and equipment and money to the Jews of Palestine. Some were caught and went to prison; others were forced to flee the country. Without these brave and committed men and women, again Jews and non-Jews, there might be no State of Israel today.

Peter Berman, a member of our Beth-El family, lived in those troubled times when even the US failed the Jews of Palestine. Peter has written a powerful memoir of the period, introducing us to Rabbi Irving Miller and those Jews and non-Jews who believed that: NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR JEWS THAN SAVING JEWISH LIVES.

Here now is Peter Berman’s letter —

1948

We often forget 70 years later just how precarious was the birth of Israel. David Ben Gurion himself voiced a common view at the outset that the odds of success were only 50-50. The situation of several hundred thousand Jews in Palestine was indeed dire on the evening of November 29, 1947 when the UN adopted a Partition Plan giving Jews 25% of the British mandate to take effect in May of 1948. The Yishuv was only lightly armed, despite vigorous efforts to procure arms in Europe. Britain maintained a tight blockade. Major European nations and the U.S. maintained an arms embargo. Ominously, Arab League armies, equipped with modern arms including tanks, artillery, and heavy machine guns stood ready on the borders to crush the small Jewish State publicly pledging to “throw the Jews into the Sea.” Not a single government anywhere publicly pledged to help the besieged Israelis.

The situation in the Jewish community in the United States was confused. Tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews marched in lower Manhattan protesting the birth of Israel claiming that only God could so command Israel into existence. And they continued marching until staggering reports began flowing back about Jewish forces, especially the Kibbutzim, being totally destroyed by invading Arab League armies, especially the repeated bombing of Tel Aviv by British pilots flying a squadron of Egyptian based Spitfires and the desperate siege in Jerusalem.

Across America Jews were confronted with the reality of the U.S. arms embargo against shipping weapons, ammunition and material to Israel with serious penalties. Under the coordination of the American Zionist Organization (AZO), small groups across the country gathered weapons and ammunition facing Herculean difficulties in shipping them to Israel disguised as cargo. They more commonly purchased surplus war material in Europe and then flew them in chartered DC3’s by circuitous routes into Israel. Small numbers of American Jewish combat veterans of WWII made their way to Israel.

continued on page 12
Photo Album: Israel in the Beginning

President Harry S. Truman receives Torah from Eliahu Elath, the first Israeli U.N. Ambassador

Negev Beasts during Operation Horev, 1948

David Ben-Gurion delivers the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel

Ben Yehuda Street Massacre

Israeli troops on the attack, 1948

Avia S-199, Israel’s first fighter aircraft

Buchenwald survivors arrive in Haifa

On the road to Jerusalem

Jewish refugees swim to shore from the SS United Nations near Haifa

Click here to view the Declaration of Establishment of State of Israel:
Not surprisingly, the full story of these efforts by a relatively small number of American Jews violating the U.S. arms embargo with its stiff penalties remains unknown. Few of the participants remain alive. Records were not kept. Participants were breaking the law with serious penalties. Some stories just remain untold. The center of the arms gathering effort took place in a small town, Woodmere, located just inside Nassau County on the South Shore of Long Island. Remarkably the local non-Jewish community remained unaware of what was happening, as did the Federal Authorities. Yet hundreds of Jewish families in Woodmere and many more in the region managed a “mission impossible” without being discovered. The Woodmere effort reached across America.

Here is part of their story. When the UN vote was taken late in the evening on November 29, 1947 a telephone call was made by an “observer” at the UN to the crowded office of Rabbi Irving Miller at Cong. Sons of Israel in Woodmere. Thereupon a call was made to the owner of a Jewish owned yacht 4 miles away in Hewlett Harbor who had a powerful shortwave radio on board. A coded signal was then sent to Israeli forces giving them 12 hours advance notice. They immediately attacked the formidable Arab League armies, taking them by surprise and securing time to regroup against the expected onslaught. Israeli historian Benny Morris, in his celebrated “1948,” states that the short wave call and subsequent attack saved the lives of between 300 to 400 Israelis. And some have speculated that without that attack the battle for Israel might have been doomed from the start.

The powerful results of the coded short wave radio message to Israeli forces ignited the Woodmere Jewish community. Rabbi Miller joined Cong. Sons of Israel several years previously when he was President of the AZO. He was a celebrated figure in the Jewish community having spent much of the 1930’s and 1940’s working behind German lines in Europe to transport Shoah survivors to Palestine. He was tall, thin, courtly, upbeat and with a powerful presence on the bimah, able to speak for hours without notes. When occasionally asked how he managed to speak without notes he said simply, “it wasn’t hard if you know what to say.” Together with his wife he lived in a small bungalow next to the Temple. Always dressed in a black suit he was in his office before morning Minyan and stayed late in the night. To those who worked with him on his mission of “saving Jewish lives” there was no doubt that he was the Lord’s Angel.

On the Shabbat following the celebrated short wave radio call Sons of Israel was, as usual, filled to capacity with its 300 members, plus several hundred attendees, many of whom traveled long distances, standing around the back. At 10 am Rabbi Miller began speaking and described in great detail the dire situation, pleading for the resources and commitment to prevent another Shoah. And he would continue to make similar pleas weekly for the next 10 years, always demanding to save Jewish lives as our principal responsibility. Early on he would end by asking for pledges of $90 to save the lives of Yemeni Jews and others to secure transport to Israel. And sometimes it took half an hour to get a sufficient number of hands “raised.”

After services concluded, male members of the Congregation and visitors stayed behind in their small assigned groups often for an hour or so. And, come the rest of week, from early morning to late at night, there was a steady stream of visitors meeting with their assigned teams. All gathered with the goal of “saving Jewish lives.” Fortunately the Temple was well positioned being only a block away from the Fire Department and a large parking lot. Only a few cars could park in front of Sons of Israel. The Rabbi’s old black Chevrolet was prominently parked there day or night.

The Temple was just a block away from the Main Street – Broadway – and only a block away from the local railroad station. So there were always people walking back and forth between Broadway and the train station in front of Cong. Sons of Israel. To the casual visitor there was no indication anything was unusual. And even in the evenings, the community had long been accustomed to members walking in and out of the Congregation. Board members regularly met during the week taking their “assignments” to visit sick congregants, along with the Rabbi and Cantor. At Sons of Israel, everyone literally knew everyone else. Jews were a small minority in Woodmere—a town of about 20,000 at the time. And Sons of Israel was their home. It was the only synagogue.

So assignments were made to groups of congregants who volunteered for duty together with recruiting Jews from the surrounding towns and region. Weapons, ammunition, machine tools, food, uniforms, etc. were always gathered off site fearing a raid on the Congregation by the authorities. Soon large numbers of Israelis began arriving in Woodmere staying for a few days. Together with Congregation members they went shopping for appliances, e.g. refrigerators, washing machines, etc. These were subsequently filled with collected war materials, sealed and sent back to Israel as innocent cargo. And the visitors received large sums of funds collected across the country allowing the Yishuv to purchase arms in Europe. Prohibitions against taking our large sums of cash from the country made it crucial to have numerous couriers. So vigorous was this effort that by war’s end Israel had managed to secure a substantial Air Force of surplus German fighters that proved pivotal in securing victory.

Virtually every member of Cong. Sons of Israel had visiting Israelis, some of whom were their relatives having survived the Shoah. Here was a real community effort led by an inspiring Rabbi Miller with many members who were combat veterans in the War and fully understood what was happening. Each Shabbat, promptly at 10 am, Rabbi Miller took the bimah and

continued on page 13
customarily spoke for at least an hour describing in detail just what was happening in Israel. Even now 70 years later I can still feel the pain, anger and frustration listening to the early defeats and sufferings of the Israeli forces, especially the destruction of the Kibbutzim where survivors were given no quarter. As head of the AZO, Rabbi Miller was better informed than anyone in America as to just what was happening.

We were also encouraged by a steady stream of Israeli officials and military officers speaking before the Congregation and the community, sometimes to as many as 1,000. And by War’s end most weeks Israeli officials visited the Congregation. This continued for years and years. There was no doubt that Rabbi Miller, as head of the AZO headquartered at Sons of Israel, made a crucial difference in securing ultimate victory. Rumors periodically surfaced during these years that Rabbi Miller had been offered the Presidency of Israel. When asked he always smiled as he often did and simply said he was not worthy of such a position.

Rabbi Miller served another 10 years and then, completely worn out, announced he was retiring. The Congregation purchased an apartment for him in Florida and he passed on a few years later. Sons of Israel continued to flourish with just 2 long serving Rabbis each of whom was a commanding presence from the pulpit and unabashedly committed to Israel and “saving Jewish lives.” Even today anyone walking into Sons of Israel readily sees that the Congregation is thoroughly committed to Israel.

Down in the Community Room are more than a thousand plaques honoring past members including hundreds and hundreds of members and others who challenged the laws of our nation and quite literally moved heaven and earth to provide arms, supplies and cash to help secure victory for the fledging State of Israel surrounded by Arab league armies pledged to her total destruction. Upstairs on the second level where the sanctuary is located there is a portrait of Rabbi Miller with a small inscription: “Nothing is more important than saving Jewish lives.” Even today anyone walking into Sons of Israel readily sees that the Congregation is thoroughly committed to Israel.

We’ll never know just how important the effort led by AZO President Rabbi Irving Miller together with Cong. Sons of Israel and the larger communities ultimately was in securing victory. But the sheer amount of materials and weapons secured was prodigious. Even more so was the cash collected from across America used to secure crucially needed weapons, including German fighters from Czechoslovakia without which the War would have been lost. For the hundreds and thousands involved at this effort headquartered at Cong. Sons of Israel there was no doubt that Rabbi Irving Miller was indeed an Angel from Heaven sent to save Jewish lives. For an entire generation he defined the essence of being Jewish.

“Nothing is more important for Jews than saving Jewish lives.”

Peter I. Berman, Norwalk

Dear amazing Purim team,
Chag Sameach!
I’m so grateful to each of you, and all those you recruited to work with you, for making Purim 2018/5777 incredibly successful! Although it can be dangerous to elaborate, I think I can do it:

Megillah readers: Lily Fanwick, David Loewenberg, Eliza Loewenberg, Kim Krieger, and Jessica Rutherford
Hamentaschen baking team leaders: Karen Schwam and Ilene Sumberg
Decorations: Randi & Sean McDonnell
Tech setup and tech support: Noah Goldman, Sam Shukovsky, Sharon Kesselman, Barrett Lester
Mishloach Manot: Samantha Eskenazi and Sharon Kesselman, and Jody for the inspiration for our wonderful new approach
The “Revenger” adult beverage: Andrew Moss
Snacks for after the Megillah reading: Ellen Wasserman

I’m already looking forward to Purim 2019/5779, on Wednesday night, March 20, 2019! — Rabbi Paskind

Todah Rabah!

Voices of Shabbat Committee:

Fran Charlip
Sharon DeFala
Samantha Eskenazi
Marguerite Felsenfeld
Ali Hurwitz

Caryn Moss
Annie Nirschel
Marcy Nirschel
Nitzan students/Morah Amy
Al Triedel

Gala Committee:

Co-chairs:
Pamela Feldstein
Stephanie Gordon
Nancy Elyze Brier
Ann Casher
Fran Charlip
Michael Charlip
Steve DeFala
Jody Dietch
Samantha Eskenazi
Marguerite Felsenfeld
Dina Fleischmann
Steve Freshman
Steven Frey
Kate Greenberg
Ali Hurwitz
Josh Hurwitz
Jill Lander
Josh Lander
Barrett Lester
Esther Lester
Mary Lester
David Loewenberg
Melissa Marlowe
Harry Morgenthaler
Andrew Moss
Caryn Moss
Joyce Nekrich
Kathie Oberst
Nancy Oberst

Rina Reichgut
Rebecca Richards
Marc Rosen
Sharon Rosen
David Rossen
Lindsey Rossen
Keith Satter
Hilary Shaefitz
Alison Sherman
Valerie Shukovsky
Riva Silverman
Ellen Wasserman
Greg Williams

Todah Rabah!
Donations Thank you to the following congregants whose generosity helps to maintain our Congregation.

**General Fund**

Deborah Gordon in honor of Sharon DeFala being recognized at Beth El’s Annual Gala, her years of dedication to the synagogue, and in recognition of her decades of friendship
Steve & Alison Sherman in honor of Ellen Wasserman’s Bat Mitzvah
Tony, Phyllis & Caroline Dreysspool in honor of Linda Stein’s Bat Mitzvah
Stephen & Linda Stein in memory of Joe Sheinman
Stephen & Linda Stein in memory of Helen Arend
Stephen & Linda Stein in memory of Ann Shames
Abram Heisler & Riva Silverman in memory of Helen Arend
Abram Heisler & Riva Silverman in memory of Joe Sheinman
Wendy Engel in memory of Helen Arend
Robert & Fira Wagman
Richard & Karen Schwam
Gloria Walkoff in thanks to those who packed and coordinated delivery of the Mishloach Manot

**Building Fund**

Joseph & Irma Schachter in memory of Max Schachter
Irma Klein Schachter in memory of Dr. Abraham A. Klein
Joseph H. Schachter in memory of Jennie Polley Schachter
Phyllis Gitlin in memory of Stanley Weinstein
Phyllis Gitlin in memory of Minnie Sbinowitz
Stuart Garrellick in memory of George Gordon
Stuart Garrellick in memory of Joe Sheinman
Stuart Garrellick in memory of Bernard London

**Marvin & Sarah Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund**

Brett & Allison Pogany in memory of Stanley Weinstein
Deborah Gordon in honor of Sharon DeFala being recognized at Beth El’s Annual Gala
Deborah Gordon in honor of Josh Lander being recognized at Beth El’s Annual Gala
James & Laura Sugarman in honor of Anne Mozer’s Bat Mitzvah

James & Laura Sugarman in honor of Irma Schachter’s 90th Birthday
David Rossen in honor of receiving an Aliyah
Marvin Rosenbaum in memory of George Gordon
Marvin Rosenbaum in memory of Helen Arend
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in honor of Jack Hirshfield’s Bar Mitzvah
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Marvin Rosenbaum’s many kindnesses
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of David & Jayne Hirshfield’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Steve Rotstein & Marguerite Felsenfeld’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Stephen & Janet Green’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Gloria Walkoff’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Joel & Ellen Wasserman’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of David & Beverly Stein’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of David & Rhonda Ginsberg’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug & Dr. Sharon Karp in appreciation of Marvin & Joyce Nekrich’s support of the Rosenbaum Kiddush Fund
Doug, Sharon, Lauren & Jon Karp in honor of Michael Karp’s special birthday
Joel & Ellen Wasserman in memory of George Gordon
Joel & Ellen Wasserman in memory of Helen Arend
Joel & Ellen Wasserman in memory of Joe Sheinman
Joel & Ellen Wasserman in memory of Bernard London
Joel & Ellen Wasserman wishing Irma Schachter a speedy recovery
Bruny Nieves Cortes in memory of John Ortiz Cortes

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**

Gerald Rosenberg in memory of Bernard Rosenberg
Gloria Walkoff in memory of Richard Walkoff
Brett Reiner & Melissa Marlowe – Mazal Tov to Harry Morgenthaler
Marc & Sharon Rosen in memory of George Gordon
Marc & Sharon Rosen in memory of Helen Arend
Marc & Sharon Rosen in memory of Joe Sheinman
Ted & Judy Semmel in memory of Helen Arend
Sherwin Coplin in memory of Benjamin Coplin
Sherwin Coplin in memory of Walter Berlin

**Tzedakah Fund**

Steven & Sharon Navarro in memory of George Gordon

**Hesed Fund**

Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of Joe Sheinman
Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of Bernard London

**Soup Kitchen Fund**

Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of George Gordon
Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of Helen Arend
Don & Hilary Shaefitz in memory of Sam Shaefitz

**Nitzan Nursery School Fund**

Stephen & Linda Stein in memory of George Gordon
Don & Hilary Shaefitz in honor of Brooke Cobin’s Baby Naming

**Torah Repair Fund**

Leona & Hazel Lepofsky in memory of Norman Lepofsky
Leona & Hazel Lepofsky in memory of Isidore Nadler
Leona & Hazel Lepofsky wishing a Refuah Shleima to Joanne Kozak
Lusia Gertelman & Elliot H. Gertel in memory of Victor Gertelman

continued on the next page

The deadline for the July/August Bulletin is June 9. Please submit articles on disk or via email to bulletins@congbethel.org. All charitable contributions must be submitted to the office by the last day of the month (May 30) to be included. Donations made between April – May will be included. Charitable contributions to all funds received after the deadline will be included in the following issue’s Bulletin Funds listing.
Donations continued from page 14

Luise Gertel & Elliot H. Gertel in memory of Yoel Schwebisch
Luise Gertel & Elliot H. Gertel in memory of Dora Bernstein
Stephen & Linda Stein in honor of Annie Mozer’s Bat Mitzvah

Winthrop & Stefanie Baum in memory of Walter Baum
Donald H. London in memory of Claire London
Joan Herman-London in memory of Ruth Herman
Helen Wallenstein in memory of Irene Schoenberger
Robert Housman and Charles Housman in memory of Lee Housman
The Pogany Family in memory of Frances Hoffman
Mike & Janis Siegel in memory of Beatrice Siegel
Jim & Patty Samuels in memory of Anna Sackman
Jeffery Silberman & Linda Lerman, with Dina and Avi, in memory of Arlene Lerman
Jeffery Silberman & Linda Lerman, with Dina and Avi, in memory of Sidney Lerman
Gloria Berman in memory of Ethel Berger
Gloria Berman in memory of Samuel Berman
Jack Werchadlo in memory of Edith Rose Werchadlo
Leslie & Phyllis Asher in memory of Joseph Schwartz
The Karp Family in memory of Nathan Kaplan
Marvin & Harriette Goldstein in memory of Esther Cherdack
Gary & Susan Singer in memory of Paul Singer
Lawrence Katz in memory of Evelyn Katz
Alan Murnick in memory of Bertha Murnick
Michelle Feldman in memory of Howard Pulver
Keith Satter & Betsy Bernstein in memory of Debra Satter
Andy Meyers & Andrea Tolchinsky in memory of George Meyers

Larry & Sue Bai in memory of Eli Bai
Richard & Gail Epstein in memory of Rebecca Bassin
Steve Low in memory of Elaine Low
Jack Werchadlo in memory of Sylvia Goldberg

Holocaust Torah Fund

Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg
Leona & Hazel Lepofsky
Elaine & Gerry Rosenberg

Food and Gift Card Certificates

Don’t forget to buy your Food and Gift Cards! To order, call the synagogue at 203-838-2710 or fill out the form below.

Beth El Food Certificate Program

Please consider joining the growing number of congregants participating in the Food Certificate program of the Synagogue. We earn a profit of 5-10% on your purchase of Acme, Caraluzzi, Fairway, ShopRite, Stew Leonard’s, Stop & Shop and Fresh Market certificates. It doesn’t cost you a penny, because the profit comes to us directly from the stores when we purchase the certificates. Please fill out the form below and we will enroll you in the program. You may pick up the certificates at the Synagogue or from one of our volunteer sellers, or we will be happy to deliver them to you on a regular basis. Remember, it doesn’t cost you anything; you buy the certificates at face value from the Synagogue. Use them as cash at the participating stores and the Synagogue earns money! This all goes to help support our various programs.

Please return this form to:
Congregation Beth El-Norwalk, 109 East Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851

Please fill out the form below and we will enroll you in the program. You may pick up the certificates at the Synagogue or from one of our volunteer sellers, or we will be happy to deliver them to you on a regular basis. Remember, it doesn’t cost you anything; you buy the certificates at face value from the Synagogue. Use them as cash at the participating stores and the Synagogue earns money! This all goes to help support our various programs.

Call the office at 838-2710 with any questions. Thank you!

Name ___________________________ Telephone ___________________________
Address ___________________________ City ___________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acme</th>
<th>Fresh Market</th>
<th>Stop &amp; Shop</th>
<th>Stew Leonard’s</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caraluzzi</td>
<td>ShopRite</td>
<td>Whole Foods</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairway</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>Stew Leonard’s</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please set up delivery of the certificates on the ________ of each month. I will pick up the certificates from the Synagogue on the ________ of each month. ________ I would prefer to pick up the certificates from one of the Synagogue’s sellers. Please tell me the name and phone number of the closest seller.