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President's Message

Keith Satter



Dear Beth El Family,

Seeing my name at the top of this page and this message from me, may spark a sense of deja vu, Back to the Future, or waking up from a long winter's nap. My last message to you was in the Spring of 2015, after three years as Beth El's president. You would

be correct in thinking, "He served the synagogue and now he is on to other things." Well, you would be right and wrong. A year after I left the Beth El presidency, I assumed the same office with our other synagogue in Harrison. Very different shuls; very different issues.

Here's the thing, however, I was honored to serve both congregations and learned a great deal in my six years as a synagogue president. So, what am I doing back here now, you might ask? Well, there are two people in my life that I have a hard time saying "No" to. The first is my wife, Betsy, and the second is Sharon DeFala, the head of the Nominating Committee. In fact, when Sharon asked me to consider another term, I was humbled and honored. Betsy and I talked and she told me to go for it, for which I am eternally grateful. I have belonged to other synagogues over the years but, frankly, my heart and soul are with Beth El and with you.

Just recently I was thinking back ten years to when I first assumed this office. No question things have changed in the past decade, but the ruach that this congregation has is second to none. Others may say they are "Warm and welcoming" and I say they should spend some time with us to fully get the meaning. At Beth El it is the people.

So, beyond the people what has stayed the same? First, I would say the family-style connection that is so amazing at Beth El. Whether it be the High Holidays or a Shabbat dinner, we turn out in large numbers for social events and more difficult times such as funerals and shiva minyans. Second, the service leaders we have developed whether it is our daily minyan or

Shabbat and other holidays. Third, our B'nai Mitzvah students continue to astound with their learning and they continue to return to our sanctuary to show off their skills. Finally, and certainly not least, Rabbi Paskind. She joined us just after my presidency and has grown into the job showing her leadership, teaching and sensitivity to everyone she meets.

Still, in 10 years things have changed. On the plus side, we moved quickly to adapt technology to keep us together during the early, middle and late days of the COVID epidemic. Yasher Koach to David Hirshfield, my predecessor, and Rabbi Paskind for their leadership and creative thinking. In the minus column, we are a smaller congregation. Religious institutions of all types are facing loss of members, this has hit our Conservative branch especially hard. We track our membership losses and I can tell you with confidence, people leave not because they are dissatisfied with us, but rather for lifestyle changes, such as a move to a new state.

So, where do we go from here? In two years our congregation will celebrate its 90th birthday. My goal during this term of office is to set us on a path for the next decade or longer. I want to thank David Hirshfield for turning things over in such great shape and my fellow travelers on the coming year's leadership team, David Loewenberg, First VP Ritual/Office; Stephanie Gordon, VP Education; Sharon DeFala, VP Fundraising; Marguerite Felsenfeld, Financial Secretary; Barrett Lester, Secretary; and Fran Charlip, Treasurer. Also, thanks to board member Hilary Shaefitz, who will be working with Fran and Jody to make sure finances are squared away. Thanks, too, to our Board of Trustees for your time and all of our committee chairs who make things go at Beth El.

Finally, thank you, the congregation, for your faith in me, once again. As we say each time we finish a book of the Torah, Hazak, hazak, venit-hazek. Be strong, be strong and we will take strength from you.

Keith Satter

Rabbi's Table

Rabbi Ita Paskind

With Gratitude to Morah Danielle Mittleman

On Friday evenings, we usher in Shabbat with the lighting of candles, the Kiddush over wine or grape juice, and the enjoyment of a slice of challah. For many, these rituals are accompanied by the singing of Shalom Aleichem, "Peace be upon you", a hymn that nods to a pair of angels that keep an eye on us and our celebration of Shabbat. If the angels observe that the candles are lit and a festive meal is on the table, the angel with the positive attitude says "So may it be next week as well." And if they see that Friday evening is missing the trappings of Shabbat, the angel with the pouty attitude says "So may it be next week as well."

Through the singing of Shalom Aleichem, we welcome these angels into our homes, ask for their blessing, and bid them farewell-Tzetchem l'Shalom, "go in peace, angels of peace."

With the end of the school year comes the end of Morah Danielle Mittleman's tenure with our Congregation Beth El, and our opportunity to thank her for her many contributions to our community over these 4 years.

Boachem l'Shalom: Danielle came to our community in peace: she brought her gentle presence, ease of connecting, and enjoyment of teamwork to our Navasky school and our professional staff. Danielle quickly forged relationships with all of our students and their families, and we easily came to see her as the Director of Navasky.

Barchuni l'Shalom: During these 4 years, Danielle has brought many blessings to our community. She built community in the school and among her staff, she put her own spin on Chanukah and Pesach programming, and dealt professionally with our children's Jewish education throughout the pandemic. Danielle agreed to become our Director of Community Engagement, where we really benefited from her facility with technology (especially in the sanctuary!) and her ability to help plan and execute large-scale programs for our

community. Most recently, Danielle has taken on a third hat—social action programming for our youth where she's led a group of young people to prepare and freeze Mitzvah Meals for fellow congregants and anyone else who may be in need. On that note: If you need a Mitzvah Meal, please let us know!

Tzetchem l'Shalom: As Danielle prepares to move in a different professional direction, we wish her and her family—Jared, Marcus, and Max—health and continued friendship with our Beth El. We really can't wait to honor you at our Cinco de Mayo Shabbat Dinner on May 6, with our whole community.

Danielle, we thank you for being an integral part of our community. You've been a blessing to us, and so may you be in your next phase as well.



Nitzan Nursery School

Amy SantaLucia

It's that time of year again, Nitzan Nursery School has opened up registration for our Summer Fun Camp Program. If you know anyone who is looking for a super exciting camp experience, please have them reach out to Amy at Nitzan@congbethel.org.

Spring has been in the air...and so has Purim. If you were around the building during Purim, you may have seen some crazy things going on in the school wing. We built up our enthusiasm for Purim by having a "Weird Wacky Week". We had crazy snacks, dressed in tie dye and made a lot of noise with our groggers. The best part of Purim is always the bounce house – our students could have bounced all day if we let them!!



Nitzan tried out a new fundraiser this year. We worked with a company entitled CW Home Goods. It offered a lot of very interesting items that could be ordered. Thank you to all the families and congregants who helped to support us. All profits will be used to bring in new, innovative programming for the children.

Frogs, locusts, hail... must be time for Passover. The children learned the story of Passover, they made matzah covers and Elijah cups, learned the 4 questions and practiced singing many songs about Pharaoh and frogs!! The most popular activity by far was making matzah with Rabbi Paskind.





On the horizon... St. Jude's Trike-a-thon, Jump Bunch, Darien Nature Center, our Goodbye Party... many fun things to look forward to. At Nitzan Nursery School, we keep the fun going all year long!!

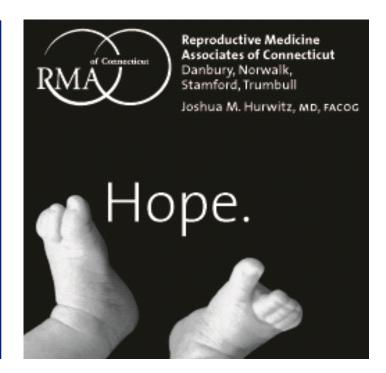
Support Nitzan Nursery School

Tuesday, May 10th 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Bring your friends, families, and neighbors to Mr. Frosty's Ice Cream Shop!

A percent of all the proceeds will benefit Nitzan Nursery School. All "social distancing" protocols will be followed.





Navasky News

Danielle Mittleman



We've had a great year in Navasky! We adjusted to being all together again on Sundays and have learned so much having one-on-one Hebrew during the week. We were able to have things back in person again like

dreidel contests and Matzah making.

In May, we are even having a visit from two Israeli emissaries. We're not back to the way things were prepandemic because we're stronger and more mindful of who we are. The Navasky school year end is bittersweet, as we are proud of the accomplishments that we have made over the year and sad to not see our Navasky friends each week. My wish for all of these children is for their love of Judaism that they show each week to endure and remain with them forever.

It's hard for me to realize that this is my last article for Beth El. I've had a wonderful four years in Navasky and getting to know the entire Beth El community. I had no idea that when I signed on four years ago that



I would be shepherding a school through a pandemic. It turns out that we learned a lot about our school from the pandemic. We learned that we enjoy being together for things like holidays and for tefillah. But that we can also benefit from being alone and work at our own pace for learning Hebrew prayers. I've enjoyed my job for the past four years more than I can express and have felt completely welcomed and a part of this strong Beth El community. Your warmth and compassion has been felt by me and is seen in your children that I get the privilege to work with each week. I wish all of you nothing but the best and I hope this isn't goodbye but L'hitraot.







Do you know any 2, 3 or 4 year olds?

Let them know about our wonderful Nitzan **Nursery School!**



REMINDER: The deadline for the July/August Bulletin is June 8. Please submit articles by email to bulletins@ congbethel.org. All charitable contributions must be submitted to the office by the last day of the month (May 31) to be included. Donations made in 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.

Israel's Nuanced Approach to Putin's War to Recolonize Ukraine!

"Yes, He saith, 'it is too light a thing for you to be my servant, to establish the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the scions of Israel, and I shall submit you AS A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS, to be My salvation until the end of the earth'" - Isaiah 49:6

"The National Interest is predetermined by geopolitics or the history of a country. Important political leaders never just followed their interest—they were concerned about the interest of their people." - Joseph Nye (Former US Assistant Secretary of Defense)

"I cannot forecast to you the actions of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma: but perhaps that is the key. The key is Russian National Interest." -Winston Churchill

"The Purpose of the Jewish State is to secure the Jewish Future. That is why Israel must always have the ability to defend itself against any threat."-Benyamin Netanyahu

"The statesman must think in terms of the national interest, conceived as power among other powers. The popular mind, unaware of the fine distinctions of the statesman's thinking, reasons more often than not in the simple moralistic terms of absolute good and absolute evil." – Hans Morgenthau

Most of us in the Congregation, as well as most countries that have taken a stand, including the US and Israel, condemn or have condemned Russia's second "unprovoked" military action against Ukraine. However, most countries continue to deny Ukraine the means and material to defend itself (shades of the embargoes placed on Republican Spain during the 1936-1939 Civil War). Most of Europe, including Germany and Hungary, will not boycott Russian gas, oil and other products. The United States has placed limited sanctions on Russia and its ruling elite. President Biden recently proposed a "Lend-lease" arrangement with Ukraine and greater sanctions on the Russians/Putin allies. Israel has provided medical teams, medicines and certain equipment but not weapons.

Israeli Prime Minister Bennett, apparently walking a tightrope, has been attempting to negotiate a settlement to the crisis, after being asked to mediate by Ukrainian President Zelenskyy on February 25, 2022, so far without success. Now, with allegations and evidence of Russian war crimes coming to the fore, what should Israel's position be? Can Israel remain an "honest broker" of a ceasefire and/or peaceful solution? What is Israel's national interest in this Eastern European War?

Bennett has stated that "our hearts are with the civilians who through no fault of their own have been thrust into this situation" and has offered humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainians and aid to Jews who seek to leave Ukraine. Bennett is hesitant to assign blame to Russia due to its military presence in Syria suggesting that Israel will continue to evaluate future consequences based on Israel's national interest.

One must realize that though Israel has diplomatic and economic relations with Ukraine, as well a national duty to aid Ukraine's Jewish population and welcome the political Aliyah of Ukrainian Jews pursuant to Israel's Law of Return, Ukraine is not a major player in the Middle East and has, in the past, supported anti-Israel resolutions in the United Nations.

Russia, on the other hand, is a superpower and one of the four principals attempting to resolve the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and reach a "just and lasting" peace accord acceptable to both sides. Russia's boots on the ground and its military presence in Syria complicate Israel's stance on the Russian war to recolonize Ukraine. It must also be stated clearly that both Hamas and the Palestinian Authority have come out in support of Russia in this crisis. In fact, the first 2,000 Jewish refugees from Ukraine as well as those immigrating from Russia are deemed an international catastrophe by the Palestinians (this might be a reason for the increased Palestinian terror attacks which have taken the lives of 12 Israelis and 2 non-lewish Ukrainian foreign workers in the past month).

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Israel and Soviet Union/Russian relations have been crucial since the formation of the state in 1948. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted on Resolution 181 (II) the Partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. A two thirds majority, not including abstentions or absent members was required to pass the resolution. The final tally was 33 in favor to 13 against with 10 abstentions and one member (Siam due to a coup) absent. Stalin's Soviet Union, Byelorussian SSR, Ukrainian SSR and the Polish People's Republic (the last three, Soviet controlled puppet regimes) all voted in the affirmative. If they voted against the resolution, it would have failed, and Israel might never have existed. The Soviet Union was also one of the first nations to recognize Israel's independence and statehood in May, 1948. There are three major reasons put forth why Stalin supported the creation of Israel:

- 1. To discomfort Great Britain, the Palestinian Mandatory Authority and a major western ally
- 2. That the Arab interests could be reacquired by providing military and economic aid.
- 3. That as a Socialist State, Israel could have been a natural Soviet ally.

Since that time the Soviet Union and, later, Russia has worked to attempt to encroach and gain hegemony in the region. They have supplied the Arab nations with arms and political support. They have effectively helped and/or caused Israel to cease military protective action in the Sinai campaign of 1956, the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur war in 1973 as well as on other occasions. They have sponsored and supported anti-Israel resolutions in the UN and have saber rattled

against Israel when in their interests. The Soviets also prevented Jewish immigration to Israel from the Soviet Union, only loosening the restraints for their own purposes and to keep their Arab allies in line.

At this time, the main focus of Israel's national interest is to protect citizens and residents from Iranian sponsored terror activities and to prevent Iran from creating and/or obtaining nuclear weapons. Israel is also concerned with the possibility of the US re-entering a non-enforceable Nuclear Treaty to prevent Iran from reaching nuclear weapon capacity and also for delisting the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization. Currently with the Russians entrenched in Syria and lending some political support to Israeli enemies, Syria, Iran and Hezbollah, Russia can control the spread of weapons procured by Hezbollah and Hamas from Iran to be used against Israel. The Russians have until now turned a blind eye to Israeli raids on Iranian and Syrian weapon convoys to Hezbollah in Lebanon. Should Russia, a major superpower, prevent these Israeli attacks, Israel's National and security interests could be put in major jeopardy.

Israel's national interest in the security of its citizens, may take precedence over its humanitarian concerns to provide additional support to Ukraine at this time. Of course, many non-government humanitarian organizations are wholeheartedly supporting Ukraine in her determined defense or her existence as a free and Democratic nation state. Hence, Israel must balance its need to placate Russia in order to allow her to halt weapons supplied by Iran to Hezbollah and other terrorist groups with an increasing moral commitment to supply further humanitarian and medical aid and support to Ukraine.



CBE Book Club's next meeting will be Monday, May 16th.

Join via this LINK at 7:30 pm. **Zoom Meeting ID: 8144 115 8507**

The Book Club meets on the THIRD MONDAY of each month. Please confirm each month's meeting via our website calendar **HERE**. Any date changes will also be noted in our weekly email. For more information, contact Barbara at clio2@cs.com



Artifacts, Relics and Heirlooms

What does your family cherish?

Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg

Charles Halasz

I got most of these items on my trip to Ethiopia with the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ), several years ago. Most are Bible scenes, a few show the kessim (Jewish religious leaders), eg, blowing shofar, or at the Western Wall. I watched these items being made by the Ethiopian Jews waiting to be allowed to immigrate to Israel. Thousands are still waiting, and while Israel is admitting a few thousand non-Jewish Ukrainians, there is still a delay in admitting those from Ethiopia. The return to Israel of the Beta Israel community is miraculous.









Riva Silverman and Abram Heisler

This small engraving is by the artist Ilya Schor. It was one of a number of prints he prepared for the book "The Sabbath" by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Rabbi Heschel, in addition to being a renowned fighter for civil rights and social justice, was a professor for many years at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Riva's uncle, Wolfe Kelman, was his longtime colleague and collaborator, and Riva's father, Israel Silverman was an administrator at JTS in the early sixties and the Chair of the Conservative Movement's Committee on law and standards.

Rabbi Heschel gave prints from the book as gifts to a number of friends and colleagues and Riva inherited this print from her late father.

It hangs proudly in our home.

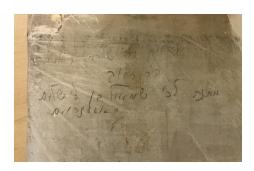


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If you have an artifact or heirloom that you wish to share with the Congregation, please submit a picture and description to the editors at: bulletins@congbethel.org

Stephen Chodroff

My zaydeh (grandfather) came to this country in 1910/1911 from Hungary. Unfortunately, I never met him as he died a couple years prior to my birth. Amongst the items I inherited from him, aside from having the honor of carrying his name (his Hebrew name was Shmuel, my full Hebrew name is Shmuel Shlomo Leib—with Shlomo Leib being my great grandfather) is a Megilat Esther. I never knew this existed until after my Uncle Harry (his son) died and my late father and I came across it when we were cleaning out his apartment. I was told that my zaydeh was quite a Torah scholar and a fairly well rounded individual and having this



Megilat Esther is very special to me. I wish I had met him. In addition to a picture of the first two columns from the Megilah is a picture of the back which states in Hebrew script present (matanah) to Shmuel ben Shalom Rosenbaum.



Youth Social Action

Danielle Mittleman

Like many other things in our world, Covid affected our plans this year to have our youth engage in social action activities. Then, there was the realization that we could have our youth have an impact on our own shul community instead of having to reach out to the "outside world." We started with our post-B'nei Mitzvah population and offered them a chance to come



and make some lasagnas for those either recovering from an illness or just needing a home cooked meal. They followed a

simple recipe and had some time to socialize while the lasagnas cooked.



Our Navasky students in grades 2-6 also made some lasagnas as it's a great meal to freeze for the future for anyone that needs it. We are working on having people deliver them to those that can use them. We also invite anyone that would like to make lasagnas or any other meal for people that need them in our community to come into our kitchens and cook. It's a great way to help someone that is in need and have fun with others while you are doing a mitzvah. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of our Mitzvah Meals, please reach out to Rabbi Paskind or the office, and we'll bring one over!

Wheel It Forward!

Reprinted from Dan Woog's blog, 06880danWoog

I can't remember what my sisters and I did with my mother's wheelchair, after she died. Or any of the other medical gear, like the walker, cane and bathtub seat she used in the final months of her life.

I do know we did not donate it to Wheel It Forward. We did not know about that fantastic non-profit then.

Too many people still don't.

That's a shame. The average piece of "durable medical equipment" - those items mentioned above, along with hospital beds, knee scooters, toilet rests, crutches and more - is used for only 4 months.



Sometimes it's donated to an organization, along with everything else in a cleaned-out home. Sometimes it's stuffed in a closet. Sometimes it's discarded. Someone else could always use it.

Elliot Slover is on a mission to connect that equipment with people who need it. Retired now after co-founding and managing 2 hedge funds and an internet start-up - plus writing 2 children's books, and biking across the US with son, he's one of Wheel It Forward's 100 volunteers.

The Stamford-based group had its genesis when Slover chaperoned an 8th grade trip to Israel, and visited Yad Sarah. Run by 6,000 people, it's a "lending library" of durable medical equipment for all Israelis: rich and poor, young and old, Jewish, Arab and Christian.

When someone needs something, they get it by the end of the day. When they're done, they return it. What could be simpler?

Sloyer loved the idea. But back in the US, he found nothing similar here. Some groups were trying to collect and lend "DME," but it was haphazard at best.



Others — like the Westport Woman's Club — had to curtail their programs, due to insurance and liability concerns.

He used his entrepreneurial background to start Wheel It Forward. It's become one of the most important — yet still little-known — organizations in Fairfield County.

"This changes lives immediately," Sloyer says. With a wheelchair or walker, people become mobile. Their quality of life improves instantly.

That's not the only benefit. Sloyer notes the relief felt by people who desperately need, but can't afford, medical equipment. (Medicare does not pay for shower safety items, for example. But a \$50 seat can prevent someone from falling -- and incurring costs for an ambulance ride, surgery, rehab and everything else.)

"The return on investment is huge," he notes.

And Wheel It Forward is green. Durable medical equipment stays out of landfill. Not to mention saving all the mining, packaging and shipping that goes along with manufacturing more items.

The group's "lending library" of DME is open to everyone. But unlike a library of books — where 30% of the inventory is often out -70% of Wheel It Forward's 2,500-item inventory is usually in use.

Some of that use comes thanks to the Westport Senior Center. Director Sue Pfister and her staff make frequent referrals.

She's made just as many calls to them for people with items they (or their relatives) no longer need. Wheel It Forward does pickup and delivery, on request.

Wheel It Forward thrives because it's needed, because people volunteer, and through financial contributions. To learn more — including how to borrow or donate equipment, volunteer or give funds — click here.

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Ken Siegel, Caryn & Andrew Moss, and Michelle & Greg Marrinan in memory of their wife and mother, Phyllis Siegel

Sherwin Coplin and Brett Coplin in memory of their father and grandfather, Benjamin N. Coplin

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