



Bulletin

Save the Date! *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*

We're in for a special treat:

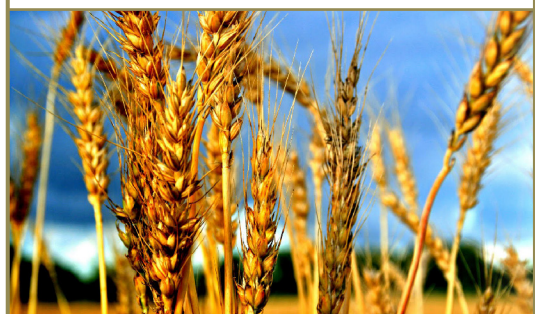
A night of study led by
Rabbi Paskind and your
fellow congregants

Saturday night, June 11

First study session begins
at 6:30pm, and the night goes
until we reach Mount Sinai...
(or maybe around 11:30pm)

- Communal Dinner after 1st study session (*more info. to come*)
- Kids' Shavuot Activity during the 6:30pm study session
- Ma'ariv to welcome the Shavuot holiday
- Ice cream, cheesecake, and coffee to keep you going all night long

*Mark your calendars now and
watch your email for details!*



Shabbat under the Stars

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 6:30pm



Please join us at the home of Sandy Levy and Joe Brachfeld

We will celebrate the 2016 Graduates and
honor our Volunteers over the past year

2016 Graduates:

Zachary Adelman
Eli Felber
Rachel Gordon
Derek Nussbaum

Alexander Elias
Sarah Freedman
Zachary Morgan
Jordan Reichgut

Kabbalat Shabbat service with guitar followed by Shabbat dinner together

New this Shabbat Under the Stars: *Honoring our Beth El Volunteers*

Our community is incredible
because of your dedication!

For directions and to RSVP, please contact the Office,
203.838.2710 or office@congbethel.org

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May, June and July Service Schedule

May

May 6

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:39pm Candle Lighting

May 7

9:30am Shabbat Services

May 13

7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:46pm Candle Lighting

May 14

9:30am Shabbat Services

May 20

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:52pm Candle Lighting

May 21

9:30am Shabbat Services
10:30am Tot Shabbat

May 27

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7:59pm Candle Lighting

May 28

9:30am Shabbat Services

Closings:

May 30

Nitzan/Office Closed, Memorial Day

June 12

9:30am including Yizkor

June 13

9:30am including Yizkor

June 17

6:30pm Shabbat under the Stars
8:11pm Candle Lighting

June 18

9:30am Shabbat Services

June 24

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
8:12pm Candle Lighting

June 25

9:30am Shabbat Services

Closings:

June 13

Office Closed, Shavuot

July

July 1

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services
8:12pm Candle Lighting

July 2

9:30am Shabbat Services

July 8

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
8:10pm Candle Lighting

July 9

9:30am Shabbat Services

July 15

8:06pm Candle Lighting

July 16

9:30am Shabbat Services

July 29

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
8:01pm Candle Lighting

July 30

9:30am Shabbat Services

Closings:

July 4

Office Closed, 4th of July

June

June 3

6:30pm Share-A-Shabbat Dinner
8:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services
8:04pm Candle Lighting

June 4

9:30am Shabbat Services

June 10

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

June 11

9:30am Shabbat Services
6:30pm Tikkun
9:00pm Service

THE BETH EL BULLETIN

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Join us for Minyan Monday-Friday at 8:00am

Rabbi's Table by Rabbi Ita Paskind

A Month of Commemoration and Celebration

Imagine: Just a mere century ago, the month of May/Iyyar was devoid of special days on the calendar. This period of time was marked only by the counting of the Omer from the second night of Pesach to the festival of Shavuot. In our relatively recent Jewish history, our people have experienced both extreme tragedy and sheer exhilaration, and these are the emotions which convey us through this month.

This year, May opens with Yom HaShoah, our remembrance of those who perished in the Holocaust. We turn our thoughts to our own family members whom we lost around 70 years ago, whose absence our too-small families feel even today. And we ponder the miracle of survival, of the human will to live and the pure luck that pervades each story of survival we hear. And, as the community of Shoah survivors lessens from year to year, we thirst for their stories, for the wisdom only they can share, for some human connection to help us make sense of it all. **Be sure to join as the entire community gathers at our Beth El on Wednesday, May 4, at 7pm to remember.**

And just a week later, our Jewish calendar invites us — demands from us — that we strap ourselves in for an emotional roller coaster ride. The twin days of Yom HaZikaron, the Day of Remembrance for Israel's fallen soldiers, and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day, are perhaps the most intense days of the entire year in Israel. We, too, have an obligation to experience them with as much intensity as we can from our place outside of Israel.

Although it's quite difficult to relate to Yom HaZikaron from outside Israel, removed from the very personal connections to soldiers who serve today and to those who have died in their service to our country, Yom Hazikaron is perhaps the most "real" day in post-Holocaust Jewish history. We leave aside the idealism of having achieved a Jewish State. We set aside the issues that divide our people. We focus solely on the "silver platter" on which the State was — and is — served to the Jewish people. It's painful, and it's real, and it comes to a screeching halt as the sun sets and a new day — Israel's Independence Day — begins.

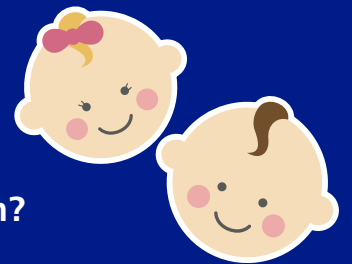
If you've spent these important days in Israel, you're probably recalling what you saw and felt as sirens blared once at 10am on Yom HaShoah, again at 8pm and 11am on Yom HaZikaron, and a final time to signal the transition to Yom Ha'Atzma'ut. If you haven't, all I can say is: Find a year when you, too, can be in Israel for these days. Just a century ago, they didn't exist. Today, Jewish life cannot be complete without them.

On the solemn days, may we remember that there is light. And on Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, may we dream of an even brighter future for our homeland.

Welcome New Members!

Barrett & Mary Lester
Steve & Melissa Brooks
David & Eva Maiman
Michael Spiro & Rabbi Nicole Wilson-Spiro
Erik & Erica Zirulnik
Michael Hodish
Wendy Engel
Steven & Jessica Frey

Did you notice
the "new"
changing table
in the ladies room?



Thanks to Kathie Oberst.



Shabbaton with Israeli Soldiers

Thank you to the Saffan family for arranging the visit of 4 IDF soldiers with our congregation over Shabbat March 25 & 26 and for sponsoring the Friday night oneg shabbat in their honor. What a wonderful treat for our community to meet these brave young men and women face-to-face, and have an opportunity to really learn from them and understand a glimpse into their lives.

Thank you to our families who hosted soldiers, for a meal, a weekend, or another part of their visit: the Kesselman family, the Moss family, The Fanwick family, and The Silverman/Heisler family.

President's Greeting by Sharon DeFala

My all-time favorite Beth El event.

Close your eyes. No, I guess not yet; wait until after you've read this paragraph. Picture your favorite time you have ever been to Beth El. The smiling faces, the warm hugs, the people who know your children and are happy to see them, the food, the laughter, the music. Give yourself a moment and picture it.

When was it? A simcha for your family? A comedy night or gala? Saying good-bye to a Rabbi or a member family? Installing a new Rabbi, or welcoming new members? A regular weekly Shabbat morning?

At the end of this year's auction I had the deja-vu experience of happy, glowing members coming up to me and saying "this was the best event we have ever had!" The music, the laughter, the sense of community, the food, which of course includes something sweet at the end.

I have not had such a positive and warm reaction from members since... well, since Rabbi Paskind's installation – remember David Morgan got us all up and we danced in a huge circle around the sanctuary? And the speeches made us laugh and cry, and then we all had a fabulous meal together where we were all in a hurry to greet each other with hugs? "What a simcha!" Lucia always says, and she is always right.

Remember last year's gala when we bid a fond farewell to the Fish Bieler family and we danced to Sruli and Lisa's klezmer music, and laughed with Randi and Sean in the sanctuary? And the speeches made us laugh and cry? And we all congratulated each other on what a deeply connected community we are?

We feel it at every bar and bat mitzvah – when we see the children we have watched grow from pre-school, through Ein Kelo-hanu and Ashrei all the way to adulthood. We glow and k'vell in each auf ruf and baby naming as if that baby, that bride and groom, that machetunem, was our own. Because they are our own. We may be a small community, but that is our strength. There are no strangers. There are only new friends, and families. Each time I see a new face at Shabbat morning services, I know that I have to make my way over quickly if I want a chance to introduce myself, because otherwise they will be swamped and I won't have a chance to say Shabbat Shalom.

It's not to say we don't have challenges. We definitely do have our challenges – we are not large or wealthy, our building and properties desperately need attention and repairs, and we always need more members. These are problems, sure, but they are manageable ones. Things that can be patched.

The part that can't just be patched, our true foundation, is our ruach and connection. Luckily for us, that is our bedrock.

So, what's your favorite Beth El event? I'll tell you mine: whatever is coming next!

Thank you to our **March Share-a-Shabbat** host families, and thank you to Michelle Fanwick for chairing this ongoing program.

March hosts:

The Fanwick family
The Silverman Heisler family
The Felsenfeld Rotstein family
The Frydman family
The Wasserman family
Rabbi Paskind

Next Share-a-Shabbat is Friday, June 3, 2016.

Please send an email to dinner@congbethel.org if you would like to host, be a guest or know someone who would like to be a guest.



Thank you to the family of Gertrude and David Sirkin, whose generous donation allowed us to revitalize the Garden Room. If you haven't seen it yet, please stop by, and read the beautiful dedication plaque outside the Garden Room doors. (More changes are still on the way....)

Thank you to the volunteers who made the metamorphosis possible:

Co-Chairs: Kate Greenberg and Ali Hurwitz

Helpers: Noah and Joel Goldman, Avi Hurwitz, Maxx and Zack Sproehnle, and Brian Tyson

Navasky News by Al Treidel, Director of Education

April 5 was a banner day at Navasky as we successfully reached the State of Israel on our virtual El Al flight. Students Moriah Morgan and Jack Leventhal put us over the top. Collectively, the youngsters in grades 3 through 7 mastered over 1,800 lines of Siddur; at least 3 times as much as last year. We will have a special celebration on Tuesday, May 10 (the week of Yom Ha Atzmaut) as we observe both great success in collectively reaching and even surpassing our goal of arriving in Israel as well as observing Israel Independence Day. A giant celebration occurs on Sunday, May 22 as all of our students in grades 3 through 7 spend several hours at the Shelton Sports Center as a large group reward for this special success. Many thanks to the Saffan family for making the sports center available to our Navasky youngsters.

It's hard to believe that our school year is quickly drawing to a close. As a means of making re-registration easier, we have designed a new re-registration form for Navasky families that can be completed in 2 to 3 minutes. We encourage all of our families to take advantage of this convenience to re-enroll their youngster(s) in Navasky Explorers by early May. We are delighted to announce that once again we are offering the very successful K'tanim program for 3 and 4 year olds on a monthly basis and we will be expanding our kindergarten program. Please let friends and neighbors know that you do not have to be a Beth El member to enroll your child in either K'tanim or Kindergarten. Space is limited, so please do not wait to register a child.

We celebrated the holiday of Passover in a very exciting manner. Grades K, 1 and 2 had a special Model Seder that was fun and quite age-appropriate. A great time was had by all. Both Navasky and day schoolers joined together for the Second Annual Passover Round Robin. The 6 challenge stations included creating and presenting a Passover Rap, a Passover Quiz Show, 10 Plagues Charades, Passover Word search, Order of the Seder Challenge and a Haggadah Scavenger Hunt. It was a huge success. Please view the photos in this edition of the bulletin to observe our youngsters in action.



The school year ends with a bang through so many additional activities including our 7th graders meeting with a Holocaust survivor on May 1 to hear first hand her amazing story. On May 10, we celebrate both Yom HaAtzmaut and our success in surpassing the Navasky Chants Challenge. On May 15, our 6th graders will stage our second annual Parsha Expo with a series of exhibits and presentations relating to their assigned Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parsha. On Friday evening, May 20, families of youngsters in K'tanim and grades K, 1 and 2 will gather in the Social Hall for a fabulous Shabbat Family Dinner that will include the presentation of Moving Up Certificates. On Sunday, May 22, our third through seventh graders travel to the Shelton Sports Center for a great celebration of their collective success in the Navasky Chants its way to Israel Challenge while youngsters in K, 1 and 2 will have their own celebrations in their classrooms marking the completion of their school year. School ends on Tuesday evening, May 24 for formal Moving Up ceremonies for all youngsters in grades 3 through 7 including the presentation of moving-up certificates. We will also present awards and gifts that afternoon. Navasky Explorers completes another very successful year as we look forward to even more excitement for the coming year.

Al Treidel, Director



B'nai Mitzvah



Donny DeFala

My name is Donny DeFala, and I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 7th. I am the son of Steve and Sharon DeFala, grandson of Nancy and Gary Oberst, and big brother of Belle. I am proud that along with my cousins, we are part of the second generation from our family to be called to become bar and bat mitzvah at Beth El.

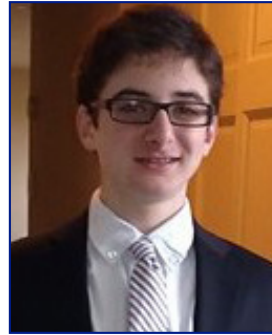
I am a student at Nathan Hale Middle School. I enjoy reading, playing guitar, playing Pokemon, doing karate, solving puzzles, hanging out with friends, singing in my school's chorus, and eating my father's cooking.

For my Mitzvah Project, I have played guitar concerts at retirement homes, such as the Marvin and the Maplewood in Norwalk, the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Bridgeport, and Torat Reva in Jerusalem. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I can be counted in a service and perform mitzvot. Please join my family and me at services and kiddush on May 7th.

Soup Kitchen Help Needed

May 12th, June 9th, July 14th

Contact Stephanie Gordon at
ng3364@aol.com for more information



Harry Heftler

My name is Harry Heftler. My family and I have been members of Congregation Beth El since 2009. I am currently a seventh grader at Navasky, which I will be graduating this year, and at the Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut. I am a major roller coaster enthusiast. I could never go a day without knowing what the latest news is in the world of roller coasters. In addition to roller coasters, I love

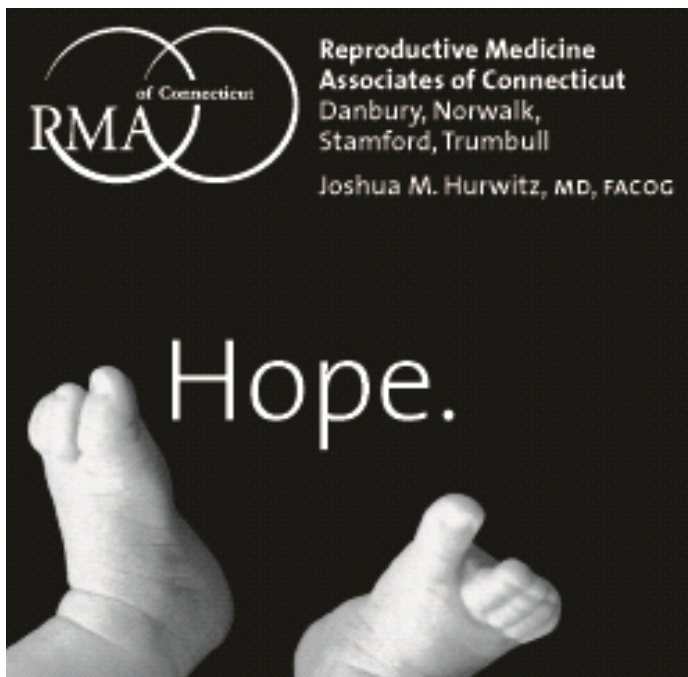
to sing, being a part of the stage crew of my school's yearly middle school musicals, math, reading, writing stories, Star Wars, and many other random things.

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is a very important milestone for me, and I will always cherish that moment for the rest of my life. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah gives me more opportunities in Judaism, such reading from the Torah, which you will hear me do on May 14, 2016. Becoming a Jewish adult will also help me develop a closer relationship with G-d.

For my Mitzvah project, I am donating good condition pre-owned or new toys to the Feroletto Children's Development Center, a school for severely disabled children in Trumbull, Connecticut. I am autistic myself, but my autism isn't as severe as the autistic kids at Feroletto. A lot of the students at Feroletto have trouble using both their arms and leg muscles and their hands, so I want to donate toys that the kids could use to improve on their development skills and muscles. For more information on my project visit: goo.gl/k72aec or scan this QR code if today isn't Shabbat:



I would like to thank my parents Naomi and Jeff Heftler for being with me every step of the way, my sister Tammy for being an awesome and crazy little sister, my grandparents, cousins, and other extended family, Rabbi Ita Paskind, Al Treidel, and all of my Hebrew school teachers for helping me learn the prayers that I will be chanting/reading at my Bar Mitzvah, Bracha Moshe for teaching me how to read and chant my Torah Parsha and Haftorah, my friends and teachers at Wooster and Navasky for just being plain awesome, and anyone else that helped to make my Bar Mitzvah happen. Join me on May 14, 2016 as I am called up to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.



B'nai Mitzvah (continued)



Pauline Kriger

Pauline Claire Kriger will be called to the torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Pauline is the daughter of Dmitriy and Inna Kriger, granddaughter of Yefim/Svetlana Kriger and Misha/Marina Kuchuk, sister of Isabelle Hailey Kriger.

Pauline is a student at Middlebrook school of Wilton. She enjoys field hockey, art, music, and hanging out with family and friends. For her Mitzvah Project Pauline has put together a group of kids at school through a program called "Power of 1" helping elders and volunteering with different facilities in any way they can.

Becoming a Mitzvah means Pauline will be achieving a new milestone in her life as a Jewish adult. This means that she will be a more responsible member in her family and community. She will also be the first in our families to have an official B'nai Mitzvah and it's very special to all of us.

We would like to thank Rabbi Paskind for her guidance and support during her tenure at Congregation Beth El. We would also like to thank Bracha Moshe as she has been a true gem and major contributor to Pauline's Jewish Education. Thank you to the Navasky team for their years of teachings.

On behalf of our happy and joyous occasion, we would like to invite the congregation to join the Kiddush following the services.



At the Gala — Left to right: Howard Greenberg, Laurence Sheinman, Dave Oberst, Joe Schachter

Lights! Camera! Auction! Take 2!

Congrats and thank you to our auction chairs and committee — what an amazing, fun, and funny night!

CHAIRS: Josh Lander, Nancy Oberst, Hilary Shaefitz

COMMITTEE: Betsy Bernstein, Fran Charlip, Mike Charlip, Aliza Cohen, Michelle Fanwick, Marguerite Felsenfeld, Tammy Fish, Dina Fleischmann, Steve Freshman, Dr. Perry Frydman, Dr. Stuart Garrelick, Howard Greenberg, Jill Lander, Barrett Lester, David Lester, Esther Lester, Mary Lester, Melissa Marlowe, Harry Morgenthaler, Josh Oberst, Kathie Oberst, Michael Richards, Rebecca Richards, Lindsey Rossen, David Rossen, Keith Satter, Alison Sherman, Valerie Shukovsky, Susan Singer, Ellen Wasserman, Liz Wolf

With special thanks to.....

Steve Lander for his expertise and time.

Our wonderful staff — Denise Securra, Brandy Conner and Greg Williams — who are always there to support us.

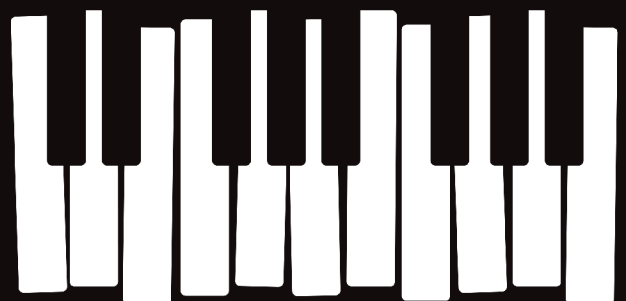
Congregation Beth El's Gift & Simcha Shop for sponsoring the dessert.

Erika Ruggiero for her invaluable creativity & support.

Andrew Moss and Connecticut Distributors, Inc. for supplying us with the delightful spirits.

Lysa & John Caplan and Grapeswine.com for supplying us with the wine for the evening.

Ruth Ridgeway of Ruth Ridgeway Designs for the fun & beautiful sign for the Pin Raffle.



Nitzan News

by Amy SantaLucia, Director

Purim

On March 21st, Nitzan Nursery School celebrated Purim. The students had a blast bouncing in the bounce house — I think they would still be bouncing away if we didn't stop them!! They also had the opportunity to do many crafts throughout the morning. The best part of the day was when they got to "shop" for some treats to take home with them. A fun day all around!!



Passover

Nitzan Nursery celebrated Passover on April 20th with their very own Model Seder. Parents were invited in to participate as the children "acted" out the story of Passover. They also sang Passover songs and practiced the Four Questions. The children also had a chance to sample some charoset, bitter herbs and of course...lots and lots of Matzah!



Barnes and Noble Story Hour



Nitzan Nursery held a very special story hour at Barnes and Noble on March 29th. Rabbi Paskind was there with her guitar and sang some Passover songs with the children. Morah Amy was also there reading a fun Passover story. PJ Library was on hand providing

a Passover craft for the children to complete. Even Dubi, Nitzan Nursery School's very special Bear, attended the event.



NITZAN GOES TO ISRAEL

Wednesday, May 11th

The students will be "traveling" to Israel to see all the sites they have been learning about.

Plane leaves at 9:30am sharp!



Please contact Morah Amy at nitzan@congbethel.org if you would like to help out on that day.



Purim Thank Yous

Thank you to the Beth El bakers for our delicious hamenstachen!



Co-chairs: Karen Schwam & Ilene Sumberg
Bakers: Beverly Krieger and Hazel Krieger-Tyson,
 Kathie Oberst, Sylvia Schulman and Valerie Shukovsky

Todah Rabbah to our mishloach manot sponsors:

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Yasher Koach to our Purim Carnival crew for another FUNd Raising event!



Co-Chairs: Jill & Josh Lander

Aliza Cohen	Doron Loewenberg
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Ali Hurwitz	Jason and Jessica Rutherford
Inna and Dmitriy Kriger	Ethan Saffan
Melissa and Jason Leventhal	Alison and Zach Sherman

Thank you to our "Awesome 80s" Purim people:



Co-Chairs: Randi and Sean McDonnell (aka Richard Simmons and Axl Rose)

Musical stylings of David Morgan (None of us will ever hear Devo the same way again)

Mixologist: Andrea Goldman

Tech crew: Sam and Valerie Shukovsky and Sharon Kesselman

Megillah readers: Kim Krieger (and stuffed Zoe doll) David Loewenberg (with hats and wigs), Eliza Loewenberg, Jessica Rutherford and Rabbi Paskind, and Gabbai Riva Silverman

Youth Activities: Morah Amy SantaLucia, Daniel and Zoe Brodtkin, and Sara Helfand

What a way to celebrate!



Congregation Beth El's Gift & Simcha Shop Is Always READY!!!!

Summer is fast approaching and don't forget we can still help you with Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation and Teacher gifts!!!

We have

- ☆ A Lovely Array of Tallitot & Kippot
- ☆ Kiddush Cups & Candlesticks
- ☆ Challah Boards, Knives and Covers
- ☆ House Gifts and Toys
- ☆ And so much more!!!

When Navasky School is in session we will be available at the Gift Shop on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – Noon. When Navasky closes its doors for the summer, we will be thrilled to meet with you so you can shop 'till you drop!!!

Contact Nancy Oberst (nancy@oberstlaw.com) or Hilary Shaefitz (shaef@optonline.net) and we will be glad to meet with you!!

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Steven Rotstein & Marguerite Felsenfeld in honor of Avi Hurwitz Bar Mitzvah and wishing Max Feldman a speedy recovery

David & Sheri Jacobson in honor of Avi Hurwitz Bar Mitzvah

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Adriana Rexon

Gloria Walkoff in memory of Richard Walkoff and Eleanor Samowitz

Gerald & Elaine Rosenberg in memory of Bernard Rosenberg

Alan Murnick in memory of Linda Murnick

Hilda Schwartz in memory of Joseph Schwartz and in honor of Lila Hennes baby naming

Richard & Karen Schwam in memory of Jay Siegel's brother

Steven Rotstein & Marguerite Felsenfeld wishing a Happy Purim to Diane Samelson, the Epstein, Osen, and Zagorski families and in memory of Sylvia Krieger and Dan Scherer's Grandmother

Marvin Rosenbaum in memory of Sylvia Krieger, Edith Pellenberg and Judith Imber Esterly

Lewis Cherniack

Nitzan Fund

Dr. Stephen & Linda Stein in memory of Barbara Deliyannides

Les & Phyllis Asher in memory of Joseph Schwartz, in honor of Lila Hennes baby naming and good health to Nancy Oberst

P. Wolf Ramah Fund

Miriam Zeevi in memory of Phyllis Wolf

Sid Birnbaum Scholarship Fund

Leona & Hazel Lepofsky in memory of Gertrude Sirkin and Edith Pellenberg

Soup Kitchen Fund

Michael & Amanda Geffner in honor of Eric & Michelle Fanwick's anniversary

Gary & Nancy Oberst in honor of Avi Hurwitz Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeit

Naomi Karp in memory of Bessie Karp

Phyllis Gitlin in memory of Sam & Minnie Sbinowitz

Jeffrey & Catherine Kozak in memory of Max & Frieda Leib

Fred Barr in memory of Harry Barr

Robert Housman in memory of Lee Housman

Donald London & Joan Herman-London in memory of Claire London

Meyer & Elaine Sherman in memory of William Sherman

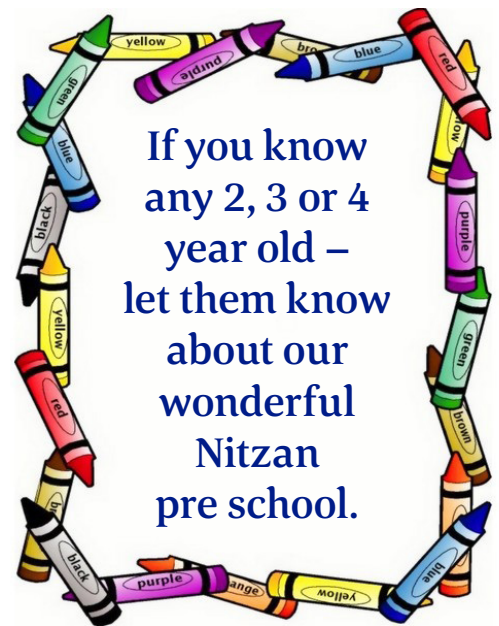
Brenda Cooper in memory of Lena Solomon

Michael & Janis Siegel in memory of Murray & Bea Siegel

Congregation Kiddush

Elliot Gertel & Jamie Morris in honor of Lusia Gertelman's birthday

Rabbi Jeffrey Silberman & Linda Lerman in memory of Arlene Lerman



to Albert Ekanazi for upgrading and improving our online siddur program. If you have not tried it, please click on it from our website: www.congbethel.org go to the e-siddur prompt. Password: Treidel.

Chant along with our star daveners Riva Silverman and David Loewenberg. Not just for kids! Great for anyone who wants to sharpen their shul skills!

The deadline for the next Bulletin issue is **July 11**. Please submit articles on disk or via email to bulletin@congbethel.org. All charitable contributions must be submitted to the office by the last day of the month (**June 30**) to be included. Donations made between April 1 and June 30 will be included. Charitable contributions to all funds received after the deadline will be included in the following issue's Bulletin Funds listing.

FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

I am writing this article on April 19 and so far this month indicates a substantial increase in sales from April 19, 2015; approximately \$9,000. This, together with an increase of \$2,000 for the similar first quarters of both years, at this point is a very good yearly increase of about \$11,000.

I want to thank every one of you who has made this increase possible. Although we have not had an increase in congregation membership during these first four months, we have been able to get more congregants involved in the program, which is what we need to do. If just 20% more congregants joined the program, we would have a yearly sales of over \$500,000, which would generate a profit of about \$30,000 per year! Think about that, and please seriously consider joining the program after doing so. This is about the easiest way to fund raise, actually a no-brainer, and every congregant should be in the program so that we can take full advantage of its success.

While I am on the subject of appealing to you, I want to let you know that I am planning to retire from its leadership on June 30th. I think the program must continue and there must be someone in place to take it over in my absence. It has been suggested that several people form a committee to break up the responsibilities of the job. I am willing to work with the committee in the beginning to provide training necessary for its continuation and success. Please contact Sharon DeFala if you are willing to serve as a volunteer on the committee. Thanks so much for your consideration and help in maintaining this very successful fundraiser.

Harry Morgenthaler

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Now is a good time to think about giving gifts for graduations, promotions, teacher appreciations, etc., in addition to engagements, weddings, B'Nai Mitzvot, etc.

As you may know, we carry gift cards for CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, iTunes, Panera Bread, Walgreens, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Starbucks in our office, but we also can get you gift cards for over 600 other national stores, restaurants and services. These will arrive about 4 days after your order.

This is a great fundraiser for the synagogue and generates profits to us of between 1.5% and 18% on each sale, depending on the vendor.

I can give anyone a copy of our supplier's list of vendors. Please call the synagogue at (203) 838-2710 or me at (203) 846-2646 for a copy.

Please use this service, and watch how the synagogue's profits grow from it.

Harry Morgenthaler

Beth El Food Certificate Program

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

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, Bev Max, Caraluzzi, Fairway, ShopRite, Stew Leonard's, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods** 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. Call Harry Morgenthaler at 846-2646 with any questions. Thank you!

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

Acme \$ _____ Fairway \$ _____ Stew Leonard's \$ _____

Bev Max \$ _____ Fresh Market \$ _____ Stop & Shop \$ _____

Caraluzzi \$ _____ ShopRite \$ _____ Whole Foods \$ _____

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.

