

שבת שלום

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Parashat Chukat

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Shabbat Shalom

Beth El-Norwalk



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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:30AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
Please speak to Rabbi Paskind at least a week in advance.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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WEEKLY TORAH

Parashat Chukat begins by describing the ritual slaughter and sacrifice of the *parah adumah*, or “red cow,” by Eleazar the priest, and the ritual cleansing for those who touch a corpse. Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, dies at Kadesh. Again the people complain that they have no water to drink. God tells Moses to take his rod and order a rock to bring forth water. Angry at the complaining people, whom he calls “rebels,” Moses strikes the rock with his rod. Water pours out. The people drink and water their animals. God informs Moses that because of his anger he will not be allowed to lead his people into the Land of Israel. Moses asks the king of Edom for permission to pass through his land. The king refuses, and the Israelites take another route. When they reach Hor, Aaron dies, and his priestly authority is passed on to his son, Eleazar. The people mourn Aaron for thirty days. Afterwards they are attacked by the Canaanites, whom they conquer with God’s help. However, the people continue to complain to Moses: “Why did you make us leave Egypt to die in the wilderness?” God sends snakes among the people to bite them for their disloyalty. Moses begs forgiveness for them when they admit their wrongdoing. God tells Moses to place a *seraph* figure – a snake made of copper – on his staff. When the people see it, they will be healed. The Israelites are later attacked by the Amorites and the people of Bashan and Og. In each battle the Israelites emerge victorious, conquering towns and acquiring large territories.

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, July 15, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 8:06pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 16, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Friday, July 22, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 8:01pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 23, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Join us for morning minyan Monday-Friday at 8:00am, unless posted

BIMAH OFFICERS AND SHABBAT GREETERS

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 7/16 – Josh Lander

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 7/16 – Harry Morgenthaler

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 7/23 – David Loewenberg

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 7/23 – Noah Goldman

COMMUNITY

July 25, 9:00am – Life Line Screening (Beth El Norwalk)

We use ultrasound to look at the carotid arteries for buildup of fatty plaque, the leading cause of stroke. Call 888.653.6450 to register.



August 11 – 10:30am – Soup Kitchen volunteers are needed to prep and/or set-up at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Please contact Stephanie Gordon for more details.

COMING IN AUGUST...

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS

EVERY Wednesday in August – beginning 8/3

WATERMELON WEDNESDAY! 9:30am – 10:00am

Open to Nitzan families and anyone with kids age 5 & under.

Music & watermelon – stay tuned for details!



NRV Trail HIKE, Sunday 8/7 at 2:00pm

Meet at the park n' ride at the intersection of Wolfpit Rd and Danbury Rd in Wilton, just past Orem's Diner.

Free and open to all members and the Jewish community. RSVP to the Office by 8/4.

JCC MACCABI GAMES, August 7-12

A creative arts experience for Jewish teens ages 13- 17.

Host Families and Volunteers are needed! Call Rachel

Rothman, 203.487.0949 or Sheri Jacobson, 203.918.7010 for details.



Tisha B'Av

The 9th of Av is the fast day that commemorates the destruction of the 1st and 2nd Temples. It has also become a day of general mourning for other Jewish disasters including the Spanish expulsion and the mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto. As we read the Eicha (The Book of Lamentations), it forces us to consider disasters in our own times.

Both services take place at TCS in Westport with TCS and Beth El Stamford

8/13, 9:00PM – Ma'ariv with Eicha

8/14, 8:45am – Schacharit with Eicha (no tallit or tefillin)

Interfaith Community and Independence Day

8/14, 6:00pm - Community Interfaith Independence Day, St. Phillips Church



Weir Farm Art Day, Sunday, 8/28 at 3 PM

Join us for a guided tour & painting session at Weir Farm.

Free and open to members and the Jewish community.

Please contact the office to RSVP.

Monday, Aug 29 – Dining for Dollars at Bertucci's in Darien

Coupons are needed and can be redeemed all day. Nitzan families please come between 4:00pm-6:00pm. There will be vegetarian options. More details to come.



NITZAN NURSERY SCHOOL



Do you like kids?

Please join our sub list! The hours would be 9-12. No experience necessary - there will always be a teacher in the room. Please contact Amy SantaLucia for details.

Thank you to those who donated boxtops, please keep them coming during the summer!

JEWISH SENIOR SERVICES



Jewish Senior Services
excellence in our home and yours

Let's Talk Thursdays, 11:00am — Stamford JCC.

Seniors talk about interests & concerns. Contact

Connie Cirillo Freeman, 203.487.0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org for info.

Please the bulletin board for additional programs offered.

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Yahrzeit Plaques



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FEEL THE CONNECTION (L'DOR V'DOR)

Yahrzeit/Memorial Plaques - "Feel" your loved ones' presence each time you come to Shul. See their plaques lit up on their Yahrzeits and the High Holidays.

Call Ellen Gordon, 203.847.3559 or email the Office for information.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open from 9:30am-12:00pm every Sunday that Navasky is in session. When Navasky is closed for the summer, please contact Nancy Oberst or Hilary Shaeftitz.

FOOD and GIFT CERTIFICATES

Don't forget to buy your Food and Gift Cards! To order, call the synagogue, 203.838.2710.

