

# Kayruv



# קירוב

“Judaism for Today In a Warm and Caring Environment”

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## FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

I came across a story I'd like to share with you.

During Czarist reign, a certain Pyotr Stolypin served as Prime Minister, and Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian

Empire from 1906 to 1911. He was notorious for his anti-Semitism and his decrees against Jews. It is told that Rabbi Shalom DovBer Schneerson, the 5<sup>th</sup> Lubavitcher Rebbe, once learned of an impending edict planned by Stolypin, and dispatched his son and future successor, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak, in an effort to prevent the decree from being enacted.

Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak traveled to S. Petersburg, the capital. After discussing the matter with Jewish communal leaders, it was decided that the best way to try to sway Stolypin was through Konstantin Pobedonostsev, whom Stolypin esteemed highly and who had exerted great influence upon him. Though this official made no secret of his anti-Semitism and advised on many decrees against Jews as well, he was a very pious Christian Orthodox layperson, and felt reverence towards clergymen of all faiths, including rabbis.

With much difficulty, an audience was arranged - but for a Friday evening. Pobedonostsev lived in a remote suburb of S. Petersburg, where it was forbidden for Jews to live. In S. Petersburg itself there were some notable exceptions: some affluent merchants and physicians were able circumvent the regulations against Jewish inhabitants, but in the suburban area there lived not a single Jew. This meant that Shabbat was going to present an extra complication to an already complex situation.

Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak had to find a tavern in which to stay – it was winter, so walking around in the streets was out of question, and obviously no Jewish home was available. He arrived before Shabbat and waited for a few hours until the time of his appointment. After successfully fulfilling his mission, he returned to the tavern.

I don't know what you think about Russian taverns in the Czarist era, but it was no Fiddler-on-the-Roof with almost-nice dancing peasants place. Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak had to pretend to participate in the general drunkenness, and hide the fact that he was not just a Jew, but an important one.

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**Kayruv means “Welcoming.”**

One of the questions that this story brings about is one that we studied in our Ethical Cases class: why would he put himself in this situation? There was only a possibility of preventing the decree, while Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak put himself in obvious peril: he feigned a false identity and spent an enormous time with drunkards, while trying to observe a minimum of the strictures of Shabbat.

There are, of course two answers. The first one is that he wouldn't be violating Jewish Law by not going. No one could, in good conscience, find fault with Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak.

And yet, when asked, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak answered that there are two places in Deuteronomy that the Torah declares, "And God will bless you in all that you will do."<sup>1</sup> That means that acting in the world is paramount to enable the divine blessings to permeate one's efforts.

When Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak saw that Jews would endure oppression, it affected him profoundly, to the very core of his soul. There was no place for logic. He knew that he had to act, even if there was just a possibility of cancelling the decree.

When Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak became Rebbe and he recounted this incident, he made clear that for him it was an action to express a deep value: *ahavat Israel*, loving our fellow Jews. If one is informed of the pain and anguish of a fellow Jew, be it physical or spiritual suffering, one needs to act out of authentic *ahavat Israel*. This empathy must not remain just a thought or a feeling: it is the fuel to impel us to do everything we are capable of, without hesitation or reflection, even on the remotest *possibility* that we can help another Jew.

## **RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS**

Rabbi Altenburger invites you to meet with her and will be available any day except Wednesday and Shabbat. Please feel free to call or stop by.

Sitting around being holy, alone, does not accomplish transcendence. In our time, in our community, we too have to act: what will you do, moved by *ahavat Israel*? What will you do, moved by *ahavat America*, love for America? And what will you do, moved by the need to balance both loves?

Warmly,  
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

## **DONATIONS**



### **FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!**

This is CBI's ongoing project to help our local food pantries. Items most in need are dried/canned beans, canned fish, peanut butter, jelly, fruit juice, sugar, flour, personal care items such as soap and shampoo.

CBI is a generous and caring community and as always, we thank you for your donations and support as they are truly appreciated.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Jack Mandell, son of Benjamin Mandell graduated from Danbury High School last month. Jack has been accepted to Western Connecticut State University.

<sup>1</sup> 28:8; 30:9

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

YES YOU.....This message is for you. All our future depends on you reading this.

I have two lists. The first includes Major League Sports, watching a movie or a TV show, listening to the radio or a pod cast. The other list consists of playing flag football, playing street stick ball, if any one does that anymore, bowling, walking and reading.

What is the difference between the two lists? The first list is passive. You are an inactive observer. You have no ownership. The second list is active, requires participation, buy-in and ownership.

So what does this have to do with Congregation B'nai Israel and you? It is easy to think of membership as part of the first list. I've joined, I plan to go to the High Holiday services and may even read the Kayruv. I hope, because you have gotten this far that you are, or will be moving towards the second list.

Membership cannot be passive, it must be ACTIVE. I define active in the broadest of terms. Each person is different, has different limitations on her/his time, different abilities, different levels of commitment. That is clearly understood. I ask each of you to reflect on what you bring to this community and how you can share that with CBI. Below, I have proposed a list of areas in which you can participate. Think about how you can, and should, give of yourself.

CBI is fortunate to have a caring and dedicated rabbi. She is always available for counseling, support or just talk. I am always amazed at the level of her knowledge and commitment to Judaism. Read her articles in the Kayruv; they are always thought provoking. I have participated in most of her adult education classes and found them stimulating and helpful in expanding my awareness of my faith. Our part-time office manager, Cheryl, is the glue that helps keep us together. But they are just two people, actually 1.5 full-time equivalents. We survive through our volunteers. The officers and the Board of Trustees give of their time and ability to make CBI a warm

and caring house of worship; a place where you feel welcome and encouraged to practice and expand your faith. But we cannot do it alone.

I had an opportunity to review the goals I had in 2010 when I became President the first time. The number one goal then and still is "**Building Community through Involvement**". You will hear and read a lot about that during this year. It will be my slogan, my mantra. The officers and Board of Trustees cannot do it alone. Each and every one of us is a piece of the puzzle that makes up Congregation B'nai Israel.

We are about to celebrate our 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We survived all those years through the efforts and commitment of our volunteer members and rabbis. Anyone who has worked on a jig saw puzzle knows that it cannot be complete until all the pieces are in place....Yes, YOU are those vital pieces. A rock is stronger than a doughnut. We cannot have the hole in the middle. Ok, enough of the metaphors.

Summer is a great time to relax and reflect on the past year, your accomplishments and missed opportunities. Take stock of who you are and what you can bring to YOUR *shul* and how you can make a difference.

The edges of the puzzle are complete; we now need the all-important middle pieces. To paraphrase someone, "Together we can make Congregation B'nai Israel even greater than it is already."

### ***Building Community through Involvement***

Paul M Simon

I want to help in the following areas:

- Join the Board of Directors
- Serve on a committee
  - Education
  - Religious
  - Other
- Help with hospitality
- Be a Greeter on Shabbat
- Help with building upkeep
- Plan a social event
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Congregation B'nai Israel or email [President@danburyshul.org](mailto:President@danburyshul.org)

## JULY/AUGUST EVENTS

### SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> KIDDUSH TO HONOR KENNIS KOLDEWYN

Join us as we recognize Kennis for his many and varied contributions to Congregation B'nai Israel.

### SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M. CBI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, July 30th at 6:00 P.M. the CBI Hebrew School parents and children will welcome as guests, area parents with children from four to twelve years of age who are interested in finding out about our unique Religious School and Gan Shalom (pre-school) programs.

We encourage our current students and their parents to attend as we feel they can best explain and promote our program in order to recruit new students. Barbara Levitt, Education Chair explains, "Who, but these enthusiastic and happy 'customers' can provide better information on the creativity, warmth, and meaningful activities that Rabbi Nelly Altenburger combines with innovative techniques in introducing stimulating discussions, Hebrew games and holiday projects?"

P.J. Library, an organization that sends Jewish books to over 170 local families will co-sponsor the event.

Special guest, Leslie Elias, director of and performer in her Grumbling Gryphons Theater Company will present several stories with a Jewish twist. Leslie's dramatic and musical flair has made her a popular performer in schools and community theaters worldwide. Always popular are her shows including children in the audience as participants.

The event promises to be fun for all. Refreshments will be served.



### LESLIE ELIAS - Director, Playwright, Actor, Storyteller

Leslie has been teaching theater arts, music, movement and storytelling for over thirty-seven years in the U.S. and abroad. She has written numerous plays for and with children. She traveled to Ukraine to work with children of Chernobyl victims, bringing them joy, songs and stories. She performs participatory one-woman "Storytelling through Theater" performances and conducts drama residencies for all ages, exploring timely issues, as well as, dramatizing traditional folktales. She creates original shows with elementary and high school students on themes such as teaching tolerance, celebrating cultural diversity, building self-esteem, poetry, myth and imagination. She is the co-founder and artistic director of Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater.

### August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Friday Night *Kabbalat Shabbat* (Welcome the Sabbath) Service

Join us as we resume our monthly Friday night services beginning at 6:30 P.M. Light refreshments will be served.



## YOUNG LEADERSHIP GRANT AWARDED TO CBI

B'nai Israel has been awarded a competitive Young Leadership grant from the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut. The mini-grant of \$750 will further the efforts of our Outreach committee in the use of technology to bring unaffiliated Jews, interfaith families, non-Jews considering conversion and others in the Greater Danbury community closer to synagogue life.

The grant proposal was developed by longtime CBI members Sophie Markind and Joel Levitt. Sophie will be our outreach technology coordinator and Joel will be our outreach advisor. The grant will pay to bring in a technology consultant to expand our website and Facebook pages with specific outreach content (including video) and to train Sophie (she brings the “young” to Young Leadership) to maintain those tech efforts throughout the year.

We're very excited at the prospect of enhancing our outreach efforts through the use of innovative social media. We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut for their support and to Executive Director Jade Stoltz and her staff for their warm encouragement throughout the application process.

Joel Levitt

## CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

B'nai Israel's June 25<sup>TH</sup> annual meeting was an informative and positive recap of our synagogue's struggles and triumphs this past year.

Outgoing president (in both senses of the word) Kennis Koldewyn provided facts and figures concerning our financial status and our largely successful efforts to raise funds through traditional and innovative measures. Kennis was able to reassure the congregants in attendance that our struggles are no different than virtually all synagogues of whatever affiliation and in fact, many churches, as well.

We have accomplished much this past year, particularly given our modest size. Both Kennis's and Rabbi Altenburger's reports provided much to be proud of. The core of our synagogue; High Holy

Days, holiday and Shabbat services remains very strong. Based on our average Shabbat attendance, one would think we are a synagogue of 200 families! Our religious school, under Rabbi Altenburger's inspired leadership, is thriving, with happy students and parents. As a retired educator of nearly 40 years, I can tell you that the latter is quite an accomplishment.

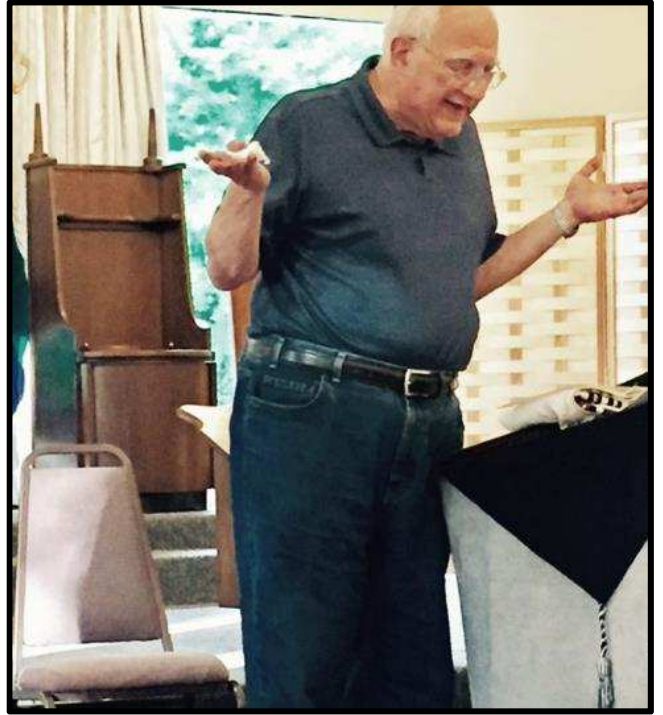
The Rabbi has also been a leader in area of interfaith activities, working closely with the Association of Religious Communities and members of the Muslim community. Anyone interested in joining her efforts should contact the Rabbi.

With gratitude to Kennis and the former officers and members of the Board of Trustees, our annual election was held. A smooth transition occurred as Dr. Paul Simon was elected president (winning both the popular and electoral vote!), along with Barbie Steinberg as First Vice President and Barbara Levitt as Second Vice President, plus several new and returning officers and trustees.

Paul, Barbie and Barbara deserve a lot of praise for “stepping up to the plate” yet again, in their willingness to lead us through another successful year. And Kennis merits deepest thanks from the congregation for his leadership these past three years (Kennis and his family will soon be relocating for professional reasons). He has brought an inspired love of Judaism and a truly generous spirit of “*Yiddishkeit*” to our congregation. In all categories, he's been the perfect “*mensch*” for imperfect times.

Joel Levitt







## THROUGH A JEWISH LENS



After our time in Poland, Dina and I flew to Paris. The weather was magnificent and the cherry trees were in full bloom. We headed straight to the Camondo House & Museum. The Camondos were a wealthy Jewish banking family from Istanbul that moved their operations to Paris in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and built a beautiful home on Parc Monceau, similar to the Ephrussi Family of the book *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*. And, like the Ephrussi, the Camondo Family is no more. (The last of the Camondos perished in the Holocaust). But they left their mansion and its contents to the French government to create a decorative arts museum full of beautiful 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century furnishings. We then took a leisurely stroll through the lovely Parc Monceau.

As Rick said to Ilse, “We’ll always have Paris.” In 1989, Dina and I rented an apartment in Paris for six weeks after travelling in France with her parents for a month. During that trip, we met several people through the Paris chapter of Hadassah. By chance, the annual Hadassah gala was scheduled for the evening of our first day in Paris this time, so we went. During the pre-concert cocktail hour, we saw two people whom we had met 28 years ago. It was exciting to renew acquaintances. We then went into the theater for a fabulous concert of diverse classical music selections performed magnificently by a youth orchestra. After that, a clarinetist came on stage and, with the orchestra, played Gershwin’s *An American in Paris* followed by a medley of klezmer music. *Tout simplement, une soirée exceptionnelle!*

And all this on just our first day there!

Paris is a densely populated, highly kinetic city. It’s also a troubled place due to numerous recent terrorist attacks. One of its most striking features today is the large number of armed military personnel on patrol throughout the city. It reminded me of Israel a generation ago, but these days you hardly see this in Israel. In Paris, however, it’s now very much in evidence.

A guided walking tour of the Paris *haute couture* district, themed around Coco Chanel, occupied the late morning/early afternoon of our second day. Some of Chanel’s activities during and after WWII

were murky, but there’s no doubt that she left a large imprint on the world of fashion. That evening we went to a small church to hear a concert of mostly Chopin music, continuing a theme from Warsaw – Paris is full of little churches where you can attend inexpensive and intimate classical music concerts. Then we walked over to Le Caveau de la Huchette. Did you see the movie *La La Land*? Well, part of it was filmed in Le Caveau de la Huchette, a subterranean dance club that’s a lot of fun. We danced (a part of) the night away!

Let me tell you about a fantastic kosher bakery just a few minutes walk from the apartment where we were staying. It’s on the rue des Rosiers, the center of the old Ashkenazi neighborhood that is gradually becoming gentrified. Some of the Jewish stores have closed, but some remain open. Korcarz has a wide selection of French, Ashkenazi, and Sephardi baked goods, including the world’s most delicious poppy strudel. Combine this with a *café allongé* and I am a happy camper.

A guided walking tour of Montmartre was the order of our next morning. To get an appreciation of the Montmartre of old – the center of the Bohemian life of the art and music worlds – it’s best to go on the far side of the imposing *Sacré Cœur* church and our guide did a good job of taking us there. Afterward, while having lunch, I noticed something funny about our table setting: the wine glass was much larger than the water glass and there was an ashtray – no doubt about it, we were in France. Then we were off to see the fashion show at *Les Galeries Lafayette* —put this fun activity, which takes place each Friday, on your list of things to do next time you’re in Paris.

We attended Friday evening services at a progressive synagogue in Paris that is led by Rabbi Tom Cohen who is from Oregon. (His wife, Rabbi Pauline Bebe, leads a different congregation in Paris so we didn’t get to meet her.) Many North American ex-pats are in the congregation; there is also a smattering of Francophone Jews. We were there because this is the synagogue that Sally Katz & Martin Luling attend (Sally & Martin moved from Danbury to Paris nearly 20 years ago). We were in luck because a Bar Mitzvah was scheduled for this weekend and the chorale was assembled to sing. Packed into the shul like sardines (the sanctuary is about half the size of CBI), we experienced a joyous and lovely Kabbalat Shabbat service held in English, French, and Hebrew. This

was followed by a brief *Oneg* after which the four of us went to dinner.

France has the third largest Jewish community in the world (only Israel and the US have more Jews) and it is vibrant. The largest segment is Sephardi and most of them arrived in France from North Africa in the 1950's; the Ashkenazi community was greatly diminished by the Holocaust. While anti-Semitism is nothing new in France, the recent rise of terrorism has caused many French Jews, especially among the young, to leave. Will this tendency increase, decrease, or level off? It remains to be seen. It depends, in large part, on whether the political establishment can deal effectively with terrorism. I suspect that France's new President will be put to the test soon and we'll see how he responds.

I met a Parisian girl one day when I was in Israel in 1979 and, in 1981, I stayed with her family in their Paris apartment for 10 days. I remain in contact with the Ruimy Family to this day, and Dina and I went to visit them on Saturday afternoon. The parents (Jacques & Michèle), their son (Emmanuel, who was about 12 years old when I met him) and his wife (Fanny), along with their 3 children were there. This family has been so welcoming to me over the years. It's amazing to me how long I've known them. Jacques came to France from Morocco while Michèle's parents came to France from Greece. Both are grateful for the life they've been able to lead in France and hopeful that Macron will be able to control the terrorism (frankly, I'm doubtful). As we related our previous evening at Rabbi Tom's shul, Fanny told us that his wife, Rabbi Pauline Bebe, is her cousin – Parisian Jewish geography! I wonder if any of Emmanuel's children (the oldest is 14 now) will attend college in America like he did; in fact, the last time I had seen Emmanuel was when he came to Danbury for Thanksgiving many years ago.

For our final evening in Paris, we went to a unique restaurant to listen to *la chanson française*, the French parallel to the Great American Songbook. Le Vieux Belleville is a small restaurant in the neighborhood where Edith Piaf grew up. On weekend evenings a chanteuse with a musette (small accordion) sings these classic songs and the patrons sing along. (She passes out song sheets.) And don't think we were the only foreigners – about half the people there were from other countries (Denmark, Argentina, Portugal that night). Sadly, live performances of this great music

are becoming harder and harder to find, even in Paris, as the younger generation doesn't care much for it. And after Charles Aznavour (age 93) and Juliette Gréco (age 90) leave this world, all of its original practitioners will be gone.

As Hemingway said, Paris is a movable feast. I have been fortunate: by getting to know this engaging city and some of its people I feel like a guest at the table when I'm there. The city's Jewish population is large and, make no mistake about it, the city's Jewish community is vital. But it lives more on the edge than we do, owing to the anti-Semitism it has known. Now the entire city is living on the edge, reeling from numerous terrorist attacks. And the large presence of armed soldiers patrolling the streets reinforces this feeling on a daily basis.

Our last day in Paris sort of summed it all up. On this sunny Sunday morning, Dina and I went for a pastry and coffee then a lovely stroll. We were in a good mood when we arrived at the airport, only to be thrust into the chaos of military personnel evacuating the terminal due to a bomb scare. Fortunately, it turned out to be just a piece of misplaced luggage, but it was a reminder of the daily reality that Parisians now confront.

Dr. Sam Markind



Comme il faut. The proper way to start a Parisian holiday.





Visiting at the apartment of "my Parisian family."

on the program at the Jewish Federation of Western CT, 444 Main Street North, in Southbury. This ongoing monthly workshop is designed for individuals who have lost a spouse or significant other either through death or divorce and are looking to educate themselves on interesting topics related to enhancing their social life. Expect create a network of friends with whom you can enjoy life.

This month, a speaker from Safe Haven in Waterbury will discuss issues surrounding senior abuse and fraud. Topics will include physical, psychological, financial and technological abuse of seniors. A question and answer session will follow.

To RSVP please call [203-267-3177 ext. 340](tel:203-267-3177). Light refreshments will be served. Open to the public.



### AROUND THE WORLD WITH ANIMAL EMBASSY

Sponsored by: The JCC in Sherman  
Friday, July 21, 2017 - 2:30 PM - 5:30PM  
Cost: \$15 Members & camps-\$20 Non-members

Animal Embassy will take campers on a journey from the rainforests of South America to the plains of Africa. Zoology will meet geography as we learn about animals and the diverse habitats in which they live. We'll explore the tools they need to survive in rainforests, deserts, grasslands and more. Live Animal Ambassadors will include animals such as an African Hedgehog, a Red-footed Tortoise, a Monk Parakeet, a Central American Milk Snake, a Chilean Rose-Haired Tarantula, an African Savannah Monitor, a Chinese Water Dragon and Australian White's Tree Frogs. Animal Embassy enables campers of all ages to connect with the natural world with this unforgettable, live animal presentation!

Parents or caregivers MUST attend with children ages 3 through 5. There is no charge for parents or caregivers to attend. Children ages 6 and up may attend without a parent with completed registration by July 17. Program includes live animal presentation and craft activities.

Please Register by July 17<sup>th</sup>  
JCC In Sherman ~ 860-355-8050  
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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### Safe Haven Speaker at Federation

(SOUTHBURY) The Life, Love and Friendship group at Federation is meeting on July 20 at 1:30 in the afternoon. All area adults are invited to join in

## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ **Shabbat, 21 Tammuz, July 15, Pinhas:** In the fortieth year a census is taken of the Israelites and Joshua is appointed as Moshe's successor.

*Haftarah:* Jer. 1:2-2:3

☆ **Shabbat, 28 Tammuz, July 22, Mattot-Mas'ei:**

The final portions of Bamidbar, the route of our wandering is recounted. *Haftarah:* Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

☆ **Shabbat, 6 Av, July 29, D'Varim:** Ready to enter the land of Milk and Honey, Moshe addresses the Israelites and reviews their history with them as warning. *Haftarah:* Isaiah 1:1-27

☆ **Shabbat, 13 Av, August 5, Va'et'hanan:** Still addressing the Israelites, Moshe regrets that he will not be entering the land with them. In this *parsha* Moshe repeats the Ten Commandments, as well as addressing us with the words of the *Sh'ma*.

*Haftarah:* Isaiah 40:1-26

☆ **Shabbat, 20 Av, August 12, Ekev:** Moshe enjoins the Israelites to remember that their future depends on their actions. *Haftarah:* Isaiah 49:14-51:3

☆ **Shabbat, 27 Av, August 19, Re'eh:** Moshe teaches us the economics of *tzedakah* (charity and welfare) which are the responsibilities of the people of Israel as they create a society in their own land.

*Haftarah:* Isaiah 54:11-55:5

☆ **Shabbat, 4 Elul, August 26, Shoftim:** Moshe instructs us to set up just courts to rule our society. "Justice justice shall you pursue."

*Haftarah:* Isaiah 51:12-52:12

☆ **Shabbat, 11 Elul, September 2, Ki Tetze:** An array of civil and domestic laws for the Israelites to follow upon coming into their land.

*Haftarah:* Isaiah 54:1-10

☆ **Shabbat, 18 Elul, September 9, Ki Tavo:** Come and discuss blessings and curses in Jewish thought. *Haftarah:* Isaiah 60:1-22

## CANDLE LIGHTING

July 14, 2017:	8:08 P.M.
July 21, 2017:	8:02 P.M.
July 28, 2017:	7:56 P.M.
August 4, 2017:	7:48 P.M.
August 11, 2017:	7:39 P.M.
August 18, 2017:	7:29 P.M.
August 25, 2017:	7:18 P.M.
September 1, 2017:	7:07 P.M.
September 8, 2017:	6:55 P.M.

## YAHARZEITS

**23 Tammuz, July 17, 2017**

Etta W. Tritter (Henry Tritter)

**24 Tammuz, July 18, 2017**

Jerome Zimmerman (Shoshannah Zimmerman)

**26 Tammuz, July 20, 2017**

Celia Schorr (Heather K. Mazarakos)

**4 Av, July 27, 2017**

Sally Rudick (Charles Rudick and Grace Rudick)

**8 Av, July 31, 2017**

Bernard Breeman (Barbie Steinberg)

**14 Av, August 6, 2017**

Shalom Lampell (Pam Lampell)

**21 Av, August 13, 2017**

Bessie Bank (Alex Bank)

Alfred P. Poll (Susan Osness)

**23 Av, August 15, 2017**

Aryeh Leib Kerstein (Michael Kerstein)

**26 Av, August 18, 2017**

Elliot Maya (Alan Maya)

**28 Av, August 20, 2017**

Harry Robinson (Barbara Levitt)

Dr. Ralph Alpher (Harriet Lebetkin)

Sol Harry Kaplan (Donna Goodstein)

**30 Av, August 22, 2017**

A. Paul Tritter (Henry Tritter)

**4 Elul, August 26, 2017**

Robert Salm (Joyce Shenker)

## THANKS! THANKS!

### **For the General Fund**

☆ Pat and Alvin Goldman *refuah shlema* to Joyce Shenker and Sarah Namer

☆ Susan and Henry Tritter *refuah shlema* to Joyce Shenker and Sarah Namer

### **For Their Generous Kiddush**

☆ Sarah and Joe Namer in honor of their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

☆ Jean and George Ohring in honor of grandson Isaac's graduation from Western Connecticut State University



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Please find us on Facebook: Jewish Family Services of Greater Danbury/Putnam.

Who are we? **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES** is an independent social service organization for the Greater Danbury/Putnam area. We offer resource and referral information on a confidential, no-fee basis to all individuals and families residing in Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield and Sherman, CT, as well as Putnam County, NY. We are overseen by a 10-member volunteer board and administered by a dedicated, caring professional.

How have we helped? Here are some examples of the help we have provided:

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2. Furnished elder law referrals for children seeking conservatorship;
3. Disability resources furnished to a family caring for a disabled young person;
4. Assisted living and long term care options supplied to children of aging parents;
5. Mental health counseling referrals for individuals, couples and families.

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