

August 2009

# ***From the Presidents' Desk***

Joyce K. Peck

Beth El Synagogue is revitalizing its Family Tree of Life as a fund raiser, of course, and as a means of tracing our own synagogue history. Those of us who have been here for a while recognize many names of people who are no longer with us, those who have passed away or those who have moved away.

The Family Tree of Life presents a remarkable and interesting record of our own synagogue. We hope more people will add their family names. If your family name is already on the tree, consider adding the names of sons- and daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Vicki Lynch is the chairwoman of the Family Tree of Life project. We soon hope to move the large tree painting to a more visible location at the bottom of the stairs and perhaps add a light. There are still plenty of places to add your names. Our prices are reasonable. A leaf is \$36, a limb is \$72, and a large portion of the tree trunk or a rock is \$108.

If you'd like more information, call Vicki at (860) 491-3495 or the office at (860) 482-8263.

**Friday Night Family Shabbat Service August 7, 2009, at 7 p.m.,** conducted by Rabbi Eisenberg. The Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Patricia Anderson. Please join us.

## ***News in Brief***

- Kudos to **Roland Perreault** for his service as house chairman. Roland has stepped down from the post and will be replaced by Aaron Podos.
- Thanks to Linda **Podos**, **Bea Guralnick** and **Joyce Peck** for hosting the Friday night Shabbat and a special Oneg in July in honor of Alan and Patty Cohn, and children, Ann and Aaron.
- A special kudos to the **Cohn family** for their support of and volunteerism at Beth El Synagogue. **Alan** served as co-president during an especially difficult time and **Patty** was principal of the Religious School. The family is relocating to Florida where Alan has a new job for a television station in the Tampa area. We will miss them all and wish them well in their new home.
- Many thanks to **Carol Silver** for the beautiful new poster and signs in the library.

**HELP WANTED:** We need someone to organize and oversee a phone tree. It's a fairly small job but an important one, which will help us contact members on short notice. It's something someone can do from home. We'll supply the list of names and phone numbers. If you are interested, please call the office or Joyce Peck at 482-0717.

If you'd like to honor someone, send congratulations or thank someone, try a Beth El Bloom for a donation of \$18 in the newsletter or **The Voice**. Give us the information and we'll do the work.

### ***Condolences to:***

Family of Herbert Ginsberg, who passed away in July.



### ***Get Well, Stay Well***

Reine Zermati  
Gladys Ravens

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Some words to ponder, submitted by Marvin Peyser, author unknown---

### **How to Stay Safe in the World Today**

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20 % of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home because 17 % of all accidents occur in the home. (That's 37 % already.)

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14 % of all accidents occur to pedestrians. (Now that's 51 %.)

Avoid traveling by air, trains or buses, 16 % of accidents involve these forms of transportation. (That's 67 %.)

Of the remaining 33 %, 32 % of all deaths occur in hospitals. Above all else avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only 0.01 % of all deaths occur in a synagogue. These are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in synagogue.

Torah study is even safer. The number of deaths during Torah study is too small to register.

For safety's sake, go to shul as often as possible and attend Torah study. It could save your life!



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### ***Birthdays***

Lily Temkin	August 1
Sam Chanis	August 2
Neal Broverman	August 2
Rita Levy	August 5
Randi Goring	August 5
Jessica Goring	August 5
Ian Moskowitz	August 10
Lenore Mand	August 12
Sally Bergad	August 12
Janet Nichols	August 13
Annah Podos	August 14
Richard Mand	August 17
Ken Krasow	August 22
Benjamin Silver	August 24
Lois Pelletier	August 26
Hannah Margulies	August 26
Irene Haupt	August 30
Rebecca Chanis	August 30

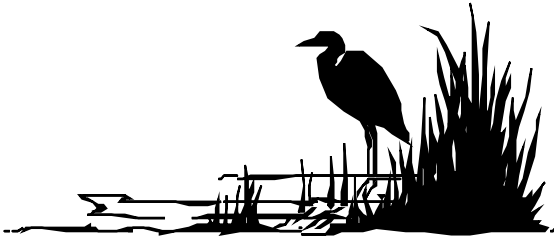
### ***Anniversaries***

Mr. & Mrs. Roland Perreault	August 7	26th
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Sherman	August 13	29th
Mr. & Mrs. Sol Walfish	August 16	67th
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Aronson	August 24	59th
Dr. & Mrs. Isadore Temkin	August 28	66th
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Scofield	August 31	15th

## *Yahrzeits*

Light the memorial candle the night before. \*These names have been inscribed on the memorial tablets.

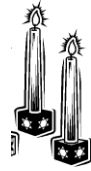
David Maskowsky	Monday, August 3
Philip Fishbein	Wednesday, August 5
Morris Tashman*	Friday, August 7
Florence Kaplinsky	Monday, August 10
Barbara Rita Kamm*	Tuesday, August 11
Morris Dankin*	Thursday, August 13
Samuel Davison	Friday, August 14
Zygmund Manheimer*	Friday, August 14
Samuel Paletsky*	Friday, August 14
Celia Peyser	Tuesday, August 18
Doris Wineman	Tuesday, August 18
Tess Auerbach	Wednesday, August 19
Leo Hochstin	Wednesday, August 19
Bella Nelkin*	Wednesday, August 19
Harry Strogatz*	Wednesday, August 19
Dora Katz	Thursday, August 20
Moe Berkman	Saturday, August 22
Molly Weintraub	Monday, August 24
Lillian Bergad	Tuesday, August 25
David Gersten	Monday, August 31



## Candle Lighting Times for Torrington, CT

August 7 7:46 pm  
August 14 7:37 pm

August 21 7:27 pm.  
August 28 7:17 pm



**Saturday Shabbat services** are held each week at 9:30 a.m.  
Every person counts.

**Reminder: Dr. Stanley M. Mand Lox & Lecture on Sunday,  
August 30, 2009, with Dr. Abraham Gittelson speaking on  
“Prospects for Peace in the Middle East”**