

Green party, Ailon Tal. He explained how far Israel had drifted from one aspect of the Zionist Dream, to be in tune with the Land. So many farms and industries have been privatized that, although the economy is quite strong, the soil and the environment have suffered.

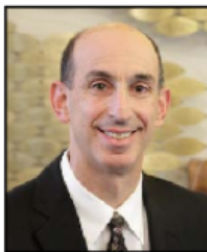
On the positive side, the population in general considers its land so precious that Green awareness is not just considered a liberal concern. Israel is very advanced in its quest for renewable energy and, Tal explained, many Israelis across the political spectrum would like to see Israel be the first carbon neutral country. Many along the Mediterranean coast from Ashdod to Tel Aviv warn against the “Losangelezatzia” of their homeland becoming an urban sprawl.

Environmental issues are complicated by politics, population growth, and a fragile climate. Clean air and resolution of water rights

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President's Message

By John Rubenfeld



At the time of my article, we were informed that Cantor Chabon delivered a healthy son on January 20th. Jennie and Steve - on behalf of our temple, we wish your son a life of love, excitement and laughter!

For those of you that were part of our shtetl before 2003, I'm sure you can remember the old trailers in the corner of the parking lot that were packed if we had more than 12 children in either K or 1st grade, half the classrooms downstairs which had no windows, the social hall (now our teen lounge) which was bursting at the seams if more than 120 people were standing for a Kiddush or 60 were seated, the Gift Shop that you could not 'walk' into, the