

## Rabbi's Column

We can hope that this week will be more like "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" - tragedy (always) tomorrow, comedy tonight. No matter what, it is a momentous week, as it contains anticipation and participation in each of these moments of transition.

This past weekend, Netta Barzilai's rendition of the song "Toy" (sung in English with some interesting vocal sound effects) won the 2018 Eurovision song contest. [full disclosure - upon hearing it was in the finals, I listened to it. Not my style, but the content is worthy of some attention.] Next year in Jerusalem might be a reality for fans and groups in competition in 2019.

This year in Jerusalem is the theme for the US Embassy in Israel. They are opening it up this week.

We begin a new book of the Torah on Shabbat - BaMidbar (in the wilderness).

Immediately after Shabbat ends, Shavuot begins. The commemoration of Revelation on Mount Sinai on an annual basis brings an opportunity for us to review what we have learned (and how much more there is to learn).

The point of Revelation (the event, not the book) is that God communicates. Not only with a select few, but with everyone. Let's hope that more of the world starts switching to God's channel, the one concerned with peace and life.