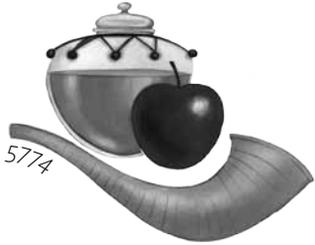


# Kol Beth El

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## The Gift of Renewal: Making the Most of a New Beginning

The summer is ending so we prepare to usher in a new season. This, of course, means that *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish New Year, is approaching and we are once more asked to contemplate what it means to begin anew. Fortunately we find in *Parshat Shoftim* a wonderful verse that has the potential to give us great insight into what the process of renewal entails: "*Shoftim...titen lekha b'kol sha'arekha* – Judges you shall place in all your gates". On the surface this verse simply means that the Israelites were commanded to set up a judicial system in each of our communities. However, the *Iturey Torah*, a popular Chasidic commentary, reads into this a deeper spiritual meaning as this verse is always read as the month of *Elul* is ushered in – the month we are supposed to begin the period of introspection and contemplation that will prepare us for the High Holidays. According to this commentary the "gates" referred to here are not physical gates at all but the seven "gates of the soul". Thus, according to this commentary, spiritually this verse acts as an imperative for engaging in the process of deep introspection, "judging" ourselves truthfully on the ultimate level of the soul. Therefore, this command to place "judges at the gates" represents our task at this time of the year to become especially mindful of who we are, of what our shortcomings might be, of how we can improve and remake ourselves to better serve our loved ones, the wider community and God.

This process is critical to our understanding of renewal because it is part and parcel of what we mean by preparing to do *Teshuvah*, the act of repentance that defines the High Holidays and which is represented by the shofar. The phrase "*Rosh Hashanah*", the head of the year, never actually appears in the Torah. The Biblical holiday we celebrate on the first day of *Tishrei* was originally called "*Yom Hazicaron Truah*" – the day of blowing the shofar. Therefore, it is the symbol of the shofar that gives *Rosh Hashanah* its meaning. The rabbis tell us that the purpose of the shofar's blast is to bring us to a state of alert mindfulness in order to help us prepare for the atonement we hope to achieve on *Yom Kippur*. Therefore, the *tekiyah* serves as a sharp reminder to shift our gaze from the material world around us and what it can do for us, to our own individual souls, all seven gates, and to contemplate how we can do a better job of serving others.

This process of *teshuvah*, though difficult to undergo, should be seen as a great gift. We are so fortunate that each year Judaism allows us an opportunity to pull ourselves out of any of the negative patterns we have fallen into during the course of our lives. Theologically, we proclaim during the High Holidays our belief that God understands that we have faults and that God not only welcomes our attempt at atonement and improvement, but believes in our ability to accomplish both. *Yom Kippur*, with its message of renewal, expresses supreme optimism – optimism that we can improve our relationships with

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### Mission Statement

We are a congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study, and to create a warm and welcoming community. We seek to preserve and enhance our People's traditions within the context of Conservative Judaism. We aspire to strengthen our Jewish identity to meet the challenges of a changing environment. We endeavor to provide resources to help us relate to God, understand the ways of God and enrich the Jewish content of our lives. We encourage our members to serve worthwhile causes within our Congregation and the wider Jewish and world communities. We are committed to support Israel. We educate our children so they commit to the cultural, spiritual, and ethical values of our People.

## >> From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab

### The Gift of Renewal: Making the Most of a New Beginning (continued from page 1)

others, optimism that we can overcome obstacles, optimism that we can participate more fully in our Jewish tradition and optimism that we can do a better job at caring for others. It is no wonder that *Yom Kippur* was described by our ancient Sages in the Mishnah as a holiday of celebration. For at the conclusion of *Yom Kippur* each person had the opportunity to claim the gift of hope that *Yom Kippur* bestows upon us each year. For at that moment each of us has the chance to see the world through new eyes, to see a world forgiven and renewed with new potential and better outcomes.

My prayer, therefore, is that we all have the foresight and ability to embrace this season of *teshuvah* (repentance) with the deep level of introspection it demands and, moreover, to see the High Holidays as the true gift they are, moments in time that bequeath to us much needed optimism and hope in ourselves and in our world.

*Shanah Tovah!*

## Shabbat Schedule See calendar for times.

### DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday  
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday  
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday  
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh  
Mornings, 7:00 am

#### Services are conducted by:

Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,  
Rabbi Michael Schwab,  
Hazzan Larry B. Goller

#### 11:00am Every Shabbat

#### Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan B'yachad

Services for families with  
children 2nd grade and younger

#### Junior Congregation

Services for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### AUGUST

**Shabbat, August 3**  
**Birkat Ha'Hodesh**  
Parashat Re'eh  
Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11–55:5

**Shabbat, August 10**  
Parashat Shoftim  
Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9  
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12–52:12

**Shabbat, August 17**  
**Rosh Hodesh Elul**  
Parashat Ki Titze  
Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1–10

**Shabbat, August 24**  
Parashat Ki Tavo  
Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1–22

**Shabbat, August 31**  
**Selichot**  
Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilekh  
Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9–29:30  
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10–63:9

### SEPTEMBER

**Shabbat, September 7**  
**Shabbat Shuvah**  
Parashat Ha'azinu  
Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1–32:52  
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2–10; Joel  
2:15–27; Micah 7:18–20

**Shabbat, September 14**  
**Yom Kippur/Yizkor**

**Shabbat, September 21**  
**Hol Hamoed Sukkot**  
Torah: Exodus 33:12–34:26  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18–39:16

**Shabbat, September 28**  
**Birkat Ha'Hodesh**  
Parashat Bereshit  
Torah: Genesis 1:1–6:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5–43:10

I've been addressed as Madame President a lot in the last few months. I have to admit, it feels a bit foreign. I certainly never expected or planned to become President of NSSBE (but then, who does?), but Beth El has been an important part of my and my family's life for many years and this seemed like the right thing to do. I spoke to many people before deciding to accept this position. Andrew Brown, our immediate past president, made a point that really resonated with me. He commented that a synagogue has a very direct impact on people's lives. This is the place where the most meaningful and emotional life events occur. Many of our strongest memories are associated with Synagogue life and Jewish ritual. And I realized I want to have an opportunity to positively impact your experience with Beth El.

I hope to get to know many of you over my two year term. To start that process, let me tell you a little about me. My husband Jeff and I have been members here for over 20 years. Neither of us are from the Chicago area, but we both grew up in conservative synagogues. We have two wonderful sons, Ben who is 18 and heading off to college this fall and Josh who is 16 and will be a junior at New Trier. Both of them quite literally grew up at Beth El starting in the Steinberg Preschool and continuing all the way through the Sokol Hebrew High School, including, of course, celebrating their b'nai mitzvah with our Beth El community. I began my Beth El involvement in the preschool serving on the parent auxiliary planning programs such as the Passover and Tu B'shevat Seders as well as serving as Treasurer. After "graduating" from preschool activities, I served on the governance committee, the communications committee, as VP Administration and most recently, as VP Finance.

I feel very privileged to become president at such a special time. We have just completed an incredible year – a year celebrating our congregation's 65th anniversary and Rabbi Kurtz's 25th year as our Rabbi. We are so fortunate to have so many committed congregants who believe in Beth El and generously support us so we can continue to be a strong, vibrant synagogue.

I hope to be able to capitalize on this momentum, build on this strength and continue to be true to our Mission:

*"We are a congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study and to create a warm and welcoming community"*

I want to be sure we continue to strengthen our membership. One way to do this is to do a better job of communicating the unique and special nature of our shul. From an award winning Youth community, to an innovative religious school program, phenomenal adult & social action programming and a twice a day minyan 365 days a year – no other synagogue offers the breadth and depth of Beth El and we need to let the community know.

But we need to not only do a better job of letting people know all the great things we currently do, we need to develop and try new things. My goal is for us to continue to create new educational offerings, new family programs, reach out to our long time members and bring in and welcome new members to our Beth El family. I have asked each officer on the Executive Committee to challenge themselves and their

committees to identify at least 2 new programs that they would like to try in the next year that will enhance our community.

One of the most exciting and visible projects going on right now is the renovation of the Blumberg Auditorium. It will truly become a jewel of our campus and enable us to take advantage of this incredible property on the lake that our founders acquired for us. It has taken tremendous planning, effort, dedication and time to bring this to fruition. I thank Karen Kesner, Seth Pines and the other members of the House Committee - Stuart Cohen, Richard Becker, & Michael Carney - who have devoted innumerable hours to the planning and management of this project to ensure that it has a very successful completion. And, of course, nothing happens in this building without the extraordinary efforts of our Executive Director, Chuck Kahalnik.

I want to thank our very generous and gracious donors who made this all possible. I also want to thank Sisterhood who donated \$100,000 towards the completion of the new staging area that is being created next to the kitchen where the stage used to be. This space was not part of the original plan so the Sisterhood generously provided the dollars to create this space for our catering operations.

I can't wait for all of you to step into our newly renovated room on Erev Rosh Hashanah! And we have the opportunity to do that all together as one community. This year, for the first time, we are going to begin the Days of Awe as we close them, as one community celebrating in one service in one location. This year's Erev Rosh Hashanah service will be at 6:00pm on Wed, Sept. 4th, at the synagogue. In past years we have held 2 different services, both at Beth El, but one at 6:00 pm and one at 8:00 pm. This change will allow us to all be together and to enjoy and appreciate our new facility.

As those of you who have been at Shabbat Services when I've been on the bimah know, I have started briefly communicating something special about Beth El during announcements that I think the congregation should know. So, I've decide to end my bulletin articles with some of those "fun facts." The first one I highlighted was a really exciting program Alicia Gejman, our Director of Formal Education, did for the 1st time this year. It is an innovative project called My Family Story that the 6th graders in the Cohen Religious school participated in this year. Students researched and presented their family stories with the best two being submitted to an international competition staged by the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. These students presented their projects to friends and family to rave reviews. Beth El was the only synagogue in Illinois to participate. One of our students, Noah Braverman, was selected as one of only 9 winners from North America of this international competition. Noah was awarded a trip to Israel where he participated in the museum ceremony on June 13th. Congratulations Noah!

Thank you for the honor of being your president. I look forward to continued growth and success in the next two years.

# *It's All in the Beth El Family*



## **We Welcome our New Members**

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- Sam and Sarah Barron
- Ronen and Elisa Borenstein
- Donald and Amanda Caplan and their sons, Alfred and Will
- Batia Eizikovic
- Sarah Glenner and her son, Akiva
- Seth and Yael Good
- Kristina Harris
- Marc and Luba Levine
- Deobrah Kaltman
- Sharon Kaltman
- Adam and Rebecca Kasovitsky
- Michael and Andrea Mazza and their daughter, Addison
- Renee Miller
- Brett and Melissa Pessis
- Robert Rubin and Annette Lidawer and their children, Matt, Ari and Allison
- Scott Ruderman
- David and Alissa Simon and their son, Jackson
- Alfred and Edie Simons and their daughter, Madison
- Pearl Zaid

## **Congratulations To**

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- Cheryl and Carey Cooper on the marriage of their daughter, Alexandra, to David Davidson
- Sara and Steve Coven on the upcoming marriage of their son, Avi, to Melody Mostow
- Linda Desser on the birth of her twin grandchildren
- Nessia Frank on the birth of her granddaughter, Elisheva
- Joyce and Steven Gallo on the marriage of their daughter, Elisa, to Onen Borenstein
- Nancy and Alan Gandelman on the engagement of their son, Charlie, to Alexis Braverman
- Ellen and Larry Goldstein on the marriage of their son, Jay, to Jamie Worssek
- Linda and Leon Gottlieb on the birth of their granddaughter, Elana Abigail Gottlieb
- Debra and Joel Hymen on the marriage of their son, David, to Lauren Gochman
- Ruth and Mal Kaufman on the engagement of their grandson, Michael Kind, to Franci Elkins
- Kim and Joseph Kesner on the birth of their daughter
- Karen and Michael Kesner on the birth of their granddaughter
- Leslie and Jonathan Kind, on the engagement of their son, Michael, to Franci Elkins
- Marsha and Steve Levin on the birth of their grandson
- Susan and Robert Millner on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Elly Abigail and Gabrielle Brent Millner
- Greg Pestine on his marriage to Naomi Wexler
- Elaine and Bernard Reisin on the birth of their great-grandson
- Marlene and Lee Rubenstein on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Dena, to Zach Fox
- Mally and Alan Rutkoff on the upcoming marriage of their son, Robert, to Rebecca Ginsberg
- Rabbi Ora and David Schnitzer on the birth of their granddaughter
- Maxine Simon on the birth of her great-granddaughter
- Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter on the engagement of their son, Ari, to Hollen Reischer
- Mira and Darryl Temkin on the upcoming marriage of their son, Avi, to Margo Aronovich
- Herman Wexler on the marriage of his daughter, Naomi, to Greg Pestine

## **Condolences To**

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- Babs Balson on the loss of her son, Bradley Balson
- Miriam Berlin on the loss of her father, Byron Berlin
- Lori Dekalo on the loss of her husband, Etyan Dekalo
- David and Shelley Dekalo on the loss of their father, Etyan Dekalo
- Linda Goldstein on the loss of her mother, Vivian Oscherwitz
- Tracey Hendler on the loss of her father, Samuel Pikhholz
- Janis Katz on the loss of her sister, Leslie Sipes
- Ellen Krumbein on the loss of her mother, Zelda Robinson
- Michelle Leon on the loss of her father, Arthur Hoover
- Marlene Massarik on the loss of her brother, Harry Shevel
- Moshe Pick on the loss of his brother, Eli Pick
- Bayta Retsky on the loss of her brother, Yaheziel Hakimian
- Susan Silberman on the loss of her mother, June Bleiweis
- Merle Tovian on the loss of her father, Victor B. Schwartz
- Julie Wygodny on the loss of her father, Walter Kaplan

## **In Memoriam**

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- Etyan Dekalo

# B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

## August – Av/Elul 5773



**Joshua Zoldan,**  
son of Tracy Fisher-  
Zoldan and Scott Zoldan  
Shabbat, August 24



**Sydney Goldsmith,**  
daughter of Stacy and  
Jeffrey Goldsmith  
Shabbat, August 31



**Jacob Lichtman,**  
son of Samantha and  
Jeffrey Lichtman  
Shabbat, August 31

## September – Elul/Tishrei 5773



**Jennifer Kaufman,**  
daughter of Laura and  
Scott Kaufman  
Shabbat, September 21



**Joshua Gross,**  
son of Lisa Newman and  
David Gross  
Shabbat, September 28



**Nicole Kovitz,**  
daughter of Sari and  
Mitch Kovitz  
Shabbat, September 28

**Save the Date** – North Suburban Beth El will host an exclusive, premier film event in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 10:00am. The film *Ghosts of the Third Reich* documents the poignant and anguished stories of descendants of the Nazis, who confront their family's past and communicate their most profound feelings of guilt by inheritance. A special presentation after the film will include the filmmaker, Claudia Ehrlich Sobral, and Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, the son of a highly decorated German World War II tank commander who converted to Judaism and served in the Israeli Defense Force, and is featured in the film. This event is open to the community, free of charge. Watch for more details coming soon or contact Marcie Eskin at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x234.

## ***A Fountain of Gardens: Ketubot and Hebrew Paintings* by Judith Joseph in the Rissman Family Kom Ami Museum**

The Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum presents *A Fountain of Gardens: Ketubot and Hebrew Paintings* by Judith Joseph on display in the synagogue entryway August 16–November 3, 2013.

Artist Judith Joseph uses the traditional Jewish marriage contract as a vehicle to explore the beauty of letters and narrative illustration. Her hand-lettered, intricately painted works carry the seeds of historic ketubot while creating new, contemporary expressions of this art form. Joseph's work combines ancient techniques and modern media. Her favorite medium is egg tempera, a paint she makes herself from fresh egg-yolks and pure pigments, in the manner of medieval and renaissance artists. Her Amulet Painting Series, also on display, is inspired by the evil-eye amulet found in North African and Mediterranean countries.



### **Artist Reception** Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm

The Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum will host a reception featuring artist Judith Joseph followed by a study session with Jane Shapiro after evening Minyan. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested. Contact Marcie Eskin at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x234.

### **Egg Tempera Workshop** Thursday, October 10 from 1:30-4:00 pm

Egg tempera is the exquisite, detail-loving, vibrantly colorful medium that was used by artists as varied as Sandro Botticelli, Andrew Wyeth and Ben Shahn. Learning how to make paint from pure pigments and egg yolk will give you insight into the nature of all paints, and improve your painting technique as you learn to paint with egg tempera. Instructor Judith Joseph will supply all materials and teach you how to work with this beautiful medium. All are welcome – no experience necessary. \$20 materials fee. **Reservations are required.** Contact Marcie Eskin at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x234. A minimum of 10 participants are needed.

### ***NSS Beth El Members Featured in New Book* from Northwestern University Press**

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center will host a book launch party on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 1:30 pm in honor of our members Amos and Edith Turner and Nicole Terry. Their stories are included in the new book, *Out of Chaos: Hidden Children Remember the Holocaust*, published by Northwestern University Press. The editor, Elaine Saphier Fox, will also attend and Amos, Edith, and Nicole will present about their writing process. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be for sale. For more information, and to RSVP, contact Marcie Eskin at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x234.

### ***Torah Fund Book Club***

Close to 50 people participated in the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club last year with four of our members achieving perfect attendance. We extend a “Kol haKavod” to Fran Alpert, Joan Groner, Marilyn Lewis, and Caryn Sedloff for their commitment and dedication to the book club!

If you are looking to discuss new, interesting Jewish books with an active, enthusiastic, and intelligent group of readers, we encourage you to join the book club in 2013–2014. The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will kick-off the new season on Saturday, October 5, 2013 after Shabbat Kiddish at 12:30 pm. All are welcome! The complete calendar, with book selections, will be announced soon. Contact Rachel Kamin at [rkamin@nssbethel.org](mailto:rkamin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x242 for more information.

## New Books for the New Year!

Enjoy one of these fiction or non-fiction titles from the Maxwell Abbell Library.

### ***Harvard Square* by André Aciman**

An Egyptian-Jewish Harvard graduate student trying to assimilate into American culture in 1977 befriends an impetuous, loud Arab cab driver and must choose between his dream or his friend.

### ***Brothers Emanuel: A Memoir of an American Family* by Ezekiel J. Emanuel**

A portrait of the dynamic Emanuel family cites their achievements in medicine, politics, and Hollywood while tracing the remarkable careers of the White House health advisor author and his brothers, offering insight into the family history, unique upbringing and social atmosphere that influenced their lives.

### ***Wine of Solitude* by Irène Némirovsky**

A biographical tale by the internationally best-selling author of *Suite Française* explores the troubled relationship between of a young girl, her self-absorbed mother, and her mother's lover as it is shaped by World War I and the Russian Revolution, during which the girl blossoms into an angry and disillusioned young woman.

### ***American Ghost* by Janis Owens**

Twelve years earlier, good Southern girl Jolie Hoyt and Sam Lense, a Jewish anthropology student, had fallen in love, but tragedy struck when Sam began investigating the dark racial history of Jolie's hometown, and now they must try to come to terms with the past.

### ***One Hundred Philistine Foreskins* by Tova Reich**

Relates the life of Ima Temima, a fictional woman rabbi and utterly original interpreter of the Hebrew Bible, who is revered as a guru with prophetic powers. Moving between two worlds – Temima as a child in Brooklyn and Temima as an adult in Jerusalem – the story reveals the forces that shaped her, such as her early loss of her mother and her complex relationship with her father, a ritual slaughterer.

### ***The Rhythm of Memory* by Alyson Richman**

Originally falling in love as students in Chile, Octavio and Salome must escape to Sweden after their outspoken opposition to a brutal dictator puts them in grave danger in this new novel from the author of *The Lost Wife*.

### ***Fear Itself* by Andrew Rosenheim**

A thriller set in the Depression-era years before World War II finds fledgling FBI Special Agent Jimmy Nessheim dispatched to infiltrate the pro-Nazi German-American Bund organization and discovering a sinister plot targeting the White House.

### ***Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future* by Sidney Schwartz**

In this challenging yet hopeful call for transformational change, Rabbi Sidney Schwarz looks at the social norms that are shaping the habits and lifestyles of younger American Jews and why the next generation is so resistant to participate in the institutions of Jewish communal life as they currently exist. He sets out four guiding principles that can drive a renaissance in Jewish life and gives evidence of how, on the margins of the Jewish community, those principles are already generating enthusiasm and engagement from the very millennials that the organized Jewish community has yet to engage.

### ***The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker**

Combining elements of Jewish and Arab folk mythology, this stunning debut novel tells the story of two supernatural creatures, Chava, a golem brought to life by a disgraced rabbi, and Ahmad, a jinni made of fire, who form an unlikely friendship on the streets of New York until a fateful choice changes everything.

### ***The Lawgiver* by Herman Wouk**

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such classics as *War and Remembrance* presents a tale told through correspondences, articles, and text messages that trace the efforts of a group of movie makers, including a brilliant young writer-director who has rejected her rabbinical father's strict upbringing, to create a movie about the life of Moses.



## ***Be a Maxwell Abbell Library Reader Leader!***

From August 15–January 15, the Cultural & Learning Center will be tracking how many books adult members of our congregation check out from the Maxwell Abbell Library. The top 3 readers will win a complimentary ticket to “Havdalah, Dinner & A Movie” on Saturday night, February 8, 2014! You do not need to do anything to enter the Reader Leader contest – just check out books from the Abbell Library and our automated circulation system will keep track for you.

With over 19,000 volumes, NSS Beth El houses one of the largest collections of Judaica in Illinois and the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center is one of the most vibrant and active synagogue libraries in the country. During the past year, 174 adult Beth El members checked out 1,039 books but this is only a small percentage of our congregation. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of all of the wonderful treasures our library collection has to offer. If you need help finding something, or would like a recommendation, stop by the CLC to see Rachel Kamin or Marcie Eskin: Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00am–6:30pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am–5:00pm, Fridays 9:00am–1:30pm, and Sunday mornings when school is in session. You can also search the entire catalog of the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center from anywhere in the world. Go to [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org) and click on the “Library Catalog” button under Life Long Learning.

## A Time to Look Forward

About this time in the calendar, we find ourselves both holding on to the last carefree days of summer and starting to plan for the fall. And this year, during these last days of summer, we are very aware that the High Holidays, with their own sense of reflection and renewal, are right around the corner. In the spirit of this season of anticipation and re-dedication, Sisterhood looks forward – with great anticipation to:

**The New Blumberg Auditorium / New Catering Staging Area** - The completion of the Blumberg Auditorium's renovation will mark a beautiful beginning for the New Year. Inspired by the spirit of generosity this project reflects, Sisterhood has donated \$100,000 to NSS Beth El for the construction of a staging area to meet the needs of the Synagogue's "Circle of Life" catering service. From counter space for food preparation and plating and a dedicated location for beverage set-up, to greatly needed storage space for china, glassware, and cutlery; it will all be there ready to serve Beth El's catering, as it continues to expand and grow.

**General Programs & Board Meetings** – A dynamic year of programs awaits you! Program Vice Presidents, Barbara Hochwert and Allyson Rose met with their committee throughout the summer and their ideas reflect our goal to offer programs that inspire and enrich and are

fun too! And as you requested, we added more evening programs this year, both to our general programs and some evening Board meetings as well.

**Rosh Hashanah Fund Raisers** – This year you can choose how you wish to send a sweet greeting for the New Year to family and friends with: A Honey Gift Box or a Personalized Greeting Card. Please complete the order form you recently received and send it in to our VP Ways & Means, Rachel Ferber. Your continued support is so important, for your generosity enables us to continue to provide financial support for NSS Beth El's religious school programs. We are grateful for your participation.

**Membership** - To keep Sisterhood strong, we need your voice. Jodie Mosk, VP Membership, has included our Membership Form in this Bulletin. As part of your planning for the New Year, please complete and send it along with your membership dues to Karen Weiss, Financial VP.

We look forward to having you join Sisterhood on our journey in 5774.

*L'Shana Tova,  
Your Sisterhood Executive Board*

### Introducing

## Choices for a Sweet Rosh Hashanah Greeting

Sharing Rosh Hashanah greetings with family, friends and business associates is a sweet tradition. This year, Sisterhood offers you two ways to send a greeting, so you can select the perfect greeting for your family, friends, and business associates.

You may choose to send either:

### **Our traditional Sweet Honey Bear Kosher Gift Box**

This greeting includes an 8-ounce bear jar of kosher honey, the brachot, great honey recipes for the holiday, and your personalized greeting. Cost: \$10 each. (Includes shipping; international shipping is extra)

or you may want to send....

### **Our beautiful New Year Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card**

This unique card features the magnificent tapestry parochet (covering) in our NSS Beth El Sanctuary. Inside the card reads: May you and your loved ones be inscribed for a year filled with the blessings of Health, Happiness, and Peace. Simply send us the names of your recipients, and we will hand address the card and mail. Cost: \$3 each.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, Wednesday, September 4 – so now is the time to select who will receive a Honey Box and who will receive a Greeting Card. Order forms were recently mailed but you can print additional ones from Sisterhood's web page. **Orders must be received by August 15. If you have questions, please call Rachel at 847-835-6201.**

Your participation in this fundraiser is appreciated. Your kindness will help support Sisterhood's on-going financial commitments to NSS Beth El, NSS Beth El's educational and religious programs, and those of the greater Jewish Community worldwide. The choice is yours!



**Gift Shop Participates in 2013 Key Card Event** – Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop will be among 200 merchants participating in this year's Jewish Child and Family Services North Shore Auxillary's 2013 Key Card event. Key Card holders will receive 20% off all full price merchandise excluding tefilin, books and parchment. Gift shop hours during Key Card week are as follows: Sunday, August 11 from 12:00–4:00 pm, Monday, August 12–Thursday, August 14 from 10:00 am–4:00 pm, and Friday, August 16 from 10:00 am–3:00 pm.

**North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop invites you to get inspired for the New Year!**

Here are some Ideas to brighten your holidays and enhance your High Holiday traditions – from our Sisterhood Gift Shop Co-Chairs, Diane and Sulie...

Every year we look forward to Rosh Hashanah and new beginnings. This year with the High Holidays beginning right after Labor Day, we thought we would share some great ideas for celebrating those wonderful family gatherings, as well as some picks for great holiday gifts. We hope you will take note of these exciting items and then plan to stop by and see the wide selection of Judaica and Gifts we have to offer....

**Beautiful Shofarot from Israel**



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**Handmade Challah Covers by Eretz – Perfect for Shabbat Yom Tov**



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**Sweet Year Apple and Honey Dish by Beams Design**



This is an elegant, contemporary dish of beautifully fused glass that includes the holiday wish: "May you be inscribed in the book of life for a sweet new year." It also is available in a round or a square shape. Just let us know your preference.

To help you manage your holiday To-Do List, our Gift Shop will be open in August on the following days:

*Gift Shop Special August Hours*

- Sunday, August 11  
12:00pm–4:00pm
- Monday, August 12–Thursday, August 15  
10:00am–4:00pm
- Friday, August 16  
10:00am–3:00pm
- Sunday, August 18  
10:00am–12:00pm
- Tuesday, August 20  
10:00am–1:00pm
- Sunday, August 25  
10:00am–1:00pm
- Tuesday, August 27  
10:00am–1:00pm

Of course, we are always open by appointment. Simply call: Diane Levin: 847-571-5629; Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389; or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546.



**Save the Date** – Sunday, December 15th Men's Club Wellness Fair – We will be hosting and sponsoring a Wellness Fair at the Synagogue from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We are looking for Wellness and Health Care businesses and organizations to become involved in the event. If interested, please contact Al Simons for more information: alsimonsoo1@aol.com.

## Happy New Year from Your Men's Club

Hi Everyone,

It is so easy to get involved with the Men's Club this year! We are always looking for more guys to join in and get involved with our award winning club. And, there are so many ways to do it! For more information about this year's Men's club and its many programs, please contact Michael Ezgur at mezugur@massrealtyllc.com. Happy New Year!

Rob Freeman

Men's Club President

## Men's Club 43rd Annual Spring Music Festival

This past May 8th evening, our Congregation and guests were treated to the Annual Spring Music Festival, sponsored by our Men's Club. Falling on Yom Yerushalayim, the theme was "Got Torah?" A Celebration of Torah and Learning.

With approximately 150 guests in the Sanctuary, the audience was treated to a varied selection of Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs and melodies. Leading the concert was Hazzan Larry Goller, who sang very beautifully, a number of selections, including *S'firat Ha'omer*. The Beth El Chorale opened the show with a lively rendition of *Samachti B'omrim* (Psalm 122). Two guest Hazzanim, Elizabeth Berke and Steven Berke offered solos and duets, also combining with Hazzan Goller and the Beth El Chorale.

Our Youth Chorale was also in very good voice, singing three energizing numbers. They were accompanied by our congregant Robert Weber on the clarinet. In addition, Julia Fiore, on the cello and Sam Litt on trumpet accompanied all three Hazzanim in a trio, "Fugue for Tin Ears". On the piano accompanying all was Igor Lipinski who has preformed in various cities here in the United States as well as Europe and Middle East.

Following the concert a delicious reception provided time for people to meet and savor the musical offerings. It was a most enjoyable evening, with many remarking, "When is the next concert?"

## » Upcoming Main Events

### Special Bagels for Your Brains and Beyond Program

Sunday, September 29

Dressing for Success and Beyond with David Rubin from Suited to You Fine Men's Clothing.

### Scotch, Steak and Fun Night

Thursday, October 3

Starting at 6:20 pm, enjoy a great night of high quality steak, scotch, and fun. Cost is \$30 per person and if you care to be a sponsor it is \$50. Join the Men's Club for \$36 and get a \$5 discount! Please RSVP to Rob Freeman at rob.nssbethel@gmail.com by October 1st.

### First Shabbat Kiddish Club of the New Year

Saturday, October 12

Come and enjoy a meat deli lunch. All are Welcome. Cost is \$25 for Families or \$13 for individuals. Please RSVP to Steve Coven at scoven@napcoltd.com by Tuesday, October 8.

## Sifriyat Pijama B'America (SP-BA)



North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
Invites you to our Hebrew  
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Sunday October 6, 2013  
12:00-12:45 pm

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at North Suburban  
Synagogue Beth El  
1175 Sheridan Road  
Highland Park, IL 60035

For more information  
regarding this and all  
SP-BA events visit  
[www.SP-BA.org](http://www.SP-BA.org)



The event is free.  
Please RSVP in advance.

To RSVP or for information  
contact Alicia Gejman  
[agejman@nssbethel.org](mailto:agejman@nssbethel.org)

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## » High Holiday D'var Torah

### *New Beginnings*

Rabbi Gustavo Souraski of

Congregation Natzach Yisrael, Ashkelon, Israel

I'd like to suggest an exercise in the realm of science fiction. A person is about to have an operation, a matter of life and death. Let's assume for a moment that the person is you. The surgeon turns to you and makes an interesting suggestion. "Today we will not anaesthetize you. We'll operate on you internally but you may wait outside. It is a long operation. You will have to wait several hours." While your body is being operated on, you—that is, your soul—is sitting outside and waiting for the door to open and bring you news regarding the outcome of the operation. How will you behave during those long hours of waiting to know your fate? Will you be serious or frivolous? Will you read magazines in the waiting room or check emails on your smartphone as you usually do while waiting for a routine dental appointment? Or will you suffer from great anxiety and perspire? I have no doubt that the answer is the second possibility.

Rosh Hashana is a day of paradox. On one hand, according to Jewish tradition, the Days of Awe will judge us regarding the coming year. So we should be anxious and very serious. However, we wear festive clothes, and after the prayers (which certainly reflect the mood of the day), we return home and eat tons of honey (apple and honey, challah and honey, chicken in honey and so on). Interesting, we are being operated on inside and waiting outside for the verdict while eating and singing. Why do we mark our Judgment in this way? Nearly every good thing in life, in the beginning, has an aura of beauty and simplicity. The first steps we take as infants are accompanied by smiles and applause. (We applaud a baby even when he or she soils his diaper!) The first letters we learn to identify are accompanied by honey and candy. The first hours of marriage are accompanied by singing and dancing and are documented by a professional photographer. That is because we know that beginnings are important; even critical, I would say. We know that much of the desire to study, to grow and progress, derives from the initial encouragement. Good beginnings are important because they set the tone.

The Book of Joshua, the first of the books of the prophets, describes the conquest of the Land of Israel which began in Jericho. As told in Chapter 6, Joshua declared Jericho a *cherem* city (a city doomed to destruction) and forbade taking any item from it. All the spoils were to be consecrated to G-d. But we are told that one of the men of Israel, Achan, ignored Joshua's order and took something for himself, which greatly angered G-d. This anger was expressed when the Israelites wanted to conquer the city of Ai, after the conquest of Jericho, and suffered a terrible defeat. The Gemara (Sanhedrin 44b) tells us that after Achan's disobedience, G-d decreed the destruction of the people of Israel. The only reason why He took pity on the people was the merit of our father Abraham. We are told in Genesis 12:8 that when Abraham first entered the land of Canaan, he pitched his tent in the city of Ai area, and "built an altar to G-d and prayed."

Why was Achan's act so terrible? Did it justify the destruction of the people of Israel? Rabbi Isaac Frand suggests the following answer: Achan's act was terrible because the battle of Jericho was the first battle. When Achan took of the spoils, he corrupted the beginning. He caused the people of Israel to start their journey into the Promised Land on the wrong foot and almost, according to the Gemara, caused the destruction of the people. The people were saved by "the beginning before the beginning", Abraham's prayer in that place very many years before, when he took his first steps in the holy land. These days, between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, are fateful days for us all according to our tradition. We do well to pray sincerely for a blessed new year and, in addition, to dine with our family, with our community, with love... and a lot of homey! There is no contradiction between our singing outside while our fate is being decided inside. That will determine the tone of the coming year. The optimism and the sweetness to be found within every beginning. May we have a wonderful beginning and a good and productive year for us, for our families and for our congregations. Ketivah VeChatimah Tovah!

## » High Holiday Services

### Service Schedule – 2013/5774

#### Saturday, August 31, 2013 - Selichot Evening

9:30 pm.....Social Gathering  
10:00 pm.....Study Session  
11:00 pm.....Dedication of Memorial  
Plaques and Selichot Service

#### Wednesday, September 4, 2013 - Erev Rosh Hashana

\*\*6:00 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv—**Beth El Only**  
7:00 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Thursday, September 5, 2013 - First Day Rosh Hashana

\*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service  
\*\*9:15 am.....Preschool Family Service  
\*10:15 am.....Children's Services  
6:30 pm.....Tashlich  
\*\*7:00 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv  
8:05 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Friday, September 6, 2013 - Second Day Rosh Hashana

\*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service  
\*\*10:15 am.....Children's Services  
\*\*10:15 am.....Young Family Service  
\*\*7:00 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv / Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Friday, September 13, 2013 - Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

7:15 am.....Shacharit Service  
\*6:30 pm.....Mincha Service  
\*6:45 pm.....Kol Nidre Service  
6:45 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Saturday, September 14, 2013 - Yom Kippur/Yizkor

\*9:00 am.....Shacharit Service  
\*\*9:45 am.....Preschool Family Service  
\*10:45 am.....Children's Services  
5:15 pm.....Mincha Service  
6:30 pm.....Neilah Service  
7:50 pm.....Yom Kippur Ends

*\*At Beth El and Highland Park High School*

**\*\* At Beth EL Only**

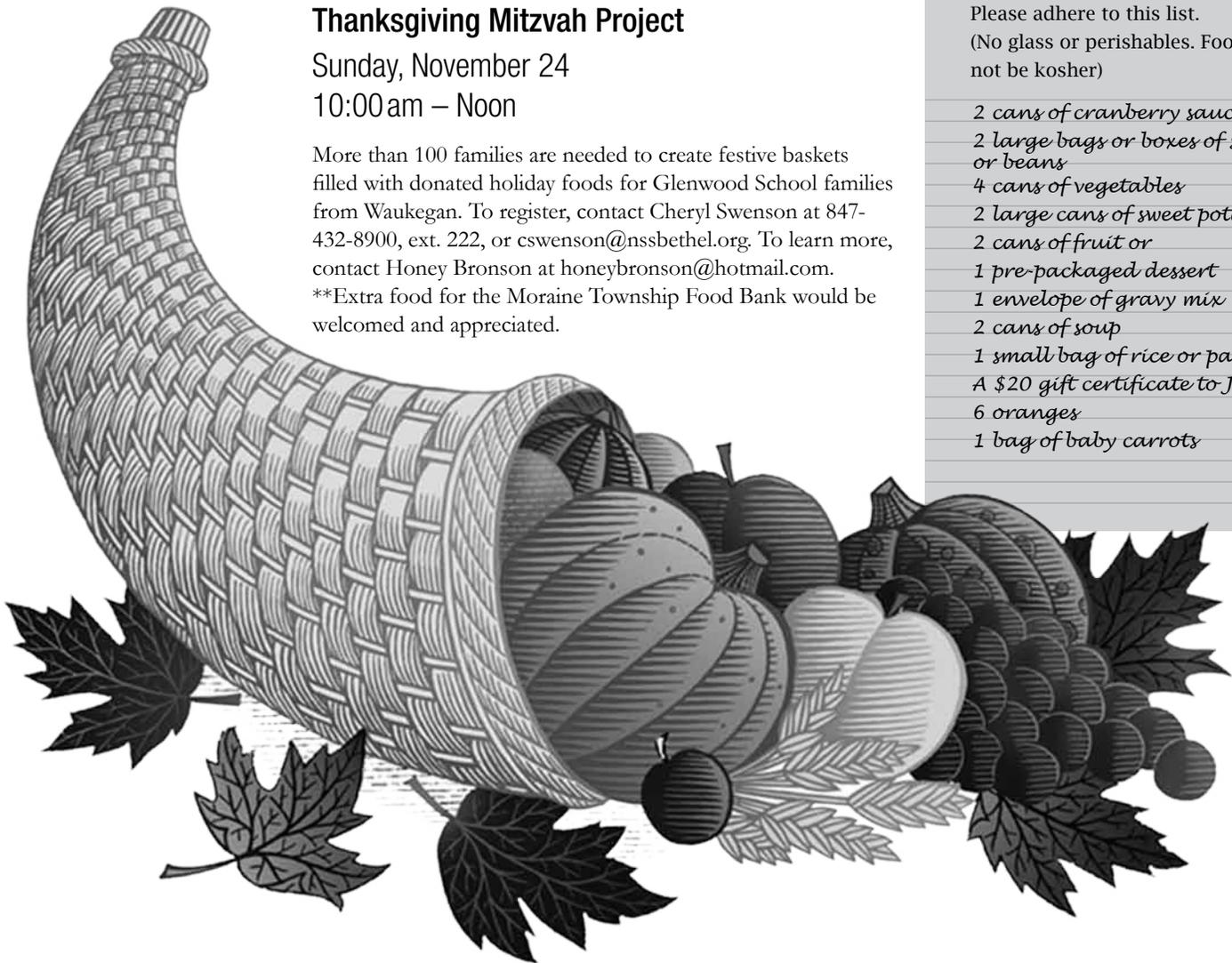
## It's Back! The Annual Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

Sunday, November 24

10:00 am – Noon

More than 100 families are needed to create festive baskets filled with donated holiday foods for Glenwood School families from Waukegan. To register, contact Cheryl Swenson at 847-432-8900, ext. 222, or [cswenson@nssbethel.org](mailto:cswenson@nssbethel.org). To learn more, contact Honey Bronson at [honeybronson@hotmail.com](mailto:honeybronson@hotmail.com).

\*\*Extra food for the Moraine Township Food Bank would be welcomed and appreciated.



Please adhere to this list.

(No glass or perishables. Food need not be kosher)

- 2 cans of cranberry sauce
- 2 large bags or boxes of stuffing or beans
- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 large cans of sweet potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit or
- 1 pre-packaged dessert
- 1 envelope of gravy mix
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 small bag of rice or pasta
- A \$20 gift certificate to Jewel
- 6 oranges
- 1 bag of baby carrots

## Social Action Opportunities

### ***Annual Winter Coat Drive & Hanukah Toy Drive***

Donate gently used, clean coats, hats and other outerwear of all sizes from November 10 through December 1 to benefit the Chicago Chesed Fund and other Lake County organizations. As Hanukah takes place at the same time, we will also be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Chicago Chesed Fund. Drop off in the blue bins at the Beth El entrances. Volunteers are also needed to help sort on Sunday, December 1. Contact Mira Temkin at [miratemkin@gmail.com](mailto:miratemkin@gmail.com) or 847-433-2109.

***You're Wanted....***and needed! The Social Action Committee is always looking for a few good souls to become a part of our energetic committee. Bring a suggestion for a project or help out for a couple of hours on a Sunday during one of our scheduled programs. We need you! Contact Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Social Action Committee Chair at [jkottwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:jkottwolfe@hotmail.com)

### **Sign Up Now for an Experience at the JUF Uptown Café**

Dinner or brunch are served at the Uptown Café, located at 909 W. Wilson. The SAC needs volunteers (age 12 and older) to set tables and wait upon guests at the café. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday evening October 15, Sunday morning November 10, and Tuesday evening December 10. Contact Bryna Kurtz at [brynakurtz@aol.com](mailto:brynakurtz@aol.com).

### **Volunteer for Maot Chitim**

Rosh Hashana Delivery Day from 9:00–11:00 am, Sunday August 25. Anyone and everyone, including singles and families with small children (no age restrictions), are invited to help out with the delivery of the packages. Pre-registration is not required to deliver our food packages. Please contact Maot Chitim at 847-674-3224 for details.

» Festival Services

**Service Schedule – 2013/5774**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013 - Erev Sukkot**

6:36 pm.....Candle Lighting  
6:45 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Thursday, September 19, 2013 - Sukkot First Day**

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
11:00 am.....Sukkah Pray and Play  
12:00 pm.....Sukkah Walk  
6:45 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
7:41 pm.....Candle Lighting

**Friday, September 20, 2013 - Sukkot Second Day**

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:32 pm.....Candle Lighting

**Wednesday, September 25, 2013 - Hoshanah Rabbah/  
Erev Shemini Atzeret**

6:30 am.....Shacharit  
6:24 pm.....Candle Lighting  
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Thursday, September 26, 2013 - Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor/  
Erev Simchat Torah**

6:30 am.....Early Morning Service  
8:50 am.....Festival Service/Yizkor  
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
7:00 pm.....Family Hakafot Service  
7:29 pm.....Candle Lighting  
9:00 pm.....Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

**Friday, September 27, 2013 - Simchat Torah**

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
10:00 am.....Hakafot Service  
11:00 am.....Simchat Torah Pray and Play  
6:15 pm.....Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:20 pm.....Candle Lighting

» This year Simchat Torah is on Friday, September 27th. During services, the Congregation will be honoring three well deserving members for extraordinary service to the Congregation.

Our honorees are:

Hatan Torah: Steve Abrams  
Hatan B' resheet: JoAnne Blumberg Axelrod  
Kol Ha'Nearim: Fran Shonfeld Sherman

Please join the honorees in celebrating this joyous festival.



מה יפה ירושתנו

North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood  
1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

**Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NSSBE Member?  yes  no

Joined w/in last year?  yes (date of joining \_\_\_\_\_)  no

Do you work full-time?  yes  no Part-time?  yes  no

Preferred Meeting Time:

Weekday Mornings  Weekday Mid-Days  Weekday Evenings  Sunday Daytime

Age:  36 or under  36-45  46-55  56-65  66-75  76-85  86+

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Married (Husband's Name \_\_\_\_\_)  Separated/Divorced

Committed Relationship (Name Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_)

Widowed  Single

Wedding Anniversary Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

My Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

For what key reason(s) are you joining Sisterhood? (check all that apply)

Educational  Social  Religious  Dialogue Opportunities  Community Service

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join (or learn more about possibly joining) a committee?

Programming  Membership  Torah Fund  Gift Shop  Publicity  Calendar

If childcare were available, would it make a difference in your participation?

yes  no

If transportation were available, would it help in your participation?

yes  no

Please make your check payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood

\*Annual Dues are \$36.00, if paid by December 1.

Dues increase to \$39 after this date.

\*\* Seniors (age 65+) have the option of paying a reduced dues fee of \$25 (vs. the usual \$36), if paid by December 1 (increasing to \$28 after this date).

This completed form, along with dues payment, should be mailed to:  
Karen Weiss \* 1688 Green Bay Road, Unit 103 \* Highland Park, IL 60035

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## Are We High on Your List?

As a routine part of my position as Development Manager, I am in frequent contact with our congregants. I gladly help them make a special donation, answer a question about purchasing a parking space or even help plan for a gift to NSSBE in an estate plan. On occasion, I even stop by a congregant's home to deliver a book or some papers. It didn't take me very long to notice that almost everyone I spoke with or visited was so happy to speak to me, so gracious, and so appreciative. Since I am still a new member (just one year), I started to query congregants as to why they feel so strongly about North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. The answers won't surprise you.

"NSSBE has always been a part of our lives: we were married there, our children were named there, and we had their bat mitzvahs there."

"The clergy has always helped me in my time of need; when my mother died I received so much support from the community, and there was a daily minyan where I could say Kaddish."

"I just adore the library at the shul; I've furthered my Jewish education from all the classes and special events."

"We started in the wonderful preschool and it just felt right to stay."

So now I have a question for you: "Do all those wonderful emotions about NSSBE make the synagogue be a philanthropic priority in your life?" If the answer is "no", then my next question is, "Why not?" When you compile your list of charitable giving for the IRS at year end, it is important that NSSBE be a prominent organization on your list.

Above and beyond membership dues, which the IRS, in their infinite wisdom, rules as a charitable contribution, we hope that

congregants also make a generous annual commitment to the synagogue. Many people feel that their dues are all they are required to give to adequately support the synagogue. But, in truth, the revenue from dues only covers half our expenses. We are absolutely reliant on those generous congregants who give over and above their dues to keep this organization running.

Dues keep the lights on, pay our teachers, and provide the services included in your membership. But as you all know by now, dues only cover about half of our annual budget. Our responsible leadership has carefully reduced the budget by 14% in the last four years, but in order to keep NSSBE the mainstay of our Jewish lives, we rely on fundraising, Chesed Dues, the Kol Nidre Appeal and many other programs to meet our budget. If we didn't, those comments I heard from congregants would fade away, along with our illustrious history.

Some congregants enjoy giving separate amounts to every fundraising program we have, which makes my job very enjoyable. Other congregants set one amount that they wish to donate to the synagogue each year and honor us by using the contribution in areas as we need it. Either way, NSSBE should be one of your primary philanthropic choices. Of course, we all have charities we favor, whether they are in the Jewish community, in an area of health or community services, or an educational institution. But when you think about how you feel about NSSBE, now is the time, and this is the time of year, to prioritize NSSBE for your annual giving.

Please allow me to help you with your annual gift to NSSBE by contacting me at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900 x 262.





*our fair share dues support program*

The Chesed Dues Program (formerly known as Fair Share Dues) is an ongoing program designed to help cover dues for those members in need who cannot afford to pay full dues. **For 2013, we are altering the timing our annual Chesed Campaign by including the opportunity to donate at the time members pay their annual dues this summer and early fall.** Your dues statement included a line for you to make your Chesed pledge. It just feels right for you to make a donation to help others afford to be a part of our community membership at the same time you are renewing your membership. **When you pay your dues statement, if you can, simply voluntarily increase the amount of dues you pay each year to a level that reflects your ability to further support the NSSBE Community.**

Your participation in this program is vital, and we thank those congregants who have already made a donation. While we have reduced our budget by over 14% in the past four years, we still need additional support. Chesed Dues allow us to maintain a dues structure that invites people to join our congregational family, helps us to close the gap between our dues revenue and the cost of running the synagogue, and aids us in sustaining and expanding vital programs and services for our congregation.

As always, gifts of \$250 and above will be recognized on the Chesed Dues plaque in the Mae and Mark Spitz Sanctuary Gallery and in the Bulletin in the categories set out as follows:

- B'yachad – A minimum contribution of \$10,000. The amount includes regular dues, Chesed dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, and two tickets to our annual fundraising event. Please contact the Development Manager for further information.
- Benefactor – \$1,500 and over
- Guarantor – \$1,000 to \$1,499
- Donor – \$750 to \$999
- Patron – \$500 to \$749
- Sustainer – \$250 to \$499
- Supporter – \$36 to \$249

If you have any questions about your annual giving, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x 262

We apologize for inadvertently omitting this name from our list of previous Chesed donors in the last bulletin:

Chesed Supporter (\$36 to \$249): Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Juron

## ENCOUNTERING TORAH Reflections on the Weekly Portion



RABBI VERNON H. KURTZ

### Rabbi Kurtz's Book of Sermons

Everyone should have received their complimentary copy of the new book by Rabbi Kurtz, **Encountering Torah: Reflections on the Weekly Portion**. If you did not, please call the office. There are also additional books for sale at \$25 per copy in our gift shop, on our website, or via phone order in the office if you wish to purchase extras for your family and friends. Shipping is also available.

We thank the following donors who made gifts at the Copywriter level (\$18 to \$2499) since the last Bulletin was published:

Ellen and Robert Doppelt  
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## » Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School

### *M'Shulchan Hamenahelet*

**Bruchim Ha-Baim** – Welcome to the 5774/2013–2014 school year! The first day of school for students in the Cohen Religious School and the Sokol Hebrew High School is Sunday, September 8th. On behalf of the faculty and myself I would like to welcome all new and returning students.

This summer we had several SHHS graduate students participating in various Israel trips and experiences. These students, who successfully completed four years of studies at the Sokol Hebrew High School, were awarded a Beth El Israel Merit Scholarship providing financial support toward the trip. We are looking forward to welcoming the students who traveled to Israel and encourage all SHHS graduates to register in the *Atid* program (former College Bound), which will begin on Tuesday, October 22nd.

This summer we also had a younger student visiting Israel. Noah Braverman, a sixth grader at the Cohen Religious School was one of the ten North American, European and Australian category winners of the “My Family Story” contest sponsored by *Beit Hatfutsot*, the Museum of the Jewish People. Noah and his family attended the June 17th ceremony in Tel Aviv where 30 students from all over the world displayed their family story projects. We are very proud of our 36 sixth grade students who participated at the “My Family Story” project last year. Students were excited to learn the stories of their families and how their own family stories connected to the collective narrative of the Jewish people. Special mention to Joshua Gross and Julia Friedland who won the internal competition; their works were also entered in the international “My Family Story” competition. We will enter the International “My Family Story” competition again this year by sending three family projects from the sixth grade class.

We just completed the first tutoring summer program in which 14 students from second grade on participated by coming once or twice a week to brush up on their Hebrew and Tefilah skills. Thank you to Rabbi Kurtz’s Book Fund for funding this highly successful program. Thank you to Stacy Daybook for working with the children.

I am excited to announce that we will continue offering many extra curricular and after school activities for students of all ages. In the new program “Monday Fundays” in the Library, third thru seventh grade students are invited to hang out in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center before Religious School for snacks, socializing, computer games, and stories. Students will also have the opportunity to check out books. They will also assist with needed library tasks (checking in/out books, re-shelving, processing new books, etc.). We will continue the Café Kef activity in the youth lounge every Wednesday when school is in session. Students will have the opportunity to play gaga, rest, do homework, socialize, schmooze and eat snacks before Religious School. For SHHS students we will also offer evening cooking class once a month from September through April.

The Cohen Religious School and the Sokol Hebrew High School have been using state-of-the-art curriculum in many of its classes. The world renowned *Tal Am*, a unique curriculum of Hebrew Language Arts and Heritage, based on the principles of language development, language acquisition, and learning has been extended to include the third grade this year. We will continue teaching Project Etgar, an innovative curriculum for middle school students developed by the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism’s Department of Education. This curriculum features four important topics of Jewish studies: *Sifrei Kodesh* (Sacred Books), *Kashrut*, Friendship and *Bikkur Cholim* (Visiting the Sick). Study of the *middot* (Jewish virtues), which we started last year, will continue throughout this year; each grade will study the same middah using age appropriate materials. Students needing additional academic support during the year will be served in the Martha Knopfler Teachers’ Resource Center.

Fifth and sixth graders will lead six Shabbat family morning services. They will also participate in a winter *Kallah* (a weekend to celebrate Shabbat and Jewish learning) at Camp Chi. The family *Gesher* program taught by Rabbi Kurtz, Rabbi Schwab and Dr. Joyce Witt will have close to 40 families participating every Sunday.

The Sokol Hebrew High School will offer many new courses such as Talmud 101, Comparative Religion, Nazi Propaganda, Art, Israeli Sing-Along, and American Film. Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab will teach the Supper Club course to SHHS students scheduled to graduate in May 2014. The SHHS program of studies will be enriched by family programs and exciting field trips. Several SHHS students will work as teachers’ helpers in the Cohen Religious School.

Please mark your calendars:

CRS Curriculum Night  
Tuesday, October 1st from 7:45–8:30pm

SHHS Curriculum Night  
Wednesday, October 2nd from 7:45–8:30pm

CRS Family Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner  
Friday, October 11th at 6:30pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-432-8900, ext. 227 or [agejman@nssbethel.org](mailto:agejman@nssbethel.org) if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Looking forward to a sweet and productive year; Shanah Tovah V’Gmar V’Chatimah Tovah!

*Alicia Gejman*  
*Director of Formal Education*

## » Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

The beginning of the school year and the beginning of our holiday season are upon us. We decided to come back to school in August this year so that we would have the chance to greet Rosh Hashanah together as a school community. It is such an important time in the lives of our families as many of them are sending their children to us for their first formal school experience. For many children it is the first time they will get the chance to learn about the Jewish New Year. It is equally important to our teachers as they wait with anticipation for the each new class to become a special community- a Jewish community.

Our school and the classroom form a community, guided by the traditions of the synagogue and following rituals specific to each classroom. We all act in certain ways in order to be part of this community. At school we are a Jewish community and therefore there are certain things that are observed, celebrated, and discussed at length in school. We acknowledge and validate each child's individual experience while maintaining the culture in the classrooms. Mitzvot (commandments) and middot (Jewish virtues) are necessary steps on the path to being a mensch (a good person). Our task is to acknowledge and label Jewish values, behaviors, and mitzvot in the daily life of the classroom. You can see the importance we place on Jewish values- modeling mitzvot, creating opportunities to be shuftafo shel ha-Kadosh Baruch Hu b'ma-asay bereshit (partners with God in the creation of a more perfect world) and labeling Jewish behaviors as they occur in the natural life of the classroom. Thus we are creating a meaningful Judaism that affects the way we live our lives.

The way we set up our classrooms; in the bulletin boards that display our children's work; in the way the teachers interact with the children and their families- listening, responding, questioning and always respecting- are all examples of the Jewish community we are creating. Our Pre-School is the gateway to Jewish life. We not only introduce families to the joys of Judaism, but also bring families into the community of the synagogue and the practices and traditions of our people. As we prepare our children for their next educational steps we are also preparing them to be part of a caring and committed Jewish community and the world at large.

This year we are very excited to be offering our Small and Tall (Adult/ Child) classes for children from 6 weeks to 9 months and 9 months to 17 months as well as our pre-school classes for children 17 month through pre-kindergarten. Please let your family, friends, and neighbors know about our program. Drop by the preschool office or contact me by telephone 847-432-2830 or by email at cknopoff@nssbethel.org. I look forward to giving you a tour of our amazing school. We wish you all L'Shana Tova!

*Caron Knopoff*  
Steinberg Pre-School Director

# Mazel Tov!



Congratulations to our 2013  
Chicagoland Jewish High School Graduates!

Shelly Esther Dekalo  
Daniel John Fishbaum  
Annie Miriam Schroyer  
Lindsey Rebecca Taussig  
Aaron Dov Zell



Congratulations to our 2013  
Solomon Schechter Day School Graduates!

Jacob Dayan  
Benjamin Dorfman  
Harrison Freeman  
Benjamin Gerstein  
Barbara Hochberg  
Samson Hoffman  
Brian Koltin  
Bradley Leshem  
Ethan Lewittes  
Hannah Shanes  
Lily Stone  
Samantha Wolf  
Henry Wolle

### Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School September – Tishrei 5774

Sept 8	Sunday	First Day of School (Pre-K thru Geshet)
Sept 9	Monday	First Monday Funday
Sept 11	Wednesday	Café Kef
Sept 18	Wednesday	No School – Erev Sukkot
Sept 22	Sunday	Sukkah Visits
Sept 23	Monday	Sukkah Visits
Sept 25	Wednesday	No School – Hoshannah Rabbah/Shemini Atzeret

### Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School September – Tishrei 5774

Sept 8	Sunday	First Day of School
Sept 9	Monday	First Day of Conversational Hebrew Classes
Sept 23	Monday	Sukkah Visits
Sept 30	Monday	First Supper Club

» Kol No'ar  
The Voice of the Youth – Beth El's Youth Community

**Mazel Tov to the New BEANS USY and Kadima Executive Boards!**

**BEANS USY Executive Board 2013-2014:** President- Dana Levin; Executive Israel Affairs V.P. - Rina Zell; Religion/Education V.P.- Aaron Pickard; Social Action/Tikkun Olam V.P.- Melissa Levin; Membership/Kadima V.P.- Joey Spellberg; Communications V.P.- Sarah Levin; Freshman Representatives- Harrison Freeman and Alex Levine; Honorary- CHUSY Regional Exec. V.P. – Noa Ochana

**Kadima Executive Board 2013-2014:** Max Baum, Sydney Goldsmith, Josh Gross, David Halfin and Josh Pickard.

We are still looking for BEANS USY general board members to chair events like Turkey Dance, Hamentashen Baking, Purim Carnival and more! We would also like to have more members on our Kadima Executive Board, Contact Sam Isenstein, [sisenstein@nssbethel.org](mailto:sisenstein@nssbethel.org) for an application.

**It's BEANS a Fantastic Summer!**

What did you do on your summer vacation? Come tell us all about it at the Back to BEANS Bash on Saturday August 24th from 12:15–1:30pm in the Zell Activity room after Shabbat services. This free lunch program is for all Beth El kids in grades K-12! Whether you were gone for the summer at camp or relaxing at home or anywhere else, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with all your Beth El friends and the BEANS Youth Community Staff! There will be separate programming for our different youth groups—come and hang out with us.



Parents, don't forget to "like" the Beth El Youth Community on Facebook to stay up to date on all of Beth El's Youth Community programs- [www.facebook.com/NssBethElYouthCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/NssBethElYouthCommunity) and be on the lookout for our new Youth Community Google Calendar!

**Sign up online for the Beth El Sisterhood College Connection!**

Spending your summers getting a kid ready for college, or wishing your child would come home from the summer internship for longer than a day? Then the Beth El Sisterhood College Connection program is for you!

Thanks to a generous endowment from the Sisterhood, we continue to provide a connection for our college students to our congregation. Enrolling in this wonderful program gets your college student great care packages for the Jewish holidays, as well as emailed information about alternative school break programs, Birthright Israel, Jewish programs on campus, summer jobs and study abroad opportunities.

This program is sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood and completely free to you, but you need to fill out a new form every year. All of our enrollment will be online, please go to [tinyurl.com/BethElCollegeConnection](http://tinyurl.com/BethElCollegeConnection).

We will be emailing the registration forms out to all relevant applicants- which includes graduate students! We no longer mail packages overseas – but if you're only studying abroad for one semester, we want to make sure you get packages the rest of the year, so please sign up.

If you are concerned that we don't have the right email address to send a registration link to enroll your college student, please contact Sam Isenstein at [sisenstein@nssbethel.org](mailto:sisenstein@nssbethel.org) or fill out and return the

form below to give the correct email address for College Connection information (both parent and student) so that you can make sure to receive the registration form.

The deadline for application for the fall boxes is Friday, August 30, 2013. You can still sign up your college student at any time all year. And remember to "like" us on Facebook to get all the latest information!



Return Form\* to Sam Isenstein, Youth Community Director, 1175 Sheridan Rd. Highland Park, Il 60035 to get the registration link sent to you.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that turning in this form is not registering for Beth El Sisterhood College Connection, **you must register online.**

what else ?

**BEANS Youth Groups are Great – How do I sign up?**

This year we have continued our registration system as a universal registration with our Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School. \*Schechter families and others who are part of our Youth Groups, please watch your email, or contact Sam directly at [sisenstein@nssbethel.org](mailto:sisenstein@nssbethel.org) to sign up for youth group membership this year.

**Which Youth Group is for me?**

**M&M Club** is for Kindergarten through 2nd graders

**Shalom Club** is for 3rd through 5th graders

**Kadima** is for 6th through 8th graders

**USY** is for 9th through 12th graders

We also have **PB&J** (Peer Buddies and Judaism), a youth group for 6-12th graders who have special needs. If you're interested in our Peer Buddy program as a participant or mentor, please contact Sam Isenstein.

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Upcoming Programs and Events!

**Sunday, August 25th** – Kadima and USY off to Six Flags Great America! We will be meeting at Beth El at 9:00 am and returning at 7:00 pm. \$40 which includes: transportation, lunch and park ticket. Please RSVP by Friday, August, 16th at <http://tinyurl.com/BEANSsixflags>

**Tuesday, August 27th** – USY Welcome Back BBQ Lounge Night at 7:00 pm. \$10 includes dinner.

**Wednesday, August 28th** – Kadima Board Meeting at 6:15 pm in the Youth Lounge.

**Tuesday, September 3rd** – Teen Minyan Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm. Free Dinner for all those that come! USY Executive Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Thursday, September 5th** – Our own USYers and Teen Minyan will be leading the congregation for Tashlich.

**Wednesday, September 11th** – First CHUSY Regional Lounge Night. More information to follow.

**Wednesday, September 11th** – Kadima Lounge Night at 6:15 pm. \$5 dinner included.

**Sunday, September 15th**

Schach Pick-up and Car Wash from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Help BEANS USY start the year off right with raising funds for their Tikun Olam Fund and continue to be the #1 fundraiser in ALL of USY!

Bring your car to get washed while you pick up your order or when you drop off and pick up for Religious School!

Volunteers needed to wash cars and pass out Schach, Lulav and Etrog orders! Volunteers will receive lunch!

**Sunday, September 22nd** – M&M Club and CRS will be having their first joint iProgram during CRS!

**Sunday, September 22nd** – Kadima will be having a Sukkah themed program after religious school.

**Monday, September 23rd** – Shalom Club and CRS will be having their first joint iProgram during CRS.

**Tuesday, September 24th** – USY Lounge Night! \$5 or Free with Activity Pass. Please meet in the Youth Lounge at 7:00 pm.

**Thursday, September 26th** – BEANS USY will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for the entire community after the Simchat Torah Services.

**Saturday, September 28th** – At 8:00 pm, BEANS USY will be on a BOAT! That's right, BEANS USY is heading downtown for a party on the wonderful Wendella Boat! RSVP by Monday, September 16th by filling out the rsvp form at [tinyurl.com/BEANSONABOAT](http://tinyurl.com/BEANSONABOAT)

**Sunday, September 29th** – CHUSY Regional LTI for all chapter board members. More information to follow.

**Sukkot is Coming!**

Time to Order Your Schach and Lulav & Etrog

Schach (the branches that cover the roof of a Sukkah) will be available through USY for \$22 per bunch. (One bunch covers approximately 16 square feet.) Lulav and Etrog can be purchased for \$60 per set.

**All orders for Schach as well as Lulav and Etrog must be received by Monday, August 26, 2013. Pick up for Schach and Lulav and Etrog will be Sunday, September 15, 2013, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm** outside by the south side doors. (We cannot be responsible for Schach which is not picked up on time.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ set(s) of Lulav and Etrog @ \$60 per set = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ bunches of Schach @ \$22 per bunch = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form with payment in the form of a check to: N.S.S. Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Attn: Samantha Isenstein. **Please make checks payable to N.S.S. Beth El.** For questions please call Samantha at 847-432-8900 ext.214.



**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Allison Pine becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Gail and Brian Boorstein & Family
- *In honor of* Bernard Reisin's 90th birthday - EPKO Industries, Inc
- *In honor of* Bobby Center's 65th birthday - Eve and Scott Rooth
- *In honor of* the marriage of Brett Pessis to Melissa - Judy and Steve Smiley
- *In honor of* Bruce and Gail Greenspahn's 40th wedding anniversary - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In honor of* Chuck Kahalnik for his USY award - Beatrice Dolin
- *In honor of* David Shapiro and Lori Stark - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter
- *In honor of* Deena Krawitz becoming a Bat Mitzvah
  - Karen Weiss
  - Gail and Brian Boorstein & Family
- *In honor of* Donald and Suzanne Horwitz's 40th wedding anniversary - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In honor of* Elliott Lewis becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Julie and Steven Lewis
- *In honor of* Karen Kesner's special birthday - Herbert Phillips
- *In honor of* Lisa Rosenkranz becoming president of NSS Beth El - Gerald and Annette Blumberg
- *In honor of* Naomi and Aaron Cowans' graduation - Adrien C. Herzberg
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz and his new book Encountering Torah
  - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
  - Janet Tobin
  - Joseph Hara
- *In honor of* Rabbi and Bryna Kurtz - Beatrice Dolin
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz's 25 year anniversary at NSS Beth El
  - Roger and Jennifer Schoenfeld
  - Paul and Michelle Pessis
  - Nancy and Alan Gandelman
  - Scott and Laura Kaufman
  - Harry and Karen Rubinoff
  - Howard and Mindy Bain
  - Jeffrey and Zenia Cohen
  - Roslyn Dobkin
  - Jim and Davida Weiss
  - Elizabeth and Simon Halfin
  - Irwin and Jill Bernstein
  - Dan and Honey Bronson
- Richard and Roberta Wexler
- Gayle Goldberg and Jeff Cooper
- *In honor of* Sharon and Harris Goldenberg's 45th Anniversary - Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
- *In honor of* Stella and Mae Garland becoming B'nai Mitzvahs - Larry and Katherine Garland
- *In honor of* the birth of our great grandchild Bradley Shane Raskin - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In honor of* the dinner in Rabbi Kurtz's honor for serving NSS Beth El for 25 years - Steven and Ellen Lasin
- *In honor of* the engagement of Gary Pestine to Naomi Wexler - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In honor of* the engagement of Mark and Nina Gaines' son Matthew - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In honor of* the marriage of Rachel and Todd and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Aaron and Ellen Krumbein
- *In honor of* the upcoming marriage of Mackenzie Snyder to Jason Kessner - Lauren and Robert Snyder
- *In honor of* Will Morton becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Aleck Fishman - David and Donna Rubin
- *In memory of* Allen Eckerling, beloved brother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* Anna R. Gale, beloved mother - Sheldon and Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Annette Kaplin, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Barbara Goldberg, beloved daughter-in-law - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Ben Hofman, beloved father - Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Benjamin Applebaum, beloved son - Stephen Applebaum
- *In memory of* Bennett Holland, beloved son - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Bernard Kaplan, beloved husband of Jean Kaplan and beloved father; and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Neil and Jane Yaris
- *In memory of* Bessie Brooks, beloved mother
  - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
  - Alvin Shapiro and Gloria Brooks Shapiro

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund  
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- *In memory of* Burton Steinberg, beloved brother - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Chana Mosk, beloved mother of Mark Mosk - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In memory of* Clara Rosenberg, beloved mother - Fred and Linda Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Corrine Baker, beloved wife - Leonard Baker
- *In memory of* Diane N. Sherman, beloved wife - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Dot Hyman, beloved mother - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Edwin Schwartz, beloved husband of Myrna Schwartz and beloved father of Lynn Froy - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In memory of* Esther Salinas, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Ethel Chudacoff, beloved mother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Eytan Dekalo, beloved husband of Lori Dekalo and beloved father of David and Shelly
  - Joe, Valerie, Emma & Amelia Berger
  - Barbara and Bruce Jacobson
  - Bruce and Lauri Zessar
- *In memory of* Frank G. Marshall, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton
- *In memory of* Fred Hamilton, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton
- *In memory of* Major General William Levine, beloved husband of Rhoda Levine
  - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Gerry Aronin, beloved father - Marc and Sharon Leaf
- *In memory of* Golda Schachter, beloved mother - Martin and Yolanda Schachter
- *In memory of* Harry Bichunsky, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for his support and caring - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz
  - The Stempel family
  - Karen Weiss
  - Steven and Amy Topel
  - Gerald and Annette Blumberg
  - Terri and Bruce Mason
- *In memory of* Harry Shevel, beloved brother of Marlene Massarik
  - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
  - Leonard and Linda Schloff
- *In memory of* Helen Haas, beloved sister - Roslyn Dobkin
- *In memory of* Henny Strauss, beloved grandmother - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Henny Strauss, beloved mother - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Herb Bolshon, beloved father of Debra Kravitz
  - Laurie, Robert, Daniel and Rachel Levin
  - Roger and Jennifer Schoenfeld
  - Gary and Merle Kaufman
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Irving Pollack, beloved father in law - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved husband - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Isaac Feitelberg, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Isaac Strauss, beloved father - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Isaac Strauss, beloved grandfather - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Izzy Scheinman, beloved husband - Shirley Scheinman
- *In memory of* Jacques Rouso, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Jeanette Weisberg, beloved mother of Karen Kesner - Herbert Phillips
- *In memory of* June Bleiweis, beloved mother of Susan Bleiweis - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Lee Mandel, beloved mother - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Lena Falk, beloved mother - Adele Hirsch
- *In memory of* Lenny Weitz, beloved husband - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Leon Perman, beloved father - Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Lew Coren, beloved grandfather - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother of Marlene Rubenstein - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Marlene Rubenstein and Family

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund  
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- *In memory of* Louis Holland, beloved father in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Louis Leader, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Bernard and Marilyn Leader
- *In memory of* Louis Senescu, beloved father - Stuart and Marlene Senescu
- *In memory of* our loved ones at Yizkor - Alice Gross
- *In memory of* Lucille Kaufman, beloved sister; Sylvia Wilder, beloved sister - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Marie Lebovitz, beloved mother of Jerry Lebovitz and beloved grandmother of Nolan, Adam and Hope - Joseph and Susan Ament - Karen Weiss - Barbara Rosenfield
- *In memory of* Marie Lebovitz, beloved mother and beloved grandmother of Nolan, Adam and Hope and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Jerry and Linda Lebovitz
- *In memory of* Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
- *In memory of* Nachum Singer, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Nathan Regenstreif, beloved father and Lynne Silbermann, beloved sister - Sheldon, Nancy Mann Philanthropic Fund
- *In memory of* Norma Meisner, beloved sister - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Norman Zoberman, beloved father - Alan and Mally Rutkoff
- *In memory of* Raymond Hara - Matthew Culp
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother of Marlene Konik and beloved grandmother of Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer and Lauri Zessar - Rick Schechter - Howard and Susan Wolff - Goodman Family
- *In memory of* Robert F. Strauss, beloved brother - Benton and Sandra Strauss
- *In memory of* Roberta Goodman, beloved mother - Goodman Family
- *In memory of* Rona Millman, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Corey Millman
- *In memory of* Rosalind Stein Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father of Tracey Hendler - Cynde Munzer and Stuart Richer and Family
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Tracey and Anton Hendler and Family
- *In memory of* Sarah Steinberg, beloved mother - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Selma Gold, beloved mother-in-law - Milton Greenfield
- *In memory of* Shalom - Lillian Binder
- *In memory of* Sheila Glassman LePow, beloved sister - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Sherwood Perman, beloved brother - Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Sidney Weiss, beloved father - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Simon Ramek, beloved father - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Thelma Yore, beloved mother - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel
- *In memory of* Victor Steinberg, beloved father - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Yehezziel Hakimian, beloved brother of Batya Retsky - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Karen Weiss - Andrea and Jonathan Weiss - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg - Stephen and Barbara Gold - Gerald and Annette Blumberg - Cecelia Frohman
- *With appreciation for* a wonderful evening at the Gala honoring Rabbi and Bryna Kurtz - Eva Hofman
- *With appreciation for* G-d's blessings - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *With appreciation for* the many honors that NSS Beth El has given me - Ernest Smolen
- *With appreciation* heartfelt good wishes - Joseph and Susan Adler
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for helping us through a sad and difficult time - Marlene Konik, Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer, Lauri Zessar, Lois and Earl Goldsmith and family, and Bonnie and Stewart Schechter Family
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his assistance in Joey Schroyer's Bar Mitzvah - Max & Lynn R. Schroyer Fund

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## Todah Rabbah

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### Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the mischaberach's for Danielle - David and Dena Cooperman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the respectful services for Major General William Levine - Rhoda Levine

- *With appreciation* - Batia Eizikovic

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### Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Deena Krawitz becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Marshall and Marcia Witzel
- *In honor of* Elliott Lewis becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Julie and Steven Lewis
- *In honor of* Mae Jagher's baby naming - Heather and Eric Jagher
- *In honor of* our daughter Noa Hayden Pearl's baby naming and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Jonathan and Danielle Pearl
- *In honor of* the wedding of Rachel Krumbein to Todd Siegal - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In memory of* Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* David Jacobson and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Jacobson Family
- *In memory of* Elliott Kallish, beloved father of Marc Kallish - Steve and Roberta Goodman
- *In memory of* Elsa Jedwabnik, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mario Jedwabnik
- *In memory of* Florence Pestine, beloved sister - Harold Olshansky Trust
- *In memory of* Gladys Brand, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Harold Olshansky, beloved husband - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Harry Prystowsky, beloved father - Jay Prystowsky and Renee Solomon
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his support and caring - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Ida Wigderson, beloved grandmother - Joel Hirsch
- *In memory of* Irving Spieler, beloved father in law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Leah Baskin, beloved mother - Laurence and Corinne Baskin
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Marlene Rubenstein and Family

- *In memory of* Max Faust, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather - Annette Feller
- *In memory of* Melvyn Medansky, beloved father - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In memory of* Mildred Lashinsky/Lash Starkman, beloved mother of Sandy Starkman - Richard and Sharon Schwab
- *In memory of* Patricia M. Paster, beloved mother - Louis and Alisa Paster
- *In memory of* Phil Anderman, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Frances Anderman
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother of Marlene Konik and beloved grandmother of Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer and Lauri Zessar and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Andy Hochberg
- *In memory of* Ron Glover, beloved father - Steven and Susan Glover
- *In memory of* Rose Mesirow, beloved grandmother - David and Lynne Weinberg
- *In memory of* Roy Belzer, beloved husband - Ruth Belzer
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father of Tracey Anton and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Tracey and Anton Hendler and Family
- *In memory of* Yehezkiel Hakimian, beloved father of Batya Retsky - Joan Eagle
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Joseph and Susan Ament
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Aaron and Ellen Krumbein
- *In memory of* Major General William Levine, beloved husband of Rhoda Levine and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Andy Hochberg
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Jennifer and Michael Wirth
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for Jacob's wedding - Keith and Marci Shapiro

**Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund  
(continued)**

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for making Annie's baby naming so special and meaningful - Gregory and Sara Block  
 - *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for Rachel's wedding - Aaron and Ellen Krumbein

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for the respectful services for Major General William Levine - Rhoda Levine  
 - *With appreciation to* St. Andrews Foundation

**Hazzan Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Elliott Lewis becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Julie and Steven Lewis  
 - *In honor of* Hazzan Goller - Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein  
 - *In memory of* Bernard Kaplan, beloved husband of Jean Kaplan and beloved father; and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Neil and Jane Yaris  
 - *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved brother and uncle and with appreciation to Hazzan for his support and caring - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family

- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Marlene Rubenstein and Family  
 - *With appreciation for* Hazzan Goller's visit - Maxine Sprung  
 - *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller - Jennifer and Michael Wirth  
 - *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller on the occasion of the naming of our grandchild - Gerald and Deborah Miller

**Adolph M. and Lottye Jacobson  
Israel Scholarship Endowment  
Fund**

- *In honor of* the 57th anniversary of Harvey Jacobson's Bar Mitzvah - Harvey and Ellen Jacobson

**Andrew and Gail Brown  
Technology Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Jami Blumenthal becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Andrew and Gail Brown

**Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust  
Memorial Education Endowment  
Fund**

- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother of Marlene Rubenstein - Pearl and Joel Kagan

**Ba'al Korei Fund**

- *In honor of* Aaron and Ellen Krumbein's 25th anniversary - Mark Daskin

- *With appreciation to* Sandra and Howard Turner - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel

**Ben and Marion Drachler  
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Abraham James Blumberg, beloved brother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

- *In memory of* Morris A. Blumberg, beloved father - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

**Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High  
School Fund**

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz, Rabbi Schwab, Hazzan Goller and Mark Stadler, Chuck Kahalnik and Avram Pachter for the terrific experience throughout Charlie's Bar Mitzvah - Michael and Wendi Ezgur  
 - *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Greg and Leslie Apter

- *In memory of* Harry Shevel, beloved brother of Marlene Massarik - Len and Bobbie Tenner  
 - *In memory of* Samuel Pikholtz, beloved father of Tracey Hender  
 - Greg and Leslie Apter  
 - Jackie and Michael Melinger  
 - Gary and Merle Kaufman

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### Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of* Avram Kraft's 75th birthday and Kerana Kraft's 70th birthday - David Schwartz and Renee Hirsch  
- *In honor of* Laurel Abramowicz's "29th" birthday - David and Ora Schnitzer  
- *In honor of* Rachel and Todd Siegel's marriage - Arlene and Jeffrey Levin  
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz  
- Hildy and Craig Spak  
- Mark and Judy Hoffman

- *In memory of* David Jacobson - Daniel and Marjorie Offer  
- *In memory of* June Bleiweis, beloved mother of Susan Silberman - Terri and Rob Olian  
- *In memory of* Professor Raymond Eisenstadt - Marcy and Robert Freeman  
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother of Marlene Konik and beloved grandmother of Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer and Lauri Zessar - The Draluck Family

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### Camp Ramah Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Herb Rosen's special birthday - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin

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### Capital Improvement Fund

- *In memory of* David Sher, beloved grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher  
- *In memory of* Major General William Levine, beloved husband of Rhoda Levine - Marcy and Ken Levin

- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Marcy and Ken Levin

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### Continuing Education Fund

- *In honor of* Frank and Ruth Stern's 60th Wedding Anniversary, Mazel tov- - Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avram Pachter  
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz  
- Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avram Pachter  
- Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch  
- Bob and Millie Weber

- *In memory of* Mildred Lashinsky/Lash Starkman, beloved mother of Sandy Starkman - Morris Frydman and June Back Frydman

- *In memory of* Sidney Starkman and Mildred Starkman and Annette Berg for Shavuot Yizkor, we miss you - Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avram Pachter

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### Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Avram and Kerana Kraft's birthdays - Edward and Paulette Margulies  
- *In honor of* Nessia Frank for Mother's Day - Ben and Wendy Frank

- *In memory of* Zelda Bouchinsky, beloved mother - Nessia Frank

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### Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Nancy and Maury Fertig and Family

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### Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Yehezkiel Hakimian, beloved brother of Batya Retsky - Rita Buckman

**Gertrude Lederman Family  
Continuing Education Fund**

- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother of Marlene Rubenstein - Elise and Ira Frost

- *In memory of* Rabi Youshaei, beloved father of Job Youshaei - Dov Kahan

**Holocaust Memorial Endowment  
Fund**

- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Alan and Randi Kohn

**Irving and Janet Robbin  
Scholar-in-Residence Program  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Deborah Benson's forthcoming marriage - Jerome and Gail Taxy

**Israel Scholarship Endowment  
Fund**

- *In honor of* Aaron and Ellen Krumbein's 25th Anniversary - Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avram Pachter

**Jack and Mildred Cohen  
Religious School Fund**

- *In memory of* Harry Shevel, beloved brother of Marlene Massarik - Howard and Sandra Turner  
- *In memory of* Ruth Grant, beloved mother - Burton and Joan Grant  
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father of Tracey Hendler - Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon  
- *In memory of* Sarah and Yermiahu Singer, beloved grandparents - Elliot and Doris Mirman

- *In memory of* Yeheziel Hakimian, beloved brother of Batya Retsky - Howard and Sandra Turner  
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Howard and Sandra Turner

**Jean T. and Morton Bernstein  
Camp Ramah Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Rebecca Benson, beloved daughter of Karen and David Benson - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

**Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural  
and Learning Center Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Steven and Marsha Levin's 11th grandchild - Robert and Iris Center  
- *In memory of* Vivian Oscherwitz, beloved mother of Linda Goldstein and beloved grandmother of Marcie Faust - Judy and Michael Lavin  
- *In memory of* Chana Mosk, beloved mother of Mark Mosk - Judy and Michael Lavin  
- *In memory of* Charles Pearlman, beloved father - James and Rochelle Fisch  
- *In memory of* Edwin Schwartz, beloved husband of Myrna Schwartz and beloved father of Lynn Froy - Judy and Michael Lavin  
- *In memory of* Jeanette Goldstein, beloved mother - Michael Goldstein

- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In memory of* Herb Bolshon, beloved father of Debra Kravitz - Steven and Frances Shapiro - Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In memory of* Joel Schwab, beloved of Dale Pinkert and Family - Judy and Michael Lavin  
- *In memory of* Leona English, beloved mother - Elliot and Anne Rossen  
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother of Marlene Rubenstein - Judy and Michael Lavin

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### Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Lorraine Schoenfeld, beloved mother and grandmother of Mary Ann and Jack Bankier - Judy and Michael Lavin
- *In memory of* Mae Gray, beloved mother and Joseph Gray, beloved father - Loseff Foundation
- *In memory of* Manuel Hand, beloved father of Marla Hand
  - Ben Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin
  - Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon
- *In memory of* Martin Weinstein, beloved husband - Natalie Weinstein
- *In memory of* Patricia Kaplan, beloved wife - Roger Kaplan
- *In memory of* Rabi Youshaei, beloved father of Job Youshaei - Judy and Michael Lavin
- *In memory of* Shirley Hand, beloved mother of Marla Hand - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Simon Cohen, beloved father - Mark and Marla Cohen
- *In memory of* Yehezkiel Hakimian, beloved brother of Batya Retsky - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein
  - Andrew and Gail Brown
  - Harry and Arlene Feiger
  - Judy and Michael Lavin
- *Wishing a complete & speedy recovery to* Pam Schlosberg - Marcie Eskin
- *With appreciation for* the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center - Birnberg Family Fund
- *With appreciation to* the library staff at NSS Beth El - Manny Marczak

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### Kol Ami Museum Fund

- *In memory of* Edwin Schwartz, beloved husband of Myrna Schwartz - Ronald and Judith Sharlach

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### Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'filot Education Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Ira Kopin's 80th birthday - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Rabbi Reuben Frankel - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Myrna Kopin

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### Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Ina and Morrie Schaffer's granddaughter - Joyce and Dan Joseph
- *In honor of* the engagement of Uri Pachter to Hollen Reischer - Theodore and Cheryl Banks
- *In memory of* Bernice Leben, beloved mother of Cindy Levy - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Dorothy Wexler, beloved wife - Herman Wexler
- *In memory of* Eytan Dekalo, beloved husband of Lori Dekalo and beloved father of David and Shelly - JoEllen and Robert Lidov
- *In memory of* Sarah Rovel, Rachel Kamin's beloved grandmother - Nancy and Larry Kekst
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - JoEllen and Robert Lidov

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### Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Mindy and Jeff Gordon and family
- *In memory of* Manuel Hand, beloved father of Marla Hand - Mindy and Jeff Gordon and family

**Minyan Service Fund**

- *In memory of* Abraham Serman, beloved father - Leah Schwartz
- *In memory of* Arthur Ramek, beloved brother - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* David L. Kreiter, beloved husband - Rhoda Levine
- *In memory of* Edwin Schwartz, beloved husband of Myrna Schwartz - Aaron and Phyllis Cohodes
- *In memory of* Esther Serman, beloved mother - Toby Schwartz
- *In memory of* Eytan Dekalo, beloved husband of Lori Dekalo and beloved father of David and Shelly - Leslie, Corey, Jami, Rachel and Josh Grauer
- *In memory of* Faye Bloom, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* General William Levine, beloved husband of Rhoda Levine - Aaron and Phyllis Cohodes
- *In memory of* Gina Svarc Back, beloved mother - Morris Frydman and June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Harold Stern, beloved father - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Harry Back, beloved father - Morris Frydman and June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz
  - Kim and Stuart Frankenthal and family
  - The Krandel Family
  - Marilyn Propp
- *In memory of* Irving M. Footlik, beloved father - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Izzy Scheinman, beloved father - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In memory of* Manuel Hand, beloved father of Marla Hand
  - Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
  - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In memory of* Marie Lebovitz, beloved mother of Jerry Lebovitz and beloved grandmother of Nolan, Adam and Hope - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Mary Lou Ferns, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Mary Menkin, beloved mother - Susan Saper
- *In memory of* Milton Leeds, beloved father - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *In memory of* our beloved at Yizkor - Burton and Sharon Behm
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother of Marlene Konik and beloved grandmother of Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer and Lauri Zessar - Gail and Brian Boorstein and Family
- *In memory of* Sylvia Farbman, beloved mother - Mark and Laura Lieberman
- *In memory of* Sigmund Wallace, beloved father - Mona Kravitz
- *With appreciation for* the hospitality of Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman - Judith and Lawrence Weiner
- *With appreciation to* Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman's friendship - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *With appreciation to* Ira Rosenberg for all his help with minyan - Gail and Brian Boorstein

**NSSBE Special Gifts Fund**

- *In honor of* Jason Kesner's marriage - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In honor of* Joshua Cohen's birthday - The Cohens of Boston and the Warsos
- *In memory of* Rabi Youshaei, beloved father of Job Youshaei - Marilyn Hirsch and Gary, David and Gabrielle Gordon
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother of Marlene Konik and beloved grandmother of Lisa Aronin, Amy Lederer and Lauri Zessar
  - Jody and Ross Silverman
  - Adele & Marvin Goldsmith
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz
  - Jennifer Jones & James McCracken
  - Lisa and Jeff Rosenkranz
  - Alan Lev
  - Jeff and Elissa Halpern
  - Jeff and Laurie Rubin
  - Paul and Michelle Pessis
  - Barry and Sherilyn Krell
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father of Tracey Hendler - Lisa Rosenkranz

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### Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff's daughter Jacklyn's graduation from high school - The Preschool Staff
- *In honor of* Rebecca Mosk's graduation from 8th grade - Preschool Staff
- *In honor of* the birth of the Pogofsky's grandson Jacob Jonathan Domm - the NSSBE Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the Epstein's daughter's graduation from high school - the Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Brenda and David Jackson's daughter, Jane's high school graduation - the Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Arthur Hoover, beloved father of Michelle Leon - Jonathan and Danielle Pearl
- *In memory of* Harold Chupack, beloved father and father in law - Mark and Jodie Mosk
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz
- Caron and Jack Knopoff
- Robin Zacharias
- Mark and Jodie Mosk
- *In memory of* Rebecca Benson, beloved daughter of Karen and David Benson - Jerome and Gail Taxy
- *In memory of* Samuel Pikhholz, beloved father of Tracey Hendler
- Caron and Jack Knopoff
- Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Vivian Oscherwitz, beloved grandmother of Marcie Faust - Andrew and Robin Shapiro
- *In memory of* Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Mark and Jodie Mosk

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### Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Auf Ruf of Jay Goldstein and Jamie Worsek - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *In honor of* Julia Frances Burack's Bat Mitzvah and Daniel Burack's Bar Mitzvah - Leonard and Eleanor Harris
- *In honor of* my Aliyah - Felissa Kreindler
- *In memory of* Abe Aaronson, beloved father - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Fay and Louis Dreebin, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Fay Friedman, beloved mother - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Florence Behrstock, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *In memory of* Natalie Levy Boshes, beloved mother - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Rabbi Lawrence Charney, beloved husband - Lillian Charney
- *In memory of* Rose Aaronson, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Suzanne Dreebin Wilensky, beloved daughter - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Zelda Margolis, beloved mother - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

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### Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Samuel Kurchitzer, beloved father - Mildred Weber
- *In memory of* Major General William Levine, beloved husband of Rhoda Levine - Judith Leff

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### Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Jacob Alexander Blumberg, beloved grandfather - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Marion Drachler, beloved mother - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler
- *With appreciation to* Mark Stadler for Hannah Wirth's Bat Mitzvah - Michael and Jennifer Wirth

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### Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Jason Kesner's Auf Ruf and in memory of Jeannette Weisberg - Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avarm Pachter

**School Gift Fund**

- *In memory of* Goldie Sher, beloved mother -  
Michael and Sara Sher

**Social Action Fund**

- *In honor of* Harvey Barnett's 70th birthday -  
Sandy Starkman, Larry, Uri and Avram Pachter

**Special Gifts Fund**

<p>- <i>In memory of</i> Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz</p> <p>- Jeffrey and Carol Clark</p> <p>- Mann, Weitz &amp; Associates</p> <p>- Ira and Deborah Rosenberg</p> <p>- Mark and Laura Lieberman</p> <p>- Jerome and Rochelle Fisher</p> <p>- Roberta Mallon</p> <p>- Mark and Joanne Newman</p> <p>- Robert and Alice Kohn</p> <p>- Mitchell and Karen Kopin</p> <p>- Joel and Annalee Weisman</p>	<p>- Michael and Margo Oberman</p> <p>- Clifford and Barbara Ganan</p> <p>- Michael and Florence Sagett</p> <p>- Barbara Pollack</p> <p>- Mark and Susan Pollack</p> <p>- Danielle and Johnathon Pearl</p> <p>- David and Elizabeth Copeland</p> <p>- <i>In honor of</i> Herb Bolshon, beloved father of Debbie Kravitz - Jim Power</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Ida Freifeld, beloved mother in law - Marilyn Freifeld</p> <p>- <i>With appreciation</i> - Rebecca and Brian Jacobson</p>
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**Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund**

<p>- <i>In honor of</i> Eileen and Ron Goldberg's anniversary - Mark and Mae Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Joseph Cohen, beloved grandfather - Mark and Mae Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Manuel Hand, beloved father of Marla Hand - Mark and Mae Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Byron Berlin, beloved father of Miriam Berlin - Mae and Mark Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Harry Shevel, beloved brother of Marlene Massarik - Mark and Mae Spitz</p>	<p>- <i>In memory of</i> Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband of Karen Rubinoff and beloved brother of Earl Rubinoff and Lynn Weitz - Mark and Mae Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Milton Liebman, beloved father - Mae and Mark Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Yeheziel Hakimian, beloved brother of Batya Retsky - Mark and Mae Spitz</p> <p>- <i>In memory of</i> Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein - Mark and Mae Spitz</p>
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**Staff Recognition Fund**

- *With appreciation to* the NSSBE staff -  
Andrew and Gail Brown

**Youth Community Fund**

<p>- <i>In honor of</i> Laurel Abramowicz's special birthday - Bruce and Nadyne Elegant</p> <p>- <i>In honor of</i> Rachel and Todd's wedding - Felissa Kreindler</p> <p>- <i>With appreciation to</i> Chuck Kahalnik for making Annie's baby naming so special and nice - Gregory and Sara Block</p>	<p>- <i>In memory of</i> Zelda Robinson, beloved mother of Ellen Krumbein</p> <p>- Gary, David and Gabrielle Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch</p> <p>- Sara and Steve Coven</p>
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**NSSBE Staff**

Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi  
Michael Schwab, Rabbi  
Larry B. Goller, Hazzan  
Mark Stadler, Ritual Director  
Chuck Kahalnik, Executive Director  
Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education

Caron Knopoff, Pre-School Director  
Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education  
Rachel Kamin, Director of the Cultural and Learning Center  
Nancy Kekst, Development Manager  
Samantha Isenstein, Youth Community Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2 Labor Day</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Erev Rosh Hashana</b> 6:00pm Evening Services (at Beth El only) 7:00pm Candle Lighting	<b>5 First Day Rosh Hashana</b> 8:15am Shacharit Service 9:15am Pre-School Family Service 10:15am Children's Service 6:30pm Tashlich 7:00pm Mincha & Ma'ariv 8:05pm Candle Lighting	<b>6 Second Day Rosh Hashana</b> 8:15am Shacharit Service 10:15am Children's Service 10:15am Young Family Service 7:00pm Mincha & Ma'ariv/ Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>7</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:03pm Shabbat Ends
<b>8</b> 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>9</b> 8:00pm Board of Education Mtg.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Board Mtg. 8:00pm Executive Committee	<b>13 Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre</b> 7:15am Shacharit Service 6:30pm Mincha Service 6:45pm Kol Nidre Services 6:45pm Candle Lighting	<b>14 Yom Kippur /Yizkor</b> 9:00am Shacharit Service 9:45am Pre-School Family Service 10:45am Children's Service 5:15pm Mincha Service 6:30pm Neilah Service 7:50pm Yom Kippur Ends
<b>15</b> 9:00am Youth Car Wash 9:00am Schach/Lulav Pick-up 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains 5:00pm Havurah Bar-b-que	<b>16</b> 8:00pm CEC Meeting	<b>17</b> 8:00pm House Committee Mtg.	<b>18 Erev Sukkot</b> 6:36pm Candle Lighting 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>19 Sukkot First Day</b> 8:50am Festival Service 11:00am Sukkot Pray and Play 12:00pm Sukkah Walk 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:41pm Candle Lighting	<b>20 Sukkot Second Day</b> 8:50am Festival Service 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:32pm Candle Lighting	<b>21 Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah—Jennifer Kaufman 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:37pm Shabbat Ends
<b>22 Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>23 Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Ritual Committee High Holiday Review Meeting	<b>24 Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Pre-School Sukkot Dinner 8:00pm Board of Directors	<b>25 Hoshanah Rabbah/ Erev Shemini Atzeret</b> 6:30am Shacharit 6:24pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>26 Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor/Erev Simchat Torah</b> 6:30am Early Morning Service 8:50am Festival Service 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00pm Family Hakafof Service 7:29pm Candle Lighting 9:00pm Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social	<b>27 Simchat Torah</b> 8:50am Festival Service 10:00am Hakafof Service 11:00am Simchat Torah Pray and Play 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:20pm Candle Lighting	<b>28</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah—Joshua Gross Bat Mitzvah—Nicole Kovitz 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:25pm Shabbat Ends
<b>29</b> 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>30</b> 7:30pm Men's Club Board Mtg.	<b>Oct 1</b> 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Mtg. 6:00pm Religious School Open House	<b>Oct 2</b> Continuing Education	<b>Oct 3</b> 6:00pm Men's Club Steak Dinner Event 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Board Mtg.	<b>Oct 4 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:09pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>Oct 5</b> Ba'al Korei Shabbat 8:50am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shalom Club Shabbat 12:45pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:14pm Shabbat Ends



The monthly holiday of Rosh Hodesh is special for Jewish women. We are using the model of the Moving Traditions program to have some mother-daughter programming using Jewish wisdom to explore our relationships, our identities, and our heritage. Girls in 6-12th grades and their mothers (aunts, grandmothers, friends) are invited to these free programs on: **Sunday, November 3; Sunday, January 12; and Sunday, March 2.** If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Ali Drumm at [adrumm@nssbethel.org](mailto:adrumm@nssbethel.org)

## August 2013 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee	<b>2</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49pm Candle Lighting	<b>3</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:53pm Shabbat Ends
<b>4</b> Continuing Education	<b>5</b> Continuing Education	<b>6 Rosh Hodesh Elul</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan	<b>7 Rosh Hodesh Elul</b> Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan	<b>8</b> Continuing Education	<b>9</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:39pm Candle Lighting	<b>10</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:44pm Shabbat Ends
<b>11</b> Continuing Education	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00pm Executive Committee	<b>14</b> Continuing Education 10:00am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>15</b> Continuing Education 7:00pm Havurah Group	<b>16</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting	<b>17</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm Shabbat Ends
<b>18</b> Continuing Education 9:00am Maot Chitim Rosh Hashana Packing Day	<b>19</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm CLC Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Mtg.	<b>20</b> 8:00pm House Committee Mtg.	<b>21</b> Continuing Education	<b>22</b> Continuing Education 7:00pm SHHS Meeting	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Nosh and Service 7:20pm Candle Lighting	<b>24</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Joshua Zoldin 12:00pm Back to BEANS Bash 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:25pm Shabbat Ends
<b>25</b> Continuing Education 9:00am Maot Chitim Rosh Hashana Food Delivery 4:00pm Pre-School Picnic	<b>26</b> 9:00am Pre-School Classes Begin	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Continuing Education 10:00am Writer's Beit Midrash 7:00pm CHHS Training Class 8:00pm Youth Commission Mtg.	<b>29</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Directors Mtg.	<b>30</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:08pm Candle Lighting	<b>31 Selichot</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Sydney Goldsmith Bar Mitzvah – Jacob Lichtman 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:13pm Shabbat Ends 9:30pm Selichot Social Gathering 10:00pm Study Session 11:00pm Selichot Service and Memorial Plaque Dedication

### »» *Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake* *Friday, August 23, 2013*

5:30pm Nosh  
6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### »» *Annual Sukkah Walk* *Thursday, September 19, 2013*

The entire Beth El community is invited to participate in this delightful annual potluck lunch event. Enjoy the company of your family and friends as we walk to Beth El members' sukkot to visit and eat delicious foods. The Sukkah Walk follows morning services. We invite individuals of all ages to join in the fun while we observe this special holiday. If you have any questions, please email [sukkahwalk@nssbethel.org](mailto:sukkahwalk@nssbethel.org).