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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.

May/June/July 2014
Iyar - Av 5774

For more information, Calendar of Events, Rabbis' sermons, and for Emergency School Closings be sure to check our website at www.nssbethel.org or call 847-432-8900.

From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab »



Judaism for All

We just recently finished the Passover holiday – a wonderful festival of celebration and freedom. Moreover, Passover is a holiday that explicitly holds, as one of its core values, the inclusion of each and every Jew. This is first illustrated during the seder when we recite “*Ha Lach Ma Anya*”, when we publicly invite all who are needy to enter our doors. As a stated value we declare that no one is excluded for socio-economic reasons. Next, we encounter the “Four Children”. As we speak of them on the seder night we remind ourselves how important it is to include every type of person in the Passover experience, even the “*Rashah*” who goes as far as to negate for himself his own connection with our people. Using these illustrations alone we can see that the value of inclusion is highlighted and expressed in significant ways during Passover.

Now we are getting ready for next major holiday, the holiday of Shavuot. During this holiday we celebrate the Giving and Receiving of the Torah. Here too the value of inclusion figures prominently. The Torah indicates that the entire assemblage of Israel was present as God descended from the heavens above to the mountain below in this rare moment of communal revelation. What is more, our rabbinic tradition further emphasizes the value of inclusion by also stating that not only was all of Israel who was alive at the time of Sinai, present, but also every Jew who came before, and all of us who came after. In other words, according to this teaching, each of us living today were at Sinai as well, standing together with every Jew who ever lived or ever will be. Torah, and thus Judaism, was a gift to every Jew. Thus two of our most important historic moments, celebrated during two of our most important holidays, both express the core value of inclusion and of the importance of every single person in the community.

In that spirit, I believe that we at NSS Beth El should strive to live that very value of inclusion in the way we create community here. One segment of our population that could feel excluded and that sometimes finds themselves at the fringe of our Jewish community, are families with a member who has special needs. Often without awareness or intent, we tend not to consider the implications for this segment of our community in the way in which we conduct our programs and services. Further, through a lack of understanding we sometimes do not make the appropriate effort to offer the types of programs and accommodations that can better serve each and every member of our community. Therefore, without intending, we create unnecessary obstacles for participation that discourage such valuable members of our community from becoming more involved.

That is why I am proud that Beth El has been making a conscious effort over the last number of years to be more inclusive to all segments of our society. In regards to families that have a member with special needs, for example, we have created a better system for facilitating the B'nei Mitzvah of children who have special needs. In the all of our schools, we have expanded our ability to accommodate different learning styles so as to be as inclusive as possible in our educational system. We

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now have the staff in place to achieve greater flexibility and more inclusivity. Further, we have a Peer Buddies and Judaism program (affectionately known as PB&J) that provides a Peer Mentor for any child who wishes to have a bit of loving help to better integrate into our youth community activities.

Even more recently Beth El has joined an initiative begun at Congregation Beth Shalom called HUGS (Healthy Understanding and Growing Space). The essence of this initiative is to provide accessible Jewish programming to our area's families who have a member with special needs. Our hope is to not only offer programs which are "self-contained" (almost exclusively for these families) but to offer some which are integrated (during which these families participate in a broader synagogue program for all populations within the community). Ultimately it would be our dream that these events will serve as a catalyst to increased inclusivity in our congregations in general.

Three years ago Congregation Beth Shalom of Northbrook began this program to create an open inclusive community, particularly around Jewish holidays and celebrations. The desire was to create

ritual programming that is open to all and is understanding of each person's unique needs and gifts. Thus far this initiative has consisted of a series of six or seven ritual programs held throughout the year including: a special Rosh Hashanah service, a Simchat Torah celebration, a Hanukkah party and candle lighting, a Purim Megillah reading and carnival, a Chocolate Passover Seder, a Shavuot Torah program and a Shabbat experience. We have developed a core constituency but we are acutely aware that there exists myriad other families who could benefit from such a program!

After learning of this incredible initiative NSS Beth El joined forces with CBS last year and participated jointly in the project over the last eight months, as well as hosting one of the programs. This partnership has been successful and encouraged us to reach out together to other Conservative synagogues on the Northshore to invite them to participate. Our belief is that the more we work together the more families we can reach and serve. If you would like to be involved or participate in any way, please feel free to contact me at mschwab@nssbethel.org. Regardless, let us all strive to value each member of our community and invite everyone in!

» President's Corner *by Lisa Rosenkranz*

I spend a lot of my time thinking about the future and long term strength of NSS Beth El.

A few months ago, I wrote about the Pew Report and the importance of making connections among our congregants. I believe this is an important element to the long term strength of Beth El.

It is my hope that this effort to build relationships, not just good programming, will be a long term focus of our lay leadership and our staff. As the first step, I truly hope those of you who are in leadership and those who already feel connected, will join the leadership in working to reach out to all congregants and make a connection. If you are a congregant hoping to find a stronger connection, I hope you will notice these efforts and perhaps reach out yourself to connect to our wonderful community.

I have two suggestions for those of you who would like to strengthen your connection to other members within our congregation. First, consider getting involved. The best way to get to know others is to work together toward a common goal. There are a wide range of ways to get involved. I suggest thinking about what skills you have that you would like to use or what you are passionate about. With that information, we can help you identify what would be a good fit. I promise you – we have a need for whatever skill or interest you would be willing to share with us! Feel free to contact me at lrosenkranz.nssbe@gmail.com or contact our VP of Membership, Gail Scully at gscully@comcast.net. We would be happy to talk with you and help you identify great opportunities.

The second suggestion is to consider becoming a part of a havurah, or friendship group. A havurah is a small community of congregants who meet to study, socialize and celebrate Jewish life together. It is a way to make a big place smaller. About 10% of our membership is in a havurah. Beth El can help you connect with congregants that share your interests, are at similar points in their

lives and are equally committed to providing a special Jewish experience for themselves and their families. Anyone can be part of a havurah, not just new members. To learn more, you can look up Havurah Group on our website, talk with Rabbi Schwab or talk with our co-chairs, Arielle Levitan and Erica Lindon. There are also membership forms in the office, and on the website, that you can fill out to learn more.

Of course, the other important element of long term strength is financial strength. We are very fortunate to have in place the Ner Tamid Society, a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing for the financial security of the synagogue.

We were recently honored to be selected out of a strong pool of Jewish organizations to participate in Create a Jewish Legacy - Chicago. This is a 2 year partnership program that is fully funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and an anonymous donor, and is managed by JUF. Through the program, Beth El lay leaders and staff will learn the ins and outs of structuring, operating and securing gifts for our endowment that will provide a steady and potentially growing stream of funding. For more information about our endowment corporation and the Ner Tamid Society, see Nancy Kekst's (our development manager) article in this bulletin. In the near future, you will see more materials regarding our Ner Tamid Society that will be developed with the support of this special program. I hope you will consider including Beth El in your future financial planning and become a member of the Ner Tamid Society.

Beth El is a wonderful place with very special congregants and secure finances, but we can't take this for granted. We must continue to work to strengthen our connections and our finances so that for many, many years to come we will be able to talk about growing from strength.

Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

May 2014

Shabbat, May 3

Parashat Emor
Torah: Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

Shabbat, May 10

Parashat Behar
Torah: Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6 – 27

Shabbat, May 17

Parashat Behukkotai
Torah: Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

Shabbat, May 24

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh
Parashat Bemidbar
Torah: Numbers 1:1 – 4:20
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22

Shabbat, May 31

Parashat Naso
Torah: Numbers 4:21 – 7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

June 2014

Shabbat, June 7

Parashat Beha'alotekha
Torah: Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

Shabbat, June 14

Parashat Shelah Lekha
Torah: Numbers 13:1 – 15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 – 24

Shabbat, June 21

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh
Parashat Korah
Torah: Numbers 16:1 – 22:1
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

Shabbat, June 28

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
Parashat Hukkat
Torah: Numbers 19:1 – 22:1
Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24, 23

July 2014

Shabbat, July 5

Parashat Balak
Torah: Numbers 22:2 – 25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

Shabbat, July 12

Parashat Pinchas
Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 30:01
Haftarah: I Kings 18:46 – 19:21

Shabbat, July 19

Parashat Mattot
Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 32:42
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:2 – 2:3

Shabbat, July 26

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh
Parashat Mas'ey
Torah: Numbers 33:1 – 36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28:3;4

Daily Services

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

11:00 am Every Shabbat

B'yachad Family Service
Services for families with children
2nd grade and younger

Junior Congregation
Services for students in 3rd - 5th grade

Services are conducted by:

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

Summer Shabbat Services

Scheduling is now underway for summer Shabbat morning services at Beth El. Continuing our long-standing tradition, members of the Congregation will lead these services again this summer, on the Shabbatot from June 21 through August 23. This is your opportunity to recite a haftarah, present a D'var Torah, daven P'sukei D'Zimrah, Shaharit or Musaf or lead services from the rabbi's lectern. Our professional staff is ready to assist anyone in brushing up on old skills or in acquiring new ones. Hazzan Larry Goller can assist those volunteering to daven and he or Ritual Director Mark Stadler can aid those wishing to recite a haftarah. If you want to present a D'var Torah, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz or Rabbi Michael Schwab can help you develop a topic and can guide you to sources and commentaries in English or Hebrew. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Larry Goldstein 847-564-0926 or largolds@comcast.net.

It's All in the Beth El Family



We Welcome the Following New Members

- Michael and Lindsey Delrahim and their children, Alexa and Zachary
- Bradley and Michelle Eisenberg and their children: Sander, Emerson, and Kaitlyn
- Jason and Sharone Marck and their son, Ari Marck

Congratulations To

- Barbara and Jack Blumberg on the occasion of their wedding anniversary
- Mona and Michael Fishbane on the birth of their grandson
- Allene Frost on the birth of her great-grandson, Benjamin Frost
- Elise and Ira Frost on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Frost
- Ann Dee and Edward Holland on the birth of their granddaughter, Harlow Jacqueline Leeb
- Joan Holland and Eli Glassman on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Harlow Jacqueline Leeb
- Linda Matthew on the marriage of her son, Harry, to Alana Gale
- Dr. Andrea and Michel Mazza on the birth of their son
- Rachel and Alan Russo on the birth of their grandson
- Mally and Alan Rutkoff on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jordana, to Jared Greenberg
- Fran and Steve Shapiro on the engagement of their daughter, Maggie, to Jesse Garfinkel
- Leah and Saul Silverstein on the birth of their great-grandson
- Merle Simkin on the engagement of her son, Bryan, to Jovanna Feldman
- Miriam and Morton Steinberg on the birth of their grandson
- Rena and Dan Sternberg on the birth of their three grandsons and their granddaughter
- Myra and Darryl Temkin on the birth of their grandson
- Jill Weinberg and Bernard Kramer on the marriage of their daughter, Julia Kramer, to Zachary Kaplan
- Jeffrey Wohlstader on the birth of his grandson, Noah Gerald Shapiro

Condolences To

- Sally Aaron on the loss of her sister, Lila Grossman
- Stuart Cohen on the loss of his mother, Evelyn Ruth Cohen
- Lawrence Dorf on the loss of his mother, Shirley Dorf
- Robert and Stuart Dorf on the loss of their grandmother, Shirley Dorf
- Max, Zachary and Amy Fitzgerald on the loss of their father, Steven Fitzgerald
- Susan Frankenstein on the loss of her husband, Robert Frankenstein
- Gary Gordon on the loss of his father, Aaron Gordon
- Hilary Greenberg on the loss of her mother, Charlotte Fox
- Robin Greenberger on the loss of her father, Morris Collins
- Edith Kay on the loss of her brother, Herschel Seder
- Ken Levin on the loss of his mother, Sally Lerner
- Mimi Lutwak on the loss of her husband, Steven Fitzgerald
- Linda Matthew on the loss her father-in-law, Abe Matthew
- Lori Rabinowitz on the loss of her father, Donald Jack Weintraub
- Mira Temkin on the loss of her mother, Doris Hymen

In Memoriam

- Steven Fitzgerald
- Robert Frankenstein
- Hynda Gamze
- Herbert Wolf

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

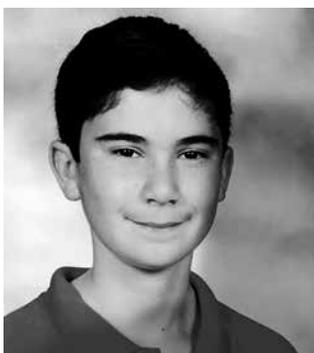
May – Iyar/Sivan 5774



Noa Alscher,
daughter of Abra and
Murray Alscher
Shabbat, May 3



Sebastian Newman,
son of Colleen and
Mark Newman
Shabbat, May 10



Jacob Hersh,
son of Alyse and
Adam Hersh
Shabbat, May 17

June – Sivan/Tammuz 5774



Emily Weil,
daughter of Diane and
Loren Weil
Shabbat, June 7



Hannah Leavitt,
daughter of of Ilene and
Josh Leavitt
Mincha Shabbat, June 7

Writer's Beit Midrash – The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library, 9:30-11:00 am. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for: May 14, May 28, June 11, and June 25, 2014. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900x242 for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

Mazel Tov to Judith Tepfer, NSS Beth El congregant and an active member of our Writer's Beit Midrash, on the publication of her poem "Miraim at the Sea" in the Spring 2014 edition of Poetica Magazine. A copy is available in the Abbell Library.



The Last Flight of Petr Ginz

Tuesday, May 27 at 7:45pm

NSS Beth El joins East on Central, Highland Park's Journal of Arts and Letters, to host a special screening of the film, *The Last Flight of Petr Ginz* with co-director Sandy Dickson, on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:45 pm. Open to the community, free of charge. Please RSVP to Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900x234.

By 14 he had written five novels and penned a diary about the Nazi occupation of Prague. By 16 he had produced over 150 drawings and paintings, edited an underground magazine in the Theresienstadt Ghetto, written numerous short stories and had walked to the gas chamber at Auschwitz. But, much of Petr Ginz's story was unknown until the 2003 Columbia space shuttle tragedy. Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon, carried with him into space Petr's drawing, *Moon Landscape*. The publicity surrounding the flight and its explosion led to the discovery of Petr's diary and additional artwork and short stories in a Prague attic. A story of celebration and tragedy, *The Last Flight of Petr Ginz* takes viewers on a whimsical and fantastical journey through one boy's imagination. Combining animation, art and live action the film is a testament to how a boy's creative expression represents the best of what makes us human.

Sandy Dickson co-directs and writes documentaries dealing with human and civil rights. Her work has had national and international broadcasts, film festival and museum screenings and distribution. *The Last Flight of Petr Ginz* won the Avner Shalev Artistic Achievement Award at the Jerusalem International Film Festival and was also an official selection of the Toronto, Atlanta, and the Zagreb Jewish Film Festivals.

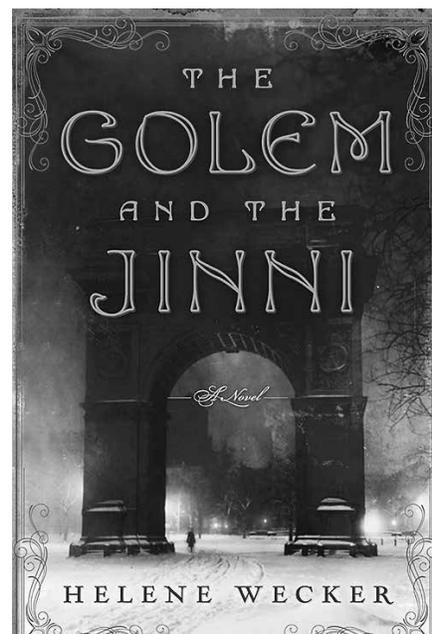
Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, May 31 at 12:30pm

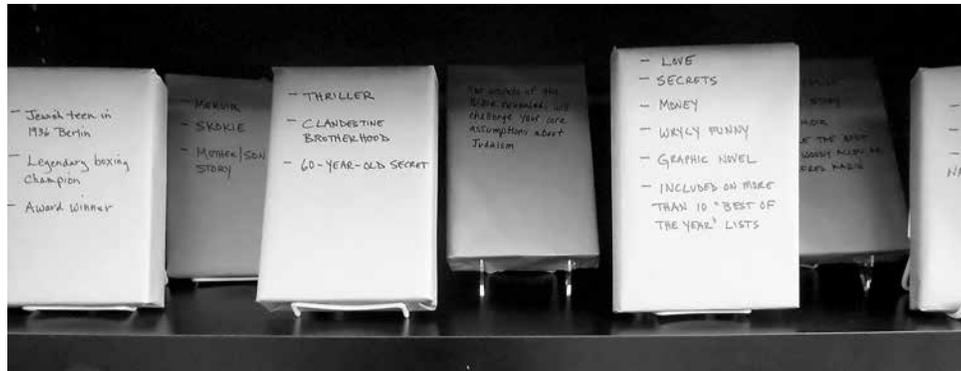
Join the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club after Shabbat Kiddish on Saturday, May 31 at 12:30pm to discuss *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Copies of the book are available in the Maxwell Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores.

Combining elements of Jewish and Arab folk mythology, this 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 in 1899.

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will resume in the fall. Send book suggestions and other comments to rkamin@nssbethel.org.



Surprisingly Good Books



During the months of Adar the CLC Committee wrapped up over 60 books from the Abbell Library as part of the new reading incentive program, “Surprise Yourself with a Book.” Over 40 wrapped books were checked out and readers were pleasantly surprised by their selections. Here are just a few of the books that participants found surprisingly good:

***Manischewitz, the Matzo Family: The Making of an American Jewish Icon* by Laura Manischewitz Alpern (B)**

This insider's tale of the family that transformed the world of matzo and became a symbol of 100% kosher reminds us why the name Manischewitz remains magical still. Man, oh Manischewitz, what a story!

***The Holy Thief: A Con Man's Journey from Darkness to Light* by Mark Borovitz (B)**

A criminal-turned-rabbi discusses his time as an armed robber, forger, gangster, and alcoholic; the spiritual epiphany he experienced while serving time in prison; and his transformation into a loving family man, community activist, and spiritual leader.

***The Wet Nurse's Tale* by Erica Eisdorfer (F)**

Losing her baby when the child's father sells the infant to a wealthy woman, Susan of Victorian England convinces the adoptive mother to hire her as a wet nurse and discovers that her employer's home hides sinister secrets.

***The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank: A Novel* by Ellen Feldman (F)**

A fictionalized account of the post-war life of Peter, who hid in the secret annex with Anne Frank and her family, follows his survival of the Holocaust, his relocation to America, and his memories upon the publication of Anne's diary. See also *Annexed* by Sharon Dogar.

***The Aleppo Codex: A True Story of Obsession, Faith, and the Pursuit of an Ancient Bible* by Matti Friedman (900.40)**

This true-life detective story unveils the journey of a sacred text – the tenth-century annotated bible known as the Aleppo Codex – from its hiding place in a Syrian synagogue to the newly founded state of Israel. Winner of the 2014 Sami Rohr Prize of \$100,000 to an emerging writer.

***When a Crocodile Eats the Sun: A Memoir of Africa* by Peter Godwin (B)**

Traces how the author routinely traveled between his Manhattan home to Zimbabwe to check on his aging parents, visits during which he witnessed the African region's dramatic descent into a social and

political turmoil that eventually revealed his parents' secret about their loyalty to the area.

***The Gilded Chamber: A Novel of Queen Esther* by Rebecca Kohn (F)**

A retelling of the life of the great Jewish heroine follows the future queen from her youth as an orphan growing up in the home of her cousin, a high-ranking court official to whom she is betrothed, her selection as the wife of powerful Persian king, and the sacrifices she makes in order to save her people from annihilation. See also *Seven Days to the Sea: An Epic Novel of the Exodus*.

***A Conspiracy of Paper* by David Liss (F)**

An outsider in eighteenth-century London, Jewish pugilist and hired thug Benjamin Weaver prowls the city's mean streets in the service of England's gentry tracking down debtors and thieves. See also: *The Devil's Company*, *The Ethical Assassin*, and *A Spectacle of Corruption*.

***Rachel Calof's Story: Jewish Homesteader on the Northern Plains* by J. Sanford Rikoon (B)**

In 1894, eighteen-year-old Rachel Bella Kahn travelled from Russia to the United States for an arranged marriage to Abraham Calof, an immigrant homesteader in North Dakota. This is her dairy translated from Yiddish. See also *The Little Bride* by Anna Solomon.

***Beginnings: Reflections on Firsts in the Bible* by Meir Shalev (220.1)**

The award-winning Israeli author of *A Pigeon* and *A Boy* shares non-traditional interpretations of famous biblical stories that recount first-time events, from the first kiss and the first love to the first hatred and the first laugh.

B = Biography
F = Fiction

» Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education

A Journey Through the Wilderness: The Mindfulness Practice of the Omer taught by Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

Wednesdays May 7, May 14, May 21, and May 28
8:00pm

Jewish tradition recognizes that we can actively cultivate the qualities we hope to embody. The period between Pesach and Shavuot, the Counting of the Omer, is seen as a period of moving through the wilderness, from Egypt (Pesach) to Sinai (Shavuot), from Redemption to Revelation. The Omer period contains within it a curriculum of ethical-spiritual growth, in which we focus on particular qualities each day. Join us to learn how the period of the Omer can be experienced as a heightened time of reflection, practice and growth. Each session will look at a different midah (ethical-spiritual trait), using text study in conjunction with accessible mindfulness meditation techniques.

Pray-er: Exploring Tefillah taught by Merle Tovian

Tuesdays May 6, May 13, May 20, and last class TBA
8:00pm (note date change from CE brochure)

The keva (how) and kavanah (why and with what intention) of Jewish prayer – we will look at the siddur and other prayer references, and explore the history, choreography and our personal involvement in both formal and informal prayer. Participants' questions and suggestions for specific topics of discussion are also welcome!

David: Warrior, Poet, King taught by Aaron Klein

Wednesdays April 30 – July 9
8:00pm

Join an exploration of the life of David from the Biblical text and commentaries. A Bethlehem shepherd boy, youngest son of Jesse and Nitzvet, who rose to fame after slaying the Philistine hero Goliath, David won the hand of King Saul's daughter Michal in marriage. He was then anointed by the prophet Samuel to succeed Saul, whose jealousy spurred a vicious pursuit and threw the kingdom into disarray. After Saul's death, David successfully secured and expanded Israel's borders, but was beset by a series of revolts and personal tribulations. The rabbis believe David wrote or compiled the Book of Psalms. According to tradition, the Messiah will be from the Davidic dynasty. Don't miss a chance to deepen your understanding of this Biblical larger-than-life figure- the warrior, the poet, and the king.

Study in the Suburbs with Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Thursday, May 15
Noon – 1:30pm at the BJE (Board of Jewish Education)
3320 Dundee Road, Northbrook

A study session in the suburbs, centered around the ethical issues of our lives. Advance reservations are necessary; lunch is provided for a

nominal fee (\$12). RSVP to Lennie Kay at 847-432-8900 x221 or by email at lkay@nssbethel.org.

Artist's Beit Midrash: Exploring Ephod and Choshen (the Priestly Mantle and Breastplate) taught by Jane Shapiro and Judith Joseph

Thursdays, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
9:45 – 11:45 am

Artists will explore a text-based creative expression while building community through our experience as Jewish artists. Explore the Jewish vision of your art – artists of all media are welcome. The ephod and choshen have been objects of mystery and majesty, and text teacher Jane Shapiro and master artist-in-residence Judith Joseph will help you to explore these items in your own Jewish vision as an artist. Participation in the course will also include optional display in the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum exhibit in the fall.

Ongoing Classes

Consider joining any of our classes continuing on from the Fall and Winter Trimesters:

- **Talmud Tractate Brachot**, Rabbi Kurtz: Tuesdays, 8:30am**
- **Shalom Hartman Institute Discussion Series: Dilemmas of Faith**, Rabbi Kurtz: Wednesdays, May 21, and June 11; 7:00pm**
- **Bible with Commentary**, Aaron Klein: Wednesdays, 10:30am
- **Intermediate Conversational Hebrew**, Edith Belkind: Mondays, 6:15pm

Trimester Fee: \$60 for members; \$90 for non-members; no additional fee for students enrolled in another Summer Trimester course. To register, contact Marcie Eskin at 847-926-7903 or by email.

** Courses continue through only part of Summer Trimester—fees will be arranged through Ali Drumm if registration is desired. Other Summer Trimester courses will be a 10-session class with a new trimester fee charged.

The following Sisterhood Torah Fund offerings are also continuing through the first part of the Summer Trimester:

- **Conservative Judaism Looks at Modern Issues**, Rabbi Kurtz: Tuesdays, 10:00am
- **Midrash for the Modern World**, Rabbi Schwab: Tuesdays, 11:00am
- **Conversational Hebrew**, Alicia Gejman: Thursdays, 10:00am

Sisterhood Torah Fund classes have a separate fee of \$36 for the entire year, made payable to Sisterhood Torah Fund. For registration and further information, contact Marilyn Lewis, Torah Fund vice-president at 847-433-3506 or by email.

Summer classes look great! How do I pay?

Trimester Fee: \$60 for members; \$90 for non-members; no additional fee for students enrolled in another Summer Trimester course. To register, contact Marcie Eskin at 847-926-7903 or meskin@nssbethel.org. Summer Trimester Courses include: Intermediate Conversational Hebrew, Artist's Beit Midrash, A Journey Through the Wilderness: the Mindfulness Practice of the Omer, Pray-er: Exploring Tefillah, Bible with Commentary, and David: Warrior, Poet, King.



The World of Jewish Literature

Wednesdays, July 9, July 16, July 23, and July 30
1:30 – 3:30pm at Beth El

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is pleased to partner with Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership to offer this four-part, wide-ranging exploration of Jewish literature.

Session 1: A Pessimistic Ideologue: Y.H. Brenner and Hebrew Literature

Taught by Todd Hasak-Lowy, this session will look at the work of Hebrew literary figure Y.H. Brenner, using his 1910 short story "Nerves" as a focal point.

Session 2: Songs From Another Synagogue: Jewish Poetry and Jewish Identity

This session, taught by Eric Selinger, will explore modern Jewish poetry that transmits and transforms Jewish culture. Eric Selinger is Professor of English at DePaul University, where he teaches courses on poetry, pedagogy, and popular romance fiction.

Session 3: Representing the Holocaust: From Survivor Stories to Fiction

Taught by Phyllis Lassner, this session will explore representations of the Holocaust in literature. A widely published author, her most recent book is *Anglo-Jewish Women Writing the Holocaust*.

Session 4: On War and Peace in Israeli Poetry

Taught by Rachel S. Harris, this session will explore Israeli attitudes toward war and peace through the works of poets and writers. Rachel Harris is Assistant Professor of Israeli Literature and Culture at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Register with Spertus by July 1 or call 312-322-1773: \$80 for Beth El and Spertus members; \$100 for non-members. Reading materials will be provided upon enrollment. Kosher snack served at each session.

NSS BETH EL'S MEN'S CLUB AND THE AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY PRESENTS

Meet Shlomo Berihun

Sunday, May 4
9:30am Bagel Breakfast
10:00am Program

Shlomo Berihun was born in a small village called Teda in Ethiopia. He was one of ten children, and he dreamed of going to Jerusalem one day. In 1984 the Israeli government began to organize Operation Moses. It was then that Ethiopian Jews started the trek that would take them to Sudan and from there to Israel. Young Shlomo was 12 years old when he set out without his parents, in the care of his uncle. The march lasted some twenty-five days. In the course of the trek, they were robbed. Hundreds did not make it, dying along the way. They finally arrived in Sudan and spent months in a dusty and hot refugee camp. Finally, they were taken to a clandestine landing strip and flown directly to Israel, arriving in Hofim Youth Village in 1984.

Today he lives in Israel, fulfilling his dream. His work focuses on how best to integrate young Ethiopian immigrants into Israel's society and culture, how to promote their special interests and how to lobby before local and national governmental bodies. Shlomo is married to Riki and the father of three children.

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture Rabbi Gershom Sizomu of Uganda

Sunday, May 18 at 8:00pm
(reception with Rabbi Sizomu begins at 7:00pm)



Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, the leader of the Abayudaya Jews of Uganda, is the first black rabbi from sub-Saharan Africa to be ordained at an American rabbinic school. As a visionary community leader, he chose to attend a rabbinic seminary to better understand ancient and modern Judaism and bring the Ugandan community into mainstream Judaism. In 2003, Rabbi Sizomu was awarded a Be'chol Lashon Fellowship to attend the 5-year Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies program at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. In 2008, he was ordained and returned home to Uganda to lead his Jewish

community and establish a yeshiva in Uganda to train Jews from ancient and emerging communities throughout Africa. "It is important that Africans and others know that they can choose Judaism as a spiritual path—and that we are open to them," Rabbi Sizomu says.

The Abayudaya, whose tribal name means "people of Judah," trace their Jewish origins to the turn of the 20th century. The Abayudaya began their journey to Judaism under the leadership of Semei Kakungulu, a great warrior who was to be a missionary for the British.

Spring is here at last...Turn your face to the sun!

How great it is to look forward to May, June and July! Despite the challenges of winter, Sisterhood continued to offer a great range of programs: from Game Nights to docent-led tours; from cooking demos to Torah classes and Book Chats, and we enjoyed sharing all of them with you! Best of all, going forward, there is still a lot to look forward to. So, turn your face to the sun, take out those planners and make notes in the margins of your life on what Sisterhood has waiting for your enjoyment in the weeks ahead. And then, we hope you will choose and join us. It's all terrific!

It Takes a Caring Community – Thank You!

We are grateful to everyone in our Beth El Community for your generous support of our Mishloach Manot project. We packaged more than 200 Purim Bags, making this our most successful year since we began this project five years ago. Thank you for helping transform this project into a Beth El tradition. The funds raised help to provide our annual financial gifts to NSS Beth El Education programs from preschool through high school and The Ark as well. Yasher Koach to Rachel Ferber, who flawlessly organized all details, and Todah Rabah to an incredible committee: Mary Ellen Bowers Goldsmith, Dena Cooperman, Ruth Fischer, Gerry Kaplan, Sulie Holt, Anita Spieler, Pam Schlosberg, Sue Saper, and Maxine Simon. Together they managed the Excel database, shopped for kosher treats, packed hamantachen, filled Purim Bags, cut and curled ribbon, distributed packages – all to ensure that this Purim Mitzvah was fulfilled and that the joy of Purim was spread far and wide.

NS Beth El Sisterhood proudly partners with:

**National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore Section
Congregation BJBE Social Action Network
Congregation BJBE Sisterhood
Congregation Solel Social Justice Committee**

To present:

Leading the Way - Jewish Women's Voices in Politics

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

6:30 – 9:00 pm

(Refreshments and registration at 6:30 pm & Program at 7:00 pm)

**North Shore Congregation Israel
1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL**

A panel of locally elected Jewish women will discuss the importance of Jewish women advocating locally and the importance of running for elected office. Panelists include: Nancy Rotering, Mayor, Highland Park; Shelly Sutker-Dermer, Presiding Judge, Municipal Department, District 2, Circuit Court of Cook County; Marilyn Glazer, Trustee, Niles Township; Margie Sandlow, President, District 113; Amy Zisook, Trustee, Moraine Township. Moderator: Rebecca Sive, Author "Every Day Is Election Day: A Woman's Guide to Winning Any Office, from the PTA to the White House".

Installation Luncheon

*Installation Ceremony led by
Rabbi Vernon Kurtz*

— SAVE THE DATE! —

Tuesday, June 10 at 12:30 pm

Installation is an important time in our Sisterhood:

- A time to look back and thank all those who served Sisterhood with commitment and dedication and enabled us to reach this time in our history.
- A time to recognize Sisterhood Board Members who have served Sisterhood and our Beth El Community with unusual dedication and commitment.
- A time to look forward and welcome our new Board for 2014-2016.

Executive Board:

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Gift Shop Treasurer	Karen Kesner
Gift Shop Publicity	Pam Schlosberg

Please watch for additional luncheon and RSVP information and plan to join us!

You Asked and We Listened – A Special Announcement about your NS Beth El Sisterhood Dues 2014–2015!

This year it will be easier than ever to join Sisterhood and pay your membership dues. Sisterhood now will be listed on your NSS Beth El invoice. That means that all you have to do to join Sisterhood is indicate that you are paying your \$36 Sisterhood dues on your NSS Beth El invoice and include it in your payment. Or, you can pay online with a credit card. How easy is that! We want to thank the NSS Beth El Board and the NSS Beth El Office for all they did to make our request a reality. So, please watch for your NSS Beth El 2014-15 Statement in your mailbox at the end of May and include your Sisterhood dues with your payment to NSS Beth El. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Weiss, Sisterhood Financial Secretary, at 847-432-3818; email: kweiss@Keshet.org.

Torah Fund Programs in the Spring Spotlight

Our Torah Fund Campaign gives everyone an opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism. We are deeply committed to this program. Each year, the monies we raise through your support of our Torah Fund Classes and Torah Fund Book Chat as well as your purchase of Torah Fund Cards and pins remain separate and go directly to scholarships for students at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Through the tireless efforts of our VP of Torah Fund, Marilyn Lewis, and your support, we will send \$12,000 as our contribution this year.

Your Torah Fund Dollars at Work! America's top 50 Rabbis – 14 are JTS graduates. All 50 were named in Newsweek/Daily Beast 2012. The list ranks the 50 most influential rabbis in America, using criteria such as leadership roles, political and social influence, national and international recognition, media presence, constituency size, impact on Judaism, and influence beyond the Jewish community. This year the list features the greatest number of women in its six year history.

Thank you to our most recent donors to Sisterhood Torah Fund:

Guardians: (\$300.00+) Mae Spitz

Benefactors: (\$180.00+) Elinor Bayliss, Jan Channon, Carol Honigberg, Marilyn Lewis, Myrna Schwartz, and Phyllis Shalowitz.

Contributors: (\$18.00+) Susan Ament, Renee Bearack, Ruth Burack, Barbara Dayan, Rachel Ferber, Beth Footlik, Mindy Gordon, Lori Gross, Melissa Halperin, Rozlyn Kallish, Eileen Lederman, Diane Levin, Rhoda Levine, Maurice Pickard, Sandra Raises, Karen Reisin, Jori Saks, Lori Stark, Sara Stiefel, Judith Tepfer, Edith Turner, Mildred Weber, Pearl White, and Phyllis Wygodny.

The Torah Fund Luncheon: A Most Special Occasion

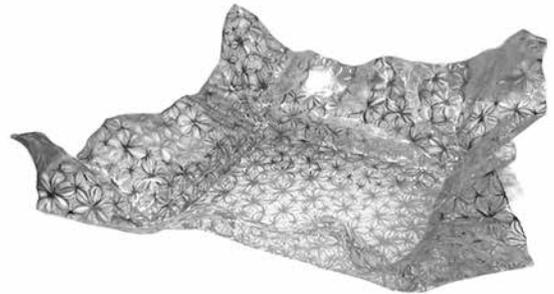
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 12:00 Noon

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

One of Sisterhood's goals is to provide our members the opportunity to enrich their lives through education, advocacy, and personal development. Our Torah Fund classes, offered throughout the year and taught by extraordinary educators, remain our signature educational programs. The one-time fee of \$36 for these classes goes directly to support our Torah Fund Campaign. Our annual Torah Fund Luncheon is a time that we set aside to recognize and thank these dedicated teachers for the opportunity they gave us to pursue a path of life-long learning. This year we will honor: Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi Michael Schwab, Alicia Gejman, and Rachel Kamin.

Cover: \$25 – a portion of which will support the Torah Fund Campaign. Please RSVP: Marilyn Lewis, c/o 1175 Sheridan Road; Highland Park, IL 60035.

North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop
Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts



We are very excited about the latest gifts that arrived just in time for those special spring events in your life – Weddings, Graduations, Mother's Day, and Father's Day.

We have extended our collection of Metalace, by Israeli born artist, Talila Abraham. Her work is unrivaled in design, inspired from the world of lace fabrics and embroidery. Each piece is individually processed and hand-treated for optimal shape and structure. The result is a stunning, uniquely beautiful, and very personal product.

In this unusual collection, we offer mezuzahs, candle holders, picture frames, and tableware – all with the magnificent lace-look integrated into them. These make perfect wedding, Bat Mitzvah and Mother's Day gifts. For the newly married couple, we also carry beautiful glass containers to hold the glass for the groom to break during the wedding ceremony and a wonderful array of items in which to place the shards and remember that joyful moment under the chuppah. With our new gift registry, the future bride and groom can come in and select the items they like in our gift shop, and family and friends can shop with confidence for that special gift.

For the Bat Mitzvah gift or for Mother's Day – we carry jewelry that is wearable works of art and jewelry that is pure whimsy and fun. For the Bar Mitzvah and Father's Day – we have tallit clips, books, sport kippot, and unique Burton Posters featuring the history of leading sports teams.

You're sure to find something for everyone on your list, but a visit to our Gift Shop is worth a thousand words, so please stop by: Sundays from 9:00am–1:00pm and Tuesdays from 10:00am–12:00 noon. We are always open by appointment; simply call Co-chairs Diane Levin at 847-571-5629, Sulie Holt at 847-558-3389, or Pam Schlosberg at 847-433-7546. All proceeds help support our contributions to NSS Beth El Educational Programs.

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 www.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 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 29, 2014. 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!

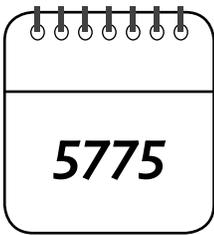


Return Form* to Sam Isenstein, Youth Community Director, 1175 Sheridan Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035 to get the registration link sent to you.

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.

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2014–2015 Sisterhood Calendar

"Renew Our Lives in the Coming Months"

Let us help organize your schedule with our calendar! We include Jewish Holidays, Candle Lighting Times, Sisterhood and NSS Beth El Functions, Religious School Schedules, and Secular Holidays too. Everything you need to keep track of all of your NSS Beth El activities in one easy glance.

New Years Greeting: *"We greet our friends and members of Beth El with best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year".* Print your names as you wish it to appear on the greeting page (only the names of one family per greeting)

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	
2014-2015 Calendar ____ x \$18.00 = (New Years Greeting Included)	Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Please send your check (payable to North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood) by July 1, 2014 to: Ruth Fischer 620 Calais Circle Highland Park, IL 60035

» Shavuot Service Schedule

Join us for the holiday of Shavuot:

Tuesday, June 3–Erev Shavuot

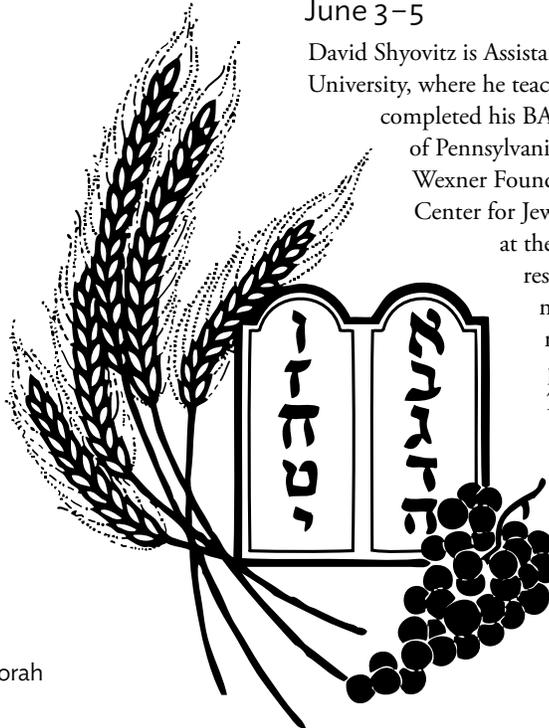
8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:02pm Candle Lighting
9:00pm Philip Lipis Memorial Lecture
with Professor David Shyovitz
11:30 pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot begins
with learning sessions all night

Wednesday, June 4–Shavuot

4:30am Sunrise Service
8:50am Festival Service
11:00am Shavuot B'Yachad Pray & Play
12:00 pm Congregational Shavuot Picnic
8:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:06pm Candle Lighting

Thursday, June 5 -Shavuot/Yizkor

6:30am Early Morning Service
8:50am Festival Service with a special D'var Torah
from Professor David Shyovitz
8:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:06pm Yom Tov Ends



Philip Lipis Memorial Lecture/Shavout Dr. David Shyovitz

June 3–5

David Shyovitz is Assistant Professor of History at Northwestern University, where he teaches medieval and Jewish history. He completed his BA, MA, and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania, and has held fellowships from the Wexner Foundation, the ATID Foundation, and the Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at the Cardozo School of Law. David's current research focuses on attitudes toward the natural world and human body among medieval Jewish thinkers. His recent publications include: *"Between Narrative, Theology, and Law: Mourner's Kaddish in Medieval Ashkenaz"*; *"Jews and Christians in the Twelfth Century Werewolf Renaissance"*; and *"Beauty and the Bestiary: Animals, Wonder, and Polemic in Medieval Ashkenaz."*

» Men's Club

Men's Club 12 Inch Softball League

The N.S.S. Beth El Men's Club is looking for some players to join its successful 12 inch softball team. This year we are playing in the brand new Midwest Region of Conservative Men's Clubs Synagogue League. The season runs from May 4th through July (off on holidays) with playoffs during the first week of August. We play on Sunday mornings with patched ump's officiating.

If you would like to play and can make a commitment to a majority of the games, please let us know. If we get enough players, we will field 2 teams. If interested, please contact Michael Salberg at: mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net or 847-831-0581. Space is very limited and will be granted on a first come/first serve basis.



Men's Club Golf League

The Beth El Men's Club Wednesday 9 Hole Twilight Golf League will begin May 28th at Highland Park Country Club. Tee off time is 4:30pm. The green fees including golf cart for 12 weeks is \$350. This includes the awards and Golf Dinner at the end of the season. The golf league is open to everyone.

Send your check payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club to: Ben Blumberg, 45 Green Bay Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035. For additional information contact Ben Blumberg at 847-433-2886 or bjbp@aol.com.

» Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School

M'Shulchan Hamenahalet

We are about to wrap up a great year of learning and teaching. Every year while writing the last column for the bulletin I remind myself of the insightful saying in *Pirke Avot 2:16*, "*Lo Alecha HaM'lacha Ligmor, VeLo Atah Ben Chorin LeHibatel Mimena.*" – "It's not your job to finish the work, yet you are not free to disregard it either." The work of a school is never ending; we have not reached all of our goals, and yet we cannot disregard them. To this end, during the last week in May the staff will meet to evaluate all aspects of the educational program as well as to prepare the major events and activities for next year.

Thanks to the dedication of our clergy, professional staff, and madrikhim (teachers' assistants) your students learned Torah, Jewish holidays, tefillah, Jewish rituals, and celebrations, Jewish history and Ivrit. The children led Friday night and Shabbat morning services; fifth and sixth graders learned to read Torah. Students learned about the importance of giving tzedakah and doing tzedek (the right thing). The students participated in Shabbatonim, Kallah and various field trips. The learning experience was greatly enhanced using the interactive whiteboards throughout the building; I-Pads and students' own electronic devices. Our Vav students participated for the second consecutive year in the My Family Story International Competition sponsored by Beit Hatfutsot. The high school students enjoyed a variety of classes and a selected group of them was instrumental in decorating the second floor, their own space. The combined I-Program for CRS and SHHS students along with the youth department were successful and yield new partnerships.

I was fortunate to visit classes regularly and witnessed lively discussions infused with a zest for learning and an enthusiasm about Judaism. I encourage you to e-mail me your feedback regarding your student's achievement(s) this year. Try to picture where your student was at the beginning of the year and where he/she is as the end of the year in regards to his/her Jewish education. Do you see a change? Has your student grown and become more independent in reading Hebrew, chanting tefillot, asking questions, becoming more interested in his/her Jewish heritage? I would love to read your feedback. Please e-mail it to agejman@nssbethel.org

Teaching Torah in the broader sense, is considered m'lechet kodesh (a sacred work) that could not be accomplished without the help of our excellent and dedicated clergy, school staff, and madrikhim (teen assistants). Thanks to Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab, Hazzan Goller, and Mark Stadler and all the teachers for teaching the students. Thank you to all the members of the school board for your hard work throughout the year. Special thanks to Tracey Hendler for acting as V.P. of Education, and Sandee Crasko, Dina Lissoos and Beth Olderman for chairing the CRS and SHHS school committees respectively. Thank you to all the parents and Beth El members who volunteered in so many ways: helping classrooms, chaperoning field trips, conducting workshops, donating money, and always responding to the school call. Thank you to Rayna Forman for getting everything done on time around the school office. Thank you to Chuck Kahalnik for his support and the entire synagogue office personnel. Thank you to the hard-working custodians for keeping the school clean and tidy.

I wish all of you a restful and safe summer vacation!

Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to the following Cohen Religious School Seventh Grade Students who finished the Geshet program and are entitled to be admitted as students in the Sokol Hebrew High School:

Noa Alscher	David Halfin
Emily Baum	Jacob Hersh
Jori Baum	Isaac Hope
Max Baum	Shayna Josephson
Chloe Blum	Jennifer Kaufman
Aliyah Blumenthal	Bradley Lederer
Nicole Bornstein	Ryan Lederer
Noah Braverman	Hannah Lerner
Daniel Burack	Jacob Lichtman
Julia Burack	Molly Melinger
Hannah Cohen	Sylvia Miller
Alexandra Dayan	Lindy Olderman
Jake Ephraim	Joshua Pickard
Samuel Fox	Emma Tenner
Sydney Goldsmith	Veronica Warner
Miles Gottesman	Emily Weil
Joshua Gross	Jasper Wolf
Madison Hahamy	

Mazel Tov to the following Sokol Hebrew High School Graduates:

Aidan Ezgur	Geoffrey Lasin
Arielle Goldwasser	Evan Lissoos
Noah Greenstein	Gabrielle Pascal
Daniel Grossberg	Aaron Pickard
Justin Halpern	Jacob Richards
Joshua Hoffman	Joshua Rosenkranz
Jacob Iden	Joseph Stempel
Beth Jackson	Lindsey Wasserman
Jordan Krawitz	Marc Weiss

Mazel Tov to the following students who were granted an Israel Scholarship:

Bessie Cohen
Joe Cohen
Aidan Ezgur
Noah Greenstein
Jacob Richards
Yoni Shapiro

» Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School and
Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School

Mazel Tov to Sara Richards and Hila Dahari who were the winners of the *My Family Story* project. Their 3-D projects sent to Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv, will enter the *My Family Story* International Competition. The final winners were announced by the Museum on April 30, 2014.

Congratulations to our Chicagoland
Jewish High School Graduates!

Tali Shapiro
Shira Harris
Jessica Hochberg
Dana Levin
Carly Silverstein



Congratulations to our Solomon
Schechter Day School Graduates!

Sarah Fishbein
Davida Goller
Aaron Jackson
Joseph Schraye
Ayala Schwartz



Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School
May – Iyar/Sivan 5774

May 7	Wednesday	Last Gesher Class
May 9	Friday	Gesher Dinner
May 18	Sunday	Last Day for Students Attending Sunday Only
May 21	Wednesday	Last Day of School

Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School
May – Iyar/Sivan 5774

May 4	Sunday	Gesher Students to Visit SHHS Classes
May 11	Sunday	Sokol Hebrew High School Graduation
May 18	Sunday	Last SHHS Class
May 19	Monday	Last Conversational Hebrew Class

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

It seems hard to believe that I am writing the last bulletin article of this school year. I know that we are always warned that time seems to go faster as we grow older, but even our young students are surprised that their school year is drawing to a close so quickly. It is always good to look back and assess the year as you plan for the future.

One of the most wonderful things about working in a pre-school is that you see so much growth in the children. Many of our youngest children came to school in their mother's arms and now the children are bounding down the halls. Our three year olds are writing their names and identifying the names of their friends. Many of our pre-kindergarteners are reading or beginning to read. All of our children can cover their eyes and say the Shema. How proud they feel as they stand to sing Hatikvah.

We began the year with Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. An exciting beginning that didn't seem "too early" for the children – only the parents and teachers. There were lots of apples, sweet honey, round challot and great songs. We enjoyed going to the Sukkah and eating pizza. In October we welcomed our Bubbies and Zaidies to school to help us bake challot. They brought along their candlesticks and Kiddush cups so we could celebrate a model Shabbat together – L'dor v'dor.

We were very busy in November with our "Yes I Can Food Drive", 4 year old's bake sale, shopping at Garden Fresh and visit to Tri Con Nursery to donate the food we had purchased so three families could have Thanksgiving dinner. In the midst of celebrating Thanksgiving we also got ready for Hanukkah. What a joyous time. Families had a chance to share candle lighting and songs with us each day.

In January, while it was very cold outside, we were experiencing the warmth of Israel at our Tu B'Shevat Forest. Our Parent Auxiliary constructed an amazing forest in the Grossinger Brickman Activity Center. This forest was an interactive experience including a puppet show, story time, animal treasure hunt, and "smores by the fire" and giving tzedakah to JNF by throwing quarters in the fountain.

In February our Parent Auxiliary was very busy. They sponsored a Shema Pajama Party. We collected wishes, Rabbi Schwab read a book and Hazzan Goller led us in singing Shema. Art After Dark was an extremely successful fund raiser and fun raiser for our school. Proceeds from the evening will be used for our art and music programs.

We were joyous in Adar, celebrating Purim with carnivals, costumes and hamantashen. We even made mishloach manot bags to take to Gidwitz Center so many seniors could enjoy Purim too. We visited the Matzah Factory and got ready for Passover. Then in April we invited our families to three different Sedarim. The children can now tell the story of Passover (as well as the story of Frozen).

In May we will pretend to travel to Israel for Yom Ha'Atzmaut. The children will make wine(grape juice), climb Masada and make mosaic tile designs, and find out that it was "hot in Eliat". Our trip ends with singing happy birthday to Israel and "Hatikvah".

We end the year saying l'hitraot to our 4-5 Year Olds with a Shabbat Dinner. Then we all celebrate Lag Ba'Omer with picnics on the playground.

None of these activities could have happened without our amazing teachers. Every day they bring their caring and creativity to our children. Not only are they preparing them for their future educational experiences they are preparing them to be part of the

Jewish community. A special thank you to our parents who entrust their children to us and work alongside us to make the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School so special. Thanks to our clergy – Rabbi Kurtz, Rabbi Schwab and Hazzan Goller as well as our professional staff including Alicia Gejman, Chuck Kahalnik and Rachel Kamin who participate with us to make our program more Jewishly vibrant. We feel so fortunate to be part of the NSS Beth El family.

The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School classes begin with Small and Tall, classes for infants through 16 months. Our Pre-School classes are for children 16 months through pre-kindergarten. We also have an 8 week Summer Camp for all these age groups. Please call Caron Knopoff at 847-432-2830 for information, to arrange a tour or to register.

Caron Knopoff
Steinberg Pre-School Director

B'Yachad Family Services

This year the B'Yachad Family Services for children through second grade has made some incredible changes. We have put together a new siddur by Lori Stark, Director of Ramah Day Camp and Jewish educator extraordinaire. It is an incredible new resource and very much appreciated.

A new project for the B'Yachad services will begin to be unveiled this spring. Applying the principal of *hiddur mitzvah*, literally "beautifying the commandment" or making lovely and special ritual objects, several preschool and religious school classes have been making ritual objects for use in the B'Yachad services. Each class who works on a project will unveil their creation on a special Shabbat. The class and their families will be invited to celebrate the use of the object, and we look forward to seeing the first creation – a challah cover from the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Gan and Ganon classes on Shabbat, May 3rd.

The Bet class will present a mizrach (a decorative indication of which way is east) and the Alef class will present a centerpiece on Shabbat, May 17th. The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool classes will be making a cookie cover, a tablecloth, and a Kiddush cup as part of the Hiddur Mitzvah B'Yachad project. Please join us on the dates listed above or any week for the B'Yachad Family services – lay-led and fun for the whole family.





Presenting the 44th Annual
Spring Music Festival

Berlin...Bernstein...Beth El!
Celebrating America's Jewish Musical Genius

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
Sunday, June 1, 2014
4:00 pm

Tickets

\$7 in advance / \$10 at the door
Sponsor \$36 (includes 2 tickets)
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All proceeds go to the Beth El Music Fund.

Reception Following Concert

For more information, please call Cheryl Swenson
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www.nssbethel.org.

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Hazzan Larry Goller
The Beth El Chorale
The Beth El Youth Chorale

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Corporation Plus Ner Tamid Society Plus Creating a Jewish Legacy Equals A Winning Combination

Our Synagogue has a rich and forward thinking vision toward creating a plan to encourage, develop and maintain programming for our membership. To achieve this goal, a not-for-profit corporation, The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Fund, Inc., was created to hold and invest contributions made by members and others who want to insure the future financial viability of both our Synagogue programs and our physical needs. The gifts are tax deductible as defined by current law and regulations. The funds are held in perpetuity and are invested in an investment pool managed by The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. The gifts are focused on either specific programs selected by the donor or labeled as 'unrestricted' for use by the Synagogue. The income can only be distributed to the Synagogue and no other recipient. Each year, the Synagogue informs the Endowment of the monies spent by the Synagogue for the purposes of each endowed fund. The Endowment reimburses the Synagogue based on a percentage of the value of the specific Endowment up to the amount spent by the Synagogue.

The current distribution, however, does not meet all of the needs of the Synagogue both in terms of existing programs but also ones that the Rabbis and staff would like to initiate.

In order to provide an additional donation vehicle, the Synagogue started The Ner Tamid Society, a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. Just as the Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, so those congregants who have become Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing the financial security of the synagogue, the center of Jewish life. The contribution can be made to begin in a specific number of years or upon passing. When the contribution is received, the family meets with the synagogue to publicize the amount of the gift and its intent. The donor can either create an endowment or provide funds to meet the current needs of the synagogue or capital items.

A member can obviously leave the Synagogue a bequest in any manner that he or she desires, but we urge you to consider becoming a member of the New Tamid Society by merely notifying the Synagogue in writing that a bequest is being made to the Synagogue. Congregants may make donations into any of the currently named endowment funds listed below, or other Synagogue funds. A newly Named Endowment Fund can be created at the time the synagogue receives the funds in the amount designated for such program. Additionally, unrestricted gifts to the Endowment Fund are the greatest compliment an organization may receive – a donor trusts that their funds will be well stewarded by the leadership of the organization.

All that need be done is naming Beth El as a beneficiary of an amount (\$ amount or %) under your will, a trust, an IRA, Keogh, other qualified retirement plan, or any life insurance policy. Congregants can structure gifts to gain maximum tax rewards for themselves and their heirs, maintain financial security and make a truly meaningful contribution. Gifts can be unrestricted, allowing Beth El to use the funds where they are most needed, or can be targeted for a specific purpose. Beth El will work with you, your attorney and your tax advisors to ensure that your gift meets your goals.

Gifts beyond our lifetimes demonstrate our commitment to Beth El and the Jewish community. They ensure that Beth El continues to sustain Jewish learning, culture and tefillah for generations to come. As these ideals are important to you, please consider including North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in your estate plan. You will be providing for others just as you have benefited from the vision and generosity of those who came before you. Watch for more information about the Ner Tamid Society to come soon.

As Lisa mentioned in her President's article, we were recently honored to be selected out of a strong pool of Jewish organizations to participate in Create a Jewish Legacy - Chicago. This is a 2 year partnership program that is fully funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and an anonymous donor, and is managed by JUF. Through the program, Beth El lay leaders and staff will learn the ins and outs of structuring, operating and securing gifts for our endowment that will provide a steady and potentially growing stream of funding.

With the combination of all these sophisticated elements, we have provided a winning combination to provide for the future financial security of NSSBE.

For more information about our endowment corporation and the Ner Tamid Society, contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x 262.

Corrections to Yom Kippur Appeal list: Renee Miller, Sheri and Sherwin Zuckerman

We give honor to the founders of the following named Endowment Funds. A gift may be added to any one of the following programs:

College-Age Programs

The Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund enables visits of clergy and other senior staff to children of members on college campuses.

The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Sisterhood College Connection Program Fund allows for gift boxes containing materials appropriate to the holiday to be sent to college students on each of the major holidays.

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Endowment Fund and **The Gertrude & Morris Lederman Continuing Education Program** support all adult education programs, including on-going classes as well as special program speakers, films, and other presentations.

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Fund provides for a Speaker program.

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-in-Residence Program Fund provides an annual weekend program featuring a renowned scholar of Jewish interest.

Program Funds

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund adds books and films for the Learning Center collection.

The Hecktman Family Program Fund and **The Parenting Center Fund** provide religious, educational and social programs geared to involving parents with their children.

The Music Fund partially underwrites the choir and special music programs.

The Arnold Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum provides for the acquisition of materials, museum programs and museum structures.

The Social Action Fund underwrites the activities of the Social Action Committee.

Family Havurot Fund supports the activities of our Havurot.

Building Funds

The Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge Maintenance Fund maintains the furniture and physical condition of the Youth Lounge structure.

The Maintenance Endowment Fund supports the general maintenance of the synagogue facility.

The Andrew & Gail Brown Technology Fund provides funding to keep our technology and equipment to best practices.

Scholarship Funds – Camp Ramah

There are a number of separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund: All are used to fund scholarships to send children of members to the Camp Ramah Day Camp and to Camp Ramah of Wisconsin.

Willard and Sally Aaron Camp Ramah Fund

Jean T. and Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Fund

Jeffrey S. Kaiser Camp Ramah Fund

Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Fund

Frank and Barbara Pollack Camp Ramah Fund

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp Ramah Fund

Zuckerman Family Camp Ramah Scholarship

Camp Ramah - General Scholarship

Shapiro/Stark Ramah Day Camp Scholarship

Scholarship Funds – Israel Scholarship

There are a number of separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund: All are used to fund scholarships to send teens on peer-group trips to Israel after their junior year in high school.

Batko-Safo Fund

Ben and Marion Drachler Fund

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Fund

Morris and Naomi Futorian Fund

Daniel and Nancy Gooze Fund

Herman, Levine and Redfield Families Fund

Judith A. Heyman Memorial Fund

Adolph M. and Lottye Jacobson Fund

Klawans Family Fund

Zelda Levy Fund

Morasha Israel Scholarship Fund

Resnick Family Fund

Sherman Family Fund

Neil Slater Fund

Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Fund

Turner Family Fund

Linda and Al Winick Fund

Israel Scholarship – General

Scholarship Funds – Day Schools

There are a number of separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund: All are used to fund scholarships for children to attend the Solomon Schechter Day School and the Chicagoland Jewish High School.

Rosalyn Bogen Memorial Fund - CJHS

Michael and Karyn Lutz Solomon Schechter Fund

Helaine, Howard, Janet and Gary Resnick Fund

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Fund

Solomon Schechter Endowment Fund

The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School

The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Educational Programs Endowment Fund and **The Laverne Isaacson School Fund** both provide educational materials for the religious school.

The Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'filot Education covers the costs of the Hey and Vav Shabbat Service program.

The Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Fund helps provide classes for special needs children.

The Teacher Training Fund underwrites in-service teacher training.

The Paul & Sylvia Steinberg Preschool

The Paul and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund funds the replacement of Gan Sylvia Playground structures.

The Lynn and Skip Schroyer Family Pre-School Shabbat Dinner Program Fund covers the cost of annual dinner allowing the revenues raised to be used for special programming.

The Bernard Sokol Hebrew High School

Special Programs Endowment helps to fund special programs beyond the regular classes.

Worship/Holiday Observance

The Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund provides support to programs specific to the holiday.

The Shoshanah Lipis Winer Endowment Fund for Shabbat and Festival Enhancement supports Shabbat and Festival programs involving children and their parents.

The Ritual Refurbishment Fund helps fund the maintenance of Sifrei Torah and other ritual objects.

Holocaust Education Funds: There are several separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to cover the costs of programs related to the Holocaust.

Earl Linch Memorial Holocaust Education Fund

Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education

Ted and Evelyn Weinstein Holocaust Memorial Education

Youth Community Programs

There are several separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to fund the cost of sending teens to conventions and the cost of youth program supplies.

Barbara P. Hochberg USY Program

Kurtz Family Unrestricted Youth Fund

Schechter Family Unrestricted Youth Fund

Youth Community Program Fund



Unrestricted Funds

There are a number of separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to support the general operations of the synagogue program.

The Barnett Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Field Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Sheldon and Nancy Mann Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Muchin Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Witzell Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Glass/Goldman Endowment for Rabbi's Discretionary Program Fund

General Unrestricted Funds

» Around the Synagogue

Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2014

Following Evening Minyan at 7:30pm

Please join with your fellow congregants to honor the following officers who have served with dedication and distinction over the past year:

Lisa Rosenkranz	President
Audra Kaplan	Vice President Administration
Ronald Goldberg	Vice President Ritual
Tracey Hendler	Vice President Education
Marilyn Hirsch	Vice President Education
Gail Scully	Vice President Membership
Jeffrey Goldsmith	Vice President Finance
Richard Zelin	Financial Secretary
Michael Carney	Financial Secretary
Larry Goldsmith	Treasurer
Loren Weil	Secretary

The following persons will be installed as officers of the congregation:

Pamela Schlosberg	Vice President Education
Daryl Temkin	Financial Secretary

We will also be honoring all outgoing Officers, Board Members and Directors and installing our new Board Members and Directors. Refreshments will be served following meeting.

A Summer of Fun at Beth El!

"Have a Sweet Summer" Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake

Friday June 20 at 5:30pm

A candy-coated afternoon of chocolate, cotton candy, ice cream, and fruit as we head into a great summer with Beth El. We'll begin at 5:30pm with sugared snacks and move into Kabbalat Shabbat service to welcome summer and Shabbat sweetly.

"Bella Notte" Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake and Congregational Dinner

Friday August 22 at 5:30pm

The congregation will come together for wine and cheese appetizers before our Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake. Services will be followed by a casual Italian-style family Shabbat dinner to kick off the new year.



Beginners' Genealogical Workshop

Sunday, May 4 at 1:00pm

Have you ever wondered how and when your ancestors came to this country? Where they lived, and what they did for a living? The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will give you a chance to learn how to take the first steps to discover your family history on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 1:00–3:00pm. This beginners' genealogical workshop will be presented at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park.

In this program, Judith R. Frazin, an experienced researcher and lecturer, will explain how to get started, how to interview relatives, and how to use the public library as a valuable resource. She will also identify Internet and print resources and explain what records are available, where they can be found and what information they contain.

A genealogist for 43 years, Frazin has done extensive research on all the branches of her family. She has written a book about two of her family branches that has been distributed to family members, and she served as president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois for ten years.

She is also the author of three editions of *A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil Registration Documents (including Birth, Marriage and Death Records)*.

In 2010, the International Association of Jewish Genealogists (IAJGS) granted Frazin its award for Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product. The Polish Genealogical Society of America also recognized her contribution to the field of genealogy by selecting her to receive its Wiglia award in 2000.

Mark Your Calendars for the Youth Community's Upcoming Programs!

USY (9th–12th Graders)

Saturday, May 17th starting at 6:45pm
Teen Minyan and Lag B'Omer Celebration! Teen Minyan Mincha, Ma'ariv and Sudah Shlisheet (light dinner). Then join us for our Bon Fire and Dive In. Please bring your own towel. \$15 for members, \$25 for non members, Free with Activity Pass.

Tuesday, May 20th from 7:00–9:00pm
BEANS USY Elections will be held on in the Horowitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge! Must be a member in good standing to vote!

Tuesday, May 27th from 7:00–9:00pm
Old Board/New Board meeting in the Horowitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge!

Tuesday, June 3rd
Join USY and Teen Minyan for a night on learning starting Erev Shavout. There will be many interesting learning session and lots of snacks. More detail on learning sessions to come!



USY's 8th Grade Kidnapping

Kadima (6th–8th Graders)

Wednesday, May 7th from 6:15–7:30pm
Kadimanik and Parent Meeting for all Kadimaniks who would like to be on Kadima Board next year. *5th graders are encouraged to come to Kadima's last lounge night of the year! 5th graders are also welcome and encouraged to be on Kadima board next year as 6th graders.



BEANS USY and Kadima Baking Hamentashen

Wednesday, May 14th from 6:15–7:30pm
Kadima New Board Meeting and President Election. Dinner will be provided.

Sunday, May 18th
Kadima will have a Lag B'Omer Picnic and camp style bon fire.

Shalom Club (3rd–5th Graders)

Saturday, May 3rd
Shalom Club will have its final Shabbat Lunch and Games. Meet in the Youth Lounge after Services (approximately at Noon). Lunch will be \$5 please pay before or after Shabbat.

M&M Club (K–2nd Graders)

Friday, May 2nd from 5:00–6:00pm
M&M Club Jeans and Jammies includes children's dinner.

Tuesday, May 6th from 4:30–6:00pm
Israel's Extravaganza! Parents and rising K-2nd graders are invited to celebrate Israel's Birthday together!

Saturday, May 10th from 3:30–5:30pm
Shabbat Open Gym

what else ?

Beth El Youth Community Awards and Installations Night

Thursday, May 29th 6:30–8:30pm, Dessert Reception
Come honor our Old and New Kadima and USY Board members, seniors and staff! We will be awarding our annual Kadamnik and USYer of the year, Membership, Youth Leadership and the Lori Greenberg Awards! All members of the Beth El Youth Community and their families are invited!

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 25th
BEANS Kadima and USY are off to Six Flags Great America

Beth El Youth Community News

The Beth El Youth Community would like to congratulate the BEANS USYers for doing a fantastic job on the Purim Carnival and all of the USY Megillah readers. BEANS would also like to thank everyone who bought hamentaschens for our Tikkun Olam Fundraiser. With the funds we raised from hamentaschen sales and Purim Carnival ticket sales, BEANS was able to donate more than \$5,000 to our Tikkun Olam Fund. BEANS is on their way to win International USY TO Award for the largest contribution again!

Mazel Tov to all of our 8th graders who will be graduating to High School. Mazel Tov to our seniors who will be off to college! Please stay in touch and sign up for the Beth El Sisterhood College Connection. The Beth El Youth Community wishes everyone a safe, healthy and fantastic summer! Enjoy your time at camp, Israel, traveling, or just hanging out at home. We look forward to seeing you in August!

BEANS Youth Community is a great way to make new friends, hang out with old ones, and have an awesome time. Still not a member of Beth El's award winning youth community? It's never too late. Contact Sam Isenstein, Youth Community Director, at siesntein@nssbethel.org or at 847-432-2040 for more information regarding membership or any other questions regarding the Beth El Youth Community.

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Emma Tenner becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the marriage of our daughter, Lindy Holland to Aaron Resnick, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz – Ann Dee and Edward Holland
- *In honor of* Helen Spellberg becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Jack and Barbara Blumberg's anniversary - Frances Shubert
- *In honor of* Jack and Barbara Blumberg's anniversary and the anniversary of Jack's Bar Mitzvah - Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall
- *In honor of* Roni Weiss' birthday
 - Wallace and Joan Dunn
 - Sue Cohen and Family
- *In honor of* the birth of Irene and Sam Shanes' granddaughter
 - Sandy and Sheldon Cotler
 - Sharon and Harris Goldenberg
- *In honor of* the birth of Miriam and Mort Steinberg's grandson - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
- *In honor of* the birth of Steve and Merle Tovian's granddaughter, Anna Arielle - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the engagement of Shira Kurtz to Avi Kaufman - Gerald Lapins
- *In memory of* Abe Brickman, beloved father - Shirley Scheinman
- *In memory of* Ann Weinberg, beloved mother and Bubbie - Pearl and Joel Kagan
- *In memory of* Beatrice Gross, beloved grandmother - Leah and Jori Brajer
- *In memory of* Belle Lasin, beloved mother - Gerald Lasin, M.D.
- *In memory of* Benjamin Cohen, beloved father - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Bernard S. Kaplan, beloved husband - Jean Kaplan
- *In memory of* Bernard S. Kaplan, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - James Kaplan
- *In memory of* Bertha Kraft, beloved mother - Donald Kraft
- *In memory of* Celia Weil, beloved grandmother - David and Lynne Weinberg
- *In memory of* Clara Kraff, beloved grandmother - Carey Cooper and Cheryl Kraff-Cooper
- *In memory of* Curtis Willig - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Dora Holland, beloved mother-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
 - NSS Beth El Men's Club
 - Linda and Wayne Goldstein
 - Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky
- *In memory of* Dr. Nathan J. Iglitzen, beloved father of Beth Footlik, Terry Milton and Cindy Socianu - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Edith Hymanson Weiss, beloved mother - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Erich Hamburger, beloved uncle - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Ethel and Sidney Sharpe, beloved mother and father - Mortin and Karen Levy
- *In memory of* Herb Wolf
 - Marilyn Chulock
 - Leah Grant
 - William and Harriet Swieca
- *In memory of* Herb Wolf, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Randy Holzman
- *In memory of* Herschel Seder, beloved brother of Edith Kaye - Davi and Jim Weiss
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Hyman Field, beloved grandfather - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Irving Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Jeffrey Garton, beloved father - Stephen and Diane Levin
- *In memory of* Jennie Reisen, beloved mother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Larry Tayne, beloved husband, father and grandfather - Charlotte Tayne Avraham
- *In memory of* Lillian B. Rabatsky, beloved wife - Mr. Melvin Rabatsky
- *In memory of* Lois Bondy, beloved mother of Maureen Sechan - Rebecca and Dan Kaplan
- *In memory of* Martin Maiman, beloved father and grandfather - Steven and Linda Feinstein and Family
- *In memory of* Martin Melinger, beloved father of Michael Melinger - Sue Cohen and Family
- *In memory of* Marvell Ginsburg, beloved mother of Beth Kopin - Steven and Frances Shapiro

Today Rabbah

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Maurice and Minny Greenstein, beloved father and mother - Selma Mizel
- *In memory of* Mildred Rubenstein, beloved mother of Eileen Goldstein and beloved grandmother of Dr. Jordan Goldstein
 - Dennis and Lizabeth Salinas
 - Roland Del Cid
 - Dennis and Lizabeth Salinas
- *In memory of* Min Holtzman, beloved grandmother - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Mollie Sered, beloved mother - Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Morris Collins, beloved father of Robin Greenberger - Vivian and Lewis Rosen
- *In memory of* Morris Hirsch, beloved father - Joel Hirsch
- *In memory of* Nathan Talman, beloved father - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Nisim Saporta, beloved father - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Norman Matthew, beloved father - Harrison Matthew
- *In memory of* Regina Greenfield, beloved mother - Milton Greenfield
- *In memory of* Roma Kaltman, beloved mother - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Elyse, beloved daughter of Sam and Marilyn Greenberg and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Sam and Marilyn Greenberg
- *In memory of* beloved Sam Sadoff - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman
 - Bruce Brockstein
 - Adeen and Michael Postar
- *In memory of* Steve Fitzgerald, beloved husband and beloved father – Mimi Lutwak and Fitzgerald Family
- *In memory of* Steve Fitzgerald, beloved husband of Mimi Lutwak and beloved father of Max, Zachary and Amy Fitzgerald
 - Susan and Larry Silberman
 - Lorry and Cara Lichtenstein
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz
 - Joseph and Susan Adler
 - Klaff Family Foundation
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at the funeral of our beloved father Samuel Rosenberg - Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman and Family and Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Family
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for performing our granddaughter Lindy Holland's wedding to Aaron Resnick - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In appreciation of* my mishaberach - Marvin Siegel
- *In honor of* Erica Schwab, Kol hakavod for making this world a better place - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In honor of* Joshua Pickard becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Brad and Marcie Pickard
- *In honor of* Rabbi Schwab for inspiring so many of us to join him in Washington D.C. - Benjamin and Andrea Leshem
- *In honor of* Rabbi Schwab's AIPAC Leadership - Gila Bronner
- *In memory of* Dr. Alvin Altman, beloved husband - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Esther Center, beloved mother and grandmother - Robert Center and Family
- *In memory of* Herb Wolf, beloved father - Shelly Kreiter-Solow
- *In memory of* Jake Simon - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Joan Zweifler, beloved mother - David and Robin Nankin
- *In memory of* Mildred Rubenstein, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Mollie Rich, beloved mother - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Morris Wilk, beloved father - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Philip Zand, beloved husband - Frances Lee Zand
- *In memory of* Roselyn Maurer, beloved mother - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Sadie Kulakofsy - Ruth Belzer
- *In memory of* Sadie Spieler, beloved mother-in-law - Anita Spieler

**Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman - Ron and Joyce Emrich

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for making Simon Chaimson's bris so special - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg

Hazzan Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Joshua Pickard becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Brad and Marcie Pickard
 - *In memory of* Mildred Rubenstein, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Paul and Eileen Goldstein

- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller for officiating at the funeral of our beloved father Samuel Rosenberg - Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman and Family and Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Family

**Andrew and Gail Brown
Technology Endowment Fund**

- *In appreciation of* Felissa Kreindler, thanks for a terrific job! - Andrew Brown

- *In memory of* Herschel Seder, beloved father of Edith Kaye - Andrew and Gail Brown

**Arnold Rissman Family Kol Ami
Museum Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Hyman Rosen, beloved father - Ellen Rissman

Ba'al Korei Institute Fund

- *In honor of* Ernie Smolen being named "Man of the Year" - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
 - *In memory of* Isadore Smolensky, beloved father - Ernest Smolen
 - *In memory of* Abe Levin, beloved father-in-law - Ernest Smolen

- *In memory of* Lois Bondy, beloved mother of Maureen Sechan - Ted and Beth Pickus
 - *With appreciation for* Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman's friendship - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg

**Ben and Marion Drachler Israel
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Ben Drachler, beloved father - Dr. and Mrs. A. Michael Drachler

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

- *In honor of* Helen Spellberg becoming a Bat Mitzvah. - Marlene and Seth Halpern
 - *In memory of* Herschel Seder, beloved father of Edith Kaye - Judith Sarnat

- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Tracey and Anton Hendler

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In honor of* Andrew Brown completing his term as NSSBE president - Jonathan Feiger and Nancy Laben
 - *In honor of* the birth of Mort and Miriam Steinberg's grandchild - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In honor of* the birth of Irene and Sam Shanes' granddaughter - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Richard and Nancy Becker

**Edward S. Frank Memorial
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank on the occasion of her birthday - Ben and Wendy Frank

Todah Rabbah

General Israel Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of* Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 55th anniversary - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Gertrude Lederman and Family Continuing Education Fund

- *In honor of* Gail Friedman's birthday - Merle and Steven Tovian

- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

Israel Scholarip Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Natan A. Russo, the wonderful new addition to your family - Eileen and Dov Kahana

- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

- *In honor of* Merle and Steve Tovian's new granddaughter - Howard and Sandi Turner
- *In honor of* the continued good health of Erica Schwab - Howard and Sandi Turner
- *In honor of* Noa Ohcana receiving "Youth of the Year" Award from FMJC Midwest Region - Howard and Sandi Turner
- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman - Howard and Sandi Turner

- *In memory of* Beverly C. Baum, beloved sister - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Neil Levinson, beloved brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Jack M. Hirschfield, beloved son - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *Wishing complete & speedy recovery for* Dr. Robert Greenstein - Howard and Sandi Turner

Jean T. and Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Fanny Schwartzberg, beloved grandmother - David and Karen Benson

- *In memory of* Rebecca Anne Benson, beloved daughter - David and Karen Benson

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural Learning Center Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Steve and Merle Tovian's granddaughter - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Sanford G. Rossen, beloved father - Elliot and Anne Rossen
- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin
- Howard and Sandi Turner
- Judy Lavin and Family
- *In memory of* Ephraim Goldstein, beloved father - Michael Goldstein
- *In memory of* Joseph J. Gray, beloved father - Elaine Losseff
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg
- Andrew and Gail Brown
- Ira and Elise Frost
- *In memory of* Steve Fitzgerald, beloved husband of Mimi Lutwak and beloved father of Max, Zachary and Amy Fitzgerald
- Ira and Elise Frost
- Judy Lavin and Family

- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Ira and Elise Frost
- *In memory of* Martin G. Brown, beloved father and grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Morris Collins, beloved father of Robin Greenberger - Howard and Sandi Turner
- *In memory of* Morris Collins, beloved father of Robin and Mark Greenberger and grandfather of Amy, Julia, Michael and Shaya - Judy Lavin and Family
- *In memory of* Mildred Rubenstein, beloved mother of Eileen Goldstein and beloved grandmother of Dr. Jordan Goldstein - Judy Lavin and Family
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg
- Judy Lavin and Family
- Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman - Judy Lavin and Family
- *In memory of* Label Shaevitz, beloved father and grandfather - Judy Lavin and Family

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural Learning Center Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart and Rolly Cohen and grandmother of Abra and Harris - Judy Lavin and Family

- *In memory of* Morris Banks, beloved father - Ted and Cheryl Banks
 - *In memory of* Morris Elbaum, beloved father - Ann Rosen

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

- *In honor of* Ernie Smolen being named "Man of the Year" - Myrna and Herbert Natkin

Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Roni Weiss' birthday - Greg Pestine and Naomi Wexler

Maot Chittim Fund

- *In honor of* Josh Pickard becoming a Bar Mitzvah - The Goldsmith Family

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* Lionel Kramer's new grandson, Jamie Ellis - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
 - *In honor of* my recent birthday - Herman Wexler
 - *In honor of* Roni Weiss' birthday - Robert Lidov
 - *In honor of* the birth of Irene and Samuel Shanes' granddaughter - Sharon and Harris Goldenberg

- *In memory of* Arnold Levy, beloved of Eva Levy and Family
 - Dr. Jeffrey and Michelle Glass
 - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
 - *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg - Michael and Susan Millenson
 - *In memory of* Karen Carney's beloved father - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
 - *In memory of* Marvell Ginsburg, beloved mother of Beth Kopin - Robert and JoEllen Lidov

Minyan Service Fund

- *In memory of* Abraham Lapin, beloved father - Philip and Phyllis Lapin
 - *In memory of* Aleck Weber, beloved father - Bob and Millie Weber
 - *In memory of* Celia Lapin, beloved mother - Philip and Phyllis Lapin
 - *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith
 - *In memory of* Dorothy Magad, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
 - *In memory of* Harry Magad, beloved father - Irwin and Linda Magad
 - *In memory of* Dr. Edward M. Goldberg - Sheila Goldberg
 - *In memory of* George Lieberman, beloved father - Mark and Laura Lieberman
 - *In memory of* Gwendolyn Gertz, beloved stepmother - William and Sharon Gertz
 - *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

- *In memory of* Isaac Menkin, beloved father - Susan Saper
 - *In memory of* Joseph Bearak, beloved father - Marvin and Renee Bearak
 - *In memory of* Julian Saper, beloved husband - Susan Saper
 - *In memory of* Lillian Friedman, beloved mother - Philip and Phyllis Lapin
 - *In memory of* Morris Collins, beloved father of Robin Greenberger - The Lansing Family
 - *In memory of* Nancy E. Snyder, beloved daughter - Burton and Helen Snyder
 - *In memory of* Phyllis Palace Senescu, beloved mother - Stuart and Marlene Senescu
 - *In memory of* Rose Eckerling, beloved mother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
 - *In memory of* Sylvia Barnett, beloved mother - Ruth Geiderman
 - *In memory of* Terry Goldenberg, beloved mother - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn

Todah Rabbah

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Panozzo's, Arnold's and Gensler's

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Debbi and Ira Rosenberg's grandson, Simon Chaimson
- Susan and Larry Silberman
- Mark and Jodie Mosk
- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Deborah Rosenberg's grandson, Simon Elliott
- Keith, Cheryl, Neena and Jason Weitzman
- Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the birth of our grandson, Leor Ezra Abraham - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

- *In honor of* the birth of Michael and Marcia Bender's grandson, Ashton - Mark and Jodie Mosk

- *In honor of* the birth of Mort and Miriam Steinberg's grandson, Leor Ezra
- David and Judy Weiss
- Sharon and Harris Goldenberg

Pins of Children's Reading Room Fund

- *In honor of* Elliott, AJ and Sadie Millner's 2nd birthdays - Adrienne and Miles Russ

Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Alan Miller's 70th birthday - Shoshana Friedman
- *In honor of* my beloved cousin Betty Ann Levin's birthday - Zella Ludwig
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Charles and Gertrude Harris, beloved father and mother - Robert and Rhoda Rothman
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Steven H. Shapiro

- *In memory of* Rosalyn Fegenhols, beloved mother - Iris Wittenberg

- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman and Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg - Steven and Frances Shapiro

- *In memory of* Tille and Charles Michaels, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin

- *With appreciation to* and special thanks to Mark Stadler - Joseph and Susan Ament

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Mariasse Kurchitzer, beloved grandmother - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Anna Pathman, beloved aunt - Bob and Millie Weber

- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Laurence and Corinne Baskin

Ramah Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Roni Weiss' birthday - Marcy and Rob Freeman

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Benjamin Levenson, beloved father - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

- *In memory of* Esther Schiffman, beloved grandmother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Helen Spellberg becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Irma Kesner, beloved mother of Michael Kesner - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Mae Becker, beloved mother of Barbara Hochwert - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Marvell Ginsburg, beloved mother of Beth Kopin - Mark and Mae Spitz

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Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Maxine Kurtz - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Mildred Rubenstein, beloved mother of Eileen Goldstein and beloved grandmother of Dr. Jordan Goldstein - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Rose Cohen, beloved grandmother of Mae Spitz - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenberg, beloved father of Dr. Michael J. Rosenberg and Dr. Carol Rosenberg Derman - Mark and Mae Spitz

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In appreciation of* the NSSBE Staff - A harsh winter well handled - Thank you! - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
- *With appreciation to* the maintenance staff for making Joshua Pickard's Bar Mitzvah so special - Brad and Marcie Pickard

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Deborah Rosenberg's grandson, Simon Elliott

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* Alena and Adiel Hoch's wedding - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In honor of* Ari and Tali Derman's new baby - Steven and Frances Shapiro

- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin - Steven H. Shapiro
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Steven H. Shapiro

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North Suburban Beth El Family Mission to Israel

December 22, 2014 – January 1, 2015

Led by Rabbi Michael Schwab and Hazzan Larry Goller

It's time to share the experience of Israel with your family!

Climb Masada, float in the Dead Sea, walk under the Western Wall and jeep through the Golan Heights.

For more information contact: Rabbi Michael Schwab, Hazzan Larry Goller or Jenna Koehler,

Missions Assistant at 312-357-4862 or JennaKoehler@juf.org

June 2014 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4:00pm Spring Music Festival	2 Continuing Education 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	3 Erev Shavuot 8:00pm Evening Minyan 8:02pm Candle Lighting 9:00pm Tikkun Layl	4 Shavuot 1st Day 4:30am Sunrise Service 8:50am Festival Services 11:00am Shavuot Pray & Play 12:30pm Shavuot Post Kiddush Picnic 8:15pm Evening Minyan 9:06pm Candle Lighting	5 Shavuot 2nd Day 6:30am Early Morning Service 8:50am Festival Services 8:15pm Evening Minyan 9:07pm Yom Tov Ends	6 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04pm Candle Lighting	7 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Emily Weil Mincha Bat Mitzvah – Hannah Leavitt 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:09pm Shabbat Ends
8	9 Continuing Education	10 12:30pm Sisterhood Installation Luncheon	11 Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Lecture	12 8:00pm Executive Committee	13 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:07pm Candle Lighting	14 8:50am Shabbat Services 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:12pm Shabbat Ends
15 Father's Day	16 Continuing Education	17	18 Continuing Education	19	20 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10pm Candle Lighting	21 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:15pm Shabbat Ends
22	23 Continuing Education 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	24	25 Continuing Education	26 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash 8:00pm Board of Directors	27 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11pm Candle Lighting	28 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
29	30 Continuing Education					

July 2014 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Continuing Education	3 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash	4 Independence Day 8:45am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10pm Candle Lighting	5 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:15pm Shabbat Ends
6	7 Continuing Education	8	9 Continuing Education 1:30pm Spertus Mini-Course	10 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash	11 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:07pm Candle Lighting	12 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:12pm Shabbat Ends
13	14 Continuing Education	15 Fast of Tammuz	16 1:30pm Spertus Mini-Course	17 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash	18 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:03pm Candle Lighting	19 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:08pm Shabbat Ends
20	21	22	23 1:30pm Spertus Mini-Course	24 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash	25 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:57pm Candle Lighting	26 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:02pm Shabbat Ends
27	28 Rosh Hodesh Av 7:00am Morning Minyan	29	30 1:30pm Spertus Mini-Course	31 9:45am Artist's Beit Midrash	Aug 1 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:50pm Candle Lighting	Aug 2 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:55pm Shabbat Ends

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May 2014 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rosh Hodesh Iyar Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am Florence Melton Scholar Series 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Board Meeting	2 5:00pm Jeans and Jammies 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:31pm Candle Lighting	3 8:50 am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Noa Alscher 7:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:36pm Shabbat Ends
4 Continuing Education 11:30am Men's Club/Youth Group Event	5 Yom Hazikaron Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Meeting	6 Yom Ha'atzmaut Continuing Education 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	7 Continuing Education	8 7:45pm Annual Meeting	9 6:00pm Geshet Family Service and Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:38pm Candle Lighting	10 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Sebastian Newman 12:30pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:43pm Shabbat Ends
11 Mother's Day 11:00am Sokol Hebrew High School Graduation	12 Continuing Education	13 Continuing Education 8:00pm Adult and Family Programming Meeting	14 Continuing Education	15 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs	16 5:00pm Preschool Children's Service and Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:46pm Candle Lighting	17 8:50 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Jacob Hersh 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:51pm Shabbat Ends
18 Lag B'Omer Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains 8:00pm Frankel Memorial Lecture	19 Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting 8:00pm CEC Meeting 8:00pm CLC Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	20 Continuing Education 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Lunch 8:00pm House Committee Meeting	21 Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Lecture	22 Continuing Education	23 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:52pm Candle Lighting	24 8:50 am Shabbat Services Veteran's Shabbat 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:57pm Shabbat Ends
25 9:00am JUF Walk with Israel	26 Memorial Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	27 7:45pm Film Event with East on Central	28 Yom Yerushalayim Continuing Education	29 6:30pm Youth Awards and Installation	30 Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Schechter Day School Dinner 7:59pm Candle Lighting	31 Sisterhood Shabbat 8:50 am Shabbat Services 12:45pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:04pm Shabbat Ends



It's Our Tradition....Sisterhood Shabbat

Shabbat, May 31

We always look forward to celebrating Shabbat together as Sisterhood – many women – diverse, dedicated, and dynamic – who come together as one unique voice of the Conservative women at NSS Beth El. This Sisterhood Shabbat 2014/5774, we will honor our past presidents who gave of their time, energy, hearts, and hands over the 65+ years that Sisterhood has been a part of NSS Beth EL.

Todah Rabah to Sandy Starkman, who is coordinating this special Shabbat, and to all the Sisterhood women who will help lead parts of the service, read Torah, chant the Haftorah, and deliver the D'var Torah. Sisterhood Shabbat is a cherished tradition. Please join us.