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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.

I write these words just a few days after my return from four weeks in the State of Israel. When you receive this bulletin it is pretty clear to me that the events that I experienced during Operation Protective Edge in Israel will have changed drastically simply because the world moves on and events follow their own course. As the Prophet Amos stated: "I am not a prophet nor am I the son of a prophet" and, therefore, I can't predict what the situation will be a number of weeks after I write this bulletin article and you receive it in the mail.

However, I can be sure of the fact that while temporal events change from moment-to-moment, eternal values never change. The period of the High Holy Days is about eternal values and though events change in the world at-large, we change as we grow older, and those around us change as they do the same, the lessons of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur continue to bring us eternal verities which enlighten our lives and brighten our souls.

Perhaps the best example of those eternal lessons is mentioned in the Musaf service in the prayer Untaneh Tokef when it reminds us that "T'shuvah, T'fillah, and Tz'dakah have the power to transform the harshness of our destiny."

T'shuvah is translated as repentance and reminds us that we can all change. Each of us has the ability to grow, mature, and become better people. Our conduct is not pre-destined for we have free will and we can use it for good or for ill.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in his Rosh Hashana Mahzor tells the following story: Once, shortly before Rosh Hashana, an itinerant shoemaker passed the house of Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev, crying, "Anything to mend?" When he heard these words the rabbi wept, saying, "Alas, for my soul, for the Day of Judgment is almost at hand, and I have not yet mended myself." T'shuvah allows us the opportunity to look upon our lives and become better people. It reminds us that what has been in the past does not have to dictate the future. We can make amends for our mistakes. This is an eternal Jewish value and the High Holy Days challenge us to live up to its ideal.

T'fillah is translated as prayer. Prayer is not an easy activity for any of us. It takes fluency of language and emotion of the soul. It forces us to recognize that there is a Power greater than we and not everything is in our control. It is ultimately the language of faith for when we pray we hope that G-d listens to our words as He searches our souls.

Again, Rabbi Sacks brings us a significant story: Rabbi Nahman of Kosov taught that we should always have G-d in our thoughts. "But how?" asked a disciple, "can we think of G-d while we are engaged in business?" The rabbi replied, "If we think of business when we are praying, then we can think of praying when we are doing business."

Prayer should allow us to recognize that the values of our tradition, its morals and ethical teachings, must always be part of our lives. There is nothing that we do, no person with whom we interact, no daily activity that we perform that does not allow us the opportunity of living

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by the high dictates of our tradition's values, morals, and ethics. Prayer challenges us to recognize those values, to live by them, and, yet, still leave a little to faith.

The third aspect of this statement, Tz'dakah is usually translated as charity. However, a more exact translation would be righteousness. We have a duty to do what is right and proper and not simply give out of caritas, love. A third time Rabbi Sacks offers a meaningful story: The 15th century Jewish diplomat and scholar Don Isaac Abarbanel was once asked by King Ferdinand how much he owned. He named a certain sum. "But surely," the king said, "you own much more than that." "You asked me," Abarbanel replied, "how much I owned. The property I have, I do not own. Your majesty may seize it from me tomorrow. At best I am its temporary guardian. The sum I mentioned is what I have given away in charity. That merit alone, neither you nor any earthly power can take away from me."

We have a responsibility to give of ourselves and our financial means to those in need. We have an obligation to aid those less fortunate than we and assist them in their living situations. We bear responsibility for the proper treatment of our friend and the stranger, for our local society and for communities around the world. We bear an obligation to help those of our Jewish mishpacha and all those of the human race. Abarbanel teaches us we own what we are willing to share.

I cannot predict the future but I can suggest to you that if we live by the eternal values enunciated for us in the prayer Untaneh Tokef then, I believe, not only we will be better people, but the world will be a better place in which to live.

May the New Year of 5775 be one of health and happiness for you and yours and bring peace and security for our country, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

Shabbat Schedule See calendar for times.

DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00 am

Services are conducted by:
Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,
Rabbi Michael Schwab,
Hazzan Larry B. Goller

11:00 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

AUGUST

Shabbat, August 2

Parashat Devarim

Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1–27

Shabbat, August 9

Shabbat Nahamu

Parashat Va-ethannan

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1–26

Shabbat, August 16

Parashat Ekev

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14–51:3

Shabbat, August 23

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh

Parashat Re'eh

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11–55:5

Shabbat, August 30

Parashat Shofetim

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12–52:12

SEPTEMBER

Shabbat, September 6

Parashat Ki Tetse

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1–10

Shabbat, September 13

Parashat Ki Tavo

Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1–22

Shabbat, September 20

Selihot

Parashat Nitsavim-Va-yelekh

Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9–31:30

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10–63:9

Shabbat, September 27

Shabbat Shuvah

Parashat Ha'azinu

Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1–52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2–10; Joel
2:15–27

» President's Corner *by Lisa Rosenkranz*

Milestones are always a time for reflection. As I have finished my first year as president, I'd like to highlight some of the incredible new things that have occurred at NSS Beth El in the past year. I emphasize some because, with more things going on than I could possibly discuss, there are many other things that are worthy of mention. However, with that as a caveat, here are some new things that occurred this year:

- Last summer, thanks to the generosity of Andy & Ken Saffir, we completed the renovation of the beautiful Blumberg Auditorium and the outdoor landscaping including patio area. This summer, thanks to the generosity of Mort & Miriam Steinberg, we completed the renovation of the Tea House. It is so wonderful to see people enjoying our beautiful yard and lake view.
- We held two special "themed" Shabbatot – last summer we held a "Long Time Members" Shabbat. There was an incredible warmth in the sanctuary as friends who had not seen each other in a long time had a chance to reconnect. This Memorial Day was a special "Veterans" Shabbat. A very emotional, moving way to celebrate our congregants who are veterans and those currently serving our country. This is a model we hope to build upon to bring additional meaning to our Shabbat Services.
- The membership committee has created an adorable new basket, including a NSSBE baby bib, that will be delivered to all new babies connected to the synagogue. We truly will be welcoming all "new" members!
- Young families have even more reasons to enjoy Shabbat at Beth El. In addition to our weekly B'Yachad services, a separate Shabbat service for families with children in 2nd grade and younger, on several Shabbatot a year, we have added some other programs. We have Jeans & Jammies – an early Friday night that includes a children's dinner, prayers, singing and activities; Pray 'n Play which is an opportunity to stay after B'Yachad services for a special family "lunch" (as part of our kiddush) and play time until 1:30; and a special Open Gym on Shabbat afternoons which is a casual opportunity for young families to gather and play.

- Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah liaison committee is really establishing itself. This lay committee is communicating with every upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah family to help them through the myriad of details involved. There have also been some changes to add additional opportunities for involvement from our Bar/Bat Mitzvah families. They may now honor an entire nuclear family for an ark opening if they choose (previously only an individual could have an ark opening). We also have added the opportunity for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family to ask someone to lead one of the English readings. Finally, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child is welcome to write a D'var Torah on his/her Torah portion that can be distributed to the congregation on Shabbat morning.
- The Social Action committee created a Mitzvah of the Month. This is an opportunity for any congregant to identify a project they would like to see implemented and, with the support of the Social Action committee, make that project happen. A Purim Costume Drive for our sister synagogue in Netzach, Israel was the first of these projects.
- Our religious school began Monday Fundays in the Library. This is a program to bridge the time from when secular school ends and religious school begins with snacks and activities. The prior year we had begun Café Kef on Wednesdays (the other day religious school meets) and the concept was so successful, we added the second day.

Of course, none of this happens without a tremendous amount of effort on the part of our staff and our lay volunteers. I thank all of you for putting your time, energy and heart into NSS Beth El. I also want to thank everyone for all your help and support this past year. It is the people who make this such a special place and I have enjoyed working with all of you. Thank you again and I look forward to the upcoming year.

If you have any questions about any of these activities or would like to participate or get involved in the planning of future activities, don't hesitate to contact me at lrosenkranz.nssbe@gmail.com.



It's All in the Beth El Family



We Welcome the Following New Members

- Jeremy and Sarah Ahto and their children, Carter and Harper
- Robert and Karen Dishner and their children, Julia and Nathaniel
- Shai Dobrusin and Samantha Greenberg
- Matthew and Melinda Dunn
- Brian and Kari Edmonson
- Sarah Fox and her children, Daniel and Ethan Grafman
- David Gordon
- H. Steven and Deborah Graham
- Wayne Helms
- Adena Horwitz
- Hersch and Avril Klaff
- Marc and Samantha Lawrence and their children, Andie and Jules
- Josh and Michelle Newman
- Cameron Pick
- Anita and Barry Poll
- Jonathan and Pamela Rosenberg and their children, Samantha and Zachary
- Barb Rosenthal
- Chloe Rossen
- Stuart Rossen
- Aaron and Chari Shifrin and their children, Beckett and Zoe
- Kyle Silberman
- Beth Weinstein
- Justin and Damen Wellen and their son, Cooper

Congratulations To

- Cheryl and Ted Banks on the birth of their grandson, Noah Joseph Sanders
- Beth and Robert Footlik on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Footlik
- Jodi and David Gimbel on the engagement of their daughter, Allyson, to Daniel Ebin
- Phyllis Gimpel on the engagement of her granddaughter, Allyson Gimbel, to Daniel Ebin
- Eileen and Dr. Paul Goldstein on the birth of their grandson
- Stephanie and Dr. Jordan Goldstein on the birth of their son
- Laura and Matthew Gray on the birth of their son, Asher Stephen Gray
- Shari and Lawrence z"l Gray on the birth of their grandson, Asher Stephen Gray
- Barbara and Stuart Hochwert on the marriage of their daughter, Michelle, to Joshua Newman
- Ruth and Mal Kaufman on the marriage of their grandson, Michael Kind, to Franci Elkins
- Judy and Mort Kessel on the birth of their granddaughter
- Leslie and Jonathan Kind on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Franci Elkins
- Linda and Jerry Lebovitz on the birth of their granddaughter
- Zella Ludwig on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Danielle Shana Grossman
- Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter on the marriage of their son, Uri Pachter, to Hollen Reischer
- Mae and Mark Spitz on the marriage of their granddaughter, Angelica Marconi to Jacob Zweig
- Joyce and Kasey Steinhardt on the birth of their great-grandson, Noah Joseph Sanders
- Carol and Stephen Weiss on the birth of their grandson
- Rachel and Jeremy Weiss on the birth of their son
- Cindy and Ned Zalik on the engagement of their daughter, Arianna, to Ryan Wolin

Condolences To

- Barbara Blumberg on the loss of her brother, Samuel David Levenson
- Ruth and Bruno Fischer on the loss of their granddaughter, Kelly Carrasco
- Seth Halpern on the loss of his grandfather, Victor Gross
- Donald Horwitz on the loss of his father, Leonard Horwitz
- Lois Janger on the loss of her brother, David Lee Lieberman
- David Ohcana on the loss of his brother, Sami Ohcana
- Earl Schneider on the loss of his mother, Sarah Schneider
- JoAnne Shapiro on the loss of her father, Seymour Shapiro
- Kurt Silberstein on the loss of his father, Julius Harold Silberstein

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

August – Av/Elul 5774

September – Elul 5774/ Tishrei 5775



Henry Hoffman,
son of Melanie and
Brian Hoffman
Shabbat, August 30



Sylvia Miller,
daughter of Michelle
and Adam Miller
Shabbat, September 6

High Holiday Service Schedule 2014/5775

Selichot Evening**

Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

Erev Rosh Hashana**

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

- 6:00 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
- 6:25 pm.....Candle Lighting

First Day Rosh Hashana

Thursday, September 25, 2014

- *8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
- **9:15 am.....Preschool Family Service
- *10:15 am.....Children's Services
- **4:00 pm.....H.U.G.S. Tashlich
- **5:45 pm.....Tashlich
- **6:15 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
- 7:30 pm.....Candle Lighting

Second Day Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 26, 2014

- *8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
- **10:15 am.....Children's Services
- **10:15 am.....Young Family Service
- **6:15 pm.....Mincha /Kabbalat Shabbat
- 6:22 pm.....Candle Lighting

Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3, 2014

- *5:50 pm.....Mincha Service
- *6:05 pm.....Kol Nidre Service
- 6:10 pm.....Candle Lighting

Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Saturday, October 4, 2014

- *9:00 am.....Shacharit Service
- **9:45 am.....Preschool Family Service
- *10:45 am.....Children's Services
- *4:45 pm.....Mincha Service
- *6:00 pm.....Neilah Service
- 7:15 pm.....Yom Kippur Ends



*At Beth El and Highland Park High School

** At Beth El ONLY

Being a Mensch in Marriage: What Neuroscience & Relationship Science Can Teach Us About Nurturing Long-Term Love; Monday, September 15 at 7:00 pm

Falling in love is easy. For love to flourish long-term, it needs to be nurtured. Dr. Mona Fishbane will explore fascinating new research from neuroscience and relationship science that sheds light on the challenges of long-term love. The bottom line: Love takes work if it is to succeed over time, and being a mensch is vital to a happy marriage. Based on her new book, *Loving with the Brain in Mind: Neurobiology & Couple Therapy*, Mona will share insights from neurobiology that are reflected in wisdom from the Jewish tradition. Join us for a dessert reception and book signing at 7:00 pm; the presentation will begin after evening Minyan at 8:00 pm. Open to the community, free of charge.

Afternoon @ The Movies

Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00pm

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the Senior Life Committee will host the Chicago area premiere of the film *The Sturgeon Queens* on Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00pm.

Four generations of a Jewish immigrant family create Russ and Daughters, a Lower East Side lox and herring emporium that survives and thrives. Produced to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the store, this documentary features an extensive interview with two of the original daughters for whom the store was named, now 100 and 92 years old, and interviews with prominent enthusiasts of the store including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, New Yorker writer Calvin Trillin, actor Maggie Gyllenhaal, chef Mario Batali and 60 Minutes correspondent Morley Safer. An Official Selection at over 30 festivals, *The Sturgeon Queens* won the Audience Choice Award at the Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival and at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival. Time Out New York named it one of the “best new food documentaries.” *The Sturgeon Queens* is distributed by Seventh Art Releasing. For more information, and to watch the trailer, go to <http://thesturgeonqueens.com>.

All are welcome – open to the community! A light “fish buffet” including bagels, lox, herring and other delicacies will be served after the film for \$5/person. Please RSVP to: Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, September 6

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will kickoff our 6th season on Saturday, September 6, after Shabbat Kiddush, with a discussion of *Fugitive Colors* by Lisa Barr, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. New members welcome! A \$36 annual contribution to the Sisterhood Torah Fund is encouraged.

In this debut novel, a talented Chicago artist flees to the freedom of 1930's Paris and experiences passion, friendship and betrayal at the outset of World War II and unwittingly becomes part of a Nazi exhibition of Degenerate Art. Copies of *Fugitive Colors* are available in the Maxwell Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores.

The following “founding members” were recognized in May for being active participants of the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club for all 5 years: Fran Altman, Marilyn Hirsch, Joyce Joseph, Gerry Kaplan, Bryna Kurtz, Marilyn Lewis, Cara Madansky, Marcie Pickard, Caryn Sedloff, Fran Shapiro, Ruth Stern, Merle Tovian, and Karen Weiss. The book club would not have been successful without their dedication, support, and enthusiasm. And, of course, we owe a huge “thank you” to Marilyn Lewis for all she has done to support the book club and the Torah Fund. In 2013–2014, a record number of 57 participants attended at least one session with 13 brand new to the book club. Also, four women had perfect attendance: Sulie Holt, Joyce Joseph, Caryn Sedloff, and Ruth Stern. The complete 2014–2015 book club calendar will be available in August. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org to be added to the e-mail list.



Sukkah City

– Get pumped and excited for Sukkot on **Sunday, September 7 at 9:30am**. The morning will include the Chicago area premiere of the new film *Sukkah City*, chronicling the architecture competition that created a temporary exhibition of 12 radically designed sukkahs in the heart of New York City. The film goes behind the scenes of the jury day, the construction, and the exhibition to provide an entertaining and inspiring portrait of the project's visionary architects, planners and structures, and celebrates an exciting, singular moment in the American Jewish experience. After the film, various presenters will provide information and resources for Sukkot. You can place your Lulav, Etrog & Schach order with BEANS USY, make your Sukkah Walk reservations, learn about Sukkah building services and resources and Sukkah decorating tips, shop the Sisterhood Gift Shop for holiday related merchandise, and more! Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

Writer's Beit Midrash

– The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library, 9:30–11:00am. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for: August 6 and August 20, 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 847-432-8900 x242 for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

“Bella Notte” Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake

Date: 8/22/14

Time: 5:30 p.m.

***Bella Notte* Italian-style Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake and Dinner!**

5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Appetizers

6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:15 p.m. Young Family Service

7:00 p.m. Family-style Italian Dinner

Adults \$10

Children \$5 (Ages 4-12)

Children Ages 3 and under are free

We welcome new and prospective members
to this event!

Program is planned to include
al fresco dining and services out
in our backyard. The evening
will happen shine or rain– join us
for some or all of the program!



To RSVP or with questions
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going to their member
account on our website:
www.nssbethel.org

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Women of Beth El, Join Us!

We need your participation to make a difference. We want to see more of you and to share more with you. Over the last few years, our Sisterhood has been experiencing a renaissance of sorts. Most notably, we received Women's League's highest level of recognition, the Emerald Jewel in the Crown Award, presented at this year's convention in July. This award recognizes our achievements over the last year in educational programming, community service and Women's League activities and initiatives. Yashar Kochachen to our Officers, Board members and participants for this wonderful achievement.

But a renaissance takes time and we're not finished yet. The new Executive Board of Sisterhood is excited to work together for the next two years and continue our innovative streak, creating new and exciting programs. We are already planning some wonderful programs for next year:

- We begin the year with our sale of **Rosh Hashana Honey and New Year cards**. We expanded our sale last year when we introduced our truly one-of-a-kind New Year cards featuring Beth El's beautiful parochet tapestry on the front. That card will be available again this year (while supplies last) along with a new card highlighting another signature feature of Beth El. Please look for order forms in your mailboxes, email boxes and at synagogue. Your continued support of this program enables us to continue to provide financial support to NSS Beth El's religious school programs.
- The author of *Fugitive Colors*, **Lisa Barr**, will be our opening speaker on September 21, and the book will be discussed at our first **Torah Fund Book Club** on September 6. Head to the library, including the Maxwell Abbell Library, a bookstore, or Amazon.com, to get the book and join us to discuss it and meet the author.
- **Torah Fund classes** begin the week of October 21.
- **Chef Laura Frankel** is returning, dates to be determined.
- On November 22 we are co-hosting a **Wine Tasting** with the Men's Club.
- On December 9 we look forward to hosting **The Honorable Nancy Rotering**, Mayor of Highland Park.
- We are co-hosting a **Game Night** with the Men's Club in February.
- We are planning a group outing to see **The Diary of Anne Frank at Writers Theater** in Glencoe in March.

I hope these programs are as exciting to you as they are to me, and will motivate you to join our growing membership.

Just because we are experiencing a renaissance, we haven't changed or forgotten about two other decades-old programs that have become the fabric of our Sisterhood. The first is Leagrams, one of our quietest yet most profitable programs. It is Sisterhood's way to share in the joy of a birthday or anniversary by sending letters of Mazal Tov to all of our Sisterhood members. Through an annual subscription or just an individual purchase, participants can add their name to anniversary and birthday Leagram letters sent throughout the year. Please complete and return a Leagram Subscription Form today.

Yes, I want to become an annual Leagrams subscriber.

Name (please print): _____ Birthday: _____

Husband's Name: _____ Anniversary: _____

I am enclosing my \$60 check, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood. I have noted Leagrams in the memo line. Mail to: NS Beth El Sisterhood, 1175 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. Attn: Leagrams

Membership

To keep Sisterhood strong, we need you to join. Please know that your membership dues truly matter. Each year Sisterhood donates more than \$20,000 to Beth El to support the religious schools, College Connection, morning minyan breakfasts, Shabbat kiddushim, the Gray Cultural and Learning Center and Maxwell Abbell Library, the Spring Music Festival, as well as programs in our wider Jewish community, including (locally) The Ark and (internationally) the Jewish communities of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Berdichev, Ukraine. These donations are funded primarily by your dues payments. By joining Sisterhood you are supporting the entire Beth El community.

Sisterhood dues (\$36) are now included on most Beth El members' invoices, allowing you to pay your Sisterhood and synagogue dues at the same time, even online with a credit card, if you wish. Sisterhood is listed among the voluntary items towards the bottom of your invoice. If you have asked that "voluntaries" be removed from your synagogue statement, Sisterhood dues will not appear. If you would like Sisterhood dues added to your bill, please contact Vicky Kaplan, the synagogue bookkeeper, at 847-432-8900 x233. Only the regular fee of \$36 can be paid through Beth El so, if you prefer to pay senior dues (\$25 for those 65+), please mail your check, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood, to Karen Weiss, 1688 Green Bay Road #103, Highland Park, IL 60035. If you have questions regarding dues, please contact Karen at 847-432-3818 or at kweiss@keshet.org.

L'Shana Tova,

Rachel Ferber, President



Sunday, September 21 at 7:45pm – We are excited to host the dynamic and energetic speaker Lisa Barr, author of *Fugitive Colors*.

Lisa is a Solomon Schechter graduate who lives in Deerfield. Her strong Jewish identity was shaped by her grandmother, a Holocaust survivor and her personal hero. She spent five years as an editor at the *Jerusalem Post*, where she covered Middle East politics, lifestyle, and terrorism. She later served as the managing editor of *Moment* magazine in Washington, D.C. *Fugitive Colors* is Lisa's award-winning debut novel. It is a suspenseful tale of stolen art, love, lust, and revenge on the eve of WWII. It won the gold medal for "Literary Fiction 2014" from the Independent Book Publishers Association and first prize at the Hollywood Film Festival for "Best Unpublished Manuscript." The book also has been optioned to become a movie. Come meet her and bring your book to have it signed.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

For five decades, Beth El Sisterhood has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Jewish Theological Seminary through our weekly Torah Fund classes. These classes began in the early 1960s, when Marge Birnbaum was our President. Back then, the Rebbitzin taught the class. Today, our Torah Fund classes are taught by our clergy and the directors of our Religious School and Cultural and Learning Center and provide extraordinary opportunities for our congregants to learn Hebrew and Midrash and to discuss modern issues confronting Judaism. There are many ways for you to support Torah Fund:

- Contribute \$36 and you can attend all of our weekly Torah Fund classes, including the Torah Fund Book Club led by Rachel Kamin after Shabbat Kiddush.
- If you cannot attend the weekly classes, you can still attend the Shabbat Book Club for a \$36 contribution.
- Purchase Torah Fund Tribute Cards. Tribute cards are a beautiful way to celebrate a simcha or convey a heartfelt condolence and have Torah Fund be an additional beneficiary of your thoughtfulness. We sell twelve different Torah Fund cards, including condolence, new baby, Todah Rabah, friendship, Mazal Tov, and Get Well messages. Each card is \$4. Contact Linda Gottlieb, our Torah Fund Vice President, to purchase cards at LBGmom@comcast.net.
- Every year the Torah Fund Campaign presents a specially designed pin in appreciation and recognition of large contributions. This level of giving starts with a minimum contribution of \$180, the Benefactor level. Donors at Guardian—\$300, Associate Patron—\$600, Patron—\$1,200, Scholarship Patron—\$2,500 and Keter Kavod—\$5,000, levels receive embellished pins. A set of all twelve cards is also included with minimum gifts of \$180.



One hundred percent of the money Beth El Sisterhood collects for Torah Fund goes directly to the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign to support scholarships for students at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and the Rabbinical Seminary in Buenos Aires. Donations to Torah Fund are tax deductible, can be made with all major credit cards and can be made online. Please plan on contributing to Torah Fund this fall.

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



While we are still relishing the summer season, Diane and Sulie are working diligently at the gift shop, checking merchandise and taking inventory. In order to provide the new, unique and wonderful Judaica and gift items that they showcase in the Gift Shop, they will be attending both the Chicago Gift Market as well as the New York Gift Show.

Along with these items, the gift shop has already received many new items of beautiful handcrafted *tallit* from Eretz Yisrael and we are proud to announce that we are now carrying magnificent, hand-woven *tallit* from Jerusalem Tallit. Carine Kleinman, the artist, along with her father, master tapestry weaver Georges Goldstein, created and wove the *Parochet* (Ark cover) that so beautifully covers the Ark in our NSS Beth El Sanctuary. They also created and wove many of the Torah covers in our synagogue. They have many beautiful *tallit* to select from, and they can design custom *tallit* as well. Jerusalem Tallit is represented in the United States by Robert Kleinman.

So, we hope that you will stop by the Gift Shop and browse all the beautiful new merchandise. We resume our regular hours on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. However, please keep in mind that we are always happy to make appointments for you to browse or shop year round. Simply call co-Chairpersons: Diane Levin: 847-571-5629; Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389; or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546. We appreciate your continued support of our Sisterhood Gift Shop.

» Men's Club

Join the NSS Beth El Men's Club

Join the Men's Club this year. We have many great programs planned all year for men of all ages. Only \$36 to join the club and community of men as we participate in great programming, give back to the community, and help make our world a better place. Hats off to our "Lifetime" Men's Club Members: Michael Kesner, Skip Shrayner, and Andrew Brown.

Be a Bagels Program Sponsor and Member for only \$54 or \$72. Questions or Info? Contact: Michael Ezgur at MEzgur@gmail.com.

» Upcoming September Men's Club Programs

4th Annual Steak & Scotch Night

Thursday, September 4

6:30 pm

Please join us for our fourth annual Steak and Scotch night. \$35.00 for members gets you a great evening with friends, a full steak dinner, great scotch, and the usual libations, beginning at 6:30 pm and weather permitting an afterglow beach party at 9:00 pm.

Be a Steak and Scotch Sponsor for only \$50 or \$75.

RSVP, Jeffrey Goldsmith jbg724@gmail.com or NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com.



Men's Club Sponsored Shabbat Kiddush Club

Shabbat, September 13

Join us in the Zell or if it is nice outside we will try and set up outside. \$25 per family or \$12 per person. All are welcome! To make reservations please contact Steve Coven at scoven@napcoltd.com.

Bagels for Your Brains

Sunday, September 21

To Be Determined

Sunday, October 19 and October 26

Election Year Candidate forum

*Mazel
Tov!*

Congratulations to our NSS Beth El Men's Club for winning another FJMC Club Quality Club Award in 2014!

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Men's Club Hanukkah Lox Box Deliveries

Get a great Hanukkah themed lox box delivered from the Men's Club in December before Hanukkah

Our Lox Boxes will be filled with breakfast that serves 4-6 people including: bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, other trimmings, some Hanukkah surprises, and other goodies. All net proceeds go to the Synagogue.

Early Bird Purchase – Get a \$5 discount (only \$28 before 10/1/14).

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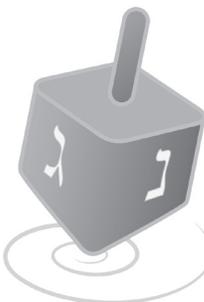
Address:

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Send this completed form with \$33 to:
NSS Beth El Men's Club
1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

Please make checks payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club. Any Questions? Email NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com.





Spring Music Festival – 2014

Would you believe that this was the 44th year that the Spring Music Festival was enjoyed at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El? Well it was! On Sunday afternoon, June 1st, a bright sunny day, Hazzan Goller together with the Beth El Chorale, the Jr. Chorale and guest artist Heather Aranyi entertained an audience of over one hundred. The theme of the Spring Festival this year was “Berlin...Bernstein...Broadway...Beth El”. The program featured show tunes from Broadway shows, songs by Jewish composers and rousing Hebrew songs.

The show opened with “This Nearly Was Mine,” from South Pacific, sung by Hazzan Goller, accompanied by Amy Wurtz at the piano. The Chorale followed with a Hebrew song, “Simchu Na” arranged by Leonard Bernstein and “Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor” with music composed by Irving Berlin and words by Emma Lazarus. A Steven Sondheim song, “No One is Alone,” sung beautifully by guest artist, mezzo-soprano, Heather Aranyi was next.

The Jr. Chorale, featuring, Benjamin Ephraim and Miriam Friedman on the violins, offered a beautiful “Sunrise Sunset” from Fiddler on the Roof. Then Katie Jenks accompanied Hazzan Goller to a Leonard Bernstein

composition, “A Simple Song,” from “Mass.” “Lost in the Stars,” by composer R. Weill, a lilting melody followed.

“Tonight,” from West Side Story, music by Harold Arlen, and a medley of Broadway show tunes found many in the audience singing along, enjoying the nostalgia. The concert closed with the Chorale offering “Banu,” a rousing hora and “Summertime” from Porgy and Bess, by Ira and George Gershwin. The grand finale, “When You Believe,” from The Prince of Egypt, sung by the entire ensemble brought the audience to offer a standing ovation. What a wonderful afternoon. Let’s do it again!

Featured in the Beth El Chorale were: Clara Berman, Dottie Fiedler, Rhonda Glass, Karen Weiss, Gail Brenner, Nancy Lerner, Carole Narrad, Gail Scully, Karen Singer, Leslie Fox, Larry Leviton, Jon Norton, Les Blau, Jerry Frank, Benjamin Howard, Allen Plenner and Ernie Smolen. The Jr. Chorale featured: Eugenie Berman-Moore, Justin Crasko, Ben Ephraim, Miriam Friedman, Ellie Goldsmith, Golda Hamburg, Stephanie Kallish and Liana Oshin. Their many months of rehearsals proved to be well worth the while and they are looking forward to presenting Festival 45.

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahalet

Bruchim Ha-Baim – Welcome to the 5775/2014-2015 school year! As the summer draws to a close, we are now looking forward to the beginning of another year of Jewish learning. Our hectic summer included Summer Tutoring where 26 Cohen Religious School students from all ages came to brush up on their Hebrew and *tefillah* skills. The summer has also been spent in planning and preparing for the new school year. Many of our teachers have participated in workshops and courses to deepen their knowledge and get up to date with new school technology. We are ready and excited to welcome the students and their families on the first day of school, **Sunday, September 7!**

All parents are invited to a “Meet and Greet” on the first day of school. Following the “Meet and Greet” parents are invited to watch the movie “Sukkah City” in the Grossinger-Brickman Activity Center. After the film, various presenters will provide information and resources for Sukkot. This will be a wonderful introduction to the fall festivities.

We have some exciting new learning initiatives for parents and students and we hope you will take full advantage of them. In an effort to consolidate the cantillation skills that students have acquired since fifth grade, we will offer a new fun and interactive class called Trope, Tips & Tricks. These classes will help students become better Torah readers. Students will study texts with tropes to understand the interplay of the melody patterns and the words, phrases, sentences and sections.

On selected Sundays, parents are invited to participate in the Melton Foundations of Jewish Family Living. This class provides a thought-provoking encounter with the core values of Judaism. This rich learning experience will provide an opportunity for the adult students to bring the conversation home to share with their children and families. The goal is to provide parents with the learning, language, and confidence to be teachers to their own children. We look forward to this expansion of our parent programming, stressing the Jewish value of life long learning. There will also be a new Beginning Conversational Hebrew class for parents mid-week.

Students in the Sokol Hebrew High School will have a chance to enroll in classes spanning their interest from Talmud, Bible, Hebrew, Comparative Religion, and Holocaust to the Music of Israel, The Jewish Lens, American Jewish Music, Tour of Jewish Chicago and Jewish Cooking. Eleventh graders will study Jewish Responsa with both Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab. We are looking forward to

welcoming the students who traveled to Israel in the summer and encourage all SHHS graduates to register in the College Bound program. The main goal of the program this year will be to focus participants' attention on an important part of Jewish life on campus; the role of Israel activism, and ways to express one's support for the Jewish state. Two of the five sessions will be designed as intergenerational learning opportunities for high school seniors and their parents. Carl Schrag, former editor of The Jerusalem Post, will teach these classes.

We are also looking forward to continuing the world renowned Tal Am, a unique curriculum of Hebrew Language Arts and Heritage, based on the principles of language development and language acquisition. We will continue teaching Project Etgar, an innovative curriculum for middle school students developed by the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Department of Education. Our extra curricular and after school activities grew last year and we will continue to offer “Monday Funday” in the Library and Café Kef in the youth lounge every Monday and Wednesday respectively when school is in session.

Thanks to the support of the Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Fund, we will continue supporting the education of students with special needs or who need extra tutoring in our schools. Our dedicated teacher Stacy Daybook will continue to serve children in the Knopler Resource Room every day school is in session including an extra hour after school ends (Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15–7:15 pm and Sundays from 9:00 am to Noon). Additionally, extra help has been extended to Tuesdays from 4:15–6:15 pm.

I am looking forward to another year of Jewish learning at the three Beth El schools. Wishing you a year filled with health, happiness and learning.

Shana tova u'mevorachat!

Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School August/September – Av 5774/Tishrei 5775

Sept 7	Sunday	First Day of School
Sept 8	Monday	Monday Funday Begins
Sept 10	Wednesday	Café Kef Begins
Sept 24	Wednesday	No School – Rosh Hashana

Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School August/September – Av 5774/Tishrei 5775

Sept 7	Sunday	First Day of SHHS
Sept 8	Monday	First Day of Conversational Hebrew Classes

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

The summer is drawing to an end and we look forward to a new school year. It has been a very exciting summer with 93 young children in our camp programs. We look forward to welcoming over 125 children and their families to our school this fall.

Summer is not a time to rest. Our teachers have been studying executive functioning and how to maximize its impact on the education of our young children. This will be a focus of our staff learning in the months ahead. Our goal is to provide children with consistent predictable environments, that are age appropriate and challenging enough to help us maximize the impact of the education we are providing our young learners.

Over the summer, a group of teachers worked together to develop a new communication system for our families. This will help us provide parents with the information they need about their children and the school in a more organized manner. Teachers will be able to document the work and fun that the children are experiencing on a platform that is easy for parents to access.

At our Teacher Development Days, before school begins, Rabbi Schwab welcomes our staff with a D'var Torah. We also learn from Maxine Handelman, Consultant for Early Childhood Education, from USCJ. She blows shofar to announce the New Year – 5775.

This truly sets the tone for our school year. It is the integration of Jewish learning into all the activities and learning that we do that make our school so special. We are truly a *kehillah* of children, parents, teachers and congregants.

Our school begins with Small and Tall (Adult/Child) classes for children from 6 weeks to 7 months and 8 months to 16 months as well as our pre-school classes for children 17 months through pre-kindergarten. Please let your family, friends, and neighbors know about our program. Drop by the pre-school office or contact me by telephone at 847-432-2830 or by email at cknopoff@nssbethel.org. I look forward to giving you a tour of our school.

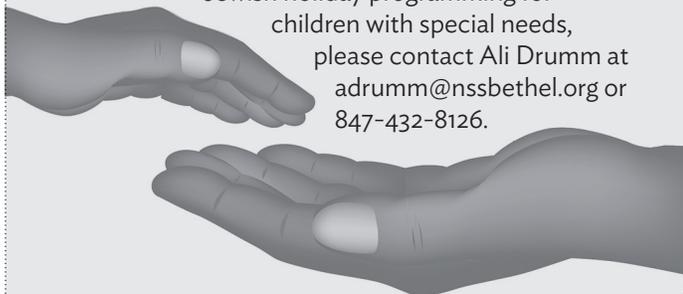
We wish you all L'Shana Tova.

Caron Knopoff
Steinberg Pre-School Director

H.U.G.S. Rosh Hashana Program

In partnership with a consortium of five synagogues, Beth El will be offering programming this year as part of H.U.G.S. (Healthy and Understanding Growing Space.) We will have holiday programming for families with children with special needs throughout the year, often hosted here at our synagogue. We will kick off the year with a special holiday program on Thursday September 25th, the first day of Rosh Hashana, in the afternoon. This program will lead into our community Teen Minyan-led Tashlich. Families of all ages are welcome, and programming will be geared to help children with special needs enjoy Rosh Hashana and kickoff the year.

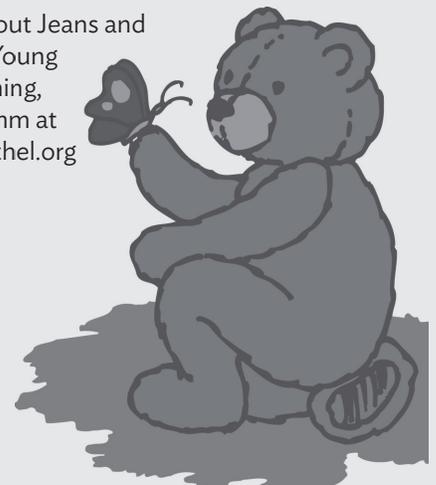
If you or anyone you know may be interested in Jewish holiday programming for children with special needs, please contact Ali Drumm at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126.



Jeans & Jammies A Teddy Bear Picnic

The whole family is invited on Friday, September 12th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm as we celebrate Shabbat together. The program is geared for families with children up through 2nd grade – siblings, grandparents, and Jewish friends of all ages are welcome! We'll have a children's dinner, activities, singing, and prayers. Attire is casual – jeans and especially pajamas are the perfect outfit. Bring your teddy bear or special friend to join the Shabbat picnic!

For questions about Jeans and Jammies or any Young Family Programming, contact Ali Drumm at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126.



Chesed Dues Update

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions about your annual giving, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Kol Nidre Appeal 2014

At the High Holiday season each fall our thoughts turn to tz'dakah and kehillah. As we worship together on Yom Kippur, the power of community is alive at NSS Beth El. At that time of year, we reflect upon the importance our Shul has in our lives, the lives of our loved ones and the community at large. We remind ourselves of what NSS Beth El means to **all of us, 365 days a year**, and how each of us is impacted by the programs and services our Shul provides. There is something at Beth El for everyone. While many of us may not frequent NSS Beth El at other times during the year, we could never imagine our synagogue not being there for us on any given day.

And so at Yom Kippur, it is our tradition to raise revenue in order to maintain the vital programs and services we provide to our members. This is what each year's Kol Nidre Appeal is about, and we hope for 100% participation from our members in order to achieve our synagogues' needs and meet our financial obligations. We count on you as it is expensive to support our amazing staff, to create special programming, and maintain our facility. As you may know, dues only cover just under 50% of our annual operating budget. The other 50% comes from programs, endowments and your donations. In the last four years, approximately 20% of our membership is on reduced dues due to financial hardship; scholarship assistance for our religious schools has increased 150%, even as we have reduced our budget by 14%. So we do, truly, need your help to make up the difference.

We are duty-bound under our tradition to give to the extent of our ability (something, anything – no matter how big or small) to help our Shul. The amount of your gift, while important, is not as important as the fact that you participate in this very significant and necessary Mitzvah! Mazel tov to the more than 600 families who made a donation to the Kol Nidre Appeal last year. May we see that number increase this year.

In addition, our Kol Nidre card includes a tab to turn down if you are interested in leaving a planned gift to the synagogue. Members who have honored us with an estate gift are a part of the Ner Tamid Society. If you wish to inform us about a legacy commitment you have made or are interested in learning how to do so, please contact the Development Manager, Nancy Kekst, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or call 847-432-8900 x262.

NSS Beth El Memorial Book for High Holidays 2014

The Yizkor Service has always been a special part of the Yom Kippur Day. At this time we call to mind our beloved departed family members and friends. With this act of *kavannah* (intent or direction of the heart) we perform the mitzvah of uniting their memories with the living community. It is a tradition to honor those deceased with a charitable contribution to the Synagogue.

As in past years, our Memorial Book will be distributed at all Yizkor services this year and will include the names of your loved ones. Those remembered with Synagogue Plaques will automatically be listed in the front of the Memorial Book. The family section of the Memorial Book will contain the donor's name so that a clear relationship will be evident between the deceased and those who remember them.

We suggest a donation of \$36 for the first name to be listed in the Memorial Book and \$18 for each additional for each name listed. If no plaque location is listed and you wish to purchase a Memorial Plaque (\$750 donation) please use the separate enclosed form included in your mailing. To ensure that your names are included, we must receive your list in a timely manner; Please return your form to NSS Beth El, attention Memorial Book, with payment by September 12, 2014. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Swenson at 847-432-8900 x222 or email her at cswenson@nssbethel.org.

Together with B'Yachad בִּיחַד

B'yachad is a Hebrew word meaning "together." At NSSBE, we call people to gather together collectively, because the sum is so much greater the parts of the whole. This rich word takes on a greater unity when you consider it is a group of our most generous synagogue donors, who have joined in B'Yachad to support NSSBE at the highest donor level.

The B'Yachad donor level was created by our leadership several years ago as an (almost)* all inclusive giving level which would help generous donors make one gift to the synagogue to cover their largest expenses and gifts – Annual Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Chesed Dues (Formerly Fair Share) and tickets to the Annual Fundraising Event. Their generosity assists the synagogue in the most basic and necessary ways – helping us meet our annual budgetary needs. These unrestricted funds help make NSSBE work smoothly, enable innovation, and provide fuel for growth. They unlock potential and better allow us to get down to business.

We invite other congregants to step up to the B'Yachad giving level for this year. A one-time pledge of \$10,000 or more to the synagogue covers: Synagogue dues, a Kol Nidre Appeal donation, your Chesed Dues donation, two tickets to our annual Gala event, and recognition on the Annual Giving Donor Wall. *(B'Yachad level membership benefits do not include religious school enrollment fees, any extra High Holiday tickets, memorial book, small donations or fees for synagogue dinners or classes.)

Participation at the B'Yachad level is especially meaningful as it displays reverence for the Synagogue, the Rabbis and everything we do to make our synagogue a special community. Without this generous level of support, we would not be able to continue our fine programming and resources at the highest level. It helps us shine as a beacon in the Conservative Movement. Your belief in our synagogue is not taken lightly; we truly appreciate your ongoing assistance and honored to be a part of your lives.

For information about enrolling in the B'Yachad Membership program for this coming membership year, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Sermon Book Fundraiser Update – As you know, 2012/2013 marked the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Synagogue and was also the 25th year of Rabbi Kurtz's service to our congregation. To acknowledge Rabbi Kurtz's anniversary, we published his very special book, *Encountering Torah: Reflections on the Weekly Portion*, a book of his finest sermons from the past 25 years, which served as a vehicle to raise almost \$500,000. These were much needed funds to support current and new education programs and youth scholarships at Beth El. Education is one of Rabbi Kurtz's passions for which he is renowned, and is a core value of Judaism and NSSBE.

We are happy to report that the monies raised are being carefully and wisely distributed to enhance our educational programs. In the first year of distributions, over \$43,000 was awarded for internal grants to support such initiatives as summer tutoring for the Cohen Religious School, extra tutoring for special needs students, and a summer trimester of Continuing Education Programs. In addition, the funds allowed us to bring exceptional speakers and programs to Beth El such as weekends with Rabbi Reuven Hammer and Danny Siegel. The fund also supported camp and youth scholarships, and significant student scholarships for our own Cohen Religious School. The distributions are awarded and monitored in a special process with our Board of Education and the Executive Committee.

Thank you to the many underwriters for the book, who participated in the mitzvah of *kavod* for our esteemed Rabbi Vernon Kurtz and celebrating the 65th Anniversary of NSSBE. Your generous gifts are making a difference in our community. There are also more sermon books for sale at \$27 (\$25 + \$2 sales tax) per copy in our gift shop, in our office, and via phone order in the office if you wish to purchase extra ones for your family and friends. Shipping is also available. We hope it will be an important addition to your Jewish bookshelf.

We honor those congregants who have banded together as B'Yachad Donors for 2014–2015. Words cannot express our gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad dues level program at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. They are role models in our community.

Original Members

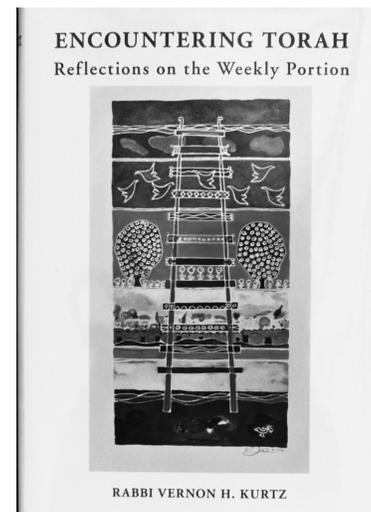
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Gail and Andrew Brown
Bernice and Buddy Cohen
Shelly and Leonard Foxman
Karen and Michael Kesner
Andy and Kenneth Saffir
Lynne and Skip Schroyer
Sheri and Sherwin Zuckerman

New Members Last Year

Nina and Arnie Harris
Penny and Jeffrey Hecktman
Sari and Mitch Kovitz
Karyn and Bill Silverstein

New Members This Year (to date)

Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall
Mae and Mark Spitz



» Kol No'ar

The Voice of the Youth – Beth El's Youth Community

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

Sunday, August 24th

Kadima and USY are off to Six Flags Great America! We will be meeting at Beth El at 9:00am and retuning at 7:00pm. \$40 includes transportation, lunch and park ticket. Please RSVP by Friday, August 15th at http://tinyurl.com/BEANSsixflags.

Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00pm

USY Welcome Back BBQ. \$10 includes dinner.

Tuesday, September 2nd

Teen Minyan Committee Meeting 6:00pm
Free Dinner for all those that come! USY Executive Board meeting at 7:00pm.

Friday–Sunday, September 5th – 7th

CHUSY Regional LTI for CHUSY General Board and all chapter board members. More information to follow.

Wednesday, September 10th

First CHUSY Regional Lounge Night. More information to follow.

Wednesday, September 10th at 6:15pm

Kadima Board Meeting. Dinner is included!

Wednesday, September 10th

Café Kef begins! Café Kef is our before religious school drop in program from 3:30–4:10pm. This program is free every Wednesday when CRS (Cohen Religious School) is in session, in the Youth Lounge and snack is provided.

Saturday, September 20th at 8:00pm

BEANS USY will be on a boat! That's right, BEANS USY is heading downtown for a party on the wonderful Wendella Boat! RSVP by Monday, September 16th by filling out the RSVP form at tinyurl.com/BEANSonABOAT.

Thursday, September 25th

Our own USYers and Teen Minyan will be leading the congregation for Tashlich.



Parents, don't forget to Like the Beth El Youth Community on Facebook to stay up to date on all of Beth El's Youth

Community programs – www.facebook.com/NssBethElYouthCommunity, also be on the lookout for our Youth Community Google Calendar!



Sunday, October 5th Annual Schach Pick-Up and Car Wash!

9:00am-1:00pm

Help BEANS USY start the year off right with raising funds for their Tikun Olam Fund and continue to be the #1 fundraiser in all of USY. Bring your car to get washed while you pick up your order or when you drop off and pick up for Religious School! Volunteers needed to wash cars and pass out Schach, Lulav and Etrog orders. Volunteers will receive lunch.

NSSBE Sisterhood College Connection

NSS Beth El Sisterhood College Connection is designed to keep in touch with our college students. Our program for the 2014–2015 school year will include incredible holiday packages, and emails about opportunities for Jewish college students. There is no charge, but in order to sign up you must register at this link online http://tinyurl.com/nssbecollegeconnection14. If you would like the link sent to you, fill out the form below with your email address.



Return Form to Sam Isenstein, Youth Community Director, 1175 Sheridan Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035.

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Beth El Youth Community News

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

Kadima Executive Board 2014–2015: Ellie Goldsmith, Sydney Goldsmith, Jason Garfinkel, Elena Gross, Josh Gross, David Halfin, Josh Pickard and Sam Zacks. BEANS USY Executive Board 2014–2015: President–Joey Spellberg, Executive Israel Affairs V.P.–Sarah Levin, Religion/Education V.P.–Rebecca Greenstein, Social Action/Tikkun Olam V.P.–Melissa Levin, Membership/Kadima V.P.–Daniel Silver, Communications V.P.–Liana Geraty, V.P. of Technology–Alex Levine, V.P. of Public School Outreach–Harrison Freeman, and Freshman Representative–Gabriella Cooperman.

Want to be a part of BEANS USY general board and chair events like Turkey Dance, Hamentashen Baking, Purim Carnival and more? Contact Sam Isenstein for more information at sisenstein@nssbethel.org.

The Beth El Youth Commission would like to thank Sara Coven for her service to the Youth Community as Youth Commission Chair for the past two years and welcome Noreen Ohcana as the new Youth Commission Chair. We would also like to thank Marilyn Hirsch as V.P. of Education as she has finished her term, and welcome Pam Schlosberg as our new V.P. of Education!

It's BEANS a fantastic summer! What did you do on your summer vacation? Come tell us all about it at the Back to BEANS Bash on Saturday August 23rd from 12:15–1:15 pm in the Zell Activity room after Shabbat services. This free lunch program is for all Beth El kids in grades K–12! Whether you were gone for the summer at camp or relaxing at home or anywhere else, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with all your Beth El friends and the BEANS Youth Community Staff! There will be separate programming for our different youth groups – come and hang out with us.

BEANS Youth Groups are great – How do I sign up?

This year we have continued universal registration with our Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School, and will be automatically registering all Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School students for their youth group. **New this year! Day School families' membership fees will be covered and students will be registered for their prospective youth group. Questions? Contact Sam Isenstein at sisenstein@nssbethel.org**

Which Youth Group is for me?

- M&M Club is for Kindergarten through 2nd graders
- Shalom Club is for 3rd through 5th graders
- Kadima is for 6th through 8th graders
- USY is for 9th through 12th graders

Sukkot is Coming!

Time to Order Your Schach and Lulav & Etrog

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

All orders for Schach as well as Lulav and Etrog must be received by Monday, September 8, 2014. Pick-Up for Schach and Lulav and Etrog will be Sunday, October 5, 2014, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm outside by the south side doors. (We cannot be responsible for Schach which is not picked up on time.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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

___ bunches of Schach @ \$22 per bunch = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Return completed form with payment in the form of a check to:

N.S.S. Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Attn: Samantha Isenstein.

Please make checks payable to N.S.S. Beth El and return by Monday, September 8, 2014.



Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Alexis Aronin becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Sherwin and Marlene Konik
- *In honor of* Alexis becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Jeffrey and Lisa Aronin
- *In honor of* Ben Leshem - Karen and Eugene Finerman
- *In honor of* the birth of Eileen and Paul Goldstein's grandson, Bryce Goldstein - Sally Aaron - Edythe and Phil Gershman
- *In honor of* Eli Krumbein - Karen and Eugene Finerman
- *In honor of* Ezra becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Hannah Cohen's Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Sue Cohen
- *In honor of* Howard and Lynne Schechter's 50th wedding anniversary - Charles and Diane Brown
- *In honor of* Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Adam and Alyse Hersh
- *In honor of* Ron Goldberg's special birthday - Amy Goldberg and Ernest Michel - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *In honor of* Roni Weiss's special birthday - Marilyn Dresser
- *In honor of* Shira Kurtz's engagement to Avi Kaufman - Lillian Binder - Edward and Paulette Margulies - Stephen and Carol Weiss
- *In honor of* Steve Hefter - Karen and Eugene Finerman
- *In honor of* the birth of Miriam and Mort Steinberg's grandson - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of our grandchildren; Henry Sternberg, Alexander Elisco, Marni Sternberg, Clifton Sternberg and Levi Sternberg - Daniel and Rena Sternberg
- *In honor of* the birth of our granddaughter, Shay Aerin Kessel - Morton and Judy Kessel
- *In honor of* the marriage of Jordana and Jared Greenberg and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Alan and Mally Rutkoff and Family
- *In honor of* the marriage of Michael Kind to Franci Elkins and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Michael and Franci Kind
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Mary and Jerry Kaltman - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Abe Altman, beloved father-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Annette Kaplin, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Armand Dreyfus, beloved Papa and Grand Papi - Eugene and Nicole Terry
- *In memory of* Arthur Rabinowitz, beloved father - Maria Ponsillo
- *In memory of* Benjamin Applebaum, beloved son - Stephen and Lily Applebaum
- *In memory of* Benjamin E. Sherman, beloved father - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Bennett Holland, beloved son - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Bernard Kaplan and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Neil and Jane Yaris
- *In memory of* Bessie Brooks, beloved mother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Betty Cooper, beloved mother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Burton Steinberg, beloved brother - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother of Hilary Greenberg - Mary and Jerry Kaltman
- *In memory of* Clara Kolesky, beloved grandmother - Carol Jesselson
- *In memory of* Clara Kraff, beloved grandmother - Carey and Cheryl Cooper
- *In memory of* David Bernstein, beloved father - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* David Schlosberg, beloved father - Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Diane N. Sherman, beloved wife - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Donald Jack Weintraub, beloved father of Lori Rabinowitz - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Dora Brodsky, beloved mother - Shael and Myrna Siegel

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- *In memory of* Doris Hyman, beloved mother of Mira Temkin
- Merle Friedman
- Karen Weiss
- Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Efraim H. Gale, beloved father - Sheldon and Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Emily Altman, beloved granddaughter - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Esther Kessel, beloved mother - Morton and Judy Kessel
- *In memory of* Ethel Chudacoff, beloved mother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz
- Stuart and Rolly Cohen
- Marlene Cohen
- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen
- Mary and Jerry Kaltman
- Karen Weiss
- Charles and Roberta Bernstein
- *In memory of* Fay Friedman, beloved mother - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Gerald Levin, beloved father - Steven and Marsha Levin
- *In memory of* H. Allen Ander, beloved father - Carol Jesselson
- *In memory of* Harry Kolender, beloved grandfather - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, dear husband and a character – loved and missed - Karen Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Henny Strauss, beloved grandmother - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Henny Strauss, beloved mother - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Herbert Wolf
- Terri and Michael Lipsitz
- Judy and Arthur Coren
- Scott and Marilyn Levin
- Adajean Samson
- Arlene Benjamin
- *In memory of* Hynda Gamze
- Rhonda and Julian Glass
- Steven and Judy Feinberg
- Bob and Millie Weber
- Patricia Carlson
- Charles and Krayna Feinberg
- Aaron and Ruth Bernstein
- *In memory of* Ida Freifeld, beloved mother in-law - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved husband - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Isaac Strauss, beloved father - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Isaac Strauss, beloved grandfather - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Izzy Scheinman, beloved father - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In memory of* Jack Rouso, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Jeanette Plotnick, beloved mother - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Joyce Hazelkorn, beloved sister - Sharon Moss
- *In memory of* Jules Goldberg, beloved father - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Julius Harold Silberstein, beloved father - Drs. Kurt and Robyn Silberstein
- *In memory of* Julius Harold Silberstein, beloved father of Dr. Kurt Silberstein
- Neal and Laurie Price
- Ellen, Steve, Geoffrey and Sam Lasin
- Barbara and Stuart Hochwert
- Andrew and Gail Brown
- Ann Siegel
- *In memory of* June Bleiweis, beloved mother and grandmother - Lawrence and Susan Silberman
- *In memory of* Kelly Raye Carrasco, beloved granddaughter of Ruth and Bruno Fischer
- Dvora Heller
- Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Lee Mandel, beloved mother - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Lena and Philip Rothman, beloved parents - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Leonard Horwitz, beloved father of Donald Horwitz
- Karen and Michael Kesner
- William and Joan Brodsky
- *In memory of* Leroy Belzer, beloved husband - Ruth Belzer
- *In memory of* Lester Sadoff, beloved brother - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Lila Grossman, beloved sister of Sally Aaron - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Louis Goldstein, beloved grandfather - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Marvell Ginsburg, beloved mother of Beth Kopin - William and Joan Brodsky
- *In memory of* Milton Leeds, beloved father - Steven and Beth Leeds

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- *In memory of* Nathan Regenstreif and Lynne Silberman - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Norlie Maiman, beloved father and grandfather - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Norma Meisner, beloved sister - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Norman Chudacoff, beloved brother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Norman Zoberman, beloved father and grandfather - Alan and Mally Rutkoff
- *In memory of* Philip Wyatt, beloved husband - Barbara Wyatt
- *In memory of* Reva Duman, beloved mother - Sherwin and Marlene Konik
- *In memory of* Robert Allen Goldstein - Louis and Vivian Rosen
- *In memory of* Rona Millman, beloved mother - Corey Millman
- *In memory of* Rosalind Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Rose Ander, beloved mother - Pam Witt
- Carol Jesselson
- *In memory of* Ruth Grant, beloved mother - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin
- Bob and Millie Weber
- Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Sami Ohcana, beloved brother of David Ohcana - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Samuel David Levenson, beloved brother of Barbara Blumberg
- Frances Shubert
- Nancy Whitman
- *In memory of* Samuel Honigberg, beloved father - Joel and Carol Honigberg
- *In memory of* Sarah Steinberg, beloved mother - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Sheila Glassman LePow, beloved sister - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Sidney Feinstein, beloved father - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Sidney Weiss, beloved father - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Steve Fitzgerald, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mimi Lutwak
- *In memory of* Victor Gross, beloved grandfather of Seth Halpern
- Katz, Goldstein and Warren
- Richard and Karen Reisin
- *In memory of* Victor Steinberg, beloved father - Lorna Greenspahn
- *With appreciation for* Rabbi Kurtz's support - Ronnie Jo Sokol
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz
- Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- Ernest Smolen
- Alice Gross
- Mark and Robin Greenberger
- *With appreciation*
- NSS Beth El Men's Club
- James and Julie Stempel
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for being there for my brother-in-law Herb Wolf's family - Robert Sharfman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for making "Dinner with the Rabbi" so special - NS Beth El Sisterhood
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for participating in our grandson's bris and his guidance to our children Rachel and Jeremy - Stephen and Carol Weiss
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the prayers for my son - Sally Aaron
- *With appreciation* - Lillian Binder

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Hannah's Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Sue Cohen
- *In honor of* Jacob's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hersh
- *In honor of* our grandson Bradley Greenberg becoming a Bar Mitzvah - David and Susan Greenberg
- *In honor of* our son Bryce's bris - Jordan and Stephanie Goldstein
- *In memory of* Esther Salinas, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Faye Bloom, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Gladys Brand, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Goldie Sher, beloved mother - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Harold Olshansky, beloved husband - Sheila Olshansky

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- *In memory of* Herbert Wolf - Jill and Irwin Bernstein
- *In memory of* Herbert Wolf, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Randy Holzman
- *In memory of* Hynda Gamze
 - Maxine Sprung and Cindy Shekhtman
 - Gloria Zieve
 - Edward and Sari Salinas
 - Eleanor and Albert Boxerman
- *In memory of* Irving Pollack, beloved father-in-law - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Irving Spieler, beloved father-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Julius Juron, beloved father - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Lazar Elkin, beloved father - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Nachum Singer, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Patricia Paster, beloved mother - Louis and Alisa Paster
- *In memory of* Ruth M. Abrams, beloved mother - Robert H. Abrams
- *In memory of* Sadie Spieler, beloved mother-in-law - Mrs. Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Samuel L. Rosenblatt, beloved father - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Sarah Siegel, beloved mother - Shael and Myrna Siegel
- *In memory of* Simon Ramek, beloved father - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved husband - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Arthur Hoover, beloved father - Jeff and Michelle Leon
- *In memory of* David Sher, beloved grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Harry Prystowsky, beloved father - Jay Prystowsky and Renee Solomon
- *In memory of* Ida Wigderson, beloved grandmother - St. Andrews Foundation
- *In memory of* Max B. Faust, beloved father and grandfather - Annette Feller
- *With appreciation for* Rabbi Schwab's support - Ronnie Jo Sokol
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Alice Gross
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for being there for my brother-in-law Herb Wolf's family - Robert Sharfman
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Arnold Reingold - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *With appreciation for* mischaberach for Marla Sklar - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Ernest Smolen

Hazzan Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Alexis's Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Lisa and Jeffrey Aronin
- *In honor of* Hannah's Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Sue Cohen
- *In honor of* Jacob's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hersh
- *In honor of* Lola Nortman's unveiling - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *In honor of* the birth of Steve and Merle Tovian's granddaughter, Anna Arielle - Maurice and Sheila Pickard
- *In honor of* the marriage of Jordana to Jared Greenberg and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Alan Rutkoff Family Fund
- *In memory of* Fanny Fox, beloved mother and grandmother - Renee Miller
- *In memory of* Doris Hymen, beloved mother of Mira Temkin and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Darryl and Mira Temkin
- *In memory of* Fanny Fox, beloved mother - Renee Miller
- *In memory of* Howard Rubinstein, beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Isaac Feitelberg, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Sarah Bichunsky, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Victor Gross, beloved grandfather of Seth Halpern - Terri and Michael Lipsitz
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller - Mark and Robin Greenberger
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller for his participation at our grandson Harrison's bris - Stephen and Carol Weiss

Today Rabbah

We are grateful for the following contributions:

**Andrew and Gail Brown
Technology Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Emily Weil becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *In memory of* Steven Brown - Devra and Gregg Shutan

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

- *In memory of* Marion Drachler, beloved mother - A. Michael Drachler

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

- *In memory of* Batya Abramson, beloved aunt - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Bernard and Miriam Sokol, beloved father and mother - Ronnie Jo Sokol
- *In memory of* Evelyn Schwartz Shere, beloved mother - Judith Sarnat

- *In memory of* Sarah Singer, beloved grandmother - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Yermiahu Singer, beloved grandfather - Elliot and Doris Mirman

Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In memory of* Nathan Pinsof, beloved father - Loren and Diane Weil

- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin - Bobbie and Len Tenner

**Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim
Program Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg

**Camp Ramah General Scholarship
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Barbara and Harold Stern's 50th wedding anniversary - Bobbie and Len Tenner

- *In honor of* Betsy and Michael Katz's 50th wedding anniversary - Bobbie and Len Tenner

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In honor of* Karen Bieber for a wonderful sermonette - Marcy and Ken Levin
- *In memory of* Eliahu Hakimian, beloved father - Sidney and Batya Retsky
- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin
- Sally Schechter
- Karen and Michael Kesner

- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved father - Marc and Devorah Richards
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Seth Pines - Marcy and Ken Levin

Continuing Education Fund

- *In honor of* Maxine Simon's special birthday
- Marlene Silverman
- Roberta Schwartz

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

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank on Mother's Day - Benjamin and Wendy Frank

- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin - Edward and Paulette Margulies

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General Israel Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of* Garrett and Madison Hahamy becoming B'nai Mitzvah - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In honor of* Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 55th wedding anniversary - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In honor of* Jack Blumberg's special birthday - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In honor of* Rachel and Neil Greenbaum's new home - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Debbie Rosenberg's grandson, Simon Elliott - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In honor of* the birth of Merle and Steve Tovian's granddaughter - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In memory of* Sami Ohcana, beloved brother of David Ohcana - Andrea and Ben Leshem
- *In memory of* Donald Jack Weintraub, beloved father of Lori Rabinowitz - Brad and Marcie Pickard
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *With appreciation to* Mark Stadler - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - The Nathan Iglitzen Family
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - The Nathan Iglitzen Family

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

- *In honor of* Debbie Feiger-thank you for providing a wonderful learning environment for our daughter Yael - Michelle Wasserman and David Smith
- *In memory of* Benjamin A. Rubinstein, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Jack M. Hirschfield, beloved brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Zelda Margolis, beloved mother - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

Jean T. and Mort Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

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

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

- *In memory of* Carol Kaplan, beloved mother - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Donald Weintraub, beloved father of Lori Rabinowitz - Harry and Arlene Feiger
- *In memory of* Jeanette Goldstein, beloved mother - Michael Goldstein
- *In memory of* Lois Hirsch, beloved mother - Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Louis and Phyllis Senescu, beloved father and mother - Stuart Senescu
- *In memory of* Mae K. Gray, beloved mother - Elaine Loseff
- *In memory of* Patricia Kaplan, beloved wife - Roger Kaplan
- *In memory of* Simon Cohen, beloved father - Mark and Marla Cohen

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

- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin - Stan and Carole Derdiger

Maot Chittim Fund

- *In memory of* Julius Harold Silberstein, beloved father of Dr. Kurt Silberstein - Bradley, Kathleen, Daniel, Ethan and Jamie Gordon

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* Barbara and Harold Stern's 50th wedding anniversary - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Albert Josephson, beloved father of Mural and Jay Josephson - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Emil Ruhstaedt, beloved uncle - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Evelyn Ruth Cohen, beloved mother of Stuart Cohen - Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- *In memory of* Hanni Marx, beloved sister - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Harriette Levy, beloved mother of Fran Sachs - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Leonard Horwitz, beloved father of Don Horwitz - Michael and Debora Pinzur
- *In memory of* Mavel Josephson's beloved father - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Merle Mattenson, beloved husband - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Miriam Slosky - Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- *In memory of* Norman Chase - Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- *In memory of* Paul Chase - Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- *In memory of* Rosi Ruhstaedt, beloved aunt - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Shirley Dorf, beloved mother - Melvin and Roselynn Roseman
- *In memory of* Vellie Mesch, beloved mother - Nissah Mattenson

Minyan Service Fund

- *In memory of* Bernard Wolnak, beloved husband - Frances Wolnak
- *In memory of* Esther Serman, beloved mother - Leah Schwartz
- *In memory of* Hannah Bernbaum, beloved mother - Harry and Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Harold Stern, beloved father - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved brother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Irving M. Footlik, beloved father - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved father - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Marion Goodman, beloved mother - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In memory of* Raisa Frada Edidin, beloved grandmother - Fern Roseman
- *In memory of* Rose Smolensky, beloved mother - Ernie Smolen
- *In memory of* Ruth Hertz, beloved mother - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* Sylvia Farbman, beloved mother - Mark and Laura Lieberman
- *In memory of* Yeheziel Hakimian, beloved brother - Sidney and Batya Retsky
- *In memory of* Goldye Dunn, beloved mother - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *With appreciation for* a wonderful Seder! - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg
- *Wishing a speedy recovery to* Bobbi Tenner - Sharon and Bill Gertz

Music Fund

- *With appreciation* - Elise and Ira Frost

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Bryce Ethan Goldstein - Roland Del Cid
- *In memory of* Victor Gross, beloved grandfather of Seth Halpern - Lauri and Bruce Zessar

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* Amy Rubinoff's college graduation - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Danny Maletsky's high school graduation - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Megan Reingold's high school graduation - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Shoshana and Renee's B'nai Mitzah - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Matilda Kempner, may her memory be for a blessing - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the engagement of Orly Nussbaum - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- Jori and Leah Brajer

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Pinsof Children's Reading Room Fund

- *In memory of* Natalie Levy-Boshes - Renee Bearak

- *In memory of* Herbert Wolf - Maddy and Ken Simon

Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Maxine Simon's special birthday - Bruno and Ruth Fischer
- Joseph and Susan Ament

- *In honor of* Ron Goldberg's 60th birthday - Bruno and Ruth Fischer

- *In memory of* Albert and Sylvia Wishnick, beloved parents - Adrienne and Sanford Eckerling

- *In memory of* Corrine Baker, beloved wife - Leonard and Beverly Baker

- *In memory of* Dorothy and Benjamin Schneider, beloved parents and grandparents - Charlotte Tayne Avraham

- *In memory of* Fanny Resnick, beloved grandmother - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen

- *In memory of* Fay and Louis Dreebin, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin

- *In memory of* Florence Viker, beloved sister - Mildred Lidov

- *In memory of* Frank Marshall, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton

- *In memory of* Fred Hamilton, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton

- *In memory of* Larry Tayne, beloved husband, father and grandfather - Charlotte Tayne Avraham

- *In memory of* Leonard Horwitz, beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather of Don and Suzanne Horwitz and family - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg

- *In memory of* Leonard Weitz, beloved husband - Lynn Weitz

- *In memory of* Louis Radovsky, beloved father - Mildred Lidov

- *In memory of* Rabbi Lawrence H. Charney, beloved husband - Lillian Charney

- *In memory of* Sally Davis, beloved mother - Mildred Lidov

- *In memory of* Sally Lerner, beloved mother of Ken Levin - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg

- *In memory of* Suzanne Dreebin, beloved daughter - Harold and Reva Dreebin

- *In memory of* William Schero, beloved father - Ira and Elise Frost

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Barbara and Jack Blumberg's 55th wedding anniversary - Nancy Whitman

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

- *In memory of* Jacob A. Blumberg, beloved grandfather - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

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

Sherman Family Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Donald Jack Weintraub, beloved father of Lori Rabinowitz - Fran and Johnathan Sherman

Special Gifts Fund

- *In memory of* Ann Block, beloved mother - Frances Lee Zand and Pendri Shalem

- *In memory of* Pinhas "Pinky" Zaid, beloved husband - Pearl Zaid

- *With appreciation* - Chris and Gigi Carroll

- *With appreciation to* Sue Cohen and her family's hospitality - Joseph and Susan Adler

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In honor of* David Rosen's birthday - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *In honor of* Ron Goldberg's special birthday and friendship - Elise and Ira Frost

- *With appreciation to* Ali Drumm - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *With appreciation to* Marcie Eskin - Andrew and Gail Brown

Willard and Sally Aaron Camp
Ramah Endowment Fund

- With appreciation - Sally Aaron

Youth Community Fund

- In memory of Aaron Gordon, beloved father
of Gary Gordon - Karen and Michael Kesner
- In memory of Myron Hirsch, beloved father -
Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon

- With appreciation to Stacey Goldsmith, we
appreciate your kindness and compassion -
Geri Kaiserman

*Interested in Participating in our
High Holiday Services?*

Everyone is welcome!
We cannot promise to fulfill every request,
but your information will be sent to the
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Please fill out this form by September 1, and
mail it or drop it off to the Beth El office to the
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- Ashrei
- Torah Reading
- Hagbah
- Shofar



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September 2014 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	2 9:00am Pre-School Classes Begin 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	3	4 6:30pm Men's Club Steak & Scotch Dinner 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	5 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:58pm Candle Lighting	6 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Sylvia Miller 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:03pm Shabbat Ends
7 9:00am Sukkah City Film Screening & Resource Fair 9:00am Hebrew High School Classes and Cohen Religious School Begin	8 7:00pm Pre-School Orientation/Enrichment Meeting 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	9 6:15pm High Holiday Teen Aide Meeting	10	11 8:00pm Executive Committee	12 5:00pm Jeans & Jammies 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:46pm Candle Lighting	13 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:51pm Shabbat Ends
14 9:00am Maot Chitim Rosh Hashana Packing Day 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	15 7:00pm Mona Fishbane Event and Reception 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	16	17	18	19 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:34pm Candle Lighting	20 Selichot 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:39pm Shabbat Ends 9:30pm Selichot Reception 11:00pm Selichot Service
21 9:00am Maot Chitim Rosh Hashana Delivery Day 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains 7:45pm Sisterhood Author Event	22	23 8:00pm Board of Directors	24 Erev Rosh Hashana 6:00pm Erev Rosh Hashana Evening Services 6:25pm Candle Lighting	25 Rosh Hashana 1st Day 8:15am High Holiday Services 9:15am Pre-school Family Service 10:15am Children Services 4:00pm H.U.G.S. Tashlich 5:45pm Tashlich 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30pm Candle Lighting	26 Rosh Hashana 2nd Day 8:15am High Holiday Services 10:15am Children Services 10:15am Young Family Service 6:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:22pm Candle Lighting	27 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:27pm Shabbat Ends
28	29 8:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	30	Oct 1	Oct 2 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	Oct 3 Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur 7:15am Shacharit Service 5:50pm Mincha Service 6:05pm Kol Nidrei Service 6:10pm Candle Lighting	Oct 4 Yom Kippur/ Yizkor 9:00am Shacharit Service 9:45am Pre-school Family Service 10:45am Children's Services 4:45pm Mincha Service 6:00pm Neilah Service 7:15pm Yom Tov Ends

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August 2014 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:50pm Candle Lighting	2 9:00 am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:55pm Shabbat Ends
3	4 Erev Tisha B'Av 8:00pm Tisha B'Av Services	5 Tisha B'Av 6:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mincha 8:40pm Ma'ariv	6 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	7	8 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:42pm Candle Lighting	9 9:00 am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:47pm Shabbat Ends
10	11 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	12 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 2:00pm Afternoon at the Movies	13	14 8:00pm Executive Committee	15 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:32pm Candle Lighting	16 9:00 am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:37pm Shabbat Ends
17	18 8:00pm CLC Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	19	20 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	21	22 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Service 7:21pm Candle Lighting	23 9:00 am Summer Shabbat Services 7:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:26pm Shabbat Ends
24	25	26 7:00pm USY Welcome Back BBQ	27	28 Rosh Hodesh Elul 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	29 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10pm Candle Lighting	30 8:50 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Henry Hoffman 7:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:15pm Shabbat Ends
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Annual Sukkah Walk

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Hop on the Sukkah bus for our Annual Sukkah Walk which will take place this year on Sunday afternoon October 12th from 4:00–6:00 pm. The entire Beth El community is invited to participate in our delightful annual potluck event – this year for a late afternoon party! Enjoy the company of your family and friends as we visit sukkot in our community to socialize and eat delicious food. Parking will be available at the synagogue and a “Sukkah bus” will provide transportation between our sukkot. To sign up to bring a dish or make a donation to cover expenses, please contact chairperson Melissa Halperin at sukkahwalk@nssbethel.org.