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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.

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

From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab »



You Don't Have to Be an Angel

Rabbi David Wolpe points out that on Shabbat we often gather around the dinner table, put our arms around one other, and sing "Shalom Aleichem" – the song that greets the Shabbat angels. However, by the time we have finished the song, three minutes later, we conclude with "Tzaitchem L'shalom" – "go in peace", already asking them to leave. The poor angels must wonder why we do not wish them to stick around!

The Kotzker Rebbe gives us a clue to this conundrum through his comment on the verse in Exodus 22:31: "You shall be holy human beings to me." The Kotzker said that God has enough angels, what God needs is holy human beings. "Human beings are effortful and striving", Wolpe writes, "we fail and overcome". Thus, while angels can serve as role models in some ways, what God wants are beings of this world, fallible, yes, but capable of self-improvement.

Thus, as Rabbi Soloveitchik wrote, we usher the angels out so quickly because human beings cannot live the life of angels. They are simply visitors in our world, their appearance made possible by the perfection of Shabbat. By contrast, one of our missions, as humans, is to understand that *no one* is perfect, including ourselves. As Wolpe puts it, "We are cracked and fissured and flawed, and need forgiveness. Together around the Shabbat table, we are delighted to welcome and entertain the angels – but not for too long". They are there for inspiration and to communicate the nearness of God. However once they are gone, as Rabbi Wolpe wrote, we then "need to eat and argue and forgive – and love." We need to live in the world God created for us, doing our best to apply our values, represented by our laws and the great texts of our tradition, to our everyday imperfect lives.

This message is a wonderful one as we usher in the High Holiday season. During this Hebrew month of Elul we are asked to spiritually prepare ourselves for the gift of another year. We are asked to practice the art of introspection and to attempt, *teshuvah* – repentance – an act of self-improvement grounded in our values as Jews. To help us we can use this lesson about *Shalom Aleichem* to remind us that we are not judging ourselves, nor is God judging us, by the standard of perfection. We are not angels and God does not want us to be them. Rather, God desperately wants us to be humans – fallible beings capable of miraculous *teshuvah* – whom our Torah tells us are made in God's image. Thus, we learn that we should not be overwhelmed at this time of year by possible perceived unrealistic expectations we may assume our tradition has that we be angelic, for that would be both discouraging and false. At the same time, we *should* be inspired to understand that our existence as humans is valued by God and is deemed sacred by our Torah. Thus while perfection is not expected, improvement and sacred living is. Our judgment is not measured by the standards of angels but by the standards of human beings, living in a world created by God.
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» From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab

You Don't Have to Be an Angel *(continued from page 1)*

Therefore we must ask ourselves now, "What can we do this year to become 'better' people?" "What commitment can we strive to make to improve our connection to God, Judaism and family?" "What are we able to do to address the effects of our shortcomings in the past years?" These are the questions on which humans should dwell.

Angels are honored visitors and admired messengers of God. Yet, they are not of this world. Human beings are what we need to be; the very best versions of ourselves that we can muster. With the aids of Jewish tradition, wisdom and law, we have the tools to be the partners God has always craved. *Ken Yehi Ratzon* – May it be God's will! Shanah Tovah!

Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00 am

Services are conducted by:
Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,
Rabbi Michael Schwab,
Hazzan Benjamin A. Tisser

Every Shabbat

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with children 1st grade and younger

11:00am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd-5th grade

AUGUST

Shabbat, August 1

Shabbat Najamu
Parashat Va'et-hannan
Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

Shabbat, August 8

Parashat Emor
Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Shabbat, August 15

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh
Parashat Re'eh
Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24, 23

Shabbat, August 22

Parashat Shofetim
Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Shabbat, August 29

Parashat Ki Tetse
Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

SEPTEMBER

Shabbat, September 5 Selihot

Parashat Ki Tavo
Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Shabbat, September 12

Parashat Nitsavim
Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Shabbat, September 19

Shabbat Shuvah
Parashat Vayelekh
Torah: Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20

Shabbat, September 26

Parashat Ha'azinu
Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51

We wish to thank the following members, guests and groups for sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush:

- Rachel and Marc Dorfman
- Marcy and Robert Freeman
- Ronni and James Graff
- Joan and Burton Grant
- Beth and Jordan Grey
- Jaimy and Jeffrey Hamburg
- HAZAK Senior Life Committee
- Barbara and David Hoffman
- Leslie and Stuart Kaufman
- Jennifer and Alan Levine
- Nancy and Arnold Levinson
- JoEllen and Robert Lidov
- Karen and Michael Kesner
- North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood
- North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club
- Devorah and Marc Richards
- Tamara and Kevin Rosner
- Carol and Robert Ruderman
- Andrea and Kenneth Saffir
- Esther and Guy Steinberg
- Karen and Jason Sussman
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wolin
- Cindy and Ned Zallik

» President's Corner *by Richard Schlosberg*

Our community is experiencing some major changes this year and it is exciting! For one, our Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School is offering a new dynamic educational pathway for all of our students. Following extensive evaluation and planning, a revamped curriculum and weekly schedule that reflects the interests, time constraints and increased family engagement is being offered. Supporting technology advances are also to be part of Beth El's new educational offerings. Please contact Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education, or a Board of Education member for more details.

A second transformational change, of course, in our community is the introduction and welcome to our special community to Hazzan Ben Tisser, his wife Sarah and his two young children. Mark Mosk has led a group of congregants who have worked very hard to ease the transition for the Tisser family. Hazzan Tisser will be on the bimah as service leader (shaliach tzibur) on August 8 and each Shabbat thereafter. For those who haven't met Ben, Sarah, Talia and Ethan, please work through Mark Mosk and do help us help them become comfortable in our part of the North Shore. Hazzan Tisser will be responsible for numerous activities in addition to davening Shacharit, the Torah service and Musaf each Shabbat. He will lead services on the Hagim throughout the year, oversee our bar/bat mitzvah tutoring, teach at various levels in our schools, create musical programs, and much more. As has been said, Hazzan Tisser's success is North Suburban Synagogue Beth El's success. We welcome Hazzan Tisser and wish him the best as our community's new Hazzan.

There are other major initiatives underway and these will be discussed in future notes to the congregation. I do wish to share a bit about my pre-installation time. Just at the end of April I attended the Sulam Leadership for Presidents workshop sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The session ran from Thursday afternoon until noon on Sunday in Palatine. In some ways it was a "home game" as Beth El provided the Torah scroll used for Shabbat and Chuck Kahalnik provided all of the meals throughout the event. I joined fifteen other recently installed or about to be installed presidents from conservative congregations around North America including Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, California and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in Canada. Two of the attendees, Larry Grossman and Joseph Kulakofsky, are related to Beth El members. (Can you name the Beth El members?)

For me the significant learning from the session is that Beth El does many things right! As one example, when attendees read our Mission Statement, they got a clear picture of who we are, our priorities and our approach. Our educational structure is exemplary. There are many other examples, but it is also true that each administration at Beth El faces challenges and opportunities. So, if you can, please step up and help us meet our various challenges and capitalize on our many opportunities.

Wishing you a peaceful and pleasant rest of summer and an early L'Shana Tova.

2015/5776

High Holiday Service Schedule

Selichot Evening**

Saturday, September 5, 2015

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

Erev Rosh Hashana**

Sunday, September 13, 2015

6:00pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:45pm.....Candle Lighting

First Day Rosh Hashana

Monday, September 14, 2015

*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
**9:15 am.....Preschool Family Service
*10:15 am.....Children's Services
**5:00 pm.....H.U.G.S. Tashlich
**6:00 pm.....Tashlich led by Teen Minyan
**6:30 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
7:50 pm.....Candle Lighting

Second Day Rosh Hashana

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
**10:15 am.....Children's Services
**10:15 am.....Young Family Service
**6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:51 pm.....Yom Tov Ends

Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

*6:00 pm.....Mincha Service
*6:15 pm.....Kol Nidre Service
6:29 pm.....Candle Lighting

Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

*9:00 am.....Shacharit Service
**9:45 am.....Preschool Family Service
*10:45 am.....Children's Services
*4:50 pm.....Mincha Service
*6:10 pm.....Neilah Service
7:34 pm.....Yom Kippur Ends

**At Beth El and Highland Park High School*

**** At Beth El ONLY**

It's All in the Beth El Family



We Welcome the Following New Members

- Aryeh and Talia Derman and their daughter, Lila
- Lawrence Dolins
- Sarah Fischel
- David Kaltman
- Richard and Diane Margolin and their children, Max, Talia, and Shoshana
- Boris and Selena Pestine
- Jason and Robbyn Ratskoff and their children, Charli, Cooper, and Jocelyn
- Rachel Sher
- Stephen and Judy Smiley

Congratulations To

- Jan and Brian Channon on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Zachary Miller
- Deborah and Rabbi Charles Dobrusin on the birth of their grandson
- Judy and Gerry Farby on the birth of their granddaughter, Alyssa Jade Farby
- Ruth and Bruno Fischer on the birth of their twin great-grandsons, Benjamin and Jacob
- Yael and Philip Frankel on the birth of their son
- Marcy and Robert Freeman on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary
- Nina and Mark Gaines on the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to David Friedman
- Debra and Gary Goldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Rae Goldman
- Debra and H. Steven Graham on the birth of their grandson, Griffin Fox
- Joan and Burton Grant on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
- Beth and Jordan Grey on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary
- Jordana and Jared Greenberg on the birth of their son
- Barbara and David Hoffman on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
- Nancy and Arnold Levinson on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Scottie Ava Fleisher
- Michelle and Paul Pessis on the birth of their two granddaughters
- Betty and Dr. Irving Rozenfeld on the birth of their great-grandson and great-granddaughter
- Mally and Alan Rutkoff on the birth of their grandson
- Carol and Robert Ruderman on the forthcoming marriage of their son, Scott, to Kristina Harris
- Scott Ruderman and Kristina Harris on their forthcoming marriage
- Andrea and Kenneth Saffir on the forthcoming marriage of their son, Zeev, to Nikki Kopelson
- Marsha and Robert Weinstein on the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to James Wigoda
- Lynn Weitz on the birth of her grandson, Leo Weitz Barron
- Cindy and Ned Zallik on the marriage of their daughter, Arianna, to Ryan Wolin

Condolences To

- Susan Adler on the loss of her mother, Magda Berger
- Greg Apter on the loss of his father, David Apter
- Bruce Cowans on the loss of his father, Daniel Cowans
- Bernard Ebstein on the loss of his wife, Rozlyn Ebstein
- David Feldman on the loss of his father, Jerome Feldman
- Pablo (Alicia) Gejman on the loss of his mother, Elena Korenstein
- Sharon Gertz on the loss of her brother, Lester Fink
- Jeffrey Goldsmith on the loss of his father, Marvin Goldsmith
- Roberta Goodman on the loss of her mother, Marcia Wilensky
- Marilyn Greenberg on the loss of her mother, Beatrice Moskowitz
- Mitchell Kalter on the loss of his father, Mark Kalter
- Nancy Green Levinson on the loss of her mother, Martha Stern Green
- Richard Long on the loss of his mother, Rhoda Long
- Jeanette Massey on the loss of her sister, Evelyn Massey
- Patricia Green Shaprio on the loss of her mother, Martha Stern Green
- Kurt Silberstein on the loss of his mother, Lillian Silberstein

In Memoriam

- Rozlyn Ebstein
- Renee Hillman
- Edna Shepard

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

August – Av/Elul 5775



Jacob Silvers,
son of Kathryn and
Josh Silvers
Shabbat, August 15

September – Elul 5775/ Tishrei 5776



Jacob Putzel,
son of Nicole and
Steve Putzel
Shabbat, September 26



Sophie Wolle,
daughter of Jacqueline
and David Wolle
Shabbat, August 22

2015/5776 Festival Service Schedule

Erev Sukkot
Sunday, September 27
8:45 am.....Morning Service
6:20 pm.....Candle Lighting
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv Service

Sukkot First Day
Monday, September 28
8:50 am.....Festival Service
10:00 am.....Sukkot Pray and Play
12:30 pm.....Sukkah Walk
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:25 pm.....Candle Lighting

Sukkot Second Day
Tuesday, September 29
8:50 am.....Festival Service
6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:24 pm.....Yom Tov Ends

Hoshanah Rabbah/
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Sunday, October 4
8:45 am.....Morning Service
6:09 pm.....Candle Lighting
6:15 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

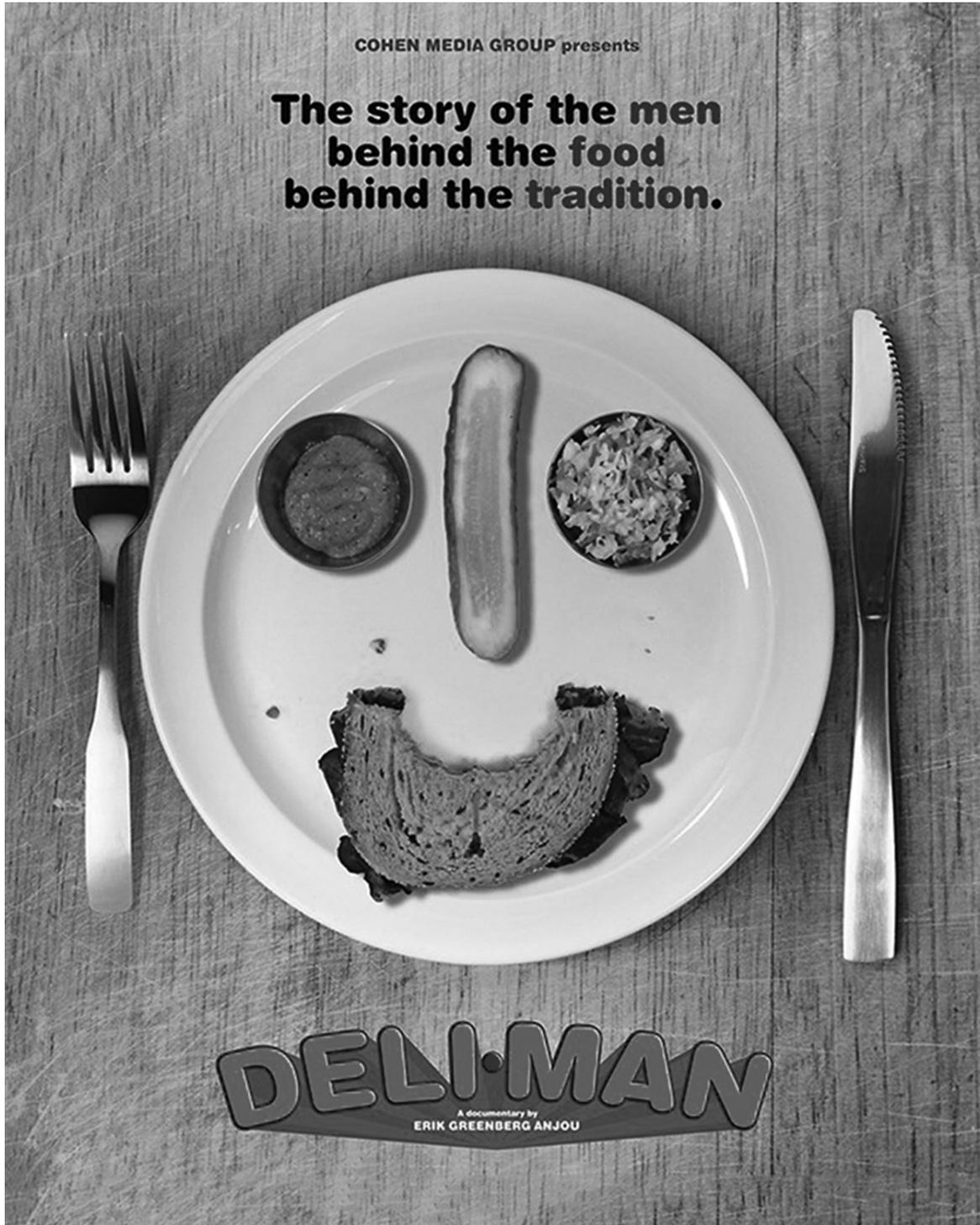


Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor/
Erev Simchat Torah
Monday, October 5
6:30 am.....Early Morning Service
8:50 am.....Festival Service
6:15 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv Service
7:14 pm.....Candle Lighting
7:00 pm.....Family Hakafot Service
9:00 pm.....Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 6
8:50 am.....Festival Service
10:00 am.....Hakafot Service
11:00 am.....Simchat Torah Pray and Play
6:15 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:13 pm.....Yom Tov Ends

» Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

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 12 and August 26, 2015 and will continue in the fall. 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.



Afternoon @ The Movies

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the Hazak Senior Life Committee will host a special screening of *Deli Man: The Movie* on **Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 2:00pm**. This freshly made documentary by Erik Greenberg Anjou tells the story of more than 160 years of tradition served up by the Jewish deli owners, operators and fanatics who are keeping hot pastrami hot – and a culinary must. *Deli Man* visits meccas like the Carnegie, Katz's, 2nd Avenue Deli, Nate 'n Al and Langer's, and interviews some of the great mavens, comedians and connoisseurs of deli including Jerry Stiller, Alan Dershowitz, Freddie Klein, Dennis Howard and Larry King. A light "deli nosh" will be served after the film for \$5/person. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

Torah Fund Book Club

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will kick-off our 7th season on **Saturday, October 3**, after Shabbat Kiddush. Book selections will be announced soon. All book club participants are asked to make a minimum \$36 annual contribution to the Sisterhood Torah Fund.

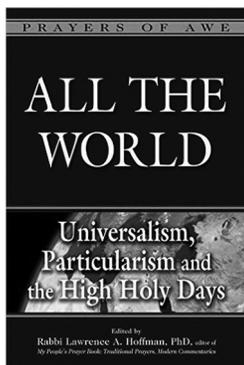
In 2014–2015, 57 people participated in the book club including 15 new attendees. Also, three women were recognized for perfect attendance: Felicia Gross, Sulie Holt, and Pearl Zaid. The complete 2015–2016 book club calendar will be available in August. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org to be added to the e-mail list.

Used Book Sale

Save the date: The NSS Beth El Annual Used Book Sale will be February 18–28, 2016. Due to storage issues, we cannot accept donations before January 31st. Please plan to drop off your donations between January 31–February 17, 2016. Donations received before January 31 may be discarded.

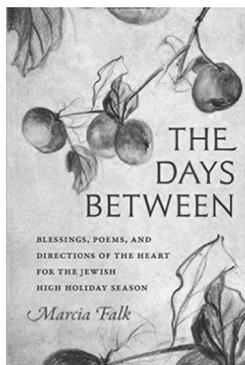


Enrich Your Holidays with a New Book from the Maxwell Abbell Library



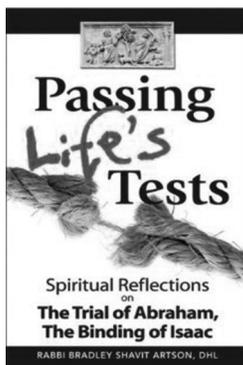
All the World: Universalism and Particularism and the High Holy Days edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman (240.2)

Why be Jewish? A fascinating dialogue across denominations of the High Holy Days and their message of Jewish purpose beyond mere survival.



The Days Between: Blessings, Poems, and Directions of the Heart for the Jewish High Holiday Season by Marcia Falk (217.1)

Marcia Falk has captured the essence of our ten Holiest Days – a journey from reflection to renewal to resolve. Her exquisite poetry and prayer will speak to the contemporary seeker looking for language that opens the heart and soul.



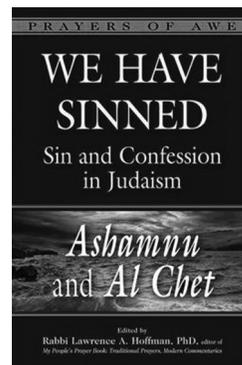
Passing Life's Tests: Spiritual Reflections on the Trial of Abraham, the Binding of Isaac by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson (222.1)

Rabbi Brad Artson, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University, draws on generations of Jewish sages, philosophers and scholars to explore the biblical story of Abraham's sacrifice of his son, Isaac, read each year on Rosh Hashana.



Return: Daily Inspiration for the Days of Awe by Erica Brown (240.2)

Offers biblical or rabbinic themed essays, passages for textual study, and practical exercises of self-improvement that can empower Jews of all backgrounds to connect to the Days of Awe.



We Have Sinned: Sin and Confession in Judaism – Ashamnu and Al Chet edited by Lawrence A. Hoffman (240.2)

This third volume in the "Prayers of Awe" series turns to a varied and fascinating look at sin, confession and pardon in Judaism, as suggested by the centrality of these two prayers that people know so well but understand so little.

» NSS Beth El Staff

For many months the thought of moving to Highland Park has been but a fantasy, and now, several weeks after our arrival, I still walk into the synagogue each morning for minyan overjoyed by the realization that we are finally here at Beth El. And although summers in the synagogue world tend to be “quieter” times of the year, there is much going on in the offices and I know that the year ahead will be a great one for us all!

Over these first few weeks since my arrival we have already begun to share many moments along the spectrum of life’s journey – the deaths of beloved members of the community, Auf Ruffen of children raised in these halls, and the births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is such a blessing for a congregation to include so many multi-generational families.

In the coming days and weeks I look forward to meeting many of you at daily minyan and Shabbat services, and at the wonderful programs and learning opportunities we offer. I am particularly looking forward to the High Holy Days, during which time I will be joined by our Beth El choir and some special youth soloists in the main sanctuary as together we join in our communal voice in meaningful and beautiful prayer.

In the interim, my door is open to you all and I look forward to the opportunity to meet you individually. If you have a particular desire to participate in the musical life of the

congregation – be it singing, playing an instrument, volunteering to help with special projects, or in any other way – please let me know by writing me at: btisser@nssbethel.org. Please also watch synagogue emails for special events over the course of the year at which we’ll have the opportunity to get to know each other.

Very special thanks to Lisa Rosenkranz, Richard Schlosberg and their Board of Directors; David Shapiro, Larry Pachter, and Mark Mosk and their respective committees; and North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood and North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men’s Club for making us feel welcomed and to all those who were involved both in the process of the past few months and or our transition into the community. A special thank you to Seth Pines, Chuck Kahalnik and Costica for their help in preparing our new home and my office.

My wife, Sarah, and our children, Talia and Ethan, share my joy in being part of the Beth El family. Our daughter, Talia, is already having great fun at the Stenberg Pre-school summer camp. We look forward to many good years together, may they only be for simchas.

B’shalom

Hazzan Ben Tisser

In addition to welcoming Hazzan Ben Tisser to the staff this summer, we also welcomed Abe Rotbart, who is our new Chief Financial Officer.

The NSSBE staff has been very busy over the summer, furthering their careers and continuing their professional activities:

- Rabbi Vernon Kurtz traveled to Israel for meetings of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel and meetings of the board of the Jewish People Policy Institute. He is traveling to New York for meetings of the American Zionist Movement delegation which he will lead to the Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem in October.
- Rabbi Schwab escorted a Beth El Delegation to Ramah Family Camp and attended the AIPAC Rabbinic Symposium.
- Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education, attended a one-day educational summer conference in Milwaukee and participated in a number of webinars (Etgar Yesodi and PrayerTech). She also is teaching at BJE School Kickstart.
- Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education, attended the Jewish Educators Assembly (JEA) Summer Board Retreat where she liaised with colleagues from the national JEA Board and worked to plan for the JEA Midwest Region as she begins her stint as Regional President. She is also involved in the Moving Traditions training for their programs Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing! and Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood, a program for teenage boys.
- Rachel Kamin, Director of the Gray Cultural & Learning Center, attended the Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Silver Spring, MD in June. She moderated a panel discussion on “Writing an Excellent Book Review” with Alan Cheuse (National Public Radio), Michael Dirda (Washington Post), Elissa Gershowitz (Horn Book), Michal Malen (Jewish Book World), and Lisa Silverman (Los Angeles Jewish Journal). She also presented “What Are We Reading? The Latest and Greatest in Jewish Fiction for Adults” with Lisa Silverman from Temple Sinai (Los Angeles, CA) and Ellen Tilman from Congregation Kenneseth Israel (Elkins Park, PA).
- Marcie Eskin, Librarian/Informal Education Coordinator, also attended the Conference and served as the Conference Registrar.
- Nancy Kekst, Director of Development published garden photos in Chicagoland Gardening Magazine, wrote an article on Transitioning to Middle School for Your Teen Magazine, and trained as a peer counselor for Sharsharet.org, an organization which supports Jewish women with Breast Cancer.

Did you know.....

The Chesed Dues Program is an ongoing program designed to help maintain membership dues for those members in need who cannot afford to pay full dues. The prime opportunity to donate is summer and early fall when members pay annual dues. Your statement includes 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 when you are renewing your membership. When you pay your dues statement, if you can, please voluntarily increase the amount of dues you pay to a level that reflects your ability to further support our NSSBE community. You may also log into your synagogue account on the NSSBE website and make a Chesed donation online!

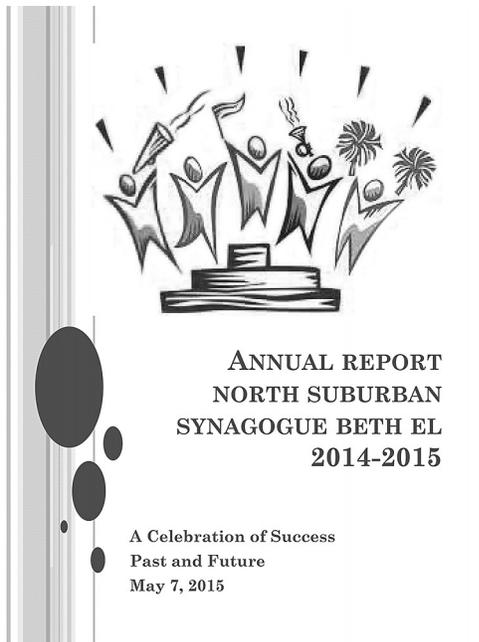
As always, gifts of \$250 and above will be recognized on the Chesed Dues plaque in the Mae and Mark Spitz Sanctuary Gallery and in the Bulletin in categories as follows:

- 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 Director of Development 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

We honor those congregants who have renewed or stepped up to a B'Yachad commitment for 2015-2016 (as of June 30, 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.

Harriet Bernbaum	Barbara and Stuart Hochwert
Eve and Richard Biller	Karen and Michael Kesner
Gil Bogen	Sari and Mitch Kovitz
Gail and Andrew Brown	Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall
Bernice and Benjamin Cohen	Andy and Kenneth Saffir
Shelly and Leonard Foxman	Lynne and Skip Schraye
Penny and Jeffrey Hecktman	Karyn and Bill Silverstein
Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon	Sheri and Sherwin Zuckerman

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.



Did you know.....

We published our first Annual Report in May, 2015 for the 2014-2015 Synagogue Year. To view a copy, go to this link: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/30c31bb7001/5b16b961-6bec-4b03-964c-5b5492786df6.pdf>.

Please note we have made two important corrections to the original document, and we apologize for any other errors and/or omissions:

- We are very grateful for the generous contributions made to the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School by B'Yachad Donors Bernice and Benjamin Cohen
- Thank you to Kol Nidre Appeal Donors Erica and Zachary Lindon who donated at the \$1000 to \$1799 level.

Ways to Support NSSBE

In the present:

Chesed Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal; Tickets, Ads, Donations or Auction Items for our Annual Fundraiser; Memorial Book, Memorial Plaques, Yahrzeit Donations, Donations to our many funds in honor of or in memory of someone; Sponsor a kiddush, seudah shlisheet or breakfast; Purchase a bookplate for a library or prayer book; Capital or building gifts, or Support for schools and programs.

For the future:

Join the Ner Tamid Society – make a legacy gift in your will or estate, donate to an unrestricted endowment, or create a named endowment fund to support a specific initiative.

Did you know.....

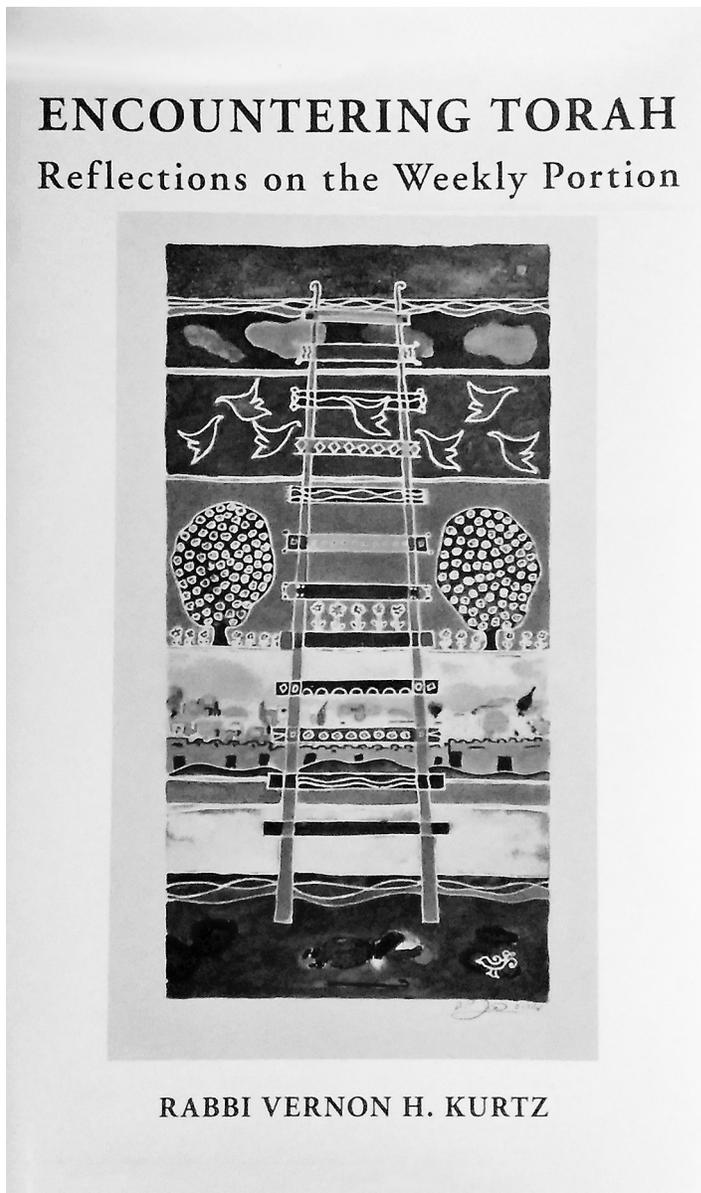
We continue to invest funds raised by Rabbi Kurtz's Sermon Book Fundraiser to enhance our educational offerings.

In 2012/2013 we celebrated both the 65th anniversary of the founding of the synagogue and 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 much needed funds support current and new education initiatives and scholarships at Beth El. Education is one of Rabbi Kurtz's passions, a core value of Judaism and NSSBE. The monies raised are carefully and wisely distributed to enhance our educational programs.

In our second year of distribution from this fund more than \$43,000 was awarded for internal grants to support such initiatives as summer tutoring for the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, extra tutoring for special needs students, and a summer trimester of Continuing Education Programs. In addition, the funds enabled our funding exceptional speakers and programs including a weekend of study with Rabbi David Ebstein and special movies such as *Roadmap Genesis*. 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 Vice Presidents of Education and the President.

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



Did you know.....

It's time to list names in the NSS BETH EL Memorial Book for High Holidays 2015.

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 \$36.00 for the first name to be listed in the Memorial Book and \$18 for each additional 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. If you have questions, please contact Elise Kline at 847-432-8900 or email her at ekline@nssbethel.org.

» The Development Office *by Nancy Kekst*

Did you know.....

We earned a \$10,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund by meeting our goal in the first year of the Creating Jewish Legacy Program and increasing our Ner Tamid Society.

The Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, so too do Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing for the financial security of the Synagogue, the center of Jewish life.

Since our kickoff in summer, 2014, we have added 22 new members to the Ner Tamid Society, joining our cadre of original members. Under the terms of the Create a Jewish Legacy–Chicago, we have met our goal for the first year of the two year program and earned a \$10,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund!

We are grateful to our Ner Tamid members and invite every congregant to leave your own Legacy by joining our Ner Tamid Society. Ner Tamid Society members will be honored in a variety of ways, with invitations to special recognition events, acknowledgement in the Beth El bulletin and inclusion on a new donor wall. Requests for anonymity will be honored.

To become a member of the Ner Tamid Society, or if you have already made arrangements for a Legacy gift and would like to inform us, or for more information about including Beth El in your estate plan, please contact Nancy Kekst, Director of Development, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Did you know.....

We continue our tradition of a **Kol Nidre Appeal**. At the High Holiday season each fall our thoughts turn to tzedakah and kehillah. As we worship together on Yom Kippur, the power of community is alive at NSS Beth El. At that time, we reflect upon the importance our synagogue 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 **Each One of Us, 365 Days a Year**, and how every person is impacted by the programs and services our shul provides. There is something at Beth El for everyone. The more one engages, the richer the experience.

At Yom Kippur, our tradition is to raise revenue to maintain the vital programs and services we provide to our members. This is what the Kol Nidre Appeal is about, and we seek full participation from our members in order to support our synagogues' needs and meet our financial obligations. Dues only cover less than 50% of our annual operating budget. The remainder comes from programs, endowments and your donations. In the last four years while approximately 20% of our membership is on reduced dues due to financial hardship, scholarship assistance for our religious schools has increased 150%. It is indeed your help that provides the difference.



L to R: Steven Nasatir, President of Jewish Community Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Nancy Kekst, NSSBE Director of Development; Andrew Brown, NSSBE Past President; and Arlene Schiff, Director of the Life and Legacy Program



NSSBE Congregants: Jane Lederman, Lay Chair of the JUF Life and Legacy Program; Andrew Brown, Past President; David Rosen, Senior Vice President, Endowment for JUF and Nancy Kekst, NSSBE Director of Development.

Our tradition teaches us to give to the extent of our ability (something, anything – no matter how big or small) to help North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Yasher Kochachem to the more than 600 families who made a donation to last year's Kol Nidre Appeal. May we see that number increase this year. You may log into your synagogue account on the NSSBE website and make a Kol Nidre donation online!

If you are interested in leaving a planned gift to the synagogue, the Kol Nidre card includes a tab to turn down. Members who have honored us with an estate gift are a part of our Ner Tamid Society. The Ner Tamid Society is a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans.



Are you getting enough air? Breathing life into Jewish education for adults.

There is a joke about education that it's like oxygen on an airplane, we must put it on ourselves before we can help put it on our children. Too often when we speak about Jewish education we mean education for children, and sometimes the material is indeed presented peditrically, or we as adults are relying on the presentation of Judaism that we remember from when we are young. However, NSS Beth El has a long history of taking adult education seriously. In Pirkei Avot (the Wisdom of Our Tradition) Chapter 5, a rabbi named Ben Bag Bag used to say, "Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it. Reflect on it and grow old and gray with it. Don't turn from it, for nothing is better than it." We return to the same Torah year after year because although the text has not changed, we have significantly changed in how we explore and relate to it. Our life experience will bring new insight and new understanding to the same phrases we have perhaps explored before.

As far back as 1948, Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan made the compelling plea that "our main concern in popularizing adult Jewish study should be to make it relevant and vital to present realities. We cannot create a demand for Jewish knowledge unless we are prepared to help the Jew find some meaning in the events in which he plays a part and to cope with the problems that beset him as a Jew." The language may feel a little stilted but the message feels very modern – adult Jewish education has to draw not only on our history and tradition but the very relevant experiences of professional and savvy adults who are leaders in their fields and homes. Our own congregant and important Jewish educator, Betsy Dolgin Katz, in her book *Reinventing Adult Jewish Learning*, emphasizes that "Jews do not have to choose between the values of the American mainstream and Jewish values and ways of living. Pursuing meaning, spirituality, and community is compatible with being an American and with being a Jew." We need to find ways to examine Judaism for

ourselves in all its richness – texts, politics, cooking, art, film, music, sports, Israeli culture and the State of Israel itself.

I like to give the example of the Hanukkah story – there are only some things that can be understood as a child – gelt, dreidels, candles, and a Maccabean victory over....somebody. Pride in Judaism and family celebration. If you never go back and study the texts with adult understanding, you will only know that much. You will miss out on the subtlety of the Jewish communal politics at that time and the transformation of a national celebration into a religious one by the rabbis. You will miss Jewish women who were heroes in the Hanukkah story and in a way, your relationship to Judaism will stay at a beautiful, but childlike understanding. I want to encourage you to think about enriching your own Jewish life by taking an adult education class this year. The course brochure in this bulletin is only the start of adult education offerings. Throughout the year, the Gertude Lederman Continuing Education department and the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center produce courses, events, and speakers who can help make your adult experience of Judaism more vibrant and meaningful.

I am excited about some of our course offerings planned for the coming year – some detailed in this brochure and others with details to come. Please take a moment to think about what would most enrich your Jewish experience and consider taking a course from our program. If you know what you want but don't see it offered, don't hesitate to contact me at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126 and share your thoughts. Together we will grow and learn so that we can live up to the ideal stated in the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel to foster "reverence for learning and the learning of reverence."



Annual Sukkah Walk

Monday, September 28, 2015

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

A New Administration for Men's Club

On Sunday, June 7th, Rabbi Kurtz, in his own inimitable way, "uninstalled" the current officers and then installed the new officers. About 50 Men's Club members and their families gathered that Sunday morning to enjoy breakfast and to witness the ceremony. Rabbi Kurtz praised the outgoing officers and Board for their accomplishments the past two years in programming and dramatically increasing membership in the Men's Club.

The new officers were then installed with the charge that the next two years would find the scope of the Men's Club roles, activities and contributions expanded, including a much closer alliance and active partnering with Beth El's Sisterhood, and corresponding scheduling of many combined activities and celebrations. Keep a watchful eye on Beth El's calendar for these exciting events.

The new officers that were installed are: Aaron Krumbein, President; Gordon Schwartz, Vice President Membership; Mark Mosk, Vice President Communication; Al Simons, Vice President Fund Raising; Marc Richards, Treasurer; and Rick Small, Recording Secretary. In addition, Ron Goldberg, Leon Gotlieb, Michael Ezgur, Barry Kravitz, and all past Presidents will serve on the Board of Directors.

The new President, Aaron Krumbein, then spoke, accepting the charge and challenges set forth by Rabbi Kurtz. He said that he was honored to be elected to the position, and he promised to do his utmost to bring our Men's Club to new levels of accomplishment and involvement. All in attendance gave a "Yasher Koach" to the newly elected Officers and Board.

Summer Picnic & BBQ Bash with Sisterhood

Thursday, August 13

The first of many joint Men's Club and Sisterhood social events is scheduled to take place on Thursday evening, August 13, 2015, at approximately 6:45pm. The evening promises perfect weather as all members of Men's Club and Sisterhood, their children, grandchildren, and all other family members and friends, gather to celebrate the Chicago summer with a sumptuous BBQ at the recently renovated Tea House in Beth El's magnificent lakeside backyard. Enjoy hor d'oeuvres, drinks, a delicious meal, dessert, and more. Meet new friends and connect with old friends, and share food, drink and laughter together with all at this relaxed and casual evening affair. For more information, contact Jodie Mosk at jpmosk@gmail.com or Jeffrey Goldsmith at jbg724@gmail.com.

Scotch and Steak Night

Thursday, August 27

The Men's Club annual Scotch and Steak Night will take place on Thursday evening, August 27, 2015, at approximately 7:45pm, right after evening minyan. A wide variety of quality scotch and bourbon libations will be available for your enjoyment. The meal will include appetizers, mouth-watering entrees, and tasty dessert. This traditionally has been a very well-attended event. So mark the date in your calendar, and plan to join us for this fun evening, filled with food, festivity and friends.

Sunday Mornings "Bagels for Your Brains"

The very successful Sunday morning program, Bagels for Your Brains, will resume in fall 2015. A host of different speakers will share fascinating and important information, on various relevant topics of interest, over the course of the year. The Bagels for Your Brains program begins right after the Sunday morning minyan, so do join us for both. Watch for announcements of the start of this program as summer begins winding down.



Day Camp Stipend Applications

Men's Club is offering a stipend to children of Men's Club members to attend an area day camp that is sponsored by a Jewish Organization next summer. Stipends will be awarded on a first come – first serve basis, so don't wait to the last minute to submit your application. For more information or to request an application, contact Rob Freeman at rob.nssbethel@gmail.com.

Women of Beth El, We Give Each Other the Power to Do More!

Sisterhood isn't one thing. It's a million things...including you. We are an intricate part of NSS Beth El's tradition and a proud arm of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the largest synagogue-based women's organization in the world. We provide an opportunity for women of all ages to learn, to enhance Jewish observance, to participate in social action programs and to be a part of our Jewish community.

Join us today to link into some fabulous social events, dial into life-long friendships, search for your inner leadership skills, discuss relevant issues locally, nationally and internationally, and support our synagogue, religious schools and community. Take a look at what we are planning for this year. I hope these programs are as exciting to you as they are to me, and will motivate you to join our growing membership.

Rachel Ferber, President

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.

In an effort to simplify paying dues, Sisterhood dues is listed on your NSS Beth El invoice, among the voluntary payments. If you have asked that "voluntaries" be removed from your NSSBE bill, you have a few options: 1) call Vicky Kaplan 847-432-8900 ext 233 and ask her to add Sisterhood to your invoice, 2) mail a check for \$40, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood, to Karen Weiss, 1688 Green Bay Rd #103, HP 60035, or 3) put your membership check in the Sisterhood mail drawer at the synagogue, in an envelope addressed to Karen Weiss.

If you would like to pay senior dues (\$25 for those 65+), follow either option #2 or #3 above. Questions regarding dues, contact Karen Weiss at 847-432-3818 or kbweiss1023@gmail.com.

Leagrams

Leagrams is Sisterhood's way to share in the joy of a birthday or anniversary by sending letters of Mazel 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.

My name is (please print): _____ My birthday is: _____

My husband's name is: _____ Our anniversary is: _____

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, HP 60035. Attn: Leagrams.

Women's League Notes...



Did You Know – Our North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood is part of Women's League?

This means our Sisterhood is part of the ultimate network: thousands of individual members and hundreds of sisterhoods nationally and internationally. Women's League (WL) is the voice of the women of the Conservative Movement, representing our membership at a wide array of national, international, religious, and social action organizations.

Sisterhoods affiliated with WL are organized into 13 local regions; these are vital links in the network. Think back to your days in a youth group or sorority. Remember how it felt to make connections with others in your area, region, or nationally. You were able to share ideas, network, and then return home and act on them. Our sisterhood is the same. We are in the Central Great Lakes Region, made up of 41 Sisterhoods across 7 states.

The women of our Sisterhood are links in WL's vital and dynamic network:

**Empowering Jewish Women
Enhancing Jewish Life
Supporting Jewish Education**

Through Sisterhood and WL, we give each other the power to do more. This Rosh Hashana, renew your membership or, if you haven't joined before, become a new member. Revitalize your commitment to your community – join us on our journey! For membership information contact Barbara Hochwert: Barbara.hochwert@gmail.com; for WL information contact Pam Schlosberg: pschlosberg@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Sisterhood Programs and Events

Kosher Cooking Series

Our Kosher cooking series continues with Chef Laura Frankel on August 5th, at 12:30pm at Dena Cooperman's house (contact Dena for address, denarscooperman@yahoo.net or 847-266-1218). Laura will fire up the grill and teach us how to use it to its fullest, including throwing some of your favorite fruits and vegetables onto it.

Rosh Hashana Honey and New Year Cards

Let Sisterhood help you send sweet greetings for the New Year with either a Honey Gift Box or Rosh Hashana Greeting card. Please complete the order form you recently received and mail it to Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith, 1092 Princeton Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035 or eyerishmar@comcast.net. Orders must be received by August 21. Your continued support of this program enables us to continue to provide financial support to NSS Beth El's religious school programs.

Torah Fund Classes

Torah Fund classes begin the week of October 13.

Guest Speaker

Chicago Sun Times columnist, Neil Steinberg, will be our opening speaker on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00am. Join us for coffee and to meet the author.

Lunch and Learn Series

Our Lunch and Learn series is returning beginning Tuesday, November 3 at Noon, when we present *Not in Our Backyard: Understanding Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community*, presented by SHALVA.

Breakfast with Rabbi Schwab

Monday, November 9

Sisterhood Shabbat

December 12

Evening Events with Men's Club

Several Saturday evening events with Men's Club are planned: November 21, January 16, and February 6.

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

Some of our Favorite Things.....to Help you Prepare for the New Year!

Every year we look forward to Rosh Hashana and new beginnings! It's a great time of year.

In preparation for our Gift Shop's re-opening for the New Year, we are heading to New York for our annual trip to the Gift Show at the Javits Convention Center. It's here that we can connect with Israeli artisans, meet new artists and discover those unique Judaica items our Gift Shop is known for. Whether to enhance your High Holiday traditions, to help you celebrate the holidays throughout the year, or find that perfect gift for your family and friends, we know that we will find something unique and beautiful to meet your shopping needs.

This year Erev Rosh Hashana begins September 13, so you will have to carefully coordinate summer's end and your preparation for those wonderful family gatherings! We hope that you will add shop the Sisterhood Gift Shop to your calendar.

We invite you to see the newest items from New York as well as those we purchased this summer from our popular artists like mezzuzah covers by Gary Rosenthal, honey dishes by Lily Art, Kiddush Cups by Yair Emanuel, and magnificent shofars from Israel.

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

Week of August 30

Sunday, August 30: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, September 1: 9:00am – Noon

Week of September 6

Sunday, September 6: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, September 8: 9:00am – Noon

We are always happy to open the Gift Shop at your convenience; simply call:
Co-Chairs Diane Levin 847-571-5629, Sulie Holt 847-558-3389, or Pam Schlosberg 847-433-7546.

And don't forget, as you plan for the year ahead, we have Gift Registries for those special life events: Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Weddings. We will be happy to meet with you to select the perfect items for your wish list.



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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet

Bruchim Ha-Baim – Welcome to the 5776/2015-2016 school year. This fall, the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School will launch a dynamic new model. The restructured educational program will provide enhancements that emphasize flexibility, enrichment, and connectedness. The new format maintains the core curriculum of Hebrew, Torah and *Tefilah* as well as Jewish holidays, Israel, life cycle and history. These traditional areas of study will be expanded through enrichment programs and small-group activities that supplement classroom instruction with experiential opportunities. To accommodate families' busy lifestyles, this new framework provides flexible scheduling. All classes will meet on Sundays. During the week, families will select the class day that works best for them. To enhance their classroom experience, students will choose a *chug*, a six-week group activity, each taught through a Jewish lens. Among these areas of special interest are: Israeli culture, outdoor leadership, photography, music, drama and journalism. The *chug* will culminate in a project, presentation, or performance to showcase students' work. Students will also participate in weekend retreats, family-focused Shabbat services and parent-education programs. As in the past, the Eisenberg Halomdim program at CRS will provide accelerated enrichment and support for students with learning differences. We are excited to offer creative and flexible course scheduling, experiential education and extensive implementation of technology for our students and also to provide engaging programming for parents and families that create opportunities for them to connect with the NSS Beth El community. We are ready and excited to welcome our students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 1.

(for students attending mid-week). We are planning a Rosh Hashana celebration for families in the primary grades on Sunday, September 13, from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

We are also excited to announce the opening of new and exciting classes for our Sokol Hebrew High School students. Students will have an opportunity to enroll in **Foundation Classes** such as Talmud, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish Thought, Cantillation and Holocaust. The **Elective Classes** will range from photography, to jewelry making, music, theater and social action activities. We are excited to announce that we expect to graduate twenty-one eleventh graders in May. The rising graduates will attend classes on Sunday and also study in a Jewish Responsa class 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 last year graduates to register in the College Bound program. The focus of the College Bound program is to prepare students to their new phase of life, with particular emphasis on Jewish life outside one's home and the role of Israel activism and ways to express one's support for the Jewish state.

For more information about the Cohen Religious School at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, contact Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education, at agejman@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x227.

Wishing you a year filled with health, happiness and learning.
Shanah tovah u'metukah.

Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

My Family Story Project



Students in Kitah Vav (6th grade) participated last year on a journey to the past and an exploration of roots, connecting them to their personal stories, to their family stories, and to the greater story of the Jewish People.

The culminating event of the My Family Story program in our school was a competition of Family Roots Projects featuring those made by our students. Two chosen projects were sent to *Beit Hatfutsot* (Museum of the Jewish People) where judges determined the final winners of the competition. Jason Garfinkel and Bradley Kaufman won the school competition. Both of their family displays were mailed to Israel.

Jason Garfinkel's display was one of the winners of the international competition from the North America, Europe and Australia category! Jason and his mom Judy Chrustowski participated at the June Award Ceremony at *Beit Hatfutsot* Two years ago Noah Braverman, now a SHHS student, was one of the international winners from the North America, Europe and Australia category!

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School August/September – Av 5775/Tishrei 5776

Sept 1	Tuesday	First Day of School
Sept 13	Sunday	Rosh Hashana Celebration (Pre-K thru First Grade)
Sept 14	Monday	No School – Rosh Hashana
Sept 22-23	Tuesday– Wednesday	No School – Yom Kippur
Sept 28-29	Tuesday– Wednesday	No School – Sukkot

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School August/September – Av 5775/Tishrei 5776

Sept 20	Sunday	First Day of SHHS
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» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

One of the wonderful aspects of our work is that while others may be disappointed that the summer is over, at the pre-school we are excited about the expectations of a new school year and the beginning of our holiday season. This is an important time in the lives of our families and many of them are sending their children to us for their first formal school experience. Our teachers are eagerly anticipating each new class and the special Jewish community they will create.

We look forward to welcoming over 140 children and their families to our school. Our school continues to grow and this year we will be using an additional classroom and welcoming several new teachers to our staff. Our teachers, with their knowledge of early childhood education as well as their love of young children are professional, hardworking and caring. They challenge each other and continue to bring fresh ideas to our children. They are the backbone of our program. Our staff includes specialists in Shabbat music, music and movement, and art. We will also have a

social worker on staff this year.

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

We have classes for children from infants through pre-kindergarten. Please let your family, friends and neighbors know about our program. Drop by the pre-school office, call 847-432-2830, or email at cknopoff@nssbethel.org. I look forward to giving you a tour of our school. We wish you all *L'Shana Tova*.

» Social Action in Action *by Jackie Kott-Wolle*

Friends, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that the Social Action Committee's inaugural "Take a Bite out of Hunger" campaign was a huge success for the 2014/2015 school year. Every week, without fail, our Beth El community provided breakfast and fresh snacks to approximately 120 students at two Highland Park elementary schools in District 112 for the entire school year. This was teamwork at its finest. Teachers, students, staff and families at the Cohen Religious School faithfully helped by ensuring that fresh and nutritious foods such as apples, carrots, oranges, etc. were donated every Sunday. Our larger Beth El community did a heroic job of regularly donating NutriGrain Bars and fruit squeezers in our collection bins. Our efforts were supported by the Beth El staff who collected and managed these donations and our Social Action Committee members who faithfully showed up at Beth El every Sunday to pick up all the donated foods and deliver them every Monday to our two adopted schools. Members of our Beth El community opened their hearts to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, our kids. It was incredible. That's the good news.

The bad news is that we have to do it again. Hunger in District 112 is holding at 28%. There are still so many children who live in food insecure households right here in Highland Park. I still find it mind-boggling. Remember when you were a kid and you couldn't wait for summer to start? In many of these homes, children can't wait for summer to end because when they are at school, they are fed. They have regular meals which they can rely upon. If they qualify, a student will benefit from a daily State funded lunch program. These same kids, however, still come to school having eaten no breakfast or having brought no snacks (especially not fresh snacks as these are costly). They are as loved as any children but their parents are struggling to make ends meet and tough choices about meals unfortunately must be made.

I'm not sure if I shared this with you, but when I was living in Canada (where I'm from) I served as the Executive Director of MAZON Canada – The Jewish Response to Hunger for seven years. I was often asked to give a talk to various community groups to explain what food insecurity looks like. It's so hard to

understand in a Country of plenty – how many leftovers have we thrown out? Who hasn't been to a simcha where mountains of food are not eaten? It is so hard to understand how food insecurity could exist in Country such as this one. In my community talks I illustrated this concept with a powerful story that has haunted me for years. While it is an old story, it is as true today as it was when it was originally written. I learned it from our MAZON counterpart, based in California. It goes like this:

A teacher asked his class "How many of you ate breakfast this morning?" As he expected a number of children raised their hands. The teacher continued"for those of you who did not eat breakfast this morning, how many of you missed breakfast because you didn't have time for breakfast?".... Of that group, several hands were raised. "And how many of you did not eat breakfast because you don't like to eat breakfast?".... several more hands were raised. After hearing from all the students, the teacher noticed that there was one small boy whose hand had not gone up. Concerned, he asked the boy "How come you did not eat breakfast today?". The boy kept his head down, his face was solemn and he replied...." It wasn't my turn."

Friends, unfortunately I'm going to have to ask you to do it again. Please support our Social Action Committee's "Take a Bite Out of Hunger" campaign by generously contributing Kellogg's brand NutriGrain Bars and Fruit Squeezers in the collection bins at the Main Office and Religious School doors. If your kids are students at the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, please continue to provide donations of fresh fruits or baby carrots during your assigned week (or whenever you wish to give!). We've figured out how to run this program so that it's effective. But sadly we haven't figured out a way to stop the need from growing. Until then, we must remember those kids whose families simply don't earn enough money to cover all of their expenses and eat at the same time. It is truly appreciated by our adopted schools and the young kids who benefit from your generosity. If you wish to get involved, please contact me at jkottwolle@hotmail.com.

» Kol No'ar

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

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

Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00pm

USY Welcome Back BBQ Lounge Night.
\$10 includes dinner.

Monday, August 31st at 5:30pm

Calling Parent Volunteers to help pack our
College Connection Fall Holiday Box.

Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00pm

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

Wednesday, September 2nd

from 6:00–7:00pm

Kadima Board Meeting in the Youth Lounge.

Wednesday, September 2nd

First CHUSY Regional Lounge Night at
Beth Judea. More information to follow.

Tuesday, September 8th

from 7:00–9:00pm

BEANS USY Lounge Night!

Wednesday, September 9th

from 6:00–7:30pm

Shalom Club Welcome Back Bash!
\$10 includes dinner!

Friday, September 11th – Sunday, September 13th

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

Monday, September 14th at 6:00pm

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

Sunday, September 20th

Kadima's First Program of the Year!
Dessert Hop! \$15 includes lunch!

Saturday, September 26th at 8:00pm

BEANS USY Saturday night event!

Wednesday, September 30th

CRS and the Youth Community will be
having their first joint i-Program during
CRS to celebrate Sukkot.



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

2015–2016 BEANS USY Executive Board



Sunday, September 27th

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 continuing to be the #1 fundraiser in **all of USY!** Bring your car to get washed while you pick up your Schach order or when you drop off and pick up your kids for Religious School! Volunteers are needed to wash cars and pass out Schach, Lulav and Etrog orders! Volunteers will receive lunch!

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

Kadima Executive Board 2015-2016: President - Ellie Goldsmith and Jason Garfinkel , V.P. of Publicity - Elena Gross, Secretary - Matthew and Justin Crasko, Kadima Executive Board - Gabe Bornstein, Harrison Crasko, Alex Garfinkel, Benny Grey, Stephanie Kallish, Janie Levitan, Yael Smith

BEANS USY Executive Board 2015-2016: President - Melissa Levin, Executive Israel Affairs V.P. – Sarah Levin, Religion/Education V.P. - Rebecca Greenstein, Social Action/Tikkun Olam V.P. - Gabriella Cooperman, Membership/Kadima V.P. - Daniel Silver, Communications V.P. - Emma Halfin, V.P. of Outreach - Harrison Freeman, Freshman Representatives - Sydney Goldsmith and Shalom Moon, Honorary - CHUSY Regional President – Joey Spellberg

Want a leadership role with BEANS USY? Contact Sam Isenstein, sisenstein@nssbethel.org for more information on chairing one of our fantastic events like Turkey Dance, Purim Carnival and more!

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

This year we have continued our automatic registration system as a universal registration with our Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School. Schechter and CJHS families of Beth El will continue to have **free membership**. Watch your email for sign ups! Have Jewish friends that want to join you at BEANS programs? Our programs are open to all Jewish youth, so bring them!

Which Youth Group is for me?

- M&M Club is for Kindergarten and 1st graders
- Shalom Club is for 2nd 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 Thursday, September 10, 2015. Pick-Up for Schach and Lulav and Etrog will be Sunday, September 27, 2015, 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 Thursday, September 10, 2015.

» Around the Synagogue

Beth El Celebrates HAZAK Members on Shabbat

Shabbat morning, June 27th, was designated HAZAK Shabbat at Beth El. Members who were 70 years or older were honored at Shacharit Services. This was the second HAZAK Shabbat celebrated by our "Senior Life" members. The order of service was coordinated by Jack Blumberg, who handled the task most admirably!

The service leader was Leonard Tenner, Birchot Hashachar was led by Ernie Smolen and Shacharit by William Gertz. Torah honors were given to: Al Boxerman, Martin Jacobson, Richard Janger, Marge Birnbaum, Harry Feiger, Joe Mosk, Karen Kesner, with Irv Kuperman chanting the Haftarah. Reading Torah were: Harris Goldenberg, Rob Sternberg, Hazzan Goller, Marilyn Lewis, Mike Katz, Mark Statler, Cara Madansky with Hagbah, Allen Mitzenmacher and Gelilah, Zella Ludwig. Ark Opening honors were given to: Anita Speiler, Allene Frost, Nissah Mattenson, Ruth Belzer, Phil Lapin and Herb Rosen. Special readings were led by: David Schwartz, Amos Turner, Phil Feitelberg, Rhoda Levin and Ramona Choos.

The D'var Torah was delivered by Eliezer Krumbein, who spoke of founding the Congregation and past years at Beth El. Rabbi Schwab offered words of praise to the senior members and asked all of those who were over seventy years old to stand and be recognized.

Musaf and Shir Ha'Kavod were led by Mike Leiderman. An elaborate Kiddush followed which was enjoyed by at least 400 congregants. We will all look forward to next year when HAZAK will again honor another group of our Senior members.

Beth El Roundup

Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake and Dinner

Friday, August 28

5:30pm Appetizers and drinks
6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15pm Young Family Service
7:00pm Family-style BBQ Dinner

Adults \$10
Children \$5 (Ages 4-12)
Children Ages 3 and under are free

We welcome new and prospective members to this event! Add a cowboy hat to your Shabbat attire – no jeans please!

To RSVP or with questions contact: Elise Kline at 847-432-8900 or ekline@nssbethel.org.

Beth El Members can pay by going to their member account on our website: www.nssbethel.org.



HAZAK Senior Life Transportation Program

The HAZAK Senior Life Committee has a new Transportation Program. We are looking for members who would be willing to provide a ride for our older members to enable them to participate in services, synagogue events, classes, evening activities and Sisterhood/Men's Club meetings.

Can you drive once in a while? Would you go an extra mile so one of our seniors can attend a program at Beth El? Please add your name to our transportation list and let us know how you can help. You can commit to a one time offer, an occasional ride based on your availability, or to be a transportation regular.

To be a driver or if you need a ride, please contact Edie Simons at ediesimons@gmail.com or call her at 248-672-6299 or leave a message at the synagogue office 847-432-8900.

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Arianna Zallik and Ryan Wolin's wedding and best wishes to their families - Barbara Pollack
- *In honor of* Benjy Fishbaum's graduation and with appreciation to Dave and Anne Fishbaum for their hospitality - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Gabe Small's graduation from the Hebrew High School - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Isaac becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In honor of* Isaac Levitan becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Jack and Donna Greenberg
- Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Joey Spellberg being installed as CHUSY President - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Marissa's graduation from Yale - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's grandson, Max, having a Pidyon Ha'Ben - Michael and Anita Katz
- *In honor of* our grandchild, Noah Benjamin and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Joel and Pearl Kagan
- *In honor of* our granddaughter Kimberly's college graduation - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In honor of* our grandson, Joey's high school graduation - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz for his help, support and mindful remarks during the "Dinner" this year
- NS Beth El Sisterhood
- NSS Beth El Men's Club
- *In honor of* Richard Schlosberg being installed as NSSBE President - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Marc and Devorah Richards
- *In honor of* Spencer Lidov becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Steve Abram's birthday - Sam and Zondra Pluss
- *In honor of* Tamar Grey's graduation and in honor of Jordan and Beth Grey's 25th wedding anniversary - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Mort and Miriam Steinberg's grandson, Max Steinberg - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of a great granddaughter to Betty and Dr. Irving Rozenfeld - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the college graduation of Jonathan Small - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the marriage of my grandson, Noah Siegel, to Rachel Kaila - Selma Mizel
- *In memory of* Abe and Beverly Kreiter, beloved parents - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *In memory of* Anna Gale, beloved mother - Sheldon and Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Annette Kaplin, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Barbara Goldberg, beloved daughter-in-law - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Barney Weiss, beloved father - Stephen and Carol Weiss
- *In memory of* Benjamin E. Sherman, beloved father - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Bennett Holland, beloved son - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Bernard Wolnak, beloved husband - Frances Wolnak
- *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* Beverly Lapins, beloved wife - Gerald Lapins
- *In memory of* Clara Kolesky, beloved grandmother - Carol and Ron Jesselson
- *In memory of* Clara Rosenberg, beloved mother - Fred and Linda Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Daniel Cowens, beloved father of Bruce Cowans - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* David Sher, beloved grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Diane Sherman, beloved wife - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Eddie Weiss, beloved brother of Stephen Weiss - Michael and Naoma Cahr
- *In memory of* Edith H. and Sidney Weiss, beloved mother and father - Karen Weiss
- *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* Ethel Perman, beloved mother - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Faye Bloom, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Gerald Levin, beloved father - Steven and Marsha Levin

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund
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- *In memory of* Harry Bernbaum, beloved husband of Harriet Bernbaum - Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- *In memory of* Harry Gross, Sarah Gross and Thelma Gross - Alice Gross
- *In memory of* Harry Prystowsky, beloved father - Jay Prystowsky and Renee Solomon
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved husband - Karen Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Helen and Milton Leeds, beloved mother and father - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *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* Irving Block, beloved father - Frances Lee Zand and Pendri Shalem
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved father - Bruce and Gail 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* Isidore "Izzy" Scheinman, beloved father - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In memory of* Jacques Rouso, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Jean Dolins, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mitchell and Marcy Dolins and Family
- *In memory of* Joan Weintraub, beloved mother of Lori Rabinowitz - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Dr. Jules Hazelkorn, beloved brother - Sharon Moss
- *In memory of* June Bleiweis, beloved mother - Lawrence and Susan Silberman
- *In memory of* Lee Mandel, beloved mother - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Lenny Weitz, beloved husband - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Leon Perman, beloved father - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Leonard Favus, beloved father - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Lew Coren, beloved father - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Lew Coren, beloved grandfather - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Louis R. Brandzel, beloved father - Karyn Lutz
- *In memory of* Lynne Silberman, beloved sister - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith
 - Jori, Leah and Zachary Brajer
 - Michael and Barbara Salberg
 - Jeanette Massey
 - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Mary Lou Ferns, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Michael R. Lutz, beloved husband - Karyn Lutz
- *In memory of* Minne and Maurice Greenstein, beloved mother and father - Selma Mizel
- *In memory of* Molly Warren, beloved mother - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Nachum Singer, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Nathan Pinsof, beloved father - Loren and Diane Weil
- *In memory of* Nathan Regenstreif, beloved father - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Norma Meisner, beloved sister - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* our beloved at Yizkor - Burton and Sharon Behm
- *In memory of* Philip Warren, beloved father - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Philip Wyatt, beloved husband - Barbara Wyatt
- *In memory of* Rebecca and Isadore Weiss, beloved grandparents - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Renee Hillman - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan
 - Andrea and Jonathan Weiss
 - Sara and Jason Greenberg
 - Dena and David Cooperman
 - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Reverend Rubin and Alice Hymanson, beloved grandparents - Karen Weiss

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Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Rosalind Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Rose and Alan Ander, beloved parents - Carol and Ron Jesselson
- *In memory of* Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Sandra Turner, beloved wife of Howard Turner - Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- *In memory of* Sheila Gilbert, beloved mother of David Jackson
 - Dina Lissos and Friends
 - Greg and Leslie Apter and Family
- *In memory of* Sheila LaPaw, beloved sister-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Sherwood Perman, beloved brother - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *In memory of* Sidney Weiss, beloved father - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Stuart Freifeld, beloved husband - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Yeheziel Hakimian, beloved brother - Sidney and Batya Retsky
- *In memory of* Yisrael Bear and Hassia Magarik, beloved grandparents - Nessia Frank
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for all of his kindness - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz officiating at our wedding - Jesse and Maggie Garfinkel
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Jerry and Linda Lebovitz
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his many kindnesses during difficult days - Joseph and Susan Adler
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz, one of My Two Most Favorite Rabbis - Thanks for 10 Great Years! - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *With appreciation to* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter for their hospitality - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter
- *With appreciation to* - Steven and Martha Loewenthal

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Eli's graduation from Highland Park High School - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In honor of* Isaac becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In honor of* Isaac Levitan becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Annette Feller
- *In honor of* Samantha Levine becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Jason and Susan Millner
- *In honor of* Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Marc and Devorah Richards
- *In honor of* the Bris of Noah Wynes and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Joel and Pearl Kagan
- *In honor of* the wedding of Ben Schwab and Germaine Helegoria - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen & Avram
- *In memory of* Abraham Karp, Bella Karp and Gertrude Karp - Alice Gross
- *In memory of* Betty Cooper, beloved mother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Bill Siegel, beloved father - Kenneth and Andrea Saffir
- *In memory of* Daniel Cowans, beloved father of Bruce Cowans - Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- *In memory of* Elias Friedman, beloved father - Philip and Phyllis Lapin
- *In memory of* Florence Pestine, beloved sister - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Harry Bichunsky, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Harry Prystowsky, beloved father - Jay Prystowsky and Renee Solomon
- *In memory of* Hyman Field, beloved grandfather - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Irving Speiler, beloved father-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Isaac Feitelberg, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Isadore Platt, beloved father - Harold and Eileen Lederman
- *In memory of* Jean Dolins, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mitchell and Marcy Dolins and Family
- *In memory of* Lazar Elkin, beloved father - Anita Spieler

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Marshall Witzel and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Marcia Witzel
- *In memory of* Martha Green, beloved mother - Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Max B. Faust, beloved father and grandfather - Annette Feller
- *In memory of* Melvyn Medansky, beloved father - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In memory of* Norlie Feinstein, beloved father and grandfather - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Leon Heller and Wendy DuBoe
- *In memory of* Rose Feitelberg, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Sadie Spieler, beloved mother-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Sara Hirsch, beloved mother - Joel Hirsch
- *In memory of* William Schero, beloved grandfather - Ira and Elise Frost
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Marla Sklar - Malka Dodi Bat Sara Pesha - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation for* Lori Stark and David Shapiro's hospitality - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Michael and Erica Schwab - Michael and Robin Shartiag
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Sally Aaron
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab and the Young Family Programming - Yael Mirelman and Pere Berkowitz
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for the intense conversation with Lexi - Lisa and Jeff Aronin
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab, one of My Two Most Favorite Rabbis - Thanks for 10 Great Years! - Andrew and Gail Brown

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Marc and Devorah Richards
- *In memory of* Benjamin Norton, beloved father - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *In memory of* Harry and Elsie Rubenstein, beloved father and mother - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *In memory of* Lola Nortman, beloved mother - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *In memory of* Max Silbernik, beloved uncle - Lee and Marlene Rubenstein
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Larry Goller for everything you've done for our family and the Congregation - Dena, David, Gabriella and Danielle Cooperman

Adolph M. and Lotty Jacobson Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Martin Jacobson - Myrna Kopin

Andrew and Gail Brown Family Technology Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Chuck Kahalnik - Executive Director Extraordinaire! - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In honor of* Lisa Rosenkranz - Great Job! - Andrew and Gail Brown

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Noah, grandson of Pearl and Joel Kagan - Barbara and Ira Berger
- *In memory of* David Apter, beloved father of Greg Apter - Tom and Joan Davidson

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Ba'al Korei Fund

- *In memory of* Daniel Cowans, beloved father of Bruce Cowans
 - Howard Turner
 - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
 - *In memory of* David Apter, beloved father of Greg Apter - Michael and Robin Shartiag
 - *In memory of* Joseph Shartiag, beloved father of Michael Shartiag - Donna Becker
 - *In memory of* Lilly Isaks - Leon and Leslie Fox
 - *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith
 - Howard Turner
 - June Back Frydman
 - Donna Becker
 - Edward and Paulette Margulies
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery for* a special child - Howard Turner
 - *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Robert Rothman - Howard Turner
 - *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Mark and Mae Spitz - Howard Turner

Ben and Marion Drachler Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Ben Drachler, beloved father - Ferne Avery

Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother of Mary Kaltman - Nancy Gandelman

Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
- *With appreciation for* another great year of Religious Education - The Cooperman Family

Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Sidney Starkman, Mildred Starkman and Annette Berg on Shavuot Yizkor - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen and Avram
- *In memory of* Lester Fink, beloved brother of Sharon Gertz - Len and Bobby Tenner

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In memory of* Corrine Baker, beloved wife - Leonard Baker
 - *In memory of* Dorothy Hyman, beloved mother - Joan Holland
 - *In memory of* Eva Bloom - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In memory of* Morton Bloom - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In memory of* Henry Weinberg, beloved father - Larry and Ellen Goldstein
 - *In memory of* Joseph Goldstein, beloved father-in-law - Larry and Ellen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Louis Holland, beloved father-in-law - Joan Holland
 - *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Robert and Dorothy Abrams
 - *In memory of* Sally Levin Lerner - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
 - *In memory of* Sandra Turner, beloved mother of Howard Turner - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

Continuing Education Fund

- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank on the occasion of Mother's Day - Wendy and Ben Frank

- *In memory of* Joan Weintraub, beloved mother of Lori Rabinowitz - Edward and Paulette Margulies

- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Edward and Paulette Margulies

- *In memory of* Philip and Lena Rothman, beloved father and mother - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz

- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Edward and Paulette Margulies

- *In memory of* Debra Rade's beloved aunt - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman

- *In memory of* Martha Stern Green, beloved mother - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Glass/Goldman Program Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Zachary - Ellen and Philip Glass

- *In memory of* Dr. Irwin Smith - Ellen and Philip Glass

- *In memory of* Edna Shepard - Ellen and Philip Glass

- *In memory of* Marvin Schneider - Philip and Ellen Glass

- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Lois Chudacoff - Ellen and Philip Glass

Heckman Family Program Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* the baby naming of our daughter, Chloe - Candace and Daniel Arnold

Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge Maintenance Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Barbara and David Hoffman's 50th wedding anniversary

- Joanne and Richard Hoffman

- Allen and Leslie Berger

- Michael and Anita Katz

- Leonard and Roberta Tenner

- Sidney and Harriette Kavin

- Edward Schwartz

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

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

Israel General Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Arianna Zallik and Ryan Wolin's wedding - Marshall and Judy Kupchan

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Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Gift Fund

- *In honor of* Gabriel Hamburg becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Irene and Gary Savine
- *In honor of* Isaac Levitan becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Irene and Gary Savine
- *In honor of* Leah Seidman becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Irene and Gary Savine
- *In honor of* Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Marc and Devorah Richards

- *In memory of* Benjamin H. Pessis, beloved father - Dennis and Amy Pessis
- *In memory of* Jack M. Hirschfield, beloved brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Neil Levinson, beloved brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic - Marc and Devorah Richards

Jean T. and Mort Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Isaac Levitan becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Jori, Leah and Zachary Brajer
- *In memory of* Aviva Benson, beloved infant daughter - David and Karen Benson

- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Wendy Kahn

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

- *In memory of* Goldie Sher, beloved mother - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Jeanette Goldstein, beloved mother - Michael Goldstein
- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother of Mary Kaltman - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

- *In memory of* Louis and Phyllis Senescu, beloved parents - Stuart and Marlene Senescu
- *With appreciation for* acknowledging past yartzeits - Irving Naiditch

Judith A. Heyman Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Jean Dolins, beloved mother of Mitchell Dolins - Gwen and Scott Heyman

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

- *In honor of* Myrna Kopin, great-grandmother of Aviva Orly - June Back Frydman

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation for* your hospitality - Zena Wise

Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Marge Birnbaum's 90th Birthday - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* New Trier graduates: Aaron Pickard, Joshua Rosenkranz, Jack Koltin and Noah Greenstein - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In memory of* Emil Ruhstaedt, beloved uncle - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Hanni Marx, beloved sister - Arnold and Hilda Reingold

- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother of Mary Kaltman - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Ted and Cheryl Banks

**Maxwell Abbell Library Fund
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Merle Mattenson, beloved husband - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Rosi Ruhstaedt, beloved aunt - Arnold and Hilda Reingold

- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Robert Rothman - Dr. Melvin and Hedy Sered

Minyan Service Fund

- *In honor of* Richard Schlosberg becoming President of Beth El - Marvin and Susan Shapiro
- *In memory of* Esther Sterman, beloved mother - Charles and Toby Schwartz
- *In memory of* Beatrice Schwartz, beloved sister - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Daniel Cowans, beloved father of Bruce Cowans - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* David Rosencwajg, beloved father - Michael and Jacqueline Melinger
- *In memory of* Edward Michael Goldberg, your beloved - Sheila Goldberg
- *In memory of* Harold Stern, beloved father - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved brother
 - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
 - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Harry Shiner, beloved father-in-law - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* Irving Footlik, beloved father - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Irving Pollack, beloved father-in-law - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Israel Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved husband - Batia Eizikovic

- *In memory of* Jerome Feldman, beloved father of David Feldman - Marlene and Seth Halpern and Family
- *In memory of* Leo and Fay Friedman, beloved parents - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Lillian Leiderman, beloved mother - Mike Leiderman
- *In memory of* Marion Goodman, beloved mother - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Mary Menkin, beloved mother - Susan Saper
- *In memory of* Mel Pollack, beloved husband - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Morris Becker, beloved uncle - Lawrence Becker
- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Jackie and Mike Melinger
- *In memory of* Simon Ramek, beloved father - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Sylvia Farbman, beloved mother - Mark and Laura Lieberman
- *With appreciation* - Shael and Myrna Siegel

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

- *In memory of* Harry and Ida Pock, beloved parents - Arnold Pock

- *In memory of* Renee Hillman - Ronnie Jo Sokol

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith
 - Bobbie and Len Tenner
 - Yvette and David Stone and Family

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

- *In honor of* Beth Jackson's graduation - Steinberg Pre-school Staff
- *In honor of* Cobey Schnitman's grammar school graduation - Steinberg Pre-school Staff
- *In honor of* Haley's high school graduation - Steinberg Pre-school Staff

- *In honor of* Jake Korol's grammar school graduation - Steinberg Pre-school Staff
- *In honor of* Jeremy Zacharias' high school graduation - Steinberg Pre-school Staff

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Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund (continued)

- *In honor of* Maddi Baum's high school graduation and Max, Emily and Jori Baum's grammar school graduations - Steinberg Pre-school Staff
- *In honor of* Orly Nussbaum's upcoming marriage - Steinberg Pre-school Staff

- *In honor of* Renee Kahn's granddaughter, Shoshana's graduation from 8th grade - Steinberg Pre-school Staff

Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Larry Weiner - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In honor of* Marvin Siegel's special birthday - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In honor of* Stephen's special birthday - Mark and Nina Gaines
- *In memory of* Abraham Altman, beloved father-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Charles Pearlman, beloved father - James and Rochelle Fisch
- *In memory of* Daniel Cowans, beloved father of Bruce Cowans - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Eleanor Ebner, beloved mother of Matthew Ebner - Keith, Cheryl, Neena and Jason Weitzman
- *In memory of* Emily Altman, beloved granddaughter - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Esther Pessis, beloved mother - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In memory of* Fannie Resnick, beloved grandmother - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- *In memory of* Fay and Loius Dreebin, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Florence Behrstock, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Frank G. Marshall, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton
- *In memory of* Fred Hamilton, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton
- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother of Mary Kaltman - Allan and Hilary Greenberg

- *In memory of* Leonard Greenberg, beloved father - Allan and Hilary Greenberg
- *In memory of* Marta Hammel Meyer, beloved mother - Dr. Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Natalie Levy Boshes, beloved mother - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Rabbi Lawrence Charney, beloved husband - Lillian Charney
- *In memory of* Sandra Turner, beloved wife of Howard Turner - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Suzanne Dreebin, beloved daughter - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Vellie Mesch, beloved mother and Eva Mattenson, beloved mother-in-law - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Yermiahu and Sarah Singer, beloved grandparents and Batya Abramson, beloved aunt - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Zelda Margolis, beloved mother - Cheryl and Keith Weitzman
- *In memory of* Zena Cohen, beloved mother - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Rachel Greenbaum-Refuah Shelamah - NSSBE Morning Minyanaires
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Barry Siegel - David Beresh Ben Bella - Marvin and Sara Siegel

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In honor of* Bruno Fischer's appointment to the Board of Trustees - Larry and Mary Ellen Goldsmith

- *In memory of* David Apter, beloved father of Greg Apter - Antony Karabus

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

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

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Evelyn Massey, beloved sister of Jean Massey - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Shapiro/Stark Ramah Day Camp School Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation for* David Shapiro and Lori Stark's hospitality - Eleanor and Stephen Hammerman

Sherman Family Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Daniel Cowans, beloved father of Bruce Cowans - Jonathan and Francine Sherman
 - *In memory of* David Apter, beloved father of Greg Apter - Jonathan and Francine Sherman

- *In memory of* Joan Watnick Weintraub, beloved mother of Lori Rabinowitz - Jonathan and Francine Sherman

Social Action Fund

- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan - Joyce Pollack, Amir Penn and family

- *With appreciation to* Dr. Dennis Pessis - Jamie Pear

Special Gifts Fund

- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Nancy and Larry Kekst

- *In memory of* our beloved at Yizkor - Shael and Myrna Siegel

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In honor of* Karen Kesner on her special birthday - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
 - *In honor of* Richard Schlosberg's appointment as President of Beth El - Larry and Mary Ellen Goldsmith

- *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
 - *With appreciation to* the entire Beth El Staff for a great 10 years! - Andrew and Gail Brown

Witzel Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Marshall Witzel, beloved husband of Marsha Witzel - June Back Frydman

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* Aaron and Ellen Krumbein's birthdays - Steven and Frances Shapiro
 - *In honor of* David Gordon's graduation from medical school - Steven and Frances Shapiro
 - *In memory of* Marvin Goldsmith, beloved father of Jeffrey Goldsmith - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

- *In memory of* Renee Miller, beloved mother of Arielle Levitan
 - Jack and Donna Greenberg
 - Ira and Marjorie DuBrow
 - Burton and Betty Handmacher
 - Linda Siegel
 - Steven and Frances Shapiro

September 2015 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2 2:00pm Afternoon at the Movies 5:45pm Pre-school Ice Cream Social	3 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	4 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Candle Lighting	5 Selichot 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:03pm Candle Lighting 9:30pm Social Gathering 10:00pm Study Session 11:00pm Dedication of Memorial Plaques
6	7 Labor Day 8:45am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	8 7:00pm USY Lounge Night 7:00pm Pre-school Open House	9 7:00pm Kadima Board Meeting	10	11 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:48pm Candle Lighting	12 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:53pm Shabbat Ends
13 Erev Rosh Hashana 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45pm Candle Lighting	14 Rosh Hashana 1st Day 8:15am High Holiday Services 9:15am Pre-school Family Service 10:15am Children Services 6:00pm Tashlich 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:50pm Candle Lighting	15 Rosh Hashana 2nd Day 8:15am High Holiday Services 10:15am Children Services 10:15am Young Family Service 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:51pm Yom Tov Ends	16 7:15am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee	17	18 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:36pm Candle Lighting	19 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:41pm Shabbat Ends
20 Continuing Education	21 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	22 Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Mincha Service 6:15pm Kol Nidrei Service 6:29pm Candle Lighting	23 Yom Kippur/Yizkor 9:00am Shacharit Service 9:45am Pre-school Family Service 10:45am Children's Services 4:50pm Mincha Service 6:10pm Neilah Service 7:34pm Yom Tov Ends	24	25 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:24pm Candle Lighting	26 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Jacob Putzell 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:29pm Shabbat Ends
27 Erev Sukkot Continuing Education 9:00am Schach Car Wash 9:00am Schach/Lulav Pick-up 6:20pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Evening Service	28 Sukkot First Day 8:50am Festival Service 10:00am Sukkot Pray and Play 12:30pm Sukkah Walk 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:25pm Candle Lighting	29 Sukkot Second Day 8:50am Festival Service 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:24pm Yom Tov Ends	30 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Stewardship Event	Oct 1 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Pre-school Sukkot Pizza Dinner 7:00pm USY in the Sukkah	Oct 2 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:11pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	Oct 3 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:16pm Shabbat Ends

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Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi
 Michael Schwab, Rabbi
 Benjamin A. Tisser, Hazzan
 Mark Stadler, Ritual Director
 Chuck Kahalnik, Executive Director
 Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education

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

August 2015 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:56pm Shabbat Ends
2	3 10:30am Short Story Class 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	4 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	5	6 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	7 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:43pm Candle Lighting	8 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:48pm Shabbat Ends
9	10 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	11	12 9:00am Writer's Beit Midrash	13 7:00pm Sisterhood/Men's Club Community BBQ	14 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:33pm Candle Lighting	15 Rosh Hodesh Elul 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Josh Silvers 7:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:38pm Shabbat Ends
16 Rosh Hodesh Elul 8:45am Morning Minyan	17 7:45pm Ritual Committee Meeting	18	19	20 2:00pm Afternoon at the Movies 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	21 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:23pm Candle Lighting	22 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Sophie Wolle 7:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:28pm Shabbat Ends
23	24	25 7:00pm USY Welcome Back BBQ	26 9:00am Writer's Beit Midrash	27 6:30pm Men's Club Scotch and Steak Night	28 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Service 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Dinner 7:12pm Candle Lighting	29 8:50am Shabbat Services 7:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:17pm Shabbat Ends
30 11:00am CHHS Teen Aides/Teacher Meeting	31 9:00am Pre-school Classes Begin 7:45pm CLC Meeting					