

# Kol Beth El

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**August/September 2016**  
**Tammuz – Elul 5776**

## Preparation for the Days of Awe

The High Holy Days are late this year. Though, we know that the holidays will really appear on time on the Jewish calendar, since this is a leap year we will not be beginning the year of 5777 until early October. This gives us an entire month of September after the summer vacation to prepare properly for the Days of Awe. Yet, no matter if they are early or late in the secular year, are we ever really ready? My colleague, Rabbi Alan Lew, of blessed memory, wrote a book entitled *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared*. In the book he details the journey from the time preceding the High Holy Days through the Days of *Tishrei* themselves. For him, the real purpose of this annual passage is for us to experience brokenheartedness and open our hearts to G-d.

In his beginning to the book he writes: "You are walking through the world half asleep. It isn't just that you don't know who you are and that you don't know how or why you got here. It's worse than that; these questions never even arise. It is as if you are in a dream.

Then the walls of the great house that surrounds you crumble and fall. You tumble out onto a strange street, suddenly conscious of your estrangement and your homelessness.

A great horn sounds, calling you to remembrance, but all you can remember is how much you have forgotten. Every day for a month, you sit and try to remember who you are and where you are going. By the last week of this month, your need to know these things weighs upon you. Your prayers become urgent.

Then the great horn sounds in earnest one hundred times. The time of transformation is upon you. The world is once again cracking through the shell of its egg to be born. The gate between heaven and earth creaks open. The Book of Life and the Book of Death are opened once again, and your name is written in one of them. But you don't know which one.

The ten days that follow are fraught with meaning and dread. They are days when it is perfectly clear every second that you live in the midst of a chain of ineluctable consequence, that everything you do, every prayer you utter, every intention you form, every act of compassion you perform, ripples out from the center of your being to the end of time. Anger and its terrible cost lie naked before you. Grievance gives way to forgiveness. At the same time, you become aware that you also stand at the end of a long chain of consequences. Many things are beyond your control. They are part of a process that was set in motion long ago. You find the idea of this unbearable.

Then, just when you think you can't tolerate this one moment more, you are called to gather with a multitude in a great hall. A court has convened high up on the altar in the front of the hall. Make way! Make way! the judges of the court proclaim, for everyone must be included in the proceeding. No one, not even the usual outcasts, may be excluded. You are told that you are in possession of a great power, the power of speech, and that you will certainly abuse it – you are  
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For more information, Calendar of Events, Rabbis' sermons, and for Emergency School Closings be sure to check our website at [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org) or call 847-432-8900.

## From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz »



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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.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

## AUGUST

**Shabbat, August 6**  
Parashat Matot-Masei  
Torah: Numbers 30:2-36:13  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

**Shabbat, August 13**  
**Erev Tisha B'Av**  
Shabbat Chazon  
Parashat Devarim  
Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22  
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-1:27

**Shabbat, August 20**  
Parashat Va'etchanan  
Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11  
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

**Shabbat, August 27**  
Parashat Eikev  
Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25  
Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

## SEPTEMBER

**Shabbat, September 3**  
Rosh Hodesh Elul  
Parashat Re'eh  
Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17  
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-66:24

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

**Shabbat, September 17**  
Parashat Ki Teitzei  
Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-54:10

**Shabbat, September 24**  
**Selihot**  
Parashat Ki Tavo  
Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-60:22

### Tisha B'Av Schedule

**Saturday, August 13**  
7:30pm Tisha B'Av Services Eicha

**Sunday, August 14**  
8:45am Morning Minyan  
2:00pm Tisha B'Av Mincha Service  
8:30pm Evening Minyan



## The ARK's High Holiday Food Drive

*"And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corner of your field... You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger..."* Leviticus 19:9

For over 30,000 Chicagoland Jews, the Yom Kippur fast is not always a voluntary activity. Please help us end the shame and pain of hunger. Before Rosh Hashana, bags will be distributed for you to fill with non-perishable kosher food items and toiletries and return to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. These items will be donated to The ARK for distribution to Chicagoland Jews in need.

The ARK is a non-profit, community-funded social service agency with a mission is to create a safety net for the needy by providing vital human services, and to build bridges between volunteers and those in need. The ARK opened in 1971 as a small, free medical clinic staffed entirely by volunteers and serving a small elderly population on Chicago's North Side. As the ARK's supporters became aware of the extent of the community's need, services were continually added. Today, The ARK provides an array of medical, legal and social services including food; medical, dental, and optometry care; prescription medications; mental health treatment and programming; job counseling; transitional housing; clothing and household goods; legal aid; rent and utility assistance; and more.

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is proud to participate in The ARK's High Holiday Food Drive. Pick up your grocery bags at the Beth El office (see Ana Igornov) so that you can help feed families in need.

What food should you include? Visit their website: [www.arkchicago.org/shoppinglist](http://www.arkchicago.org/shoppinglist). Drop off filled bags at NSS Beth El.

*Note: Please only donate items that have at least six months left before their expiration date. All food items should be kosher.*

## » From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz

Preparation for the Days of Awe (*continued from page 1*)

already forgiven for having abused it in the past – but in the end it will save you.

For the next twenty-four hours you rehearse your own death. You wear a shroud and, like a dead person, you neither eat nor drink. You summon the desperate strength of life's last moments. A great wall of speech is buried against your heart again and again; a fist beats against the wall of your heart relentlessly until you are broken-hearted and confess to your great crime. You are a human being, guilty of every crime imaginable. Your heart is cracking through its shell to be reborn. Then a chill grips you. The gate between heaven and earth has suddenly begun to close. The multitude has swollen. It is almost as if the great hall has magically expanded to include an infinity of desperate souls. This is your last chance. Everyone has run out of time. Every heart has broken. The gate clangs shut, the great horn sounds one last time. You feel curiously lighthearted and clean.

Some days later you find yourself building a house; a curious house, an incomplete house, a house that suggests the idea of a house without actually being one. This house has no roof. There are a few twigs and branches on top, but you can see the stars and feel the wind through them. And the walls of this house don't go all the way around it either. Yet as you sit in this house eating the bounty of the earth, you feel a deep sense of security and joy. Here is this mere idea of a house, you finally feel as if you are home. The journey is over.

At precisely this moment, the journey begins again. The curious house is dismantled. The King calls you in for a last intimate meal, and then you set out on your way again."

This is a description of the round of Jewish rituals that are observed every year between mid-summer and mid-fall, starting with Tisha B'Av through the month of Elul, Selichot, Rosh Hashana, the Ten Days of Awe, Yom Kippur, and finally Sukkot. Rabbi Lew encourages us to recognize that these are very significant moments in the year for each and every one of us, and that we must prepare ourselves physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

In his book he describes the journey that each of us pursues this time of year, which includes self-discovery, spiritual discipline, self-forgiveness, and spiritual evolution. "Every one of us," he writes, "needs to move from anger to healing, from denial to consciousness, from boredom to renewal. These needs did not arise yesterday. They are among the most ancient of human yearnings, and they are fully expressed in the pageantry and ritual of the Days of Awe, in the great journey we make between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur."

Whether holidays are early or late, we need to prepare for them, and we should start doing so well in advance. The preparations allow us to partake of the holidays in a manner which will allow our souls to be healed, our minds to be expanded, and our hearts to be open to all. May it be a good year for us all.

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## » President's Corner *by Richard Schlosberg*

A new year approaches, a new beginning, a new set of opportunities. The year 5776 has seen many opportunities realized and progressing at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. We have launched the new curriculum for the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, we have seen continued growth in our Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School, we have brought Hazzan Tisser aboard and have received a soupçon of his energy and creativity as witnessed by the wonderful A Capella offering in January. This summer, thanks to some wonderful gifts from congregants and the Sisterhood, we begin work on revitalizing and upgrading the rotunda area, the memorial alcove and the bathrooms. We expect this work to be completed before the High Holy Days commence. Work on the Sager Beit Midrash is scheduled for winter break of the coming year. While there are inevitably some disruptions and changes resulting from the ongoing construction work, there are some unexpected benefits as well. During the construction period, we have all of our services in the Blumberg. In early summer, the view of our backyard, the renovated Tea House and, of course, the magnificent Lake Michigan, is not only spectacular, but as one congregant mentioned, absolutely spiritual. Come on Shabbat morning and enjoy the experience. Also, some needed minor repairs not connected with the project have been identified and completed.

With changes in three of our senior positions, we are delighted to welcome Jeffrey T. Baden as Executive Director,

Karee Bilsky as Steinberg Pre-School Director, and Tovah Goodman as Youth Community Director. They all began July 1 and we look forward very much to working with each of them. The process by which each of these senior staff folks was hired consisted of an in-depth review and establishment of specific job descriptions followed by a broad-based search effort. A total of about thirty congregants and clergy and staff participated in the work that has brought us Jeff, Karee and Tovah. To those who participated, *yasher koach*, Beth El will be moving forward in a very positive direction thanks to your great teamwork and efforts here. Seeing those groups working together for Beth El's good, I am reminded of the first line of Psalm 133:

הִנֵּה מֵה־טוֹב וּמֵה־נְעִים שְׁכַת אֲחִים גַּם יָחַד  
(hinei ma tov uh-mah nayim, shevet achim gam-yachad). How good it is, and how pleasant, when comrades dwell in harmony.

We are fortunate to have expanded the role of Nancy Kekst, who now will be helping us as Director of Development and Communications. Nancy will help us tell the story of our outstanding people, programs and possibilities and will surely strengthen our team.

Summer is a time to pause and perhaps consider how and where you might best help North Suburban Synagogue Beth El be the very best it can be.

May the year 5777 bring you and your family health, peace and happiness and may this year be good for our congregation and our people.

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



## **We Welcome the Following New Members**

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- David and Jill Friedman
- Gabrielle Gordon
- Daniel and Lori Gross and their children, Addysen and Trevor
- Jack and Michelle Hirschfield and their children, Miriam, Vivian, and William
- Andrea Kass
- Gregory Vainstock and Victoria Schaffer and their daughter, Lexee

## **Congratulations To**

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- Laurel and Barry Abramowicz on the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Sher, to Joshua Gabriel Cahan
- Nancy and Richard Becker on the marriage of their daughter, Emily, to Sasha Pevtsov
- Rita and Gerald Buckman on the birth of their great-grandson
- Nicole and Chris Carrow on the birth of their daughter, Eliza Vivienne
- Linda and Steve Feinstein on the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Tim Ravich
- June Back Frydman on the birth of her granddaughter, Molly Ava Light
- Sharon and Harris Goldenberg on the birth of their granddaughter
- Linda and Leon Gottlieb on the engagement of their daughter, Marisa Jaclyn, to Ariel Boyman
- Linda and Leon Gottlieb on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie S. Gottlieb
- Beth and Jordan Grey on the marriage of their son, Yoni, to Moriah Teller
- Lana and Nathaniel Grey on the marriage of their grandson, Yoni Grey, to Moriah Teller
- Bryna and Rabbi Vernon Kurtz on the birth of their granddaughter, Shirel Batsheva Orbach
- Jacqueline and Daniel Lotzof on the birth of their twins, Samuel Henry and Yael Jaymes
- Nissah Mattenson on the engagement of her grandson, Aeron Small, to Arielle Spellun
- Amy and Dennis Pessis on the birth of their granddaughter
- Hilda and Arnold Reingold on the marriage of their granddaughter, Caren, to Brian Sonken
- Betty Rozenfeld on the marriage of her grandson, Daniel Rozenfeld to Alexandra Tyson
- Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky on the marriage of their son, Charles, to Jacqueline Schwarz
- Robin and David Small on the engagement of their son, Aeron, to Arielle Spellun
- Jill and Jeremy Smiley on the birth of their daughter
- Judy and Jeremy Smiley on the birth of their granddaughter
- Merle and Steve Tovian on the engagement of their son, Ayal Reuven, to Deborah Leah Shub
- Brenda and Marc Wilkow on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Wilkow
- Brittany and Gregg Wilkow on the birth of their son, Ryan
- Alexander Wolf on his engagement to Mira Mendelovitz

## **Condolences To**

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- Eve Bremen on the loss of her mother, Frances Wolnak
- Daniel Blumenthal on the loss of his father, Robert Blumenthal
- Michael Cahr on the loss of his brother, Allen Cahr
- Abby Carney on the loss of her grandmother, Minna Derdiger
- Stanton Derdiger on the loss of his step-mother, Minna Derdiger
- Barbara Eisenberg on the loss of her mother, Sharon Pollock
- Jodi Eisenstadt on the loss of her step-father, Jerome "Jerry" Awerbuch
- Robert Freeman on the loss of his father, Charles Freeman
- Rachel Greenbaum on the loss of her brother, Jerome Ben-Zion Kaufman
- Caroline Pestine Harris on the loss of her father, Boris Pestine
- Gwen Heyman on the loss of her father, Armand Ostroff
- Steven Hoffman on the loss of his father, Allen Hoffman
- Richard Janger on the loss of his brother, Allen Janger
- Lois and Richard Janger on the loss of their son, Seth Janger
- Roberta Kwall on the loss of her mother, Mildred Rosenthal
- Michael Leiderman on the loss of his father, Abraham Leiderman
- Mark Lieberman on the loss of his mother, Frances Lieberman
- Gregory Pestine on the loss of his father, Boris Pestine
- Matt Pestine on the loss of his father, Boris Pestine
- Selena Pestine on the loss of her husband, Boris Pestine
- Lisa Pevtzow on the loss of her mother, Evelyn Pevtzow
- David Rabin on the loss of his mother, Nancy Rabin
- Rachel Russo on the loss of her mother, Leah Silverstein
- Susan Silberman on the loss of her father, Sol Bleiweis
- Saul Silverstein on the loss of his wife, Leah Silverstein
- Harold Stern on the loss of his brother, Eugene A. Stern
- Terri Wallach on the loss of her mother, Marilyn Stein

## **In Memoriam**

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- Boris Pestine
- Leah Silverstein
- France Wolnak

# B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

August – Tammuz/Av 5776



**Yabi Silvers,**  
son of Kathryn and Joshua Silvers  
Shabbat, August 13



**Lila Golson,**  
daughter of Judy and Ari Golson  
Shabbat, August 27

September – Av/Elul 5776



**Matthew Zimmerman,**  
son of Randi and Todd Zimmerman  
Mincha Shabbat, September 3



**Ally Kovitz,**  
daughter of Sari and Mitch Kovitz  
Shabbat, September 10



**Emily Zimmerman,**  
daughter of Randi and Todd Zimmerman  
Mincha Shabbat, September 3

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

Nancy and Richard Becker  
Linda and Steve Feinstein  
The Field Family  
Stacy and Jeffrey Goldsmith  
Beth and Jordan Grey  
Laurie and Andrew Hochberg  
Eli Krumbein  
The Lasin Family  
Paulette and Edward Margulies  
Anne McDonagh and David  
Fishbaum

Michelle Gooze-Miller and Adam  
Miller  
Nathan Mortkovitch  
North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood  
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
Men's Club  
The Schwab Family  
Maureen and Fred Sechan  
Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky

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*Beth El*

בית כנסת בית אל

השיבנו ה אליך ונשובה

# Selichot

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**Pre-Selichot Program: 9:15pm | Selichot Service: 10:45pm**

*Selichot Service will include the dedication of Memorial Plaques.*



SERVICES CONDUCTED BY:

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi Michael Schwab and  
Hazzan Ben Tisser

New North Shore Chamber Orchestra

Beth El High Holy Day Choir – Sid Engel, Music Director



## 2016/5777 High Holiday Service Schedule

### Selichot Evening\*\*

Saturday, September 24, 2016

- 6:30 pm.....Mincha/ Ma'ariv
- 7:32 pm.....Shabbat Ends
- 9:15 pm.....Social Gathering
- 10:45 pm.....Dedication of Memorial  
Plaques and Selichot Service

### Erev Rosh Hashana\*\*

Sunday, October 2, 2016

- \*\*6:00 pm.....Mincha
- 6:11 pm.....Candle Lighting

### First Day Rosh Hashana

Monday, October 3, 2016

- \*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
- \*\*9:15 am.....Preschool Family Service
- \*10:15 am.....Children's Services
- \*\*5:45 pm.....Tashlich led by Teen Minyan
- \*\*6:15 pm.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
- 7:16 pm.....Candle Lighting

### Second Day Rosh Hashana

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

- \*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
- \*\*9:15 am.....Young Family Service
- \*\*10:15 am.....Children's Services
- \*\*6:15 pm.....Mincha/ Ma'ariv
- 7:15 pm.....Yom Tov Ends

### Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

- \*5:30 pm.....Mincha Service
- \*5:45 pm.....Kol Nidre Service
- 5:56 pm.....Candle Lighting

### Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

- \*9:00 am.....Shacharit Service
- \*\*9:45 am.....Preschool Family Service
- \*10:45 am.....Children's Services
- \*4:30 pm.....Mincha Service
- \*5:45 pm.....Neilah Service
- 7:01 pm.....Yom Kippur Ends

\*At Beth El and Highland Park High School

\*\* At Beth El ONLY



# SH'MA KOLEINU

*The High Holy Days in Concert*

*Featured Performers*



**CANTOR MEIR FINKELSTEIN**  
Congregation Beth Yeshurun  
Houston, TX



**HAZZAN ALBERTO MIZRAHI**  
Anshe Emet Synagogue  
Chicago, IL



**HAZZAN BEN TISSER**  
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
Highland Park, IL



**CANTOR RACHEL BROOK**  
Park Avenue Synagogue  
New York, NY

**ALSO PERFORMING**

Beth El Chamber Ensemble • North Shore Singers • Young Soloists

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**  
**7:15 PM**

**NORTH SUBURBAN SYNAGOGUE BETH EL**

**CONCERT TICKET PRICES STARTING AT \$25**  
**TICKETS GO ON SALE AUGUST 1, 2016**

Call the NSSBE Synagogue Office at 847-432-8900 for more information.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jeffrey Goldsmith, Music Committee Chair, at jbg724@gmail.com.

North Suburban Synagogue  
**Beth El**  
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## The Ner Tamid Society Warms Your Heart

We did it! NSS Beth El met our Year Two goal for the Life and Legacy Program and earned a substantial stipend for our Endowment Fund!

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. As 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 the Life and Legacy program kickoff in the summer of 2014, we have added 42 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 two years of the Life and Legacy program and earned a \$20,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund! We will be continuing the program for two more years, as it will continue to promote estate formalization and donor stewardship – plus there are more incentive grants!

We are grateful to our Ner Tamid members and invite every congregant to leave your own legacy with any size gift (\$1000 or more) 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 Kleine Kekst, Director of Development and Communication, at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

### Our Ner Tamid Society Members – Is your name on this list?

Anonymous (5 gifts)	Richard and Lois Janger
Steve and Wendy Abrams	Joel and Pearl Kagan
Bernard and Fran Alpert	Chuck Kahalnik
Harvey and Jacqueline Barnett	Bernard and Edith Kaye
Scott and Karen Bieber	Karen Kesner
Leonard Birnbaum	Michael Kesner
Gerald and Annette Blumberg	Jeffrey and Beth Kopin
Jack and Barbara Blumberg	Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall
JoAnne Blumberg	Scott and Jane Lederman
Gail Feiger Brown	Michael Levin
Andrew Brown	Victor and Arielle Levitan
Ramona Choos	Mildred Lidov
Steve and Sara Coven	Zella Edidin Ludwig
Calvin and Lana Eisenberg	Cara Madansky-Stiebel
Michael and Wendi Ezgur	Manny and Kathryn Marczak
Maury and Nancy Fertig	Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
Ira and Elise Frost	David Rosen and Amy Zisook
Ronald and Eileen Goldberg	Jeffrey and Lisa Rosenkranz
Jeffrey and Stacy Goldsmith	Alan and Mally Rutkoff
Larry Goldsmith	Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
Scott and Gwen Heyman	Skip and Lynn Schrayner
Barbara and Stuart Hochwert	Phyllis K. Shalowitz
Herbert and Helene Isaacs	Leonard Sherman
Harvey and Ellen Jacobson	Gregg and Rebecca Simon



Ken Levin, Chairman of the NSS Beth El Endowment Corporation; Nancy Kleine Kekst, Director of Development and Communication; Arlene Schiff, National Director of the Life and Legacy Program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and Jane Lederman, Lay Chair of the Life and Legacy program at JUF.



Nancy Kleine Kekst with the Chicago contingent and Mr. Harold Grinspoon at the Life and Legacy Conference in Springfield, MA.



## Chesed Dues Provide a Warm Welcome

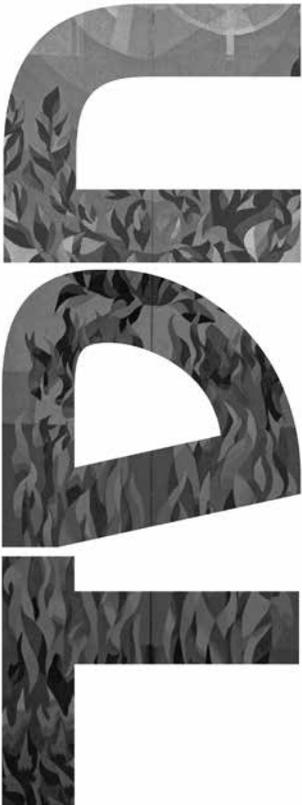
The Chesed Dues Program is an ongoing program designed to help maintain membership dues for those members in need who cannot afford to pay full dues. The prime opportunity to donate is summer and early fall, when members pay annual dues. Your annual statement includes a line for you to make your Chesed pledge. It just feels right for you to make a donation to help others afford to be a part of our community membership when you are renewing your membership. **When you pay your annual dues, 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 Nancy Kleine Kekst for further information.
- Benefactor – \$1,500 and over
- Guarantor – \$1,000 to \$1,499
- Donor – \$750 to \$999
- Patron – \$500 to \$749
- Sustainer – \$250 to \$499
- Supporter – \$36 to \$249

If you have any questions about your annual giving, please contact Nancy Kleine Kekst, Director of Development, at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

We honor those congregants who have renewed or made a first time B'Yachad commitment for 2016–2017 (as of June 30, 2016). Words cannot express our warm gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad dues level program at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. This is the highest number of B'Yachad level donors we have ever had!



Anonymous  
Harriet Bernbaum  
Eve and Richard Biller  
Gil Bogen  
Gail and Andrew Brown  
Bernice and Buddy Cohen  
Cheryl and Carey Cooper  
Sandra and Phillip Cooper  
Barbara and Lawrence Field  
Shelly and Leonard Foxman  
Penny and Jeffrey Heckman  
Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon  
Nina and Arnie Harris  
Barbara and Stuart Hochwert  
Karen and Michael Kesner  
Sari and Mitch Kovitz  
Julie and Coleman Kraff  
Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall  
Lisa and Jeffrey Rosenkranz  
Andy and Kenneth Saffir  
Lynne and Skip Schrayner  
Karyn and Bill Silverstein  
Tina and Joseph Wolf  
Sheri and Sherwin Zuckerman

It's not too late to add your name to this list!



Nancy Kleine Kekst  
Promoted to Director  
of Development and  
Communication

NSS Beth El is pleased to announce the creation of a new senior staff position – Director of Development and Communication – which will be filled by Nancy Kleine Kekst, our current Director of Development. Nancy has been an outstanding employee in our NSSBE Development arena for the last four years, and was identified as a candidate for this new position based on her experience in marketing and communication as well as her institutional knowledge. She was the first choice of a number of qualified candidates.

As communications and fundraising are two halves of a whole, the Executive Committee felt that to optimize impact and resources, a single team should define goals, calls to action, targets, timing, and channels. Working cooperatively with the volunteer leadership, synagogue clergy and staff, and outside consultants (as appropriate), Nancy will develop strategy, implement programs, and support/assist in guiding the fundraising and communications functions. We are very confident that her skills and expertise will continue to “raise the bar” and enhance our Synagogue brand.

*With warm remembrance it's time to list names*

## NSS Beth El Memorial Book for High Holidays 5777

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 you wish to purchase a Memorial Plaque 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 no later than Monday, September 12. If you have questions, please contact Elise Kline at 847-432-8900 or email her at [ekline@nssbethel.org](mailto:ekline@nssbethel.org).

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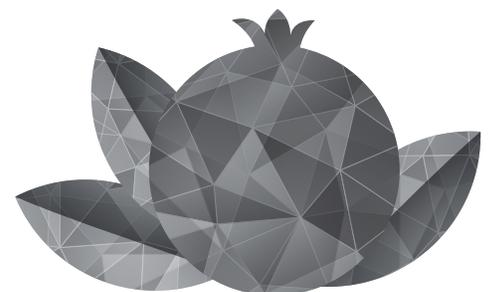
## Keep the warm fires burning... We continue our tradition of a Kol Nidre Appeal.

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 Synagogue provides. There is something at Beth El for everyone. This is our neighborhood. 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 synagogue's needs and meet our financial obligations. Dues cover less than 50% of our annual operating budget. The remainder comes from programs, endowments and your donations.

Our tradition teaches us to give to the extent of our ability (something, anything—no matter how big or small). Mazel tov 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!**



## IN REVIEW

### A Meaningful Start to Passover

At dawn on Friday morning, April 22, the parking lot at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El began filling up in anticipation of the "Fast of the First Born." Many first born males observe this daytime fast on the eve of Pesach, recognizing that in Egypt the first born of the Jews were saved, while the first born Egyptians died in the 10th plague. Nearly 100 congregants gathered in the sanctuary to daven Shacharit, following which Rabbi Kurtz held a siyyum that exempts those attending from the obligation to fast. He also delivered a D'var Torah from the Babylonian Talmud.

To celebrate this mitzvah, a customary festive meal was enjoyed, including lox and bagels, a soufflé, kugel, pancakes, and cupcakes with juice and coffee to wash it all down. We wished one another a "Chag Sameach" and a sweet, kosher Pesach. It was a worthwhile and spiritually meaningful event, and we look forward to having you join us again next year.

### Men's Club Holocaust Memorial Program

On Sunday morning, April 17, our Men's Club presented the Irwin Wygodny Memorial Holocaust Program. This annual program is named in memory of one of our most devoted past member, Irwin Wygodny, who was a very strong supporter of Holocaust education for our young people.

After enjoying a bountiful breakfast, about 50 attendees were introduced to four presenters (Anna Carney, Gabe Small, Alex Levine and Joey Spellberg) who last summer traveled to the concentration camps of Poland with other teens from across the U.S., thanks in part to contributions from our Holocaust Program. They offered PowerPoint presentations and spoke passionately of their experiences while visiting the various death camps. Following the four presentations, audience members asked questions of the presenters, which added to the depth and meaning of the morning's program.

Our Men's Club supports this most worthwhile program, funded in part by the generous donations generated by the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. In the coming year, Men's Club again will offer stipends to our USY youth who wish to partake in such a trip. We also urge all of our members of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El to generously support the Yellow Candle Program so that this important educational program can continue. A special "Thank You" goes out to Arnie Sandler and Joe Adler, who co-chaired this program.

### Annual Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Packing Project

Under the able direction of Joe Adler, a group of Men's Club members, non-members and USY teens assembled in Beth El's Paset Lounge on Tuesday evening, April 5, for the packing of Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles. This has been an annual event for our Men's Club. The process of assembling the boxes, folding envelopes, inserting candles, and applying mailing labeling occurs in assembly line fashion. Our group of packers was treated to a pizza dinner prepared by Circle of Life Catering's kitchen staff. The packing was completed by 8:00pm.

This year Yom HaShoah was on May 5. The Yellow Candle program was established many years ago by FJMC to commemorate the Shoah,

### An Exceptional Bagels for Your Brains Program

Drs. Arielle Levitan and Romy Block, both of who are Beth El members as well as local physicians, offered an outstanding presentation on the topic, "The Vitamin Solution," from the title of their highly acclaimed 2015 book, *The Vitamin Solution: Two Doctors Clear the Confusion About Vitamins and Your Health*. About 80 Beth El members, as well as non-members, attended this standing room-only program.

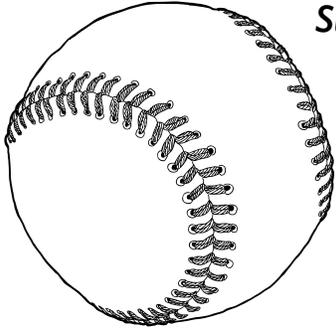
The doctors described the history behind their work in this area, explaining that, after years of treating patients, they each noticed much confusion regarding the safe and proper use of vitamins. Recognizing that each individual has unique needs based on his or her diet, lifestyle and health concerns, they also created the website, [VousVitamin.com](http://VousVitamin.com), a resource that enables customers to obtain a personalized multivitamin based on an online interactive survey.

They discussed some of the confusion held by the public about vitamin supplements, the type of vitamins that are needed for optimal health, and which levels were safe. They explained why so many people's health issues can, with more education, be improved with vitamins. They also noted that, since vitamin supplements are unregulated by the FDA, only superior quality brands should be used. Throughout their presentation, audience members asked pertinent questions, and Arielle and Romy responded with intelligent and useful answers and guidance to all. Their information and insights were extremely well received, and a true highlight of this year's Bagels for Your Brains program.

which claimed the lives of six million of our people. The program has been adopted by nearly every Conservative congregation and many Reform congregations as well. Each synagogue member receives a special yellow candle, along with a request to light the Yartzeit candle on the night prior to Yom HaShoah and to make a donation to the Men's Club's special educational and scholarship funds.

Most of these volunteers continue to do so every year. Kol Hakavod and many thanks to all participants for their time and effort, and especially to Joe Adler, who chairs this project, and whose leadership and experience has made the Yellow Candle Program here at Beth El a great success.

## » Men's Club



### **Summer Softball Games are in Full Swing!**

Our Men's Club softball league is well underway, now in its third year. Beth El has two teams competing in the 12-team league, which includes many other area synagogue Men's Clubs. Games are played on Sundays, through early August. If you are interested in playing next year, please contact Michael Salberg at: 847-831-0581 or 847-903-1491, or [mbsalberg@sbcglobal.com](mailto:mbsalberg@sbcglobal.com).

### **Hearing Men's Voices Program Will Resume in Fall 2016**

The well-received program, Hearing Men's Voices, will resume this fall. The program consists of informal discussions that educate participants and offer insights into current, real-life issues facing men in today's society. The sessions are free to the community, and each session is hosted at the home of one of our members.

### **Kiddush Club**

We will continue to schedule our Kiddush Club about once every six weeks. Whether warm or cold outdoors, it's always warm inside, so don't rush home after shul on Shabbat morning. Instead, stay a while and enjoy a wonderful Beth El Congregational Deli Lunch sponsored by the Men's Club. Our last Kiddush Club was attended by one of our largest groups yet. Come kibbitz with your friends and other Beth El families. Share in the fun, laughs, Shabbat ruach, and plenty of good food for everyone... corned beef, turkey, salads and much more. Everyone is welcome! Many thanks to Steve Coven for coordinating these most delightful events. For more information, contact Steve at [scoven@napcoltd.com](mailto:scoven@napcoltd.com).

### **Lieberman Center Assistance Program**

After the initiative established at the 2007 FJMC International Convention, members of the Midwest Region FJMC began to provide assistance to the residents of Skokie's Lieberman Center for Health & Rehabilitation, bringing them on Shabbat morning back and forth between their respective rooms and the Center's synagogue services. At the present time, four Men's Clubs close to the Lieberman Center are involved in this mitzvah program: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Congregation Beth Judea in Buffalo Grove, Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, and Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah in Wilmette.

Each club is asked for 3-5 volunteers to participate weekly. Volunteers arrive at the Lieberman Center by 9:30am and begin transporting the residents in wheelchairs down to the services, which are held in a large auditorium on the ground floor. They provide each male resident with a tallit and kippah, and an abridged siddur is available to all. Services are conducted by volunteer clergy who rotate from week to week. A small Kiddush consisting of grape juice and cake follows the service.

As the years have gone by, strong friendships between the residents and volunteers have developed. The program is going strong after nine years. The staff and residents at Lieberman appreciate our assistance and support, and our Men's Club volunteers enjoy the gratitude expressed by all at the end of every Shabbat service.

### **Planning Ahead and Save the Dates...**

In adherence to our charter, and with an ongoing commitment to the synagogue and to Men's Club members, we will offer programming nearly every Sunday morning in the coming year, from September through May. This will include the stimulating Bagels for Your Brains programs, which offer shul-wide presentations approximately once every 4-6 weeks and, on intervening Sundays, more intimate educational presentations and Torah study sessions. Please check your synagogue mailings, emails, and our **New Men's Club website** for additional upcoming programming and details.

Save the following dates for upcoming Men's Club events:

Tuesday, August 2

**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood BBQ**

Thursday, September 29

**Annual Steak & Scotch Night**

October (Date TBD)

**Sukkot Party**

Sunday, December 4

**Annual Lox Box Preparation & Delivery**

Friday-Sunday, January 13-15

**Men's Club Shabbat Weekend and a joint**

**Men's Club & Sisterhood Game Night**

Thursday, February 16

**Annual Caveman Dinner**

Saturday, February 25

**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Event**

Thursday, March 2

**Men's Club Purim Night**

Sunday, March 19

**Annual Men's Club Man of the Year Dinner**

Thursday, May 4

**Men's Club Offsite Event**

Tuesday, May 9

**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz**

These are just a few of our upcoming events, so stay tuned to learn about many more exciting programs and opportunities to participate!

**If you're not already a member, join the Men's Club today!**

[nssbethemensclub@gmail.com](mailto:nssbethemensclub@gmail.com)

## » Sisterhood



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. We hope these programs are as exciting to you as they are to us, and will motivate you to join our growing membership. L'shana Tova.

Rachel Ferber, Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith and Karen Weiss  
Co-Presidents



**Congratulations to our Valued Volunteers.** On Sunday, May 22, our Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism honored women from our area with a Valued Volunteer Dinner. Sulie Holt and Diane Levin were our honorees. Sulie and Diane have been Sisterhood members for over 20 years. They served together as

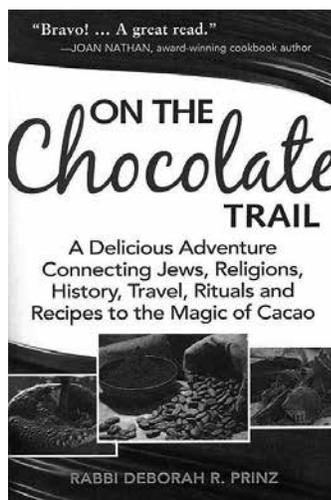
co-chairs of Beth El's Festival of the Arts for several years and, more recently, have served together as our Gift Shop Vice Presidents. Together, Sulie and Diane have truly re-invented and reinvigorated our Gift Shop, which is Sisterhood's largest source of revenue, raising over \$10,000 each year. Be sure to congratulate Sulie and Diane the next time you see them. We wish a *yashar kochech* to each of our very deserving honorees.

## Upcoming Sisterhood Events

**Sunday, September 11 at 3:00pm**

**Rabbi Deborah Prinz**

We are excited to present Rabbi Deborah Prinz, author of *On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao*. Join us for a delicious and interesting afternoon as Rabbi Prinz tells us about the surprising religious history of chocolate, including Jewish connections to the chocolate trade and chocolate gastronomy. This event is for not only chocolate lovers, but for anyone who loves stories, recipes and rituals. And, it is free! RSVP to Barbara Hochwert, Barbara.hochwert@gmail.com or 847-831-0271.



**Week of September 13**  
**Torah Fund Classes Begin**

**Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30am**  
**Breakfast with Rabbi Schwab**

## The Sisterhood Gift Shop

### Preparing for the New Year

Every year we look forward to Rosh Hashana and new beginnings! This year our Beth El showcases, formerly part of the hallway outside the sanctuary, will be in a new location – closer to our Gift Shop. This expanded space will provide a great way to highlight our beautiful Judaica and gifts.

In preparation for our Gift Shop's re-opening in September, we're heading to New York for the Gift Show at the Javits Convention Center. This show is a one-of-a-kind experience with truly exceptional merchandise. We can connect with Israeli artisans, meet new artists, and discover those unique Judaica items for which our Gift Shop is known.

Whether to enhance your High Holiday traditions, to help you celebrate the holidays throughout the year, or to 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 at sunset, Sunday, October 2, 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, such as the Eretz Tallit and a new array of head coverings for women. From the artists you have come to know and admire, we have Mezzuzah covers by Gary Rosenthal, three-piece honey dishes by Lily Art, stunning Challah Boards by Metalace, magnificent Israeli Shofarot, and a new line of Lenox Judaica. All of our merchandise is available to you at the lowest prices on the North Shore. Our proceeds contribute to Sisterhood's ongoing financial commitments to the NSS Beth El Religious School Programs.

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

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

**Week of September 4**

Tuesday, September 6 9:00am – Noon

**Week of September 11**

Sunday, September 11 9:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday, September 13 9:00am – Noon

**Week of September 18**

Sunday, September 18 9:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday, September 20 9:00am – Noon

We are always happy to open the Gift Shop at your convenience.

Simply call: Diane Levin: 847-571-5629,

Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389, or Pam

Schlosberg: 847-433-7546.





## Sisterhood Torah Fund

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through active giving to the Torah Fund Campaign. Women's League for Conservative Judaism launched the Torah Fund Campaign in 1942 as a scholarship fund and, due to the generosity of Sisterhood members throughout North America, it has, over seventy years, expanded to fund many other identified needs and projects within the four educational communities of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The women of NSS Beth El have been supporting Torah Fund since its inception. In addition to the gratification we feel from our monetary commitment to Torah Fund, we recognize that Jewish learning is important for each of us. To that end, NSS Beth El is the only

synagogue that provides continuing adult Jewish education, free of charge, to Torah Fund contributors. Please be generous when you receive this year's Torah Fund solicitation. Torah Fund classes begin September 13, 2016, at 10:00am. We look forward to adding a new evening class this year.

Linda Gottlieb, Vice President - Torah Fund

## A New Sweet Rosh Hashana Gift for Family and Friends

Rosh Hashana begins at sundown, Monday, October 2. One of our cherished holiday traditions is to dip apples into honey at the beginning of our Rosh Hashana meal. It conveys our Rosh Hashana wish that "G-d grant us a good and sweet new year."

Our kosher honey gift package is a sweet way for you to connect with family and friends near and far during this holiday time. New this year, our gift package features an assortment of 12 flavored kosher honey sticks, perfect for apple and challah dipping. It also includes the *brachot* (blessings for apples and honey), and your personalized greeting. This honey package truly is a unique, sweet, and thoughtful holiday gift!

Each gift package is \$12 (Which includes shipping; international shipping is extra). Ordering is fast and easy. Simply complete the order form below. Send, with a check payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood to: Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith, 1092 Princeton Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035. We will take care of the rest!

### The order deadline is Wednesday September 7, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Schlosberg at 847-433-7546 or pgs567@comcast.net. We appreciate your support. Your generosity will help Sisterhood fulfill our ongoing financial commitments to NSS Beth El's educational and religious programs.

(Please add additional names on a separate piece of paper)

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## Leagrams

### Subscribe Today for 2016-2017

NS Beth El Sisterhood's Leagrams Program is one of our quietest yet most profitable. Share in the joy of birthdays and anniversaries by sending letters of Mazel Tov to fellow female congregants. This program generates over \$4,000, which Sisterhood donates to Beth El to support educational programs. Please become a Leagrams annual subscriber and help us increase our support of these programs.

### Choose How You Want to Participate

**One Annual Payment:** Complete the subscription form below, return it with your one-time-per-year payment of \$60 and you will be listed on every Leagram letter we send. When you subscribe annually you do not need to complete the monthly lists, i.e., no checking boxes; no sending checks every other month; no missing deadlines!

**Monthly Selections:** If you prefer, you may add your name to specific Leagram letters by checking the box next to the honoree(s) on the forms included with the Sisterhood Insider ("snail mail" version received by women for whom we don't have email addresses) every other month and the monthly Sisterhood E-News and return these pages, with your check (@ \$.50 per name), **prior to the 15th of the month, as directed at the bottom of the form.** The choice is yours. We urge you to participate and support this lovely program.

Yes, I want to become an annual Leagrams subscriber.

My name is (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

My husband's name (if applicable) is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my \$60 check, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood. I have noted Leagrams on the memo line.

Mail to: NS Beth El Sisterhood, 1175 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035 Attn: Leagrams (or leave in Sisterhood's dedicated Leagrams mail drawer at the synagogue)

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

### ***M'Shulchan Hamenahelet***

*Bruchim Ha-Baim* – Welcome to the new and returning students and their families. Summers provide a precious time to refocus our attention on the educational vision and mission of the schools as we embark in a new year of learning. Our schools' mission is to instill the love and joy of Judaism while inspiring our students and families. In order to infuse love and derive joy of Judaism one must learn and understand. Judaism is accessible to anyone who is willing to learn the Hebrew language, to master the prayers, to embrace and celebrate the Jewish holidays at home and at the synagogue, to fulfill the mitzvot, and to foster a love of Israel and the Jewish people (K'lal Yisrael). These lofty goals are attainable through a simple mechanism called learning. Learning is a paramount lifelong tenet of our tradition. Judaism, which is a text-based religion, invites learners in every generation to interpret its texts in order to derive meaning. The many layers of interpretation of these texts done by Jews in earlier generations add countless additional meaning and depth. We can figuratively stand on the shoulders of giants to learn and get inspired. The Beth El schools are charged with the mission of transmitting this text-based tradition to our multi-age population by molding it in an age-appropriate manner while infusing it with modern relevancy.

I am looking forward to sharing many learning moments with the students and their families this year.

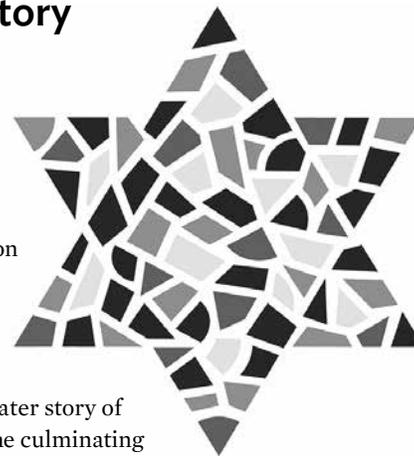
For more information about the Beth El schools, please check the respective schools' websites at [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org).

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

*Dr. 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. Alex Garfinkel and Lila Golson won the school competition. Their projects were sent to Beit Hatfutsot (Museum of the Jewish People) where judges determined the final winners of the competition.



We are happy to announce that Lila Golson's project continues in Beth El's tradition of excellence by becoming one of the winners of the international competition from the North America, Europe and Australia category! Lila and her family participated at the Award Ceremony at Beit Hatfutsot in June.

Four years ago Noah Braverman and last year Jason Garfinkel, both now SHHS students, were among the international winners in the same category!

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

The beginning of each school year evokes great emotion for educators who arrive back to school after spending a few short months away. With our souls replenished and refueled, we excitedly set up new classroom environments, attend professional development sessions, and work towards a productive and successful shared vision. Just as we prepare to beautify our homes for the upcoming holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a parallel process is happening within the pre-school. Educators can be seen preparing their classrooms for the 160 incoming students that they will be honored to teach this year. Considering intentional and meaningful classroom environments sets the stage for development and growth. Incorporating such values as *Tzedakah* (Charity), *Gimilut Hasadim* (Acts of Love and Kindness), *Hachnasat Orchim* (Welcoming Guests), and *Kavod* (Honor and Respect) seamlessly in each classroom ensures that Jewish values are instilled in our children from the moment they begin their educational experience in the Steinberg Pre-School. We are blessed to be the entryway to Jewish life for our students

and families and to set the foundation for continued involvement within the synagogue and larger Jewish community. Watching children engage in our traditions confirms that the work we do each day is full of purpose and meaning.

I am thrilled and honored to be the new Director of the Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School. In the few short weeks that I have been at Beth El, I have seen how special this synagogue is for its members and pre-school families. I look forward to learning and growing together with the talented and dedicated clergy and staff and hope that each new school year brings you the same feelings of excitement, energy and newness as my first few weeks have brought to me. Please feel free to come and visit me in the Steinberg Preschool wing. Great things are happening with our students each and every day.

*Karee Bilsky*  
*Steinberg Pre-School Director*



## All My Bags Are Packed and I'm Ready to Go

This spring I was privileged to teach a class called "What are the Jews Thinking?" in our Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School. We studied modern Jewish thought and Jewish denominationalism in America. One of the most fascinating sessions

for me was the chance to analyze how different denominations or philosophies approached the questions of theology, Biblical authorship, theophany, and authority of Jewish law. Often I hear people describe a continuum of Jewish observance that begins with Reform and continues in strictness through Conservative to Orthodox, which seems to be imagined as a monolithic single institution. It is important to me to help our teenagers understand that modern Jewish denominations developed their philosophies as reactions to modern history and pressures. We learned that they continue to evolve in both philosophy and practice

Jews choose synagogue affiliation and their own practice for a number of reasons, including geographic proximity and social

pressure – you want to go where your friends go! These are important and inextricable factors to building community. I also wanted to show how personal ideology and an understanding of Jewish philosophy can play a role in finding a community of like-minded Jews.

The journey that our teens are on as they discover how to synthesize their Jewish learning with their developing approach to living is, in fact, one we are all on. We continue to grow and change and revisit past understanding both in our Judaism and in our lives. We bring our own past experiences in luggage with us but use those experiences to come to new understandings. We try to open ourselves up, sometimes to being uncomfortable in a slightly unfamiliar setting or with people who are not yet new friends. I hope that we continue to be learners, who revisit our past Jewish experiences with our increasing knowledge and perspective.

As we end the summer of fantastic travel and vacations, we begin a new journey of the Jewish year full of holidays, learning, and potential new friendships. We have a **"Let the Journey Begin" Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake** service and appetizers on **Friday August 26**, beginning at 5:30pm. I hope to see you there to talk about the next step on our collective journey.

## Report from our Twinned Community in Berdichev, Ukraine

This year the Midreshet Yerushalayim Community School in Berdichev has 36 children ages 4-16, including 6 new pupils (ages 5-6) who are the children of former pupils at the school who have grown up, married and started a family. The mothers of these children are very active and help out at the school. It is important to note that this school is unique in that most of the children are Jewish according to halacha (although Midreshet Yerushalayim only requires that a child be defined as Jewish according to Israel's law of return).

Classes at the school are held each Sunday from 10:30–3:00 and children receive a hot meal for lunch. The curriculum for children at the Berdichev Community School includes the Hebrew calendar, Jewish holidays, Jewish tradition and Jewish History. The school staff is very creative and is always updating the teaching methods. The staff includes the principal Polina Greenberg and three teachers: Sasha Frankel, Janna Lehrman, and Miroslav Greenberg.

The atmosphere at the school is very warm and friendly – the staff and children have an excellent interpersonal relationship. One unique aspect of the school is that the older children (ages 13-16) help teach the younger children. This is part of the atmosphere prevailing at the school – which is very intimate and where everybody feels like one big family. This atmosphere also carries over into other programs such as Camp Ramah Yachad. Many former pupils, who are now university students, visit the school and help out. One former pupil volunteers to give Jewish music classes at the school when she visits.

Shabbat and Holiday programming, organized by the principal and teachers, includes singing, dancing, and drama activities. Parents join in Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah programs, held once a month at the school, with average attendance of 60 adults and children. Holiday celebrations attract 150–200 Jews from Berdichev, many of whom are not affiliated with the school. The municipality provides a hall free of



charge for holiday celebrations.

The entire teaching staff (3 teachers and the principal), along with one student-teacher (Anna Lehrman) attended Midreshet Yerushalayim's Teacher Training Seminar, held June 23–28. The annual seminar provides intense educational experiences that enhance Jewish knowledge and equipped them with the didactic tools to convey this knowledge in the classroom. The study is very interactive, with groups developing and demonstrating sample lessons in Hebrew, Jewish history, Bible etc. The feedback from Berdichev teachers this year was on the need to provide more material and direction on teaching about contemporary Israel.

Eight Berdichev pupils will attend Camp Ramah Yachad on August 1–10 (same number as last year) and four families will attend the Ramah Family Camp July 7–13. As in the previous two years, three fathers from Berdichev will work as security guards at Camp Ramah Yachad, and they have also volunteered to give sports instruction.

If you wish to assist our friends in Berdichev, please contribute to the Beth El Berdichev fund.

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

<p><b>BEANS Leadership Training Institute (LTI)</b>                  Grades 9–12                  August 15–16                  Youth Lounge</p>	<p><b>Kadima Welcome Back Event</b>                  Grades 6–8                  August 29                  Youth Lounge</p>	<p><b>BEANS USY Welcome Back Event</b>                  Grades 9–12                  August 30                  Patio</p>	<p><b>CHUSY Leadership Training Institute (LTI)</b>                  Grades 9–12                  September 23–25                  Palatine, IL</p>
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**Sign up online for the Beth El Sisterhood College Connection!**

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

Thanks to a generous endowment from the Sisterhood, we continue to provide a connection for our college students to our congregation.

Enrolling in this wonderful program gets your college student great care packages for the Jewish holidays, as well as emailed information about alternative school break programs, Birthright Israel, Jewish programs on campus, summer jobs and study abroad opportunities.

This program is sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood and completely free to you, but you need to fill out a new form every year. All of our enrollment will be online, and a link will be sent out shortly. We will be emailing the registration forms out to all relevant applicants – which includes graduate students! We no longer mail packages overseas – but if you're only studying abroad for one semester, we want to make sure you get packages the rest of the year, so please sign up.

If you are concerned that we don't have the right email address to send a registration link to enroll your college student, please contact Tovah Goodman at [tgoodman@nssbethel.org](mailto:tgoodman@nssbethel.org) or fill out and return the form below to give the correct email address for College Connection information (both parent and student) so that you can make sure to receive the registration form.

The deadline for application for the fall boxes is Friday, August 26, 2016. You can still sign up your college student at any time all year. And remember to "like" us on Facebook to get all the latest information!

Return Form\* to Tovah Goodman, Youth Community Director  
 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035.

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

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Annual Schach Pick Up and Car Wash**

Sunday, October 16  
 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!



**Israeli Scouts at NSS Beth El**

Tzofim, the Israeli Scouts came to perform at NSS Beth El on Wednesday, July 13. The audience was captivated by song and dance from America and Israel. The modern and classic material had a bit of magic for all.

## » Kol No'ar

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

As a new year approaches I am very excited to join the NSS Beth El community and bring in two new, enthusiastic advisors to the Youth Community.

Larry Bender will be taking over as advisor to M&M Club, Shalom Club and Kadima. Larry grew up in the Conservative movement as a member of the CHUSY Regional Board and he most recently returned from Nativ, a Conservative gap year program in Israel. Larry attended Rochelle Zell Jewish High School and has been a camp counselor at both Ramah Day Camp and JCC Camp Chi. I am excited to have Larry's camp spirit uplift the Beth El youth.

Shoshi Shapiro will be the advisor for the award-winning BEANS USY. Shoshi is originally from New York but spends the school year as a student at Northwestern University. This summer Shoshi is educating USYers via bus on USY Wheels and also has a camp counselor background from Ramah Day Camp in Nyack. I know Shoshi's newfound skills from this summer will make her a fantastic leader this fall.

As a final passing of the torch, Samantha Isenstein and I visited Ramah Wisconsin and I had the pleasure of meeting the Beth El campers in their natural environment. We handed out goodie bags and spent time seeing the exciting endeavors they were taking apart in over the summer.

Enthusiastically,

*Tovah Goodman*

*Youth Community Director*



## Sukkot is Coming!

### Time to Order Your Schach and Lulav & Etrog

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

**All orders for Schach as well as Lulav and Etrog must be received by Monday, October 10, 2016. Pick-Up for Schach and Lulav and Etrog will be Sunday, October 16, 2016, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm** outside by the south side doors. (We cannot be responsible for Schach that is not picked up on time.)

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

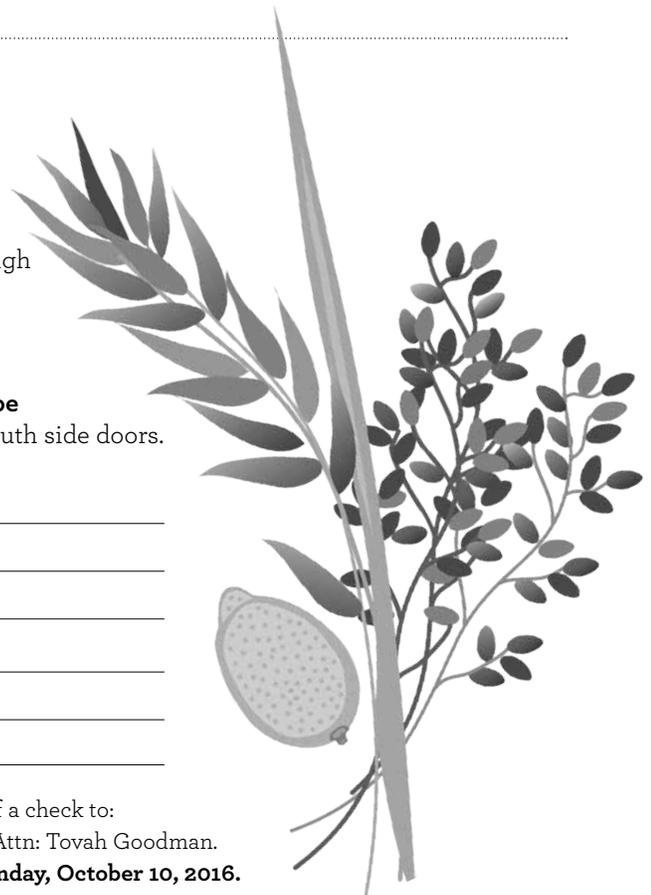
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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: Tovah Goodman.  
**Please make checks payable to NSS Beth El and return by Monday, October 10, 2016.**

## » Around the Synagogue

**A Warm Welcome** – This Summer has seen the addition of three new staff members! Please welcome them to the NSSBE family!



### **Jeffrey T. Baden, Executive Director**

For nearly 30 years, Jeff Baden has served the Jewish communities of Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Ann Arbor in a variety of leadership roles, including Executive Director of both the Cincinnati and Ann Arbor JCCs, Director of Planning and Allocations for the Greater Cincinnati Jewish Federation, Director of Early Childhood Education for the Indianapolis JCC and Director of Camp Livingston (a Jewish resident camp).

While in Cincinnati, Jeff met his wife, Rabbi Ilana Greenfield Baden, who grew up in Libertyville. When Rabbi Baden was offered a position with Temple Chai in Long Grove, Jeff left the Ann Arbor JCC so that the family could “return home.” Jeff and Rabbi Baden have two children: a daughter who is beginning her sophomore year at Stevenson High School, and a son who is entering 6th grade at Twin Oaks Junior High in Buffalo Grove. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys practicing magic, as well as playing and recording Jewish music.

As Jeff begins his tenure with the congregation, he looks forward to meeting you. Please be sure to introduce yourself to him, whether it is at a Shabbat service, congregational event, or even just a “drop by” at the office.

### **Karee Bilsky, Director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School**

Karee joins our team with a wealth of education and expertise in early childhood education. Karee most recently served as the Director of the Linda and Fred Wein Center for Gan Ami Early Childhood Education, which is a program of the Harry and Rose Samson Family JCC in Milwaukee, WI. A graduate of Indiana University (BS - Early Childhood Education), Karee is a past fellow of the Jewish Early Childhood Education Leadership Institute and is an active board member for the National Jewish Early Childhood Network. She is a current member of the Coaches Catalyzing Change Community of Practice comprised of fourteen Jewish Early Childhood Professionals from across the country.

A published author in the field of Early Childhood Education, Karee previously served as the Director of Early Childhood Programs at Congregation BJBE in Deerfield, IL. A career early childhood educator over the past 17 years, she has also served as a Director, Assistant Director, Lead Teacher, and Kindergarten Teacher at a variety of organizations, including Bernard Weinger JCC, Gan Shalom Early Childhood Center, and the Mannheim School District. Karee is deeply familiar with and supportive of the Reggio Emilia-inspired approach to early childhood development upon which our preschool curriculum is based.



### **Tovah Goodman, Youth Community Director**

Tovah Goodman is coming to NSS Beth El after working for the last two years as an Engagement Associate for Israel Initiatives at the Jewish United Fund in Chicago, recruiting for and organizing Masa Israel programming. Among her primary responsibilities were staffing trips to Israel and planning a curriculum to educate youth about Israel for Birthright and Ta’am Yisrael. She has worked at Jewish summer camp and taught in Conservative congregational religious schools.

Her skills in prayer leadership, song, theater, arts, digital media and photography enhance her talents as a Jewish educator and assist her in connecting with teens and Jewish youth. In addition to her main responsibilities as our Youth Community director, Tovah will also eventually join in the effort to reinvigorate Junior Congregation. During her rigorous on-site interview, she created and led an activity for our Kadimaniks. Complementing her well-rounded experience with a wide-range of age groups and Jewish activities, her enthusiastic, vivacious and dynamic personality won over the search committee and all who met with her that day.

Tovah hails from California and has a bachelor’s degree in Journalism, Strategic Communications and Music Education from the University of Nevada, Reno. At the Hallelujah Jewish Singing Competition, sponsored by the Israel American Council, she was a semi-finalist, representing the Los Angeles Jewish community as an ambassador for Judaism and music. She has staffed several trips to Israel for Birthright and Ta’am Yisrael and has participated in the Taglit Fellows program.

### **Warmly Calling all Volunteers!**

Do you want to get more involved in our NSS Beth El community? Do you like to plan events, help with projects, meet new people, communicate with others, do office work, sit on committees, read Torah or sing (just to name a few!)? Then we have a number of committees that might interest you! We are looking for help for both single events, one-time projects or ongoing commitments. There is no better way to meet people in your Beth El community or give back than by volunteering your time to help the synagogue in various ways. If you are interested in getting involved, email Jackie Melinger, Membership Vice President at [jackiemelinger@gmail.com](mailto:jackiemelinger@gmail.com) or call her at 847-361-9798.

## » Around the Synagogue

### Beth El Treated to Recital on Yom Ha'atzmaut

On Thursday, May 12, Yom Ha'atzmaut, approximately 100 members and guests gathered in the Blumberg Auditorium to enjoy a recital by two accomplished Israeli-born musicians in honor of Israel's 68th birthday. The day began with cold and rain but, as time for the performance arrived, the rain stopped and the sun came out. Everyone sat facing the windows overlooking Lake Michigan, which made for a most beautiful and breathtaking view. The setting for the program was perfect.

The recital was arranged by one of our congregants, Job Youshaei, Treasurer of the Board for the Lake Forest Symphony. The program was introduced by Hazzan Tisser, who was also instrumental in arranging the afternoon. The program was generously supported by our congregants, Gerald and Rita Buckman, who deserve our gratitude. The Executive Director of the Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra, Susan Lape, was also present and offered her remarks.

The recital began with Netanel Draiblate, an Israeli born violin virtuoso. His artistry has been praised as confident and eloquent. His appearances as a chamber musician and recording artist serve to highlight his versatility. He is also the concertmaster of the Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra. His execution of the difficult pieces was masterful. Offering twelve selections of varied styles, from Bach and Ysaÿe to Israeli composers Menachem Zur and Paul Ben-Haim, brought rousing applause. Yael Good, a new congregant of Beth El who is an accomplished flautist in her own right, joined Netanel in a duet, rounding out the recital to the enjoyment of the audience. The performance of the two artists was beautiful and entertaining.

It was a most enjoyable afternoon for all who attended and who look forward to the possibility of more musical performances here at Beth El as well as a wonderful way to celebrate YomHa'atzmaut. Todah Rabbah to all who helped produce the program.

### Yad Awarded to Two Torah Readers

On Saturday night, June 11 (Erev Shavuot), the Ba'al Korei Institute presented a silver yad to two outstanding Torah readers, **Roberta Kwall** and **Leon Fox**. Each earned the yad by reading over 500 verses of Torah. The presentation was made by Rabbi Kurtz as an introduction to the evening lecture/learning session.

The Ba'al Korei Institute provides various recognition awards to our Ba'alei K'riya as they ascend the ladder of accomplishment in terms of the verses that they read. Awards range from a simple lapel pin to a Havdalah set. Annually, we have many recipients in all categories. Beth El prides itself that the number of Ba'al Korei members has grown consistently through the years.

Anyone who is interested in learning to read Torah is urged to contact Hazzan Tisser, Rabbi Kurtz or Rabbi Schwab. Classes are held during the year and run for several months, usually beginning at the start of the calendar year. There is great satisfaction in learning to read from the Torah and, as one continues to read, the satisfaction increases, challenging the reader to learn and read even more. Young and old are invited to become Ba'al Korei members.

### L'dor V'dor from Generation to Generation

On Saturday, June 25, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El recognized families who have been members for multiple generations – two, three and some four – with aliyot, readings and various bimah honors. The services were sponsored by the Ritual, Membership and HAZAK committees. Larry Weiner led Pezukei D'Zimra and Eugene Goldfarb davened Shacharit and Musaf. The Haftarah was chanted by Dr. Gerald Lasin in honor of his 80th birthday. Service Leader was Rodney Slutzky.

Mort Steinberg distributed a handout with reprints of old newspaper articles about Beth El, including a story of the purchase of the property in 1934 for \$80,000 and wedding pictures of Eli and Elaine (z"l) Krumbein, the first couple married at Beth El. Eli Krumbein then presented a moving D'var Torah about what Beth El has taught him.

Following the services, everyone enjoyed a lavish Kiddush luncheon prepared by our catering staff. To conclude the morning, Richard Zelin, VP of Administration, continued with a bit of history and a report of the remodeling taking place in the building. For those able, Mort Steinberg led a grand tour of the building from top to bottom. Young and old enjoyed the services, as well as the Kiddush and history lessons. Jack Blumberg, who organized the services and program, was pleased by the favorable comments he received from congregants as they left for home. Perhaps again next year?

Warm Intentions Abound!  
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 compilation of his finest sermons from the past 25 years, which has served as a vehicle to so far raise over \$500,000. These much needed funds support current and new education initiatives and scholarships at Beth El. Education, one of Rabbi Kurtz's passions, is a core value of Judaism and NSSBE. The monies raised are carefully and wisely distributed to enhance our educational programs.

In our third year of distribution from this fund more than \$33,000 was awarded for internal grants to support such initiatives as summer tutoring for the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, Melton adult education courses, Children's High Holiday Services, and visits from a Scholar in Residence and a sofer. The fund also supported camp and youth scholarships and significant student scholarships for our own Cohen Religious School. The distributions are awarded and monitored through a special process by our Board of Education and the Executive Committee.

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

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Ellie Goldsmith becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- *In honor of* Eugenie Berman becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Mark and Nina Gaines' 35th wedding anniversary and Mark's special birthday - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In honor of* my special birthday - Leah Brajer
- *In honor of* the birth of Aaron and Ellen Krumbein's granddaughter, Zahava - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Harris and Sharon Goldenberg's granddaughter, Esme Taline - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In honor of* the birth of Merle and Steve Tovian's grandson, David Greenberg - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of my granddaughter, Danica Reese Holland Stevens - Joan Holland
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva Orbach
  - Sally Aaron
  - Wendy and Steve Abrams
  - Eleanor and Albert Boxerman
  - Jori and Leah Brajer
  - Andrew and Gail Brown
  - Ruth and Bruno Fischer
  - Robert and Beth Footlik
  - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
  - Jan and David Lasky
  - Donald and Ellen Lavin
  - Nissah Mattenson
  - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
  - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
  - Richard and Sharon Schwab
  - Ann Siegel
- *In honor of* the birth of Ryan William Wilkow and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Marc and Brenda Wilkow
- *In honor of* the engagement of Ari Kraff to Jared Berk - Robert and Marsha Weinstein
- *In honor of* the marriage of Sara Feinstein to Tim Ravich and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Steve and Linda Feinstein
- *In honor of* the ordination of Nolan Lebovitz from the Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Jerry and Linda Lebovitz
- *In honor of* Samuel Zacks becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mitchel and Laura Zacks
- *In memory of* Boris Pestine and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Selena Pestine
- *In memory of* Abram Sz wajger, beloved father - Lyle and Alicia Schachter
- *In memory of* Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Allen Cahr, beloved brother of Michael Cahr
  - Barbara Harrison
  - Terry Dudnick Taffer
- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman
  - Stuart Hochwert
  - Terri and Michael Lipsitz
  - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
  - Phyllis and Michael Sadoff
- *In memory of* Barney Weiss, beloved father - Stephen and Carol Weiss
- *In memory of* Benjamin Applebaum, beloved son - Stephen and Lily Applebaum
- *In memory of* Benjamin E. Sherman, beloved father - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Benjamin Rubinstein, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Bess Cohen, beloved mother - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *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* Carol Kaplan, beloved mother - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Charles S. Haber, beloved son - Joel and Bonnie Haber
- *In memory of* David Bernstein, beloved father - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* David Richtman, beloved father - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Diane Sherman, beloved wife - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Dorothy Hyman, beloved mother - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Edith Hymanson Weiss, beloved mother - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk
  - Sue Cohen
  - The Greenberger Family
  - Terri and Michael Lipsitz

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## Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Esther Salinas, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Fay Bloom, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Florence Ziker, beloved sister - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved brother of Gerald Buckman - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Geraldine Levin and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Robert and Laurie Levin
- *In memory of* Gladys Wallach, beloved mother - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Harry Bichunsky, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Helen Davis Haas, beloved sister - Roslyn Dobkin
- *In memory of* Henny Strauss, beloved grandmother - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Herman DeKoven, beloved father - Mona Fishbane
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother-in-law - Karen Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Hyman Field, beloved grandfather - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Isaac and Henny Strauss, beloved parents - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Isaac Feitelberg, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Izzy Scheinman, beloved father - The Lansing Family
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
  - Fortunee Belilos
  - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
  - Marvin and Meredith Feig
  - Herbert and Helene Isaacs
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Lee Mandel, beloved mother - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Lester Sadoff, beloved brother - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Lewis Lidovsky, beloved father - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* Louis Goldstein, beloved grandfather - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Louis Holland, beloved father-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Marilyn Stein, beloved mother of Terri Wallach - Sheila Derman
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
  - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
  - Herbert and Helene Isaacs
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Mary Lou Ferns, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall
  - Sue Cohen
  - Barbara Hochwert
  - Karen and Michael Kesner
  - Nissah Mattenson
  - Donna Kwall Smith
- *In memory of* Milton Leeds, beloved father - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *In memory of* Miriam Tabachnik and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Rena Tabachnik
- *In memory of* Nachum Singer, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Naomi Favus, beloved mother of Phyllis Sadoff - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
- *In memory of* Natalie Levy Boshes, beloved mother - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Norlie Feinstein, beloved father and grandfather - Steven, Linda, Sara, Tim, Matt, Carly and Melissa Feinstein
- *In memory of* Norma Meisner, beloved sister - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Norman Chudacoff, beloved brother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Pearl Kahalnik, beloved mother - Chuck Kahalnik
- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father of Julie Kraff - Robert and Marsha Weinstein
- *In memory of* Ronald Kravitz, beloved father of Barry Kravitz - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Rosa Richtman, beloved mother - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Rosalind Stein Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund  
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- *In memory of* Rosalyn Bogen, beloved wife - Gilbert Bogen
- *In memory of* Sara Cohen, beloved mother - Ann Siegel
- *In memory of* Sheila Glassman LePow, beloved sister-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Shelly Davis, beloved mother-in-law - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky
  - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
  - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
  - Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Sidney Kaplan, beloved father - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *With appreciation for* Passover and Yizkor services - Shael and Myrna Siegel
- *With appreciation for* the Ark opening - Sally Aaron
- *With appreciation for* the opportunity to experience a beautiful Auf Ruf for Sara and Tim - Linda and Steve Feinstein
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Robert and Gwendolyn Shapiro
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Ernest Smolen
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Loren and Diane Weil
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for Dinner with the Rabbi - NS Beth El Sisterhood
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for Dinner with the Rabbi - NSS Beth El Men's Club
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for your incredible support - Sharon and Bob Krakowsky
- *With appreciation to* Shael Siegel for all of his help - Ruth Belzer

**Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Deborah and Steve Graham's wedding anniversary - Elizabeth Glick
- *In honor of* Myrna Schwartz's granddaughter Rachel's wedding - Phyllis Gimpel
- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab on his special birthday - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab's 40th birthday
  - Wendy and Steve Abrams
  - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
  - Andrew and Gail Brown
  - Annette Feller
  - Robert and Beth Footlik
  - Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
  - Caron and Jack Knopoff
  - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
  - Rhoda Levine
  - Terri and Michael Lipsitz
  - The Stephen Nitekman Family
  - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
  - Richard and Sharon Schwab
  - Martin J. Schwartz
  - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
  - Howard Turner
  - Debbie and Adam Winick
- *In honor of* Rabbi Schwab's 40th birthday - may you always go from strength to strength - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen and Avram
- *In honor of* the birth of Shay Smiley - Stephen and Judy Smiley
- *In honor of* the marriage of Lynn and Michael Froy's daughter Rachel - Phyllis Gimpel
- *In honor of* the opportunity to share Sara and Tim's meaningful Auf Ruf - Linda and Steve Feinstein
- *In memory of* Abraham Altman, beloved father-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Alan Ander, beloved father - Carol and Ron Jesselson
- *In memory of* Alex Kahalnik, beloved grandfather - Chuck Kahalnik
- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- *In memory of* Arthur Hoover, beloved father - Jeff and Michelle Leon
- *In memory of* Charlotte Price, beloved grandmother - Andrew and Laurie Hochberg
- *In memory of* Clara Kolesky, beloved grandmother - Carol and Ron Jesselson
- *In memory of* Edith H. and Sidney Weiss, beloved mother and father - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk - Karen Weiss

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## Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Evelyn Pevtzow and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Matthew Ebner and Lisa Pevtzow
- *In memory of* Florence Schwartz, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Ben and Shellie Schwartz
- *In memory of* Frances Ruth Wolnak, beloved grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - John Bremen and Lara Frohlich
- *In memory of* Frances Wolnak and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Ronald and Eve Bremen
- *In memory of* Gladys Brand, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Harold Olshansky, beloved husband - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Harry and Janet Weisberg at Yizkor - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In memory of* Howard Rubenstein, beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Irving Spieler, beloved father-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Jacques Rouso, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Joseph Hochberg, beloved grandfather - Andrew and Laurie Hochberg
- *In memory of* Lazar Elkin, beloved father - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Melvyn Medansky, beloved father - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In memory of* Pinhas Zaid, beloved husband - Pearl Zaid
- *In memory of* Ralph Rush, beloved father of Anita Poll - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
- *In memory of* Ruth M. Abrams, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Regina Kupferschmidt, beloved mother-in-law of Georgann Humphrey - Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein
- *In memory of* Sadie Spieler, beloved mother-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Samuel Dolin, beloved husband - Beatrice Dolin
- *In memory of* Samuel L. Rosenblatt, beloved father - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Sara Hirsch, beloved mother - Joel and Cynthia Hirsch
- *In memory of* Sara Hochberg, beloved grandmother - Andrew and Laurie Hochberg
- *In memory of* Sylvia Footlik, beloved mother of Robert Footlik - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Tammy Kaplan, beloved daughter-in-law of Geraldine Kaplan - Frances Lee Zand and Pendri Shalem
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Sara Peshah Bat Fayga - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Mariassa Bat Zlota Mechla - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation to* Irvina Warren for all of her help - Ruth Belzer
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - David Shapiro and Lori Stark
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for officiating at Molly's baby naming - William and Cheryl Nitekman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for officiating at our grandson's bris - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg

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## Hazzan Tisser's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Hazzan Ben and Sarah Tisser - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In honor of* Samuel Zacks becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Mitchel and Laura Zacks
- *In honor of* the engagement of Linda and Leon Gottlieb's daughter, Marisa Gottlieb to Ari Boyman - Elinor and Alvin Bayliss
- *In memory of* Florence Schwartz, beloved mother and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Ben and Shellie Schwartz
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk - Victor and Anya Viner
- *In memory of* Gertrude Mandel - Louis and Alisa Paster
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser for the beautiful Yom Hashoah program
  - Bruno and Ruth Fischer
  - Robert and Beth Footlik

**Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund**

- *With appreciation to* Darryl Temkin for his service on the Executive Committee - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *With appreciation to* Tracey Hendler for her service on the Executive Committee - Andrew and Gail Brown

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

- *In memory of* Arnold Abrams, beloved father and grandfather - Pearl and Joel Kagan  
 - *In memory of* Sol Bleiweis, beloved father and grandfather - Pearl and Joel Kagan

- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall and beloved grandmother - Pearl and Joel Kagan

**Ba'al Korei Fund**

- *In memory of* Abraham Leiderman, beloved father of Michael Leiderman - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Allen Janger, beloved brother of Richard Janger - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Boris Pestine, beloved husband of Selena Pestine and beloved father of Greg Pestine, Matt Pestine and Carolyn Pestine Harris  
 - Robert and Beth Footlik  
 - Ronnie Jo Sokol  
 - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Charles Freeman, beloved father of Robert Freeman - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Howard Turner

- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall  
 - Robin and Michael Shartiag  
 - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Naomi Favus, beloved mother of Pyllis Sadoff - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Sandra Turner, beloved wife of Howard Turner - Sue Cohen  
 - *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Sylvia Footlik, beloved mother of Robert Footlik - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Sylvia Sherman, beloved grandmother - Robin and Michael Shartiag

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

- *In memory of* Ben Drachler, beloved father - Ferne Avery  
 - *In memory of* Marion Drachler, beloved mother  
 - Ferne Avery  
 - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler  
 - *In memory of* Stephen Avery, beloved husband - Ferne Avery

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Charles and Robin Kafenshtok  
 - *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky - Charles and Robin Kafenshtok

**Camp Ramah General Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Matan Freedson-Mortkovitch on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Noah Orloff

**Capital Improvement Fund**

- *In honor of* Larry Goldsmith's "Refuah Shleima" - Robert and Beth Footlik  
 - *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter, Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Marcy and Kenneth Levin  
 - *In memory of* Allen Janger, beloved brother of Richard Janger - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

- *In memory of* Charles Freeman, beloved father Robert Freeman - Marcy and Kenneth Levin  
 - *In memory of* Corrine Baker, beloved wife - Leonard Baker  
 - *In memory of* Eugene Levin, beloved brother - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

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## Capital Improvement Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Gerry Kaplan's beloved daughter-in-law Tammy - Eve and Richard Biller  
- *In memory of* Louis J. Rosen, beloved father - David Rosen and Amy Zisook  
- *In memory of* Minna Derdiger, beloved step-mother of Stan Derdiger - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

- *In memory of* Robert Blumenthal, beloved father of Daniel Blumenthal - Eve and Richard Biller

- *In memory of* Shirley M. Rosen, beloved mother - David Rosen and Amy Zisook

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## Continuing Education Fund

- *In honor of* Ruth Belzer's special birthday - Donald and Joyce Joseph  
- *In memory of* Charles Freeman, beloved father of Robert Freeman - David Smith and Michelle Wasserman  
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall  
- Andrew and Gail Brown  
- Elise and Ira Frost  
- *In memory of* Ronald Kravitz, beloved father of Barry Kravitz  
- Aliza and Michael Drumm  
- Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Committee

- *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky  
- Aliza and Michael Drumm  
- Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Committee  
- Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz  
- *In memory of* Jonathan Bloomberg's beloved father - Steven and Merle Tovian

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## Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank's special birthday  
- Nathaniel and Lana Grey  
- Michael and Betsy Katz  
- Edward and Paulette Margulies  
- *In honor of* Nessia Frank on Mother's Day - Ruthie Frank Polcino  
- *In memory of* Eugene Stern, beloved brother of Harold Stern - Carol and Steve Weiss

- *In memory of* Allen Cahr, beloved brother of Michael Cahr - Carol and Steve Weiss  
- *In memory of* Boris Pestine, beloved husband of Selena Pestine and beloved father of Greg Pestine, Matt Pestine and Carolyn Pestine Harris - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen and Avram

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## Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Nancy and Maury Fertig

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## General Israel Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Esther Pessis, beloved mother - Dennis and Amy Pessis

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

- *In memory of* Mildred Starkman, Sidney Starkman and Annette Berg on Yizkor for Pesach and Shavuot - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen and Avram

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## Gertrude and Morris Lederman Continuing Education Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Ira and Elise Frost

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**Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Ernie Michel, beloved brother-in-law of Ron Goldberg - Elise and Ira Frost

**Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund**

- *In honor of* Buddy and Bernice Cohen's 60th wedding anniversary - Ira, David and Pamela Hirschfield and Tom Hansen  
 - *In honor of* Lois and Howard Hirschfield's 70th anniversary - Maury and Sandy Raizes  
 - *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Debbie Rosenberg's twin grandsons, Evan and Leo - Robert and Beth Footlik  
 - *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Pam and Richard Schlosberg  
 - *In memory of* Charles Pearlman, beloved father - James and Rochelle Fisch  
 - *In memory of* David Rosencwajg, beloved father - Michael and Jacqueline Melinger  
 - *In memory of* David Sher, beloved grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher

- *In memory of* Goldie Sher, beloved mother - Michael and Sara Sher  
 - *In memory of* Jack Hirschfield, beloved brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield  
 - *In memory of* Jack M. Hirschfield, beloved son - Howard and Lois Hirschfield  
 - *In memory of* Neil Levinson, beloved father - David and Pamela Hirschfield  
 - *In memory of* Tammy Kaplan, beloved daughter-in-law of Geraldine Kaplan - Robert and Beth Footlik  
 - *With appreciation to* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter for their ongoing friendship - Pam and Richard Schlosberg

**Janger Family Havurot Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Allen Janger, beloved brother of Richard Janger - Edward and Paulette Margulies

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

- *In honor of* Mayer Stiebel - Rabbi Burton Cohen  
 - *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - David and Karen Benson  
 - *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - David and Karen Benson

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - David and Karen Benson

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

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Harry and Arlene Feiger  
 - *In memory of* Boris Pestine, beloved husband of Selena Pestine and beloved father of Greg Pestine, Matt Pestine and Carolyn Pestine Harris - Andrew and Gail Brown  
 - *In memory of* Charlotte Millenson, beloved mother - Michael and Susan Millenson  
 - *In memory of* David Schlosberg, beloved father - Richard and Pamela Schlosberg  
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 - *In memory of* Leah Silverstein, beloved mother of Rachel Russo - Andrew and Gail Brown  
 - *In memory of* Leona English, beloved mother - Elliot and Anne Rossen

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 - *In memory of* Simon Cohen, beloved father - Mark and Marla Cohen  
 - *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved father - Gary and Orna Greenman

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**Judith A. Heyman Memorial Israel  
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved  
father of Gwen Heyman  
- Annette and Gerald Blumberg  
- Minde and Rob Korman

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

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved  
father of Gwen Heyman - Myrna Kopin

- *In memory of* Leah Silverstein, beloved  
wife of Saul Silverstein - Myrna Kopin

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**Kurtz Family Youth Endowment  
Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and  
Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva  
Orbach - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg

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**Lippitz Family Camp Ramah  
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of  
Lawrence Weiner and a most beautiful human  
being - Herbert Lippitz and Fran Scully

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**Maot Chitim Fund**

- *In honor of* Michelle Gooze-Miller's  
birthday - Debby Hahamy  
- *In memory of* Charles Freeman, beloved  
father of Robert Freeman - Michael and  
Barbara Salberg  
- *In memory of* Dina and Trevor Lisoos's  
sister-in-law Tammy - Eve and Richard Biller  
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved  
mother of Roberta Kwall - Cheryl Price

- *With appreciation to* Andrew and Gail  
Brown for being great travel companions to  
Arizona - Jenny Schoenfeld  
- *With appreciation to* David and Jodi  
Gimbel for being incredible travel  
companions to Arizona - Jenny Schoenfeld  
- *With appreciation to* Karen Rubinoff

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**Maxwell Abbell Library Fund**

- *In honor of* the wedding of Robert and Lynn  
Socol's son - Jeffrey and Michele Glass  
- *In honor of* Yoni and Moriah's wedding -  
David Smith and Michelle Wasserman  
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father  
of Jodie Mosk - Michael and Barbara Salberg  
- *In memory of* Hanni Hamburger, beloved  
sister - Arnold and Hilda Reingold  
- *In memory of* Ina Meyers - Jeffrey and  
Michele Glass  
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife  
of Robert Less - Theodore and Cheryl Banks

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife  
of Lawrence Weiner  
- Theodore and Cheryl Banks  
- Nissah Mattenson  
- *In memory of* Rosi Ruhstaedt, beloved  
aunt - Arnold and Hilda Reingold  
- *In memory of* Tammy Kaplan, beloved  
daughter-in-law of Geraldine Kaplan -  
Joan Groner  
- *With appreciation to* Sandy Starkman and  
Larry Pachter for wonderful hospitality  
over Shavuot - Babette Daskin

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**Michael and Karyn Lutz  
Solomon Schechter Day School  
Endowment Fund**

- *With appreciation to* Karyn Lutz

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**Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon  
and Family Unrestricted  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon  
and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter, Shirel  
Batsheva Orbach - Mindy and Jeff Gordon

**Minyan Service Fund**

- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab's 40th birthday - Richard and Pam Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Abe Brickman, beloved grandfather - Barbara and David Lansing & Family
- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Marlene and Seth Halpern
- *In memory of* Beatrice Harris - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Belle Lasin, beloved mother - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk  
- Marlene and Seth Halpern and Family  
- Jackie and Michael Melinger  
- Patricia Shapiro and Family
- *In memory of* Esther Sterman, beloved mother - Charles and Toby Schwartz
- *In memory of* Gina Back, beloved mother - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Goldye R. Dunn, beloved mother - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Hannah Bernbaum, beloved mother-in-law - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Harry Back, beloved father - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved brother - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Harry W. Rubinoff, beloved brother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Irving Pollack, beloved father-in-law - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved father - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Jerome Ben-Zion Kaufman, beloved brother of Rachel Greenbaum - Barbara and David Lansing
- *In memory of* Leah Silverstein, beloved wife of Saul Silverstein - Eleanor and Albert Boxerman
- *In memory of* Leonard Weitz, beloved husband - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Louis and Phyllis Senescu, beloved father and mother - Stuart and Marlene Senescu and Family
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- *In memory of* Rachel Frydman, beloved mother-in-law - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Robert Blumenthal, beloved father of Daniel Blumenthal - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Roslyn Levin, beloved mother - Arlene and Jeffrey Levin
- *In memory of* Ruth Hertz, beloved mother - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Simon Ramek, beloved father - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Sylvia Footlik, beloved mother of Robert Footlik - Patricia Shapiro and Family
- *In memory of* Tammy Kaplan, beloved daughter-in-law of Geraldine Kaplan - Patricia Shapiro
- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved father - Marc and Devorah Richards

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

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Leslie and Greg Apter and Family
- *In memory of* Miriam and Bernard Sokol, beloved mother and father - Ronnie Jo Sokol

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## Music Fund

- *In honor of* Steve and Beverly Gordon's anniversary - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In honor of* the birth of the great grandson of Cara and Mayer Stiebel - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In honor of* Dr. Ed Margulies' special birthday - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Geraldine Levin, beloved mother of Laurie Levin
  - Lawrence and Abby Block
  - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved sister-in-law - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Marilyn Stein, beloved mother of Terri Wallach - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Tammy Kaplan, beloved daughter-in-law of Geraldine Kaplan - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser - Howard and Lynne Schechter
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser and his musical programs at NSS Beth El - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *With appreciation* - Adrian and Linda Winick

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## NSS Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Sharon and Harris Goldenberg's granddaughter Esme Talin White - Patricia Shapiro
- *In honor of* Chuck Kahalnik - Judith Sarnat
- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Jerome Ben-Zion Kaufman, beloved brother of Rachel Greenbaum - David and Rae Smerling
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Robert Blumenthal, beloved father of Daniel Blumenthal - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Abraham Leiderman, beloved father of Michael Leiderman - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk - Leslie and Greg Apter and Family
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Vivian Rice, beloved grandmother of Alexis Yablon - Arielle and Victor Levitan

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## NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Mel receiving an aliyah on Shabbat - Sandy and Mel Wasserman
- *In honor of* Yael Smith reciting the Shir Hakavod - Sandy and Mel Wasserman
- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Deborah Rosenberg's twin grandsons Evan and Leo - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Annette Kaplan, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Joyce Hazelkorn, beloved sister - Sharon and Armand Moss
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- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall
  - Barbara and Jack Bierig
  - Kirbie Knutson
- *In memory of* Miriam Tabachnik, a woman of valor - Roberta Schwartz
- *In memory of* Renee Hillman - Marilyn Friefeld
- *In memory of* Robert Blumenthal, beloved father of Daniel Blumenthal - Topel Forman LLC
- *In memory of* Sarah Schultz, beloved mother - Joel and Carol Honigberg
- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved husband - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - John Zoppi and Family

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

- *In honor of* Dr. Gerald Lasin - Mark Brodson

- *With appreciation* - Michael and Marcia Bender

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

- *In honor of* Gareth Reingold's graduation from high school - Steinberg Pre-School Staff

- *In memory of* Edward Perlow, beloved father of Jodie Mosk - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *In honor of* Hannah's college graduation - Steinberg Pre-School Staff

- *In memory of* Ernie Michel, beloved brother of Eileen Goldberg - Caron and Jack Knopoff

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- *In memory of* Florence Schwartz and Alan Penn, beloved mother and father - Ben and Shellie Schwartz

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- *In honor of* Shira and Alana Chupack's B'nai Mitzvah - Steinberg Pre-School Staff

- *In memory of* Warner Zacharias, beloved father-in-law of Robin Zacharias - Sarah and Joel Chupack

- *In honor of* the engagement of Dafna Nussbaum to Shaanan - Steinberg Pre-School Staff

**Prayer Book Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter, Shirel Batsheva Orbach - David and Barbara Lansing

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Madeleine and David Solomon

- *In memory of* Abe Aaronson, beloved father - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

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- *In memory of* Abraham Leiderman, beloved father of Michael Leiderman - Marvin and Sara Siegel

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky

- *In memory of* Allen Eckerling, beloved brother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling

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

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Zella Ludwig

- *In memory of* Rose Aaronson, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

- *In memory of* Boris Pestine, beloved husband of Selena Pestine and beloved father of Greg Pestine, Matt Pestine and Carolyn Pestine Harris - Arlene and Jeffrey Levin

- *In memory of* Rose Smolensky, beloved mother - Ernest Smolen

- *In memory of* Bubbie Berkowitz, beloved grandmother - David and Barbara Lansing

- *In memory of* Shirley Davis Slutzky, beloved step-mother of Rodney Slutzky - Zella Ludwig

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

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

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

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

- *In memory of* Izzy Scheinman, beloved father - David and Barbara Lansing

- *In memory of* William Schero, beloved father and grandfather

- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother - Jerome and Mary Kaltman

- Allene Frost  
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- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

- *In memory of* Zena Cohen, beloved mother - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen

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**Pushke/Tzedakah Fund  
(continued)**

- *In honor of* Uncle Gerald Lasin's Amazing 80 years! - Jonathan and Donna Rosin and Family  
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Eugene and Nicole Terry

- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall - Andrea and Lawrence Crain

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**Ritual Refurbishment  
Endowment Fund**

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

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky

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**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp  
Ramah Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Yoni Grey's marriage to Moriah Teller - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel

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**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* my Haftorah on the first day of Pesach and festive Tefillah at NSSBE - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter  
- *In honor of* Yoni Grey's engagement - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter, Uri, Hollen and Avram

- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel

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**Sisterhood College Connection  
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Estelle Fletcher - Betty Ann Levin

- *In memory of* Victor Kaufman, beloved father of Sharon Kamen - Betty Ann Levin

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**Social Action Fund**

- *In honor of* Emma Fishbein becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Michael and Jennifer Zukerman

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**Staff Recognition Fund**

- *In memory of* Armand Ostroff, beloved father of Gwen Heyman - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz  
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenthal, beloved mother of Roberta Kwall - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

- *In memory of* Robert Blumenthal, beloved father of Daniel Blumenthal - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz  
- *With appreciation to* the Beth El Staff for a terrific spring - Andrew and Gail Brown

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**Youth Community Fund**

- *In honor of* Dr. Eliezer Krumbein on his special birthday - Dr. David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer  
- *In honor of* Ellie Goldsmith becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Nancy and Larry Kekst  
- *In memory of* Abraham Leiderman, beloved father of Michael Leiderman - Joseph and Susan Adler

- *In memory of* Charles Freeman, beloved father of Robert Freeman  
- Joseph and Susan Adler  
- Jennifer and Alan Levine  
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Dr. David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer  
- *In memory of* Kenneth Tursky, beloved father of Ellen Doppelt - Dr. David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer



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An Evening with

## **RABBI DR. DONNIEL HARTMAN**

President of the Shalom Hartman Institute

Director of the iEngage Project

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**6:30pm**

**Exclusive AIPAC Club Member and Beth El Board Cocktail Reception\***

\*Minimum \$1,800 annual commitment to AIPAC

**7:45pm**

### **Community Program**

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

There is no cost to attend.

This event is open to the community.

To register please visit [www.aipac.org/nssbe17](http://www.aipac.org/nssbe17).

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Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Dietary Law Observed



**Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman** is the President of the Shalom Hartman Institute and the Director of the iEngage Project. He has a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a Master of Arts in political philosophy from New York University, a Master of Arts in religion from Temple University, and Rabbinic ordination from the Shalom

Hartman Institute. Donniel has authored books on Judaism, Israeli politics, Policy, and the Jewish community, including his newest book *Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself*.



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## September 2016 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:03pm Candle Lighting	<b>3 Rosh Hodesh Elul</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Mincha Bar Mitzvah – Matthew Zimmerman Mincha Bat Mitzvah – Emily Zimmerman 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:08pm Shabbat Ends
<b>4 Rosh Hodesh Elul</b>	<b>5 Labor Day</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Religious School Classes Begin	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:52pm Candle Lighting	<b>10</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Ally Kovitz 10:00am Shabbat Teen Minyan 12:30pm Post Kiddush Lecture 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:57pm Shabbat Ends
<b>11</b> 4:00pm Sisterhood Kick- Off Speaker Event	<b>12</b> 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Institute Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Shalom Club Opening Event	<b>14</b> 7:15pm Pre-Holiday Concert	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:41pm Candle Lighting	<b>17</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:46pm Shabbat Ends
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Men's Club/ Sisterhood Event	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>23</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:27pm Candle Lighting	<b>24 Selichot</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:32pm Shabbat Ends 9:15pm Social Gathering 10:45pm Dedication of Memorial Plaques and Selichot Service
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00pm Cultural and Learning Center Committee Meeting 8:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Men's Club Steak & Scotch Night	<b>30</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm Candle Lighting	<b>Oct 1</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Stephanie Kallish 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:20pm Shabbat Ends

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## August 2016 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Men's Club/ Sisterhood BBQ	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Rosh Hodesh Av</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:45pm Candle Lighting	<b>6</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:50pm Shabbat Ends
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Institute Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 2:00pm Afternoon at the Movies	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:36pm Candle Lighting	<b>13 Erev Tisha B'Av</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Yabi Silvers 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Tisha B'Av Services Eicha 8:41pm Shabbat Ends
<b>14 Tisha B'Av</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Tisha B'Av Mincha Service 8:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>15</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Jazz on the Lake Concert	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:26pm Candle Lighting	<b>20</b> 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:31pm Shabbat Ends
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00pm 6th Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation	<b>25</b> 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service on the Lake 7:15pm Candle Lighting	<b>27</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Lila Golson 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:20pm Shabbat Ends
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am Preschool Classes Begin 8:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>30</b> 4:00pm Preschool Orientation/Enrichment 6:00pm BEANS USY Welcome Back BBQ	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Kadima Program			



### Beth El History Quiz *by: Marla Hand*

#### Do you know what and where this is?

This photograph shows the collection of the Kol Ami Museum in the early 1960's when it was installed in the "South Wing" of the Sanctuary rotunda. This picture was sent to me by Tamir Azaz, son of the Nehemia Azaz (1923-2008, [www.nehemiazaz.com](http://www.nehemiazaz.com)), the Israeli artist commissioned by Maurice Spertus to design the monumental Gates at Beth El. Nehemia also designed a maquette (or model) for a contemporary ner tamid (eternal light), which is mounted on a pedestal in the foreground on the right. Although many of the objects and artifacts are still in the collection, if anyone knows what became of the elaborate wooden ark in the distance, please let me know ([mhhand@aol.com](mailto:mhhand@aol.com)). Think of this as a preview of what will be unveiled in the new renovation!