

Kol Beth El

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Connecting, Connecting, Connecting

Sitting in a Jerusalem café writing this article makes me both appreciate the complexity of the world and at the same time reminds me of how very simple it is. The complexity I think you know about. Here in the State of Israel, homeland of the Jewish people, there are many divides. For us in the Diaspora, the most talked about illustration of one of these is the decision of Prime Minister Netanyahu to renege on the *Kotel* (Western Wall) agreement that was created through a committee he convened, at the behest of Natan Sharansky of the Jewish Agency, with Israeli officials, *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) leaders and the heads of the Conservative Movement, Reform Movement and Women of the Wall. The agreement was created in a beautiful spirit of compromise, convened officially and civilly and with a sense of patience. And amazingly all sides at the table agreed! And yet, the ultra-Orthodox parties have purportedly told Netanyahu that were he to implement the plan they would pull out of his coalition government, which would mean new elections. When questioned, Netanyahu explicitly stated that he chose to save his coalition rather than fulfill the agreement he signed.

This decision has caused appropriate outrage amongst the local communities invested in this decision and amongst some liberal populations in Israel. Mostly, though, it has caused deep pain and alienation within the Diaspora community, especially in the United States. The agreement would have granted universal access to the southern portion of the Western Wall for egalitarian prayer, with the same services (Torahs, siddurim, tables, security, upkeep) as the classic segment of the *Kotel*. The implementation of the agreement would have had little to no impact on the classic area of the plaza, but would have provided a respectful space for meaningful prayer for Jews who would like to pray without gender separation at this powerful religious and national site on a level not previously achieved. A rejection of such a reasonable request by Netanyahu at the insistence of the *haredi* parties was seen as a rejection of the importance of diaspora communities. An opportunity to create and affirm a powerful bond between Israeli and American Jews, as well as between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews, was decidedly not only wasted but turned into a moment of alienation, frustration and anger.

Sadly, this is simply the most clear and publicized illustration of the many divides that exist in the Jewish community. There are many more: de-legitimization of rabbis not deemed kosher by the *Rabbanut*, unequal funding for religious streams in Israel, disagreements about who is a Jew and, of course, deep differences about how to approach the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. All of these divides are painful and our inability thus far to create strong, wide, bi-directional bridges between our sub-communities continues to hurt our people and others associated with us.

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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

10:30am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd-6th grade
(September-May)

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with
children 1st grade and younger

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 1

Tisha B'Av Services

6:30 am Morning Minyan
2:00 pm Mincha Service
8:50 pm Evening Minyan

Shabbat, August 5

Shabbat Nahamu

Parashat Vaetchanan
Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

Shabbat, August 12

Parashat Eikev

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

Shabbat, August 19

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh

Parashat Re'eh
Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Shabbat, August 26

Parashat Shoftim

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

SEPTEMBER

Shabbat, September 2

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

Shabbat, September 9

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

Shabbat, September 16

Selichot

Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Shabbat, September 23

Shabbat Shuvah

Parashat Ha'azinu
Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52
Haftarah: II Hosea 14:2-10;
Joel 2:15-27

Shabbat, September 30

Yom Kippur/Yizkor

» From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab

Connecting, Connecting, Connecting *(continued from page 1)*

And this is where it gets "simple": the pain we feel as Jews about these divides stems from our shared desire to connect and to belong. Jews of the Diaspora want to feel connected to Israel. Non-Orthodox Jews want to be accepted by all as being part of the Jewish people. Jews with more liberal stances vis-a-vis the Palestinian conflict want to be included in the mainstream Jewish conversation about Israel. Each of us wants to be connected and to feel a part of things. And this is a positive and holy impulse! That is part of the power of what *Am Yisrael* means - a nation of sometimes diverse individuals. That is the part of the power of regarding Jews as a family, *mishpachah*, and of seeing Israel as our Homeland. The Hebrew phrase, "*Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh ba zeh*" - "All Jews are interconnected" (TB Sanhedrin) uses a word "*arev*" which could mean "mixed." Thus this phrase about the connectedness of Jews inherently implies that we are not homogenous yet we are still one; we are indeed still connected.

This idea should come as no surprise to us on a national level, as our human experience teaches us that we, as individuals, thrive as humans particularly when we are connected to others: family, friends and community. It is therefore painful to be thrust to the outside. Alienation and isolation are decidedly negative terms. In fact, one of the spiritual projects of the High

Holidays relates directly to this issue: on these important days our express goal is to draw closer to God and to our community. Our alienation is deemed harmful and our tradition attempts to draw us back in.

Studying at the Hartman Institute, which lives and breathes the values of pluralism, dialogue and connections between Jews and fellow Jews as well as Jews and other communities, I see the great potential for our ability to connect and re-connect. Dialogue and conversation, confronting in a spirit of respect the reasons why we hold our different views, creates understanding and furthers our ability to find truth and establish mutual goals. My hope, therefore, is that we strive to remember in all of our interactions that how we treat the other has the power to bring one closer, or to alienate. How we debate has the power to enable collaboration and shape a future with which we can both live, or can widen the gap between us to make the other an adversary one has to oppose. My prayer is that the leadership in the State of Israel takes this lesson to heart. And further I pray that all of us seek to strengthen our connections and deepen our commitment to the value of, *deveikut* of drawing closer one to another.

2017/5778 High Holiday Service Schedule

Selichot Evening

Saturday, September 16, 2017

6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:46 pm.....Shabbat Ends
 9:30 pm.....Social Gathering
 10:45 pm.....Dedication of Memorial
 Plaques and Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashana

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

**6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
 6:32 pm.....Candle Lighting

First Day Rosh Hashana

Thursday, September 21, 2017

*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
 **6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:37 pm.....Candle Lighting

Second Day Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 22, 2017

*8:15 am.....Shacharit Service
 **9:15 am.....Young Family Service
 **9:15 am.....Children's Services
 6:29 pm.....Candle Lighting
 **6:30 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29, 2017

*6:00 pm.....Mincha Service
 *6:15 pm.....Kol Nidre Service
 6:17 pm.....Candle Lighting

Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Saturday, September 30, 2017

*9:00 am.....Shacharit Service
 **9:45 am.....Preschool Family Service
 *10:45 am.....Children's Services
 *4:45 pm.....Mincha Service
 *6:00 pm.....Neilah Service
 **6:00 pm.....Young Family Neilah Service
 **6:00 pm.....Preschool Family Service
 7:22 pm.....Yom Kippur Ends

*At Beth El and Highland Park High School

** At Beth El ONLY



2017/5778 Festival Service Schedule

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

7:15 am.....Morning Service
 6:09 pm.....Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Sukkot First Day

Thursday, October 5, 2017

8:50 am.....Festival Service
 10:45 am.....Sukkot B'Yachad Program
 12:30 pm.....Sukkah Walk
 6:15 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:14 pm.....Candle Lighting

Sukkot Second Day

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:50 am.....Festival Service
 6:05 pm.....Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

Hoshanah Rabbah

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

6:30 am.....Morning Minyan
 5:56 pm.....Candle Lighting
 6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

Erev Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 12, 2017

6:30 am.....Early Morning Service
 8:50 am.....Festival Service
 6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
 6:30 pm.....B'Yachad Simchat Torah
 Program
 7:01 pm.....Candle Lighting
 7:00 pm.....Family Hakafot Service
 9:00 pm.....Simchat Torah
 Ice Cream Social

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 13, 2017

8:50 am.....Festival Service
 10:00 am.....Hakafot Service
 11:00 am.....Young Family Simchat Torah
 Celebration
 5:53 pm.....Candle Lighting
 6:00 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

» Hazzan Ben Tisser



As we approach the end of summer and the start of another new year together, I can't help but reflect for a moment on all of the wonderful things we have done as a community over the past year, but at the same time I look ahead with great anticipation at the year to come, when we will celebrate seventy years of community.

In Jewish tradition, the Psalmist teaches that seventy is the span of a life, which is why people will often choose to have a "second Bar/Bat Mitzvah" ceremony at age eighty-three. It isn't an end point; rather it is another marker of sacred time at which we are to reflect on the past and build toward the future. Over the course of this coming year there will be many opportunities for us to do just that.

I would like to draw your attention to some highlights for the coming year as related to our ritual life and the Jewish arts. **Beginning Shabbat, August 12**, I will teach a four-part series **introducing Siddur Lev Shalem**, the new Shabbat and Festival prayerbook of the Conservative Movement. Classes will be held after Kiddush each week, and copies of the siddur will be available. I hope you will join me in discovering new opportunities to connect through tefilah, as well as new ways of understanding how we have become more inclusive and more nuanced as a

movement in how we bring people and community to prayer.

On **Wednesday, August 9**, we welcome Sid Engel and his band to accompany our own Tovah Goodman and Sarah Tenner, joined by renowned Jewish comedian Cantor Herschel Fox (my first teacher, and my childhood cantor) for **"A Night in the Catskills"**! Join us for cocktails, music, laughter, and the joy of coming together as a community at the end of the summer. Call the synagogue office or RSVP via the website – tickets are \$25.

On **Saturday, November 4**, we welcome **Israeli singer Bat-Ella** in a special performance celebrating **70 Years of Israel through Song**, featuring songs we all know and love, and involving members of the community. Watch for more information.

Finally, in advance of the High Holy Days, I want to thank the incredible people who I work with in creating meaningful services – the rabbis, the service coordinators, the education staff, the volunteers. But I especially wish to thank those who put in the time to prepare davening, Torah and Haftarah readings. Their efforts are so appreciated, and we are so proud to have each of them as part of our Beth El community. If any of you reading this article would like to grow in your own skills, I hope you will reach out to me over the course of the coming year and it will be my pleasure to work with you!

I look forward to seeing you in shul, and wish you a sweet, happy and healthy 5778. B'shalom.

A NIGHT IN THE CATSKILLS!
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9
 COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT 6:45PM • SHOW BEGINS AT 7:45PM

An EVENING of MUSIC and COMEDY

COMEDIAN Cantor Herschel Fox
 SINGER Sarah Tenner
 SINGER Tovah Goodman
 EMCEE Hazzan Ben Tisser

and the Sid Engel Orchestra

TICKETS: \$25 (INCLUDES COCKTAIL RECEPTION)

RSVP to Ana in the Synagogue Office at 847-432-8900 or visit www.nssbethel.org to order your tickets online.
 Cocktail Attire • Cash Bar Available
 Let us know if you need a ride when you purchase your ticket and our HAZAK transportation coordinators will contact you.

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Hazak

» President's Corner *by Richard D. Zelin*

Over the previous two years as VP of Administration, I have learned more about architecture, construction and interior decorating than I previously cared to know. Coming from someone who ordinarily has a hard time distinguishing between a Philips and regular screwdriver, that is an amazing feat. Nonetheless, the synagogue's renovation project has been a huge success and fulfills our larger vision of being a more welcoming and appealing place. Indeed, the newly remodeled and upgraded areas look absolutely great. This was made possible thanks to several generous contributors, along with the devoted efforts of many congregants and others. I am deeply grateful to them and to have had the opportunity to play in helping breathe new life into our aging facilities.

When the Nominating Committee was selecting a new president, I was told that they went through a list of names, looking for another Richard, with a last name after "S" – and they happened to stumble across my name. On a serious note, I am very honored, privileged and humbled to serve as the new president of Beth El, as I stand on the shoulders of many hard-working, talented and dedicated people who came before me. I want to thank Rabbis Kurtz and Schwab for their encouragement and support, as well as to my good friends Pearl Kagan, Karen Kesner, and Rod Slutzky.

My "career" at Beth El began about 10 or 12 years ago, after Rod recruited me and my wife to become members. Since that time, I have participated on many synagogue committees: Strategic Planning, Nominating (on three separate occasions), and Development, among others. I also served as Financial Secretary and, more recently, as VP of Administration, where I helped spearhead the renovation project, as well as other facilities and operations-related endeavors. So, during this time, Beth El has truly become a second home.

As you know, over the years Beth El has developed an outstanding reputation for being one of the leaders in the Conservative movement. To put it another way, when one examines the synagogue community in the United States these days, who we are and what we do is seen as good or, in many cases, very good. Indeed, we are second to none in many critical ways: namely, our clergy, our staff, our special and distinctive Shabbat services, our schools, our programming, our Men's Club and Sisterhood. The list goes on and on.

This was really driven home to me when, in April, I attended the United Synagogue's Sulam for new Presidents. That is something to which all of us should be proud. Even though Beth El faces certain challenges – challenges similar to other synagogues and Jewish organizations – I am very optimistic about its future.

But we can't rest on our laurels. Even being very good is not good enough in today's social, economic and political environment. To take a page from Jim Collins' widely acclaimed books on both private sector and non-profit organizations, my hope and vision, then, is that we can go from being very good to great. Not perfect. But great! Indeed, our goal is to strive for excellence.

The definition and content of "great" is, understandably, going to mean different things to different people. To me, it means providing positive, compelling and meaningful spiritual and educational experiences to help congregants lead fulfilling

Fighting for Israel & Against Terror in US Courts: Going After the Funding, Compensating the Victims



featuring
Rachel May Weiser
Senior Attorney and Director of Advocacy
Educational Programming
at Shurat HaDin – Israel Law Center

**Tuesday, August 15
8:00pm**

NSS Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL
Lecture and Dessert Reception
This event is free of charge

To register and for more information, please contact Ana Igornov
at aihornov@nssbethel.org or call 847-432-8900.



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and enriching lives, and inspiring them to make the world a better place. It means helping pass on the richness and beauty of our tradition to our children and grandchildren. It means cultivating a relationship with and a love and appreciation for Israel as the embodiment of Jewish peoplehood. It means providing solace, comfort and guidance in these troubling and uncertain times, both at home and abroad. And it means much more. I look forward in the next couple of years to having a serious, thoughtful, and respectful dialogue to continue the conversation that has begun with our strategic planning initiative so that we can build upon Beth El's heretofore notable and impressive achievements.

Without question, Beth El is here for all of us no matter how old we are or where we are on our Jewish journeys. This means we all have a big stake in its future. As such, I invite your active and continued participation, involvement and leadership as we help write the synagogue's next chapter.

To close, I want to thank the new Executive Committee for being part of the new lay leadership team. I look forward to working with you over the next couple of years in what is surely a critical moment in Beth El's history. As it says in *Pirkei Avot*: "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

May we go from being very good to great, from strength to strength. (*This is a shortened version of a speech I gave at the Annual Meeting on May 16 upon becoming President of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.*)

It's All in the Beth El Family



We Welcome the Following New Members

- Brett and Deanna Abrams and their children, Abri, Gabriel, and Jonah
- Daniel and Abby Bilsky and their son, Leo
- Michael Chudacoff and Jessica Finkielsztein
- Adam and Lindsay Cohen and their children, Allyn and Parker
- Benjamin and Becky Derman
- Mark and Sandra Levin
- Steven and Rachel Markowitz
- Michael Siegfried
- Steven and Timna Sheffey and their daughters, Ariel, Ayelet, and Orli

Congratulations To

- Fran and Bernie Alpert on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary
- Barbara and Nathan Birnberg on the marriage of their son, Robert, to Marissa Oberlander
- Elise Gallo and Ronen Borenstein on the birth of their son, Adam Asher
- Honey and Daniel Bronson on the marriage of their son, Benjamin, to Alison Pullman
- Debbi and Aaron Dworin on the occasion of their wedding anniversary
- Jill and David Friedman on the birth of their son, Zev Aiden Friedman
- Nina and Mark Gaines on the birth of their grandson, Zev Aiden Friedman
- Stacy Goldsmith on the occasion of her special birthday
- Debbie and Steven Graham on the marriage of their son, Joshua, to Andrea Kass
- Shari Gray on the marriage of her son, Keith, to Amanda Weinstein
- Beth and Jordan Grey on the birth of their granddaughter, Michal Bayla
- Lana and Nathaniel Grey on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Michal Bayla
- Hilary and Allan Greenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Cecilia Rose Greenberg
- Rachel Abramowitz and Jonathan Greenberg on the birth of their daughter, Cecilia Rose
- Jerry Kaltman on the occasion of his special birthday
- Gerry Kaplan on the occasion of her special birthday
- Andrea Kass on her marriage to Joshua Graham
- Leslie and Seth Katz on the birth of their son, Hugo Matthew
- Julie and Colman Kraff on the marriage of their daughter, Arielle, to Jared Berk
- Eliezer and Elaine z'l' Krumbein on the occasion of the anniversary of their college graduation
- Ellen and Aaron Krumbein on the occasion of their wedding anniversary
- Bryna Kurtz on the occasion of her special birthday
- Laurie and Robert Levin on the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Steven Markowitz
- Marilyn Lewis on the occasion of her special birthday
- Cara Madansky Stiebel on the occasion of her special birthday
- Dr. Herbert Rosen on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Sara Menucha Rosen
- Anne and Elliot Rossen on the marriage of their son, Stuart, to Cara Farber
- Molly and Alan Rukoff on the birth of their grandson, Henry Lange
- Jamie and Matt Pestine on the engagement of their son, Zachary, to Melissa Feiger
- Selena Pestine on the engagement of her grandson, Zachary Pestine, to Melissa Feiger
- Janice and Wayne Prepura on the birth of their grandson, Sammy Asher Sigismund
- Frances and Steven Shapiro on the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Beth Shapiro
- Julie and Andrew Sigismund on the birth of their son, Sammy Asher

Condolences To

- Babs Balson on the loss of her sister, Judith Sharlach
- Barbara Birnberg on the loss of her father, Morton Harris
- Robert Burack on the loss of his mother, Ruth Burack
- Judy Dolins on the loss of her mother, Doris Cohen
- Adrienne Eckerling on the loss of her husband, Sanford "Sandy" Eckerling
- Beth Footlik on the loss of her sister, Terry Milton
- Clara Gesklin on the loss of her parents, Teresa and Isaac Vatin
- Philip Glass on the loss of his brother, Marvin Glass
- Simon Halfin on the loss of his father, Richard Halfin
- Racquel Hochwert on the loss of her sister, Benita "Bebe" Raemer
- Melanie Hoffman on the loss of her grandmother, Mildred Lasker
- Marvin Juron on the loss of his wife, Joyce Juron
- Karen Kopin on the loss of her father, Ben Pollock
- Gary Lindon on the loss of his mother, Charlotte Lindon
- Zachary Lindon on the loss of his grandmother, Charlotte Lindon
- Jacqueline Lotzof on the loss of her grandmother, Ruth Burack
- Lewis Milton on the loss of his wife, Terry Milton
- Doris Mirman on the loss of her husband, Elliott Mirman
- Seth Pines on the loss of his mother, Madeline Pinas
- Dr. Herbert Rosen on the loss of his son, Daniel Rosen
- Robert Rubin on the loss of his mother, Joyce Rubin
- Ronald Sharlach on the loss of his wife, Judith Sharlach
- Reena Schiffman on the loss of her mother, Joyce Juron
- Dawn Sidney on the loss of her father, Fred Sidney
- Michael Silver on the loss of his sister, Cesia Blitzer
- Karyn Silverstein on the loss of her grandmother, Mildred "Millie" Shapiro
- Cindy Socianu on the loss of her sister, Terry Milton
- Daniel Struck on the loss of his mother, Jane Frances Back Struck
- Anne Szanto on the loss of her husband, Dr. Philip Szanto

In Memoriam

- Ruth Burack
- Sanford "Sandy" Eckerling
- Joyce Juron
- Judy Koster
- Terry Milton
- Elliott Mirman
- Judith Sharlach
- Ann Siegel
- Ernest Smolen
- Dr. Philip Szanto

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

August – Av/Elul 5777



Nathan Spellberg,
son of Audra Kaplan and Alan Spellberg
Shabbat, August 19

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

- Fran and Bernie Alpert
- Barbara and Nathan Birnberg
- Honey and Daniel Bronson
- Michelle and Arie Friedman
- Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel and Douglas Garfinkel
- Jeffrey, Ellie and Sawyer Goldsmith
- Debbie and Steven Graham
- Jaimy and Jeff Hamburg
- The Kaplan Family
- Julie and Colman Kraff
- Eli Krumbein
- Andrea and Benjamin Leshem
- Jill and Daniel Leshtz
- Laurie and Robert Levin
- Marilyn and Ray Lewis
- The Lissoos Family
- Miriam and Paul Markowitz
- North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood
- North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club
- Leslie and Peter Oshin
- Nicole and Steve Putzel



September – Elul 5777/Tishrei 5778



Rose Miller,
daughter of Michelle and Adam Miller
Shabbat, September 2



Sophia Rosenberg,
daughter of Bonnie and Eric Rosenberg
Shabbat, September 2



Rachel Smiley,
daughter of Jenna and David Smiley
Shabbat, September 16

Used Book Sale – Save the date: The NSS Beth El Annual Used Book Sale will be February 2-11, 2018. Due to storage issues, we cannot accept donations before January 1st. Please plan to drop off your donations between January 1 and February 1, 2018. Donations received before January 1 may be discarded.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club Shabbat, September 9

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will kick off the 2017-2018 season on Saturday, September 9, 2017, after Shabbat kiddush, with a discussion of *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Copies of the book, in both English and in the original Hebrew, are available in the Maxwell Abbell Library. The translated edition can also be found at public libraries and local and online booksellers.

Fleeing the scene after accidentally running down an African migrant, a neurosurgeon with a seemingly idyllic life resorts to extreme lengths to save his family and his reputation. *Waking Lions* is a gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt and survival, shame and desire, from a remarkable young Israeli author on the rise.

In 2016-2017, 52 people participated in the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club, including 5 new participants and 9 of our founding members who have been active in the book club since its inception in 2009. Also, four women were recognized for perfect attendance this year: Judy Falk, Linda Gottlieb, Gerry Kaplan, and Caryn Sedloff.

The 2017-2018 Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will meet on September 9, October 21, December 2, January 13, March 10, April 21, and June 2. Book selections will be announced soon. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org to be added to the e-mail list.

The Rissman Kol Ami Collection
presents

Sacred Space: Wrapped in Spirituality, ***Art by Jane Cooperman and*** ***Karen Bieber***


Sunday, September 10
3:00pm

Vibrant colors painted on panels of silk recreate and interpret stories from the Torah and the Kabbalah. They record stories written large that whisper to the current of the room, enveloping the walls with a sense of sacredness. Some works are tallitot created as art to be viewed, yes, but also to be worn. Each one tells a story appreciated for its beauty and meaning, and then tossed over one's head and wrapped around one's shoulders to create the most intimate of sacred spaces.



AFTERNOON @ THE MOVIES IN THE CATSKILLS!


THURSDAY AUGUST 3 2 P M



Featuring the documentary
Welcome to Kutsher's: The Last Catskills Resort with Hazzan Ben Tisser

Open to the community, free of charge – movie snacks will be served!

RSVP to Ana at aigornov@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900.
Let us know if you need a ride and our Hazak transportation coordinators will contact you.



Writer's Beit Midrash

Wednesday, August 9 & 23 and September 6, 9:30–11:00 am

The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash will meet on Wednesday, August 9 & 23 and September 6, 9:30–11:00 am, in the Maxwell Abbell Library. Meetings will resume after the holidays on October 18 and continue every other Wednesday. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or at 847-926-7902 for more information and to be added to the mailing list.



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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet



ברוכים הבאים – Welcome to the 5778/2017–2018 school year! The summer flew by rapidly, but there was enough time to complete a significant move. The three school offices are currently located in the same area, allowing for greater sharing and collaboration. Please stop by to see the new space and share your thoughts.

We are excited to announce the opening of the school year. Classes in the Cohen Religious School will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6, and Sunday, September 10 (for the younger classes and Sokol Hebrew High School). Our overarching theme this year will be Israel @ 70. We will explore the richness of the varied ethnic communities in Israel. This study will culminate with a grand celebration including students and parents.

We will build on the enormous success of Junior Congregation from last year as we continue offering opportunities for children and families to learn, pray and celebrate together. The 5th and 6th grade services will combine this year; services will begin in late January.

The Sokol Hebrew High School will run two semester classes on Sundays, and two semester classes on Wednesday for students who are not able to attend Sundays.

We will offer classes for parents including the Melton Core Curriculum: The Ethics of Jewish Living and a new class on Hebrew Literacy designed for adult students with no prior knowledge of the Hebrew language and no reading skills.

We are proud to announce the addition of a part-time technology teacher who will provide teacher support with educational technology and be responsible for the success of the effective integration of technology in the classroom.

We are also proud that David Ayzman, a 6th grader, won second place for the North America, Australia, and South Africa category in My Family Story sponsored by Beit Hatfutsot. David was awarded a ticket to Israel, and he flew with his family to attend the Awards Ceremony in Tel Aviv in June. Incoming sixth graders will participate in the My Family Story project again this year.

We are very excited about all the learning opportunities in store for students and families this year and hope you will take advantage of the many offerings.

For more information about the Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School, contact me at agejman@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x227.

Wishing you and your family a sweet and productive *Shanah tovah u'metukah!*

Dr. Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School



The summer months in the Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Preschool were filled with the sounds of laughter, chatter and giggles as our campers enjoyed a fun-filled eight-week camp program. The children enjoyed spending time outdoors on the beautiful “Gan Sylvia” Playground, while also playing in the sand and jumping in the swimming pools on “Costica’s Beach.” Celebrating Shabbat

each week as a camp community was a definite highlight, as our youngest campers experienced that special “Shabbat feeling” with songs, blessings, challah and grape juice.

The Pre-School office rendered an exciting change of location down the hallway to join the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School office suite. We are pleased to share that the former preschool office is now transformed into a beautiful classroom that will house a group of two-year-old children in the fall. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back at the end of August, when the hallways will once again be bustling with two, three and four-year-old children.

As our teaching staff prepares for another successful and meaningful school year, we will be exploring the concept of “*Hineni*” as it relates to the work that we do with children each day in our classrooms. We will dive deep to explore what it means to be fully present in our everyday lives, and how having that awareness can help us to observe, listen and hear the voice of the children in our classrooms. We will also weave this concept into our thinking as we create intentional learning environments within the classrooms and shared learning spaces of our school wing.

The beginning of every school year, just like the beginning of every Jewish New Year, is an opportunity. I hope our families will take advantage of the opportunities to see how capable and competent their children can be in a school setting, take opportunities to create new friendships, find an opportunity to volunteer to help on one of our many parent committees, or simply explore opportunities to find deeper meaning and purpose in this incredible Beth El community.

We wish you all *L'Shana Tova*.

Karee Bilsky
Steinberg Pre-School Director

Thoughts on Social Action

by Mary Channon, Chair Social Action Committee

When I was approached by Jackie Melinger to serve as Social Action chair, so many thoughts flooded my mind. I'm new here – to Beth El, to Highland Park – why me? I don't know anyone, how will I even begin to make a difference? Jacqueline Kott-Wolle has been so amazing at this; how will I ever live up to what she's accomplished? But then I realized a few important things: the committee is spectacular, Jackie and Rabbi Schwab are so supportive, and Social Action is in my blood.... so let's do this!

I'm really excited to chair the committee and see our current programs continue to flourish. Jacqueline Kott-Wolle did a wonderful job preparing me for this role over the past year, and I really want to say thank you to her for her support.

While the greater goal of Social Action is to help others, we rarely do anything for purely selfless reasons, and that's okay. For me, I do social action not only to improve the lives of others and to improve our community as a whole, but because it literally makes me feel good and it sets a good example of Judaism to the community. I have done Social Action projects since I was a child because of the example set by my parents, and I continue to do it because of the example it will set for my own children. I yearn for them to be successful and smart, but if there is anything I want

from them the most, it's for them to grow up to be kind, generous people and to make a difference in this world. Some people do social action because they love the recognition, want to become better at a certain skill, or want to have another item for their resume – and even those reasons are okay. Because even if all of these reasons are selfish in their own ways, the end result is a win-win and leads to what truly matters – helping others in need and making the community a better place for all of us.

So whatever your selfless or selfish reasons are for doing Social Action, I hope to see you involved this year. It really is so easy to make an impact. Your level of involvement can vary, and there are chances for anyone at any age with any amount of time or resources to help. Sometimes it is getting involved one way or another in one of the activities we sponsor each year. Sometimes it is serving on the Social Action Committee. Sometimes it is seeing a need in the community, having an idea to make it better, and working together to make it happen.

If you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts on Social Action please reach out to me at mary.channon@yahoo.com. Let's work together for as many win-wins as possible this year – for ourselves, for our children, for our community, for Beth El, and for Judaism.

Social Action Opportunities

Take a Bite Out of Hunger

Help us provide daily breakfasts for children in need at Highland Park elementary schools for the 2017/2018 calendar year. Please drop off your donations in the collection bins by the main office doors and the Religious School Doors. Our goal is to distribute 100 of these items every week for the entire school year!

- Kellogg's brand (only) Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
- Fruit squeezer-type snacks (any brand is fine)

The Annual Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

Sunday, November 19, 10:00am – Noon

More than 100 families are needed to create festive baskets filled with donated holiday foods. Look for more information in future announcements from Beth El.

JUF Uptown Café - A great project for families with teens!

Tuesdays – September 12, October 24, December 5, 5:30–7:30pm; Sunday, November 12, 10:30am–12:30pm

Dinner or brunch are served at the Uptown Café, located at 909 W. Wilson. Volunteers (age 12 and older) are needed to set tables and wait upon guests at the café. Contact Rochelle Rubinoff at rochelle.rubinoff@gmail.com.

Winter Coat Drive and Hanukkah Toy Drive

Collections start Sunday, November 19

Coat sorting and delivery are on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00am

Donate gently used, clean coats, hats and other outerwear of all sizes and/or new, unwrapped Hanukkah toys for the Chicago Chesed Fund and Highland Park Community Nursery School. Contact Mira Temkin at miratemkin@gmail.com or at 847-433-2109.



You Just Call Out My Name, and You Know Wherever I am, I'll Come Runnin'

Our daughter broke her arm early this summer. It was treated with successful surgery and she recovered, as young kids do, quickly and without incident.

These types of things I'm told are much harder on us as parents than on the kids. What is still sitting with me, however, is the amazing reaction I felt from our community. Friends from Beth El sent cards and brought meals and games for her to play multiple times during those first few weeks as she was beginning to recover. I am struck by the generosity and genuine caring that we have in this community.

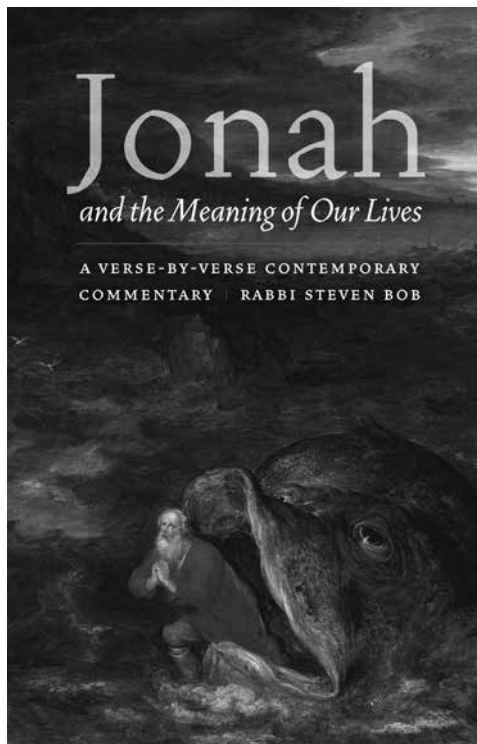
This August 3, 2017, will mark the beginning of my fifteenth year of working in our congregation. I've had three different jobs here – beginning as the Youth Community Director, serving as the Youth and Family Programming Director, and for the past six years, as the Director of Informal Education. This community has meant so much to me and my family over these years, and it is because of the incredible and incredibly generous members of our community. As a member of this congregation, or even as a friend of a friend of a member, I've seen time and again how the influence of friends and community can make the difference to an event, an ongoing project, or most importantly, someone in need. As we head into a new year of community, I want to extend a special invitation for people to reconsider what they can offer and share of their talents with the community.

There is a language in Christian congregations of people having a “testimony” for something they do. They may feel “called” to it, or called upon to do it. These phrases suggest a communion with a divine presence that directs peoples' lives and action. Some of their projects are termed to be a “ministry.” This language elevates the work of the congregation and makes people feel fantastic about being called upon to help. We experience this same desire to give back in the Jewish community, and I want all of us to feel empowered to bring this kind of offering when we choose to be a part of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.

The leadership of our community is partially a task of stewarding initiatives and responsibilities that were set out by leaders in the past, but often most rewarding is the direction that you can bring with your initiative. In the ancient Temple, Israelites brought *korbanot mincha*, or meal offerings, that were representative of their hard work. I think that this year each of us could get to know the community better by helping to steward an ongoing project and by offering the advice or initiative close to our hearts for the benefit of us all.

Coming together to take care of each other and to help everyone who joins us feel a part of something larger than themselves is a beautiful hallmark of NSS Beth El. As a way to inspire us to renew our relationships and efforts in the community, I hope you'll join together with us as we have a “Tailgate Shabbat on the Lake” with appetizers, a Shabbat evening service, and a low-cost dinner on Friday, August 25, beginning at 5:30 pm. Let's meet up there and get excited for the game of 5778 to begin!

Ali Drumm
Director of Informal Education



Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives

Rabbi Steven Bob
Tuesdays, 8:00pm,
September 5 and 12

This short book of the Bible along with the explanations of the classic commentators provides answers to the most important questions about identity and meaning in our lives.

Fall Mini-Course: \$40, including a copy of *Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives: A Verse-by Verse Contemporary Commentary*. To register, go to www.nssbethel.org/Continuing-Education.



TAILGATE

Shabbat on the Lake

ADULTS \$10 · CHILDREN (AGES 4-12) \$5 · CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND UNDER) FREE

A fun Shabbat experience to kick off the New Year!

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 25**

**5:30PM APPETIZERS
6:15PM KABBALAT SHABBAT & YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE
7:00PM FAMILY STYLE DINNER**

We welcome new and prospective members to this event. RSVP to Elise Kline at ekline@nssbethel.org or call 847-432-8900. Beth El Members can pay by going to their member account on our website: www.nssbethel.org

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

BEANS USY Leadership Training Institute (LTI)

Monday, August 21 – Youth Lounge
Grades 9–12

BEANS M&M Club High Holyteens Traveling Skit

September 10, 12-13
Grades K-1

BEANS Kadima Welcome Back Event

Monday, August 28 – Youth Lounge
Grades 6–8

BEANS Shalom Club Welcome Back Event

Monday, September 11 – Youth Lounge
Grades 2–5

BEANS USY Welcome Back Event

Wednesday, August 30 – Youth Lounge
Grades 9–12

CHUSY Leadership Training Institute (LTI)

Friday–Sunday, September 15–17 – Palatine, IL
Grades 9–12

Sukkot is Coming

Schach, Lulav & Etrog, oh my!

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 Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Pick-Up for Schach and Lulav and Etrog will be Sunday, October 1, 2017, 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2017.



What's happening in the NSS Beth El Youth Community?

For questions about upcoming events, please email Tovah Goodman at tgoodman@nssbethel.org.

» Kol No'ar

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



I am very excited for a new year! Anyone who is in Kindergarten through College is welcome to participate in Beth El Youth Community activities and programming throughout the year. Please reference the groups below to see what groups are available to participate in!

- M&M Club (K–1st Grade)
• Shalom Club (2nd–5th Grade)
• Kadima (6th–8th Grade)
• USY (9th–12th Grade)
• Sisterhood College Connection (Undergraduate and Graduate Students)

Enthusiastically,
Tovah Goodman
Youth Community Director



Annual Schach Pick Up and Car Wash

Sunday, October 1
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!

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 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 25, 2017. 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.

» Sisterhood



Welcome to our new and returning Sisterhood members. Throughout the summer the Sisterhood Board has been planning and preparing for the upcoming year of Sisterhood programs. We look forward with great anticipation to a year that will include both innovative programming and perennial favorites. We hope these programs are as exciting to you as they are to us, and will motivate you to join our growing membership. Wishing you a year filled with health and happiness.

*L'shana Tova,
Rachel Ferber, Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith and Karen Weiss, Co-Presidents*

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Let's Get Cooking with Chef Nicole Putzel

Thursday, September 7

7:00pm

Join us as Chef Nicole demonstrates and serves these easy dinner dishes: kale salad with lemon garlic vinaigrette; quinoa tabbouleh salad, ginger soy roasted salmon and seasonal farmer's market fruit cobbler.

\$18 per person. RSVP by September 1 to Roz Kallish, rozlynkall@att.net or to 847-831-0674. Make check payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood. Payment due in advance. Sorry, there is no same day RSVP.



- October 17 – Torah Fund classes begin
- November 18 – Sisterhood Shabbat



A Docent-Led Tour of Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution Exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum

This is an electrifying trip through the 1960s-1980s and the life and career of Bill Graham, Holocaust refugee who launched the careers of countless music legends.

Join us **Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm**. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65+. Alternatively, join us on **Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30am**. Tickets, including tour and boxed dairy or parve lunch, are \$30 for adults, \$27 for seniors 65+. We will eat at the museum.

Yasher Koach to the Women of Sisterhood



On Tuesday, June 13, we dedicated the newly renovated Sager Beit Hamidrash. Thanks to decades of work by innumerable Sisterhood members, we donated \$125,000 to restore the Sager to its former glory. Now this sacred place, which is used twice a day every day, is bright, beautiful and inviting. *Baruch ata adonoy, elokein u melech ha'olam, hatov v'ha'meitiv.*

A New Sweet Rosh Hashana Gift for Family and Friends

Rosh Hashana begins at sundown, Wednesday, September 20. Celebrate the holiday by giving our honey gift packages to friends and family. These 12 flavored kosher honey sticks are perfect for apple and challah dipping.

Purchase them in the Gift Shop for \$12 per package or order them to be sent to your friends and family (at no additional charge for in-USA mailing).

The order deadline is Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

Ordering is fast and easy. Simply complete the form below and send it 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!

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 2017-2018

Share in the joy of birthdays and anniversaries by sending letters of Mazel Tov to fellow congregants. This program generates over \$4,000 each year – which Sisterhood donates to Beth El to support educational programs. Please become a Leagram 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) name on the monthly lists and return these pages, with your check (at \$.50 per name), **prior to the 15th of the month, as directed at the bottom of the form.**

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 birthday is (month and day only):

My husband's name (if applicable) is:

and our anniversary 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)

» Men's Club

As the new President of the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club, I have to thank all my predecessors for their hard work over the years in creating an award-winning Men's Club that brings you great events, social fun, sports, brotherhood and service to our community, with more to come right around the corner. With the New Year come new Officers of the Men's Club and new opportunities to get involved. Please save the date for our major kick-off event for the season – the annual Steak & Scotch Dinner on Wednesday, September 13, when we will also have the new Officer Induction Ceremony. RSVP to jbg724@gmail.com. Another major event is our annual “Keeper of the Flame” Award Dinner on December 3. This year we are proud to be honoring Rabbi Kurtz with this award. If you are interested in sponsoring this dinner, please send an email to darryltemkin@gmail.com. Also, please keep an eye out for announcements about the return of our award-winning “Bagels For Your Brain” speaker series in the fall. Let us know of any great speakers we should include, or new events and programming we should offer.

We are proud of the service we provide to the synagogue and our community. Our fundraising efforts have allowed the Men's Club to pay for the new seamless WiFi system at the synagogue, provide summer camp scholarships and support teen trips to Poland Holocaust sites and Israel, and support other activities and events at our synagogue. Please help by ordering your Lox Box at the early bird rate (see the order form on the next page). In the greater community, our members help the elderly residents of the Lieberman Center once a month with Saturday morning Shabbat services, with the distribution of Maot Chitim food packages and more. All of this is not possible without the volunteer efforts and financial support of the Men's Club members: our greatest asset is you. Please join the Men's Club and maintain your membership by paying your dues along with your synagogue dues, which will ensure that the dues are included in your year-end tax letter. And for your convenience, you can also pay dues or sponsorships online at the Men's Club web pages linked from the synagogue website. Feel free to contact me at nssbethemensclub@gmail.com for more information about how you can get involved.

Marc Richards
Men's Club President

Men's Club Softball Update

As of July 1, the Northern Illinois Synagogue 12-inch Softball League's 5th season is half over, and the two teams from our NSS Beth El Men's Club in the twelve-team league are in the middle of the standings and having a lot of fun. The League founder and Commissioner is Beth El's own Michael Salberg. In addition to having fun playing ball, the league is raising funds for Jewish charities. This year the charity recipient will likely be Keshet/Buddy Baseball of Northbrook and Buffalo Grove. The league-wide goal is to raise at least \$5,000. Contact mbsalberg@gmail.com to contribute, to play, or for more information. Keep an eye out for the announcement to cheer for our team at the playoffs in early August!

Planning Ahead and Save the Dates....

Please check your synagogue mailings, emails, and our NEW Men's Club website for additional upcoming programming and details. Note and save the following dates for some upcoming events:

Wednesday, September 13

Steak and Scotch Dinner & New Officer Induction

RSVP to [Jeffrey Goldsmith at jbg724@gmail.com](mailto:JeffreyGoldsmith@jbg724@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 16

Kiddush Club Deli Lunch

RSVP to scoven@napcoltd.com.

Monday, October 9

Bears Monday Night Football - Young Men's Group

October – December 2017

Hearing Men's Voices

(2 nights in Fall – Dates TBD)

Thursday, November 9

Open Mic Night

Bring your guitar, your friends and sing along.

Sunday, December 3

Keeper of the Flame Dinner

Sunday, December 10

Lox Box Packaging/Delivery

January 2018

Game Night (Date TBD)

Sundays, January 21 and 28

Meet the Candidates Forums

Sunday, February 4

World Wide Wrap

February – April 2018

Hearing Men's Voices

(2 nights in Winter/Spring – Dates TBD)

Thursday, February 22

Caveman Dinner

Sunday, March 4

Man of the Year Dinner with FJMC Midwest Region

Tuesday, March 6

Yom Hashoah Candle Packing

Friday – Sunday, March 16–18

Men's Club Shabbat Weekend

Wednesday, April 11

Yom Hashoah Event

April – July 2018

Softball League

May 8

Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz

These are just a few of our exciting 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! Questions? Email us at nssbethemensclub@gmail.com.

Men's Club 2017 Lox Box Deliveries

**Give or Get a Great Hanukkah-time Lox Box Delivered
from the Men's Club on Sunday, December 10**

Our Lox Boxes will be filled with breakfast that serves 4-6 people including bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, other trimmings, some other surprises, and other goodies. **Deliveries** will take place on Sunday, December 10.** All net proceeds will go to the Synagogue!

Also, **new this year: a Hunger Lox Box** where no Lox Box is delivered and instead we make a sizeable donation to Maot Chitim to stamp out Hunger!

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First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(If these are gifts, please fill in Recipients' names and addresses below):

Fill in number of boxes for: ____ Regular Lox Box and ____ New Hunger Lox Box (Donation only)

Send this form and a check for \$33 per box payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club to:
(Early-Bird orders received by September 30, 2017 are only \$28.00 per box!)

NSS Beth El Men's Club
1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

Any Questions? Email Al Simons at NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com

** Local deliveries are free; if you need a delivery not local to Highland Park, then check in with us at NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com to determine eligibility.



Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Aeron Small's upcoming wedding - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In honor of* Alex becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Douglas Garfinkel and Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel
- *In honor of* Daniel becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Benjamin and Andrea Leshem
- *In honor of* Gerry Kaplan's special birthday - Judy, Doug, Jason and Alex Garfinkel
- *In honor of* Richard Zelin becoming President of NSS Beth El
 - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
 - Judith Hirsch-Zelin
- *In honor of* the birth of Betty Rozenfeld's great grandson - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Hilary and Allan Greenberg's granddaughter, Cecilia Rose Greenberg - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- *In honor of* the forthcoming marriage of Debbie Sherman and Oren Rasowsky - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Abe Kreiter, beloved father - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *In memory of* Abraham Altman, beloved father-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Adolph and Beatrice Rabin, beloved parents - Robert and Gwendolyn Shapiro
- *In memory of* Allen Rosenthal, beloved father of Marcie Pickard
 - Judy Altenberg and Bruce Plotkin
 - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Alvin Altman, beloved husband - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Barbara and Nathan Pinsof, beloved mother and father - Loren and Diane Weil
- *In memory of* Ben Pollock, beloved father of Karen Kopin - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Benita Raemer, beloved sister, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Racquel Hochwert
- *In memory of* Benita Raemer, beloved aunt and beloved sister of Raquel Hochwert - Barbara and Stuart Hochwert
- *In memory of* Benjamin Applebaum, beloved son - Stephen and Lily Applebaum
- *In memory of* Benjamin Shapiro, beloved brother - Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Benjamin Sherman, beloved father - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Bernice Awerbuch, beloved mother of Jodi Eisenstadt - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Bessie Brooks, beloved mother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer
 - Ronald and Mayta Spitz
 - Helen Wilens
- *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* Doris Cohen and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Steven and Judith Dolins
- *In memory of* Dorothy Kurtz, beloved mother - Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband of Sari Salinas and beloved father of Annette Ray
 - Martin and Judy Kaplan
 - Robin and Matthew Patinkin
 - Patty and Ken Pell
 - The Family of Edward Salinas
 - David Smith and Michelle Wasserman
- *In memory of* Edith H. and Sidney Weiss, beloved mother and father - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Erich Hamburger, beloved uncle - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen
 - Ruth Fischer
 - Michael and Judi Greenberg
 - Joan and Lee Sacks
 - Caryn and Bill Schuman
 - Marcie Weiss
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved father, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Lee and Susan Smolen
- *In memory of* Ethel Chudacoff, beloved mother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Fannie Resnick, beloved grandmother - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- *In memory of* Faye Bloom, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Florence Ziker, beloved sister-in-law - Mildred Lidov

Todah Rabbah

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother-in-law - Karen Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Howard Rubenstein, beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Irving Block, beloved father - Frances Lee Zand
- *In memory of* Jack Rousso, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Jack Warshawsky, beloved husband - Eileen Warshawsky
- *In memory of* Janice Freedman, beloved sister - Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
- *In memory of* Joel Honigberg, beloved husband, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Carol Honigberg
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Judith Sharlach, beloved wife, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ronald Sharlach
- *In memory of* Jules Goldberg, beloved father - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Kurt and Gretl Loewenthal, beloved father and mother - Steven and Martha Loewenthal
- *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* Lillian Charney
 - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
 - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Lillian Charney, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - David and Shawna Charney
- *In memory of* Louis Goldstein, beloved grandfather - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Louis Lidovsky, beloved father-in-law - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* Mamie Altman, beloved mother-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Mary Lou Ferns, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Maxine Gladstone, beloved wife, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Arthur Gladstone
- *In memory of* Mollie Rich, beloved mother - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Morris A. Vishny, beloved father - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Nisim Saporta, beloved father - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Norlie Feinstein, beloved father and grandfather - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Norma Meisner, beloved sister - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Phyllis Bolker, beloved mother of Steven Lewis - Kerry Levin and Johanna Goldfarb
- *In memory of* Pinhas Zaid, beloved husband - Pearl Zaid
- *In memory of* Ralph J. Epstein, beloved father - Irene and Samuel Shanes
- *In memory of* Rosa Richtman, beloved mother - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Rosalind Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Roy Millenson, beloved father, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Michael and Susan Millenson
- *In memory of* Roy Millenson, beloved father of Michael Millenson - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Sally Davis, beloved mother-in-law - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* Sam Wise, beloved father - Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
- *In memory of* Sara Shapiro, beloved mother of David Shapiro - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Stanley Yaffe, beloved father of Janice Small
 - Donald and Joyce Joseph
 - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son of Ruth Fischer - Helen Wilens
- *In memory of* Trudy Okmin, beloved wife - Marshall Okmin
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for being part of Rita and Josh's wedding - Mindy and Armand Botbol
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Howard and Mindy Bain
- *With appreciation*
 - NS Beth El Sisterhood
 - NSS Beth El Men's Club
 - Elliot and Anne Rossen
 - Ernie Smolen z'l"
 - Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund
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- *With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at our son Zev's bris - David and Jill Friedman*

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of Alex becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Douglas Garfinkel and Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel*
- *In honor of Clara Danielle Davidson's baby naming and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Carey and Cheryl Cooper*
- *In honor of Daniel becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Benjamin and Andrea Leshem*
- *In honor of Jerry Kaltman's special birthday - Howard and Mindy Bain*
- *In honor of Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13 years at NSS Beth El*
 - *Burton and Sharon Behm*
 - *Ari, Mitchell and Daniel Posner and Susan Block*
 - *Jack and Barbara Blumberg*
 - *Annette Feller*
 - *Matthew, Jackie and Hannah Fischel*
 - *Ruth Fischer*
 - *The Goldsmith Family*
 - *Robin Sue and Billy Landsburg and Family*
 - *Dawn and Steve Lavin*
 - *Arielle and Victor Levitan*
 - *Edward and Paulette Margulies*
 - *Ann Rosenberg*
 - *Illene and Warren Rubin*
 - *Cantor Faryn Rudnick*
 - *Judith Sarnat*
 - *Ben and Shellie Schwartz*
 - *Martin and Deborah Stern*
 - *Carol and Stephen Weiss*
 - *Richard Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin*
- *In honor of the forthcoming marriage of Stuart Rossen to Cara Garber and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Elliot and Anne Rossen*
- *In honor of Zachary Pestine's engagement to Melissa Feiger - Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine*
- *In memory of Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein*
- *In memory of Alan Ander, beloved father - Carol and Ron Jesselson*
- *In memory of Anita Brenner, beloved sister - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman*
- *In memory of Ben Pollock, beloved mother of Karen Kopin - Nancy and Maury Fertig*
- *In memory of Bernice Awerbuch, beloved mother and grandmother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - The Family of Bernice Awerbuch*
- *In memory of Dorothy Magad, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad*
- *In memory of Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband of Sari Salinas and beloved father of Annette Ray - Carey and Cheryl Cooper*
- *In memory of Ernest Smolen - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg*
- *In memory of Ernest Smolen, beloved father, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Lee and Susan Smolen*
- *In memory of Florence Pestine, beloved sister - Sheila Olshansky*
- *In memory of Fred Sidney, beloved father of Dawn Sidney - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff*
- *In memory of Frieda and Joseph Rosen, beloved mother and father - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman*
- *In memory of Gladys Brand, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams*
- *In memory of Harry Rich, beloved husband of Rena Rich and beloved father of Janet Lederman, and Paul Rich, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Rena Rich, Janet Lederman and Paul Rich*
- *In memory of Helen Richer, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Stuart Richer and Cynde Munzer*
- *In memory of Ida Wigderson, beloved grandmother - Joel and Cynthia Hirsch*
- *In memory of Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman - Steven and Ellen Lasin*
- *In memory of Judy Koster - Myra and Larry Dorf*
- *In memory of Judy Koster, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - The Family of Judy Koster*
- *In memory of Leonard Weitz, beloved husband - Lynn Weitz*
- *In memory of Lewis Kolesky, beloved grandfather - Carol and Ron Jesselson*
- *In memory of Magdalena Fox, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Leon and Leslie Fox*

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Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Magdalena Fox, beloved mother of Leon Fox - The Gordon/Hirsch Family, the Holt Family and the R. Feldman Family
- *In memory of* Max Faust, beloved father and grandfather - Annette Feller
- *In memory of* Melvyn Medansky, beloved father - Keith and Robynn Medansky
- *In memory of* Mollie Rich, beloved mother - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Nochim Singer, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Phyllis Bolker, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Dr. Steven and Julie Lewis
- *In memory of* Rose Feitelberg, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Sara Hirsch, beloved mother - Joel and Cynthia Hirsch
- *In memory of* Sidney and Morris Foxman, beloved mother and father - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for his help and support - Robert and Marcy Freeman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for officiating at our son Zev's bris - David and Jill Friedman

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Alex becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Douglas Garfinkel and Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel
- *In honor of* Daniel becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Benjamin and Andrea Leshem
- *In honor of* Hazzan Tisser's upcoming performance and participation at the FJMC Convention - NSS Beth El Men's Club
- *In memory of* Bernice Awerbuch, beloved mother of Jodi Eisenstadt - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband of Sari Salinas and beloved father of Annette Ray
 - The Family of Dr. Edward Salinas
 - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Dr. Philip Szanto, beloved husband of Anne Szanto - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Elinor Calmenson, beloved mother of Lou Calmenson - Andrea and Sandy Weber
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen
 - Joseph Ferrallo
 - Marcy, Mark, Andi, Seth and Allison Gohen
 - Sharon and Joel Schwartz and Family
 - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved father and grandfather, and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - The Family of Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Harry Bichunsky, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Irving Footlik, beloved father - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Isaac Feitelberg, beloved father - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Lillian Charney, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - David and Shawna Charney
- *In memory of* Magdalena Fox, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Leon and Leslie Fox
- *In memory of* Magdalena Fox, beloved mother of Leon Fox - The Gordon/Hirsch Family, the Holt Family and the R. Feldman Family
- *In memory of* Sara Shapiro, beloved mother of David Shapiro
 - Robert and Beth Footlik
 - Tracey and Anton Hendler
- *In memory of* Sigmund Wallace, beloved father - Mona Kravitz
- *In memory of* Stanley Yaffe, beloved father of Janice Small - Robert and Beth Footlik

Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Marge Schneider, beloved mother of Roz Kallish - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *With appreciation for* the great support for our President, Richard Schlosberg - Pam and Richard Schlosberg

Ba'al Korei Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In honor of</i> Sandy Starkman becoming a Trustee - Edith Rashewsky - <i>In memory of</i> Ernest Smolen - Norman and Babs Dukas - Tracey and Billy Smolen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Maxine Gladstone, beloved wife of Arthur Gladstone - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
Ben and Marion Drachler Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Marion Drachler, beloved mother - Ferne Avery - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Stephen Avery, beloved husband - Ferne Avery
Beth El Camp Scholarship Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>With appreciation</i> - NSS Beth El Men's Club 	
Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In honor of</i> Gerry Kaplan's special birthday - Shoshana Friedman - <i>In honor of</i> Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13 years at NSS Beth El - Faye and Benji Bearman - <i>In memory of</i> Allen Rosenthal, beloved father of Marcie Pickard - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Roy Millenson, beloved father of Michael Millenson - Bobbie and Len Tenner - <i>In memory of</i> Sara Shapiro, beloved mother of David Shapiro - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
Capital Improvement Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Bennet Holland, beloved son - Joan Holland - <i>In memory of</i> Dorothy Hyman, beloved mother - Joan Holland - <i>In memory of</i> Ernest Smolen - Lawrence Becker and Sandi Schur - Marcy and Kenneth Levin - <i>In memory of</i> Esther Pessis, beloved mother - Paul and Michelle Pessis - <i>In memory of</i> Frank Marshall, beloved father-in-law - Bertram Hamilton - <i>In memory of</i> Fred Hamilton, beloved father - Bertram Hamilton - <i>In memory of</i> Harry Prystowsky, beloved father - Jay Prystowsky and Renee Solomon - <i>In memory of</i> Louis Holland, beloved father-in-law - Joan Holland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Madeline Pinas, beloved mother of Seth Pines - Karen and Michael Kesner - Marcy and Kenneth Levin - <i>In memory of</i> Mary Marshall, beloved mother-in-law - Bertram Hamilton - <i>In memory of</i> Sheila Glassman LePow, beloved sister-in-law - Joan Holland - <i>With appreciation to</i> Larry Pachter for his service - Karen and Michael Kesner - <i>With appreciation to</i> Richard Schlosberg for his service - Karen and Michael Kesner - <i>With appreciation</i> - Irving Naiditch
Continuing Education Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In honor of</i> Jerry Kaltman's special birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter - <i>In honor of</i> Sandy Starkman becoming a Trustee - Steven and Frances Shapiro - <i>In memory of</i> Ernest Smolen - Steve and Linda Hyman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In memory of</i> Sidney and Mildred Starkman, beloved parents, and Annette Berg Starkman, beloved aunt - Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen - <i>With appreciation of</i> our honors during Pesach - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter

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

- *In honor of* Bernard and Fran Alpert's
60th wedding anniversary - Edward and
Paulette Margulies
- *In honor of* my Aliyah - Frances and Joel
Rabinowitz

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank - Ruth Polcino
and Family
- *In honor of* Nessia Frank on Mother's Day -
Ben and Wendy Frank

**General Israel Scholarship
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Stanley Yaffe, beloved
mother of Janice Small - Mary Ellen and
Larry Goldsmith

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

- *In memory of* Lillian Charney - Gerald
and Rita Buckman

**Gertrude and Morris Lederman
Continuing Education
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Roy Millenson, beloved
father of Michael Millenson - Babette and
Mark Daskin

**Glass/Goldman Program
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Ben Pollock, beloved father
of Karen Kopin - Ellen and Philip Glass
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Ellen and
Philip Glass
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife
of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of
Reena Schiffman - Ellen and Philip Glass

- *In memory of* Judith Sharlach, beloved
wife of Ronald Sharlach and beloved sister
of Babs Balson - Ellen and Philip Glass

**Holocaust Memorial
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen
- Gary and Stefany Freeman and Family
- Shirley Smolen-Etkin

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

- *In honor of* the birth of our granddaughter,
Liora Ben Adenet - David and Karen Benson

- *In memory of* Irving Robbin, beloved
father - David and Karen Benson

**Jack and Mildred Cohen
Religious School Fund**

- *In honor of* Ayden Schwartz becoming a
bar mitzvah - Barbara and Danny Fox
- *In honor of* the birth of our granddaughter,
Jane Alden Senescu - Stuart and Marlene
Senescu
- *In memory of* David Schlosberg, beloved
father - Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Fred Sidney, beloved father
of Dawn Sidney - Jenna and David Smiley
- *In memory of* Jack Morse Hirschfield,
beloved brother - David and Pamela
Hirschfield

- *In memory of* June Bleiweis, beloved
mother and grandmother - Lawrence and
Susan Silberman and Family
- *In memory of* Neil Levinson, beloved
brother - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Phyllis and Louis Senescu,
beloved parents - Stuart and Marlene
Senescu
- *In memory of* Sol Bleiweis, beloved father -
Lawrence and Susan Silberman

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved father - Marc and Devorah Richards

- *With appreciation* - Jacob Ephraim

Jean T. and Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

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

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

- *In memory of* Batya Abramson, beloved grandmother - Doris Mirman
 - *In memory of* Charlotte Millenson, beloved mother - Michael and Susan Millenson
 - *In memory of* Daniel Rosen, beloved son of Dr. Herbert Rosen - Harry Feiger
 - *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Harry Feiger
 - *In memory of* Jeanette Rubin Goldstein, beloved mother - Michael Goldstein
 - *In memory of* Leona English, beloved mother - Elliot and Anne Rossen
 - *In memory of* Louis and Phyllis Senescu, beloved father and mother - Stuart and Marlene Senescu

- *In memory of* Mark Eilian, beloved brother of Dr. Pierre Eilian - Harry Feiger
 - *In memory of* Morris Banks, beloved father - Theodore and Cheryl Banks
 - *In memory of* Raisa and Israel Edidin, beloved grandparents - Fern Edidin Roseman
 - *In memory of* Simon Cohen, beloved father - Mark and Marla Cohen
 - *With appreciation* - David Ellbogen

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

- *In memory of* Ben Pollock, beloved father of Karen Kopin - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
 - *In memory of* Ben Pollock, beloved father of Karen Kopin - Shael and Myrna Siegel

- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Stan and Carole Derdiger
 - Sheldon and Dolly Kopin
 - Linda and Ari Silverman

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Bryna Kurtz's special birthday - Karen and Michael Kesner

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* the retirement of William J. Brodsky - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
 - *In memory of* Berta Sapier, beloved mother of William Klein - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
 - *In memory of* Denis Maurer - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
 - *In memory of* Dorothy Wexler, beloved wife - Herman Wexler
 - *In memory of* Eva Glasser, beloved mother-in-law - Nissah Mattenson
 - *In memory of* Hanni Marx Hamburger, beloved sister - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
 - *In memory of* Harvey Pock - Arnold Pock
 - *In memory of* Ida and Harry Pock, beloved mother and father - Arnold Pock

- *In memory of* Leonard Pock - Arnold Pock
 - *In memory of* Lorraine Frumkin - Arnold Pock
 - *In memory of* Rosi Ruhstaedt, beloved aunt - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
 - *In memory of* Roy Millenson, beloved father - Michael and Susan Millenson
 - *In memory of* Sara Shapiro, beloved mother of David Shapiro - Brad and Marcie Pickard
 - *In memory of* Stanley Yaffe, beloved father of Janice Small - Brad and Marcie Pickard
 - *In memory of* Vellie Mesch, beloved mother - Nissah Mattenson

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Minyan Service Fund

- *In honor of* catching up - Eugene Goldfarb
- *In memory of* Al Leiderman, beloved father - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Allen Rosenthal, beloved father of Marcie Pickard - Jackie and Michael Melinger
- *In memory of* Arnold Miller, beloved father - Avrum and Jill Miller
- *In memory of* Daniel Rosen, beloved son of Dr. Herbert Rosen - Sally Schechter
- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Goldberg, beloved husband - Sheila Goldberg
- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband of Sari Salinas and beloved father of Annette Ray - Marlene and Seth Halpern and family
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Mitch and Karen Kopin and Family
- *In memory of* Esther Serman, beloved mother - Leah Toby Schwartz
- *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* Harold Stern, beloved father - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Harry Rubinoff, beloved brother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Irving Rubenstein, beloved father - Avrum and Jill Miller
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved father - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Jennie Cohen, beloved mother-in-law - Marion Cohen
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Larry Weiner - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In memory of* Leonard Weitzman, beloved father - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman
- *In memory of* Lester Fink, beloved brother - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Mamie Altman, beloved mother-in-law - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Marion Goodman, beloved mother - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Mel Pollack, beloved husband - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Nathan and Fannie Krichilsky, beloved father and mother - Marion Cohen
- *In memory of* Rachel Frydman, beloved mother-in-law - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Ruth Hertz, beloved mother - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* Samuel Newman, beloved father and grandfather - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband of Marcia Lerner and our beloved friend - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Sylvia Farbman, beloved mother - Mark and Laura Lieberman
- *In memory of* Zoltan Eizikovic, beloved husband - Batia Eizikovic
- *With appreciation* - Roger and Ronnie Wilk

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

- *In honor of* Larry Pachter's 60th birthday - Ronnie Jo Sokol
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Ronnie Jo Sokol

Music Fund

- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen
- Gail and Andrew Brown
- Sally and Cy Jablo
- Holly Weis
- Susan and Michael Weis
- *In memory of* Joel Honigberg, beloved husband of Carol Honigberg - Andrew and Gail Brown

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Larry Pachter's special birthday - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In honor of* Marilyn Lewis's 80th birthday - Leonard and Linda Schloff
- *In honor of* Stuart Hochwert becoming the VP of Finance - Steve and Carol Ginsburg
- *In memory of* Allen Rosenthal, beloved father of Marcie Pickard - Julie and Michael Schreiber
- *In memory of* Anita Maletsky, beloved mother of Eric Maletsky - Richard and Karen Reisin
- *In memory of* Arthur Hoover, beloved father - Daniel Hoover
- *In memory of* Belle Lasin, beloved mother - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Betty Cooper, beloved mother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Beverly Kreiter, beloved mother - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Gloria Zieve
- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband of Sari Salinas and beloved father of Annette Ray
 - Amy and Craig Gerstein
 - Barbara Grossman-Schapiro
 - Michael and Elinor Laupheimer
 - Joan Piolet
 - Charlotte Stein
 - Edith Tracer
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen
 - Tony and Marie Aiello
 - Joseph and Susan Ament
 - Sharon, Gerry and Jenny Balfour
 - David Brown and Yuelin Dai
 - Jim and Jane Esser
 - Clare Greenberg
 - Dorothy Hofstetter
 - Herbert and Joyce Root
 - Edward and Dorothy Stone
- *In memory of* Gladys Wallach, beloved mother - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Ida Freifeld, beloved mother-in-law - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Joyce Hazelkorn, beloved sister - Sharon and Armand Moss
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman
 - Yvette Kanter
 - Ron and Judi Kaye
 - Fred and Corinne Lane
 - Susan Mysiewicz
- *In memory of* Marilyn Wallach, beloved mother - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Phyllis Bolker, beloved mother of Steven Lewis
 - Amanda Doering
 - Madhu Soni
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Sue Cohen
- *In memory of* Roslyn Greenfield, beloved wife - Milton Greenfield
- *In memory of* Sara Siegel, beloved mother - Shael and Myrna Siegel
- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son of Ruth Fischer - Gloria Zieve
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* the mother of Marcie Pickard - Julie and Michael Schreiber
- *With appreciation for* my Aliyah - Batia Eizikovic
- *With appreciation*
 - Greg and Leslie Apter
 - Leonard and Roberta Tenner

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Steve Smiley's special birthday - Laura Leiberman

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* the Bat Mitzvah of Kathy Keyser's daughter - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the birth of Sarit Pogofsky's granddaughter, Sophie - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Anita Maletsky, beloved mother of Eric Maletsky - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- *In memory of* David Sher, beloved grandfather - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Goldie Sher, beloved mother - Michael and Sara Sher

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Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Bernard and Fran Alpert's 60th wedding anniversary - Shoshana Friedman
- *In honor of* Jerry Kaltman's special birthday - Sandi Kaplan
- *In honor of* Marilyn Lewis's 80th birthday - Susan Saper
- *In memory of* Abe Aaronson, beloved father - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Albert and Sylvia Wishnick, beloved father and mother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* Corrine Baker, beloved wife - Leonard Baker
- *In memory of* Elaine Miller, beloved mother-in-law - Judith Miller
- *In memory of* Eugene Behrstock, beloved father - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Fay and Louis Dreebin, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Florence Behrstock, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Fred Sidney, beloved father of Dawn Sidney - Jackie and Michael Melinger
- *In memory of* Magdalena Fox, beloved mother of Leon Fox - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Marta Hammel Meyer, beloved mother - Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Natalie Levy Boshes, beloved mother - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Samuel Rosenblatt, beloved father - Marvin and Joyce z'l" Juron
- *In memory of* Sarah Rosenberg, beloved grandmother - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Suzanne Dreebin Wilensky, beloved daughter - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Sheldon H. Gaffen - Marvin and Sara Siegel

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In honor of* Dr. Dennis Pessis' special birthday - Jackie and Michael Melinger
- *In honor of* Jerry Kaltman's special birthday - Marcy, Joe, Jake and Jeremy Padorr
- *In memory of* Anna Pathman, beloved aunt - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman - Judy Kapper
- *In memory of* Judith Zuckerman Kaufman, beloved cousin - Lawrence Weiner
- *In memory of* Mariasse Kurchitzer, beloved grandmother - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Stanley Yaffe, beloved father of Janice Small - Yvette and David Stone and Family
- *With appreciation for* the warm welcome - Sidney and Sylvia Pachter

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Bernard and Fran Alpert's 60th wedding anniversary - Robert Berger

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Abraham Blumberg, beloved brother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Benjamin Levenson, beloved father - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Esther Schiffman, beloved grandmother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Morris Blumberg, beloved father - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Samuel Levenson, beloved brother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

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- *With appreciation for* the College Connection program - Sue Cohen

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- *In honor of* Ben Bronson's wedding - Steven and Frances Shapiro

- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13 years at NSS Beth El - Marc and Sarah Rosenstock

Sokol Hebrew High School Special Programs Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation* - Ronnie Jo Sokol

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In honor of* the NSS Beth El Staff and Congregation - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen - Elise and Ira Frost

- *In memory of* Dr. Edward Salinas, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and with appreciation to the NSS Beth El Staff - The Family of Dr. Edward Salinas

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* Ali Drumm for being an outstanding teacher - Felissa Kreindler
- *In honor of* Jerry Kaltman's special birthday - Carole and Sidney Brandwein
- *In memory of* Allen Rosenthal, beloved father of Marcie Pickard - Steven and Frances Shapiro

- *In memory of* Madeline Pinas, beloved mother of Seth Pines - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Richard Halfin, beloved father of Simon Halfin - Dena, David, Gabriella and Danielle Cooperman



September 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:05pm Candle Lighting	2 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Sophia Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah – Rose Miller 12:15pm Siddur Lev Shalem Class 7:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:10pm Shabbat Ends
3	4 Labor Day 8:45am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	5 4:00pm Religious School Classes Begin 8:00pm Book of Jonah	6 4:00pm Preschool Ice Cream Social	7 7:00pm Sisterhood Cooking Event 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	8 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:53pm Candle Lighting	9 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 6:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:58pm Shabbat Ends
10 9:00am Hebrew High School Classes Begin 9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes Begin 3:00pm Sacred Space Exhibit Opening	11 4:00pm Shalom Club Opening Program 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	12 8:00pm Book of Jonah	13 6:00pm Men's Club Steak & Scotch Night	14	15 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:41pm Candle Lighting	16 Selichot 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Rachel Smiley 12:00pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 6:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:46pm Shabbat Ends 9:30pm Selichot Reception/Study Session 10:45pm Selichot Service
17	18 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	19	20 Erev Rosh Hashana 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:32pm Candle Lighting	21 Rosh Hashana 1st Day 8:15am Shacharit Services 9:15am Preschool Family Service 10:15am Children's Services 5:45pm Tashlich led by Teen Minyan 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:37pm Candle Lighting	22 Rosh Hashana 2nd Day 8:15am Shacharit Services 9:15am Young Family Service 9:15am Children's Services 6:29pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Kabbalat Shabbat	23 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:34pm Shabbat Ends
24 11:00am Men's Club Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29 Kol Nidre/ Erev Yom Kippur 6:00pm Mincha Service 6:15pm Kol Nidre Service 6:17pm Candle Lighting	30 Yom Kippur 9:00am Shacharit Services 9:45am Preschool Family Services 10:45am Children's Services 4:45pm Mincha Service 6:00pm Neilah Service 6:00pm Preschool Family Service 7:22pm Yom Kippur Ends

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August 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tisha B'Av 6:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mincha Service 8:50pm Evening Minyan	2	3 2:00pm Afternoon @ The Movies in the Catskills 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	4 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:47pm Candle Lighting	5 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:52pm Shabbat Ends
6	7 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	8 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	9 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 7:45pm Night at the Catskills Concert	10	11 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:38pm Candle Lighting	12 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 12:15pm Siddur Lev Shalem Class 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:43pm Shabbat Ends
13	14	15 8:00pm Fighting for Israel Presentation	16	17 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	18 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:27pm Candle Lighting	19 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Nathan Spellberg 12:15pm Siddur Lev Shalem Class 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:32pm Shabbat Ends
20	21 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	22 Rosh Hodesh Elul 7:00am Morning Minyan	23 Rosh Hodesh Elul 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	24 7:45pm Finance Committee Meeting	25 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Service 7:17pm Candle Lighting	26 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:15pm Siddur Lev Shalem Class 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:22pm Shabbat Ends
27 11:00am Men's Club Board Meeting	28 4:00pm Kadima Opening Event 6:00pm CHHS Teachers and Teen Leaders Meeting 7:45pm CLC Committee Meeting 7:45pm House Committee Meeting	29 7:00pm Preschool Orientation/Enrichment Meeting	30 9:00am Preschool Classes Begin 4:00pm USY Opening Program 8:00pm Young Family Programming Meeting	31		