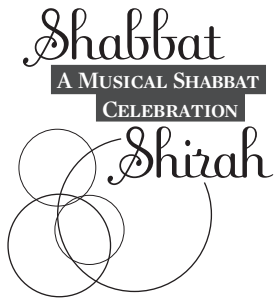


# Kol Beth El

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## From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz »



## 37th World Zionist Congress

In the third week of October 2015 Jews will gather in Jerusalem for a special event. It will be the 37th World Zionist Congress, the highest governing body of the World Zionist Organization. The first World Zionist Congress was held in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897 which served as the foundation for the Zionist movement – the creative force and organizational framework behind the State of Israel. It has met regularly since its inception, its meetings suspended only during the world wars. Today, it meets every five years, always in Jerusalem.

At the Congress the future of the World Zionist Organization will be decided in discussions, resolutions and plenary sessions. It will have an effect upon the other national institutions of the State of Israel and the Jewish people – the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Keren Kayemet Le'Yisrael, the Israeli component of the Jewish National Fund. Delegates are elected to the WZO Congress through a series of votes in Jewish communities throughout the world. There are 500 elected delegates to the Congress. In 2015, Israel will send about 200 delegates, United States will send 145, as the largest in the Diaspora community, and the rest will come from Jewish communities around the world.

As President of the American Zionist Movement I have been intimately involved in setting up the Zionist elections in the United States. The AZM runs the elections and promotes participation stressing that voting entails commitment to the State of Israel, concern for the Jewish people around the world, and involvement in the worldwide Zionist movement. Elections in the U.S. will begin on January 15 and conclude at the end of April. During that time any individual over the age of 18 who accepts the Jerusalem program will cast their vote for the party of their choice and will have a say in the Jewish future. This is the only global Jewish election in which everyone can voice their opinion on policies concerning how Jewish money is spent, Jewish education throughout the globe, and social justice and religious activities in Israel.

The Conservative Movement is an active participant in the elections throughout the world. Here in the United States MERCAZ USA is the party of the Movement and will represent us as part of MERCAZ Olami at the WZO. Having served as president of both MERCAZ USA and MERCAZ Olami I have been involved in many of the issues that will be confronting us in October 2015.

It is very important that we take these elections very seriously, register and vote for MERCAZ USA. Our vote affects the size of our Conservation Movement delegation and the influence that we have at the Zionist Congress, at the Jewish Agency, and at Keren Kayemet Le'Yisrael. Since the Conservative/Masorti movement does not receive state support and operates largely on donations, funding for the WZO and JAFI are a very important part of the budget of the Masorti Movement in Israel. Masorti Olami, which is the worldwide Conservative movement, is also very dependent upon WZO funds in order to maintain its program of outreach and education in Jewish

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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.

## » From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz

### 37th World Zionist Congress

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communities throughout the world.

Here is your opportunity to be involved in international Jewish issues and to show your pride in being a Conservative/Masorti Jew. Your vote can shape the Jewish character of Israeli society and secure communal funding for the worldwide Conservative movement. We will be sending out information over the course of the next few months instructing you how to register and vote. We hope that not only will you do so, but you will have all the members of your family, your many friends, and your acquaintances vote as well. The Conservative Movement has created a list of individuals who will stand for election to the Congress. This list will include among others myself, Alan Silberman, Sandy Starkman, Rabbi Michael Schwab and Jeff Kopin from Beth El and we all would appreciate your support in our endeavor to make our mark at the Congress and on the Jewish character of the State of Israel.

As you receive information on how to vote, which will cost

\$10.00 for anyone over 30 years of age and \$5.00 for those under 30 years of age, I would ask you not to procrastinate but to do so as soon as possible. That way we can be assured of a sizable delegation at the Zionist Congress and have an effect on the policies of the World Zionist Organization. The last time elections took place in 2006, Beth El came through with a very significant number of votes, the most of any synagogue in the Conservative movement. I hope that we can do even better in 2015 and have more voters participate in these crucial elections.

Please allow me to go to the World Zionist Congress in 2015 as a proud member of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El and a delegate of MERCAZ USA to represent the values, vision, and goals which deeply concern us.

If you have any questions, please contact either me, Sandy Starkman or Alan Silberman and we will help you both with the answers and the process. Let's get out the vote in 2015.

## Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

### DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday  
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday  
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday  
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh  
Mornings, 7:00 am

#### Services are conducted by:

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

#### Every Shabbat

##### 10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with  
children 1st grade and younger

##### 11:00am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade

### JANUARY

#### Shabbat, January 3

Parashat Vayechi  
Torah: Genesis 47:25 – 50:26  
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 2:12

#### Shabbat, January 10

Parashat Shemot  
Torah: Exodus 1:1 – 6:1  
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13;  
29:22 – 29:23

#### Shabbat, January 17

Parashat Vaera  
Torah: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

#### Shabbat, January 24

Parashat Bo  
Torah: Exodus 10:1 – 13:16  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 46:28

#### Shabbat, January 31

Parashat Beshalach  
Torah: Exodus 13:17 – 17:16  
Haftarah: Judges 4:4 – 5:31

### FEBRUARY

#### Shabbat, February 7

Parashat Yitro  
Torah: Exodus 18:1 – 20:23  
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6; 9:5 – 9:6

#### Shabbat, February 14

Shabbat Shekalim  
Parashat Mishpatim  
Torah: Exodus 21:1 – 24:18  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8 – 24:22;  
33:25 – 33:26

#### Shabbat, February 21

Parashat Terumah  
Torah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19  
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13

#### Shabbat, February 28

Shabbat Zachor  
Parashat Tetzaveh  
Torah: Exodus 27:20 – 30:10  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10 – 43:27

## » President's Corner *by Lisa Rosenkranz*

As I am sure has been the case for all my predecessors, as I get further into the 4th quarter of my presidency, I spend a lot of time thinking about what has been accomplished and how much more there is to do! One of the important themes of my administration has been to create more connection among our membership. We continue to focus on this and have made some progress that I would like to share.

During Rosh Hashana morning services, several of our Executive Committee members served as "greeters" (along with Chuck Kahalnik, our executive director who is always there to greet and troubleshoot any issues that may arise!). They welcomed our congregants and wished them a happy new year. Not a complicated program and yet the response was terrific. The simple act of seeing a friendly face brought a smile to many of our congregants' faces. It's sometimes the simplest things that can have the biggest impact. The ritual committee will be working with our Shabbat morning ushers to impart this simple lesson and encourage all of them to bring this spirit to their ushering duties.

On a more formal note, our VP of Membership, Gail Scully, recently formed the Membership Engagement Committee with one of the primary goals to help our congregation to become more warm & welcoming. They are also focused on reaching out to all our members to help them get more engaged. Gail has a wonderful group of dedicated congregants who want to help all our members find their personal connection to NSSBE. They have just begun meeting and have generated a lot of great ideas. They are committed to turning these ideas into action. Please contact her if you would like to become involved in this effort.

Finally, I am very excited about our new initiative that starts this February to celebrate all our congregants' birthdays – young

and young at heart! Each month we will send invitations to everyone with a birthday in that month to a special Friday night service. We hope to create a new tradition of celebrating with your Beth El family – chatting with old friends and making new ones at a brief Oneg Shabbat following services. When you get your invitation, I hope you will come and, if it's not your birthday, come celebrate with others!

Another common theme in my articles has been finances. As you all know, the funding of our staff and our programming requires significant resources. **Only 50% of these costs are covered by dues!** We must raise the remaining 50%. We hope you will help us do this while having great time at our Spring fundraiser on Saturday, March 7th. We are very excited this year to have Peter Himmelman perform for us. Himmelman is an American singer-songwriter and film and television composer who also happens to be Bob Dylan's son-in-law. In addition to his music, he is also a visual artist and painter, has formed a company that helps large organizations (such as McDonald's and the Gap) increase innovative thinking, team building and leadership ability and he is an observant Jew! Sponsors of the concert will have an opportunity to meet Peter before the concert. I hope all of you will support Beth El by buying ads in our ad book, buying tickets to and sponsoring this very fun evening. Watch for more information soon.

It is an honor to serve as president of this special congregation. I continue to meet so many wonderful congregants whose dedication and love of Beth El inspire me. I look forward to continuing to make this a place that even more of our congregants feel connected to and at home.

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## **BETH EL CHORALE SINGS AT GIDWITZ CENTER** *by Dottie Fiedler*

About 40 residents of Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living clapped and sang along as the Beth El Chorale, along with members of Beth El, under the direction of Hazzan Goller and accompanied by Danny Kahn, brought Hanukkah favorites, Shabbat songs and other melodies – and fun! – to the senior retirement facility in Deerfield on Sunday, December 14. "We thought you were great" and "We loved the Yiddish" were some of the comments heard from the residents, who came early and stayed afterwards to be greeted by members of the Chorale. Singers at the holiday songfest included Chorale members Les Blau, Gail Brenner, Dottie Fiedler, Leslie Fox, Rhonda Glass, Larry Leviton, Allen Plenner, Karen Singer, and Karen Weiss. Beth El members included Caryn Sedloff and Pearl Zaid. A great time was had by all, including the Chorale, which loves this rare time when we can bring "holiday cheer" to the residents – as well as see Hazzan Goller's "shtik" and vaudeville humor!





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



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

- Adam and Jocelyn Hecht and their sons, Evan and Ryan
- Daniel and Jacqueline Lotzof and their son, Taylor

## **Congratulations To**

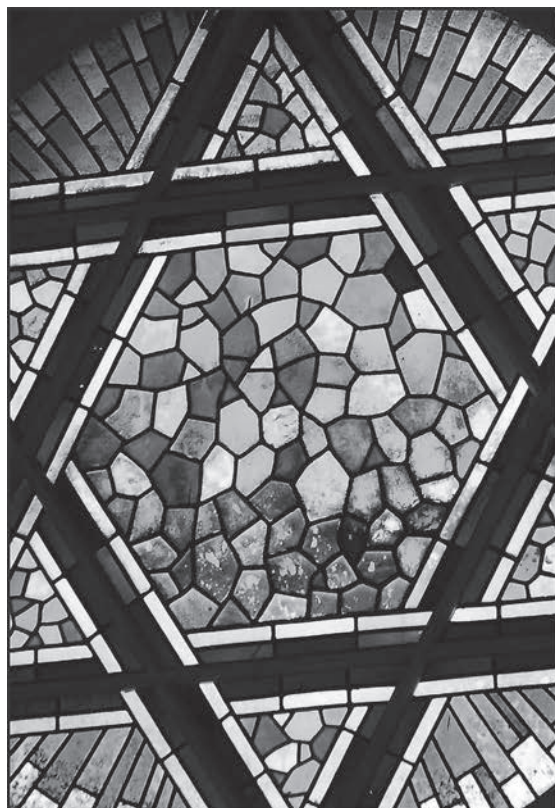
- Fran and Steve Shapiro on the birth of their grandson
- Jill and Irwin Bernstein on the engagement of their son, Scott, to Carly Levin
- Laura and Mitchel Zacks on the birth of their daughter, Noa Abigail

## **Condolences To**

- Richard Blair on the loss of his wife, Shirley Blair
- Arthur Cohen on the loss of his sister, Sandra Patack
- Martin Elisco on the loss of his father, Warren Jay Elisco
- Mark Gaines on the loss of his mother, Susan Gaines
- Gary Goldman on the loss of his father, Michael M. Goldman
- Joan Groner on the loss of her brother, Herman Buzz Solomon
- Lois Moss on the loss of her husband, Dr. Gregory Moss

## **In Memoriam**

- Shirley Blair
- Dr. Gregory Moss



## *Think of us as* **YOUR FAMILY**

**A**fter all, you have loved this congregation and poured your heart into it. It has made you proud, and stands as a testament to your values. You have nurtured it and helped it become what it is today.

This congregation is an enduring part of your Jewish legacy, just like your family.

As you plan for the future, think about what that legacy means to you ... and please consider the congregation in your will or estate plan.

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact **Nancy Kekst** at **847.432.8900** or [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org).

# B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

February – Shevat/Adar 5775



**Jonah Long,**  
son of Karen and  
Richard Long  
Shabbat, February 7



**Julia Koltin,**  
daughter of Sharon  
and Allan Koltin  
Shabbat Mincha,  
February 7



**Elan Schwartz,**  
son of Shira and  
Jeremy Schwartz  
Shabbat, February 14



**Alexander Bernat,**  
son of Beth and  
Robert Bernat  
Shabbat, February 21

## *All-Member Mitzvah Day* Sunday, February 22, 2015

Be a mensch.....Do a mitzvah! Mitzvah Day has been a tremendous success with more than 250 families taking part in a day of volunteerism. Join your fellow congregants again—as an individual or family—in one of the community action projects offered.

Make Meals for the Homeless.....Organize a food pantry..... Troop Support  
Bring your dog and bring joy to Seniors.....Project Linus

### ***New This Year!***

“SOS–Survival on the Streets” care packages for the homeless  
“Locks of Love” Professional Stylists will be at Beth El  
“Be the Match” – Join the registry, you may save a life!

Be an active member/coordinator on the 2015 Mitzvah Day planning committee. More projects, more participation, more pride! Sponsored by the Social Action Committee. Pre-registration required.

Please register on the Beth El website or contact Cheryl Swenson at 847-432-8900 x222  
or [cswenson@nssbethel.org](mailto:cswenson@nssbethel.org).

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

## Global Justice Book Series

Monday, January 26 at 6:00pm

The Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the NSS Beth El Social Action Committee will host a discussion of *Farewell, Fred Voodoo: A Letter from Haiti* by Amy Wilentz as part of the American Jewish World Service of Chicago's travelling Global Justice Book Series.

The book will inspire a rich discussion about current events and global justice issues, and will provide a vivid backdrop for understanding the work AJWS does around the world. A light supper will be served for \$10/person. Please RSVP to Rachel Kamin or call 847-432-8900 x242.

## Children's Author Event

Sunday, February 8

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center, the Cohen Religious School, and the Steinberg Pre-School will welcome author Tami Lehman-Wilzig. She will give an interactive, multi-media presentation about her new picture book, *Stork's Landing*, to the Alef, Bet, and Gimmel students at 9:15am. Parents are encouraged to attend.

At 10:15am, all preschool families are invited to join the Ganon and Gan classes for a second presentation with the author. Snacks and activities in the Tu B'Shevat Forest will follow. For more information contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x242.

## Author Event with Martin Fletcher

Sunday, February 15 at 10:00am



Martin Fletcher has been covering world events for over thirty-five years, mostly for NBC News as a Middle East correspondent and as the Tel Aviv Bureau chief. He continues to report for NBC on an as-needed basis from Israel. Fletcher is the author of *Breaking News: A Memoir* and *Walking Israel: A Personal Search for the Soul of a Nation* as well as two novels, *The List* and *Jacob's Oath*. His presentation will focus on how his career reporting on Israel for NBC inspired him to

explore his own family history and his Jewish roots. Book sales and signing will follow. Supported by the Linch Family Holocaust Education Fund, the Anne and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education Fund, and the Ted and Evelyn Weinstein Holocaust Memorial Education Fund, this event is open to the community, free of charge. Reservations are requested to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

## Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, February 26 at 2:00pm

Join Hazzan Larry Goller to revisit, *Der Purimshpiler*, the classic 1937 black and white Yiddish musical and timeless romantic comedy about a love triangle and the quest for the unobtainable. This event will be held in conjunction with the *Megillot* and *Grogger* exhibit in the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum. Open to the community, free of charge. Hamantaschen will be served! Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

## Used Book Sale Pizza Party

Thursday, January 22 at 6:00pm

Join the members of the Cultural & Learning Center Committee to help set-up the book sale and have an exclusive opportunity to purchase books before the sale opens. Pizza will be served. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and high school student volunteers are welcome!

## Used Book Sale

January 23 – February 1, 2015

We are now collecting used books for the annual sale. Bring in gently used books - secular and Judaic, adult and children's - in a clearly marked box or bag, to the Kaye Reading Room of the Gray Cultural and Learning Center by January 22, 2015. Shop the Used Book Sale during regular synagogue hours. All hardcovers \$2; paperbacks \$1. Cash and checks accepted.

## Bargain Bag Sale

Sunday, February 1

Shop the Used Book Sale from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Whatever you can fit into a brown paper grocery bag is yours for only \$5! Bags will be provided or bring your own.

## » Wanted: Megillot & Groggers

The Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum will celebrate Purim with an exhibit of *Megillot* and *Groggers*. If you have a historically or artistically significant, interesting or unusual *Megillah* or *Grogger* that you are willing to loan to the Museum for the exhibit from January – March 2015, please contact Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.



# Shabbat Shirah

## A MUSICAL SHABBAT CELEBRATION

**Friday & Saturday  
January 30 - 31, 2015**

Featuring the singing group

***“Friends of Zamir”***

**Friday Evening, January 30**

**A Beth El Congregational Shabbat Dinner**

**6:15pm Traditional or Family Service**

**7:00pm Delicious Dinner**

**Join us for a festive Congregational Shabbat experience  
and music-filled evening with “Friends of Zamir”**

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**Shabbat Morning & Afternoon, January 31**

**Scholar-in-Residence during services:**

**Dr. Marsha Bryan Edelman, Adjunct Professor of Music,**

**Jewish Theological Seminary of America**

***“Of Psalms and Songs: The Evolving Story of Jewish Music and Prayer”***

**Post-Kiddush presentation: An illustrated lecture by Dr. Edelman**

***“A Year in a Jewish Musical Life”***

**with musical illustrations provided by “Friends of Zamir”**

For more information about the Congregational  
Dinner or Shabbat Shirah, Please call Cheryl Swenson  
at 847-432-8900 x222 or visit the Beth El website

## » Social Action in Action

### Report from the Social Action Committee

#### **"Take a Bite Out of Hunger" Update**

The Social Action Committee is thrilled to announce that our "Take a Bite out of Hunger" initiative is off to a running start! We are currently providing daily snacks and breakfast items to two elementary schools in Highland Park. This could not happen without the generosity of our entire Beth El community. Every week the Cohen Religious School students have been faithfully bringing fresh food items such as apples or carrots, which volunteers deliver along with non-perishable food items donated by the larger Beth El community. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for constantly stopping by our collection bins and generously donating Kellogg's brand NutriGrain Bars and fruit snacks or making financial contributions to this project. On that note, as we refine our program we are learning that the schools (and kids!) prefer the fruit squeezer type snacks (less mess and yummy). There are a number of companies which make them including "Go Go Squeeze." Dole and Trader Joe's also make them. They are located in the same aisle as the fruit cups. And so at this time, we'd like to make a request for donations of fruit squeezer type snacks (we are running low on this item). We thank you in advance for your generosity! Collection bins are located at the front of the Main office doors and Religious School doors.

#### **The Coat Drive**

Sometimes the simplest project is the most meaningful. Chicago's winters are becoming notoriously worse with each passing year. Who ever thought "Polar Vortex" would become a household name? Mira Temkin and her faithful crew have always had the needs of the less fortunate in our community in mind when temperatures plummet. We're not sure how many years we've been doing this program but this year we got a youthful injection of help! Beth El member Zach Aronwold and his good friend Zach Simon decided to collect winter coats for their Bar Mitzvah chesed projects and joined forces with us. We are so proud of these young boys who joined us on Sunday December 7th to donate the many winter items they collected and help sort and deliver much needed donations of coats, gloves, scarves and snowpants to Highland Park Community Nursery School and Chicago Chesed Fund. Well done Zach and Zach!

#### **Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project**

Honey Bronson and her team did it again! I don't know about you but Thanksgiving for me isn't only synonymous with turkey, all the yummy sides, delicious pie and relaxed gatherings but also our annual Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project. Nothing makes me feel more gratitude than the ability to give to others. It's the giving part of Thanksgiving that adds so much meaning to this treasured national holiday and it is this project that kicks off the whole tempo and mood for the week. We were so excited to welcome some new young families to continue this tradition at Beth El. Enjoy the photos.

See you at Mitzvah Day – Sunday, February 22, 2015

Jacqueline Kott-Wolle  
Chair, Social Action Committee



### Upcoming Social Action Opportunities



January 19 & February 16

JUF Uptown Café for ages 12+; serve dinner to neighborhood needy. Contact Bryna Kurtz at 847-432-1039 or brynakurtz@aol.com.





# *“Wonder”ful Havdalah, Dinner and a Movie Shabbaton*

**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

**Afternoon Programming.....4:30 pm**

**Pre-School Family Program:** (For families with children first grade and younger): Activities, songs, light meal, and a special play featuring the Steinberg Pre-School Teachers

**Wonder-filled Family Program:** (For Families with Children in Grades 2-6): Service, light meal, and fun activities

**For Teens:** Teen Minyan, light meal, and trip to Second City for 8-12th graders

**For Adults:** Traditional Mincha Minyan, light meal and Ma'ariv

**Congregational Havdalah – All are invited!.....5:45 pm**

**Dinner – Free, Reservations required.....6:30 pm**

**Evening Programming Options.....7:15 pm**

**For Adults: The Wonders** an audience favorite from the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema, comes to NSS Beth El! Cost: **\$10/person by January 15; \$15/person after the deadline or at the door.** Includes popcorn, soda, and a candy buffet!

**For Families: Bubble Wonders** a fun interactive 60 minute show for children of all ages followed by dessert & treats. Parents can accompany their children or register for complimentary babysitting and attend the movie while their Kindergarten–5th graders enjoy the show, dessert, and more fun activities. **Reservations for babysitting are required by January 15.**

The evening will conclude by 9:30 pm. Come for any or all of the programs!

**Reservations are required by Thursday, January 15.**

To RSVP contact Marcie Eskin at 847-926-7903 or email Marcie at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org).

## "The House that Jack (Greg) Built"

It all began when it was decided to refurbish the Blumberg Auditorium and the grounds east of the building. The old sukkah had to go, and it did. In its place, a new sukkah would be constructed on the patio just outside of the Blumberg Auditorium. The project was assigned to Greg Pestine to design and supervise.

Construction began long before Rosh Hashana. To begin with, Greg designed the sukkah and ordered the lumber and hardware. The construction of the panels took place on the southeast section of the grounds and they were assembled by Greg and Costica.



Shortly before Rosh Hashana a call went out for help in assembling the panels and roof timbers. The call was answered by Eliezer Krumbein, Aaron Krumbein, Nate Mortkovich, and Ernie Smolen, and from the Beth El Staff, Costica Mihailescu and Jon Patrascu. Supervised by Greg Pestine, they began the task on October 3rd, a rainy Friday morning at 8:00am. The panels were assembled and the roof attached by 2:30pm. That evening was Erev Yom Kippur.

The sukkah was subsequently decorated beautifully by our school children with drawings, corn stalks, hay, fruit, vegetables and schach. The sukkah is named the Levenfeld Family Congregational Sukkah and was dedicated on the first day of Sukkot by Rabbi Kurtz and folks from Hazak. Throughout Sukkot, Kiddush was held in the new sukkah every day and enjoyed by all who entered and participated. If you missed the opportunity to make the bracha "*lashev basukkah*" in the Levenfeld Family Congregational Sukkah this year, you are invited to do so next year.

## High Holiday Torah Leaders – Congratulations!

*Yishar Kochachem* to those who enhanced our High Holiday services by reading Torah, either on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, at the Field Family Sanctuary or at the High School. Our readers this year were: Melanie Axelrod, Anna Carney, Benji Derman, Morris Frydman z"l, Sydney Goldsmith, Jeffrey Gordon, Noah Greenstein, Rebecca Greenstein, Josh Gross, Maddie Hahamy, Emma Halfin, Samson Hoffman, Michael Katz, Hannah Kreindler, Geoffrey Lasin, Jay Levine, Alan Miller, Molly Narrod, Lena Rabinowitz, Richard Rabinowitz, Michael Robbins, David Rosenberg, Jonathan Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg, Maureen Sechan, Hannah Shanes, David Shapiro, Debbie Sherman, Leora Sherman, Rob Sternberg, and Sarah Tenner.

## Request for New Committee Members

Investment in the Beth El community isn't only about finances. There are several committees that need dedicated members to serve in volunteer capacity. The work is sometimes stimulating as policy and programming are debated, and other times there is just a need for someone to pack a box, set a table, or follow up with a vendor.

There are three committees looking for new members right now:

**H.U.G.S.** – The acronym stands for a "healthy, understanding, and growing space." This is a consortium of 5 congregations on the North Shore who are partnering to provide holiday experiences for Jewish families with children with special needs. Beth El plans one major program a year and then the committee members would send a representative to staff other congregations' events. You do not need to have training or experience with special needs. You just need a warm personality and an open heart.

**HAZAK Senior Life Committee** – This group of individuals will plan events for seniors and advocate for senior needs within the congregation. You don't need to be a senior to volunteer!

**Young Family Programming Advisory Committee** – We have increased our offerings to young families in the last few years, due in part to the advice of individual families with young children (first grade or younger.) If you are a parent of children that age, or would like to help plan programming for these families, please share your thoughts in this setting.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these committees, please contact Ali Drumm at [adrumm@nssbethel.org](mailto:adrumm@nssbethel.org) or call 847-691-4905.



## Living Judaism: Informal Education as Enculturation

Amongst educators, the term “informal education” ranges between being controversial and a joke. Controversial because it is always problematic to define something by what it is not – “not-formal” education. A joke because most educators acknowledge

that informal education is a mechanism or technique rather than a category. The greatest teachers in formal education settings (classrooms, schools) use experiential or informal educational elements in their teaching. What exactly is this informal educational style or experiential education? Barry Chazan, one of the early researchers into the area who wrote the educational curriculum for Birthright Israel and coined the term “informal education,” has tried to outline in his research the key elements of experiential style. The research he presented in both 1979 and 2002 highlights elements that characterize informal education. It is person centered, and relies on the centrality of experience. It must be interactive and engaging to the learner and it uses the technique of shared group experience. Most important is the use of a holistic and dynamic educator.

Experiential learning draws on the importance of the environment, is partially directed by the learner, and must include positive social interaction. There need to be elements of challenge and the experience should be tactile and multi-sensory.

In educator Isa Aron’s language, informal education is about enculturation – initiating an individual into a culture, including its language, values, beliefs, and behaviors. In the book, *A Congregation of Learners*, Jonathan Woocher posits that **“for education to be maximally effective, there must be a living Jewish community in which what is being taught and learned is already visible and valued.”**

Having to model constantly the Jewish community we want to live in can feel like a huge burden put on us as the adult members of the community. But the impassioned Judaism to which we aspire doesn’t have to be an ineffable something we reach for – we just need to recognize and cultivate it in our

lives. Experiential education occurs when someone teaches someone else to bake challah, hamentashen, or matzah ball soup. Experiential education occurs when we encourage each other to become activists for causes that are meaningful to us, or to reach out to help improve the world. Experiential education certainly occurs for all of us when we visit Israel and arrive at the intersection between Jewish history, Jewish values, and the practical aspects of Jewish life. Just participating in community activities like our Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake or our annual Sukkah Walk are wonderful steps that engage us experientially and start us on the path towards a living Judaism in our lives.

Judaism is not only an academic pursuit for us, but a whole body/whole life experience that should be pursued. We are guided to try and offer to each other opportunities for growth and places to feel a part of a larger struggle – not just the smaller lives of ourselves as individuals or immediate family members, but the life of the community must be important to us as well.

One of the things that drew me to be a part of the Beth El community was my witnessing the emphasis that the congregation placed on experiential/informal education – on living Judaism. It takes personal commitment to carve out Jewish life and Jewish time in our busy lives. This is not to say that a full Jewish education can be experiential alone – it takes a solid foundation to connect the experiences and to give language to the feelings, and that shared language comes from a unified background in Jewish tradition. That marriage of informational and experiential education draws us in to the creation of a vibrant Jewish community.

**I believe in a vibrant Jewish community – not a Jewish community with vibrant programs.** We need to reach out to each other to help provide the experiences that will allow everything else we know about Judaism to “stick” in our lives (thank you Malcolm Gladwell). To foster willingness to grow as a community, we should not worry about judging each other’s level of observance or being judged for our lack of knowledge. In this darker, colder time in the calendar, we should reach out of our comfort zone to welcome each other into the light of our homes and create the shared Jewish experiences that make for inspired Jewish living.



## Annual JUF Dessert Reception

*on behalf of the*

### 2015 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign

Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 7:15 pm

Dairy Dessert Reception – Couvert \$18 per person  
Featuring Guest Speaker – Dr. Daniel Gordis

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Herst, Jewish United Fund, 312-444-2838 or email [LisaHerst@juf.org](mailto:LisaHerst@juf.org).



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

It's January! The shortest day of the year is behind us and winter is here filled with the wonderful anticipation of what 2015 will bring. In this spirit, we are motivated to rededicate ourselves to all that embodies Sisterhood: enhancing Jewish knowledge, engaging in Jewish life, expanding communal involvement, and supporting klal Yisrael. I encourage you to join us.

*Rachel Ferber, President*

## Sisterhood Torah Fund

Our Torah Fund classes are well underway and we are all learning and enjoying. It is not too late to join any class. Please come and participate.

The Torah Fund campaign is a grassroots fundraising campaign dedicated to perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism by supporting the seminaries of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The JTS articulates a vision of Judaism that is learned and passionate, pluralist and authentic, traditional and egalitarian; one that is thoroughly grounded in Jewish texts, history, and practices, and fully engaged with the societies and cultures of the present.

Thank you for supporting Torah Fund this year:

**Guardian (\$300):** Marilyn Hirsch, Mae Spitz

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## North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop

### Some of our Favorite Things.....

As co-chairs of the Gift Shop, we have wonderful opportunities to visit trade and craft shows in search of beautiful Judaica and that perfect gift we hope you'll like; and we enjoy meeting artists along the way.

This month we want to share one of our favorite artisans and her work with you.

Israeli-born, Talila Abraham is the artist who initiated and creates the beautiful Metalace you have seen in the Gift Shop. She finds Metalace a special way to express herself. She has a degree in Management Design from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and in industrial design from the Holon Academic Institute of Technology in Israel: her work reflects this training. In her studio, Talila creates original handmade Judaic objects and home decoration designed, crafted, and inspired from the world of lace fabrics and embroidery that she acquired and collected for many years.

Abraham's works are handcrafted in laser-cut stainless steel and reflect a contemporary feel. Yet, the patterns that she cuts into the steel are modeled on antique hand-sewn lace. It's this balance of old and new that creates a fresh and gorgeous take on an ancient tradition. Each Metalace piece is individually processed and hand-treated for optimal shape and the structure that leads to each unique and personal object.

Metalace Art is to some extent a tribute to the women that, for generations, hand-crafted lace – a long and tiring work under less than ideal conditions. The designs of Talila Abraham are inspired from the work of these unknown women. She merges the unique, personal and romantic feeling of their handcraft with contemporary materials and advanced technology. We love her work! And we have extended our line of Judaica by this artist to include challah plates, tzedakah boxes, candlesticks and mezuzah cases. All with the lace-look integrated into a classic style.

These are unique, beautiful Judaic additions for your home or for that very special gift. We invite you to stop in and look at the Metalace collection we offer.



### Gift Shop Hours

Sundays: 9:00 am – Noon  
Tuesdays: 10:00 am – Noon

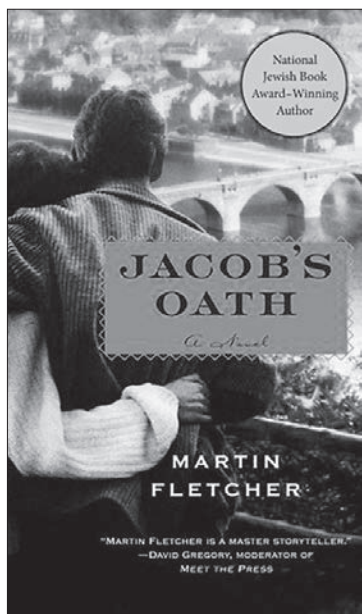
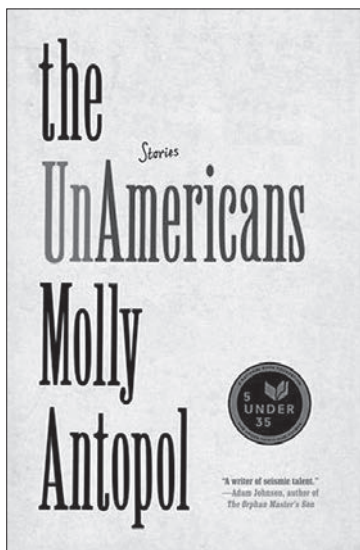
Throughout the week by appointment, simply call:

Diane Levin: 847-571-5629  
Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389  
or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546

## Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, January 10  
12:30pm

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *The UnAmericans: Stories* by Molly Antopol facilitated by Rachel Kamin. This debut collection traces the experiences of protagonists from a range of cultures, including a blacklisted Hollywood actor who struggles to connect with his son, an Israeli soldier who comes of age when his brother is injured on their communal farm, and a dissenting gallery worker who begins smuggling and curating underground art.



Saturday, February 14  
12:30pm

NBC Middle East correspondent and former Tel Aviv Bureau chief, Martin Fletcher, will join the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club to discuss his new novel *Jacob's Oath* about a Holocaust survivor who returns to his native Germany to seek revenge for his brother's brutal death at the hands of a Nazi concentration camp guard.

New members welcome! Copies of the books are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores. Contact Rachel Kamin at [rkamin@nssbethel.org](mailto:rkamin@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8900 x242 for the complete book club calendar. A \$36 annual donation to the Torah Fund Campaign is requested.

## Purim is quickly approaching. Order your Mishloach Manot!

Purim is March 5th and Sisterhood invites you to fulfill the mitzvah of sending sweet delicacies to friends and family by ordering our Mishloach Manot bags and boxes. Orders must be received by February 20, 2015.

Ordering options and prices: Recipient picks up bag at Beth El: \$10. Sisterhood mails a box to your recipient: \$18. These are the same prices as last year.

Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on enclosure card \_\_\_\_\_

List names of Congregants whom you want to gift with Purim bags. These will be picked up at Beth El.

List names and addresses for boxes being sent:

Order Summary: \_\_\_\_ Bags/\$10 each + \_\_\_\_ Boxes/\$18 each = \_\_\_\_

Make check payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood and mail to Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith, 1092 Princeton Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035. Questions, contact Mary Ellen: [eyerishmar@comcast.net](mailto:eyerishmar@comcast.net) or 847-910-1080.

## Game Night

Saturday, February 7  
6:20 – 10:00pm

Join Sisterhood and Men's Club for a relaxing evening of games, drinks and snacks. Bring your favorite board game, invite your poker buddies or bring your bridge partners. We will begin at 6:20pm for Havdalah. Cost: \$15 if you RSVP by January 27 and \$20 at the door. RSVP to Jodie Mosk at [jpmosk@gmail.com](mailto:jpmosk@gmail.com) or Gary Savine at [gsavine@gmail.com](mailto:gsavine@gmail.com).



## Handcrafted Kippot with Wanda Pitzele

Tuesday, February 10  
Watch for more details in our upcoming Sisterhood News eblasts.



## Men's Club Weekend

**January 16–18, 2015**

Come celebrate a Men's Club Weekend Honoring Past Men's Club Presidents

Pay for the weekend and become a sponsor for only \$54. Kindly RSVP for various Men's Club Weekend Events by January 12, 2015 to [NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com](mailto:NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com)

### Friday, January 16

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:15pm**

**Men's Club Sponsored Family Dinner at 7:00pm**

All are welcome! Adults: \$20 Children: \$10 for Children 13 and under. Please send all payments with number of adults and children to: North Suburban Synagogue, c/o Men's Club, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

### Shabbat, January 17

**Shabbat Services**

Led by your very own North Suburban Beth El Men's Club.

### Shabbat, January 17 at 12:15pm

**Family Deli Lunch**

\$25 per family. All are Welcome! For reservations please contact Steve Coven at [NSSMensClub@gmail.com](mailto:NSSMensClub@gmail.com)

### Saturday, Following Shabbat

**Special Past Presidents Reception**

At the home of Robert and Marcy Freeman, 830 Highland Place, Highland Park. Men's Club members and significant others are invited. Please RSVP to Rob at [Rob.nssbethel@gmail.com](mailto:Rob.nssbethel@gmail.com).

### Sunday, January 18

**Bagels For Your Brains Torah Study with Ron Goldberg!**

Special Torah study session with Ron Goldberg. Breakfast starts after minyan around 9:40am and program starts at 10:00am.



## World Wide Wrap

**Special Bagels for Your Brains Breakfast**

Sunday, February 1

8:30am

Join us for our World Wide Wrap! Wrapping T'fillin together before the 8:45am service.

Following the morning services, our special Bagels for Your Brains Breakfast and Torah Study with the Men's Club.

Free to all participants. Please join us.



## Caveman Dinner Event

Thursday, February 12

6:30 pm (we will break for Minyan)

Please join us for our first Caveman Dinner Event featuring lots of meat, finger food, and napkins but no silverware.

\$35.00 for members gets you a great evening with friends, lots of meat and food, great scotch and other drinks, the usual libations, beginning at 6:30pm. RSVP by February 8th to [NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com](mailto:NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com). Be a Caveman Dinner Night Sponsor for only \$54.



## Celebrate Our Man of the Year

**Sunday, February 22 at 4:30pm**

Aaron Krumbein

Man of the Year Dinner

At Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a wonderful evening! Please visit [www.midwestregionfjmc.org/adbook-instructions](http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org/adbook-instructions) to buy an ad in honor of Aaron. Deadline to purchase an ad is February 1.

We will also honor Aaron Pickard, our Men's Club Youth of the Year Award Winner!

Cost for the Man of the Year Dinner is \$36 per person by February 8. RSVP for the dinner at <http://tinyurl.com/nulypnb>. Questions? Contact Rob Freeman at [NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com](mailto:NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com).



## » Men's Club

### *A great time was had by all.....*

What could be bad? Great assortments of appetizers, hot and cold, all of the Scotch, Vodka, Tequila and Bourbon that you want to drink, and to top it all off, a delicious steak dinner! Thursday night, September 18th, our Men's Club hosted their annual Steak & Scotch evening.

Yes, once again Men's Club invited all of the men at Beth El to come and enjoy an evening of great food, drink and chavershaf. And yes, they came. Close to 100 men, young and "old," were in the Blumberg Auditorium that evening. There were guests of members and new members all enjoying the party.

The chief chef was Aaron Krumbein assisted by Jeffrey Goldsmith, together with a number of other junior chefs who cooked and grilled the dinner. Our President, Rob Freeman, offered welcoming remarks to kick-off the new Men's Club year. The Midwest Region President, Michael Greenberg was also at the dinner. Our Men's Club baseball team won second place this past summer and was presented with a beautiful trophy. You may see it in the lobby show case.

The annual drive to rejuvenate our "Scotch Fund" was led by none other than Andy Brown who had no trouble making the appeal for funds and collected, on the spot, a sizeable sum of money to be used this coming year.

The evening ended with dessert and Birkat Hamazon, with the guests leaving and saying that we should do this more than once a year. But of course we will all be looking forward to the next Steak & Scotch Dinner.



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

The Hanukkiot have been stored away and the children and their families at the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School are looking forward to all the wonderful activities we have planned for this winter season.

We begin the month of January with "Terrific Tuesdays". On Tuesdays, January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 14th, and May 5th, we invite you to "drop-in" to the Grossinger Brickman Activity Center from 3:30-4:30pm. Pre-School aged children will have fun playing on the equipment while adults will have time to visit one another. Eileen Goldberg, one of our expert teachers of young children will share a story with the children during the hour.

On January 24th our pre-school families will participate in the Beth El Shabbaton. Our teachers will present a play based on a Shabbat story for children. We will have a Seudah Shlisheet (third meal of Shabbat) and participate in Ma'ariv and Havdalah with the synagogue community.

On January 31st, our Parent Auxiliary will once again almost magically change the Grossinger Brickman Activity Center into a Tu B'Shevat Forest. Led by Dan Ripes and his committee, this year's "Extravaganza" celebrates the animals of Israel. There will be puppet shows, forest bingo, and forest adventures as part of this Tu B'Shevat Celebration that connects our children to the Land of Israel and their responsibility to maintain the land. We invite the congregation to visit our forest and enjoy this Tu B'Shevat experience.

At B'Yachad (Tot Shabbat), families celebrate Shabbat at morning services that are geared to pre-school aged children and their families. We sing and dance, march with Sifrei Torah and have a special Kiddush. The children get a chance to go on the bimah to sing Adon Olam in the Field Family Sanctuary.

We look forward to our Shema Pajama Party on February 17th when children, accompanied by their parents, will come back to school in the evening wearing their pajamas. They will do an art activity, hear a bedtime story, sing some songs, and enjoy some snacks before they recite the Shema and go home to sleep.

Registration is now underway for the 2015-2016 school year and for our 8 week summer camp for infants through 4 year olds. We have classes for infants through toddlers accompanied by an adult called "Small and Tall." Pre-School begins with Adult/Toddler and Transition classes for children 15 months old and continues through 4-5 year old Pre-Kindergarten. For information and to arrange a tour, please contact our Director, Caron Knopoff at the Pre-School office 847-432-2830.

*Caron Knopoff*  
*Steinberg Pre-School Director*



We are very grateful for the long-time support of the North Suburban Beth El Congregation for Jewish education in Berdichev and wish to update you on our Jewish educational activities in Berdichev.

This year the Midreshet Yerushalayim Community School serves 28 children ages 5-16, along with their parents. Due to local demand, this year a preschool class of children ages 3-5 (along with 7 parents) was introduced – they represent the school's second generation, children of graduates of the school.

Classes at the school are held each Sunday from 10:30 – 15:00 and this year, a time of political instability and economic deprivation, children receive a hot meal for lunch, thanks to your generosity. The fact that the children's parents know that the meal is supported by a Jewish community in the US also provides them moral support.

With all that has been happening in Ukraine, the school is an island of happiness and friendship. One unique aspect of the school is that the older children (ages 13-16) help teach the younger children. This is part of the atmosphere prevailing at the school – which is very intimate and where everybody feels like one big family.

Jewish Holiday programming includes singing, dancing, and drama activities. Parents join in Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah programs, held once a month at the school, with average attendance of 40 adults and children. For the High Holidays, services and workshops for pupils and parents around themes of the New Year were held for the whole school community. On Sukkot, classes were held and meals served inside a community sukkah.

On Dec. 21, 2014 there was a special Hanukkah activity for the entire Jewish community. During Hanukkah, Berdichev families also attended a Shabbaton organized by Rabbi Reuven Stamov, the Masorti emissary based in Kiev.

The curriculum for children at the Berdichev Community School includes the Hebrew calendar, Jewish holidays, Jewish tradition and Jewish History. The school staff is very creative and is always updating the teaching methods. The staff includes the principal Polina Greenberg and four teachers: Sasha Frankel

– Jewish tradition teacher, Janna – Hebrew teacher, Miroslav Greenberg – Jewish history and Albina – Jewish music. The atmosphere at the school is very warm and friendly – both the staff and children have a good interpersonal relationship.

The entire teaching staff (4 teachers and the principal) attended Midreshet Yerushalayim's Teacher Training Seminar, held this past June. The seminar provided intense educational experiences that enhanced their Jewish knowledge and equipped them with the didactic tools to convey this knowledge in the classroom.

Nine pupils from Berdichev attended Camp Ramah–Yachad and two of the counselors were graduates of the Berdichev school. The camp held from July 29 – August 7, at "Natalya" in the village of Volovich, about 30 kilometers from Mukachevo (Munkatch) in the Carpathian Region of Western Ukraine. Also, due to the political situation, 3 fathers also worked as security guards at the camp. Six families also attended the Ramah Family camp, held this year from June 12-17, 2014 near the city of Cherkassy.

The annual grant from North Suburban Beth El Congregation is used to pay staff salaries at the school, for staff participation in the Midreshet Yerushalayim Teachers Seminar, and to enable the families and children from Berdichev to attend camp.

At the end of December, Ludmilla Bokanovskaya, a graduate of the Midreshet Yerushalayim Berdichev Jewish Community School, who also worked as a counselor at Camp Ramah Yachad this summer, attended a conference in Israel of the international organization of Jewish students as a representative of the Ukrainian Masorti movement. Ludmilla now attends law school in Kiev and is active at the Midreshet Yerushalayim – Masorti Olami Center there, while remaining in close contact with the Berdichev Community.

Thank you for the long time partnership and support of North Suburban Beth El Congregation, which makes all this activity possible.

Sincerely,

*Gila Katz*

*Pedagogical Advisor, Midreshet Yerushalayim Ukraine*



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

### *M'Shulchan Hamenahalel*

Judaism advocates learning as a lifelong pursuit. The purpose of continuing to learn is twofold: self-edification and passing the wisdom one acquires to others. The schools offer ample opportunities to delve into Jewish learning by participating in services, attending adult classes on Sunday morning and by learning along with students. The next two months are a sample of the many learning opportunities offered by the schools for parents, teachers and students alike. This winter we will delve into the theme of the natural resources of the land of Israel. We will begin with a hands-on demonstration by a delegate from the Jewish National Fund on the concept of the law of Shmitah, while learning interesting aspects of the implementation of this ancient law. According to this law the land must be allowed to rest every seventh year in a seven-year-cycle. We will continue by exploring the sounds, habitats and stories of the birds of Israel, culminating with an Israeli author visit. The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center, the Cohen Religious School, and the Steinberg Pre-School are joining in an effort to welcome author Tami Lehman-Wilzig, who will give an interactive presentation of her new picture book, "Stork's Landing." Next we will examine the rich diversity of plants in Israel while celebrating Tu B'Shevat and participating in an iProgram (joint youth group and school) field trip to the Botanical Garden. Middle and high school students will research the problem of water in Israel

and brainstorm possible solutions. Of course, SHHS students will begin the second semester of classes. We have currently 82 students enrolled in classes from 8th grade thru 12th grade.

Parents are invited to participate in the "Prayerbook Reading Made Easy" class on Sunday mornings 9:15–10:45am on January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 and March 8 and 15. The goal of this course is to make each student comfortable reading prayers in Hebrew. Whether the parent is a novice or is brushing up on skills, the instructor will customize the learning to accommodate the different levels of the individual students in the class.

The teaching staff at Beth El will also have an opportunity to attend a series of classes devoted to learning how to use iPads and other technologies in the classroom.

In addition, families will come together to celebrate and pray at the Bet Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, January 23, Beth El Shabbaton on January 24, Hey Family Shabbat services on January 31, February 7, 21 and 28 and Dalet Seudah and Havdalah on February 28.

We are blessed to have so many opportunities to share the joy of learning, praying and celebrating as a community. May these precious moments continue to expand, *Lu Yehi* – may it be!

*Alicia Gejman*  
Director of Formal Education

#### **Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School January/February – Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5775**

Jan 5	Monday	School Resumes
Jan 21	Wednesday	Rosh Hodesh Shevat Celebration
Jan 23	Friday	Bet Kabbalat Shabbat
Jan 25	Sunday	Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Beth El; Gesher class visits The Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie
Jan 31	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services
Feb 7	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services Alef class leading the B'yachad Service
Feb 8	Sunday	Author Tami Lehman Wilzig Our own <i>Makhelet Yeladim</i> (Children's Choir) to perform at the community wide Tu B'Shevat celebration held at the Chicagoland Jewish High School
Feb 15	Sunday	No School – Teachers' In-Service
Feb 16	Monday	No School – Presidents Day
Feb 18	Wednesday	Rosh Chodesh Adar Celebration
Feb 21	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services
Feb 22	Sunday	Beth El Mitzvah Day
Feb 28	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services Dalet Seudah/Havdalah

#### **Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School January/February – Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5775**

Jan 5	Monday	Supper Club Resumes
Jan 6	Tuesday	Conversational Hebrew Resumes
Jan 11	Sunday	Classes Resume
Jan 18	Sunday	No School
Feb 2	Monday	College Bound – Students Only
Feb 15	Sunday	No School – Teachers' In-Service
Feb 22	Sunday	Beth El Mitzvah Day
Feb 23	Monday	College Bound – Students Only



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

### USY (9th–12th Graders)

**Tuesday, January 13th**

**7:00–9:00pm**

Come relax, chill out, chillax at our Finals Relaxing Lounge Night!



**Shabbat, January 24th**

After Shabbat, BEANS USY will be taking their annual trip to Second City. \$30 for members, \$45 for non-members. Free for activity pass holders! RSVP Required to [sisenstein@nssbethel.org](mailto:sisenstein@nssbethel.org). Space is limited!

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

**7:00–9:00pm**

Israeli Iron Chef is back!

**February 13th–14th**

Join CHUSY Region for Midwinter Convention at Camp Chi! Applications online.

**February 14th–16th**

Following Midwinter Convention, BEANS and BJUSY will be having their annual Weekend of Greatness. BEANS and BJUSY join forces for a weekend in the Wisconsin Dells! Program costs \$189 with Early Bird RSVP before January 15th. Program includes two nights in the Wisconsin Dells, water parks, games, movies, amusement parks and more! Contact Sam Isenstein for more information!

**February 22nd–24th**

Hamentashen Baking! Join USYers to bake thousands of hamentashens. Make sure to get your order in, go online and order at <http://tinyurl.com/hamentashen2015>.

**Saturday, February 28th**

**Following Shabbat**

Want to help set up the Purim Carnival, get an extra bounce in the bounce house? Come to USY's Purim Carnival Lock-in and help us prepare for the Carnival!

### Kadima (6th–8th Graders)

**Sunday, January 18th**

**7:00pm**

Erev MLK Jr Day, Kadima is taking on the snow and going snow tubing and getting locked in at Beth El! Meet at Beth El at 7:00pm for dinner, and then we will be off to snow tube. We will return back to Beth El for movies and games before sleeping in the shul. No school on Monday! Pick up by 9:00am. \$30 for Members, \$45 for non-members or activity pass, includes dinner and breakfast, snow tubing and transportation!

**Wednesday, February 4th**

**6:15–7:30pm**

Kadima will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat! (Right after CRS) in the Youth Lounge, \$10 or activity pass, includes dinner!

### Shalom Club (2nd–5th Graders)

**Saturday, February 7th**

**6:30–9:30pm**

Shalom Club will have an "Undernighter" at Beth El! \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, includes dinner and activities!

### M&M Club (K–1st Graders)

**Sunday, February 1st**

**9:15–11:00am**

M&M Club will be having their iProgram (joint program with CRS) to the Chicago Botanic Gardens! All kindergarteners, 1st graders and their parents are invited. More information to follow!

## BEANS USY Update *by Joey Spellberg, BEANS USY President*

USY has had a fantastic Fall semester. In late September BEANS, CBS USY and BHUSY held a joint kick-off program, by chartering a Wendella Boat down the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. We had over 60 USYers at this program. It was an awesome way to start off the year. Our programs following the kick-off have included a Surprise Sukkot evening, a Noah's Ark themed Teen Minyan, and an inflatable pump up night with tie dying. We also sent 25 BEANS USYers to CHUSYFest, our Fall convention, and had the largest chapter attendance.



We cannot wait for even more fantastic programs in store for our chapter this Winter and Spring. We are especially excited to welcome all of our 8th graders into USY. Starting in January, all 8th graders can now attend USY programs! We hope they will enjoy themselves in USY even more than in Kadima.

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

## Jewish Camping and Israel Experience Scholarships Available

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El has a number of scholarships available for Jewish camping and Israel experiences. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Vernon Kurtz.

Scholarships are available on a need basis for Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, as well as other Jewish camps in the Midwest. Please contact Lennie Kay in order to receive a scholarship application. These must be returned to our offices by March 31, 2015.

Scholarships are available for students on a need basis who attend the Solomon Schechter Day School and Chicagoland Jewish High School. Please contact Lennie Kay in order to receive an application. These must also be returned by March 31, 2015.

The Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Fund has limited funds available for students who plan to spend a significant period of time studying in the State of Israel. An application must be completed along with an essay in order to be a candidate for this award. Please contact Lennie Kay in order to receive an application.

Very limited funds are available from the Isadore Finkelstein Scholarship Fund for students interested in studying in the State of Israel. Please contact Lennie Kay in order to receive an application.

Lennie Kay can be reached at 847-432-8900 x221 or lkay@nssbethel.org.



### **Mazel Tov to Aaron Pickard!**

Our Men's Club Youth of the Year Award Winner! He will be honored with this award at the FJMC Midwest Region Man & Youth of the Year Award Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah!

## **Purim is coming, so order your hamentashen right away!**

The Beth El Youth Community Bakers are at it again!  
Order delicious hamentashen for yourself and your friends.  
All proceeds go to Tikun Olam, USY's tzedakah fund.

**Order deadline Friday, February 13, 2015**  
**Only \$12 per dozen in six great flavors!**

Orders can be picked up at the South Entrance of the synagogue at the Purim Carnival on March 1, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, unless other arrangements are made. For more information or to make special pickup arrangements, call the Youth Community at 847-432-2040 or e-mail Sam at sisenstein@nssbethel.org.

You can order online – <http://tinyurl.com/hamentashen2015> or send the form below with payment to Beth El Youth Community, Attn: Hamentashen Orders, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035.  
Please print clearly. **Make checks payable to NSSBE. All orders are by the dozen or half dozen.**  
**For one dozen, mark "1." For a half dozen, mark "1/2."**

Name		Phone	
Mailing Address			
E-mail Address			
Apricot	Cherry	Chocolate	Poppy Seed
Raspberry	Strawberry	<b>Total amount enclosed:</b>	

## A Great Kick-Off for the Renewed Ner Tamid Society at NSSBE

*A testament to the values you live by. A legacy for the future of Judaism.*

The Ner Tamid Society is a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. The Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, and so too do Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing for the financial security of the Synagogue, the center of Jewish life.

Endowments keep giving forever. And starting this summer, Chicago-area Jewish organizations began to get the help they needed to build endowments that will help sustain them for years to come, thanks to the newly launched Create a Jewish Legacy – Chicago. NSSBE is honored to have been selected out of a strong pool of Jewish organizations to participate in Create a Jewish Legacy – Chicago. This 2-year partnership program, which joins similar efforts in cities around the country, is fully funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and an anonymous donor, and is managed by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Through the program, Beth El lay leaders and staff have been learning the methods of structuring, operating and securing estate gifts for our endowment that will provide a steady and potentially growing stream of funding. Fifteen local Chicago area agencies are participating in this program, which complements our own Ner Tamid Society started in 2001.

**Since our kick-off this summer, we have added 18 new members to the New Tamid Society, joining our cadre of original members.**

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

To become a member of the Ner Tamid Society, or if you have already made arrangements for a Legacy gift and would like to inform us, or for more information about including Beth El in your

estate plan, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Kol Hakovod to the original members of the Ner Tamid Society from the previous decade as well as the 18 new members who have joined in the last seven months. We look forward to adding more names to our list soon!

Anonymous	Professors Jeffrey & Roberta Kwall
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Barnett	Mrs. Mildred Lidov
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bieber	Mrs. Cara Madansky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Birnbaum	Mr. & Mrs. Manny Marczak
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald D. Blumberg	Mr. L. Pachter & Ms. S. Starkman
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blumberg	Mr. David Rosen & Ms. Amy Zisook
Ms. Gail Feiger Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Rosenkranz
Mr. Andrew Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rutkoff
Ms. Ramona Choos	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schlosberg
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Eisenberg	Mr. & Mrs. Skip Schroyer
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ezgur	Mrs. Phyllis K. Shalowitz
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Frost	Mr. Leonard Sherman
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Goldberg	Mrs. Yadelle Sklare
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Goldsmith	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spitz
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Heyman	Mr. & Mrs. Morton Steinberg
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Isaacs	Mr. Mayer Stiebel
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Jacobson	Mr. & Mrs. Benton Strauss
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Janger	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Kagan	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wexler
Ms. Karen Kesner	Mr. Jeffrey Wohlstadter
Mr. Michael Kesner	Dr. F. Zand & Mr. P. Shalem
Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Kopin	

We are grateful to the estates of Jerry Steinberg z"l and Hynda Gamze z"l who recently left bequests to NSSBE.

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## Together with B'Yachad – We honor those congregants who have banded together as B'Yachad Donors for 2014 – 2015.

Words cannot express our gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad dues level program at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. They are role models in our community. Since the last Bulletin was printed, another member has joined the B'Yachad roster: Jeffrey and Penny Hecktman.

The complete roster of B'Yachad donors for 2014-2015 is as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bernbaum, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Biller, Dr. Gilbert Bogen, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Foxman, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Hecktman, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Hochwert, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kesner, Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Kovitz, Professors Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Saffir, Mr. & Mrs. Skip Schroyer, Mr. & Mrs. William Silverstein, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spitz, and Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin Zuckerman.

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

Without this generous level of support, we would not be able to continue our fine programming and resources at the highest level. For information about enrolling in the B'Yachad Membership program for this membership year or the coming year, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.



### **Special Gift Consideration**

- Thank you to the children of Bernard and Elaine Reisin: Richard and Karen Reisin, Shari Cohen and Steven and Marsha Levin, who underwrote the purchase of the 40 volume set of the Koren Talmud for the Maxwell Abell Library in honor of their parents' 70th wedding anniversary.
- Thank you to Dr. Gilbert Bogen, who made a gift to purchase many educational items including iPads for the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School, the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, and the Bernard H. and Miriam Sokol Hebrew High School, in memory of his wife Roslyn Bogen.

# **an evening of song and spoken word with PETER HIMMELMAN**

IN CONCERT



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## **NSSBE Spring Fundraising Event**

**Peter Himmelman is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, film and television composer, motivational speaker, visual artist, children's entertainer, webcast star, an observant Jew and Bob Dylan's son-in-law.**

**See him perform live in concert at NSSBE on Saturday evening, March 7, 2015.**

**Food.....Concert.....Silent Auction.....Ad Book.....Sponsorship Opportunities  
Open to the general public**

**Visit [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org) for complete details and watch your mail for invitations.**

**To learn more about the artist, visit [www.peterhimmelman.com](http://www.peterhimmelman.com)**

**Questions? Contact Nancy at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or call 847-432-8900 x 262.**

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Abe Baker, beloved father - Brian and Gail Boorstein
- *In honor of* Bruno Fischer's upcoming birthday - Cheryl and Ernest Fischer
- *In honor of* David Leshem becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Andrea and Ben Leshem
- *In honor of* Jeff Wohlstadter's 70th birthday - Jeffrey Wohlstadter
- *In honor of* Marcy Freeman's 50th birthday - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In honor of* Marilyn Hirsch being honored on Simchat Torah - Pamela Brill and Michael Shalen and Family
- *In honor of* Marilyn Hirsch for her recognition award for her service to the synagogue - Marshall and Karen Brill
- *In honor of* Marilyn Hirsch, recent honoree and a most deserving lady - Shirley Brill
- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 40th wedding anniversary - Fred Neikrug
- *In honor of* opening of the Ark - Marc and Devorah Richards
- *In honor of* our anniversary - Michael and Susan Millenson
- *In honor of* Sam Gerstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Craig and Amy Gerstein
- *In honor of* Skip Schrayner being named recipient of the Julius Rosenwald Award - Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- *In honor of* the birth of Jeff and Beth Kopin's granddaughter - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the marriage of Brett and Jamie and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *In honor of* the marriage of Lindsey Goldstein to David Ross and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In honor of* the marriage of Michael and Franci Kind, son of Leslie and Jonathan Kind - Robert and Marsha Weinstein
- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman
  - Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
  - Marvin and Renee Bearak
  - Jill and Irwin Bernstein
  - Carol and Gordon Derman
  - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
  - Jacob and Sandra Kiferbaum
- Colman and Julie Kraff
- Terri and Michael Lipsitz
- Murray and Jenna Massey
- Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the marriage of Uri Pachter and Hollen Reischer - Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father of Gary Gordon - Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
- *In memory of* Abraham Dobkin, beloved father - David and Janice Lasky
- *In memory of* Abraham Dobkin, beloved grandfather - Jori and Leah Brajer
- *In memory of* Abraham Mioni, beloved father-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Abraham Shanes, beloved father - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Allegra Rousso, beloved mother - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Ann Hofman - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Ben and Rose Greenspahn, beloved in-laws - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Benjamin Freifeld, beloved father-in-law - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Bernard Hirsch, beloved husband - Adele Hirsch
- *In memory of* Bertha Wexler Goldstein, M.D., beloved mother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Donna Truger, beloved mother - David and Julie Baum
- *In memory of* Doris Rudman, beloved sister - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Dr. Lester Kaplin, beloved father - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Edith H. Weiss and Sidney Weiss, beloved parents - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Edmund Mizel, beloved brother - Gerald and Liora Mizel
- *In memory of* Edmund Mizel, beloved husband, Norman Mizel, Philip Mizel and Esther Mizel - Selma Mizel
- *In memory of* Eleanor Goldstein, beloved mother - Phyllis Fischel
- *In memory of* Emmanuel Rich, beloved father - Shelia Olshansky
- *In memory of* Evelyn Pomerantz, beloved sister - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast

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## Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Freida Wexler, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Gene Igolka, beloved father - Ellen and Steven Lasin
- *In memory of* Harry Reisin, beloved father - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Herbert T. Gross, beloved husband and loved ones at Yizkor - Alice Gross
- *In memory of* Herbert Wolf and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for the dedication service - Randy Holzman
- *In memory of* Ida Lane, beloved mother - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Ida Wegner, beloved mother - Marvin and Susan Wenger
- *In memory of* Irma Kesner, beloved wife and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for his assistance - Aaron Kesner
- *In memory of* Irving Wenger, beloved father - Marvin and Susan Wenger
- *In memory of* Irwin Greenspahn, beloved husband - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Jacob E. Rose, beloved father - Mark and Allyson Rose
- *In memory of* Jerome Rudman, beloved brother-in-law - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Jules Hazekorn and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Hazekorn Family
- *In memory of* Julius Citro, beloved step-father - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Mae Levin, beloved mother of Leslie Glazer - Ilene and Ed Sherman
- *In memory of* Mae Levin, beloved mother of Leslie Glazer and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Steven and Dawn Lavin
- *In memory of* Mae Olshansky, beloved mother-in-law - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Martin Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Marvin Margolis, beloved father of Cheryl Weitzman - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Mildred Shlensky Kaufman, beloved aunt and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - David and Carol Robbins
- *In memory of* Milton Stein, beloved father - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman
- Dena and David Cooperman
- Sharon and Harris Goldenberg
- Lorna Greenspahn
- Stephen and Diane Levin
- *In memory of* Nathan Millner, beloved father of Robert Millner
- Steven and Linda Feinstein
- Steven and Dawn Lavin
- *In memory of* our beloved at Yizkor - Larry and Ellen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Ralph Eiseman, beloved father of Beth Grey
- Abraham and Hetty De Leeuwe
- Jacqueline and David Wolle
- *In memory of* Randall Horwitz, beloved father - Jori and Leah Brajer
- *In memory of* Randall Horwitz, beloved husband - David and Janice Lasky
- *In memory of* Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
- *In memory of* Sarah and Victor Steinberg, beloved parents - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Serene Sommer, beloved mother - Adrienne Garland
- *In memory of* Seymour Vishny, beloved brother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Sheldon Garland, beloved husband - Adrienne Garland
- *In memory of* Sol Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Sylvia Kornick, beloved sister - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Sylvia Kornick, beloved sister of Fred Lane - Ruth Burack
- *In memory of* Tillie Shanes, beloved mother - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Maxine Simon - Sharon and Harris Goldenberg
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Roz Ebstein - Sharon and Harris Goldenberg
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Debra Rade - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* our daughter, Cindie Davis - Julio and Clara Gesklin



**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund  
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- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Gary Gordon - Pam Brill and Michael Shalen*
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Maxine Simon - Pam Brill and Michael Shalen*
- *With appreciation for co-officiating the wedding of Maya Gejman to Zax Rosenberg - Alicia and Pablo Gejman*
- *With appreciation for letting me enjoy the Yom Kippur service with my family, the Solomon's - Marilyn Ruekberg*
- *With appreciation for officiating at the dedication of our beloved father and grandfather Samuel Rosenberg - Derman-Rosenberg Family*
- *With appreciation to Joyce Joseph - Ruth Belzer*
- *With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for all of his assistance - Alan and Marcia Kaplin*
- *With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for his assistance with Mildred Shlensky's funeral - Ira and Elise Frost*
- *With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for the honor of chanting the Haftorah - Ernest Smolen*
- *With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for your guidance and support to Sue and her family - Sol and Harriet Price*

**Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom - Bess Finch*
- *In honor of David Leshem becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Andrea and Ben Leshem*
- *In honor of Sam Gerstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Craig and Amy Gerstein*
- *In honor of the birth of Tobey Lindon - Cori, Robin and Zacharias Katz*
- *In honor of the marriage of Charles and Deborah Dobrusin's son - Phyllis Gimpel*
- *In honor of the marriage of Dr. Irving and Betty Rozenfeld's grandson - Phyllis Gimpel*
- *In memory of Abe Baker, beloved father - Brian and Gail Boorstein*
- *In memory of Anita Brenner, beloved sister - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman*
- *In memory of Arthur Kramer, beloved father - Thomas and Harriet Stiller*
- *In memory of Betty Juron Davis, beloved sister - Marvin Juron*
- *In memory of Edward Yore, beloved father - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel*
- *In memory of Freyda Fredman, beloved sister - Shael and Myrna Siegel*
- *In memory of Harold Maurer, beloved father - Jeffrey and Michele Glass*
- *In memory of Herbert T. Gross, beloved husband and loved ones at Yizkor - Alice Gross*
- *In memory of Irving Brand, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams*
- *In memory of Jules Hazelkorn - Judith Sarnat*
- *In memory of Martin Spieler, beloved husband - Anita Spieler*
- *In memory of Miriam Rothen Faust, beloved mother and grandmother - Annette Feller*
- *In memory of Moses J. Winick, beloved father - Adrian and Linda Winick*
- *In memory of Nathan Goldstein, M.D., beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein*
- *In memory of Ethel Friefeld, beloved aunt and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mark Friefeld*
- *In memory of Shirley Blair, beloved friend - Philip and Phyllis Lapin*
- *With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for Shoshana Teplitsky's baby naming - Michael and Marissa Teplitsky*
- *With appreciation to Shael Siegel - Ruth Belzer*

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<b>Hazzan's Discretionary Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> David Leshem becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Andrea and Ben Leshem</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> Hazzan Goller receiving the Hatan Torah recognition - Robert and Beth Footlik</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> Sam Gerstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Craig and Amy Gerstein</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Vera Blum, beloved mother - Melvin and Lenore Blum</li><li>- <i>With appreciation for</i> officiating at the dedication of our beloved father and grandfather, Samuel Rosenberg - Derman-Rosenberg Family</li></ul>
<b>Adolph M. and Lottie Jacobson Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Lottie Jacobson, beloved mother - Harvey and Ellen Jacobson</li></ul>	
<b>Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Jack Weinberg, beloved zaide and father - Kagan and Wynes Families</li></ul>	
<b>Ba'al Korei Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Robert and Beth Footlik</li></ul>	
<b>Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Mary Cohen, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Yonnie Levin, beloved nephew - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Isadore Eisenberg, beloved father - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Jerome Cohen, beloved father - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg</li></ul>
<b>Edward S. Frank Israel Study Endowment Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Harvey Gould, beloved brother of Carol Weiss - Edward and Paulette Margulies</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Irving Rabinowitz, beloved father - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Lena Rabinowitz, beloved mother - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Seymour Rothman, beloved brother - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz</li></ul>
<b>General Endowment Fund - Ner Tamid Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>With appreciation</i> - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg</li></ul>	
<b>Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Dr. Frances Zand's beloved sister - Gerald and Rita Buckman</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Harry Gould, beloved father of Carol Weiss - Gerald and Rita Buckman</li></ul>
<b>Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>With appreciation to</i> Hazzan Goller - Gerald Frank</li></ul>	

**Glass/Goldman Program  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Jeff and Beth Kopin's granddaughter - Phil and Ellen Glass

- *In honor of* the birth of Myrna Kopin's great-granddaughter - Phil and Ellen Glass

**Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge  
Maintenance Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Jeff Hoffman, choral director of Highland Park High School Student Stunts - David and Barbara Hoffman  
- *In memory of* Estelle and Ben Hoffman, beloved parents - David and Barbara Hoffman

- *In memory of* Ethel and Joe Horwitz, beloved parents - David and Barbara Hoffman  
- *In memory of* Harvey Gould, beloved brother of Carol Weiss - David and Barbara Hoffman

**Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Jeff and Beth Kopin's new granddaughter, Aviva Orly - Cindy Socianu  
- *In honor of* Marcy Freeman's 50th birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter  
- *In honor of* Neil and Rachel Greenbaum's new grandson Gadi Binyamin - Robert and Beth Footlik  
- Cindy Socianu

- *In honor of* Simchat Torah honors. May you all go from strength to strength - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter  
- *In honor of* the birth of Jeff and Beth Kopin's new granddaughter, Aviva Orly - Robert and Beth Footlik  
- *With appreciation to* Donna Becker - Cindy Socianu

**Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious  
School Fund**

- *In honor of* Lois Hirschfield's birthday - Sandy and Maurice Raizes  
- *In memory of* Ben-Ami Nachmiel Cooperman, beloved son - David and Dena Cooperman  
- *In memory of* Chana and Moshe Mirman, beloved mother and father - Elliott and Doris Mirman  
- *In memory of* David S. Levinson, beloved father - David and Pamela Hirschfield  
- *In memory of* Malka Hakimian, beloved mother - Sidney and Batya Retsky  
- *In memory of* Mildred Cohen, beloved mother - Howard and Lois Hirschfield

- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Howard and Sandi Turner  
- *In memory of* Ralph Eiseman, beloved father of Beth Grey - Howard and Sandi Turner  
- *In memory of* Randall Horwitz, beloved father - Adena Horwitz  
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Pam and Richard Schlosberg's granddaughter - Howard and Sandi Turner

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

- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 40th wedding anniversary - Stanley and Mary Beth Adelman  
- Jane and Allen Murow  
- Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter  
- Irving and Betty Rozenfeld

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

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

- *In honor of* Doris Charak's big birthday - Maurice and Sandra Raizes  
- *In memory of* Avra Shoshana Tavian, beloved daughter of Merle and Steve Tavian - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter



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<b>Judith A. Heyman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman - Gwen, Scott, Jordan and Dana Heyman</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Nathan Millner, beloved father of Robert Millner - Gwen and Scott Heyman</li></ul>
<b>Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'filot Program Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> Jeff and Beth Kopin becoming grandparents to Aviva Orly - Lawrence and Abby Block</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> Myrna Kopin becoming a great grandmother to Aviva Orly - Lawrence and Abby Block</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the birth of Myrna Kopin's great-granddaughter - Carole and Stan Derdiger</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the birth of your granddaughter Aviva Orly - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the whole Kopin Family on the birth of Aviva Orly - Herbert and Myrna Natkin</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Al Kopin, beloved husband of Myrna Kopin - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter</li><li>- <i>With appreciation</i> - Myrna Kopin</li></ul>
<b>Kurtz Family Youth Program Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman - Dale and Betsey Pinkert</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Bernard C. Kurtz, beloved father - Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Frank Gula, beloved uncle - Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz</li><li>- <i>With appreciation</i> L'Shanah Tovah from our family to our Beth El family - Michael and Debora Pinzur</li></ul>
<b>Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>With appreciation</i> - Herbert Lippitz and Fran Scully</li></ul>	
<b>Maxwell Abbell Library Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Jules Hazelkorn - Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Maxine and Robert Greenstein</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>With appreciation for</i> the NSS Beth El Library</li><li>- Shari Cohen</li><li>- James Finn</li><li>- Steven and Marsha Levin</li><li>- Richard and Karen Reisin</li></ul>
<b>Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> Haftarah reading at Yom Kippur - Lawrence and Abby Block</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Norma Spungen, beloved mother of Charles Spungen and beloved grandmother - Lawrence and Abby Block</li></ul>
<b>Minyan Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In honor of</i> my aliyah - Felissa Kreindler</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> my Shabbat galilah - Felissa Kreindler</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> my Sukkot aliyah - Felissa Kreindler</li><li>- <i>In honor of</i> the B'not Mitzvah of Glenda and Sandy Mason's granddaughters, Halle and Samara - Carole and Stan Derdiger</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Abraham Frydman, beloved father - Morris Frydman and June Back Frydman</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Alexander Turner, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Angela Saporta, beloved mother - Batya Eizikovic</li><li>- <i>In memory of</i> Arthur Ramek, beloved brother - Joyce Pollack</li></ul>

**Minyan Fund (continued)**

- *In memory of* Arthur Rubinoﬀ, beloved father - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Belle and Henry Mann, beloved mother and father - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Charles Scheinman, beloved grandfather - David and Barbara Lansing
- *In memory of* Harold Goodman, beloved father - Paul and Michelle Pessis
- *In memory of* Harry Archie Dolansky, beloved father - Sanford and Glenda Mason
- *In memory of* Harry Schessel, beloved father - Dr. Jessee Schessel
- *In memory of* Henry Weinberg, beloved father of Ellen Goldstein - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Joseph Weitz, beloved father-in-law - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Leo Farbman, beloved father - Laura and Mark Lieberman
- *In memory of* Louis Z. Grant, beloved father - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Mae Levin, beloved mother - Adam and Leslie Glazer
- *In memory of* Mae Levin, beloved mother of Leslie Glazer - Jackie and Mike Melinger and Family
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - June Frydman and Family
- *In memory of* Robert Leiderman, beloved brother - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Ruth Dolansky, beloved mother and grandmother - Dr. Sanford and Glenda Mason
- *In memory of* Ruth Scheinman, beloved grandmother - The Lansing Family
- *In memory of* Sarah Epstein, beloved mother - Gerald Lasin
- *In memory of* Solomon E. Harrison, beloved father - Harry and Harriet Bernbaum

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

- *In honor of* Rhoda Kreiter Levine's 90th Birthday - Ceil and Gary Rothbart
- *In memory of* Norma Spungen, beloved mother of Charles Spungen - Tracey and Anton Hendler

**NSSBE Special Gifts Fund**

- *In memory of* Mae Levin, beloved mother of Leslie Glazer - Zessar Family
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *With appreciation* - Donald M. Ephraim Family Foundation

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

- *In honor of* Matthew Chupack becoming a Bar Mitzvah - NSS Beth El Pre-School
- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 40th wedding anniversary
  - Samuel and Paula Golden
  - Nami, David and Gali Goldenberg
  - Myrna Kopin
  - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In honor of* the birth of Olivia Mia Glazer - Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the marriage of Michael Maletsky and Allison Gottfried
  - Cori and Steven Katz
  - NSS Beth El Pre-School
- *In honor of* the marriage of our son Michael Maletsky to Allison Gottfried - Rinna and Eric Maletsky
- *In memory of* Edward Katz - Cori and Steven Katz
- *In memory of* Haide Reingold, beloved mother-in-law and grandmother - NSS Beth El Pre-School
- *In memory of* Haide Reingold, beloved mother-in-law of Stacey Reingold - Tookim Class Families
- *In memory of* Marilyn Diamond, beloved mother - Dr. Dennis and Amy Pessis

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

- *In memory of* Mila Voloshin - Steven and Cori Katz and Family

- *In memory of* Sylvia Roth - Cori, Steve, Haley, Lindsay and Campbell Katz

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## Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Sam Gerstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - Craig and Amy Gerstein  
- *In honor of* the birth of Fran and Steve Shapiro's grandson - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In honor of* the grandson of Sulie Holt - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In honor of* Thelma and Joe Weiner's (Nane and Papa) special birthdays - Robert and Marsha Weinstein  
- *In memory of* Charles and Gertrude Harris, beloved parents - Robert and Rhoda Rothman  
- *In memory of* Cilia Katz, beloved mother - Mildred Lidov  
- *In memory of* Hazzan Alan Smolen, beloved son of Ernest Smolen - Chuck Kahalnik  
- *In memory of* Hazzan Alan Smolen, beloved son, husband and brother - Ernest Smolen  
- *In memory of* Howard Lidov, beloved husband - Mildred Lidov

- *In memory of* Hyman B. Abrams, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams  
- *In memory of* Jack Frost, beloved father - Elisa and Ira Frost  
- *In memory of* Jack Frost, beloved husband - Allene Frost  
- *In memory of* Max Katz, beloved father - Mildred Lidov  
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Andrew and Gail Brown  
- *In memory of* Shalom Fox, beloved father - Leon and Leslie Fox  
- *In memory of* Shalom Fox, beloved father - Magdalena and Leon Fox

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## Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Endowment Program

- *In honor of* our grandson David Goldenberg receiving the Davis Gidwitz Glasser Young Leadership award at the Jewish Federation Annual Meeting - Irving and Betty Rozenfeld

- *In honor of* Skip Schraye receiving the Julius Rosenwald Memorial award at the Jewish Federation Annual Meeting - Irving and Betty Rozenfeld

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## Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* David Leshem becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - Andrea and Ben Leshem  
- *In honor of* the Simchat Torah honorees: Hazzan Goller, Seth Pines and Marilyn Hirsch - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

- *In memory of* Minnie R. Levenson, beloved mother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg  
- *In memory of* Pearl S. Blumberg, beloved mother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg  
- *With appreciation to* Mark Stadler - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling

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## Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Bob and Beth Footlik's 45th anniversary - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter  
- *In honor of* Jeffrey Wohlstadter's 70th birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

- *In memory of* Sidney Starkman, Mildred Starkman and Annette Berg, our beloved - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

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## Sisterhood College Connection Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation* - Jeffrey and Janice Aronoff



<b>Social Action Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Kenneth and Norma Spungen, beloved parents of Charles Spungen - Enid and Larry Arnowitz	- <i>With appreciation</i> - Jeff and Roberta Kwall
<b>Special Gifts Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> Marge and Len Birnbaum's 60th year at Beth El - Marc and Jackie Birnbaum	- <i>In memory of</i> Bernard Wolnak, beloved husband - Frances Wolnak - <i>With appreciation</i> - Stewart Epstein
<b>Staff Recognition Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Donald Slack - Sol and Marcia Lerner	- <i>Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to</i> Karen Engert, mother of Elise Kline - Robert and Beth Footlik
<b>Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 40th wedding anniversary - Jordana and Aaron Goldstein - Shael and Myrna Siegel	- <i>In memory of</i> Tamara Turkisher - Liz and Dennis Salinas
<b>Witzel Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Marcia and Marshall Witzel	
<b>Youth Community Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Lillian Braverman, beloved mother of Nathan Braverman - David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer - <i>With appreciation</i> - Victor and Arielle Levitan	- <i>With appreciation to</i> Chuck Kahalnik for his assistance during the High Holidays - Phyllis Gimpel

## February 2015 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Last Day – Used Book Sale Continuing Education 8:30am Men's Club World Wide Wrap 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>2</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> Continuing Education 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>4 Tu B'Shevat</b> Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Series	<b>5</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 4:52pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner	<b>7</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Johan Long 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:00am Hey Family Service 4:30pm Mincha / Ma'ariv Mincha Bat Mitzvah - Julia Koltin 5:52pm Shabbat Ends 6:20pm Men's Club / Sisterhood Game Night
<b>8</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>9</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm CLC Meeting	<b>10</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm Sisterhood Event	<b>11</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>12</b> Continuing Education 12:00pm Study in the Loop 7:45pm Men's Club Caveman Dinner	<b>13</b> 5:01pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>14</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Elan Schwartz 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club Author Event 4:45pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 6:05pm Shabbat Ends
<b>15</b> Continuing Education 10:00am Author Event with Martin Fletcher	<b>16 President's Day</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>17</b> Continuing Education	<b>18</b> Continuing Education	<b>19 Rosh Hodesh Adar</b> Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors	<b>20 Rosh Hodesh Adar</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:10pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Congregation Birthday Celebration	<b>21</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Alexander Bernat 10:00am Hey Family Service 5:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 6:15pm Shabbat Ends
<b>22</b> Continuing Education 9:00am Social Action Mitzvah Day	<b>23</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>24</b> Continuing Education	<b>25</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>26</b> Continuing Education 2:00pm Afternoon at the Movies	<b>27</b> 5:18pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>28</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:00am Hey Family Service 4:45pm Dalet Seudah Havdalah 5:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 6:23pm Shabbat Ends

### NSSBE Staff

Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi  
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 Larry B. Goller, Hazzan  
 Mark Stadler, Ritual Director  
 Chuck Kahalnik, Executive Director  
 Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education

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

## January 2015 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>Fast of 10th of Tevet</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>2</b> 4:11pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>3</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 4:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:16pm Shabbat Ends
<b>4</b> Continuing Education	<b>5</b> Continuing Education	<b>6</b> Continuing Education	<b>7</b> Continuing Education	<b>8</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting 8:00pm Executive Meeting	<b>9</b> 4:18pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm Jeans and Jammies 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>10</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club 4:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:23pm Shabbat Ends
<b>11</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>12</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> Continuing Education	<b>14</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 7:00pm Hartman Institute Series	<b>15</b> Continuing Education 12:00pm Study in the Loop	<b>16</b> 4:25pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Men's Club Congregation Dinner	<b>17</b> <b>Men's Club Shabbat</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 4:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:30pm Shabbat Ends
<b>18</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> Continuing Education 12:30pm Sisterhood Kipot Making Class	<b>21 Rosh Hodesh Shevat</b> Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan	<b>22</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Directors	<b>23</b> Used Book Sale 4:34pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm Bet Kabbalat Service 7:00pm Bet Oneg	<b>24</b> <b>USY Shabbat</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 4:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 4:30pm Shabbaton/ Havdalah 5:39pm Shabbat Ends
<b>25</b> Used Book Sale Continuing Education	<b>26</b> Used Book Sale Continuing Education 6:00pm Global Justice Book Series 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>27</b> Used Book Sale Continuing Education	<b>28</b> Used Book Sale Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>29</b> Used Book Sale Continuing Education	<b>30</b> Used Book Sale 4:43pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Shira Congregation Dinner	<b>31</b> <b>Shabbat Shirah</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services and Choir 10:00am Hey Family Services 12:30pm Post Kiddush Lecture 4:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:48pm Shabbat Ends

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### Help us start a new tradition at Beth El! **Birthday Shabbat**

Friday, February 20, 2015  
6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat service  
Oneg follows service

Come celebrate our members' birthdays at an engaging, ruach-filled Friday night. A special blessing will be given for members of all ages having a February birthday followed by a birthday oneg.