

# Kol Beth El

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### From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz »



### Mission Statement

We are a congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study, and to create a warm and welcoming community. We seek to preserve and enhance our People's traditions within the context of Conservative Judaism. We aspire to strengthen our Jewish identity to meet the challenges of a changing environment. We endeavor to provide resources to help us relate to God, understand the ways of God and enrich the Jewish content of our lives. We encourage our members to serve worthwhile causes within our Congregation and the wider Jewish and world communities. We are committed to support Israel. We educate our children so they commit to the cultural, spiritual, and ethical values of our People.

I write this article on November 29, 2016. Sixty-nine years ago today, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted in favor of the partition of Palestine as recommended by the UN Special Committee on Palestine. Thirty-three states voted in favor of the resolution, 13 were against, and 10 abstained. Though the Jewish state was only allotted a small portion of western Palestine, the World Zionist Organization and the institutions of the Jewish community in Palestine agreed to accept the plan, since it recognized the right of the Jewish people to a state. This was the beginning of the realization of the dream of a Jewish state which came about on May 15, 1948.

During the course of the year 2017, we will celebrate three important anniversaries in the history of Zionism and the State of Israel. On August 29, 1897, the first Zionist Congress was convened by Theodor Herzl as the first step in the creation of a Zionist movement, eventually leading to the establishment of the State of Israel. In Basel, 200 participants from 17 countries came together to participate in the Congress. Following a festive opening in which the representatives arrived in formal dress, tails and white tie, the Congress moved onto the agenda. The principal items were the presentation of Herzl's plans, the establishment of the Zionist Organization, and the declaration of Zionism's goals – The Basel Program. At the Congress, Herzl was elected president of the Zionist Organization. August 29, 2017, will be the 120th anniversary of the first Zionist Congress.

On November 2, 1917, the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary, Arthur James Balfour, wrote a letter to Baron Walter Rothschild, for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. It read in part: "His Majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." The Balfour Declaration gave the Jews in Palestine and around the world a great deal of hope that a homeland for the Jewish people could be established with the approval of the British government. While history, itself, did not actually work out that way, as the citizens of Palestine had to fight against the British forces for their own independence, the Balfour Declaration was an important step along the path to Jewish statehood. On November 2, 2017, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. And, on November 29, 1947, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the UN Partition Agreement, establishing a Jewish state in part of Palestine.

These are significant anniversaries and throughout the Jewish world, in Israel and the Diaspora, they will be commemorated and celebrated. As President of the American Zionist Movement, I am pleased to inform you that we will acknowledge these dates in communities across the country with conferences, celebrations, and important discussions.

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# Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

## DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday  
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday  
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday  
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh  
Mornings, 7:00 am

### Services are conducted by:

Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,  
Rabbi Michael Schwab,  
Hazzan Benjamin A. Tisser

### Every Shabbat

#### 10:30am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Services for families with  
children 1st grade and younger

## JANUARY

### Shabbat, January 7

Parashat Vayigash  
Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 37:28

### Shabbat, January 14

Parashat Vayechi  
Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26  
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 2:12

### Shabbat, January 21 Birchat HaHodesh

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

### Shabbat, January 28 Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Parashat Vaera  
Torah: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35  
Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15  
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 66:24

## FEBRUARY

### Shabbat, February 4

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

### Shabbat, February 11 Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Shira

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

### Shabbat, February 18

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

### Shabbat, February 25 Shabbat Shekalim Birchat HaHodesh

Parashat Mishpatim  
Torah: Exodus 21:1 – 24:18  
Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16  
Haftarah: II Kings 12:11 – 12:17

## »» From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz

### Zionism and the State of Israel

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In our own community, here at Beth El, we are going to be engaged throughout 2017 in an important discussion about the future of the State of Israel. I will be teaching a new course conceived by the Shalom Hartman Institute entitled *iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Once a month we will gather to study Jewish sources, view a DVD lecture from the Hartman Institute staff, and follow it with our own discussion on these important issues. Like past Hartman programs that I have led, we have much to discuss and much to learn. The purpose of the course, as written by the Hartman scholars, is to "aim to change and shape the way we think about politics and the way we talk about Israel with each other. We need to learn to talk about the values that we share and not merely the politics that we don't. We need to learn that political disagreement need not only imply rejection or dismissal of the other's values."

In line with this thinking, on the first date of the course, January 11, we will hold a special program, sponsored by our Congregation and North Shore Congregation Israel, here at Beth El. Jonathan S. Tobin, senior on-line editor and chief political

blogger of *Commentary Magazine*, and J.J. Goldberg, editor at-large of *The Forward* newspaper, and former U.S. bureau chief of the Israeli news magazine *The Jerusalem Report*, will be with us for an evening entitled "Left vs. Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul." It will be moderated by me and Rabbi Wendi Geffen of North Shore Congregation Israel.

A few days before the inauguration of a new president and, with him, a new administration, we will have an opportunity to discuss the issues that present themselves to the State of Israel, to Zionism, to our students on campus, and to the Jewish people. It plans to be a very informative evening for us all. I also hope that you will join us for the ongoing *iEngage* course where we will continue our discussions throughout the year.

We should celebrate in 2017 the achievements of the Jewish people, the Zionist movement, and the State of Israel. At the same time, we need to engage with one another on the important issues that confront the Jewish people today throughout the world and in the State of Israel. I look forward to our learning and our discussions.

It barely seems that the High Holy Days for 5777 are past, and here we are celebrating Hanukkah! The program year is up and running and we, as always, have so much to offer. In addition to the programs of Continuing Education and The Cultural Learning Center, Sisterhood and Men's Club, the schools, and the Music Committee also put their stamp on the schedule that is presented by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. We are very much a full service synagogue, providing opportunities for seniors, for young families, for children of all ages, for those wanting to learn more about *tefillah*, for those looking to participate in *Tikun Olam*, for those wanting social interaction opportunities, for those looking to start or continue their Jewish educational journey...for just about every member of NSSBE.

This is the time of the yearly cycle when we are reintroduced to our patriarchs and matriarchs through their rich and compelling stories. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekkah, Leah and Rachel... towering figures all. Since we know less about him than of his father or son, Isaac in some ways is the most enigmatic of our patriarchs. Yet, perhaps more than Abraham and Sarah or even Jacob and Rachel, we do know that Isaac and Rebekkah had a close and loving relationship. (Gen. 24:67). We will continue to read the wonderful and colorful stories of the book of Genesis through January 14, 2017. And then on to the great freedom story of Exodus.

Just as there is a flow to happenings described in the Tanakh, so too at Beth El. With the long nights and colder temperatures of January and February, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is a spiritual and educational home for all, filled with light and warmth and fellowship. We are working very hard to continue and enhance the traditions of Beth El while also endeavoring to move with the times. Over the past year and a half, we have added a Communications/Marketing Committee and a Music Committee. We have added a new senior officer position to the Executive Committee - that of VP-Programming to work with the VP-Membership. We have a revamped and revitalized Junior Congregation program in place for Shabbat mornings. We have made great progress in the construction and upgrading of the beautiful space of our rotunda with work that began in December to upgrade the Sager Beit Midrash. We are restarting a Chessed Committee, whose role initially will be to provide meals, etc., to those in need. We have a Strategic Planning group looking forward at broad issues (membership, development, inclusion, etc.) with the goal of making recommendations in the spring-summer of 2018. There are a myriad of additional activities ongoing in our Beth El community. We welcome any and all suggestions, offers to help, etc. as we approach our 70<sup>th</sup> year.

LEFT

VS

RIGHT

# THE BATTLE FOR ISRAEL'S SOUL

*A Post-Election Debate*

Wednesday, January 11 at 7:45pm

Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples claiming the same land, or a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism?

**J.J. Goldberg**, editor-at-large of the *Forward* newspaper and former U.S. Bureau chief of the Israeli news magazine *The Jerusalem Report* and **Jonathan S. Tobin**, senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary Magazine*, will debate critical issues concerning the State of Israel.



**Location:**

Blumberg Auditorium, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL.

**Cost:**

The program is free of charge and open to the community. RSVP is requested to Elise Kline, 847-432-8900 x210.

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## » Hazzan Ben Tisser



I hope you enjoyed the winter break period, whether you spent your time in the Chicago area, or away from home! I am so looking forward to the next couple of months at Beth El – there is so much going on, and we should be so proud of that.

In my own "corner" of the building, I watch with great anticipation as many of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah candidates close in on their "big day" – it's really incredible to watch our students grow in skills and confidence over the period of study leading up to their *simcha*! As well, I am looking forward to beginning to teach classes for our 12<sup>th</sup> graders through our Bernard H. and Miriam Sokol Hebrew High School, as well as teaching our Dalet and Hey students *tefillot* over a period of weeks.

In the world of adult education, I am pleased to present "The Art of the Cantor," a class in which participants will journey with me through a near century of the American cantorate – from its Eastern European roots until the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We will not only learn more about the "great" cantors (Koussevitzky, Rosenblatt, etc.); we will also learn about and hear cantors many of us have never heard of (including a few women from the early 20th century!). I would encourage any of you who enjoy Hazzanut, Jewish music, or who come to shul and wish to learn

more about what inspires my own davening to consider joining this class.

Finally, by popular demand, I am excited to announce that **Perfect Pitch II: America's Greatest Jewish Collegiate A Cappella Groups!** returns to Beth El on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** – see the flyer on the following page for more information! Be sure to reserve your tickets early; we had an audience of near 800 last year and expect a similar audience again! This year we are featuring groups from **University of Wisconsin-Madison, Washington University in St. Louis** (featuring our own Jamie Hendler), **SUNY Binghamton, Johns Hopkins University, and The Ohio State University** – I spent many months scouting groups to be sure that we enjoy the best of Jewish A Cappella once again, and I can promise that you will only be disappointed if you don't come! Consider purchasing a Sponsor Level ticket, which allows you to join for a *ruach*-filled Shabbat dinner with a number of the performing groups, as well as CHUSY Midwinter Convention, hosted at Beth El the same weekend!

As you can see, Beth El is an incredibly vibrant place, and this is only in my little department! I look forward to seeing many of you at these and other programs throughout the winter. To our friends in warmer places, we wish you a fantastic time away, but look forward to your return in the spring – your absence is felt.

Wishing each of you a healthy and happy 2017!

### Beth El History Corner by Mort Steinberg



Almost from its formation, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El was focused on the importance of education, starting with the youngest students. Pictured in front of the synagogue in 1949 is Beth El's nursery school class, the "Gan." Rabbi Maurice Kliers, Beth El's first rabbi, stands with the class beside the Synagogue's small green bus, which provided transportation for the children. The bus was a gift from the Sisterhood. On the right is Stella Natenberg, the first president of our Sisterhood.

If you have photographs or artifacts from Beth El's past, we would be glad to place them in our growing synagogue archives. Contact Rachel Kamin at [rkamin@nssbethel.org](mailto:rkamin@nssbethel.org) or at 847-926-7902.



# Honoring Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13<sup>th</sup> Year at NSS BETH EL

*A 13-Week Celebration of Mitzvot, Prayer and Community*

Mitzvot

**Mitzvah Day  
Sunday  
2-26-17**

Tefillah

**Shabbat Service  
& Kiddush  
4-1-17**

Kehillah

**Community Party  
Sunday  
5-21-17**

This year North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, instead of a big dinner or a concert event to raise needed funds for the synagogue, is honoring Rabbi Michael Schwab in recognition of his 13 years of service to NSS Beth El via a series of events. We ask all divisions and generations of the synagogue to become involved in this 13-week spirit and fund raising time, united by the common theme of recognizing Rabbi Schwab. The intent is to raise needed funds for the synagogue through various sponsorships, events and activities.

We chose three important pillars or messages which are important to Rabbi Schwab, Mitzvot (good deeds), Tefillah (prayer) and Kehillah (community), tied to three synagogue events: All-Member Mitzvah Day, a Special Shabbat Service and Kiddush and a Community Party. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all events! We will produce a Community Ad Book for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Congregational Celebration! Watch your mail in January for the sponsorship, ad book and event invitations!

This is a special opportunity for the synagogue in which everyone can participate without affecting your regular annual gifting to Beth El or discourage you from participating in any future activities that may come along. Do you wish to be part of the working committee? Contact Director of Development and Communication Nancy Kleine Kekst at 847-432-8900 x262.

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To meet our budgeted goal, we are seeking:

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**Arc Sponsors to underwrite the 13-week celebration for \$5,000.**

- Name on all signage and printed materials
- Member of honorary 13-week committee
- Four free tickets to the May 21 celebration
- One free 1/2 page ad in the ad book
- Name printed in Ad book

**Pillar Sponsors to underwrite one of the pillar events for \$3,600.**

- Name on all signage and printed materials for the sponsored pillar
- Member of honorary 13-week committee
- Two free tickets to the May 21 celebration
- One free 1/4 page ad in the ad book
- Name printed in Ad book

**Friend Sponsors at any giving level:  
\$1300 - \$3500**

- Name printed in Ad book

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Spring Fundraising Program Co-Chairs

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*Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff  
Josh and Jennifer Herz  
Rich and Eve Biller*

# It's All in the Beth El Family

## We Welcome the Following New Members

- Diane Bellows
- Jacob Bennett
- Elan and Lisa Peltz and their children, Savannah and Dylan

## Congratulations To

- Karen and Mitchell Kopin on the engagement of their daughter, Jordyn, to Etai Tarazi
- Myrna Kopin on the engagement of her granddaughter, Jordyn Kopin, to Etai Tarazi
- Sallye and David Mason on the marriage of their daughter, Dana, to Tyler Bail

## Condolences To

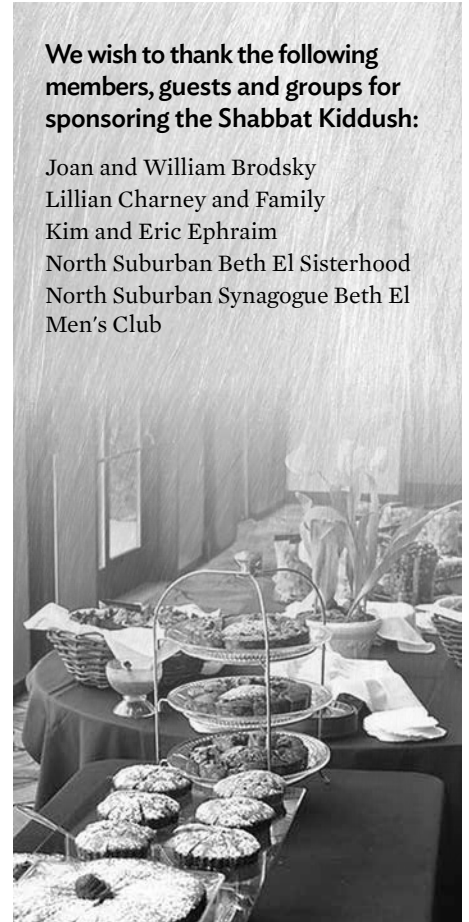
- Joyce Ann on the loss of her mother, Phyllis Wygodny
- Ruth and Bruno Fischer on the loss of their son, Steven Kaplan
- Larry Goldstein on the loss of his mother, Victoria Goldstein
- Barbara Gottesman on the loss of her mother, Phyllis Wygodny
- Deborah Graham on the loss of her mother, Elizabeth Diane Glick
- Elizabeth Graham on the loss of her grandmother, Elizabeth Diane Glick
- Joshua Graham on the loss of his grandmother, Elizabeth Diane Glick
- Jack Hirschfield on the loss of his grandmother, Sylvia Levinson
- Pamela Hirschfield on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Levinson
- Merle Klein-Rosenfeld on the loss of her father, Dr. Jack Hauptman
- Judy Koster on the loss of her mother, Anni Rodin
- Robert Less on the loss of his brother, Theodore D. Less
- David Ohcana on the loss of his mother, Dona Ohcana Oberzanek
- Jay Wygodny on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Wygodny
- Jeff Wygodny on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Wygodny

## In Memoriam

- Frances Anderman
- Phyllis Wygodny

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

Joan and William Brodsky  
Lillian Charney and Family  
Kim and Eric Ephraim  
North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood  
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
Men's Club



## Camp Ramah in January at Beth El Sunday, January 29 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Come join the fun and celebrate summer in January with Ramah Day Camp. Enjoy an exciting afternoon of open play with inflatables, balloon creations, craft activities, face painting, sports activities and more. Meet Ramah Day Camp's head staff. There will be some crazy and fun entertainment with Harris Kal's Music Mania and More! This event is free and open to the public.

# B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

January – Tevet/Shevat 5777



**Janie Levitan,**  
daughter of Arielle and Victor Levitan  
Shabbat, January 7



**Emma Struck,**  
daughter of Jamie and Daniel Struck  
Shabbat, January 21



**Julia Struck,**  
daughter of Jamie and Daniel Struck  
Shabbat, January 21

February – Shevat/Adar 5777



**Benjamin Aizenberg,**  
son of Deborah and Gabriel Aizenberg  
Shabbat, February 11



**Harrison Crasko,**  
son of Sandra and David Crasko  
Shabbat, February 18



**Justin Crasko,**  
son of Sandra and David Crasko  
Shabbat, February 18

**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 11 & 25 and February 8 & 22, 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 at 847-432-8900 x242 for more information.

## Used Book Sale

Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 12

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 February 2, 2017. **Please refrain from donating travel guides and test preparation guides that are more than 1-2 years old as well as textbooks, magazines, and journals.**

Shop the Used Book Sale during regular synagogue hours, Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 12. All hardcovers are \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. Cash and checks accepted.

## Pre-Sale Pizza Party

Thursday, February 2

Join the members of the Cultural & Learning Center Committee on Thursday, February 2, 6:00–7:30pm, to help setup the book sale and have an exclusive opportunity to purchase books before the sale opens. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and high school student volunteers are welcome!

## Bargain Bag Sale

Sunday, February 12

Shop the Used Book Sale on Sunday, February 12, 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.



**Streit's**  
**MATZO**  
*and the* **AMERICAN DREAM**

## Afternoon @ The Movies

Thursday, March 23

Just in time for Passover, the Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the Hazak Senior Life Committee will host Afternoon @ the Movies, featuring **Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream on Thursday, March 23 at 2:00pm.**

Open to the community, free of charge. RSVP to Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org or call 847-926-7903.



# Men's Club Shabbat Weekend

January 13-15, 2017

Join Men's Club once again for a wonderful weekend starting with Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner.

Saturday morning the Men's Club will lead services followed by a Deli Kiddush Luncheon. Everyone is invited as guests of Men's Club!

Please join us Saturday night for an Afterglow Party!

The weekend will wrap up with a special Bagels For Your Brains Torah Study Program on Sunday morning.



Sign up for Shabbat Dinner  
Adults: \$20, Children: \$8  
(under 12), Family: \$50  
To register for dinner please  
visit the Beth El Website  
Member Payment Page or  
drop off your check at the  
Beth El Synagogue Office.

Don't miss out on the fun  
and a Deli Kiddush Luncheon  
following Shabbat Services.  
Bring your whole family!

**Afterglow Party**  
at the residence of Matt Pestine.  
Dinner and drinks will be served!  
Please RSVP to Matt Pestine  
at [mpestine@gmail.com](mailto:mpestine@gmail.com)

If you would like to make a  
donation to help  
underwrite the weekend,  
please contact Marc Richards  
at [mrichards@brinksgilson.com](mailto:mrichards@brinksgilson.com).



**Join the Ner Tamid Legacy before April 30, 2017**

Many experience the most meaningful moments among our North Suburban Synagogue Beth El family. For sixty-nine years, NSSBE has served as the North Shore's flagship Conservative congregation, providing a sustaining source from which individuals and

families, young and old, have continued to nourish their spirits and their lives.

In the same way that our traditions have been passed on from those who came before us, our responsibility is to ensure that the opportunity for future generations to create new memories will be sustained. Your synagogue and clergy have been here for you in both happy times and sad times, and it is important that we prepare for those who will follow us.

We can help to ensure this future role of our congregation by joining the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Ner Tamid Legacy Circle, created in 2001 to recognize the families in our community who have made arrangements to leave a bequest of any size to the synagogue in a will or estate plan. These gifts will help fund the endowment, the earnings of which are designed to support our operating budget and thus our congregational programs and services on a continuing basis.

We are very proud to have been selected by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago to participate in the Create a Jewish Legacy program, and **we will receive another sizable endowment challenge grant if we receive sufficient additional commitments, as well as legally formalized arrangements, from congregants agreeing to leave a bequest of any size to NSSBE by April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.** We are also planning to hang a donor wall listing members of the Ner Tamid Society near the Field Family Sanctuary. Your lay leaders and clergy fully support this initiative and many of them are members of the Legacy Society. Larry Pachter is chairing our Ner Tamid Society for Years 3 and 4.

We are grateful to the congregants listed below, who have already made arrangements for a bequest to NSSBE and ask that you do the same. Ner Tamid Society members are 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. If you have already made arrangements, or are interested in making a bequest and joining the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Ner Tamid Legacy Circle, please contact Director of Development and Communication Nancy Kleine Kekst at 847-432-8900 or Larry Pachter at 847-317-7360.

NORTH SUBURBAN  
SYNAGOGUE BETH EL



NER TAMID SOCIETY

**Ner Tamid Members** (as of December 1, 2016)

- Anonymous (3 gifts)
- Steve and Wendy Abrams
- Bernard and Fran Alpert
- Harvey and Jacqueline Barnett
- Scott and Karen Bieber
- Leonard Birnbaum
- Gerald and Annette Blumberg
- Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- JoAnne Blumberg
- Andrew Brown
- Gail Feiger Brown

- Ramona Choos
- Steve and Sara Coven
- Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
- Michael and Wendi Ezgur
- Maury and Nancy Fertig
- Ira and Elise Frost
- Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- Jeffrey and Stacy Goldsmith
- Larry Goldsmith
- Scott and Gwen Heyman
- Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
- Herbert and Helene Isaacs
- Harvey and Ellen Jacobson
- Richard and Lois Janger
- Joel and Pearl Kagan
- Chuck Kahalnik
- Bernard and Edith Kaye
- Karen Kesner
- Michael Kesner
- Jeffrey and Beth Kopin
- Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall
- Scott and Jane Lederman
- Michael Levin
- Victor and Arielle Levitan
- Mildred Lidov
- Manny and Kathryn Marczak

- Cara Madansky-Stiebel
- Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
- David Rosen and Amy Zisook
- Jeffrey and Lisa Rosenkranz
- Alan and Mally Rutkoff
- Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
- Skip and Lynn Schroyer
- Phyllis K. Shalowitz
- Leonard Sherman
- Gregg and Rebecca Simon
- Yadelle Sklare
- Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky
- Mark and Mae Spitz
- Morton and Miriam Steinberg
- Mayer Stiebel
- Benton and Sandra Strauss
- Darryl and Mira Temkin
- Leonard and Roberta Tenner
- Howard Turner
- Robert and Millie Weber
- Stephen and Carol Weiss
- Edward Weitz
- Richard and Roberta Wexler
- Jeffrey Wohlstadter
- Frances Lee Zand and Pendri Shalem



**Mira and Darryl Temkin,  
Ner Tamid Members:**

Darryl and I are committed to the Estate Giving Program because we want to assure the future success of the synagogue, even after we're gone. For the past 30 years, we've been dedicated to Beth El, serving as leaders in the congregation and volunteering in a number of capacities. Beth El has been a spiritual home for us; in education, prayer and practice. But most important, the synagogue has helped us instill Jewish beliefs, traditions and values in our three children, who are now raising children of their own. We hope our participation will inspire others to step forward and be counted in this critically important legacy.

## Together with B'Yachad

We honor those congregants who have banded together as B'Yachad Donors for 2016. 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. This group has almost doubled in number from two years ago!

Anonymous  
Harriet Bernbaum  
Eve and Richard Biller  
Gil Bogen  
Gail and Andrew Brown  
Bernice and Buddy Cohen  
Cheryl and Carey Cooper  
Sandra and Phillip Cooper  
Barbara and Lawrence Field

Shelly and Leonard Foxman  
Marilyn Hirsch and Gary Gordon  
Nina and Arnie Harris  
Penny and Jeffrey Hecktman  
Barbara and Stuart Hochwert  
AnnDee and Edward Holland  
Karen and Michael Kesner  
Sari and Mitch Kovitz  
Julie and Colman Kraff

Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall  
Karen and Richard Reisin  
Lisa and Jeffrey Rosenkranz  
Andy and Kenneth Saffir  
Lynn and Skip Schroyer  
Karyn and Bill Silverstein  
Tina and Joseph Wolf  
Sheri and Sherwin Zuckerman

We invite other congregants to join 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, Kol Nidre Appeal, Chesed 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.

## » 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 third year of the "Take a Bite Out of Hunger" project 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 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 stopping by our collection bins and donating Kellogg's brand Nutri-grain bars and fruit squeezer snacks or making financial contributions to this project.** Please remember the children right here in Highland Park who are most in need next time you are at the supermarket and pick up these much needed supplies!

A special thank you to Amy Newman and her charitable organization "Families Helping Families Chicagoland" for kick-starting this year's collection.

#### The Coat Drive

Thanks to those who helped sort coats for Beth El's annual Coat Drive – Mary Channon, Dina Lissos, Janice Aronoff, Mira and Darryl Temkin and Barbara Kahn. Two carloads of women's, men's and children's coats, plus boots, gloves and scarves were delivered to the Chicago Chesed Fund in Lincolnwood, the ORT House and the Highland Park Community Nursery School. Thank you also to those who donated. Your contributions will help keep everyone warm this winter.

#### Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

The Social Action Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2016 Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project. It was a huge success with 125 baskets delivered to needy families. It was such a joy to see the room filled with children, parents and grandparents working together to make bountiful baskets to help our neighbors enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of Fran Pine and her team of volunteers. Fran is the new chair of our beloved Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project. On behalf of the Social Action Committee we want to thank her for her leadership and hard work in continuing one of Beth El's favorite annual traditions and providing our members an opportunity to help those in need and ultimately enrich their own Thanksgiving celebrations.

See you at Mitzvah Day – Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Jacqueline Kott-Wolle and Mary Channon  
Co-Chairs, Social Action Committee



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. This year honoring Rabbi Schwab on his 13 years at Beth El.

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**
- "SOS – Survival on the Streets" care packages for the homeless**
- Write letters to lone soldiers in Israel**
- Bernie's Book Bank**

Be an active member/coordinator on the 2017 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 Jacqueline Kott-Wolle at 847-681-0373 or [jkottwolles@hotmail.com](mailto:jkottwolles@hotmail.com).

#### Upcoming Social Action Opportunities



January 17 & February 21

JUF Uptown Café for ages 12+; serve dinner to neighborhood needy. Contact Rocky Rubinoff at [rochelle.rubinoff@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.rubinoff@gmail.com).

## » Informal Education



### More Than Israel Has Kept Shabbat

Asher Zvi Hirsch Ginsberg, the famous Jewish essayist and thinker known as Ahad Ha'Am, once shared that **"More than Israel has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept Israel."** In classes that I've been in about trends in parenting and teenager screentime, the concept of

Shabbat continually emerges. In a discussion about mindfulness and offering presence, a teacher suggests a day of restful focus and meaningful interaction. David Bryfman, in a recent article in eJewishPhilanthropy entitled "When You're Happy and You Know It," spoke about what we believe Judaism has to offer us as a way of navigating life and our own personal challenges and celebrations. Certainly for some, as he said, "the concept of Shabbat signals a welcome break from the frenetic pace of everyday life," though he acknowledges that others find it hard to access the Shabbat experience.

We have made efforts this year to improve our Junior Congregation experience for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders and have seen incredible results as more families engage with learning on Shabbat.

It has been a vision of this congregation for a long time that once a year we make extra effort to come together as a community to experience a day of rest and learning, good food and even better company. The second weekend in February offers us a cross section of things we cannot ignore – a call to protect our environment in the holiday of Tu B'Shevat and a celebration of freedom's song in Shabbat Shira. On Friday night, our youngest

participants will experience a special Jeans and Jammies: Shabbat in the Forest service, co-sponsored by PJ Library. This interactive evening Shabbat celebration includes a free children's dinner and a chance to explore the Tu B'Shevat Forest put together by the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool every year through the efforts of parents in our community. The Forest is magical and the intersection of holidays and the immersive environment creates a space to allow all of us to expand our thinking. On Shabbat morning a variety of prayer experiences reach out to many different members of our community. There are special services for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School as well as 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders in our Junior Congregation services and our regular B'Yachad Family Services. After we enjoy a Kiddush lunch together, there will be incredible learning sessions for adults and programming for children in the afternoon. We will conclude the day with our BEANS USY and Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High school students joining together with adults for learning sessions and the close of Shabbat together.

Shabbat has more to teach us now than ever, and there are many ways to experience Shabbat. I invite you to experiment with us as we explore new pathways to engagement with the ancient and life-affirming day of rest and rejuvenation.

Mark your calendars for the Beth El Shabbaton on Shabbat February 10-11, 2017.

*Ali Drumm*  
*Director of Informal Education*

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



The children in the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School explored the holidays of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah through the Jewish lens of *mitzvot* and *tzedakah*. While it is often difficult for children to understand the concept of giving, our four-year-old students have a deep understanding of what it truly means to complete the acts of *mitzvot* and provide for those who

are in need. Through a partnership with the Tri-Con Child Care Center in Highland Park, our students provided Thanksgiving meals for three Tri-Con families. After baking yummy treats and hosting an all-school bake sale, the four-year-old students earned enough money to visit the Jewel in Highland Park to shop for Thanksgiving food items. With bags in tow, the students then traveled to Tri-Con Child Care Center to deliver their Thanksgiving meals. The children were able to meet with the Center director, who shared a little about each recipient family.

The children beamed with pride as they saw first-hand the power of community, *tzedakah* and *mitzvot*. We have made it our pledge to continue helping the Tri-Con families throughout the year by providing clothing, toys and household items.

Similarly, the Hanukkah toy drive was a huge success, as our families provided children in need with toys during the holiday season. Toys piled high onto tables in the school wing, where each morning new gifts were added and children cheered that they "did a *mitzvah*!" It is our hope that our children will continue their mensch-like actions, and feel proud of their good deeds!

Registration is now underway at the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School for the 2017-2018 school year and for our 8-week Summer Camp! Pre-School begins with Parent/Toddler and Transition classes for children 17 months old and continues through 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten. For information and to arrange a tour, please contact me at 847- 432-2830.

*Karee Bilsky*  
*Steinberg Pre-School Director*

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

**M'Shulchan Hamenahelet**



There are so many ways to teach and to learn. At the Beth El schools we place great emphasis not only on what we teach but on how we teach it. Our skillful teachers recognize that each learner is different and they work hard to encourage students to ask questions, getting them actively involved as they develop life-long learning habits.

At our schools, you will see a class taking a trip to the Dead Sea in full swim regalia and sun glasses as they learn facts about the lowest place on earth. You will find a child reading from the Torah scroll while a group of students stands by listening and learning the Torah blessings. You will see a child not only learning a Torah reading but understanding the context and content of what they are reading. You will see a Gemara class using a curriculum displayed on the schools' iPads.

Our students learn Hebrew through online games and applications such as Kahoot and Quizlet. They create Hebrew books using visual and vocal online applications. They learn prayers by listening, reading and discussing their meaning. You

will find students sitting on the floor reading from a script as they incorporate Readers' Theater into learning the Torah portion of the week. Students take turns acting out scenes and personifying Bible characters, followed by vibrant discussions. At family services, we invite parents to act out a Torah portion as children relish seeing their parents on stage.

Israel comes to life as students learn from a teacher who is based in Israel and Skypes with them weekly. Adopting a problem-solving process approach, students are led to identify and work systematically to solve real problems Israel has faced or is currently facing. Our students learn experientially by attending Shabbatonim and field trips. We are excited to advertise the trip to Philadelphia for our SHHS students and USY members in March. Check our website and the ad below for more information.

We at CRS and SHHS strive to reach students in a variety of ways as we present learning with diverse and engaging methodology. In this way, we hope to reach all learners.

*Dr. Alicia Gejman*  
*Director of Formal Education*

Sokol Hebrew High School and BEANS USY  
present

# Experience Philadelphia



Sleep in the Philadelphia Jewish Museum, go on a Comedic Walking Tour of the most popular spots in the city, visit the locals and much more....

8th-12th Graders  
March 5-6, 2017  
Cost: \$199 member, \$299 non-member

RSVP by January 7th to Anne at [aloshbough@nssbethel.org](mailto:aloshbough@nssbethel.org)

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

It's that time of year again. Order your hamentashen through the NSS Beth El Youth Community and help us raise Tikkun Olam funds while you enjoy delicious homemade hamentashen!

**Only \$12 per dozen in six great flavors!**

**Apricot \* Cherry \* Chocolate \* Poppy Seed \* Raspberry \* Strawberry**

**Ordering is now open online at <http://tinyurl.com/hamentashen2017> 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."**

Orders can be picked up at the South Entrance of the synagogue at the Purim Carnival on March 12, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, unless other arrangements are made. For any questions please contact Tovah Goodman at [tgoodman@nssbethel.org](mailto:tgoodman@nssbethel.org).

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## 2017 Hamentashen Order Form

Mail to: Beth El Youth Community, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035  
with attention to Hamentashen Orders.

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

Order deadline is  
Friday, February 24, 2017!



» Kol No'ar

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

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

**Shalom Club Under Nighter**

Sunday, January 15  
Grades 2–5

**Keep Kadima Kosher**

Sunday, January 15  
Grades 6–8

**Second City Extravaganza**

Saturday, January 21  
Grades 9–12

**CHUSY Midwinter**

Friday–Saturday, January 27–28  
Grades 9–12

**Bible Raps**

Sunday, January 29  
Grades 9–12

**BEANS USY Gives Back**

Saturday, February 18  
Grades 9–12

**BEANS Day Off**

Monday, February 20  
Grades 2–7

**CHUSY Kadima Day**

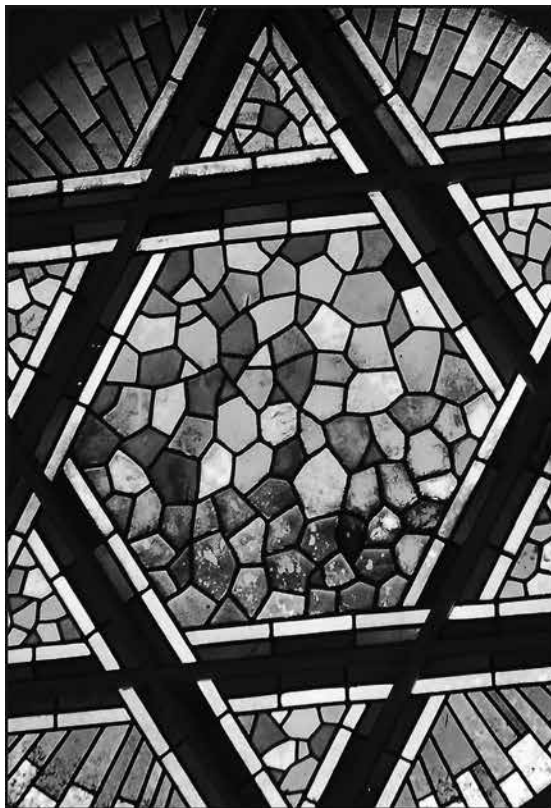
Sunday, February 26  
Grades 6–8

**Hamentashen Baking**

Sunday–Tuesday, February 26–28  
Grades 9–12

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

For questions about upcoming events, please email Tovah Goodman at [tgoodman@nssbethel.org](mailto:tgoodman@nssbethel.org).



*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).



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*Fall in Review*

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It has been a fantastic fall in the Beth El Youth Community! Individuals from kindergarten through college have all been engaged.

M&M Club (K-1) members got involved with the giving spirit this November by participating in the Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project with their families. The youngsters ran around packing boxes and writing cards.

Afterwards everyone noshed on bagels while we learned new songs and even got to witness a magic trick courtesy of Magic Jeff.

Shalom Club (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) had an exciting first few events! We started the year with Tikkun Olam by writing meaningful Rosh Hashana cards to soldiers in Israel. The second adventure took us all the way to Apple Holler, where a busload of excited kids filled bags from a variety of apples, went on a hay ride and interacted with the local animals. Last but not least we had a movie night and laughed along with Alexander and his family watching, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Popcorn was of course included.

Kadima (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) has been working together to build leadership skills by experiencing an Escape Room. We had to examine clues very carefully in order to find the missing passports. Requests for another Escape Room are already in play. Kadima also got to experience what CHUSY (Chicagoland United Synagogue Youth) Region had to offer by spending a weekend in Wisconsin for the CHUSY Music Awards. We played Name That Tune, had a dance party, visited Kalahari Water Park and had a fun and lively Shabbat together.

USY (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) has had a whirlwind of a fall! We started by having a game night and experiencing the local sweet flavors of Chicago during a dessert hop. We gave back too! Thanks to the generosity of the NSS Beth El community we were able to raise over \$700 during our Sukkot Car Wash. We had significant attendance in CHUSY Region as well. CHUSYfest transported us back to the days of Woodstock, tie dye and anthems about peace during a groovy weekend in Wisconsin with over 80 teens. USY celebrated Hanukkah by hosting Teen Minyan, where USYers led the service, followed by a trip to Lincoln Park Zoo to see Zoolights. At the end of December, 8 teens from Beth El traveled to USY International Convention in Dallas and experienced prayer, social programming and lots of Ruach with Jewish teens from all over the country and Canada.

Emails are sent monthly with updates about upcoming events. If you are not getting emails, please send me an email at [tgoodman@nssbethel.org](mailto:tgoodman@nssbethel.org) and I will add you to the list!

Enthusiastically,

*Tovah Goodman*  
Youth Community Director



**M&M Club participating in the Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project**



**BEANS USY at CHUSYfest**

## » Sisterhood



מה יפה ירושתנו

### Shalom and Happy 2017!

Every woman at Beth El is an *ishet chayil*, a woman of valor, who, by "*pri yadehah*," (the work of her own hands) and by her tireless efforts, lays the groundwork for a better, brighter and more joyous future for her entire community. Through Sisterhood, we can foster a supportive community together, where women encourage one another to be courageous, to confront challenges and to embrace opportunities. For 2017, commit to join us – become more involved and invigorate Sisterhood for a stronger, brighter year.

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

## Upcoming Sisterhood Events



### Game Night

**Saturday, February 25, 7:00pm**

Join Sisterhood and Men's Club for Game Night. Dinner, snacks, and games. More details to come.



## Mishloach Manot – It's Tradition!

Purim is Saturday Evening, March 11

Sisterhood will be bringing you a new version of *mishloach manot* to help you fulfill this *mitzvah*. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. Questions, please contact Pam Schlosberg at pgs567@comcast.net or call 847-433-7546.



## Sisterhood Torah Fund

**Giving to Torah Fund** shows your support for the students who will build and animate the next generation of Jewish life for your children and grandchildren. Our Conservative/Masorti Jewish communities rely on the vision, passion, and skill of leaders trained at the five seminaries affiliated with the Conservative Movement.

For every new rabbi and cantor, a whole community is inspired. For every new day school and congregational school principal, hundreds of children learn what it means to be Jewish. For every new Hillel director, countless college students find meaningful Jewish experiences on campus.

Our Jewish future requires passionate leaders who fearlessly innovate to build community. **That's what Torah Fund supports.**

**Thank you for supporting Torah Fund this year:** Elinor Bayliss, Sandra Becker, Joan Behrmann, Eve Biller, Shirley Bornstein, Mary Ellen Bowers, Rita Echt, Batia Eizikovic, Judy Falk, Rachel Ferber, Bruno Fischer, Ruth Fischer, Lori Flignor, Allene Frost, Elise Frost, Beth Footlik, Linda Gottlieb, Marla Hand,

Barbara Hochwert, Carol Honigberg, Barbara Kahn, Joyce Joseph, Joyce Kamen, Gerry Kaplan, Marlene Kaplan, Debra Kravitz, Bryna Kurtz, Ellen Lavin, Marilyn Lewis, Cara Madansky Stiebel, Judy Miller, Jean Moses, Dolly Nast, James Nyeste, Selena Pestine, Maurice Pickard, Fran Rabinowitz, Andrea Saffir, Jori Saks, Susan Saper, Pam Schlosberg, Caryn Sedloff, Cindy Shekhtman, Myrna Siegel, Ruth Stern, Merle Tovian, Karen Weiss, Herman Wexler, and Pearl Zaid.

If you share Torah Fund's values – Jewish learning in the service of Jewish life, a steadfast love of the Jewish people, and a commitment to inspiring the next generation with a loving, bold, deeply rooted Jewish identity – **show your support by donating to Torah Fund.** Together we all help create Jewish leaders who will bring these values to fruition for generations to come.

All monies collected go directly to Torah Fund. Contributions are tax deductible. Donation envelopes are available in the Beth El office and Gift Shop and by contacting Linda Gottlieb at 847-835-3101.

Linda Gottlieb  
Vice President - Torah Fund

## Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Michal Lemberger will discuss her debut collection of short stories, *After Abel and Other Stories*, with the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club after Shabbat Kiddush on **Saturday, January 14 at 1:00pm**. Vividly reimagined with startling contemporary clarity, Lemberger gives voice to silent, oft-marginalized biblical women: their ambitions, their love for their children, their values, their tremendous struggles and challenges. *After Abel and Other Stories* was a Finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, an Honorable Mention for the American Library Association Sophie Brody Medal, and was named one of the Jewish Book Council's "15 fiction books that shaped Jewish life in 2015."



Michal Lemberger holds an M.A. and PhD in English from UCLA and a B.A. in English and Religion from Barnard College. She has taught The Hebrew Bible as Literature at UCLA and at the American Jewish University. Her nonfiction and journalism have appeared in *Slate*, *Salon*, *Tablet*, and other publications, and her poetry has been published in a number of print and online journals, including *The Bellevue Literary Review* and *The Rattling Wall*.

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris on **Saturday, February 25** after Shabbat Kiddush, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. A tale inspired by the infamous Dreyfus Affair finds Georges Picquart, the recently promoted head of Paris' late-nineteenth-century counterespionage agency, leading the effort to convict Dreyfus only to succumb to gradual doubts that a high-level spy remains at large in the military.

New participants welcome! Copies of the books are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or at 847-926-7902 for the complete book club calendar. A \$36 annual donation to the Torah Fund Campaign is requested.

## NS Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop *Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts*



### ***A Message from the Gift Shop Co-Chairs, Sulie Holt and Diane Levin....***

We usually begin our Kol Beth El message by showcasing a new artist we discovered or new merchandise we thought you would like to know about. This month, we want to focus on something we never can say often enough, Thank You!

We are very grateful for your interest, encouragement, and weekly support of our Gift Shop as well as for our recent special sales event. We love having you stop in to shop and/or browse and we welcome your suggestions. But most of all we thank you for allowing us to be your resource for beautiful Judaica and gifts. Because of you, we can sustain our financial contributions to NSS Beth El Religious Schools.

As we go forward, you have our commitment to bring you a wide variety of unique Judaica, stunning gifts, and the highest quality of service. If you see something that you would like us to order, we will be happy to research it and order the item. If you have a wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the future and would like to create a Gift Registry, we will meet with you. If you want to come by and just browse to get gift ideas, we will be there for you.

We look forward to seeing you in the Gift Shop soon.  
Gift Shop Hours: Sundays, 9:00am-1:00pm; Tuesdays, 10:00am-Noon.

We can also meet your scheduling needs and meet at your convenience, simply call: Sulie Holt at 847-558-3389; Diane Levin at 847-571-5629; or Pam Schlosberg at 847-433-7546.

**Day Camp Stipend Applications Offered Again by Men's Club** – Men's Club is offering a Jewish Day Camp Stipend to children of Men's Club members again this year. Any child of a NSS Beth El Men's Club member that attends an area "Day" Camp that is sponsored by a Jewish Organization is eligible. Stipends will be awarded on a first come - first serve basis, so don't wait to the last minute to submit your application. Our final deadline is February 28, 2017 unless we run out of money first. For more information or to request an application, contact Rob Freeman at rob.nssbethel@gmail.com.



## Keeper of the Flame

On November 6, our Men's Club honored an outstanding and most deserving member, Jeffrey Goldsmith, as our 2016 Keeper of the Flame recipient. This award honors Men's Club members who have exhibited leadership in promoting Jewish values and added to the betterment of Men's Club, Congregation and the community.

A large contingent of Men's Club members, together with friends and family, gathered to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast and honor Jeffrey. In addition to laudatory remarks offered by both Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab, many friends shared with the attendees Jeffrey's tremendous contributions to both the Men's Club and to the Beth El community at large. Ron Goldberg chaired the event in a most professional manner and presented plaques to our recipient, who then offered thanks to all for attending and to Men's Club for honoring him as "Keeper of the Flame."



## Men's Club 2016 Candidates Town Halls

Beth El Men's Club hosted candidates from both parties in two separate events: a Democratic Candidates Town Hall in September and a Republican Candidates Town Hall in October. Each of the many candidates articulated their position on the various issues, followed by lively rounds of Q&A. The Men's Club extends its sincere thanks to Michael Salberg for his uncompromising efforts in organizing this event every year.

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

In adherence to our charter, and with an ongoing commitment to the synagogue and to Men's Club members, we will offer programming nearly every Sunday morning, from September through May. This will include the stimulating Bagels for Your Brains programs, which offer regular formal educational presentations, with informal presentations and Torah study sessions interspersed between. Please check your synagogue mailings, emails, and our new Men's Club website for additional upcoming programming and details.

**Men's Club Shabbat Weekend**  
Friday–Sunday, January 13–15

**World Wide Wrap**  
Sunday, February 5

**Annual Caveman Dinner**  
Thursday, February 16

**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Event**  
Saturday, February 25

**Men's Club Purim Night**  
Thursday, March 2

**Annual Men's Club Man of the Year Dinner**  
Sunday, March 19

**Yom HaShoah Candle Packing**  
Tuesday, April 4

**Men's Club Offsite Event**  
Thursday, May 4

**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz**  
Tuesday, May 9

**Off-Site Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Open Mic Night**  
Date TBD

These are just a few of our upcoming events, so stay tuned to learn about many more exciting programs and opportunities to participate! If you're not already a member, join the Men's Club today! Questions? Email us at nssbethelmensclub@gmail.com.

## » Men's Club

The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club has been busy so far this year, having already offered several informative, engaging, and fun social events, and with many more to come. Like last year, there will be several joint activities with the Beth El Sisterhood.



### Annual Kick-Off Event: Scotch & Steak Night

The Men's Club annual Scotch and Steak Night took place on Thursday evening, September 13. Over 100 men, young and more senior, shared in conversation, friendship, appetizers, mouth-watering entrees, and tasty desserts. Of course, a generous variety and number of fine scotches and bourbons were available to enhance this enjoyable affair. Attendees stayed late into the evening to socialize with new and old friends. Plan to join us next year for this fun evening, filled with food, festivity and friendship.

### Hearing Men's Voices Programs

The Hearing Men's Voices program series resumed on October 19 with an informal discussion of *Jewish Lifecycle Issues: Living Jewishly from Birth to Death*. The next session, which took place on November 17, addressed *Family Dynamics & Family Matters*. Each of these sessions offers insights into current, real-life issues facing men in today's society. Our last session before the end of the 2016 calendar year took place on Monday, December 19 and discussed the book, *The Seasons of a Man's Life*, by Daniel Levinson.

### Sunday Mornings Bagels for Your Brains

The very successful Sunday morning program, Bagels for Your Brains, resumed in September 2016, kicked off by Rabbis Zev and Shmuel Cohen's presentation on the fascinating topic of Jewish ethics and the law. Later that month, Joshua Tepfer, an attorney and professor at Northwestern University School of Law, presented on "The Exoneration Project," which is dedicated helping innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted. In November, Dr. Mike Greenberg presented the intriguing topic, "Tables Turned on Them; Jewish GIs guarding German POWs." Each presentation was exceptionally well attended and well received, as evidenced by the long Q&A following each event. Mark your calendars to join us at 10:00am following morning minyan for Bagels for Your Brains.



### FJMC Midwest Regional Breakfast

The Midwest Region's monthly meeting took place at Congregation Rodfei Zedek in September of this past year, attended by Beth El members Gerry Brin and Ernie Smolen. After morning minyan and a sumptuous breakfast, the meeting commenced with an informative presentation by a physician who discussed the causes and effects of diabetes. This was followed by a presentation from the day's main guest speaker, Sam Cholke, an investigative columnist, who spoke about neighborhood growth and local political issues on the South Side of Chicago, including the impact to the environs from the future Obama Library to be located in Washington Park.

### Lox Box Program – Another Rousing Success

Nearly 100 lox boxes, filled with lox, bagels, cream cheese, tomatoes, fruit, juice, dessert, and more were packed and distributed by Men's Club members on Sunday, November 20. All net proceeds are donated to the Synagogue. Thank you to everyone who participated, those who purchased and enjoyed the delicious breakfast food, and to all Club members who volunteered to help make this annual program a raving success. We extend a *yasher koach* to Al Simons for his leadership of this event.

### Kiddush Club

Our Kiddush Club continues to meet about once every six weeks, just after the conclusion of Shabbat services. Enjoy a wonderful Beth El Congregational Deli Lunch sponsored by the Men's Club, kibbitz with your friends and other Beth El families, and share in the delicious corned beef, turkey, salads and more. Many thanks to Steve Coven for coordinating this delightful Shabbat afternoon event. For more information, contact Steve at [scoven@napcoltd.com](mailto:scoven@napcoltd.com).

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Alicia Gejman on receiving her Doctorate degree - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Bradley Kaufman's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In honor of* Eleanor and Albert Boxerman's 70th wedding anniversary - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- *In honor of* Eli Greenstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Ethan Small achieving the rank of Eagle Scout - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Felissa Kreindler on her Simchat Torah honor - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Julia Tenner becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Linda and Steve Feinstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Levi - Alan and Susan Resnick
- *In honor of* our son Benjamin Bronson's engagement to Allison Pullman - Daniel and Honey Bronson
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at Ben and Becky's wedding - Carol and Gordon Derman
- *In honor of* Rebecca Halfin's Bat Mitzvah - Elizabeth and Simon Halfin
- *In honor of* Rob Freeman on his Simchat Torah honor - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Ron Weingardt's recovery from surgery and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ronald and Eleanor Weingardt
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Steve and Dawn Lavin being honored at the JNF Chicago Tree of Life Award dinner - Mason and Lauren Salit
- *In honor of* the birth of our first grandchild, Rose Margaux Ruderman - Robert and Carol Ruderman
- *In honor of* the birth of Richard and Pam Schlosberg's grandson - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Tracey Hendler on her Simchat Torah honor - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Abraham "Dobby" Dobkin - David and Janice Lasky
- *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* Allen Weber and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber
  - Gerald Lapins
  - Maurice and Sandra Raizes
  - Amos and Edith Turner
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Ann Bernstein, beloved mother - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Anna Citro, beloved mother - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray
  - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
  - Sophia Shaw
  - Kurt and Robyn Silberstein
  - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Bertha Wexler Goldstein, M.D., beloved mother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton
  - Irwin and Roberta, Rachel and Larry Chafetz
  - Sara and Jay Greenstein
  - Nadine Evans and Rafi Kieval
  - Maurice and Sandra Raizes
  - Joshua and Beatrice Segal
- *In memory of* Burton Wilens, beloved husband - Helen Wilens
- *In memory of* Doris Rudman, beloved sister-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Edith and Sidney Weiss, beloved parents - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Eleanor Goldstein, beloved mother - Phyllis Fischel
- *In memory of* Eleanor Rubinstein, beloved mother - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Elizabeth Diane Glick, beloved mother of Debbie Graham - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Ellen Fagan, beloved sister - Helen Wilens
- *In memory of* Emmanuel Rich, beloved father - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Esau Cohodes, beloved father - Helen Wilens
- *In memory of* Esther Mizel, beloved mother - Gerald and Liora Mizel

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## Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Esther Shlensky, beloved mother - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Ethel Cohodes, beloved mother - Helen Wilens
- *In memory of* Evelyn Pomerantz, beloved sister - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Evelyn Smiley, beloved mother - Judy and Stephen Smiley
- *In memory of* Florence Silver, beloved mother - Bruce and Audrey Silver
- *In memory of* Frieda Fireman and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mark and Francine Levy
- *In memory of* Gene Igolka, beloved father - Ellen and Steven Lasin
- *In memory of* Harry Bernbaum, beloved husband of Harriet Bernbaum - Nessia Frank
- *In memory of* Harry Reisin, beloved father - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Harry Shlensky, beloved father - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Howard Lidov, beloved husband - Mildred Lidov
- *In memory of* Howard Lidov, beloved husband of Mildred Lidov - Edward and Paulette Margulies
- *In memory of* Iris and Jerome Stein, beloved mother and father - Stuart and Rolly Cohen
- *In memory of* Jackie Sabath and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ned and Cindy Zallik
- *In memory of* Jerome Rudman, beloved brother-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* John Ferns, beloved brother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Julius Citro, beloved step-father - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Keren-Or Bernbaum, beloved daughter - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Keren-Or Bernbaum, beloved daughter of Harriet Bernbaum - Nessia Frank
- *In memory of* Louis A. Bloom, beloved father - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Mae Olshansky, beloved mother-in-law - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Marvin Bernstein, beloved friend - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Maurice Olshansky, beloved father-in-law - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Milbert Fein, beloved father - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Minn Holtzman, beloved grandmother - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Miriam Rothen Faust, beloved mother and grandmother - Annette Feller
- *In memory of* Muriel Kushner, beloved mother - Mark and Susan Pollack
- *In memory of* Myra L. Kramer, beloved wife - Lionel Kramer
- *In memory of* Nathan Goldstein, beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Philip Mizel, beloved father - Gerald and Liora Mizel
- *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* Reba Katz, beloved mother - Martin and Deborah Stern
- *In memory of* Richard Talman, beloved brother-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Rose Berman, beloved mother - Leon and Leslie Fox
- *In memory of* Roslyn Greenfield, my love for 69 years - Milton Greenfield
- *In memory of* Ruth Sol, beloved mother of Judy Siskel - Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- *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* Shirley Nyeste, beloved mother - James Nyeste and Marla Hand
- *In memory of* Sidney Feitelberg, beloved brother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Tillie L. Shanes, beloved mother - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Vera Blum, beloved mother - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Walter Ira Levy, beloved father - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Yetta Rosenberg, beloved mother - Michael J. and Sharon Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Zelig Sered, beloved father - Melvin and Hedy Sered

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund  
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- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mark and Nina Gaines, Ellen and Larry Grossman, Judy and Michael Smith, Laura and Ben Sheridan and Carol and Steven Edelson
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman
- Alison and Mike Arkin
- Carol and Gordon Derman
- Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
- Tracey and Bob Kritt and family
- Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- Steven and Dawn Lavin
- Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- Maurice and Sandra Raizes
- Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- Gordon Schwartz
- Karen Weiss
- Richard and Nadine Woldenberg
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Sally Aaron
- Diane Bellows
- Barbara Freeman
- Sol and Harriet Price
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz who offered support and assistance to Judith Weiner and family - Lawrence Weiner
- *With appreciation to* Barry and Terri Wallach

**Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Daniel and Rhonda's engagement - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In honor of* our son Benjamin Bronson's engagement to Allison Pullman - Daniel and Honey Bronson
- *In honor of* the birth of Jill and Irwin Bernstein's grandson, Noah Jay Karmin - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Aileen Wolleman, beloved sister - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Allen Weber and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Anita Brenner, beloved sister - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Sophia Shaw
- *In memory of* Arthur Harrison, beloved father and papa - Myron and Susan Block
- *In memory of* Bernard Abels, beloved father - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Bernard Katz and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Michael and Susan Millenson
- *In memory of* Dr. Zayne Wilk, beloved brother - Roger and Ronnie Walk
- *In memory of* Edith Hartman, beloved sister - Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Freida Wexler, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Frieda Fireman, beloved mother of Fran Levy - Alan and Susan Resnick
- *In memory of* Jackie Sabbath and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Ned and Cindy Zallik
- *In memory of* Janet Waldman - Carol Waldman
- *In memory of* Joseph Wexler, beloved grandfather - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Martin Spieler, beloved husband - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Mose J. Winick, beloved father - Adrian and Linda Winick
- *In memory of* Otto Hammel, beloved father - Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Regina Kupferschmidt and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Georgann Humphrey
- *In memory of* Rose Greenberg, beloved mother - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Sy Sterns, beloved father - Jay and Mindy Sterns



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- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mark and Nina Gaines, Ellen and Larry Grossman, Judy and Michael Smith, Laura and Ben Sheridan and Carol and Steven Edelson
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Bob and Sharon Abrams
- *With appreciation to* the wonderful NSS Beth El community - Richard and Sharon Schwab
- *With appreciation to* Brad Pickard for a great friendship - Albert Karoll
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab
  - Robin Channon
  - Jeanine Goldstein
  - Renee Hoover
  - Jesse Schessel
  - Robert and Perri Silverstein
  - Marissa and Michael Teplitsky
  - Bruce and Lauri Zessar
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for helping with my mother's stone unveiling - Barry and Anita Poll
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for our grandson Noah Karmin's Bris - Irwin and Jill Bernstein
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for the baby naming of Skylar Shatzkamer and Emma Herz - Matthew and Erica Shatzkamer, Jennifer and Josh Herz
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab who offered support and assistance to Judith Weiner and family - Lawrence Weiner

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## Hazzan Tisser's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Alan Mitchell's special birthday - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In honor of* Bradley Kaufman's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In honor of* Larry Goldsmith's new book - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In honor of* Rebecca Halfin's Bat Mitzvah - Elizabeth and Simon Halfin
- *In memory of* Allen Weber and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Alfred Feller, beloved husband, father and grandfather - Annette Feller
- *In memory of* Fred Newman, beloved father - Alan and Barbara Newman
- *In memory of* Freyda R. Fredman, beloved sister - Shael and Myrna Siegel
- *In memory of* Hazzan Alan Smolen, beloved son - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Jackie Sabath and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Ned and Cindy Zallik
- *In memory of* Rabbi Reuben Katz, beloved father of Debbie Stern - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *In memory of* Sylvia Feinberg, beloved mother - Michael and Susan Millenson
- *In memory of* Warren Berman, beloved brother - Leon and Leslie Fox
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Mark and Nina Gaines, Ellen and Larry Grossman, Judy and Michael Smith, Laura and Ben Sheridan and Carol and Steven Edelson
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *Wishing complete and speedy recovery to* Mary Ellen Bowers - Refuah Shlemah - Robert and Beth Footlik
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser who offered support and assistance to Judith Weiner and family - Lawrence Weiner
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser for helping me with my conversion - Diane Bellows

**Adolph M. and Lotty Jacobson  
Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Lotty Jacobson, beloved  
mother - Harvey and Ellen Jacobson

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**Andrew and Gail Brown Technology  
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife  
of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail  
Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel  
and Avrum Gray  
- Joel and Pearl Kagan  
- Lisa and Jeff Rosenkranz

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

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of  
Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother  
of Sandy Weber - Pearl and Joel Kagan

- *In memory of* Jack Weinberg, beloved  
father and Zaide - Pearl and Joel Kagan

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**Ba'al Korei Fund**

- *In honor of* Howard Turner on his 80th  
Birthday - Margery Newman  
- *In honor of* my being asked to lead Mincha  
on Rosh Hashanah - Mark Daskin  
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry  
Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary -  
Aaron and Ellen Krumbein  
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of  
Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother  
of Sandy Weber - Howard Turner

- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife  
of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail  
Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel  
and Avrum Gray - Howard Turner  
- *In memory of* Dr. Nachum Raphaeli,  
beloved father - Michael and Robin Shartiag  
- *In memory of* Ira DeKoven, beloved brother  
of Mona Fishbane - Howard Turner

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

- *In memory of* Bella Drachler Tesler, beloved  
mother - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler  
- *In memory of* Bella Drachler Tesler,  
beloved sister - Ferne Avery

- *In memory of* Earl Julian Adams, beloved  
father - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

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

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved  
wife of Bertram Hamilton - Candice Kiss  
- *In memory of* Isadore Eisenberg, beloved  
father - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg  
- *In memory of* Mary Cohen, beloved  
mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg

- *In memory of* Yonnie Cohen, beloved  
father - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg

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**Camp Ramah General Endowment  
Fund**

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry  
Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary -  
Babbette Levy

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## Capital Improvement Fund

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
- *In memory of* Charles English, beloved father - Elliot and Anne Rossen
- *In memory of* Devorah Miriam Holland, beloved daughter - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Florence Bearak, beloved mother - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Lavina Baron Friedman, beloved mother - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
- *In memory of* Martin Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Marvin Holland, beloved husband - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Myndel and Sam Rubin, beloved mother and father - Stuart and Marlene Senescu
- *In memory of* Sol Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Edward and Ann Dee Holland
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

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## Continuing Education Fund

- *In honor of* Bradley Kaufman's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Joanne Blumberg - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In honor of* Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman special anniversary and 30 years of friendship - Pestine-Wexler Family
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter on their double chai anniversary - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary
  - Karen and Michael Kesner
  - Michelle Wasserman and David Smith
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton
  - Allene Frost
  - Ira and Elise Frost
  - Beth and Jeff Silverman
- *In memory of* Gita Yellen - Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Rosin
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Rose Greenberg, beloved mother of Allan Greenberg - Elise and Ira Frost

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## Earl Linch Memorial Holocaust Education Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Sidney Linch, beloved father-in-law - Carol Linch

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## Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Alan Mitchell's birthday - Paulette Margulies
- *In honor of* Fran Alpert's birthday - Paulette Margulies
- *In honor of* Fran Alpert's special birthday - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In honor of* Nessia Frank - Carol and Steve Weiss
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe
  - Bernard and Fran Alpert
  - Gerry Kaplan
  - Edward and Paulette Margulies
  - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Irving Rabinowitz, beloved father - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber
  - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
  - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman

**General Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary - Mark and Jodie Mosk  
 - *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina

and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Terri and Michael Lipsitz

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

- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Gerald and Rita Buckman

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Gerald and Rita Buckman

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

- *In honor of* Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman's double chai wedding anniversary - Tamara and Earl Norman

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary - Judy Miller

**Glass/Goldman Program Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Ellen and Philip Glass

**Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary - Leslie and Bruce Boruszak  
 - *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Cheryl and Danny Schwartz

- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe - Ira and Cindy Alport and sons

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

- *In memory of* Ethel Horwitz, beloved mother and Ben Hoffman, beloved father - David and Barbara Hoffman

**I. Finkelstein Fund**

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Seymour Rothstein

**Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Dr. Loren and Rebecca Schechter's son, Miles Schechter - Jeff and Jaimy Hamburg  
 - *In honor of* the birth of Pam and Richard Schlosberg's grandson - Nancy and Larry Kekst  
 - *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Tracey Hendler

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton  
 - Howard Turner  
 - Bob and Millie Weber  
 - *In memory of* David S. Levinson, beloved father - David and Pamela Hirschfield  
 - *In memory of* Freida Fireman, beloved mother of Fran Levy - Howard Turner  
 - *In memory of* Gertrude Sher, beloved mother - Michael and Sara Sher

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## Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Jerome Mann, beloved brother of Rhoda Levine - Judith Sarnat
- *In memory of* Martin Meyerson, beloved father - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Mildred Cohen, beloved mother - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Sylvia Levinson, beloved mother - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Howard Turner
- *With appreciation to* Alicia Gejman for all of her help - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *With appreciation to* Sheryl Kravitz for your fine work - Nancy and Larry Kekst
- *With appreciation* - Eric and Kim Ephraim and Family
- *With appreciation* - Renee Hoover

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## Janger Family Havurot Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Janger, beloved brother of Richard Janger - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In memory of* Seth Janger, beloved son of Richard and Lois Janger - Karen and Michael Kesner

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## Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber
- Harry Feiger
- Elise and Ira Frost
- Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- Bobbie and Len Tenner
- Natalie Weinstein
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray
- Robert and Sharon Abrams
- Wendy and Steve Abrams
- Liz Arky
- Stephen and Robin Berger
- Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein
- Marilyn Birz
- Suzi Birz
- Howard and Randee Blair
- Hugh and Arlene Block
- Lawrence and Abby Block
- David and Simone Bloom and Family
- Annette and Gerald Blumberg
- Amanda Chong
- Neil Dahlmann
- Toni Deser and Paul Rodman
- Lawrence and Barbara Field
- Bobbie Fink
- Robert and Marcy Freeman
- Elise and Ira Frost
- Lynn and Michael Froy
- Ron and Pam Futterman
- Judy and Doug Garfinkel
- Beth, Mike, Aaron, Josh and Seth Gilford and Lainie and Jake Ettlinger
- Mindy and Jeff Gordon and Family
- Norm and Cynthia Goldring
- Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- Joan Groner
- Charlie Habic
- Sheldon and Bryna Kahalas
- Rita Kanne
- Gerry Kaplan
- Linda Kellough
- Nancy and Larry Kekst
- Myrna Kopin
- Gerald Lapins
- Scott and Betsy Lassar
- Michael and Judith Lavin
- Sara and Jay Leopold
- Ronald Levitsky
- Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- Fredric and Karyl Mandel
- Nissah Mattenson
- Vanessa, Evelyn and Theo McGuire
- Doris and Elliott Mirman
- Lois Moss
- Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
- Matt Pestine
- Barbara Pohn
- Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
- Maurice and Sandra Raizes
- Nina Montgomery and Katie Randolph
- Edward and Sari Salinas
- Betty Sandlow and Melvin Worssek
- Judith Sarnat
- Jonathan and Francine Sherman

**Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund (continued)**

- Michael Smerling
- Lee Solomon
- Leonard and Roberta Tenner
- Lucille Wolf
- *In memory of* Bee Greenstein, beloved grandmother - Steven and Marci Friedman
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Bradley and Kathleen Gordon
- *In memory of* Ira DeKoven, beloved brother of Mona Fishbane - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Rose Greenberg, beloved mother of Allan Greenberg - Judith Lavin
- *In memory of* Ruth Sol, beloved mother of Judy Siskel - Judith Lavin
- *In memory of* Samuel Loseff, beloved father-in-law - Elaine Loseff
- *In memory of* Sidney Kaplan, beloved father - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman
- Annette and Gerald Blumberg
- Judith Lavin
- *In memory of* Max Stark, beloved father - Natalie Weinstein

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

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Gwen and Scott Heyman

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

- *In memory of* Al Kopin - Larry Pachter, Sandy Starkman, Uri, Hollen and Avram Pachter
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Shirley Lynn - Gwen and Scott Heyman
- *In memory of* Shirley, our beloved cousin - Herbert and Myrna Natkin
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Myrna Kopin

**Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Bernard Kurtz, beloved father - Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
- *In memory of* Frank Gula, beloved uncle - Vernon and Bryna Kurtz

**Maxwell Abbell Library Fund**

- *In honor of* my aliyah on Rosh Hashanah - William and Wendy Lipsman
- *In honor of* our new grandson Max Felix Lipsman - William and Wendy Lipsman
- *In memory of* Alfred Stern, beloved brother - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Avra Tovian - Larry Pachter, Sandy Starkman, Uri, Hollen and Avram Pachter
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe
- Theodore and Cheryl Banks
- William and Wendy Lipsman
- *In memory of* Rabbi Abraham Mesch, beloved father - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Selma Stern, beloved mother - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* William Marx, beloved brother-in-law - Arnold and Hilda Reingold

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## Minyan Fund

- *In honor of* Eleanor and Albert Boxerman's wedding anniversary - Deborah, Michael, Debbie and Samuel Boxerman
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary
  - Stephanie Smerling
  - Pam and Richard Schlosberg
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's double chai anniversary
  - Wendy and Danny Kahn
  - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Abe Frydman, beloved father-in-law - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Albert Gersowsky, beloved father - Barry Gersowsky
- *In memory of* Alex Turner, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber
  - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
  - The Lansing Family
  - Cindy Leshtz
- *In memory of* Angela Saporta, beloved mother - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Arthur Ramek, beloved brother - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Bernard A. Cohen, beloved husband - Marion Cohen
- *In memory of* Harold Goldenberg, beloved father - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn
- *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* Helga Bierig, beloved mother - Gerald and Judy Farby
- *In memory of* Joseph Lipsman, beloved father - William and Wendy Lipsman
- *In memory of* Lynne Silberman, beloved sister - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Morris Hertz, beloved father - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* N. Arthur Rubinoff, beloved father - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In memory of* Nathan Regenstreif, beloved father - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Rosalyn Mason, beloved mother - Sanford and Glenda Mason
- *In memory of* Ruth Dolansky, beloved mother - Sanford and Glenda Mason
- *In memory of* Solomon E. Harrison, beloved father - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - The Lansing Family
- *With appreciation for* my aliyah - Felissa Kreindler

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

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary
  - Ronnie Jo Sokol
  - Jerome and Gail Taxy

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## Music Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Denise and Steve Krug

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## NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Felissa Kreindler receiving the Hatan Bareshit honor for Simchat Torah - Michael and Jane Strauss
- *In honor of* the birth of Steven and Linda Feinstein's granddaughter, Levi Judith Feinstein - Solomon and Belle Weinstein
- *In memory of* Alan Miller, beloved husband of Judith Miller - Gerald Frank
- *In memory of* Benjamin Freifeld, beloved father-in-law - Marilyn Freifeld

**NSSBE Special Gifts Fund  
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton
- Michael Dicker
- Bruno and Ruth Fischer
- Rosalind Gorin
- Barbara and Elliot Grupp
- James Novak
- Lorraine Pattis
- Stephanie and Joel Sklar
- Rita Weiss
- Harvey Wineberg
- *In memory of* Dina Field, beloved mother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Gregory Moss, beloved husband - Lois Moss
- *In memory of* Helga Bierig and with appreciation to NSS Beth El - Jack Bierig
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife - Abraham de Leeuwe
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe
- Susan and Marvin Adelman
- Joseph and Susan Ament
- Lawrence and Abby Block
- Solna Braude
- Linda and Jonathan Davis
- Michael and Jean Freed
- Joanne and Bernie Harris
- Carl Wetzstein
- *In memory of* Irwin Jacobson, beloved husband of Fern Jacobson - Michael and Elinor Laupheimer
- *In memory of* Morris J. Weiner, beloved father of Marsha Weinstein - Lois Moss
- *In memory of* Rose Greenberg, beloved mother - Allan and Hilary Greenberg
- *In memory of* Stephen Nyeste, beloved father - James Nyeste and Marla Hand
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman
- Joseph and Susan Ament
- Marvin Berger
- Gail Cooper and Steve Weinstein
- Arthur and Judith Coren
- Bruno and Ruth Fischer
- Jon and Shelley Gluck
- Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- Beth and Jim Keller
- Karen and Michael Kesner
- Fred and Corinne Lane
- Edward and Paulette Margulies
- Lynne and Jon Shapiro
- Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky
- *With appreciation for* Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith's friendship - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg

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

- *In honor of* Becky Propen - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Jen Herz - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* the marriage of Dana Horwitz and Evan Birnbaum - Steinberg Pre-School Staff
- *In honor of* Joshua Kaplan's Bar Mitzvah - Steinberg Pre-school Staff
- *In honor of* the birth of Schuyler Jaymes Cohen, new daughter and baby sister - Marlyse, Adam and Brittany Cohen
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Hilary and Joe Gibbons
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman
- Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- Cheryl and Keith Weitzman
- *With appreciation for* Rabbi Michael and Erica Schwab's friendship - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg

**Pinsof Children's Reading  
Room Fund**

- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Paul and Mary Tortorella
- *With appreciation to* our Beth El Family, a Happy and Healthy New Year - The Pinzur Family



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# Todah Rabbah

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## Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Bradley Kaufman's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In honor of* Howard Turner's 80th birthday - Ramona Choos and Family
- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's 36th wedding anniversary - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber
  - Annette and Gerald Blumberg
  - Lillian Charney
  - Doris and Elliott Mirman
- *In memory of* Frank G. Marshall, beloved father - Bertram and Betty Hamilton
- *In memory of* Herbert T. Gross, beloved husband - Alice Gross
- *In memory of* Howard Wittenberg, beloved husband - Iris Wittenberg
- *In memory of* Julius Leib Ulman, beloved father - Lillian Charney
- *In memory of* Marcia Cohen, beloved sister - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Marvin Margolis, beloved father - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman
- *In memory of* Rose Greenberg, beloved mother - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Mitch and Karen Kopin and Family
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, our dear cousin - Loren Roseman, Jodi, Adam, Zoe and Jacob Berlinger
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Bronson Hall - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Sheila Fishman - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation* - Felissa Kreindler

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## Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Alan Miller, beloved husband - Judith Miller
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Rochelle Katz
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton
  - Mitch and Karen Kopin
  - Phyllis Schwartz
- *In memory of* Ida and Irving Wenger, beloved parents - Marvin and Susan Wenger
- *With appreciation to* all of those who offered support and assistance to Judith Weiner and family - Lawrence Weiner
- *With appreciation to* Maury and Sandy Raizes for sharing the holidays with Byron - Sherri Register

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## Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Albert and Eleanor Boxerman's 70th wedding anniversary - Betty Rozenfeld
- *In honor of* Eli Krumbein's 90th birthday "*Ad Meah Veasrim Shanah*" - Betty Rozenfeld
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Betty Rozenfeld
- *In honor of* Karen Weiss' beautiful Haftarah reading of Jonah at Yom Kippur Mincha service - Betty Rozenfeld
- *In honor of* my grandson David Goldenberg's Haftarah reading on the 25th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah - Betty Rozenfeld

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## Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Annette and Jeffrey Blumberg and their wonderful Sukkot party - Rhoda Levine
- *In honor of* Felissa Kreindler receiving the Hatan Bereshit - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In honor of* Robert Freeman receiving the Hatan Torah - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In honor of* Tracey Hendler receiving the Kol Ne'Arim - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

## We are grateful for the following contributions:

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**Ritual Refurbishment  
Endowment Fund  
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Jack and Barbara Blumberg  
- *In honor of* Mark Stadler for helping me with my conversion - Diane Bellows  
- *In honor of* Dr. Lewis Feiges' 80th birthday - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

- *In honor of* Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter's double chai anniversary - 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

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**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter  
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Edward Yore, beloved father - Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel

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**Social Action Fund**

- *In honor of* Ben Bronson's engagement - Dov and Eileen Kahana  
- *In honor of* Ethan Small's Eagle Scout ceremony - Felissa Kreindler

- *With appreciation* - Stephen and Ronna Nitekman

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**Staff Recognition Fund**

- *In memory of* Frieda Fireman, beloved mother of Fran Levy - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz  
- *With appreciation to* a terrific autumn - Andrew and Gail Brown

- *With appreciation* - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

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**Willard and Sally Aaron  
Camp Ramah Scholarship  
Endowment Fund**

- *With appreciation* - Sally Aaron

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**Youth Community Fund**

- *With appreciation to* Joanne Blumberg - Barbara Freeman



### ***Camp Scholarships are Available!***

The Beth El Scholarship Fund announces that scholarship aid is available for families whose children will attend Camp Ramah or other approved Jewish Camps.

Please call Lennie Kay at the synagogue office at 847-432-8900 x221 for an application and further information. All applications must be received no later than March 1, 2017.

## February 2017 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Used Book Sale Set Up/Pizza Party	<b>3</b> 9:00am Used Book Sale Begins 4:48pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Gimmel Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner	<b>4</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Hey Family Services 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 4:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:53pm Shabbat Ends
<b>5</b> Used Book Sale 8:30am Men's Club World Wide Wrap 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>6</b> Used Book Sale	<b>7</b> Used Book Sale	<b>8</b> Used Book Sale 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>9</b> Used Book Sale 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> 4:57pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm Jeans and Jammies Program 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>11 Shabbat Shira Tu B'Shevat/Shabbaton</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Benjamin Aizenberg 10:45am Hey Family Services 4:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:00pm Beth El Shabbaton 6:02pm Shabbat Ends
<b>12</b> Used Book Sale 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>13</b> 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:45pm Men's Club Caveman Dinner	<b>17</b> 5:06pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>18</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Harrison Crasko Bar Mitzvah - Justin Crasko 10:45am Hey Family Services 5:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:11pm Shabbat Ends
<b>19</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>20</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>23</b> 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>24</b> 5:15pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>25</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Hey Family Services 5:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:20pm Shabbat Ends 7:00pm Men's Club/ Sisterhood Game Night
<b>26 Rosh Hodesh Adar</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan 9:00am Social Action Mitzvah Day	<b>27 Rosh Hodesh Adar</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:45pm CLC Budget Meeting 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee Mtg 8:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>March 1</b> 5:30pm Preschool Shema PJ Party	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b> 5:23pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Bet Kabbalat Shabbat/Oneg	<b>March 4</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Julia Goller 10:45am Hey Family Services 4:00pm Dalet Havdalah/ Seudah 5:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:28pm Shabbat Ends

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## January 2017 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> New Years Day Hanukkah 8 <sup>th</sup> Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>2</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00pm Communications Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 4:14pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>7</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Janie Levitan 10:00am Vav Family Service 12:30pm Vav Luncheon 4:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:19pm Shabbat Ends
<b>8</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>9</b> 8:00pm Cultural and Learning Center Committee Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:45pm Left vs. Right Battle for Israel's Soul	<b>12</b> 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 4:22pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Men's Club Shabbat Weekend Congregational Dinner	<b>14 Men's Club Shabbat</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 12:15pm Men's Club Deli Luncheon 1:00pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 4:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:27pm Shabbat Ends 8:00pm Jewish Parenting Havurah
<b>15</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>16</b> 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Artist Beit Midrash Museum Reception	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Study in the Loop	<b>20</b> 4:30pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>21</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Emma Struck Bat Mitzvah - Julia Struck 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:45am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 4:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:35pm Shabbat Ends
<b>22</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>23</b> 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 8:00pm MEC Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>27</b> CHUSY Midwinter Convention 4:39pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>28 Rosh Hodesh Shevat</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 4:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:44pm Shabbat Ends 7:30pm Perfect Pitch 2 Concert
<b>29</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Camp Ramah in January	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



### **Beth El Shabbaton – Celebration of Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat Shira** February 10–11, 2017

Jeans and Jammies: Shabbat in the Forest with PJ Library, games, programs and special learning sessions for all ages!