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From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab »



A New Jewish Unity To the Rescue

The world is a challenging place. While I personally feel that the goodness of people, the kindness that flows on a daily basis and the general peaceable nature of human beings is underappreciated and certainly under reported, I recognize that our communities and our people face many critical challenges at this time. As the upcoming Purim story reminds us, too often there is a Haman in each generation who, due to ignorance, a hateful ideology, or a desire for power, seeks the destruction of the Jewish people.

So what is the recipe for combatting such efforts? The Purim story once again serves to educate us. The answer is Jewish unity, but perhaps not in the way one might normally imagine. To understand what I mean, let's take a look at the narrative. Who is the story's hero? Esther, of course, and thus the Megillah is named after her. It is she who risks her life. While Mordechai is certainly a hero too, and the advisor behind the scenes, it is Esther who pulls off the actual reversal of our fortunes. But what motivates her to do so? She, herself, was Queen. Surely her life was not in danger. And perhaps, as Queen, she could even have protected her family without risking her life in such a manner. I imagine that with a much less dangerous appeal than she actually gave, she could have done so. Why would she risk her life for the sake of the Jewish people?

In many ways the answer is quite obvious – because she was a Jew and she cared about the Jewish people, she felt connected to her nation, and her identity as a Jew mattered to her on a deep level. Yet, in this day and age, the existence of such connection is not obvious at all. There are many Jews whose Jewish identity is not of sufficient importance to impel them to connect themselves to our people in meaningful ways. Their bond is not sufficiently “thick” for them to identify with their Judaism in a substantial manner. This fact weakens our people. Imagine if a Jew without Esther's connection had been Queen at the time? Who knows what would have happened to our people?

And unfortunately I have observed that some segments of Jewish society are exacerbating this problem by expressing attitudes that tear us further apart. Some Jews have made a habit out of proclaiming that other Jews aren't really Jewish – denying their legitimacy. Others repeatedly say that certain Jews aren't “good Jews,” alienating them. There are power struggles between streams of Judaism, segments within Orthodoxy, Ashkenzim vs. Sephardim, left vs. right. Many of these divides carry with them legitimate differences in views, beliefs and perspectives. Indeed, there have to be boundaries and we all have to feel we can maintain our integrity as we engage in our Judaism. Can we maintain such integrity and still preserve positive connections?

It is at the intersection of these points that lies my own view of what Jewish Unity actually means. For starters, Jewish unity is not Jewish uniformity. We cannot, and should not, attempt to present
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Mission Statement

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

Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00 am

Services are conducted by:

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

Every Shabbat

10:30am Junior Congregation
Services for students in 2nd–6th grade

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service
Services for families with
children 1st grade and younger

MARCH

Shabbat, March 4

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

Shabbat, March 11

Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim/Megillah Reading

Parashat Tetzaveh
Torah: Exodus 27:20 – 30:10
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2 – 15:34

Shabbat, March 18

Shabbat Parah

Parashat Ki Tisa
Torah: Exodus 30:11 – 34:35
Maftir: Numbers 19:1 – 22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 – 36:38

Shabbat, March 25

Birchat HaHodesh

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei
Torah: Exodus 35:1 – 40:38
Maftir: Exodus 12:1 – 20
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18

APRIL

Shabbat, April 1

Parashat Vayikra
Torah: Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

Shabbat, April 8

Shabbat HaGadol

Parashat Tzav
Torah: Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4 – 3:24

Shabbat, April 15

5th Day of Pesach

Shabbat Hol Hamoed
Torah: Exodus 33:12 – 34:26
Maftir: Numbers 28:19 – 25
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1 – 14

Shabbat, April 22

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Shemini
Torah: Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1 – 7:17

Shabbat, April 29

Parashat Tazria-Metzora
Torah: Leviticus 12:1 – 15:33
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3 – 7:20

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A New Jewish Unity To the Rescue

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our community to each other, or to others, as a monolithic community. We cannot, and will not, be able to reach a point when all Jews hold similar beliefs on many issues of the day or on the way we practice our religion. Further, we cannot merely put aside our differences for any extended period of time. Legitimate differences will re-surface no matter how much we try to hide them. Instead, what Jewish Unity can be, is a commitment to our fellow Jews that our Jewish connection is of core and fundamental importance. With this approach what we must pledge to do is to focus less on deriding other Jewish groups for what we see as their flaws (even if we truly see those differences as flaws) and focus more on how we can join together to support our people and whatever values that transcend our differences. We have enough enemies in the world and there are enough challenges that face our people and humanity as a whole. Our efforts should be directed to combating the true evil forces that exist and to appropriate our internal disagreements to the

realm of civil debate between loving contenders who argue and then shake hands.

I am privileged to be part of the Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Leadership Program and have been studying with leading rabbis across the denominations throughout North America. Our differences are real and our perspectives are varied. Yet, this forum has taught me that debating our differences in a respectful manner, under the flag of Jewish unity, while spending an equal (or more) amount of time collaborating on how we can improve the lot of the Jewish people together, is a model for success. Let's not waste our energy on delegitimizing other Jews but rather find a way to reach out to the other, differences and all, and build on what binds us instead, for the sake of our shared goals. In this way, we strengthen Jewish unity without blunting who we are. And we give ourselves a better chance at defeating the Haman in each generation and what is more, making our people the blessing to the world we were meant to be! *Ken Yehi Ratzon!*



HANG LOOSE

IT'S PURIM PARTY TIME!
MARCH 11, 2017

8:00 PM, POST- MEGILLAH READING,
IN DA BLUMBERG
ALL JEWISH ADULTS WELCOME (THIS MEANS YOU,
TOO, B'NAI MITZVAH CREW!)

\$12/\$15 AT THE DOOR INCLUDES AN ONOLICIOUS
SUPPER AND ONE TROPICAL DRINK
MAHALO FOR YOUR RSVPS TO:
EKLINE@NSSBETHEL.ORG

Purim Service Schedule

Saturday, March 11

Megillah Reading

5:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

7:00pm Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 12

Purim

8:45am Shacharit and Family Megillah Reading

11:00am Purim Carnival



Pesach Service Schedule

Monday, April 10

Erev Pesach / 1st Seder /

Fast of the Firstborn

6:30am Morning Minyan /

Siyyum Bechorim

6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

7:06pm Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 11

Pesach First Day / 2nd Seder

8:50am Festival Service

7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:11pm Candle Lighting

Wednesday, April 12

Pesach Second Day

8:50am Festival Service

7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:11pm Yom Tov Ends

Thursday, April 13

Pesach Third Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Friday, April 14

Pesach Fourth Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:11pm Candle Lighting

Shabbat, April 15

Pesach Fifth Day

8:50am Shabbat Services

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:16pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, April 16

Pesach Sixth Day /

Erev Pesach Seventh Day

8:45am Morning Minyan

7:13pm Candle Lighting

7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, April 17

Pesach Seventh Day

8:50am Festival Service

11:00am Passover Pray 'n Play

7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:18pm Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 18

Pesach Eighth Day / Yizkor

6:30am Early Morning Service

8:50am Festival Service

7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:18pm Yom Tov Ends

» Hazzan Ben Tisser



These past weeks and months have been turbulent times for our country, for our community, and for the world, with ups and downs. From the uncertainty of our President's inauguration and the trepidation which follows, to protests, to blatant acts of terror even on synagogues in our own city, there has been much sadness. And at the same time there have been a number of uplifting moments:

when a mosque was burned in Texas, a synagogue offered their Muslim neighbors a space in which to worship. When the Loop Synagogue was vandalized just weeks ago, local Catholic and Muslim leaders spoke out against hate crimes against anyone.

There is a wonderful popular Israeli song from the 1970s or 80s entitled "*Le-chayei Ha'am Hazeh – To the Life of this Nation*", made famous on a recording by Yehoram Gaon, and in Israeli dance circles in the late 80s. The song begins "This nation is divided all year round / but it perks up when it smells danger / it awakens from Norway to Chile / Because it knows..." "*Im ein ani li mi li* – if I am not for myself, who will be for me." The chorus continues, "To the life of this nation / how good it is that [the nation] is like this!" The Jewish people have always had this special quality – during periods of relative peace, we can become our own worst enemy, and yet when something threatens our brothers and sisters in any corner of the world, we somehow all come together as one people, united.

Part of our strength, I believe, comes from our rich cultural heritage. It couldn't be that we feel so connected to Jews around the world merely because of Torah law and nothing else – there are many other religious groups who share common religious and legal texts and yet they don't have the same sense of love for and responsibility to one another as do we Jews. In the Ashkenazi world, for example, hearing the Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur or perhaps a Yiddish folksong at a Yom Hashoah commemoration tugs at a certain place, deep in our hearts. Even those of us born in America, miles and generations away from our ancestors, somehow are touched when we hear something reminiscent of the songs we imagine our grandparents and great-

grandparents singing in Europe. It can't be explained, but the bonds these feelings create are strong.

Those who attended our Perfect Pitch II A Cappella concert last month all felt a certain pride when near 70 college students got up on our bimah to sing Jewish and Israeli songs. We didn't know them at all, and yet somehow we felt that they were part of our family. (For those who could not attend, DVDs are for sale in the office and I encourage you to order a copy so you can see for yourselves what a magnificent night it was! All proceeds benefit the Music Program at the Synagogue.)

On Shabbat Shirah last month and again at our Yom HaShoah commemoration on April 24, you heard and will hear a number of our students singing beautiful Jewish music. I *kvell* each time one of them learns a new piece – the chain continues, unbroken, from generation to generation. In particular, I would like to note one of our students who will take part in something truly incredible. Sarah Tenner has joined the recently-formed chapter of HaZamir, the International Jewish High School Choir, directed by Vivian and Mati Lazar. This choir, made up of hundreds of students from around the United States and Israel, all learning the same music, gathers once each year in New York for a major performance. This year they will perform at David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center in New York, on March 26. I have been honored to be present at these performances for a number of years and you can't imagine the emotion when over 400 Jewish teens get up on stage for a concert of incredible choral music to a completely sold-out house! Sarah not only joined HaZamir but was accepted into the Chamber Choir, made up of only about 15% of the students in this program, which performs a special repertoire during the show. And, she has been honored with a beautiful solo. On behalf of her Beth El family, I wish Sarah safe travels to New York and *hatzlacha rabbah* in what I know will be not only a great performance, but a deeply meaningful Jewish connection.

So in these very interesting times, we still have much to celebrate, and so many things that ultimately bring us together as a community. May our people always be just like we are – united as one, caring for people – Jewish and not – around the world, and serving as a light unto the nations.

Ba'al Korei Shabbat

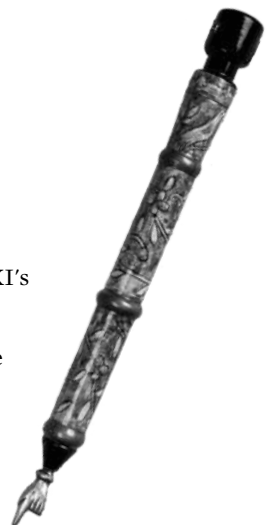
March 18, 2017

Beth El's Ba'al Korei Institute exists to promote Torah reading through educational programs, awards for accomplishments and encouragement of our congregants to develop and use their skills as readers of Torah in our services.

Please come celebrate the contributions of our Torah readers with us, including the presentation of awards to members who have reached "milestones" in their Torah reading at Beth El, as well as special presentations to BKI's founder, Howard Turner, and long-time BKI board member and chair, Karen Bieber.

In the past year: 165 lay members of NSS Beth El read Torah in our services, and eight of our members read more than 200 verses each!

And, if any of our members would like to learn how to chant Torah (or brush up on your skills), Hazzan Tisser and members of Ba'al Korei Institute are happy to assist – reach out to Hazzan Tisser at btisser@nssbethel.org or call the Synagogue Office.



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12, 2017

11am-1:30pm

**Directly after the family Megillah
reading at 9:30am**

**Come join us for a spectacular carnival filled with
games, prizes, inflatables, lunch and sweet treats!**

NEW THIS YEAR! Special Tzedakah Project:

**Please bring a box of Wacky Mac, use as a great
grogger and donate after to the ARK!**

**Questions? Contact Tovah Goodman,
Youth Community Director
tgoodman@nssbethel.org**

**All proceeds benefit BEANS USY's
Tzedakah Fund- Tikun Olam**

It's All in the Beth El Family

We Welcome the Following New Members

- Donald and Andrea Caplan and their children, Alfred, Victoria, Will and Lincoln
- Michael and Lindsey Gruby and their sons, Benjamin and Jacob
- Isaiah and Dana Harf and their son, Brody
- Seth and Leslie Katz and their daughter, Ruth
- Abigail Mishkin
- Jason and Jenny Muslin and their children, Elle and Max

Congratulations To

- Shirley and Bernard Bornstein on the birth of their great-grandson, Avram Eli Bornstein
- Allene Frost on the birth of her great-grandson
- Elise and Ira Frost on the birth of their grandson
- Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith on the birth of their grandson, Conor Logan Bowers
- Deborah and Steve Graham on the engagement of their son, Joshua, to Andrea Kass
- Wendy and Daniel Kahn on the birth of their grandson, Leo George Bortman
- Shoshana and Moshe Konstantin on the birth of their grandson, Julius Ari Hersch
- Sallye and David Mason on the marriage of their daughter, Betsy, to Tyler Bail
- Betty Rozenfeld on the engagement of her grandson, Ethan Schwartz, to Leah Sarna
- Francine and Jonathan Sherman on the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to Oren Rasowsky

Condolences To

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| - Albert Boxerman on the loss of his wife, Eleanor Boxerman | - Robin Kaplan on the loss of her mother, Naomi Goldwater |
| - Ben Channon on the loss of his father, David Channon | - Marcia Lerner on the loss of her husband, Sol Lerner |
| - Brian Channon on the loss of his brother, David Channon | - Debbie Lindon on the loss of her mother, Eva Hofman |
| - Ruth Fischer on the loss of her husband, Bruno Fischer | - Zachary Lindon on the loss of his grandmother, Eva Hofman |
| - Leon Fox on the loss of his mother, Magdalena Fox | - Rhonda Robbins on the loss of her father, Dr. Gerald Sobel |
| - Jeffrey Gordon on the loss of his mother, Regina Gordon | - Linda Weber on the loss of her husband, Harry S. Weber |

In Memoriam

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| - Eleanor Boxerman | - Sol Lerner |
| - Bruno Fischer | - Harry S. Weber |



Welcome Baby Program



We would love to welcome the newest members of our congregation with a special gift. Please let Jeff Baden, Executive Director, know of your new arrival at jbaden@hssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x224.

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

March – Adar/Nisan 5777



Julia Goller,
daughter of Sandi Goller and
Hazzan Larry Goller
Shabbat, March 4

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

Deborah and Gabriel Aizenberg
Lynn and Arthur Cohen
Sandra and David Crasko
Gerry Kaplan
Debbie and Barry Kravitz
Arielle and Victor Levitan
North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club
Jamie and Daniel Struck



April – Nisan/Iyar 5777



Alex Garfinkel,
son of Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel
and Douglas Garfinkel
Shabbat, April 22



Eli Leshtz,
son of Jill and Daniel Leshtz
Shabbat, April 29



Ayden Schwartz,
son of Shira and Jeremy Schwartz
Mincha Shabbat, April 29

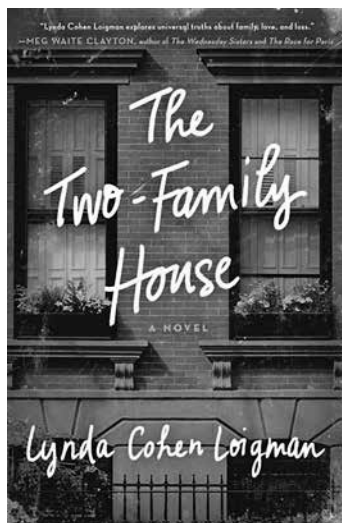
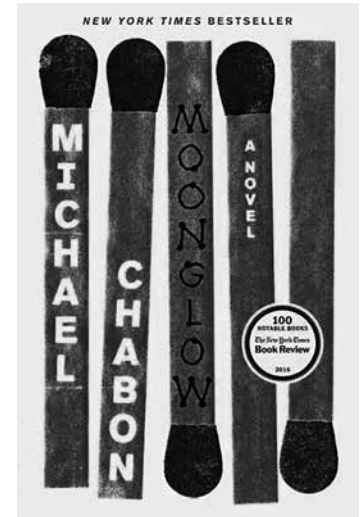
Writer's Beit Midrash – The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library: March 8 & 22 and April 5 & 19, 9:30–11:00am. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or at 847-926-7902 for more information.

Men's Club Bagels & Books

Sunday, March 5

Join the Men's Club and the Gray Cultural & Learning Center on **Sunday, March 5 at 10:00am** (after morning minyan and breakfast) for a discussion of *Moonglow: A Novel* by Michael Chabon, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. A man bears witness to his grandfather's deathbed confessions, which reveal his family's long-buried history and his involvement in a mail-order novelty company, World War II, and the space program. Michael Chabon received the Jewish Book Council's 2016 Modern Literary Achievement Award for his general contribution to modern Jewish literature, including his most recent work, *Moonglow*, described as "a moving panorama of Jewish experience."

Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library, at public libraries, and from local & online booksellers. All are welcome – those who have read the book, plan to read the book, or just want to learn more!



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Shabbat, April 29

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *The Two-Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman on **Saturday, April 29 at 12:30pm after Shabbat Kiddush**, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. The book set in a two-family brownstone in 1950's Brooklyn, unravels as a multigenerational story woven around a deeply buried family secret.

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



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**. Since 1925 the Streit's matzo factory has sat in a low-slung tenement building on Manhattan's Lower East Side. While other matzo companies have modernized, Streit's remained a piece of living history, churning out 40 percent of the nation's unleavened bread on pre-War machinery as old as the factory itself. In this new documentary, filmmaker Michael Levine captures the Streit's saga and how it echoes the American Dream. Open to the community, free of charge. RSVP to Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org or call 847-926-7903.



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Honoring Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13th Year at NSS BETH EL

A 13-Week Celebration of Mitzvot, Prayer and Community

Mitzvot	Tefillah	Kehillah
Mitzvah Day <i>A Smashing Success!</i>	Shabbat Service & Kiddush	Community Party
2-26-17	4-1-17	Sunday 5-21-17

This year, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is honoring Rabbi Michael Schwab in recognition of his 13 years of service to NSS Beth El via a 13-week arc of three special events. All members of the synagogue are invited to become involved in this spirit and fund-raising opportunity. We are united by the common theme of recognizing Rabbi Schwab for his magnificent contributions to our community as well as raising needed funds to sustain our wonderful programs.

Three pillars which are important to Rabbi Schwab, have been tied to three synagogue events:

Mitzvot - Mitzvah Day in February was a great success!
Tefillah (prayer) - Shabbat Service & Kiddush - Shabbat, April 1
Kehillah (community) - Community Party - Sunday, May 21

Everyone is invited to participate in any or all events! A community ad book for the May 21, 2017 Congregational Celebration will be produced. This is a special opportunity for the synagogue in which everyone can participate. Watch your email for event and ad book information.

The following levels of support are available:

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: from \$1,300 - \$3,500

- Name printed in ad book •

Supporters: Gifts under \$1,300

Should you have any questions about your contributions to the Synagogue, please contact Nancy Kleine Kekst, Director of Development and Communication, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Spring Fundraising Program Chairs: Richard & Eve Biller, Josh & Jennifer Herz, Earl & Rochelle Rubinoff
Ad Book Chair: Heidi Patzik

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet



The next two months will be filled with activities and celebrations for parents and students.

We invite all families to the *Megillah* reading and Purim carnival on Sunday, March 12. In addition to the reading of the *Megillah*, Purim costume parade and baking and eating hamentashen, we are asking families to donate small pasta boxes. The students will wrap

the unopened pasta boxes to use as graggers on Purim and then donate them to a food pantry.

Beth El schools' parents are invited to the "Knead a Night Out" Challah Bake on Thursday, March 16. This promises to be a night of fun, sharing, and community as we learn to perfect the technique of baking challah.

We continue the tradition of *m'dor l'dor* (from generation to generation) as our sixth grade students present their 3D displays after months of researching their families' stories. Our school will participate for the fifth year in the International My Family Story Competition sponsored by *Beit Hatfutsot*, the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. A panel of three judges will select

two winners. These winners' 3D presentations will be sent to *Beit Hatfutsot* and will be entered in the International My Family Story competition. Make sure to stop by that morning to see the students' creations.

In an attempt to continue our relationship with Israelis, our High School students will talk to the Kehillat Netzach Israel teens via Skype and share Jewish holidays experiences here and in Israel.

After a short spring break, we will delve into the study of Pesach by learning the story of the Exodus, conducting mock *sedarim* and visiting the matzah factory.

Stay tuned for weekly school announcements and make sure to visit the schools' websites regularly for up-to-date announcements.

For the Cohen Religious School, go to <http://nssbethelschools.wixsite.com/cohenreligiousschool> and for the Sokol Hebrew High School, go to <http://nssbethelschools.wixsite.com/sokolhebrewhigh>.

Dr. Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School



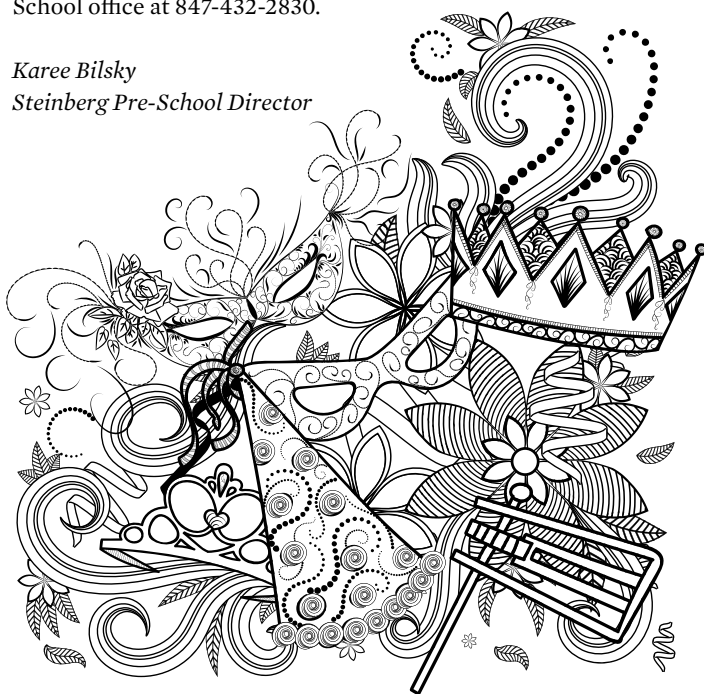
The definition of the word joy is "a feeling of great pleasure and happiness." Exploring and celebrating the holiday of Purim brings about pure joy in children as it lends itself to be a holiday where humor, creativity and nonsense are all acceptable! When children have the opportunity to learn through play, they become more invested in the learning process and gain deeper understanding of

the concepts that are being explored. Our students will dive deep into learning through role-play and storytelling of the *Megillah*, costuming, and of course, baking of hamentashen. Participating in the Purim Carnival is sure to be a hit for the children where they will, once again, feel the joy and magic of the holiday.

Just as Purim concludes, our students will prepare for the next holiday – Pesach. While it is a very busy time for us in the Pre-School wing, it is our obligation to retell the Passover story and teach our students about one very special Jewish Superhero, Moses. The children will have the opportunity to visit the Matzah Factory, and learn the specific guidelines for which matzah is considered "Kosher for Pesach." They will also explore the four questions, have opportunities to build bricks and pyramids, and prepare for the school-wide seder.

Our school registration is almost complete for the 2017-2018 school year, and for our 8-week summer camp program. For more information and to arrange a tour, please contact me at the Pre-School office at 847-432-2830.

Karee Bilsky
Steinberg Pre-School Director





Join us for the
NSS Beth El Schools' **Challah Bake**

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th

Blumberg Auditorium

7:45pm

\$18 per person



RSVP by March 3rd to co-chair Jenna Smiley
jennasmiley3@gmail.com

Make checks payable to NSS Beth El - memo: Challah Bake
Payment due by March 3rd. • Sorry...no same day RSVP



Digging Into Our Past

When I was in college, I was studying abroad in Israel and privileged to take a trip with friends to the country of Jordan. We drove north to an ancient Roman ruin, the city of Jerash. I was amazed by how incredibly this history was preserved, and a friend who had visited Italy many times shared that “this city is more Roman than Rome!” Now

having visited Italy myself, I don’t know that she was right, but in both places, it was an incredible experience to walk in the footsteps of people long gone. My fascination with all things ancient goes back to my childhood, and I credit many viewings of Cecille B. DeMille’s *The Ten Commandments* for starting me off with an interest in the interplay between ancient Egyptian and Israelite cultures.

Though I didn’t go to Harvard’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures as one of my college professors was sure I would do, I do try to study the ancient Middle East when I can. This fall I took a mini-course through the Jewish Theological Seminary called “Aphrodite and the Rabbis.” It was so titled after the professor Rabbi Burton Visotzky’s new book, *Aphrodite and the Rabbis: How the Jews Adapted Roman Culture to Create Judaism as We Know It*. In his course, Professor Visotzky illuminated how the rabbis presented themselves as philosophers, primarily of the Stoic school, and how their art and

architecture is largely Roman. Through his book, we examined how synagogues in the Galilee are built as Roman basilicas with mosaics, including strangely, images of the Greco-Roman god Zeus-Helios. What was most impressive to me about the book was the way Visotzky presents that our forebears struggled to find their identity as Jews and how they adapted and adopted the best of Roman culture to create a Judaism that would survive and flourish. It was easy to see how the struggles of the ancient rabbis paralleled our own challenges as Jews in modern North America, carving out a cultural pathway as a minority in the majority culture.

We will be treated to an exploration of this type when we hear from our esteemed fellow congregants, Bernie and Fran Alpert, who will present the Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture on Sunday morning, April 30. The theme for the Frankel Memorial Lecture this year is “Why We Dig Israel” and you will learn, as I did from Fran Alpert, that there is no such thing as “biblical archaeology.” The Alperets will explore the history of archaeology in Israel and the Middle East and discuss the context and content of archeological digs. The Alperets founded the Archeological Seminars Institute and their famous “Dig for a Day” program in Beit Guvrin has served thousands of students and tourists since the early 1980s. The program will begin at 10:00am and is open to the public, and I hope you will join me in the ongoing effort to learn from the past and adapt to the challenges of the modern world.

Ali Drumm

Director of Informal Education



January’s Left vs Right: The Battle For Israel’s Soul: A Post-Election Debate was a huge success. Pictured: Rabbi Wendi Geffen, JJ Goldberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Why We Dig Israel

**Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel
Memorial Lecture**

Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 am

Zippori National Park

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Kol No'ar

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

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

Purim Carnival Set Up

Saturday, March 11
Grades 8–12

College Connection Passover Packing

Wednesday, March 29
Parents of College Connection Recipients

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12
Grades K–12

Chocolate Seder

Monday, April 3
Grades 2–5

Shabbat Together

Saturday, March 18
Grades 8–12

BEANS USY Lounge Night/Men's Club Candle Packing

Tuesday, April 4
Grades 8–12

CHUSY Prom

Saturday, March 18
Grades 8–12

Tikkun Olam Shabbat

Friday, April 7
Grades 8–12

Israeli Top Chef Lounge Night

Tuesday, March 21
Grades 8–12

CHUSY Kinnus

Friday–Sunday, April 28–30
Grades 8–12

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

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





Kol No'ar

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

Winter in Review



It has been a fantastic winter in the Beth El Youth Community!

Shalom Club (2nd–5th grade): what happens when team building meets bouncy houses? Nothing short of a jumping good time! Using Legos, a relay race with obstacles and, of course, time to just bounce, we worked together and had a blast!

Kadima (6th–8th grade) participated in an intense competition of skill, creativity and food! Keep Kadima Kosher featured learning about

what Kashrut means, while making key Israeli dishes such as Israeli salad and hummus. Although this was not Sabra hummus, each individual recipe had its own unique spin on the traditional recipe using some non-traditional ingredients.

USY (9th–12th grade) had a magical winter! After a successful finals week for the students, we all got rewarded with some well-deserved laughs at The Second City. This annual celebration featured the best improv in Chicago and a great bonding experience for more than 30 USYers. January had a magical ending with CHUSY Midwinter being hosted at none other than NSS Beth El. We had such a great time turning Beth El into the Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft. We made edible potions, played mind-boggling games and even learned about the magic in Judaism.

In February, we became master bakers while making hundreds of Hamentashen for Purim. BEANS Ballers have been doing a fantastic job in our CHUSY Basketball league. With only one more month to go, the team has started to hit its stride.

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

Enthusiastically,

Tovah Goodman

Youth Community Director



A friendly reminder

Hamentashen 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.



Beth El History Corner *by Mort Steinberg*



The Sun Room of the Edward V. Price Mansion became the sanctuary when acquired by Beth El in 1948. It later would be dedicated as the Sager Bet HaMidrash. The brass menorahs donated by the Spertus family in September 1951 are prominently located on the Bimah. Visible on the left is the organ played by Arnold Miller during religious services. Partially visible on the right is the Pompeian fountain and fish pond installed by Price. It was removed by Rabbi Lipis after erroneously being described as a “Baptismal font” in a local newspaper.

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 or 847-926-7902.

NORTH SUBURBAN SYNAGOGUE BETH EL



Annette and Jerry Blumberg



Lana and Cal Eisenberg



Pearl and Joel Kagan

NER TAMID SOCIETY

Ask Me About My Legacy

These congregants have all signed letters of intent to remember North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estates. Won't you join them?

If we get 7 more letters of intent by April 30, 2017, we will be awarded a \$5,000 stipend for our endowment from the Creating a Jewish Legacy Program.

Help us reach our goal! Contact Nancy Kleine Kekst at nkekst@nssbethel.org or call 847-432-8900 x262.



Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter



Lisa and Jeffrey Rosenkranz



Ben Strauss



Miriam and Mort Steinberg

Passover

Supplement 2017/5777



FORBIDDEN FOODS

The following foods are forbidden to Ashkenazic Jews during *Pesach*: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers; cereals, coffee substitutes derived from cereals; wheat, barley, oats, rice, dry peas, dry beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. (Sephardic Jews have some different practices.)

PERMITTED FOODS

Requiring no *kosher l'Pesach* label, the following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, and fresh vegetables (except peas and beans, although string beans are permitted on *Pesach*).

The following foods are permitted if certified for *Pesach* use by Rabbinical authority (have a *kosher l'Pesach* label): *matzah*, *matzah flour*, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits and vegetables, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortening, vinegar. Wines and liquors are permitted if certified by a Rabbinical authority as fit for *Pesach* use.

DISHES AND UTENSILS

Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for *Pesach* should be used with the following exceptions: silverware made entirely of metal if used during the year may be used on *Pesach* if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on *Pesach*. They must first be thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between their cleaning and immersion in boiling water.

Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used for Passover. Earthenware, enamelware and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used. Fine translucent chinaware if not used for a year is permitted if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking glasses. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before *Pesach* or putting them through a dishwasher. A dishwashing machine may be used for Passover after a thorough scouring and non-use for 24 hours. Authorities disagree whether a new tray is necessary.

The stove is prepared by a thorough scrubbing and cleansing of all parts, then turning on the ovens and all burners full-flame for one half hour. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned, then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be *kashered* in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave ovens should be cleaned, and then a cup of water placed inside. The oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave that has a browning element cannot be *kashered*. In all the above cases the appliance cannot be used for 24 hours prior to *kashering*.

If the parts of electrical appliances that come into contact with *Hametz* are removable, they can be *kashered* in the appropriate way. If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be *kashered*.

Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up or covered and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

If you have specific questions, please contact our rabbis.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ

(THE SEARCH FOR AND BURNING OF LEAVEN)

On the evening of Sunday, April 9, the Search for Leaven, *bedikat hametz*, is conducted. This is a ritual that symbolizes the final cleaning of the house of all *hametz*. It is customary to place pieces of bread in various rooms around the house before the search

begins – remember how many pieces there are and where they are hidden! The search is conducted with a candle for light and a feather and wooden spoon to collect the *hametz*. The *hametz*, feather and wooden spoon should be put in a bag and set aside to be burnt in the morning.

In the morning – this year on Monday, April 10 – after eating our last meal of *hametz*, add any remains from breakfast to the bag of *hametz* from the previous night, and burn them outside the home. This is the final act of removal of *hametz* from our homes. *Hametz* should be burned by 10:15am.

The appropriate prayers for the search for and destruction of *hametz* are found at the beginning of every *Haggadah*.

MECHIRAT HAMETZ (SALE OF THE HAMETZ)

In addition to the thorough cleaning of the house before *Pesach*, we are commanded to completely free ourselves of leavened products. Anything made from wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt, which had a chance to leaven (rise or ferment), must be destroyed. Today a simple but meaningful tradition is followed:

- Each Jewish home must be cleaned before *Pesach*.
- The Rabbi contractually arranges for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew so that it will, technically, be out of Jewish possession during *Pesach*.
- At the end of *Pesach*, everything in your stored-up area will be repurchased for your immediate use.

Please see Mark Stadler or use the form below to sell your *Hametz*. Please contact Mark no later than Sunday, April 9. A voluntary contribution should be made upon selling *Hametz*. All gifts will be added to our *Maot Chitim* fund.

Maot Chitim (Portions of Wheat). It is traditional for Jews who have been blessed by the Almighty to make sure that their less fortunate brethren have all that is necessary to celebrate a joyous *Pesach*. Special funds for this purpose, known as *Maot Chitim*, are collected in synagogues through the world. Beth El participates in this activity. If you would like to make a contribution to the *Maot Chitim* fund, please mail it directly to the synagogue, or bring it in personally, and earmark it accordingly. These funds will be distributed to the Greater Chicago *Maot Chitim* and other institutions that provide *Pesach* food to the less fortunate.

MAOT CHITIM DELIVERY

Please plan to participate with the Greater Chicago *Maot Chitim* in the delivery of packages on Sunday, April 2 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. For more details and directions, go to www.maotchitim.org or www.nssbethel.org.

SIYYUM BECHORIM (FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN)

At the Minyan service Monday, April 10, at 6:30am the ceremony of *siyyum bechorim* will take place in the Field Family Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz. It is customary for the first born male to fast on the day preceding Passover. In place of the fast, however, tradition developed the practice of concluding a portion of study of a Rabbinic text after which celebration and feasting takes place. The *siyyum bechorim* ceremony is the means of obviating the need for a fast. We encourage all first-born males to attend.

DETACH AND SEND TO: MARK STADLER, NSS BETH EL, 1175 SHERIDAN ROAD, HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035

I, (please print name) _____	
hereby authorize Rabbi Vernon Kurtz to act as my agent to sell <i>Hametz</i> that may be in my possession wherever it may be at home, place of business or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.	
My home address is:	
My office address is:	
Signed:	Date:
I enclosed \$ for <i>Maot Chitim</i> (list amount)	



Shalom! *Todah rabah* to those who generously supported Sisterhood's mishloach manot program, which benefited KasherTroops.com. *Yasher Koach* to Leah Brajer for bringing this organization and opportunity to our attention, allowing us to add a social action component to our Purim celebration.

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

Upcoming Sisterhood Events



Torah Fund Luncheon

Thursday, April 27; 11:30am

Please join us for our annual celebration of our Torah Fund donors. Our own Hazzan Ben Tisser will delight us with a selection of Jewish music. Cost – \$20 per person.

It's not too late to donate to Torah Fund. Spring is coming – which is the perfect time to give the gift of Torah Fund. Not only do you participate in the continuity of Conservative Judaism, but gifts of \$180 and above receive this beautiful silver/gold-tone pin/pendant. Passover and Mother's Day are the perfect times to honor mothers, wives and important women in your life. Donation envelopes are available in the Beth El office and Gift Shop and by contacting Linda Gottlieb at 847-835-3101.

Receive the Torah Fund pin for 5777 as our gift to you in recognition of your generous support.

NS Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop is Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts!

We will herald the holiday of Pesach with rain for the trees and grass and warmer weather for us to enjoy. The first seder is on April 10 and it is time to begin thinking about your needs for the Passover holiday. Perhaps a new seder plate or matzo plate will suit you well, or games and books for the children in your life. If you are looking for the perfect gift for your seder hosts, the NS Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop is the place to shop. Our hours are Sundays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We are always happy to open at your convenience, by appointment. If you have a wedding or Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up, you'll want to sign up for our gift registry!

For appointments please call Diane at 847-571-5629 or Sulie at 847-558-3389.



Stained glass Judaica by Susan Fullenbaum



*As you prepare to shop for Passover,
think about supporting Sisterhood
and NSS Beth El by buying Jewel
Gift Cards from Sisterhood*

Sponsored by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
and North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood

Jewel-Osco

This program is quietly allowing Sisterhood to increase its financial support of Beth El. Here's how it works:

- Sisterhood buys the gift cards from Jewel at a 5% discount.
- You buy them from us at face value and redeem them for face value.
- Sisterhood keeps the 5% as revenue.

The beauty of this fundraiser is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work for Sisterhood and NSS Beth El. You earn money for the NSS Beth El community without spending a single extra penny!

You can purchase gift cards in the Beth El office in \$25 denominations for \$25 (cash or check). Checks must be payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood. If you would like to purchase gift cards but can't get to Beth El, contact Karen Weiss at kbweiss1023@gmail.com or 847-508-9879.



Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz

Tuesday, May 9; 6:00pm

A signature event at NSS Beth El, Sisterhood and the Men's Club proudly host this wonderful evening. \$25/person.

Reservations must be made by May 1 by sending a check, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood, to Ruth Fischer, 620 Calais Circle, Highland Park, IL 60035.

For additional information or questions, contact Rachel Ferber, Rachel.ferber@att.net or 847-835-6201.

Yes, I (we) will attend "Our Annual Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz"

Name: _____

Phone: _____

attending ____ @ \$25/person

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: Ruth Fischer, 620 Calais Circle, Highland Park, IL 60035

The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club calendar has been a busy and exciting one so far, with even more great events right around the corner, with many informative, engaging, and fun social happenings. Like last year, many events are shared jointly with the Beth El Sisterhood.



Open Mic Night

Our annual Open Mic Night in December was an amazing success, hosted generously by The Shed of Highland Park. Club Member Mike Ezgur and his band were joined by his wife Wendi, as well as our own Rod Slutzky, Ron and Eileen Goldberg, and Mike Salberg, who sang classics throughout the evening. Dinner and dessert were sponsored in part by Mizrahi Grill, and a great time was had by all.

Men's Club Weekend a Huge Success

On January 13–15, your award-winning Men's Club once again held its annual Men's Club Weekend, replete with ritual and fun, and it was a huge success on all counts. Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services were led by Jeffrey and Sydney Goldsmith, which set the mood for what was to be a fabulous weekend. After services, 75 of us gathered for a spectacular family Shabbat dinner. Much thanks to Avram, Philip and the Circle of Life Catering staff for preparing such a delicious meal.

Shabbat morning was filled with ruach, and was entirely layned and davened by our own members, with a special Haftarah chanted by Yael Good. Thirty members of the Club, demonstrating their knowledge and proficiency, participated in leading the service. *Yasher Koach* to everyone who participated. Men's Club sponsored the deli Kiddush lunch following services, again catered by Circle of Life.

The festivities continued with a Seudah Shlishit and "After Glow" party hosted by Matt and Jamie Pestine, where 40 of our Men's Club and Sisterhood community hung out 'til the wee hours. A fabulous time was had by all. Our weekend was completed with an engaging Torah Study, with a stimulating conversation expertly led by Ron Goldberg and Rob Freeman. Thank you to everyone who helped to organize and who participated in this wonderful weekend event.

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 through May. This will include the stimulating Bagels for Your Brains programs that 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.

Bagels for Your Brains Book Discussion on *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon
Sunday, March 5

Hearing Men's Voices
Thursday, March 9

"Hang Loose" Purim Seudah and Entertainment
Saturday, March 11

Annual Caveman Dinner
Wednesday, March 15

Maot Chitim Super Sunday
Sunday, March 26

Maot Chitim Delivery Day
Sunday, April 2

Men's Club/Sisterhood Mixer
Saturday, May 6

Officers Board Induction
Sunday, June 11

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

» Men's Club



Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Packing Tuesday, April 4; 6:00pm

On Tuesday evening, April 4, at 6:00pm, the Men's Club, with the assistance of our Youth Community, will be preparing this year's Yom HaShoah candles for shipping to the entire NSS Beth El community. Packing should last no more than two hours. Whether you can come for the full two hours or any time in between, regardless of duration, please do – and bring your children or grandchildren. We need as many hands as possible to assist us with this wonderful mitzvah.

Men's Club Kiddush Club Shabbat, April 8

Our Kiddush Club will meet on Shabbat afternoon, April 8, 2017, just after the conclusion of Shabbat services. Enjoy a wonderful Beth El Congregational Deli Lunch of corned beef, turkey, salads and more sponsored by the Men's Club and kibbitz with your friends and other Beth El families. Many thanks to Steve Coven for coordinating this delightful Shabbat afternoon event. For more information, contact Steve at scoven@napcoltd.com.

Shoah Remembrance Program Monday, April 24; 7:00pm

On Monday evening, April 24, at 7:00pm, Men's Club will present the annual Shoah Remembrance Program. The Men's Club funds a partial scholarship to any Beth El student who travels to Poland prior to his or her Israel visit. Please join as this year's scholarship recipients, Harrison Freeman, Rebecca Greenstein, Ethan Small and Nathaniel Small, share their experiences from this life-changing event. Rounding out this year's very special program will be Dr. Joyce Witt, a nationally respected United States Holocaust Memorial Museum educator, who will speak on the "Relevance of the Shoah to Our Times."

Let's Play 2! Calling All Softball Players

Would you like to play softball for your Men's Club teams? Your NSSBE Men's Club plays in the Synagogue Men's Clubs 12-inch (with gloves) softball league. Last season, Beth El had two teams in the league of 12 teams. This year we are seeking more active participants. We play 10 games on Sundays, plus the playoffs, starting May 1 through early August. Games will be played between 10:00am and 2:00pm. You need to be in shape to play as this is a somewhat competitive league. There are patched umpires officiating. You also must be willing to commit to playing most of the season, and be a member of, or willing to join, the Men's Club. If you are interested, please contact Michael Salberg at 847-831-0581 or mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net.



Celebrate Men's Club Man of the Year and Youth of the Year

On March 19, 2017, at 1:00pm, the NSS Beth El Men's Club is hosting the Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Award lunch award ceremony for the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Please come and help celebrate the winners from the Beth El community, and those from other Men's Clubs in the Chicago area. Registration for the lunch (\$36) and information for placing a tribute ad in the program book (from \$50 and up) can be found online at <https://midwestregionfjmc.myshopify.com> (Note: a portion of the tribute ad revenue goes to support NSSBE Youth services.)

Our Man of the Year awardee is Steve Coven. Steve has been a long-time member of Beth El and an active participant in the Men's Club. He has served in various capacities as an Officer and Board member of the Men's Club. He is one of our stalwart volunteers, helping at all of the Men's Club activities and events. He also runs the successful Shabbat Deli Kiddush that the Men's Club offers every other month. Steve's rock solid support of the Men's Club, and the support of his lovely wife, Sara, is one reason the NSSBE Men's Club is the envy of other synagogues. For that we are proud to name Steve our Man of the Year.

Our Youth of the Year awardee is Rebecca Greenstein. Rebecca has been very active as a board member of the NSS Beth El USY group (BEANS). She has served for two years as Religion/Education Vice-President for BEANS, and currently is in that role on the CHUSY Regional Board. As Religion/Education Vice-President, she puts together services and helps teach other youth what they should know about Judaism and how it is relevant to their lives. Rebecca has spent seven summers at Camp Ramah, went on Ramah's Israel and Poland trip last summer, and is currently a senior at New Trier High School.



Spring Congregational

Shabbat Dinner & Chametz Fest

April 7, 2017

6:15pm

Family Service

Traditional Service

7:00pm

Dinner

Come get your fill of Chametz before Pesach begins! Join friends, family and the NSS Beth El community to celebrate the joy of Spring and the Passover season!

Pre-registration and advance payment required.

More information to come!

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Eric and Kim Ephraim
- *In honor of* Janie Levitan becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In honor of* the birth of our grandson, Julius Ari Hersh, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Moshe and Shoshana Konstantin
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's granddaughter, Shirel Batsheva Orbach - Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
- *In honor of* the marriage of Betsy Mason, daughter of Sallye and David Mason - Irwin and Jill Bernstein
- *In honor of* the wedding of Sarah and Jason Kozin and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - David and Elizabeth Copeland
- *In memory of* Abe I. Yaffe, beloved father - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Albert Rosenberg, beloved father - Fred and Linda Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Steve and Roberta Goodman
- *In memory of* Anna Hirschfeld, beloved grandmother - Marc and Brenda Wilkow
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife and mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Harry Feiger and Family
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Edward and Paulette Margulies
- *In memory of* Arnold Kaplan, beloved husband of Deanna Kaplan - David and Elizabeth Copeland
- *In memory of* Ben Sable, beloved father - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* Bess Cohen, beloved mother - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Bessie Talman, beloved grandmother - Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Bessie Talman, beloved mother-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Betty Hamilton, beloved wife of Bertram Hamilton - Alan and Margaret Silberman
- *In memory of* C. Roger Shulkin, beloved brother-in-law - Marshall and Trudy Okmin
- *In memory of* Craig Sable, beloved son - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* David Baitcher, beloved son-in-law - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Dionsio Salinas, beloved father - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Dorothy and Benjamin Schneider, beloved mother and father - Charlotte Tayne Avraham
- *In memory of* Efraim H. Gale, beloved father - Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Elaine Lowe, beloved mother - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* Elana Levinson, beloved granddaughter - Ann Siegel
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife and mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Family of Eleanor Boxerman
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman
 - Allene Frost
 - Ira and Elise Frost
 - Eugene and Nicole Terry
 - Helene Turner
- *In memory of* Eli Field, beloved father - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Ellen Bookman, beloved sister and aunt - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Esther Salinas, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Eva Hofman, beloved grandmother of Zachary Lindon - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Florence Goldberg, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Frieda Fireman, beloved mother of Fran Levy - Donald Horwitz
- *In memory of* George Albert Goldstein, beloved father - Phyllis Fischel
- *In memory of* Golda Schachter, beloved grandmother - Lyle and Alicia Schachter
- *In memory of* Goldie L. Vishny, beloved mother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Herman Chudacoff, beloved father - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Herman Lowy, beloved grandfather - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* Hetty de Leeuwe, beloved wife of Abraham de Leeuwe - Alan and Margaret Silberman

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Hugo Lowe, beloved father - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* Ignacio Fried, beloved father - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Irwin Jacobson, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Fern Jacobson
- *In memory of* Irwin Jacobson, beloved husband of Fern Jacobson - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Isidor Mandel, beloved father - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In memory of* Israel Solon, beloved father - Ann Siegel
- *In memory of* John Bellows, beloved father - Diane Bellows
- *In memory of* Joseph Birnbaum, beloved father - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Joseph Brooks, beloved father - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Joseph Ferns, beloved father - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Joseph Kessel, beloved father - Morton and Judy Kessel
- *In memory of* Josephine Birnbaum, beloved mother - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Lily Rosenberg, beloved mother - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Louis Shulman, beloved father - Alvin Shulman
- *In memory of* Mae Becker, beloved mother - Barbara Hochwert
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved mother - Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Merwin Rosenberg, beloved father - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Meyer W. Reisin, beloved brother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Naomi Goldwater, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Robin Kaplan
- *In memory of* Nathan Rosenberg, beloved father - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Newton Truger, beloved father - David and Julie Baum
- *In memory of* Philip Zand, beloved husband - Frances Lee Zand
- *In memory of* Robert Echt, beloved husband - Rita Echt
- *In memory of* Rosalind Stein Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplin
- *In memory of* Rose Fried, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Rose Lowy, beloved grandmother - Maurice Sable and Deanna Lowe Sable
- *In memory of* Sam and Faye Shulkin, beloved father-in-law and mother-in-law - Marshall and Trudy Okmin
- *In memory of* Sheldon Roodman, beloved husband - Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ruth and Bruno (z"l) Fischer
- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son, of Ruth and Bruno (z"l) Fischer
- Hope Bernstein
- Frances and Dan Doucher
- Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- Robert and Beth Footlik
- Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith
- Ellen and Larry Goldstein
- Lorna Greenspahn
- Myrna Kopin
- Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Sylvia Lavin, beloved mother - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Sylvia Maiman, beloved mother and grandmother - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Sylvia Sz wajger, beloved mother - Lyle and Alicia Schachter
- *In memory of* Taube Wainstein, beloved cousin - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Zella Ludwig, beloved mother of Judy and Michael Smith, and Nina and Mark Gaines and beloved grandmother of Matthew and Sarah Gaines and Jill and David Friedman - Alan and Margaret Silberman
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz
- James Kaplan
- Jeff and Marcia Rubin
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his help with the *ketubah* - Mindy Botbol
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his wonderful support during a difficult time - Terry and Marla Grossberg
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the High Holiday honor - David and Elizabeth Copeland

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Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his guidance - Eric and Kim Ephraim
- *In honor of* Janie Levitan becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Harry Feiger and Family
- *In memory of* Della Harrison, beloved mother and grandmother - Myron and Susan Block
- *In memory of* Elizabeth Diane Glick, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Steve and Debbie Graham
- *In memory of* Ethel Kozlove Levy, beloved mother - Adrian and Linda Winick
- *In memory of* Florence Schwartz and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - The Family of Florence Schwartz
- *In memory of* George Dunn, beloved father - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Harry Woldenberg, beloved father - Richard and Nadine Woldenberg
- *In memory of* Helen Graham, beloved mother - H. Steven and Deborah Graham
- *In memory of* Jack Frost, beloved father - Ira and Elise Frost
- *In memory of* Jack Frost, beloved husband - Allene Frost
- *In memory of* Leona Kalson Wilk, beloved mother - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Lillian Winick, beloved mother - Adrian and Linda Winick
- *In memory of* Louis Berman, beloved father - Leon and Leslie Fox
- *In memory of* Louis Kaplan, beloved father - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Mabelle Schero, beloved grandmother - Ira and Elise Frost
- *In memory of* Mabelle Schero, beloved mother - Allene Frost
- *In memory of* Mandel Rosenberg, beloved grandfather - Scott and Maureen Chaikin
- *In memory of* Miriam Galerkin, beloved mother - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Natalie Bernstein, beloved sister - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Newton Truger, beloved father - David and Julie Baum
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - The Family of Phyllis Wygodny
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Nancy Tuzzolino
- *In memory of* Sheldon Fox, beloved father - Leon and Leslie Fox
- *In memory of* Sherwin A. Fox, beloved father - Richard and Nadine Woldenberg
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for his support - Adam Posner and Romy Block-Posner
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for speaking at the Sisterhood breakfast - NS Beth El Sisterhood

Hazzan Tisser's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Eric and Kim Ephraim
- *In honor of* Janie Levitan becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Victor and Arielle Levitan
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife and mother and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Harry Feiger and Family
- *In memory of* David Channon, beloved father of Ben Channon and beloved brother of Brian Channon - Michael and Karen Kesner
- *In memory of* Irwin Jacobson, beloved husband and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Fern Jacobson
- *In memory of* Mae G. Cohen, beloved mother - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser
 - Robert and Sharon Burack
 - Loren and Rebecca Schechter
 - Alan and Margaret Silberman

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 - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky

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

- *In memory of* Calvin Kagan, beloved father -
Joel and Pearl Kagan

**Arnold Rissman Family Kol Ami
Museum Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of Pam and Richard
Schlosberg's grandson Matthew - Robert
and Beth Footlik

Ba'al Korei Fund

- *In honor of* Howard Turner's special
birthday - Scott and Karen Bieber
- *In memory of* Arnold Kaplan, beloved
husband of Deanna Kaplan - Howard Turner
- *In memory of* Dona Ohcana Oberzanek,
beloved mother of David Ohcana - Howard
Turner
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved
mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann,
Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Howard
Turner

- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son
of Ruth and Bruno (z"l) Fischer - Howard
Turner
- *In memory of* Victoria Goldstein, beloved
mother of Larry Goldstein - Howard Turner

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

- *In memory of* David Scott Drachler, beloved
son - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

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

**Beth El Camp Scholarship
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved
mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay
Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Robin Mitzen

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

- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved
mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann,
Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Evie,
Mark, Neal, and Ashley Zolt

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In memory of* Joseph Goldstein, beloved
father - Larry and Ellen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Max Glassman, beloved
father-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Avraham Kahana, beloved
father - Dov and Eileen Kahana

- *In memory of* Harold Siegel, beloved
father - Dov and Eileen Kahana
- *With appreciation to* Steve Hoffman for
his help during the holidays - Terry and
Marla Grossberg

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

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of
Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother
of Sandy Weber - Edward and Paulette
Margulies

- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved
mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann,
Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny
- Albert and Sara Karoll
- Edward and Paulette Margulies

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Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Steven Kaplan, beloved son of Ruth and Bruno (z"l) Fischer - Gerald and Rita Buckman	- <i>In memory of</i> Victoria Goldstein, beloved mother of Larry Goldstein - Gerald and Rita Buckman
Goldman/Glass Program Endowment Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Jordyn Kopin, daughter of Karen and Mitchell Kopin and granddaughter of Myrna Kopin, engagement to Etia Terazi – Philip and Ellen Glass	- <i>Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to</i> Ernie Smolen - Philip and Ellen Glass
Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Naoko Muramatsu - Nadine Seidman	- <i>In memory of</i> Leonard Weitz, beloved husband of Lynn Weitz - Wendy Pollack
I. Finkelstein Fund	- <i>With appreciation</i> - Helene Turner	
Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar in Residence Program Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Janet Robbin, beloved mother - David and Karen Benson	
Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Dona Ochana Oberzanek, beloved mother of David Ohcana - Jeff and Mindy Gordon and Family	- <i>In memory of</i> Mildred Starkman, beloved mother - Larry Pachter, Sandy Starkman, Uri and Hollen and Avram Pachter
Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Buddy Cohen - Richard and Pamela Schlosberg - <i>In memory of</i> Dorothy Hirschfield, beloved mother - Howard and Lois Hirschfield	- <i>In memory of</i> Irving Hirschfield, beloved father - Howard and Lois Hirschfield - <i>In memory of</i> Maurice Sher, beloved father - Michael and Sara Sher
Janger Family Haverot Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Allen Janger, beloved brother of Richard Janger - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky	
Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Robert and Beth Footlik - <i>In memory of</i> Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Jonathan and Ellen Brown - <i>In memory of</i> Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Flora Alderman - Theodore and Cheryl Banks	- Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bregstone - Maudette Devenow - Susan Fink - Lauren Beth Gash - Stan Giffin - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch - Roberta Gray Katz - Howard Korengold - Jeff and Ellen Krupp - James Levy - Michael and Terri Lipsitz - Elliot and Doris Mirman - Arnold and Hilda Reingold, Kimberly Reingold and Family and Gordon Reingold

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

- Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- Alan and Rachel Russo
- Pearl Saleh
- John and Joyce Schladweiler
- Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
- Amy Schneider
- Scott and Roberta Schreiber
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Frank and Ruth Stern
- Tenth District Congressional Democrats
- West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees
- Bill Zagroba and Dan DiMario, Seldon Fox Ltd.
- *In memory of* David Channon, beloved father of Ben Channon and beloved brother of Brian Channon - Elliot and Anne Rossen
- *In memory of* Elizabeth Diane Glick, beloved mother of Debbie Graham - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Florence Cohen, beloved mother - Mark and Marla Cohen
- *In memory of* Martin G. Brown, beloved father - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Philip D. Cohen and Pearle T. Cohen, beloved parents - Janet Cohen
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny
- Pondy Rosenfield
- Bob and Millie Weber

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman
- Sandra Becker
- Joan Groner and Judy Groner
- *In memory of* Leo Stern, beloved father - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Michael Levitt, beloved husband of Diane Levitt - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny
- Nissah Mattenson
- Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Rose Reingold, beloved mother - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Sylvia Tovian, beloved mother of Steve Tovian - Tuler Family Fund
- *In memory of* the mother of Jay Goldberg - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Victoria Goldstein, beloved mother of Larry Goldstein - Nissah Mattenson
- *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 - Louis L.I. Grossman

Minyan Fund

- *In honor of* Ben Ephraim becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Bert Derdiger, beloved father - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Dudley Derdiger, beloved brother - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Estelle P. Harrison, beloved mother - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Fanny Gertz, beloved mother - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Henrietta Derdiger, beloved mother - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Ida Pollack, beloved mother-in-law - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Leo Farbman, beloved father - Mark and Laura Lieberman
- *In memory of* Leonard Weitzman, beloved father - Keith Weitzman

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Minyan Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Louis Bernbaum, beloved father-in-law - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Martin Melinger, beloved father - Michael and Jacqueline Melinger
- *In memory of* Maurice Bernbaum, beloved brother-in-law - Harriet Bernbaum
- *In memory of* Mildred "Mickey" Gross, beloved sister - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Minna Derdiger, beloved step-mother - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Mort Bloomberg, beloved father - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Rose Ramek, beloved mother - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Tillie Bloomberg, beloved mother - Stanton and Carole Derdiger
- *In memory of* Victoria Goldstein, beloved mother of Larry Goldstein - Michael and Karen Kesner
- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Michael and Jacqueline Melinger
- *With appreciation* - Keith Weitzman
- *With appreciation* - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling

Music Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Allene Frost's great-grandson - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Elise Frost's grandson - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In honor of* the birth of Janet and Gary Resnick's granddaughter - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In honor of* the birth of Maurice and Sheila Pickard's great-granddaughter - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky
- *In memory of* Arnold Kaplan, beloved husband of Deanna Kaplan - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Fred Margolis, beloved son-in-law of Rhoda Levine - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Jerome Mann, beloved brother of Rhoda Levine - Lawrence and Abby Block

NSS Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of* Janie Levitan becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Jori and Leah Brajer
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Gene and Nicole Terry
- *With appreciation* - NS Beth El Sisterhood

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* the marriage of Dana Mason, daughter of Sallye and David Mason - Lois Moss
- *In memory of* Arnold Kaplan, beloved husband of Deanna Kaplan - David and Elizabeth Copeland
- *In memory of* David Channon, beloved father of Ben Channon and beloved brother of Brian Channon - Robert and Faye Miller
- *In memory of* Don Levin-Gerkow, beloved brother of Jodi Eisenstadt - Friends and Family of Jodi Eisenstadt
- *In memory of* Elizabeth Diane Glick, beloved mother of Debbie Graham - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman
- Lawrence and Susan Boxerman
- Michael and Karen Kesner
- Ronnie Jo Sokol
- *In memory of* Frances and Jack Landsman, beloved parents - Lois Moss
- *In memory of* Martin David Cohen, beloved brother - Sonny and Rena Cohen
- *In memory of* Meyer Zar, beloved father - Leon and Wendy Zar
- *In memory of* Mildred Behm, beloved mother - Burton and Sharon Behm

**NSSBE Special Gifts Fund
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny
- Robert and Jean Gignac
- Gail Guggenheim
- Harvey and Judi Levy
- Ellen Matz
- Cathy Nathan
- Michael and Julie Schreiber and Family
- Arthur and Linda Schwank
- Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky
- Howard Walton
- *In memory of* Seth Janger, beloved son of Lois and Richard Janger - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky
- *In memory of* Sol Gerkow, beloved father of Jodi Eisenstadt - Friends and Family of Jodi Eisenstadt
- *In memory of* Sylvia Levinson, beloved mother and grandmother - Lois Moss
- *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 - Eleanor Lieberman
- *With appreciation* - Jared and Jordana Greenberg
- *With appreciation* - Sol and Elaine Rosen

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

- *In honor of* the birth of Jacob Secore, son of Naomi and Jason Secore - NSS Beth El Steinberg Pre-School Staff

Prayer Book Fund

- *In memory of* Aaron Dlugie, beloved father - David and Joyce Dlugie
- *In memory of* Albert and Sylvia Wishnick, beloved father and mother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Arnold Kaplan, beloved husband of Deanna Kaplan - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Charles and Gertrude Harris, beloved parents - Robert and Rhoda Rothman
- *In memory of* Eugene Behrstock, beloved father - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Eva Wittenberg, beloved mother-in-law - Iris Wittenberg
- *In memory of* Felix H. Wolf, beloved father - Mark and Julia Gerstein
- *In memory of* Freda Schaffel Siegel, beloved mother - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In memory of* Irving Fegenhols, beloved father - Iris Wittenberg
- *In memory of* Jeanette S. Ulman, beloved mother - Lillian Charney
- *In memory of* Joe Bearak, beloved father - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *In memory of* Leonard Dolin, beloved husband of Arlene Dolin - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In memory of* Max Wittenberg, beloved father-in-law - Iris Wittenberg
- *In memory of* Michael Millenson's beloved uncle - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Shane Zien Wolf, beloved mother - Mark and Julia Gerstein
- *In memory of* Victoria Goldstein, beloved mother of Larry Goldstein - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Donna Gottlieb - Marvin and Sara Siegel

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Gerry Kaplan

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**Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel
Lecture Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Millie Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - Betty Rozenfeld

- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman - Betty Rozenfeld

- *In memory of* Eugene Friedman, beloved husband, father and grandfather - Betty Rozenfeld

- *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 - Betty Rozenfeld

- *With appreciation for* receiving an Aliyah in honor of my birthday - Betty Rozenfeld

**Sarah and Henry Stiebel
Schecter Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Tracey Hendler, Rob Freeman and Felissa Kreindler on their Simchat Torah honors - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman

**Sheldon and Nancy Mann
Unrestricted Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Belle Mann, beloved mother - Sheldon and Nancy Mann

- *In memory of* Henry Mann, beloved father - Sheldon and Nancy Mann

- *In memory of* Irene Regenstreif, beloved mother - Sheldon and Nancy Mann

**Sherman Family Israel
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Rob Sherman, beloved brother of Jonathan Sherman - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

Social Action Fund

- *In memory of* Dona Ohcana Oberzanek, beloved mother of David Ohcana - Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky

- *In memory of* Phyllis Wygodny, beloved mother of Barbara Gottesman, Joyce Ann, Jay Wygodny and Jeff Wygodny - Alex Feller

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Pam and Richard Schlosberg's grandson, Matthew Aiden Schlosberg - Larry and Mary Ellen Goldsmith

- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife and mother and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - Harry Feiger and Family

- *With appreciation to* the NSS Beth El Staff - NS Beth El Sisterhood

- *With appreciation* - Richard and Pam Schlosberg

- *With appreciation* - Jeffrey and Stacy Goldsmith

**Steinberg Pre-School
Endowment Fund**

- *With appreciation* - Marc and Mimi Yoskowitz

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* Hannah Kreindler's aliyah - Felissa Kreindler

- *In honor of* my aliyah on Sisterhood Shabbat - Felissa Kreindler

Jewish United Fund's

Israel Solidarity Day

featuring the Walk with Israel



**SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2017
2-6 PM**

Ravinia Festival
200 RAVINIA PARK ROAD,
HIGHLAND PARK

HEADLINING ENTERTAINMENT

Idan Raichel

Rain or Shine!

Performances will take place under the Ravinia Festival Pavilion, (seating is first-come, first-served); open seating on the lawn.

- 1:15 p.m.** Registration
(pre-register at www.juf.org/ISD to receive a "speed pass")
- 2:00 p.m.** Tekes (Opening Ceremony)
- 2:15 p.m.** Three-Mile Walk with Israel & One-Mile Family Walk
featuring JCC Chicago fitness activities
- 3:30 p.m.** Jamman Drum Circle
- 4:00 p.m.** Nefesh Mountain Family Concert
- 5:00 p.m.** Idan Raichel Concert

All day:

Activities for children of all ages
Kosher food available for purchase

NEW! Israeli Market Place and Art Festival

Free parking is available at Ravinia Festival. Metra's Union Pacific North Line makes Sunday stops in the village of Ravinia. Shuttle buses will transport participants from the Ravinia stop to Ravinia Festival and back.

Donations will help 6,500 at-risk youth in JUF's Israel Partnership Region.

Raise **\$18 or more** toward Israel Solidarity Day and receive an Israel Solidarity t-shirt on May 7th!

Raise **\$100 or more** toward Israel Solidarity Day and receive a \$100 JUF Israel Experience Voucher or JUF Mission Voucher! (Limited to one voucher per person per year.)



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This event is open to the entire community; Ravinia's facilities are fully accessible, including parking, seating, pathways and restrooms.

Register: www.juf.org/ISD

Call: (312) 444-2905

Email: IsraelSolidarity@juf.org

April 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rabbi Schwab Special Shabbat 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00pm Shabbat Ends
2 9:00am Maot Chitim Passover Food Delivery	3 7:00pm Youth Chocolate Seder	4 6:00pm Men's Club/Youth Group Candle Packing 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00pm USY Kinnus Pump Up Lounge Night	5 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 7:00pm Hartman Lecture Series	6 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs	7 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Chametz Fest Pre-Passover Congregational Dinner 7:03pm Candle Lighting	8 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:08pm Shabbat Ends
9	10 Erev Pesach/1st Seder 6:30am Morning Minyan/Siyyum Bechorim 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:06pm Candle Lighting	11 Pesach 1st Day/2nd Seder 8:50am Festival Service 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:11pm Candle Lighting	12 Pesach 2nd Day 8:50am Festival Service 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:11pm Yom Tov Ends	13 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00am Morning Minyan	14 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:11pm Candle Lighting	15 Hol Hamoed Pesach 8:50am Shabbat Services 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:16pm Shabbat Ends
16 Hol Hamoed Pesach 8:45am Morning Minyan 7:13pm Candle Lighting 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	17 Pesach 7th Day 8:50am Festival Service 11:00am Passover Play 'n Pray 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:18pm Candle Lighting	18 Pesach 8th Day/Yizkor 8:50am Festival Service 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:16pm Yom Tov Ends	19 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	20 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	21 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:18pm Candle Lighting	22 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Alex Garfinkel 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:00am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:23pm Shabbat Ends
23	24 Yom HaShoah 7:00pm Men's Club Yom HaShoah Program 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee Mtg	25	26 Rosh Hodesh Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan	27 Rosh Hodesh Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 11:30am Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	28 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:26pm Candle Lighting	29 8:50am Shabbat Services Blessing Our Babies Bar Mitzvah - Eli Leshtz 10:00am Gimmel/Dalet Family Service 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 7:15pm Mincha Bar Mitzvah - Ayden Schwartz 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:31pm Shabbat Ends
30 8:45am Morning Minyan 10:00am Frankel Memorial Lecture 6:00pm JUF Event						

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March 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm Preschool Shema PJ Party	2	3 5:23pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm Bet Kabbalat Shabbat/Oneg	4 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
5	6	7	8 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 1:30pm Dimona Twist Film Event 7:00pm Hartman Lecture Series	9 Fast of Esther 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	10 5:31pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	11 Erev Purim/ Megillah Reading 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Hey Family Services 12:00pm Hey Family Luncheon 5:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:36pm Shabbat Ends 8:00pm Purim Party
12 Purim 2:00am Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:45am Morning Minyan – Family Megillah Reading 11:00am Purim Carnival	13 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	14 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	15 7:45pm Men's Club Caveman Dinner	16 12:00pm Study in the Loop 7:45pm Religious School Challah Bake	17 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:39pm Candle Lighting	18 Ba'al Korei Shabbat 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:45am Gimmel/ Dalet Family Service 6:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:44pm Shabbat Ends
19 1:00pm Men's Club Man of the Year Brunch	20 8:00pm CLC Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	21	22 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	23 2:00pm Afternoon @ the Movies 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	24 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:47pm Candle Lighting	25 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:53pm Shabbat Ends
26	27	28 Rosh Hodesh Nisan	29	30	31 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:55pm Candle Lighting	



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