

Kol Beth El

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From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab »



Jerusalem of Gold

"....The Shofar calls on the Temple Mount in the Old City. And from the caves in the rocks a thousand suns glow again.....For your name burns the lips like the kiss of an angel. Let me not forget thee O' Jerusalem, city of gold."

These words, written by Naomi Shemer for the famous song *Yerushalyim Shel Zahav* never cease to move me. They bring to life the unique resonant power of that sacred city for us, as Jews, poetically illustrating how Jerusalem symbolizes our history, our sovereignty and our spirituality. And then the song ends with an emotional plea to never forget the special place of Jerusalem. For from the Diaspora, living out our lives thousands of miles away, we are sometimes in danger of doing just that.

Yet thankfully, the next two months of May and June (*Nisan* and *Iyar*) give us the tools to answer Shemer's plea to never forget the meaning of Jerusalem and Israel. For the upcoming weeks are always filled with various ways of recalling Israel in significant ways and thus making sure we never forget that wonderful place. In our Jewish calendar over the course of the next few weeks we have at least two special days of connecting around sad events and two that connect us through joy. The night of May 4th through the day of May 5th the world Jewish community will commemorate *Yom Hashoa u'Gevurah* – the day set aside by the State of Israel for Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance. On this day we recall those who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators and we also remember the bravery of those who fought against the perpetrators of the Holocaust. In addition we reflect on the role of Israel in providing a home to so many survivors who subsequently moved there, allowing them to go from dark to light. In fact, Beth El is hosting a *Yom Hashoah* commemoration and service, open to the community, on May 4th at 7:00pm featuring Rabbi Slomo Koves of the Hungarian Jewish community who will share his own story related to the Holocaust and reflect on that state of Central European Jewry. I hope you can all be there. Less than a week later, we commemorate *Yom Hazikaron*, honoring all of those who died for the sake of Israel, as soldiers or as victims of terror. These types of events bind us to the heaviness of our history but also serve to remind us of how important Israel has always been to our people. These commemorations aid us in understanding how Israel can be, and always was, a rallying point, a safe haven, a dream and is now a living reality to so many Jews from around the world. These special days illustrate in a poignant way that Israel has always been a place that is, and was, a land worth fighting for, even while we, of course, wish we didn't have to.

Fortunately, our traditions turn from sadness to celebrations of joy, as Israel's Memorial Day, transforms into *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence day. After twenty-four hours of memorials we then celebrate with gusto Israel's existence. Please also join us on
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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.

May 2016

Shabbat, May 7

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Achrei Mot
Torah: Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 – 42

Shabbat, May 14

Parashat Kedoshim
Torah: Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 9:15

Shabbat, May 21

Parashat Emor
Torah: Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 44:31

Shabbat, May 28

Parashat Behar
Torah: Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6 – 32:27

June 2016

Shabbat, June 4

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Bechukotai
Torah: Leviticus 26:3 – 27:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

Shabbat, June 11

Erev Shavuot
Parashat Bamidbar
Torah: Numbers 1:1 – 4:20
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 2:22

Shabbat, June 18

Parashat Nasso
Torah: Numbers 4:21 – 7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 13:25

Shabbat, June 25

Parashat Beha'alotcha
Torah: Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

July 2016

Shabbat, July 2

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Sh'lach
Torah: Numbers 13:1 – 15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 – 2:24

Shabbat, July 9

Parashat Korach
Torah: Numbers 16:1 – 18:32
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

Shabbat, July 16

Parashat Chukat
Torah: Numbers 19:1 – 22:1
Haftarah: Judges 11:1 – 11:33

Shabbat, July 23

Parashat Balak
Torah: Numbers 22:2 – 25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

Shabbat, July 30

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Pinchas
Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 30:1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

Shavuot Service Schedule

Saturday, June 11

Erev Shavuot

8:00pm Mincha/Seudah
Shlishit/Ma'ariv
8:07pm Candle Lighting
9:15pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot
The Rabbi Philip Lipis
Memorial Lecture featuring
Professor Rachel Havrelock

Sunday, June 12

Shavuot

4:30am Sunrise Service
8:50am Festival Service
11:00am Shavuot Pray and Play
12:30pm Shavuot Post Kiddush Picnic
8:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:12pm Candle Lighting

Monday, June 13

Shavuot/Yizkor

6:30am Early Morning Service
8:50am Festival Service
D'var Torah – Professor Rachel
Havrelock
8:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:13pm Yom Tov Ends



Professor Rachel Havrelock is an Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and English at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Trained in Hebrew Bible, Rabbinics, Folklore, and Middle East Studies, her research and writing combines these interests. Rachel blogs for The Huffington Post and is the writer and director of the hip-hop play *From Tel Aviv to Ramallah* about the daily lives of young people in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Daily Services

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00am

Every Shabbat

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with
children 1st grade and younger

11:00am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd–5th grade

Services are conducted by:

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

» From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab

Jerusalem of Gold (continued from page 1)

Thursday, May 12th at 3:00pm as Israeli-born violinist virtuoso Netanel Draiblate will perform a recital to help us celebrate that joy we have in living at a time of the existence of a flourishing Jewish state. During that day we appreciate the many blessings of Israel, as a place where Jewish life and the Jewish people can and do thrive on a daily basis. Further, only three weeks later we rejoice again – this time by celebrating Jerusalem Day – the date which we mark the miracle of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967. Once again, in Israel, people will take to the streets to express their joy that Jews can live in, and experience first-hand, this wondrous city.

Therefore, over the next month or so, I encourage you to remember Naomi Shemer's plea, based on the Biblical verse from Psalms, to never forget Jerusalem. In fact, I encourage you to use the tools of our tradition, most especially the holidays I outlined above, to recall Jerusalem and Israel and to re-invoke the special meaning that these sacred places hold in our hearts and in our minds. For, despite its troubles and challenges, Israel is a touchstone of meaning for our people and Jerusalem is truly a city of gold.

Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 12, 2016

Following Evening Minyan at 7:30 pm

Please join with your fellow congregants to:

- Celebrate our Synagogue and our accomplishments this year
 - Bid farewell to retiring staff members
 - Acknowledge all of our volunteers
- Elect and install board members and directors for the Congregation and honor outgoing board members and directors
 - Pay tribute to our many generous donors
 - Receive your copy of the Annual Report

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Watch your email
for your invitation!

» Hazzan Ben Tisser

As the synagogue year comes to an end, it offers the opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished as a community – our triumphs, our programming, our gathering to celebrate and to mourn – as well as the opportunity to look forward with great hope and anticipation for what is to come. It is, then, no coincidence that as you are receiving this bulletin we are in the midst of counting the Omer. In a not-so-subtle way, the Omer represents the very same thing. In the counting of days, we observe a Torah commandment and in doing so we are connected to the many generations that came before us, all the way back to Sinai. We don't count the number of days left until Shavuot, but the number of days that have passed since Pesach – both in days and in weeks. We look back with fondness on the days that have passed, and yet we are instructed to use this period of seven weeks to prepare ourselves – spiritually, emotionally and intellectually – to once again relive the very moment of Revelation, to receive the Torah anew.

The past year seems to have flown by. Together we have accomplished so much. It is hard to believe that it has only been ten months since we moved to Highland Park! Just a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to speak to students of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at JTS about life "in the field" and how they can best prepare themselves for it. The truth is, as in many professions, there is no magic number of classroom hours – no curriculum or prescribed coursework – that can prepare a person for what she will ultimately face as she enters her chosen profession. My best advice to them is that they need to take the

time in school to really study themselves – to begin to identify who they truly are as people, and to then develop the skills that will take them to the place where they can fully be who they are, and in doing so inspire a community to be each person his or her best self, as together they strive to reach the divine.

In just a few days we will gather to commemorate one of the greatest acts of destruction in the history of humanity. But we will gather not just to remember the victims and honor the survivors of the Shoah, we will gather to hear about what is happening now with regard to European Jewry and to stand in solidarity as we renew our dedication to ensuring that Never Again is more than a mere tagline. We will welcome representatives of the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and we will hear from our keynote speaker, Rabbi Slomo Koves of Budapest – a truly engaging speaker and a close friend. The message he will bring is important, and I encourage you to see the flyer in the bulletin and consider joining us.

The Psalmist wrote: "Teach us to number our days, that we may attain a wise and thoughtful heart." We are in the midst of the Omer. May we remember not only to count each passing day, but to make each day count. Have a wonderful summer...see you in shul!

B'shalom,



A Fond Farewell....Shalom to Chuck, Caron and Samantha

Chuck Kahalnik, Caron Knopoff and Samantha Isenstein are leaving their Beth El positions this spring and we bid them a fond farewell. They will be "officially" honored at the NSSBE Annual Meeting on Thursday evening, May 12 at 7:30pm in the Field Family Sanctuary, and everyone in the congregation is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend the event, which will be followed by a dessert reception.

Chuck Kahalnik, Executive Director



Chuck has been at the helm of our synagogue since August 2007. Under his direction, he has managed the business and budget of a thriving and growing organization, as well as handled all issues with our 75,000 square foot property and four clergy homes. His expertise in facility management is unparalleled, membership has grown, and he teaches and joins in youth activities with great enthusiasm. During his tenure at Beth El he has developed and increased our Kosher Catering Department to the sophisticated event capability we have today. Chuck has kept a careful eye on our budget, managing our expenses and maximizing our income to achieve balanced budgets. He is well respected in the Chicagoland community and has built many positive relationships within Beth El and beyond.

Chuck has been serving the Jewish community of Chicago for over 30 years. He has been the Youth Director for several conservative synagogues, Assistant Director at JCC Camp Chi, Executive Director of Congregation Beth Judea and Director of JCYS Camp Henry Horner before assuming his position at Beth El as Executive Director in 2007. Chuck also has over 30 years of religious school teaching experience and has taught successful classes here at Beth El. He has a BA in Political Science from Northeastern Illinois University, received a teaching certificate from the State of Illinois in 1980 and was a Seminar Graduate of the Kellogg School of Management for Jewish Leaders.

Chuck's energy and enthusiasm are infectious. He has "lived" the synagogue these past nine years and pushed lay and staff to greater heights in programming and in meeting the needs of our members and community. We'll miss him and wish Chuck all good things going forward!

Caron Knopoff, Director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Sternberg Pre-School



Caron has taught, directed, and supervised early childhood education programs for the over 30 years. A graduate of Northeastern Illinois University, she has been a NAEYC valuator, a Kehillah commissioner of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and served as a Professional Growth Advisor for the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral. She has also served on J Cert – the Jewish Federation Community Emergency Resiliency Team.

Caron has taught all pre-school age levels and then became a school director, stewarding the JCC program at Am Shalom in Glencoe and rising to become the Senior Director for all JCC Early Childhood programs. She supervised nine schools and helped to open new programs and develop curriculum. In August of 2009 Caron became the director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Caron is responsive to the needs of our children and our families and has built the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School into a highly respected and most sought after early childhood program. She is dedicated to delivering the highest quality integrated curriculum in a warm, creative and welcoming environment. Caron instituted high quality teacher training, developed new programs to expand our reach, and helps transition families into our Religious School program. As the consummate professional, Caron is always available to every child, parent and staff member, and her guiding hand is seen in all our programs for young families. A measure of her impact is that since coming to Beth El the enrollment at the Pre-School has grown from 52 to more than 170. What a success story! The Beth El community wishes Caron a long, healthy and wonderful retirement.

Samantha Isenstein, Youth Community Director



And we also bid *l'hitraot* to Samantha Isenstein, our Youth Community Director for the last four years. The Youth

Community at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is known as "BEANS" – Beth El at North Suburban Synagogue. "Sam" ran five youth groups for children in grades K-12, as well as a College Connection program. Her goals were to help educate kids about Judaism and themselves in an informal environment and help them grow as Jewish individuals and foster lasting Jewish friendships. Participating in a youth group is one of the key indicators of an adult Jewish identity, and Sam was great at connecting with our youth. From M & M Club (grades K-1), to Shalom Club (grades 2-5), to Kadima (grades 6-8) and USY (grades 9-12), and continuing on to College Connection, Sam kept all the activities running and reinforced the tenets of Conservative Judaism in a fun and meaningful way. During her tenure, BEANS USY has consistently won awards for the most *Tikkun Olam* money raised in our region, and many of our BEANS youth serve in leadership positions of CHUSY, Chicagoland's regional USY organization. In addition to BEANS, Sam helped launch the new *chugim* initiative and taught an Outdoor *chug* in the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School this past year.

Prior to coming to NSSBE, Samantha was a mentor for Write On for Israel at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, facilitating Israel education and advocacy in monthly seminars for high school juniors and mentoring nine other fellows. She was the BBYO Connect and Outreach Coordinator, as well as a camp unit head at the JCC of Chicago. While in undergrad and graduate school, she served as an intern at the Foundation for Jewish Camp, as a synagogue educator, a Hillel intern and a Masa Israel Journey representative. She has an MA in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Sam has accepted a position in the city, closer to home with baby Micah and husband Brian. We will miss her smiling face!

Much More Than a Facelift

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on May 5, 2016 a motion will be voted on to carry out a significant renovation project this summer. Upon passage by the Board of Directors, the project planned for the summer of 2016 will include work on the main entrance to the synagogue, the entire rotunda (both north and south elements), the memorial alcove and the bathrooms near the Sager Family Beit HaMidrash. All of this work is built on an existing conceptual "Master Plan" approach to link each of these elements together to create a unified whole and vastly improve the look and utility of our space. A second phase wherein the Sager Family Beit HaMidrash will be upgraded is tentatively planned for winter 2016 break.

Working with architect Cyrus Subawalla, our House Committee along with members of the Cultural and Learning Center have invested many hours putting together detailed plans and budgets for the work. Elements of the project include: creating a double doors for the main entrance, reconfiguring the south wing of the rotunda to provide new and larger and more attractive space for the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum pieces, a meeting space, a reconfiguration of the memorial alcove space to provide a matching wall to the existing circular wall, modernized and upgraded bathrooms and much more. The Board of Directors at the March 2016 meeting approved the expenditure of monies to pre-order long lead time items such as the special cabinetry to be used for Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum pieces.

We are immensely fortunate in that the entirety of the funding for this major initiative comes from a number of donations including major gifts from four North Suburban Synagogue Beth El families. Additionally, funding from the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum Fund will be used for this project. At this time we are working to obtain full funding for the upgrade of the Sager Family Beit HaMidrash as well so that work there can be carried out in a second phase. There is no utilization of operating budget monies required!

The plan calls for work to begin around June 10 and continue through the summer until around September 10. Erev Rosh Hashana is October 2 this year (Selichot is September 24), so the plan is to have everything completed before the High Holy Days. Shabbat and daily services will continue throughout the summer. We do request that you be cognizant of the activities during the summer and avoid walking into any active construction areas.

We look forward to seeing our synagogue space tremendously improved in look and utility and are so grateful to those whose magnificent donations enable us to do this work.

If you wish additional information please contact VP-Administration Richard Zelin, House Committee co-chairs Michael Carney and Alan Levine, VP-Education Marla Hand or Cultural and Learning Center Committee chair, Pamela Schlosberg.



It's All in the Beth El Family



We Welcome the Following New Members

- Andrew and Jeri Henoach and their children, Benjamin and Lila
- Jonathan and Carly Linton and their son, Jack
- Alan and Barbara Newman
- Zvi Noy and Marilyn Hirsch and their children, Eitan and Ma'ayan

Congratulations To

- Talia and Aryeh Derman on the birth of their daughter, Nilli Rose Derman
- Drs. Carol Rosenberg and Gordon Derman on the birth of their granddaughter, Nilli Rose Derman
- Ruth and Bruno Fischer on the birth of their great-grandson, Ashton Scott Fletcher
- Joan Groner on the marriage of her grandson, Daniel Havivi to Julie Lascar
- Joan Holland on the birth of her great-granddaughter
- Gerry Kaplan on the engagement of her granddaughter, Michelle Kaplan, to Jake Friedman
- Marlene and Lee Rubenstein on the birth of their twin grandchildren
- Cara Madansky-Stiebel and Mayer Stiebel on the birth of their great-grandson
- Howard Swilde on the birth of his grandson
- Merle and Steve Tovian on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin David Greenberg
- Cheryl and Keith Weitzman on the wedding of their daughter Neena, to Steven Zucker

Condolences To

- Susan Adler on the loss of her brother, Andrew Galambos Golden
- Dana Atlas on the loss of her grandmother, Florence Schwartz
- David Baum on the loss of his grandmother, Sylvia Siegel
- Leonard Birnbaum on the loss of his wife, Marjorie Birnbaum
- Marc Birnbaum on the loss of his mother, Marjorie Birnbaum
- Gerald Buckman on the loss of his brother, George Buckman
- Robert Footlik on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Footlik
- Gerry Kaplan on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Dr. Tammy Kaplan
- Sharon Krakowsky on the loss of her mother, Janet Kahn Novin
- Robert Less on the loss of his wife, Madalyn Less
- Laurie Levin on the loss of her mother, Geraldine Levin
- Dina Lissos on the loss of her sister-in-law, Dr. Tammy Kaplan
- Jodie Mosk on the loss of her father, Edward Perlow
- Anita Poll on the loss of her father, Ralph Rush
- Reid Poll, Ryan Poll and Marissa Teplitzky on the loss of their grandfather, Ralph Rush
- Phyllis Sadoff on the loss of her mother, Naomi Favus
- Rodney Slutzky on the loss of his step-mother, Shirley Davis Slutzky
- Lawrence Weiner on the loss of his wife, Judith Weiner

In Memoriam

- Marjorie Birnbaum
- Madalyn Less
- Bernice "Bonnie" Lubin
- Miriam Tabachnik
- Judith Weiner

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

- The Blumberg Family: Barbara, Jack, Benjamin, Paula, Rebecca, Rena, JoAnne, Melanie and Peri Axelrod
- Wendi and Michael Ezgur
- Lisa and Todd Fishbein
- Lisa Newman and David Gross
- Jocelyn and Adam Hecht
- Bryna and Rabbi Vernon Kurtz
- North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood
- North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club
- Mira and Darryl Temkin
- Laura and Mitchel Zacks

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

May – Nisan/Iyar 5776



Asher Miller,
son of Michelle and Adam Miller
Shabbat, May 7



Gabriel Bornstein,
son of Shari and Dr. Ian Bornstein
Mincha, May 14



Rachel Hochberg,
daughter of Dr. Laurie and Andrew Hochberg
Shabbat, May 21



Ellie Goldsmith,
daughter of Stacy and Jeffrey Goldsmith
Shabbat, May 28

June – Iyar/Sivan 5776



Matan Freedson-Mortkovitch,
son of Silvi Freedson and Nathan Mortkovitch
Shabbat, June 11

» Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

Writer's Beit Midrash – The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library: May 4 and May 18, 9:30–11:00am. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x242 for more information and for the full summer schedule.

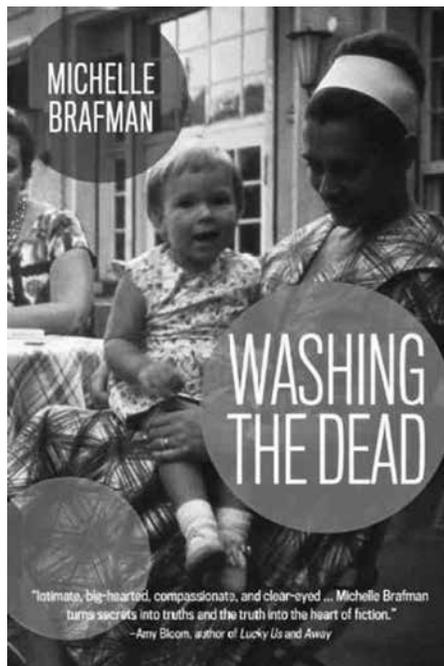


Summer Stories & Sweet Treats

Monday, July 25 at 7:45pm

Join Rachel Kamin for a summer discussion of short stories on Monday, July 25 at 7:45pm (after evening Minyan). Gather on the back porch to discuss "The Bris" by Eileen Pollack (in *In the Mouth*) and "Mishpocha" by Erika Dreifus (in *Quiet Americans*). Participants are encouraged to read the two stories prior to the discussion. "Sweet Treats" will be served! All are welcome – open to the community, free of charge. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903.

Copies of the two stories are available in the Abbell Library or, e-mail meskin@nssbethel.org to request a PDF.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Shabbat, May 14

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *Washing the Dead* by Michelle Brafman, after Shabbat Kiddush on Saturday, May 14 (note date change) at 12:30pm, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Three generations of Jewish women grapple with family secrets in a novel that explores religious community, adulthood, and the power of ritual.

New members welcome! A \$36 annual donation to the Torah Fund Campaign is requested. Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores. The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will resume in the fall. Send book suggestions and other comments to rkamin@nssbethel.org.



OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Erev Yom HaShoah 5776
Commemoration & Service

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – 7:00pm

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El · 1175 Sheridan Road · Highland Park, IL 60035



Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Slomo Koves

Rabbi Slomo Koves is the Executive Rabbi of the Unified Hungarian Jewish Community and was the first Orthodox Rabbi ordained in Hungary since the Shoah.

Rabbi Slomo Koves will be discussing his own story, as well as the current state of affairs in Hungary and throughout Central Europe.

Kindly RSVP to Ana Igornov at 847-432-8900 x222 or aigornov@nssbethel.org.

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North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Corporation

Our Synagogue has a rich and forward thinking vision toward creating a plan to encourage, develop and maintain programming for our membership. To achieve this goal, a not-for-profit corporation, The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Fund, Inc., was created to hold and invest contributions made by members and others who want to insure the future financial viability of both our Synagogue programs and our physical needs. The gifts are tax deductible as defined by current law and regulations. The funds are held in perpetuity and are invested in an investment pool managed by The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. The gifts are focused on either specific

programs selected by the donor or labeled as 'unrestricted' for use by the Synagogue. The income can only be distributed to the Synagogue and no other recipient. Each year, the Synagogue informs the Endowment of the monies spent by the Synagogue for the purposes of each endowed fund. The Endowment reimburses the Synagogue based on a percentage of the value of the specific Endowment up to the amount spent by the Synagogue.

The current distribution, however, does not meet all of the needs of the Synagogue both in terms of existing programs but also ones that the Rabbis and staff would like to initiate.



Think of us as **YOUR FAMILY**

After 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.

Ner Tamid Society

In order to provide an additional donation vehicle for our Endowment, the Synagogue has the Ner Tamid Society, a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. Just as the Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, so do those congregants who have become Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing the financial security of the synagogue, the center of Jewish life. The contribution can be made to begin in a specific number of years or upon passing. When the contribution is received, the family meets with the synagogue to publicize the amount of the gift and its intent. The donor can either create an endowment or provide funds to meet the current needs of the synagogue.

A member can leave the Synagogue a bequest in any manner that he or she desires, but we urge you to consider becoming

a member of the New Tamid Society. Congregants may make donations into any of the currently named endowment funds or other Synagogue funds. A newly Named Endowment Fund can be created at the time the synagogue receives the funds in the

amount designated for such program. Additionally, unrestricted gifts to the Endowment Fund are the greatest compliment an organization may receive – a donor trusts that their funds will be well stewarded by the leadership of the organization.

Gifts beyond our lifetimes demonstrate our commitment to Beth El and the Jewish community. They ensure that Beth El continues to sustain Jewish learning, culture and tefillah for generations to come. As these ideals are important to you, please consider including North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in your estate plan. You will be providing for others just as you have benefited from the vision and generosity of those who came before you.



Create a Jewish Legacy – Chicago

Endowments keep giving forever. And starting in the summer of 2014, Chicago-area Jewish organizations began getting the help they need building endowments that will help sustain them for years to come, thanks to the newly launched Create a Jewish Legacy– Chicago.

NSSBE is honored to have been selected out of a strong pool of Jewish organizations to participate in Create a Jewish Legacy– Chicago. This 2 year partnership program, which joins similar efforts in cities around the country, is fully funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and an anonymous donor, and is managed by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Through the program, Beth El lay leaders and staff learned the methods of structuring, operating and securing estate gifts for our endowment that will provide a steady and potentially growing stream of funding.

In 2015, we earned a \$10,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund by meeting our goal in the first year of the Creating Jewish Legacy Program and increasing our Ner Tamid Society. And we are proud

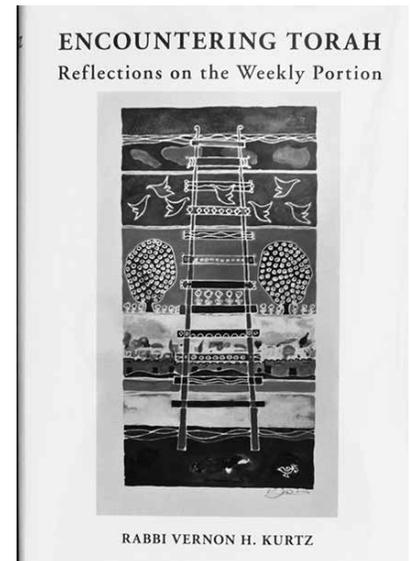
to announce that we have earned another \$10,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund by meeting our goal in this second year! Since our kickoff in the summer of 2014, we have added 42 new members to the Ner Tamid Society, joining our cadre of original members.

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

With the combination of all these sophisticated elements, we have provided a winning combination to provide for the future financial security of NSSBE. For more information about our endowment corporation and the Ner Tamid Society, contact Nancy Kekst, Director of Development, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

Kol Hakovod to the more than 25 original members of the Ner Tamid Society from the previous decades as well as the 42 new members who have joined in the last two years. We look forward to seeing your name listed here soon!

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| Bernard and Fran Alpert | Victor and Arielle Levitan |
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| Jeffrey and Beth Kopin | David Rosen and Amy Zisook |
| Jeffrey and Roberta Kwall | |



A very special book, *Encountering Torah: Reflections on the Weekly Portion*, has been published by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz in honor of the 25th Anniversary of his rabbinate here at Beth El.

Rabbi Kurtz's book is for sale at \$27 (\$25 + \$2 sales tax) per copy in our gift shop, in our office, on the website and via phone order in the office if you wish to purchase extra ones for your family and friends. At this gift giving season, we hope you know is makes a lovely hostess gift, and is a nice addition for a rising high school student to take along to college. Shipping is also available at an additional cost. We hope it will be an important addition to your Jewish bookshelf. Thank you!

Chesed Dues Update: Make your Pledge on your Dues Bill

The Chesed Dues Program is an ongoing program designed to help cover dues for those members in need who cannot afford to pay full dues. In 2013, we altered the timing of our annual Chesed Campaign by including the opportunity to donate at the time members pay their annual dues this summer and early fall. Your upcoming dues statement will include a line for you to make your Chesed pledge. It just feels right for you to make a donation to help others afford to be a part of our community membership at the same time you are renewing your membership. **When you pay your dues statement, if you can, simply voluntarily increase the amount of dues you pay each year to a level that reflects your ability to further support the NSSBE Community.**

Your participation in this program is vital, and we thank those congregants who have already made a donation. While we have reduced our budget by over 14% in the past four years, we still need additional support. Chesed Dues allow us to maintain a dues structure that invites people to join our congregational family, helps us to close the gap between our dues revenue and the cost of running the synagogue, and aids us in sustaining and expanding vital programs and services for our congregation.

As always, gifts of \$250 and above will be recognized on the Chesed Dues plaque in the Mae and Mark Spitz Sanctuary Gallery and in our Annual Report in the categories set out as follows:



- B'Yachad – \$10,000 and above
- Benefactor – \$1,500 and over
- Guarantor – \$1,000 to \$1,499
- Donor – \$750 to \$999
- Patron – \$500 to \$749
- Sustainer – \$250 to \$499
- Supporter – \$36 to \$249

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

Consider Becoming a B'Yachad Donor!

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B'yachad is a Hebrew word meaning "together". At NSSBE, we call people to gather together collectively, because the sum is so much greater than the parts of the whole. This rich word takes on a greater unity when you consider it is a group of our most generous synagogue donors, who have joined together in B'Yachad to support NSSBE at the highest donor level.

The B'Yachad donor level was created by our leadership several years ago as an (almost)* all inclusive giving level which would help generous donors make one gift to the synagogue to cover their largest expenses and gifts – Annual dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Chesed Dues and tickets to the Annual Fundraising Event. Their generosity assists the synagogue in the most basic and necessary ways – helping us meet our annual budgetary needs. These unrestricted funds help make NSSBE work smoothly, enables innovation, and provides fuel for growth. It unlocks potential and better allows us to get down to business.

We invite other congregants to step up to the B'Yachad giving level for this year with a one-time minimum pledge of \$10,000.

*(B'Yachad level membership benefits do not include religious school enrollment fees, any extra High Holiday tickets, memorial books, small donations or fees for synagogue dinners or classes.)

Without this generous level of support, we would not be able to continue our fine programming and resources at the highest level. It helps us shine as a beacon in the Conservative Movement. Your belief in our synagogue is not taken lightly; we truly appreciate your ongoing assistance and are honored to be a part of your lives. For information about enrolling in the B'Yachad Membership program for this coming membership year, please contact Nancy Kekst, Director of Development, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x262.

We honor those congregants who have banded together as B'Yachad Donors for 2015-2016. Words cannot express our gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad dues level program this year. They are role models in our community. Won't you add your name to this list for the coming year?

B'Yachad Donors

Anonymous	Rochelle and Leonard Foxman	Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall
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Unleashing Grandparents

"My grandmother was a Jewish juggler; she used to worry about six things at once."

– Richard Lewis

For the last few years engagement studies within not only the Jewish community but the country have focused on the impact of grandparents. The current bumper crop of grandparents from the Baby Boomer generation is poised to make a huge impact on their grandchildren. Some research shows that nearly 50% of costs associated with education from preschool through college, including summer camp, are being paid for by the grandparents of the participants. Though relationships between adult children and their parents can at times be strained, particularly when it comes to parenting methods, no one can doubt the interest of today's grandparents in being involved in their grandchildren's lives.

Through programs like our Jewish Parenting Havurah and Melton Foundations of Jewish Family Living we have been focusing as a community on offering parents tools to craft their family's Jewish connection. We deeply value the importance of a multi-generational community as is evidenced by our schools' Bubbe and Zayde Shabbat or My Family Story project. Therefore it's time to focus on how grandparents can fit into the picture.

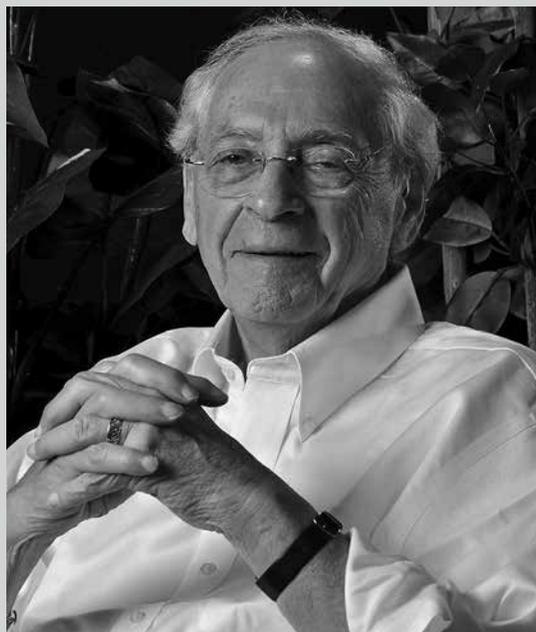
On Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00pm we will have our first Jewish GRANDParenting Havurah. This is an adults-only event where we will hear from Jerry Witkovsky, long time Jewish Community Center professional and author of *The Grandest Love, Inspiring the Grandparent-Grandchild Connection*. This program is appropriate for grandparents and family friends with grandchildren of all ages, who live near and far. Jerry will help us contextualize imparting values to our families and figuring out how to engage grandchildren in a thoughtful and meaningful way. He posits that the stabilizing force of grandparents and close friends of an older generation is helpful for every family situation, and offers suggestions how to develop meaningful, intentional family traditions.

To talk about Jewish Grandparenting or to RSVP for the Jewish GRANDParenting Havurah on Tuesday night May 24th, please contact me at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126.

"The very fact that you don't look or act or feel like the grandparents of even a generation ago does not mean that you are less, but that you are more – in effect, an evolved form of grandparents, primed to do a bigger and more challenging job than any group before you." – Arthur Kornhaber, M.D., The Grandparent Study.

NSS BETH EL'S JEWISH GRANDPARENTING HAVURAH

TUESDAY, MAY 24
6:00PM

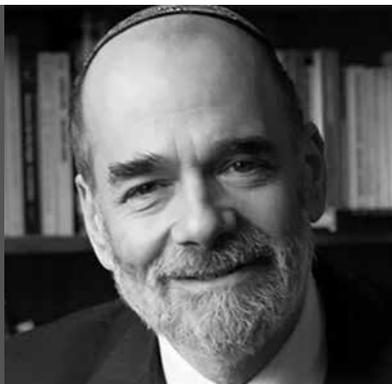


Jerry Witkovsky
will discuss
how to impart values of tzedakah and to grandparent deliberately

Appetizers, Drinks & Great Conversation!
Grandparents and special friends with grandchildren of all ages who live both near and far! Open to the community, free of charge. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at: meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903.

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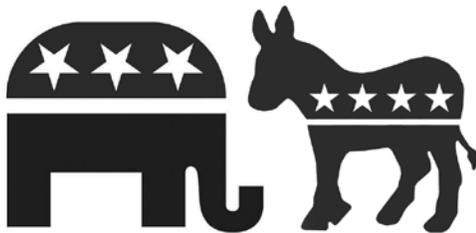


Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg hails from London, and is the Senior Rabbi of Masorti (Conservative) Judaism in the United Kingdom. He is the rabbi of New North London Synagogue, and has been greatly involved in the Masorti Movement throughout Europe.

For more information, contact Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education, at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126.



2016 Political Candidates Forum Well Attended



Continuing a long standing N.S.S. Beth El Men's Club tradition, we welcomed candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties running in federal,

state and Lake County races to meet and speak with our congregants. The Democratic Forum took place on February 28 and the Republican candidates appeared on March 6. Together, these two Town Hall meetings drew around 200 congregants, who also were able to ask the candidates questions. *Kol HaKavod* to our organizer and moderator, Michael Salberg, and to his assistants Joe Adler and Moshe Pick.

Man of the Year Program

Men's Clubs of the Midwest Region celebrated and honored synagogues' Man of the Year and Youth of the Year. The event, attended by about 300 enthusiastic family members and friends, took place at Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah in Wilmette, and included a wine and appetizer reception, entertainment by a Klezmer band, a buffet dinner and a silent auction. Our own Marc Richards was honored as this year's Man of the Year and we honored Joey Spellberg as our Youth of the Year. Next year's event is scheduled to take place here at Beth El. If you missed this year's gala, watch for the date for 2017 and plan to attend.

Caveman Dinner a Huge Success!

Once again, the Men's Club enjoyed their annual "Caveman Dinner", bringing together both senior, but mainly younger members. On February 11, nearly 75 members and their guests gathered to devour plates full of appetizers, followed by ribs, hot dogs, chicken wings and other finger foods, and then scrumptious desserts, using only their fingers and hands. No utensils were permitted, and there was an ample supply of drinks and spirits to wash it all down. Many thanks are extended to Andrew Brown and Skip Schrayner for generously co-sponsoring the event.

Thanks also to Aaron Krumbein and Jeffrey Goldsmith for leading the way on the hot BBQ grills, and to Circle of Life Catering for their support. New friends were made and old acquaintances renewed. Everyone left feeling stuffed and fulfilled, and looking forward to next year's annual Cave Man Dinner. Come join us next year – you won't be sorry.

Annual Men's Club Shabbat Weekend

Our congregation again celebrated another Men's Club Weekend beginning on April 1. The Weekend was chaired and organized by one of our past presidents, Jeffrey Goldsmith – *Kol Hakavod* to Jeffrey.

The Weekend began with Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services, led by Jeffrey Goldsmith, and was followed by a fabulous Shabbat dinner, attended by about 80 congregants. Avram Pachter and Circle of Life Catering prepared a delicious meal, including delectable desserts, and Hazzan Tisser led *zmirot* and *birkat hamazon* after dinner.

Saturday morning services were opened by Jeffrey Kopin, leading *Birkot Hashahar* and *Pesukei D'zimra*, with *Shachrit* ably led by David Smith. The Torah service honored many Men's Club members who read Torah, including Ira Rosenberg, Michael Carney, Marc Richards, Greg Pestine, Aaron Krumbein, Barry Stoltze, David Shapiro, Mark Rosenstock and Richard Schlosberg. Darryl Temkin, Michael Salberg, Skip Schrayner, Bruno Fisher, Daniel Ripes, Leon Gotlieb and Mark Mosk were honored with aliyot. The Haftarah was chanted by Ernie Smolen. Additional Bimah honors were given to: Larry Pachter, Steve Coven, Al Simons, Jori Brajer, Ron Goldberg, Andrew Brown, David Solomon, Bill Posternack, Joe Adler, Phil Feitelberg, and Barry Kravitz.

Men's Club President, Aaron Krumbein, delivered a D'var Torah referencing the weekly parasha, recalling the Club's accomplishments of the past year, and offering insight, guidance and goodwill for the upcoming year. Following services, everyone adjourned to the Blumberg Auditorium to enjoy a "bottomless" Kiddush and sumptuous lunch that included delicious deli sandwiches.

Sunday morning minyan began at 8:45am followed by bagels, lox and various breakfast delicacies. To complete that morning and the Weekend's events, Ron Goldberg led a Torah study session on *Parsha Shemini*. This brought together a group of about eighteen members who enthusiastically studied together for well over an hour.

A most rewarding Men's Club Shabbat was had by all that attended. The services, dinner and study session were filled with much ruach and fellowship. This was a weekend that will remain in our minds, hearts and souls well into next year.



Two Fascinating Bagels for Your Brains Programs

On February 14, Dr. Jordan Grafman presented on the topic, "The Neural Basis of Religious Belief." He discussed the scientific relationship between religious belief and human brain function, and how this influences religious identity and social behavior. He touched upon how religious experience affects brain evolution and information processing, as well as the impact of brain damage on religious identity. Dr. Grafman is currently the Director of Brain Injury Research at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, and is a Professor of Neurology at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Many insightful questions by audience members supplemented this most interesting and eye-opening presentation.

On March 13, Charles Spungen presented a very informative presentation entitled, "The Iran Nuclear Deal: Why It Works." Nearly 70 persons attended this fascinating talk, and the room was filled to capacity at standing room only. Charles is a Beth El member and a former intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, with expertise in arms control, nuclear weapons, nuclear proliferation, and chemical weapons. He effectively translated the complexities of this controversial issue into a simple layperson understanding, and he fielded poignant follow-up questions for nearly an hour afterwards.

Hearing Men's Voices Program in Full Swing

The well-received program, Hearing Men's Voices, resumed this year on the evening of Wednesday, March 9. The program consists of informal discussions that educate participants and offer insights into current, real-life issues facing men in today's society. The sessions are free to the community, but **space is very limited**. Each session is hosted at the home of one of our members, and begins at 8:00pm. The last HMV session was on Monday, April 11.

Scholarship Applications Still Available for the Poland/Israel Shoah Trip

The Men's Club, through our special Holocaust Fund, is awarding the Irwin Wygodny Memorial stipend to those traveling to Poland this summer in an organized educational program, and whose parent is a member of Beth El. To apply for this stipend, and share that experience at a Men's Club Program, please contact Program Co-Chairperson, Arnie Sandler at: 847-309-9126 or gdhndsman@aol.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2016.

Bagels for Your Brains Drs. Arielle Levitan and Romy Block

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Bagels for Your Brains Program presents Drs. Arielle Levitan and Romy Block who will speak about their highly acclaimed new book, "*The Vitamin Solution: Two Doctors Clear the Confusion about Vitamins and Your Health*", now in its 3rd printing.



Calling All Softball Players – Let's Play 2!

This is the third year of our Men's Club 12-inch (play with glove) softball league. Last season we had two teams in the league out of a total of 12 teams, which included many other area synagogue Men's Clubs. We play on Sundays, 10 games in total plus playoffs, beginning about May through early August. Our games are played between 10:00am and 2:00pm. You must be in shape to play in this somewhat competitive league, officiated by a patched umpire. You also must be a member of or willing to join the Men's Club to play. If you are interested in playing, please contact Michael Salberg ASAP at: 847-831-0581 or 847-903-1491, or mbsalberg@sbcglobal.com.

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**North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Slate for
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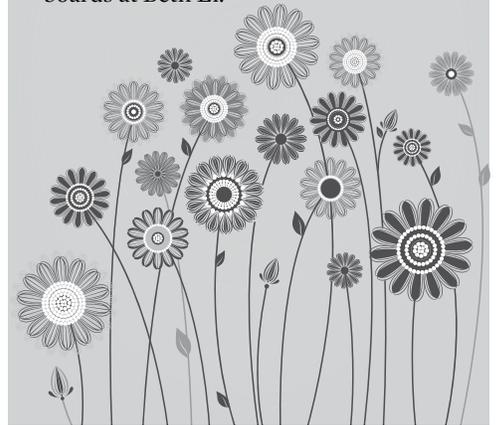
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Installation of our 2016 – 2018
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 will be in June.

Additional information will be coming
 soon via email and on the digital bulletin
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2016–2017 Sisterhood Calendar

"Renew Our Lives in the Coming Months"

Let us help you keep organized with Sisterhood's Beth El Calendar! We include Jewish Holidays, Candle Lighting Times, Sisterhood and NSS Beth El Functions, Religious School Schedules, and Secular Holidays too. It's everything you need in one place! Choose from our traditional wall calendar or our new pocket calendar (6.5" x 3.5").

New Years Greeting included on every calendar: *"We greet our friends and members of Beth El with best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year"*. Print your names as you wish it to appear on the greeting page (only the names of one family per greeting):

Name:	Phone Number:
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Exciting Things are Happening at Torah Fund!

On Monday, March 7 we celebrated Torah Fund with a wonderful concert and lunch. Hazzan Ben Tisser and his protégé, Sarah Levine, performed *A Tapestry of Music from Around the World*. It was a morning of beautiful music, including folk and opera in Hebrew, Yiddish and Italian. *Yashar koach* to Linda Gottlieb for planning this lovely event. And *todah rabbah* to everyone who contributed to the Torah Fund Campaign this year. Financial contributions to Torah Fund ensure that our institutions of higher learning in the Conservative/Masorti movement produce the necessary clergy and leaders we need for our movement to thrive. As supporters of Torah Fund, we have the opportunity to actually see the perpetuation of Conservative Judaism in our lifetime.

The connection of Women's League and Torah Fund goes back to 1942 with the establishment of a \$10,000 Scholarship Fund by the women of Women's League to support the students of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The campaign continued as a source of funding both for scholarships and for the building of residence halls and, in 1963, the two projects were combined and renamed Torah Fund. Projects funded by Torah Fund include the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall for undergraduate students (completed in 1976), the Goldsmith Hall for married and graduate students (1978) and its Mo'adon (1983).

Other projects funded by Torah Fund include the Sculpture Garden at Schechter Institute, library bookshelves at JTS, the University of Judaism Residence Hall for Ziegler students and the JTS Quadrangle. Most recently, the creation of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue (1995), renovations of the Mathilde Schechter Hall (2000) and in the Kripke Tower Education Pavilion (2004), which brought us the Women's League Education Pavilion and classroom on the 4th floor, which features a high-tech lecture hall.

In addition to building spaces used by students at these fine seminaries, Torah Fund also funds programs. For instance, Torah Fund generously supports the Tali educational system in Israel. Tali provides all the of the Jewish content at hundreds of secular Israeli public schools through curricular materials developed at the Solomon Schechter Institutes based in Jerusalem, and through the Schechter-trained educators who teach this material in Israeli public schools. The Tali system was created and supported by the Schechter Institutes in Jerusalem, and the cross-denominational work of the Davidson School of Education at JTS. Tali makes an enormous contribution to the pluralistic, non-fundamentalist Jewish knowledge-base and Jewish identity of thousands of average Israelis. Just because you are born Jewish in the Jewish state, does not mean that you know about Bible or Jewish history, Jewish communal values or ethics. Tali ensures that Israeli children gain that knowledge.

Another important project funded by Torah Fund is the Day School Leadership Training Institute (DSLTI), created by the Davidson School of Education. The DSLTI does important, innovative work, including working with day school principals across denominations – Orthodox, Conservative and Reform – to cultivate best practices, hone skills, discuss strategy, and serve as a convener for the sharing of great ideas.

The impetus to give to a sacred cause, as our women – and some men – have given to the Torah Fund campaign for 74 years, is best described by a phrase in the Torah portion Terumah. There, the physical structure of the Mishkan, the traveling sanctuary that was central to the ancient Israelite encampment in the desert, was the focus of enthusiastic donations by these wandering refugees. People brought their own small and large gifts – beautiful fabric they had woven, brilliantly-dyed yarn spun from the wool of their own sheep, the gold earrings which may have been their only object of value, and more. These people, our ancient ancestors, were *'nediv lev'* (generous of heart) to such an overwhelming extent that Moses had to ask them to stop giving! Imagine it – a generation of refugees, fleeing persecution, slavery and genocide, spontaneously offering their most beautiful objects to make a sacred space for God to dwell in their midst, and giving so much that they had to be turned away!

Recently, Women's League and Torah Fund have launched a new special project, She Plants a Seed for the Future. The Seeds project is a two-year campaign, running from Fall 2015 to Summer 2017. Its goal is to raise \$600,000 over and above the Torah Fund annual campaign. Monies raised will go toward preserving and refurbishing the Women's League Seminary Synagogue, a sacred space that is the center of spiritual life at JTS. It will also support the rabbinical students at Zeigler, all of whom spend a year in Israel to immerse themselves in Hebrew language and to experience Israel Masorti Judaism. These students are unable to work due to visa restrictions and our financial support will go a long way to making the year easier.

I hope that, like Moses, Torah Fund will be overwhelmed by our generosity and willingness to donate to this exciting project. For more information about Torah Fund, the Seeds project or to make a contribution, contact Linda Gottlieb at lbgmom@comcast.net or 847-835-3101.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop

Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts



Don't you love this time of year? Spring and summer often mean wonderful lifecycle events – time to celebrate

Moms and Dads, welcome babies, toast Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, wish newlyweds happiness, honor graduates and simply enjoy life!

The Gift Shop is here to help you find beautiful Judaica or that unusual gift to mark each event. We visit trade shows and craft shows all year round to ensure that you will not be disappointed in your search for that perfect gift. From beautiful newborn baby blankets embroidered with a blessing and soft baby toys for those young hands and Gary Rosenthal's magnificent hand-crafted mezuzahs for the newlywed's home to picture frames and anodized

Kiddush Cups for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This year we have a new line of Lenox that includes Judaic Blessing Challah Plates, Kiddush Cups, Challah Knives, vases, and so much more. How good is that!



We invite you to come in on Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm or Tuesdays from 10:00am to Noon. We are always open by appointment if you want to browse or shop. Simply call us – Diane Levin: 847-571-5629; Sulie Holt 847-558-3389; or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546. Your purchases enable our continued contributions to the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School. We deeply appreciate your continued support!





Thoughts on Social Action *by Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Chair Social Action Committee*

As I write this edition of Kol Beth El it is a frigid April day! In my mind's eye I'm picturing you reading this on a warm evening, maybe after a barbeque, settling into your summer vibe. Forgive me but I wish to take you back to a cold day in February when the warmth emanating from Beth El was palpable. I'm talking about Mitzvah Day! I'm not sure why, but our entire committee agreed that this was probably one of our best ones yet. While our annual service projects were (as always) outstanding, I think the highlight of Mitzvah Day 2016 was our educational program where we learned about Beth El's own Mitzvah Day 'super stars'. If you were unable to attend Mitzvah Day (or if you just want to re-live it!) I'd like to share with you my opening remarks from our educational program so that you might get a glimpse into what made that morning so magical:

On behalf of the Social Action Committee I want to welcome you to Mitzvah Day 2016! My name is Jacqueline Kott-Wolle and I'm the Chair of Beth El's Social Action Committee. I am pleased to report that this year we have a record number of families participating in our annual Mitzvah Day. In all there will be well over 275 people performing mitzvot in our community today. That is huge.

Normally when we choose a speaker, we like to bring in someone from a local organization that tries to address a deep need in our community. We invite someone knowledgeable who can highlight for us the kind of issues they are seeing on the front lines (hunger and homelessness have been our focus in recent years). These have always been important informational sessions that help us underscore the value of our Mitzvah activities for the day. This year, our committee decided to come up with a different approach.

I don't know about you but I'll never forget my first Rosh Hashana at Beth El synagogue. I found myself overwhelmed by how many people were sitting in the sanctuary. It just felt big. It was me and my little family in a sea of strangers. I didn't know if I belonged here. Eventually I got to know people, mostly through volunteering for social action and at that point, the synagogue

started to feel a little more familiar. When I sent my little one to pre-school, when I said kaddish for my father and then when I planned my daughter's bat mitzvah, Beth El became more like a family. But it was through my deep involvement with social action, that I developed both great reverence and affection for so many of the people who also make this place their home. Beth El is filled with what our committee has termed "Social Action superstars". There are many, many of them who belong to our congregation. Our members are involved with many important social causes. They are volunteers, they are donors, they are advocates, they come up with creative solutions to problems in the community, they chair organizations, they sit on boards, they organize food drives and book drives and blood drives, toy drives and holiday food programs, they mentor kids who need role models and tutor kids who are learning to read, they roll up their sleeves and get to work. And they are a pretty humble bunch. Today, it is our privilege to introduce you to just a small sample of the social action superstars who are living right here in our own back yards..

Gabriella Cooperman, Amy Newman and Jacqueline Perlman are ordinary members at Beth El who do extra-ordinary things for our community. They're all self-starters who simply saw a need, looked inside of their hearts and felt that they had no choice but to act.

I'm hoping after you hear from Gabriella, Amy and Jacqueline that you catch a glimpse of the character of our membership. I'm hoping that next Rosh Hashana, when the whole community gathers here in this room and you look around you won't see a sea of strangers. Rather our hope is that you'll feel reverence and pride and inspiration... and you'll remember that there are rows and rows of people like our speakers today who have chosen to make Beth El their home and who are committed to making this world a better place. Let's hope that next year on Mitzvah Day, it will be you up here! If you know a Beth El member who is Social Action Super Hero, email me at jkottwolle@hotmail.com and share their story.

» Social Action in Action

Amy Newman – Families Helping Families Chicagoland

Amy Newman is a long time Beth El member and a huge social action 'superstar'. If you don't know her, you probably have had contact with her through the Social Action Committee's annual Family to Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project. Amy is the person who coordinates all the deliveries of Thanksgiving Mitzvah Baskets to families in need at Glenwood School in Waukegan where she was a teacher for many years. In January 2015, Amy came up with a simple concept. She started a Facebook page where she'd post information about an organization in need, ask for donations and then would find herself overwhelmed with responses. "People want to help others" she says "but often don't know how". Amy has made it as simple as possible. If an organization has a request for diapers or snacks for children in need (for example), simply deliver your donation to her home and she'll take care of the rest. Heck you don't even have to leave your house – she says "shop on Amazon and have it delivered for you!" Every month she'll post about a new project.

Families Helping Families Chicagoland has helped thousands of people since it began. They have collected diapers for foster families, tampons and pads for women at homeless shelters, teddy bears for sexually abused women, sponsor over 100 foster children for their birthdays and do immediate collections for families in need of gently used clothing and food. Projects change monthly and they need your help!

As Amy explains it, "This charity is in honor of my mom, Pam Lewkovich. She was the most amazing person I've ever known!" Brilliant project from an amazing human being. To join on Facebook go to "Families Helping Families Chicagoland."

Jacqueline Perlman – My Favorite Outfit

Jacqueline Perlman is a dynamic 20-something Beth El Member who is currently pursuing an MBA at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Business. Jacqueline started "My Favorite Outfit" because she is a fashion enthusiast and passionate about girls' self esteem. The concept behind My Favorite Outfit is simple – collect gently-used, high-quality second hand clothing, and create weekly pop-up shops in Chicago's inner city schools, where girls in grades 3–12 can shop and pick out as many outfits as they would like, for free.

Not only does this provide much-needed clothing for them, but also builds self esteem. In order to be eligible to attend the pop up, the girls must set and accomplish a goal, promoting an incentive to do better in school. 90% of the girls who attend My Favorite Outfit pop-ups report feeling more confident about themselves. For more information check out her website: www.myfavoriteoutfit.org.

Gabriella Cooperman – Cookies for Charity

Gabriella Cooperman was our youngest featured "social action superstar." At 15 she has already started two charities. Gabriella's annual cookie and lemonade stand (Cookies for Charity) started when she was 5 years old. Every summer Gabriella sells lemonade and her mother's home-made cookies to raise money for Equestrian Connection, a charitable organization located near Lake Forest that offers therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with special needs. Since 2005, Cookies for Charity has raised over \$50,000. Every penny has benefited Equestrian Connection and their Adopt-A-Rider scholarship program for children who need hippotherapy, but can't afford it.

Near and dear to her heart, Equestrian Connection has helped Gabriella's younger sister Danielle, who was born with low muscle tone and has been challenged with other developmental delays. Before Danielle started riding at a very young age, she could barely speak or sit up straight. With Equestrian Connection and the horse's help, Danielle finally learned to walk and talk at the age of four. When Gabriella realized that other children needed this type of therapy, but couldn't afford it, she decided she wanted to help.

Gabriella, who has single-handedly secured 22 sponsors for last year's cookie and lemonade stand says "I've seen how Equestrian Connection has helped my sister, and I'm so happy to see others get the therapy that they need.

Gabriella is a Sophomore at HPHS and, she is an active member of Beth El's youth groups. She sits on the USY Executive Board as well as the USY Regional General Board; she participates in the JUF VOICES program, JTACH teen program and is President of the HPHS Israel interest council. For more information, please email cookiesforcharity@yahoo.com.

Thank You to All of Our Mitzvah Day Volunteers

Mary Channon, Mira Temkin, Laurie Hochberg, Amy Zisook, Rocky Rubinoff, Dina Lissoos, Tracy Hendler, Fran Pine, Minde Korman, Janice Aronoff, Jill Bernstein, Marlene Rubenstein and Honey Bronson.

Special thanks to Chuck, Kathy and Ana in the office for handling the administration. None of this could happen without the team!

Deerfield Food Pantry

Beth El does it again! After a huge hydrostatic flood caused the Deerfield Food Pantry to temporarily close its doors (while it was being repaired) Beth El members responded immediately and generously to a request from them for Jewel Cards and supplies to re-stock the Pantry (which hopefully will reopen soon). Thank you to all who contributed – it was greatly appreciated!

Take a Bite Out of Hunger

The Social Action Committee would like to thank the staff and students at the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School for faithfully coordinating and bringing fresh fruits and vegetables every week for students in need at a local elementary school in Highland Park. Together with donations of Nutrigrain Bars and fruit squeeze snacks donated by our members, we were able to provide weekly snacks without fail for the entire school year. Kol HaKovod to all!

Thank You for a Great Year of Mitzvot!

Have a wonderful summer! P.S. Even though the activities of the Social Action Committee wind down in summer months, the need is always great in our community. Consider volunteering at Moraine Township Food Pantry's Community Garden or the Deerfield Food Pantry as they work to re-build their operation.

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet

"Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor, v'lo atah ben chorin l'hivatel mimena" – "You are not expected to complete the task, but neither are you free to avoid it." (Rabbi Tarfon, Pirkei Avot 2:21)

This saying from *Pirkei Avot* could not be more appropriate at this time of the year. This has been a fruitful and busy year. We implemented a new dynamic model for the CRS and introduced state of the art technology in all three schools after extensive teacher training. Each one of the schools developed an independent website linked to one another and to the Beth El main website. Great attention was given to designing learning opportunities for parents, students, and other Jewish students in the community and on building social bridges. A few examples: our popular *chugim* program, a special series of activities after school, brought together students from different ages. At the end of each series, parents were invited to participate in a culminating activity. Third and fourth grade families came together to sing, pray, and act out Torah scenarios eight times a year. *Gesher* (7th grade) families joined in an hour of adult learning that featured different guest speakers. Classes have been paired together in yearlong projects that started with *Hachnasat Orchim* (welcoming guests) and continued throughout the year when students paid visits to teach other classes. We celebrated Shabbat at the *Chavayah* (fourth and fifth grade Shabbat outing) combining students of four other conservative synagogues. Selected Sokol Hebrew High School students made connections with students from *Kehillat Netzach Yisrael* in Ashkelon, Israel via Skype. In an effort to create a community of learners, a server has been developed to host our educational resources and facilitate their sharing. We experimented with online resources for the teaching of Hebrew language and we expanded our capabilities of creating digital lessons. Our summer school will continue as every year; the resource room will be open and accessible on Mondays and Wednesdays for students of all grades. We are already in the

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School May/June – Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5776

May 11	Wednesday	Last Gesher Class
May 13	Friday	Gesher Dinner
May 22	Sunday	Last Day for Students Attending Sunday Only
May 25	Wednesday	Last Day of School

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School May/June – Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5776

May 8	Sunday	Sokol Hebrew High School Graduation
May 22	Sunday	Last SHHS Class

midst of planning for next year. Please respond promptly to our survey monkeys and requests for information and stay tuned throughout the summer for school announcements and news.

The mission of the schools can only be accomplished by the participation and efforts of the many people involved. We thank first and foremost our wonderful student body and their parents, who value Jewish education. Thanks to the clergy, the staff of the three schools and the administrative support for their tireless dedication. A special thanks to all the lay leaders for their continued support and involvement.

So the task is not yet complete; we will continue to work to provide an engaging Jewish educational experience for all our students. Enjoy a well deserved summer break and looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

Alicia Gejman

Director of Formal Education



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To Our Graduates!

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Graduates:

Ashley Aronin	Alexander Levine
Shahar Dahari	Rebecca Mosk
Mark Fox	Jeremy Pascal
Harrison Freeman	Daniel Pickard
Audree Goone	Lauren Schneiderman
Amy Greenberger	Charles Skurie
Rebecca Greenstein	Ethan Small
Aaron Hope	Nathaniel Small
Ari Josephson	Ethan Weil
Samuel Lasin	

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School Graduates:

Bessie Cohen	Melissa Levin
Jorie Dayan	Sarah Levin
Joshua Lederman	Hannah Taussig

Solomon Schechter Day School Graduates:

Zachary Aronwald	Orly Lewittes
Evan Dayan	Elan Schwartz
Sam Dorfman	Jacob Silvers
Samuel Gerstein	Elizabeth Winick
David Leshem	Sophie Wolle
Isaac Levitan	

For the first time, more than two dozen Chicago-area organizations including NSS Beth El, have joined forces to present a single program – addressing a topic critical to our lives today.



Rescuers from Magen David Adom hold babies from a plane carrying Israelis who were stranded in earthquake-hit Nepal. Photo by Lior Mizrahi/ Getty Images

Jewish Resilience

Responding to Crisis, Catastrophe, and Change

Thursday, June 2, 2016 | 6:45pm – 9pm | at the Hilton Orrington in Evanston

Participants will be able to learn from experts in small group sessions, then come together for a presentation by historian, author, activist, and scholar Dr. Susannah Heschel, daughter of the late Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Spertus Institute, with funding from the JUF/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, is spearheading this community-wide initiative.

Tickets \$5 in advance | \$10 at the door



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Dr. Susannah Heschel received her PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth

College. The author of countless books and articles, she is known for her scholarship on antisemitism and for her work to expand opportunities for women in Jewish leadership and practice.

Dr. Heschel has taught at universities in Berlin, Edinburgh, and Cape Town, and is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and four honorary doctorates.

For information and tickets, visit spertus.edu/learning

» Kol No'ar

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

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

USY (9th–12th Graders)

Monday, May 2nd

BEANS USY Executive Board applications are due!

Tuesday, May 10th

7:00–9:00pm

BEANS USY Elections will be held in the Horowitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge! Must be a member in good standing to vote!

Tuesday, May 24th

7:00–9:00pm

Old Board/New Board meeting in the Horowitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge!

Sunday, May 22nd

1:00–5:00pm

End of the Year Limo Scavenger Hunt City Addition with SHMUSY. \$25, \$15 for members or Activity Pass.

Saturday, June 11th

Join USY and Teen Minyan for a night of learning starting Erev Shavout. There will be many interesting learning sessions and lots of snacks. More detail on learning sessions to come!

Kadima (6th–8th Graders)

Wednesday, May 11th

6:00–7:00pm

Kadima New Board Meeting and President Election. Dinner will be provided. 5th graders are also welcome and encouraged to be on Kadima board next year as 6th graders. All incoming 6th–8th graders for the 2016-2017 school year who wish to be on Kadima board must apply and submit applications prior to running.

Wednesday, May 25th

6:00–7:00pm

Kadima and Shalom Club will have their final End of the Year Extravaganza!

Shalom Club (2nd–5th Graders)

Wednesday, May 25th

6:00–7:00pm

Kadima and Shalom Club will have their final End of the Year Extravaganza!

Beth El Youth Community Awards and Installations Night

Thursday, May 19

6:30–8:00pm, Dessert Reception

Come honor our Old and New Kadima and USY Board members, seniors and staff! We will be awarding our annual Kadamnik and USYer of the year, Membership, Youth Leadership and the Lori Greenberg Awards! All members of the Beth El Youth Community and their families are invited!



» Kol No'ar

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



The Beth El Youth Community wishes everyone a safe, healthy, fantastic summer!

The Beth El Youth Community would like to congratulate the BEANS USYers for doing a fantastic job on the Purim Carnival and all of the USY Megillah readers. BEANS would also like to thank everyone who bought hamentaschen for our Tikkun Olam Fundraiser. With the funds we raised from hamentaschen sales, Purim Carnival ticket sales, and the Megillah Reading Tax, BEANS was able to donate more than \$5,000 to our Tikkun Olam Fund. BEANS is on their way to win the International USY TO Award for largest contribution again!

Mazel Tov to all of our 8th graders who will be graduating to High School. Mazel Tov to our seniors who will be off to college! Please stay in touch and sign up for the Beth El Sisterhood College Connection. The Beth El Youth Community wishes everyone a safe, healthy and fantastic summer! Enjoy your time at camp, Israel, traveling, or just hanging out at home. We look forward to seeing you in August!

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

by Caron Knopoff

This will be my last bulletin article as the director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School as I will be retiring at the end of June. I have been honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to work with a dedicated professional staff who will continue to create a solid foundation for our children to achieve a lifelong love of learning and Jewish tradition.

I have been doing a great deal of reflection as I end a 30 year career in Jewish early childhood education. When I interviewed for this position I told the Board that it was my hope to end my career at NSS Beth El. I saw the great potential for this program and over the past seven years the school has grown from 52 to approximately 170 children. Together we have helped families begin their Jewish journey and build relationships within the synagogue. I hope that my work has given them the foundation that will help them know how special it is to be Jewish. I truly love the children, our families and especially the amazing professionals that I work with.

No one person can take credit for the successes we have experienced here. This is a team effort. I would like to take this opportunity to say *Today Rabbah* to all the people who have worked alongside me. With special thanks:

- To Rabbis Kurtz and Schwab for their insight and support.
- To my colleagues who sit around the now too small table for their help in navigating the last 7 years.
- To the Synagogue Board for their dedication and support. A special thank you to Larry Pachter, Gail Scully and Tracey Hendler for your commitment and for being my voice and advisors.
- To our parents who entrust their children to us. You are individually and collectively intelligent, warm, caring and committed to what is best for your children.
- To the children who bound down the halls each morning and grow socially, emotionally, physically and Jewishly before our eyes.
- To the most professional pre-school educational team. You have welcomed and challenged me. You are responsible for helping this school to be the best place to be.
- Finally, to my husband Jack, our three loving daughters and sons-in-law, my six amazing grandchildren and my siblings for their love and putting up with my mishagas.

It is very rewarding to see children grow and learn before our eyes. Sharing these accomplishments with our parents and building partnerships is only part of the rewards of this job. There is great potential for our children and parents and also for our community. We are the gatekeepers for our families, our synagogue, and the Jewish people. I am sure you share my pride in the work that is being done here at NSS Beth El to support Jewish early childhood education and the future of the Jewish people. May we all go from strength to strength.



A poster for a Shabbat event at Beth El. The background features a large, stylized illustration of a striped circus tent with a flag on top, set against a sunburst pattern. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of stars. The text is centered and reads: "Beth El Big Top Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake". Below the title, contact information for Elise Kline is provided. The date and time of the event are prominently displayed in the center. A list of activities and their times follows, along with ticket prices for adults and children, and a note that children under three are free. The poster concludes with a welcoming message for new and prospective members.

**Beth El Big Top
Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake**

Contact Elise Kline at 847-432-8900
or ekline@nssbethel.org for more
information or to RSVP. Beth El
members can pay by going to their
member account on our website:
www.nssbethel.org.

**Friday
June 24, 2016**

**Join us under the Beth El Big Top for
Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake!**

5:30pm Appetizers and Drinks
6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15pm Young Family Service
7:00pm Congregational Dinner
Adults \$18 • Children \$10 (Ages 4-12)
Children Ages 3 and under are free
**We welcome new and prospective
members to this event!**

Ba'al Korei Institute Annual Spring Event

On Sunday, March 13th the Beth El Ba'al Korei Institute held its Annual Spring Program. Ba'al Korei members enjoyed a delicious brunch followed by a most educational program open to the entire congregation and presented by *Sofer Stam* Yossi Korach.

Mr. Korach, is from Ramat Gan, Israel. Born and raised in Israel to a traditional Yemenite family, he studied art and design at the prestigious Tel-Chai Seminar and the world famous Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem. At age nine he already began learning the art of writing the letters according to tradition, and while attending renowned Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav he was certified as a *Sofer Stam* by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. He has taught at Jewish day schools in Los Angeles and served as a Ba'al Korei in congregations in Israel and New York.

Mr. Korach began his lecture by displaying the various parchments used to create a Sefer Torah in their raw state prior to being stitched together. He explained the quill or pen and the ink that a sofer uses and demonstrated the methods of keeping the lines properly straight, parallel and in line. He discussed the history of the Hebrew letters as they were developed through time, answering such questions as why some letters are larger and some smaller than others and why there are sometimes extra spaces between words. He also demonstrated how cantillations used to chant Torah are different in different communities.

Overall the time spent was most educational and worthwhile. There were questions following the lecture that made the event even more interesting and informative. The Ba'al Korei Institute is most thankful to Hazzan Tisser for his efforts in arranging for Sofer Korach to spend the afternoon with us. Special thanks also to Sue Cohen, Program Coordinator for the Ba'al Korei Institute, who handled all of the arrangements for the brunch and, with Hazzan Tisser, the presentation. Everyone was pleased and all are looking forward to the next special event presented by the Ba'al Korei Institute.

The Ba'al Korei Institute encourages and provides support for anyone who wants to learn to chant Torah. If you are interested in acquiring this skill, please contact Karen Bieber, Chair of the Ba'al Korei Institute, at sabkrb@comcast.net, or speak with Hazzan Tisser.

Beth El to Honor Multi-Generational Families

Beth El will celebrate multi-generational families at Shabbat morning services on June 25. Two and three generation families will participate by leading services, having Aliyot, reading Torah, giving the D'var Torah, as well as leading *Pseuke d'zimra*, *Shacharit* and *Musaf*. Other activities are also being planned. Families who enjoy this special status are indeed blessed and Beth El is pleased to recognize them. If you're part of a multi-generational family at Beth El and would like to participate, please call Ramona at 847-433-0932 or email JoAnne Blumberg at JoAnneB1729@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by Hazak Senior Life, the Ritual Committee and the Membership Committee. Their combined efforts honor those who've followed in the footsteps of previous generations and become Beth El members over the past 68 years. This is truly *L'Dor v'dor*. The entire congregation is invited to honor them.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Recital *with Netanel Draiblate* Concertmaster of the Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra

*In Celebration of Israel's
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Program Endowment Fund

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
Blumberg Auditorium

Thursday, May 12
3:00 pm



This program is free of charge
and open to the public through
our partnership with the Lake
Forest Symphony Orchestra.

Please RSVP to:

Marcie Eskin at 847-926-7903
or meskin@nssbethel.org.

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Artists' Beit Midrash: Landscape as Muse

Thursday mornings, June 23 through July 28
9:30 – 11:30 am

taught by Jane Shapiro and Judith Joseph

Delve into Jewish texts and explore how artists through the
ages have responded to landscape as allegory.

Summer Trimester Fee: \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members.
To register, contact Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or
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Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* a happy Purim - Joseph and Susan Ament
- *In honor of* Eileen Goldberg's special birthday - Larry Becker and Sandi Schur
- *In honor of* our great grandson Ashton Scott Fletcher and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Bruno and Ruth Fischer
- *In honor of* the aliyah our family was given - Laurel and Barry Abramowicz
- *In honor of* the birth of Darryl and Mira Temkin's grandchild - Laurel and Barry Abramowicz
- *In honor of* the birth of our grandson Elliott and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mark and Francine Levy
- *In honor of* the birth of our great grandson, Isaac Les - Mal and Ruth Kaufman
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Ori and Dr. David Schnitzer's grandson Hunter - Laurel and Barry Abramowicz
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's grandson, Samuel Ryder Kaufman - Laurel and Barry Abramowicz
- *In memory of* Andrew Golden, beloved brother of Susan Adler - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Anna Mioni, beloved mother-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Barbara Pinsoff, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Loren and Diane Weil
- *In memory of* Barbara Pinsoff, beloved mother of Diane Weil - Michael and Terri Lipsitz
- *In memory of* Dora Holland, beloved mother-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Doris Charak, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ronald and Merle Schiller
- *In memory of* Erich Hamburger and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Esther Rosenberg, beloved mother - Sidney and Natalie Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Ettie Kroker - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Helen Leeds, beloved mother - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Irving Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland
- *In memory of* Isaac Menkin, beloved father - Susan Saper
- *In memory of* Jeffrey Garton, beloved father - Stephen and Diane Levin
- *In memory of* Jennie Reisin, beloved mother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
 - Joseph and Susan Ament
 - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
 - Judith Meister Leff
 - Benton and Sandra Strauss
- *In memory of* Jules Goldberg, beloved father - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Julian Saper, beloved husband - Susan Saper
- *In memory of* Julius Juron, beloved father - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Kenneth Tursky and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for all of his support - Robert and Ellen Doppelt
- *In memory of* Lillian B. Rabatsky, beloved wife - Melvin Rabatsky
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less
 - Mark and Robin Greenberger
 - Judith Meister Leff
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Leonard Birnbaum and Family
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
 - Lorna Greenspahn
 - Karen and Michael Kesner
 - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Martin Maiman, beloved father and grandfather - The Feinstein Family
- *In memory of* Max Smiley, beloved father - Judy and Stephen Smiley
- *In memory of* Miriam Tidhari, beloved sister - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Morris Cooper, beloved father - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Nathan Talman, beloved father-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Norman Matthew, beloved father - Harrison and Alana Matthew
- *In memory of* Paula Tepper and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - The Tepper Family

Todah Rabbah

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Rivian Hartman - Mark and Susan Pollack
- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father of Julie Kraff - The Greenberger Family
- *In memory of* Roma Kaltman, beloved mother - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Ruth Pfundstein, beloved mother - Bruce and Audrey Silver
- *In memory of* Sam Sadoff, beloved father - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Sanford G. Rossen, beloved father - Elliot and Anne Rossen
- *In memory of* Sharon Dorfman, beloved mother of Marc Dorfman
 - Judy Isenberg
 - Gerald Lasin
- *In memory of* Sharon Dorfman, beloved sister of David Sager and beloved mother of Marc Dorfman - Jerome and Gail Taxy
- *In memory of* Sheldon Roodman and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Diane Roodman
- *In memory of* Sidney and Ethel Sharpe, beloved parents - Mortin and Karen Levy
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Tim Ravich
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for 35 years - Jerome and Mary Kaltman

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Eenie Frost's 90th birthday - Gloria Zieve
- *In honor of* Samuel Zacks becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Stacy and Jeffrey Goldsmith
- *In memory of* Alan Miller and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Judith Miller
- *In memory of* Joan Zweifler, beloved mother - David and Robin Nankin
- *In memory of* Jordan Wainstein, beloved cousin - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Josh Glick, beloved father - H. Steven and Deborah Graham
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Deanna and Morry Sable
- *In memory of* Kenneth Tursky and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for all of his support - Robert and Ellen Doppelt
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Zella Ludwig
- *In memory of* Michael Wainstein, beloved cousin - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Mollie Rich, beloved mother - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Mollie Sered, beloved mother - Melvin and Hedy Sered
- *In memory of* Morris Wilk, beloved father - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Natalie Friedman and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Sylvan and Natalie Friedman
- *In memory of* Riv Hartman - Nancy and Maury Fertig
- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father of Julie Kraff
 - Nancy and Maury Fertig
 - Barbara Pollack
- *In memory of* Roselyn Maurer, beloved mother - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Malka Dodi Bat Sara Pasha - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for conducting Shiva services - Barry and Anita Poll

Hazzan Tisser's Discretionary Fund

- *In memory of* Alan Miller and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Judith Miller
- *In memory of* Benjamin Cohen, beloved father - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Kenneth Tursky and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser for all of his support - Robert and Ellen Doppelt
- *In memory of* Sheldon Roodman and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Diane Roodman

Today Rabbah

We are grateful for the following contributions:

**Ann and Jack Weinberg
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- *In memory of* Ann Weinberg, beloved
mother and Bubbie - The Kagan and
Wynes Families

Ba'al Korei Fund

- *With appreciation for* getting an aliyah on
Shabbat Zachor - James and Joanne Smith

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

- *In memory of* Ben Drachler, beloved father -
A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

- *In memory of* Morris Hirsch, beloved
father - Joel Hirsch

**Camp Ramah Scholarship
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife
of Robert Less - Patti Shapiro and Family

- *In memory of* Phyllis Hofman Waldmann's
beloved brother - Karen Weiss

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved
wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved
mother of Marc Birnbaum - Marcy and
Kenneth Levin

- *In memory of* Sally Levin Lerner, beloved
mother - Marcy and Kenneth Levin

Continuing Education Fund

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved
wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved
mother of Marc Birnbaum - Bonnie
Hoffman Lustig
- *In memory of* Naomi Favus, beloved
mother of Phyllis Sadoff - Rochelle O'Hara

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife
of Lawrence Weiner - Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frost

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

- *In honor of* Nessia Frank's special birthday -
Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of
Lawrence Weiner - Carol and Stephen Weiss

- *In memory of* Morris Kaplan, beloved
grandfather - Gerry Kaplan
- *In memory of* Rose Goode, beloved mother -
Gerry Kaplan

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

- *In honor of* the birth of Gerald and Rita
Buckman's granddaughter - Marvin and
Sara Siegel
- *In honor of* the marriage of Dena Buckman
to Chaim Dawes - Gerald and Rita Buckman
- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved
brother of Gerald Buckman
- Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- Joel Rabinowitz
- Marvin and Sara Siegel
- Carol and Stephen Weiss

- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved
brother - Gerald and Rita Buckman
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife
of Lawrence Weiner - Gerald and Rita
Buckman
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved
wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved
mother of Marc Birnbaum - Gerald and
Rita Buckman

**Glass/Goldman Program
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father
of Julie Kraff - Philip and Ellen Glass

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

- *In honor of* Emma Fishbein becoming a Bat Mitzvah - David and Barbara Hoffman
- *In memory of* Joe and Ethel Horwitz, beloved father and mother - David and Barbara Hoffman

- *In memory of* Sharon Dorfman, beloved mother of Marc Dorfman - David and Barbara Hoffman

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

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

**Jack and Mildred Cohen
Religious School Fund**

- *In honor of* Eileen Goldberg's special birthday - William and Susan Posternack
- *In memory of* Beverly Baum, beloved sister - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Esther Lauter, beloved sister - Pearl Zaid
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Sarah Ehrlich, beloved mother - Pearl Zaid
- *With appreciation to* Michael Katz for the wonderful teaching of Megillat Esther at Purim - Pamela and Richard Schlosberg

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

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

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

- *In memory of* Edwin Schwartz, beloved father - Lynn and Michael Froy
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
- Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein
- Harry and Arlene Feiger
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
- Harry and Arlene Feiger
- Natalie Weinstein

- *In memory of* Martin Gene Brown, beloved father - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Ronald Kravitz, beloved father of Barry Kravitz - CLC Committee
- *In memory of* Yetta Stark, beloved mother - Natalie Weinstein
- *In memory of* Louis and Phyllis Senescu, beloved father and mother - Stuart and Marlene Senescu

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

- *In memory of* Sharon Dorfman, beloved mother of Marc Dorfman - Gwen, Scott, Jordan and Dana Heyman

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

- *In honor of* Ari Smith and his participation in Tot Shabbat - James and Joanne Smith
- *In honor of* Eenie Frost's special birthday - Andrew and Rhona Shapiro
- *In memory of* Jack Pearlstein - Myrna Kopin

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
- Karen Kopin
- Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Myrna Kopin

Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'filot Education Endowment Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father of Julie Kraff
 - Karen and Mitch Kopin
 - Myrna Kopin

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Myrna Kopin

Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Carol and Charles Abrams

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
 - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
 - Melvin and Roselynn Roseman
 - *In memory of* Laurie Zimelis's beloved father - Jeffrey and Michele Glass

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Robert and Maxine Greenstein

Minyan Service Fund

- *In memory of* Abe Brickman - Barbara Lansing
 - *In memory of* Beverly Grey, beloved mother of Jordan Grey - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
 - *In memory of* Dr. Edward M. Goldberg, beloved husband - Sheila Goldberg
 - *In memory of* Ellen Lansing, beloved mother of David Lansing - The Lansing Family
 - *In memory of* Gabe Miller, beloved son - Judith Miller
 - *In memory of* Gwendolyn Gertz, beloved step-mother - William Gertz
 - *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
 - *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
 - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
 - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
 - Judy Isenberg
 - Gerry Kaplan
 - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
 - Patti Shapiro and Family
 - *In memory of* Louis Bernbaum, beloved father-in-law - Harriet Bernbaum

- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
 - *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
 - *In memory of* Maurice Bernbaum, beloved brother-in-law - Harriet Bernbaum
 - *In memory of* Nancy Ellen Snyder, beloved daughter - Helen Snyder
 - *In memory of* Nisim Saporta, beloved father - Batia Eizikovic
 - *In memory of* Rae Brickman, beloved step-grandmother - The Lansing Family
 - *In memory of* Richard Blair - Albert and Eleanor Boxerman
 - *In memory of* Terry Goldenberg, beloved mother - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn
 - *With appreciation* - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling

Miriam and Bernard Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
 - Jerome and Gail Taxy
 - Ronnie Jo Sokol

- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved brother of Gerald Buckman - Judith Sarnat
 - *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Ronnie Jo Sokol

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Music Fund

- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved brother of Gerald Buckman - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
- Jay Hergott
- Lennie Kay

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Lawrence and Abby Block
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser - Bonnie Rawitz

NSS Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In memory of* George Buckman, beloved brother of Gerald Buckman - Bobbie and Len Tenner
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
- *In memory of* Madalyn Less, beloved wife of Robert Less - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
- Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
- Bobbie and Len Tenner

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Eenie Frost's 90th birthday - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
- Scott and Karen Bieber
- Ilene Goldstein and Edward Sherman

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Scott and Karen Bieber

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* Eenie Frost's 90th birthday - Lois Berman
- *In honor of* the birth of Juliette Chaimson - Cori Katz and Rocky Rubinoff
- *In honor of* the birth of the Pegofosky Family's grandson Evan Isaac Domm - NSS Beth El Pre-School

- *In memory of* Esther "Toots" Leavitt, beloved mother and grandmother - Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

- *In memory of* Sheldon Roodman, beloved husband of Diane Roodman - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

Prayer Book Fund

- *In memory of* Abe Levin, beloved father - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Albert and Sylvia Wishnick, beloved father and mother - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* Benjamin Shapiro, beloved brother - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Charlotte Fox, beloved mother - Allan and Hilary Greenberg

- *In memory of* Dorothy Magad, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Eda Shapiro, beloved mother - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Florence Behrstock, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Harry Magad, beloved father - Irwin and Linda Magad

**Prayer Book Fund
(continued)**

- *In memory of* Isadore Smolensky, beloved father - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
 - Andrew and Gail Brown
 - Jackie and Michael Melinger
 - Madeleine and David Solomon
 - Mildred and Robert Weber
- *In memory of* Larry Tayne, beloved husband, father and grandfather - Charlotte Tayne Avraham
- *In memory of* Tillie and Charles Michaels, beloved mother and father - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
 - Carol and Stephen Weiss
 - Gail and Bruce Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Mordechai Shapiro, beloved father - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Rose Smolensky, beloved mother - Ernest Smolen

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Alvin Shapiro and Gloria Brooks Shapiro
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner
 - Mark and Babette Daskin
 - Robert and Beth Footlik
 - Skip and Lynn Schrayner
 - Marvin and Sara Siegel
 - Eugene and Nicole Terry
 - Zella Ludwig
- *In memory of* Mariasse Kurchitzer, beloved grandmother - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Anna Pathman, beloved aunt - Bob and Millie Weber

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

- *In honor of* the birth of Isaac Leo - Karen Weiss

**Ritual Refurbishment
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Jack Blumberg's milestone birthday - Nancy Whitman
- *In memory of* Benjamin Levenson, beloved father - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Esther Schiffman, beloved grandmother - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Marcy and Kenneth Levin
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
 - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
 - Mildred and Robert Weber

**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Barbara and Jack Blumberg's anniversary and Jack's birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In honor of* Mira and Darryl Temkin's 40th wedding anniversary - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

**Sisterhood College Connection
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Betty Ann Levin
- *In memory of* Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - Betty Ann Levin

Todah Rabbah

Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Samuel Zacks becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Ben and Bobbi Steiner
- *In memory of* Ann Block, beloved mother - Frances Lee Zand and Pendri Shalem
- *In memory of* Dr. Irving Rozenfeld, beloved husband of Betty Frankel Rozenfeld, beloved father of Deborah Dobrusin, Jonathan Rozenfeld and Ranna Rozenfeld, beloved grandfather of Nami Goldenberg, Yael Frankel and Shai Dobrusin, beloved brother-in-law of Herman Wexler - Rosemary and John Putman, John Lewis, Ginger Malone, Sandie Ferrigno
- *In memory of* Esther Leavitt, beloved mother of Josh Leavitt - Josh and Ilene Leavitt
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum
 - Daniel and Ruth Fram
 - Robert and Alice Kohn
- *In memory of* Robert Heller, beloved father of Julie Kraff - Joseph and Lili Schwartz
- *In memory of* Shimon Mortkovitch, beloved father - Nathan Mortkovitch
- *In memory of* Shirley Foxman, beloved mother of Leonard Foxman - Barbara and Kurt Knuth

Staff Recognition Fund

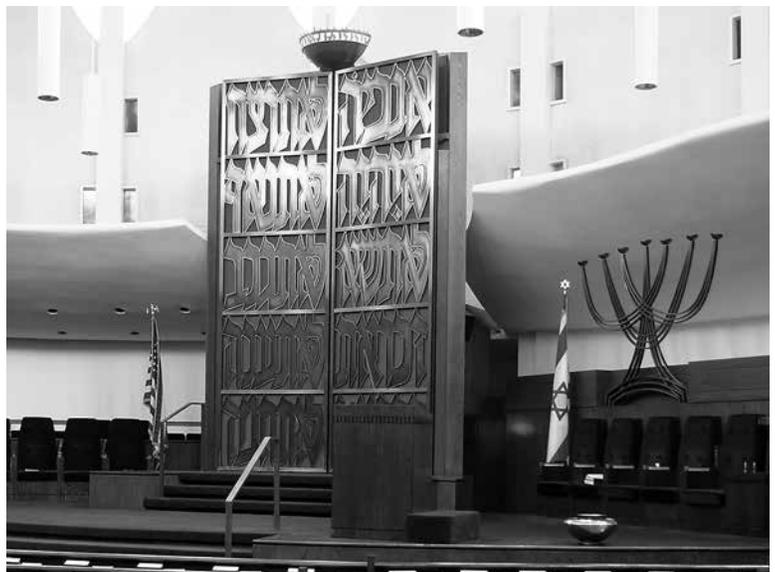
- *In honor of* Eenie Frost's 90th birthday - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
- *In memory of* Marjorie Birnbaum, beloved wife of Leonard Birnbaum and beloved mother of Marc Birnbaum - Mary Ellen Bowers and Larry Goldsmith

Youth Community Fund

- *In memory of* Naomi Favus, beloved mother of Phyllis Sadoff - Sheldon Solow and Shelley Kreiter Solow

Summer Shabbat Services

Summer Shabbat Services: Planning is now underway for summer Shabbat morning services at Beth El. Members of the Congregation will lead these services on the Shabbatot from June 18 through August 13. This is your opportunity to read a haftarah, present a D'var Torah, daven Shaharit or Musaf or lead services from the rabbi's lectern. Our professional staff is ready to assist anyone in brushing up on old skills or in acquiring new ones. Hazzan Ben Tisser can assist those volunteering to daven and he or Ritual Director Mark Stadler can aid those wishing to read a haftarah. If you want to present a D'var Torah, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz or Rabbi Michael Schwab can help you develop a topic and can guide you to sources and commentaries in English or Hebrew. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Larry Goldstein at 847-989-2384 or e-mail largolds@comcast.net.



June 2016 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:02pm Candle Lighting	4 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 8:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:07pm Candle Lighting
5 Yom Yerushalayim	6 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Institute Committee Meeting 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee Meeting	7 Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 12:30pm Sisterhood Installation Luncheon	8 7:00pm Hartman Institute Class – Rabbi Kurtz	9	10 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:06pm Candle Lighting	11 Erev Shavuot 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Matan Mortkovitch 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 8:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:07pm Candle Lighting 9:15pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot
12 Shavuot 1st Day 4:30am Sunrise Service 8:50am Festival Service 11:00am Shavuot Pray and Play 8:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:12pm Candle Lighting	13 Shavuot 2nd Day/ Yizkor 6:30am Early Morning Service 8:50am Festival Service 8:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:13pm Yom Tov Ends	14	15	16	17 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09pm Candle Lighting	18 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:14pm Shabbat Ends
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 9:30am Artists' Beit Midrash Class Begins	24 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service on the Lake 8:11pm Candle Lighting	25 Multi Generation Membership Shabbat 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
26	27	28	29	30		

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 Rachel Kamin, Director of the Cultural and Learning Center
 Nancy Kekst, Director of Development
 Samantha Isenstein, Youth Community Director

July 2016 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11pm Candle Lighting	2 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
3	4 Independence Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	5	6 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan	7 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan	8 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09pm Candle Lighting	9 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:14pm Shabbat Ends
10	11 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Institute Committee Meeting	12	13 Israel Scouts Caravan Concert	14	15 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:05pm Candle Lighting	16 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:10pm Shabbat Ends
17	18	19	20	21	22 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00pm Candle Lighting	23 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:05pm Shabbat Ends
24 Fast of 17th Tammuz	25 7:45pm Summer Stories and Sweet Treats	26	27	28	29 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53pm Candle Lighting	30 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:58pm Shabbat Ends
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Beth El Hosts the Israel Scouts Caravan Concert

Wednesday Evening, July 13, 2016

Watch your email and the synagogue monitors for more details as we receive them.

May 2016 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	2	3 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	4 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 7:00pm Yom HaShoah Event	5 Yom HaShoah	6 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:35pm Candle Lighting	7 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah – Asher Miller 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:40pm Shabbat Ends
8 Rosh Hodesh Iyar Mother's Day 12:00pm Sokol Hebrew High School Graduation	9 Rosh Hodesh Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Institute Committee Meeting 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	10 7:00pm USY Elections	11 Yom Hazikaron	12 Yom Ha'atzmaut 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs 3:00pm Yom Ha'atzmaut Music Program 7:30pm Annual Meeting	13 5:00pm Preschool Shabbat Service 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45pm Gesher Shabbat Service 7:43pm Candle Lighting	14 8:50am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 7:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv Mincha Bar Mitzvah – Gabriel Bornstein 8:48pm Shabbat Ends
15	16 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	17 7:00pm Hartman Institute Class	18 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 4:00pm Shalom Club End of Year Program	19 6:30pm Youth Awards and Installations	20 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49pm Candle Lighting	21 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Rachel Hochberg 10:45am Pray N Play 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 8:54pm Shabbat Ends
22	23 8:00pm CLC Committee Meeting	24	25	26 Lag B'Omer 7:45pm Youth Awards and Installations	27 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:56pm Candle Lighting	28 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah – Ellie Goldsmith 7:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 9:01pm Shabbat Ends
29	30 Memorial Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	31				

Rabbi Michael Schwab is called to the Torah for an aliyah to celebrate his 40th birthday!

Shabbat, May 14, 2016

The Schwabs invite everyone to join them on Saturday morning May 14, 2016 as Rabbi Michael Schwab is called to the Torah for an aliyah to celebrate his 40th birthday! You are also invited to the extended Kiddush following services in the Blumberg Auditorium.