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Six Day War Issues

I vividly recall being in 12th grade at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and skipping school to watch a United Nations Security Council debate in May, 1967. Egypt had ordered UN troops out of the Sinai desert and had taken over possession of the Straits of Tiran exposing shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea to Israel's port city in Eilat. Speaker after speaker from the Arab nations castigated Israel for its militant approach and for the fact that it continued to exist. Israel, supported by the United States and other countries, attempted to stand up to these accusations, and told the United Nations that the decision to close the Straits was a *casus belli* – a cause for war.

Since in my lifetime the presence of the State of Israel was a fact, this was the first time that I felt the very existence of the State was in peril. Before 1967, I had never visited Israel, but I still felt extremely close to it and its citizens. My father z"l had visited in 1961 as part of a UJA Toronto mission and throughout my day school experience I learned to love the land and appreciate our attachment to it. It was a frightening time.

On June 5, 1967, Israel fought back. In the course of six days Israel defeated the armies of Egypt, Syria and Jordan in a remarkable military victory. For those six days world Jewry tried to follow what was happening in Israel and came out in its masses to support Israel politically and financially. When the war was over we were exuberant. Israel had not only prevailed but many of the holy cities, including the Old City of Jerusalem, were now in our hands.

I recall visiting Israel for the first time as a student after graduating with my BA in 1971. Israel was still in the midst of euphoria after the 1967 war. I had never seen a divided Jerusalem, I could freely walk to the Kotel and tour the Old City. I visited Hebron and travelled to the West Bank - Judea and Samaria - rather freely. By the time I next returned for a year of study during my years at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1974, the spirit of the country was very different. The Yom Kippur War in October 1973 had surprised Israel, and though it would be seen as a military victory in its own way, the loss of life and the immediate danger in the first days of the war of the annihilation of Israel stuck in everybody's minds.

This June we will celebrate the 50th year of the Six Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem. It is a time of celebration, commemoration and gratitude. On Yom Yerushalayim, the Hebrew calendar date of the event, celebrated on the 28th of Iyar, this year on May 24th, we will recite Hallel as part of our services in recognition of this wonderful moment in history.

Yet we know that the Six Day War also brought significant political, social, religious, military and cultural challenges to the State of Israel. Many of those challenges still exist and some of
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From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz »



Mission Statement

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

Shabbat Schedule See calendar for times.

May 2017

Shabbat, May 6

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
Torah: Leviticus 16:1 – 20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 9:15

Shabbat, May 13

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

Shabbat, May 20

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
Torah: Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

Shabbat, May 27

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

June 2017

Shabbat, June 3

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

Shabbat, June 10

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

Shabbat, June 17

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

Shabbat, June 24

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
Parashat Korach
Torah: Numbers 16:1 – 18:32
Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 66:24

July 2017

Shabbat, July 1

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

Shabbat, July 8

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

Shabbat, July 15

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

Shabbat, July 22

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Matot-Masei
Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 36:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28; 3:4

Shabbat, July 29

Shabbat Chazon
Parashat Devarim
Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 1:27

Shavuot Service Schedule

Tuesday, May 30

Erev Shavuot

7:58pm Candle Lighting
8:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv
9:15pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot/The Rabbi
Philip Lipis Memorial Lecture

Wednesday, May 31

Shavuot

4:30am Sunrise Service
8:50am Festival Service
11:00am Shavuot Pray 'n Play
12:30pm Shavuot Post Kiddush Picnic
8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:03pm Candle Lighting

Thursday, June 1

Shavuot/Yizkor

6:30am Early Morning Service
8:50am Festival Service D'var Torah
8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:03pm Yom Tov Ends



Rabbi Josh Feigelson

Ask Big Questions

Tikkun Layl Shavuot 5777

Please join us, starting on Tuesday night, May 30, for our Tikkun Layl Shavuot with Rabbi Josh Feigelson. We will continue the Shavuot celebrations with a congregational picnic as part of festival Kiddush on Wednesday, May 31, and a Pray 'n Play for our B'Yachad Family Services.

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

10:30am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd– 6th grade

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with
children 1st grade and younger

Services are conducted by:

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

» President's Corner *by Richard Schlosberg*

As the two-year term of the current administration draws to a close, it is timely to offer one man's opinion of NSSBE, where we are and where we are going. In mid-March we read *Parashat T'tzaveh*, which largely deals with the finishing of the tabernacle and the role of Aaron and his sons as *kohanim* (as ministering priests) in the tabernacle. In his book *Lessons in Leadership*, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks uses this description to state, "one of the most important Jewish contributions to our understanding of leadership is its early insistence of what Montesquieu called 'the separation of powers' (p.99)." Neither authority nor power was to be located in a single individual or office. In fact, the Talmud records, "Let the crown of kingship be sufficient for you. Leave the crown of priesthood to the sons of Aaron (Kiddushin 66a)." This comment was directed at Hasmonean kings, some of whom declared themselves high priests as well as kings.

Here at Beth El we work hard to follow this philosophy. So it is with our synagogue that one could say that the priestly-type functions are in the hands of our clergy and the administrative functions are led in large part by staff and lay leadership. This separation of powers lost inevitably creates what Rabbi Sacks calls a "field of tensions" between the various roles, each with its own perspective and voice. We believe that this tension is a necessary part of keeping our synagogue dynamic, innovative and responsive to the ever-changing needs of our congregation. Over the past two years we have found the partnership between clergy and congregants to be productive and expect the partnership to continue to thrive and even grow with the new administration to be installed on May 11.

Led by the Executive Committee (Kim Ephraim, Ron Goldberg, Melissa Halperin, Marla Hand, Tracey Hendler, Bobbi Kwall, Jackie Melinger, Larry Pachter, Lisa Rosenkranz, David Shapiro, Darryl Temkin, Loren Weil and Richard Zelin), the Board of Directors and Committee chairs and members, NSS Beth El has (during the two years 5775-5777) brought on

a new Hazzan, a new Executive Director, a new Pre-School Director, a new Youth Community Director, and many others in our teaching and staff positions. We have upgraded our technologies, especially in our educational area. We have been able to upgrade and significantly improve our rotunda, Memorial Alcove and Beit Midrash spaces to provide both enhanced learning and contemplative opportunities. We have expanded the role of membership, including the addition of a new position on the Executive Committee so that we now have both a VP-Membership and a VP-Programming. We have brought on a full-time comptroller to help us manage our financial activities in a more professional manner. We have established a Music Committee to help expand and manage our growing programming in that area. We have begun the process of developing an improved Communications area, including a Communications Committee charged with managing this complex and critical area. We have been tweaking and improving our Development activities to help us meet budget requirements and this area will gain even more attention going forward. And there is so much more. Many of these initiatives represent in part the implementation of creative thinking of past administrations. As anyone who has been involved in any of these initiatives can state, change is difficult and, with a matrix management model (clergy/staff/lay leadership), moving things forward seems to always "take a village." Your synagogue is, in our opinion, moving forward in a good direction.

Looking ahead, the next two years promise to be challenging as we anticipate a variety of changes, both personnel-wise and structurally. Critical to our continuing growth and success is going to be the proactive role of lay leadership to contribute to the "field of tensions" that Rabbi Sacks discusses. Please do come forward and help the lay leadership as we address the complex and ever-changing world of our congregation, Conservative Judaism, Israel and diaspora Jewry.

» From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz

Six Day War Issues (continued from page 1)

them have actually been exacerbated. It seems to me at this time we are far from a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East and we can only hope and pray that it may come in our lifetime. Israel continues to live in a dangerous neighborhood and while we are pleased and privileged to have returned to the Old City of Jerusalem and to the cities of our ancestors' origin, the challenges of co-existence and peace are real and complex.

We need to teach our young people who were not alive in 1967 what those days in May and June of that year were all about. We have to give them the background and the context of the 1947-1967 years when a Palestinian state could have been established without any difficulty and the hatred and enmity that led to those days of combat in June. At the same

time, we have to be sensitive to the challenges of today and the complexities that are present. As a people who is trained to be sensitive to the stranger in our midst, we continue to learn what it means to be a majority in a country and offer protection to a minority in our midst. For the first time in 2,000 years that challenge is real and significant.

Let us rejoice on the days in June of the victory of the Six Day War, let us recite Hallel on Yom Yerushalyim with a great deal of exuberance and in a full sense of gratitude, and let us, at the very same time, offer our hopes and prayers for co-existence and peace for our people and all peoples in the region.

May that day soon come and may we be privileged to rejoice in it.

» Hazzan Ben Tisser



What an exciting year it has been at NSS Beth El! I was speaking with Sarah the other day and we can't believe it's now nearly two years since our arrival in Highland Park. I want to use my column this month to reflect on some of the wonderful things we have done and experienced together, as a *kehilah kedosha* – as a holy community, a family.

Looking back to last summer, we kicked off the year with a great night of jazz with Grammy Award-winning legend Howard Levy. Over 120 Beth El members and friends joined us in the Blumberg Auditorium for what was a terrific evening of camaraderie and song. I hope these fun evenings will become a tradition for us, as they truly defined the Hebrew verse *hinei ma tov u'ma na'im, shevet achim gam yachad* – how good it is when we gather as brothers and sisters.

Several weeks later we gathered for *Sh'ma Koleinu: The High Holy Days in Concert*, featuring a number of my friends and colleagues, our professional and volunteer choirs, an orchestra primarily comprised of our members, and a number of our fantastic young singers – in all, near thirty of our members participated on stage. It was a unique opportunity for us to explore the magic of the music of the *Yamim Nora'im* in concert format with a repertoire that spanned many decades and many styles. Of course, it was also fun to “meet” Cantor Meir Finkelstein, the man who composed so much of the beautiful music I present throughout the High Holy Days and on Shabbat.

Shortly after the High Holy Days, the work began on Perfect Pitch 2. The first A Cappella concert, in January 2016, was successful beyond my wildest dreams. The truth is that neither the music committee nor I knew what to expect this second time around. My deepest thanks to the over 650 of you who joined us that evening – the joyous energy in the room was palpable, and I was so proud of how our Beth El community showed its support not just for the performing arts, but for this wonderful way of sustaining and invigorating Jewish identity on college campuses across America!

Finally in late March I had the privilege to travel to New York City to hear the HaZamir chorale perform at the Metropolitan

Opera House. For those of you not familiar with HaZamir, please take a moment and look them up on YouTube or the web – it is one of the best programs in existence for Jewish teens, not just to make friends across state lines, oceans and denominations; it instills *ahavat Yisrael*, love of Israel, and love of our traditions, through united learning of Jewish music. As I mentioned in the last bulletin, Sarah Tenner performed as part of this group. All I can say is that when my grandparents and great-grandparents came to this country in the first half of the last century, I doubt they could have ever imagined over 400 Jewish teens from around the world standing on the stage of perhaps the most important performing arts venue in the world, singing songs of *tefilah* and of Israel. I had so much *nachas* listening to the students and returned with an even deeper commitment to carry on and transmit the beautiful music tradition of our people.

Each of us has our own understanding of identity, and each of us has a number of different identities we carry with us – as members of our family, as professionals or perhaps as students, as members of our synagogue community, perhaps as members of social clubs...and each of those pieces creates the whole of who we are. The tie that binds us, though, is our Jewish identity. It has little to do with how observant we are; it is in our *kishkes*. It is that piece of us that swells with pride when we land at LAX or Newark and taxi past an El Al jet, or that makes us want to close our eyes and listen intently as we hear the Kol Nidre, or that prompts us to act when we recognize injustice in the world. Each of the above programs that we experienced as a community were designed to tap into different pieces of our Jewish identity, and each one was successful in doing so, as I have heard from so many of you. I want to again thank those of you who showed your support for these programs, no matter the size of our gift. You have created the beginning of a strong family of love and support for the Jewish Arts, which is a very special thing for us to have here. And to those of you who have not yet supported these wonderful programs, I invite you to speak with me and learn about the exciting things we are planning in the future!

My family joins me in wishing you all a wonderful summer!

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 17 through August 12. This is your opportunity to read a haftarah, present a D'var Torah, daven Shacharit 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.



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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.**

- 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

Everyone is Invited
to
“Let Us Go Up”

Following Evening Minyan at 7:30pm

Please join with your fellow congregants to:

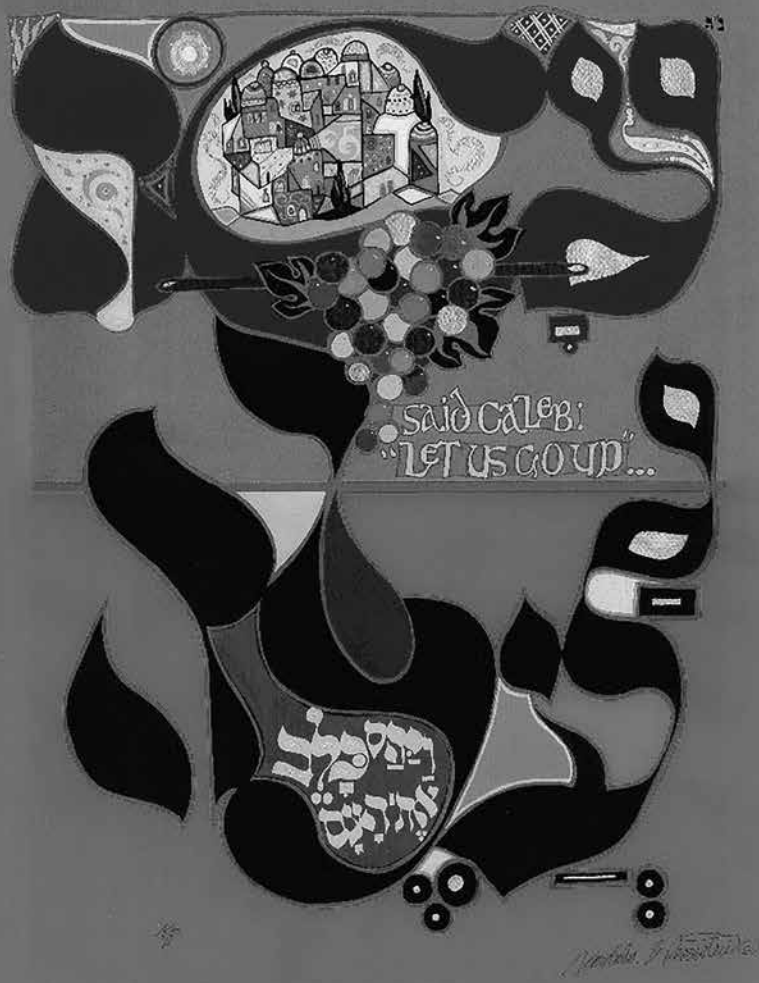
**Celebrate our Synagogue and
our accomplishments this year**

**Acknowledge all of our volunteers and pay tribute
to our many generous donors**

Elect and install new officers, board members and directors for the Congregation

**Honor outgoing President Richard Schlosberg,
as well as all other outgoing officers,
board members and directors**

**RSVP to Elise at 847-432-8900
or ekline@nssbethel.org**



It's All in the Beth El Family

Congratulations To

- Lynn and Arthur Cohen on the marriage of their daughter, Jessica to Jeffrey Barmach
- Cheryl and Carey Cooper on the birth of their granddaughter
- Sandra and Phillip Cooper on the birth of their great-granddaughter
- Alexandra and David Davidson on the birth of their daughter, Clara Danielle Davidson
- Deborah and Rabbi Charles Dobrusin on the birth of their grandson, Rafi Chaim Goldenberg
- Jordana and Jared Greenberg on the birth of their daughter
- Nami and David Goldenberg on the birth of their son, Rafi Chaim
- Brenda and David Jackson on the engagement of their daughter, Jane to Adam Broude
- Mitchell and Karen Kopin on the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Sam Levenback
- Myrna Kopin on the engagement of her granddaughter, Melissa Kopin to Sam Levenback
- Michelle and Paul Pessis on the birth of their granddaughter, Fiona Moon Pessis
- Betty Rozenfeld on the birth of her great-grandson, Rafi Chaim Goldenberg
- Mally and Alan Rutkoff on the birth of their granddaughter
- Susan and Lawrence Silberman on the birth of their grandson, William Solomon Silberman
- Emily and Adam Steinberg on the birth of their son
- Miriam and Morton Steinberg on the birth of their grandson
- Roni and Steve Weiss on the engagement of their son, Daniel, to Dani Wolf

Condolences To

- Calvin Eisenberg on the loss of his brother, Marvin Eisenberg
- Jodi Eisenstadt on the loss of her mother, Bernice Awerbuch
- Arthur Gladstone on the loss of his wife, Maxine Gladstone
- Jerome Harris on the loss of his wife, Zippora Harris
- Carol Honigberg on the loss of her husband, Joel Honigberg
- Rozlyn Kallish on the loss of her mother, Marjorie Schneider
- Janet Lederman on the loss of her father, Harry Rich
- Steven Lewis on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Bolker
- Eric Maletsky on the loss of his mother, Anita Maletsky
- Michael Millenson on the loss of his father, Roy H. Millenson
- Marshall Okmin on the loss of his wife, Trudy Okmin
- Selena Pestine on the loss of her sister, Marilyn Horwitz
- Marcie Pickard on the loss her father, Allen Rosenthal
- Annette Ray on the loss of her father, Edward Salinas
- Stuart Richer on the loss of his mother, Helen Richer
- Sari Salinas on the loss of her husband, Edward Salinas
- David Shapiro on the loss of his mother, Sarah Shapiro
- Janice Small on the loss of her father, Stanley S. Yaffe

In Memoriam

- Lillian Charney
- Maxine Gladstone
- Zippora Harris
- Joel Honigberg
- Shirley Leavitt
- Edward Salinas
- Frances Wainess



Welcome Baby Program



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

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

May – Iyar/Sivan 5777



Golda Hamburg,
daughter of Jaimy and Jeff Hamburg
Shabbat, May 13



Liana Oshin,
daughter of Leslie and Peter Oshin
Shabbat, May 20



Daniel Leshem,
son of Andrea and Benjamin Leshem
Shabbat, May 27

June – Sivan/Tammuz 5777



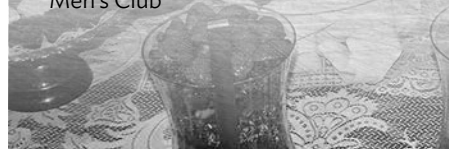
Mimi Friedman,
daughter of Michelle and Arie Friedman
Shabbat, June 3



Natalie Putzel,
daughter of Nicole and Steven Putzel
Shabbat, June 10

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

- Ba'al Korei Institute
- Helena and Peter Broude
- Lynn and Arthur Cohen
- Shari Grey
- Sandi Poresky Goller and Hazzan Larry Goller
- Brenda and David Jackson
- Mary and Jerome Kaltman and family
- Anne and Elliot Rossen
- Sandy Starkman and Family
- Cara Madansky-Stiebel and Mayer Stiebel
- North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood
- North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club



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 3 and May 17, 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 847-926-7902 for more information and for the full summer schedule.



Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, May 4
2:00pm

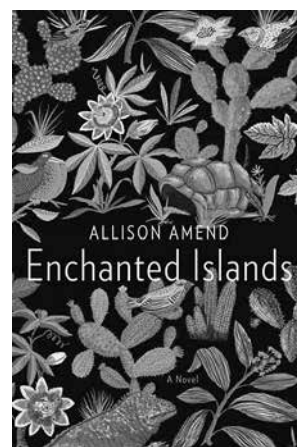
The Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the Hazak Senior Life Committee will present *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*, a portrait of the Israeli people told through food. The film, featuring Chef Michael Solomonov, profiles chefs, home cooks, vintners, and cheese-makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today – Jewish, Arab, Muslim, Christian, Druze. In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli snacks will be served. Open to the community, free of charge. RSVP to meskin@nssbethel.org or call 847-926-7903.

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Shabbat, June 10
12:30pm

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *Enchanted Islands* by Allison Amend, after Shabbat Kiddush on Saturday, June 10 at 12:30pm, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Inspired by the mid-century memoirs of Frances Conway, this is the dazzling story of an independent American woman whose path takes her to the Galápagos Islands on the brink of World War II.

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.



Summer Stories & Sweet Treats

Monday, July 10
7:45pm

Gather on the back porch for a summer discussion of short stories on Monday, July 10 at 7:45pm (after evening Minyan). Story selections will be announced soon. "Sweet Treats" will be served! All are welcome – open to the community, free of charge. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902 for more information.



Beth El History Corner by Mort Steinberg

Beth El is honoring the senior rabbis who have served the congregation since its founding almost seventy years ago. The new rabbinic gallery will be installed at the main entry to the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center to honor our leaders:



Born in Palestine, **Rabbi Maurice I. Kliers** came to the United States at the age of 8 and was raised in Chicago. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and later did post-graduate work at Dropsie College. After serving as rabbi at Temple Shalom in Philadelphia, he became Beth El's first rabbi in 1948, just as the congregation was acquiring the Edward V. Price Mansion as its permanent home. In 1950, Rabbi Kliers left Beth El and for many years served as rabbi at South Side Hebrew Congregation in Chicago. He passed away in 1972.



Rabbi Philip L. Lipis was born in Tiraspol, Russia in 1906. After coming to the United States in 1913, he graduated from City College in New York and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1930. During WWII he was a U.S. Navy chaplain serving with the Marines in the South Pacific, rising to the rank of Commander. After the war, he served as rabbi in Oakland, California and became Beth El's second rabbi in 1951. He was instrumental in leading the congregation in the construction of the school building, the "Community Center" (now the Blumberg Auditorium) and the Field Family Sanctuary, and in developing the Congregation's strong commitment to education. Under his leadership, the membership of the Congregation grew from about 200 families to almost 900 families. Rabbi Lipis retired in 1969 and taught part-time at the University of Judaism and at Camp Ramah. Tragically, he was killed in an automobile accident in California in 1977.



Born in Chicago in 1923, **Rabbi Samuel H. Dresner** attended Northwestern University and the University of Cincinnati. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1951, he was a doctoral student of Abraham Joshua Heschel and served congregations in Philadelphia and Springfield, Massachusetts before coming to Beth El in 1969. An influential scholar within the Conservative movement, Rabbi Dresner was the author of 17 books and numerous scholarly articles. While at Beth El, he advocated for a renewed commitment to Jewish ritual and thought. Rabbi Dresner departed Beth El in 1977 and became the founding rabbi of Moriah Congregation in Deerfield. He passed away in 2000.



A native of Akron, Ohio born in 1937, **Rabbi William H. Lebeau** graduated from New York University and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1964. Following his service as a U.S. Navy chaplain stationed in San Diego, he served as rabbi in Port Jefferson, New York, before assuming the role of spiritual leader at Beth El in 1978. During his tenure at Beth El, he provided the inspiration for the creation of the Cultural and Learning Center, the expansion of the synagogue's physical facilities, a renewed emphasis on the Youth Community, and other innovative educational programs. Rabbi Lebeau left the congregation in 1987 when he was called to serve as vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Dean of its Rabbinical School. He retired from that position in 2007 and currently resides in New York City.



Currently the senior rabbi at Beth El, **Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz** is a native of Toronto, Canada. A graduate of York University, he was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1976. While serving as rabbi at Congregation Rodfei Zedek in Chicago, he earned the degree of Doctor of Ministry from the Chicago Theological Seminary. Rabbi Kurtz assumed the pulpit at Beth El in 1988. His leadership role in numerous local, national and international Jewish organizations has inured to the benefit of the congregation, including his current service on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency in Israel. Rabbi Kurtz is a regular columnist on Torah commentary for the Chicago Jewish News, the author of *Encountering Torah: Reflections on the Weekly Portion*, a contributor to *The Observant Life*, a compilation of Jewish law published by the Rabbinic Assembly, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Rabbinic Literature at the Spertus Institute. A strong advocate for the maintenance of close ties with Israel, he has been instrumental in strengthening the educational programs of the congregation and promoting traditional Jewish values.

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

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet



We had a fabulous year of learning at the Beth El schools. Among the many successes, we increased family Shabbat attendance exponentially from previous years. We completed a series of engaging activities for our 3rd through 6th graders, called *chugim*. Some of the students loved this so much that they attended several *chugim*.

We entered the My Family Story International competition at Beit Hatfutsot for the fifth consecutive year. Our resource room was filled throughout the year with students from all ages coming to learn *tefilah* and read Torah. Some of our younger students, as young as second graders, have been learning to chant one or more verses of Torah. The CRS/SHHS school committee organized a Challah Bake night that brought together 80 people representing parents in the three schools and Beth El members.

For the first year in the history of the high school, we opened a midweek option named Sokol Tuesdays, and we had 14 registered students. Our Sunday Sokol Hebrew High School offerings included a variety of classes. Rachel Kamin taught a class on Jewish literature, Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab taught a class on *Gemara* to the 9th and 10th graders, and Hazzan Tisser taught a class to seniors on Life Decisions. We had three engaging and interactive USY/SHHS joint programs throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for being enthusiastic and supportive of our efforts. Thank you to the clergy, Beth El staff, Vice Presidents of Education, school committee chairs, and the many lay volunteers and lay leaders who helped in reaching our goals. I want to thank our fabulous staff for their dedication and commitment to Jewish education. Thank you to Anne Loshbough and Rayna Forman for helping ensure the smooth running of our schools. Enjoy the summer!

Dr. Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education



Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Graduates:

Harrison Crasko	Rebecca Halfin
Justin Crasko	Golda Hamburg
Benjamin Ephraim	Eli Leshtz
Miriam Friedman	Liana Oshin
Alex Garfinkel	Natalie Putzel
Lila Golson	Emma Struck
Daniel Grafman	Julia Struck
Eli Greenstein	

*Students who completed the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School course of study and are eligible to attend the Sokol Hebrew High School.

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Graduates:

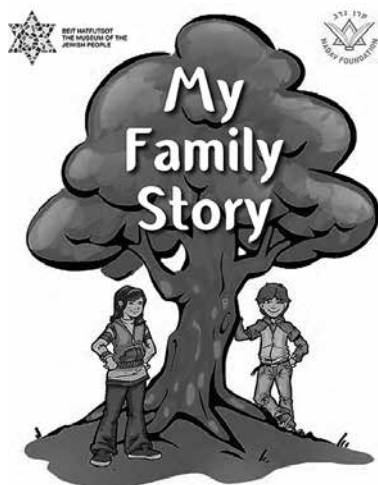
Emily Aronin	Ashley Hendler
Jami Blumenthal	Nancy Iden
Gabriella Cooperman	Emily Kaplan
Charlie Ezgur	Maya Kaufman
Emma Halfin	Allison Pine

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School Graduates:

Jacob Dayan	Jonathan Silvers
Barbara Hochberg	Samantha Wolf
Samson Hoffman	Henry Wolle

Solomon Schechter Day School Graduates:

Sarah Erlichman	Rachel Hochberg
Emma Jo Fishbein	Carly Winick
Benjamin Grey	Samuel Zacks



Mazel Tov to the Vav (6th grade) students who participated at the My Family Story exhibit: Aron Amram, David Ayzman, Corey Braverman, Isabel Carney, Hayle Cohen, Vivian Hirschfield, Tyler Kallish, Zachary Katznelson, Sydney Newman, Talia Newman, Ari Posner, Sophia Rosenberg, Seth Savine, Isabella Schwartz, Olivia Schwartz, and Rachel Smiley.

Mazel Tov to David Ayzman and Corey Braverman for winning the Beth El My Family Story competition on Sunday, March 19.

Mazel Tov to David Ayzman for being selected as one of the 50 winners of the My Family Story International Competition! His project, *Family Tea Time*, will be displayed at Beit Hatfutsot, The Museum of the Jewish People, in Tel Aviv. The key prize for winning the competition is one free plane ticket to Israel. David will travel to Israel to participate at the My Family Story annual celebration in Tel Aviv in June.

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School



It is hard to believe that another school year is about to come to a close in the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School! It is appropriate at this time of the year to reflect on how much the children have learned and grown, and the impact that the whole school community has played in shaping the lives of our students. When the teachers say goodbye to their four-year-old students at their final Shabbat dinner, they will feel

confident knowing that they have set the foundation for what it means to be Jewish, and for their students' continued Jewish education.

Families make the decision to choose Jewish preschool for their families, and we are beyond grateful that the halls of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School are bursting with full classrooms of children whose parents value the mission and vision of our school. As our teachers make Judaism come alive in their classrooms each day, our students become enriched with the customs and traditions that our ancestors have set before

us. The children explore Jewish values on a daily basis by simply working to become good friends, care for others, and help those in need. We believe it is our responsibility to help raise the next generation, and by doing so we are ultimately raising tomorrow's Jewish leaders.

The programming continues all summer long in the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School as we welcome a fresh crop of campers into the building for eight weeks of fun in the sun! Children will have the opportunity to make new friends, explore the outdoors, and even splash and play on Lake Costica! We have a few spots available in our camp program, so please feel free to spread the word.

We wish all of our four-year-old program students a successful transition to kindergarten. L'hitraot – we hope to see you again soon.

Karee Bilsky
Steinberg Pre-School Director



**summer Camp Sendoff
Kabbalat Shabbat
on the Lake**

Contact Elise Kline at 847-432-8900 or
ekline@nssbethel.org for more information.

RSVP Deadline: June 13

Beth El members can pay by going to their
member account on our website:
www.nssbethel.org.

**Friday
June 16th
5:30pm**

**Join us to kick off the summer with our Summer
Camp Sendoff 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!**

» Informal Education



Asking Big and Good Questions

For many mornings when I was young, my dad would call out as I left the house, “ask good questions!” Okay, he also constantly told me to “sharpen my pencil” and questioned when I got less than 100 on a test, but his

admonition stuck with me and reminds me as an educator to focus on the journey as much as, if not more than, the destination.

I’ve had the unbelievable privilege of teaching Purposes of Jewish Living as part of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning this year on Sunday mornings. The curriculum really asks the big questions about life from a Jewish perspective – What happens when we die? Who wrote the Torah? Why do good people suffer? What is the point of kashrut? Getting to explore these questions together with our congregants and through the eyes of our sacred and historical texts is an incredible experience. There’s something about diving into these deeper elements of life right in the morning that really awakens a higher version of ourselves. This questioning and contextualization takes us beyond literacy to utilization of Jewish concepts in our daily lives and preserves the relevancy of Judaism for us.

We will have an opportunity to ask these bigger questions throughout the holiday of Shavuot with Rabbi Josh Feigelson, the founder of Ask Big Questions (www.askbigquestions.org). Rabbi Feigelson was the campus rabbi at Northwestern University Hillel and founded Ask Big Questions along with two students by asking students “What will you do better this year?” to invite students to the High Holidays. In 2011, Ask Big Questions became a national initiative of Hillel, and Rabbi Feigelson has guided the development of their educational theory, approach to training, educational resources, and overall strategy. Their format of asking questions that matter to everyone and that anyone can answer is a very Jewish way to approach these larger ideas. The intersectionality of access and meaning and inclusion feels important on a Pilgrimage festival in which we receive the ultimate learning, the Torah. We are allowed to access our own and each other’s wisdom at the same time that we engage with our inherited wisdom.

To close I’ll ask one of the big questions that come to us at this time of year, “What have you learned so far?”

Ali Drumm

Director of Informal Education

» Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education

Mysteries of the Bible

May 3, 17, and 24; June 7, 14, 21, and 28; July 5 and 12

Taught by Aaron Klein

The Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education program is excited to be offering an evening opportunity to study with Bible teacher Aaron Klein. Aaron has been teaching his popular Wednesday morning class for years, and now those unavailable during the day can learn with him as well. Come explore our ancient texts and read between the lines to understand how the writings are relevant to our day and age. The class will also look at how the mystics and Kabbalah have interpreted the cosmos and the Divine.



River North Kerevah (detail) by Judith Joseph

Artists Beit Midrash

Relationships in the Torah:

Family Ties as Inspiration for Art

June 8, 15, 22, and 29; July 13 and 20

Taught by Judith Joseph and Jane Shapiro

NSS Beth El’s Artists Beit Midrash returns for its fourth summer! Artists of all skill levels and working with any type of media – sculpture, oils, watercolors, photographs, fabrics, poetry, music, theater, and dance – are invited to participate in text study, discussion, and commentary through art. Participants will explore Jewish sources (no Hebrew knowledge required), guided by master text teacher Dr. Jane Shapiro, co-founder and teacher at the Orot Center for New Jewish Learning, and master artist-in-residence Judith Joseph. This year’s theme is family relationships, and each week the class will delve into Jewish texts and see how artists through the ages have been inspired by our foundational family stories.

Tuition for the Spring/Summer Trimester is \$60 for NSS Beth El members (\$90 for non-members). Pay for one trimester class and additional classes during the same trimester are included at no extra cost! To register, contact Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903.

North Suburban
Synagogue
Beth El
בית כנסת בית אל

HONORING RABBI MICHAEL SCHWAB'S
13th YEAR AT NSS BETH EL
קהילה
COMMUNITY

Community Party

Sunday, May 21

12:00-2:30pm

Blumberg Auditorium

NOTE NEW TIME!

**EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO A CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF**

RABBI MICHAEL SCHWAB'S 13th YEAR AT NSS BETH EL

HEAVY LUNCH APPETIZERS AND SNACKS
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR (WEATHER PERMITTING) ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD
A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY NAOMI LESS
AD BOOK DISTRIBUTION
A TRIBUTE TO RABBI SCHWAB

ADMISSION: PANTRY FOOD DONATION FOR THE MORaine TOWNSHIP FOOD
PANTRY OR NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE ARK BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

RSVP TO ELISE AT EKLINE@NSSBETHEL.ORG OR 847-432-8900



Kol No'ar

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

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

BEANS USY Executive Board Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

Grades 8–11

BEANS USY Executive Board Elections

Tuesday, May 9

Grades 8–11

Shalom Club Summer Kickoff

Wednesday, May 17

Grades 2–5

Youth Community Awards and Installations

Thursday, May 18

Grades 6–12

Kadima Summer Kickoff

Sunday, May 21

Grades 5–8



Spring in Review



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

M&M Club (K–1st grade) Introducing the Chametz Inspector! M&M Club families were entertained by the High School students who came to each house to investigate the chametz left in the house. Each family learned about why we burn the chametz through a trivia game and a scavenger hunt. The USYers raised tzedakah from each home.

Shalom Club (2nd–5th grade) What better way to spend a day off than with BEANS Shalom Club! NSS Beth El partnered with Moriah Congregation to provide a fun all-day program for 23 youngsters. We painted pots for Tu B'Shevat, made a Purim costume, participated in an improv workshop and played gaga. We are already excited about planning day-off programs for next year.

Kadima (6th–8th grade) The 8th graders this month became High Schoolers. The annual BEANS USY induction celebrated the entrance of 7 8th graders into the USY family. We partnered the high schoolers with the 8th graders and played games together, enjoyed dessert and went to laser tag. We are excited to see our 8th graders at upcoming USY events!

USY (9–12th grade) USY truly felt the spirit of Purim this year. Faced with the task of baking 1500 Hamentashen, the USYers spent 4 nights of dough mixing, rolling, filling and folding while singing along to *Hamilton*.



It was a success and we are thankful to everyone who ordered. After baking we moved on to setting up the Purim carnival. After staying up all night to make posters, arrange games and bounce a little on the inflatables ourselves, we spent the next morning raising \$2,000 for tzedakah (or Tikkun Olam as it is called in regional USY). We finished the month by using the last of the chametz to have an Israeli cooking competition called "Are you IS-raeli a Top Chef?" We concluded at the end of the night that while we were all good chefs, we were no Gordon Ramsey! Congratulations to our BEANS basketball team who took 3rd place in the region!

Beth El Sisterhood College Connection (18+) With the help of our packing ninja volunteers, we sent out our Passover box which included all the Passover goodies including Matzah and sparking grape juice. This last box of the year was sent out to 110 college students, both undergraduate and graduate level. Sign-ups for next year are already up! If you have a child or grandchild in college or graduate school, fill out the form at www.tinyurl.com/collegeconnection1718.

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

Enthusiastically,

Tovah Goodman
Youth Community Director

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

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

Thoughts on Social Action

by Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Chair Social Action Committee

As I write this edition of Kol Beth El it is a mild first day of spring and I am looking forward to the summer season. 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! In addition, to the wonderful service projects, we had the distinct honor of hearing from Beth El's own Terry Grossberg who told us the moving story that inspired him to create "HP Forward," a random acts of kindness movement right here in Highland Park. When Terry spoke, there wasn't a dry eye in the house! We also were delighted to kick off the celebration of Rabbi Schwab's "Bar Mitzvah" year at Beth El. Rabbi Schwab made a beautiful presentation and in his honor we offered 13 mitzvah projects for each of his 13 years at Beth El. If you were unable to attend Mitzvah Day please go to our website at www.nssbethel.org and click on Social Action to read my opening remarks from our educational program, which had a theme of kindness and the power of paying it forward.

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 check out hpforward.com or the Volunteer Pool of Highland Park for community opportunities at volunteerpoolhp.org.

Friends, one final note: In September I will be stepping down from my role as Chair of Social Action. It was a wonderful 6 years (especially since I was only supposed to serve for 3!) and I thank you for joining in and working together on acts of Tikkun Olam. It was a privilege working with all of you. The Social Action Committee will now be placed in the very capable hands of Mary Channon. I hope you will join me in welcoming her to this position where she is sure to bring amazing energy and new ideas. Please



contact Mary at mary.channon@yahoo.com if you would like to get more involved in this wonderful committee.

Thank you for a great year of mitzvot. Have a wonderful summer!

Thank You to all of our Mitzvah Day Volunteers!

Janice Aronoff
Jill Bernstein
Honey Bronson
Gail Brown

Mary Channon
Sande Crasko
Tracy Hendler
Laurie Hochberg

Minde Korman
Dina Lissos
Beth Olderman
Heidi Patzik

Fran Pine
Rocky Rubinoff
Mira Temkin
Amy Zisook

Special thanks to Kathy and Ana in the office for handling the administration and the wonderful Beth El maintenance staff. None of this could happen without the team!

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. With donations of Nutrigrain Bars donated by our members and Families Helping Families Chicagoland, we were able to provide weekly snacks without fail for the entire school year. Kol HaKovod to all!

» Social Action in Action



- ① Honoring Rabbi Michael Schwab
- ② Lori Stark, David Shapiro and pet visiting seniors on Mitzvah Day
- ③ Mitzvah Day Participants at Maot Chitim



Update: How to Pay Your Sisterhood Dues in 2017-2018

For your convenience, Sisterhood dues (\$40) are included on your NSS Beth El statement. You may even pay senior Sisterhood dues (\$30) through Beth El, but please contact Jeff Dreifus, in Accounts Receivable, at 847-432-8900 x261, to do so. We urge you to pay Sisterhood dues via Beth El either by check (**payable to NSS Beth El, not to Sisterhood**) or by credit card. Paying Sisterhood dues through the synagogue will ensure that your Sisterhood dues payment, which is tax deductible, will be included on your year-end tax letter from Beth El.



Shalom! *Todah rabbah* to those who generously supported Sisterhood's *mishloach manot* program. Through your generosity, Sisterhood donated enough money to KosherTroops.com to allow them to send 21 additional *mishloach manot* packages to US Jewish soldiers on active duty.

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

NS Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop

Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts!

We have the perfect solution for your gift giving with fresh ideas for every simcha and special occasion.

For the future bride and groom, we have a Wedding and Gift Registry, so your family and friends can select the perfect gift to help you establish your Jewish home or enhance your holiday table. Stop by and register; we will help you select the items you like. If there is an item you've seen elsewhere, we can order it and add it to your registry as well.

For a unique Father's Day gift, we have selection of items sure to please, from tallit clips, tallit bags, and tzedakah boxes to books, desk accessories, and a collector's watch.

For a special hostess gift, we have items you will love, from Shabbat candles and cookbooks, to colorful serving pieces and jewelry too.

To fit your busy schedules, we are always open by appointment. You can come in to buy or merely to browse. Just call or email Diane at sdaalevin@gmail.com; 847-571-5629; Sulie at suliekaroholt@gmail.com; 847-558-3389; or Pam at pgs567@comcast.net; 847-433-7546. We will be happy to help you!

A Special Request: It's that time of year. Come August, we are going to New York for the Merchandise Show. If there is something you would like us to look for or stock in the Gift Shop, please let us know. We welcome your ideas!



Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz Tuesday, May 9; 6:00pm

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

Reservations must be made by May 1 by sending a check, payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood, to Ruth Fischer, 620 Calais Circle, Highland Park, IL 60035. For additional information or questions, contact Rachel Ferber, Rachel.ferber@att.net or 847-835-6201.

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

attending _____ @ \$25/person

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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



Torah Fund Campaign

As we wrap up this year's Torah Fund Campaign we say *todah rabbah* to everyone who contributed, allowing us to reach our goal of donating \$10,000 to Torah Fund and the 5 schools it supports: Jewish Theological Seminary (New York); Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles); Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem); Seminario Rabbinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires); and Zacharias Frankel College (Germany).

Contributions to Torah Fund help turn Jewish scholarship into transformative action and leadership. The students receiving Torah Fund scholarships launch organizations that engage others in Jewish life, write textbooks others learn from, and become the new creative forces for positive change in our communities.

A Jewish future requires passionate leaders who fearlessly innovate to build community. Your Torah Fund contribution helps educate rabbis and cantors, Jewish school principals, and Hillel directors who fervently inspire communities, teach countless children what it means to be Jewish, and help thousands of college students find meaningful Jewish experiences on campus.

Although this year's campaign is concluding, the work of Torah Fund never ends. Therefore, we accept donations year-round. Torah Fund donations make lovely birthday, graduations, anniversary and Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. It's always the right time to give to Torah Fund.

**ORDER
YOURS
TODAY!**

2017-2018 *Sisterhood Calendar*

Let us help you keep organized with Sisterhood's Beth El Calendar! We include Jewish Holidays, Candle Lighting Times, Sisterhood and NSS Beth El Programs, Cohen Religious School Dates, and Secular Holidays too. It's our convenient wall calendar with everything you need in one place.

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	
Wall Calendar ____ x \$18.00 =	Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Please send your check (payable to North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood) by July 1, 2017
to: Ruth Fischer 620 Calais Circle Highland Park, IL 60035

» Men's Club

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



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

On March 19, 2017, the NSS Beth El Men's Club hosted the Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Award lunch award ceremony for the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Club. The winners of these prestigious awards from the Beth El community and from other Men's Clubs in the Chicago area were celebrated. A special *yasher koach* to Darryl Temkin for organizing and coordinating this regional event and to Jeffrey Goldsmith for serving as this year's Master of Ceremonies.

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

Our Youth of the Year awardee was Rebecca Greenstein, who has been very active as a board member of BEANS USY. She served for two years as Religion/Education Vice-President for BEANS USY, and currently holds that role for the CHUSY Region. She has spent seven summers at Camp Ramah, went on Ramah's Israel and Poland trip last summer, and she is currently a senior at New Trier High School. A hearty Mazel Tov to Rebecca.

Caveman Dinner – Another Huge Success

Once again, the Men's Club enjoyed their annual Caveman Dinner, bringing together senior and (mainly) younger members. On March 15, nearly 60 members and their guests gathered to devour plates full of appetizers, followed by ribs, salami treats, 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 their leadership, and to Circle of Life Catering for their delicious cuisine. 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.

» Men's Club



Let's Play 2! Calling All Softball Players

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

Planning Ahead and Save the Dates....

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

Officers Board Induction

Sunday, June 11

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



At the 2017 American Zionist Movement Biennial Assembly:
Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz, Rachel Russo, and Sandy Starkman

Jewish United Fund's

Israel Solidarity Day

featuring the Walk with Israel



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

Ravinia Festival
**200 RAVINIA PARK ROAD,
HIGHLAND PARK**

HEADLINING ENTERTAINMENT

Idan Raichel

Rain or Shine!

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

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



Jewish United Fund/
Jewish Federation
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

All day:

Activities for children of all ages

Kosher food available for purchase

NEW! Israeli Market Place and Art Festival

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

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

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

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

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

Register: www.juf.org/ISD

Call: (312) 444-2905

Email: IsraelSolidarity@juf.org

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Aaron Small's college graduation - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Eli Greenstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ranna Rozenfeld and Shane Greenstein
- *In honor of* Irwin Bernstein's 60th birthday - Brian and Gail Boorstein
- *In honor of* Janie Levitan becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Julia Goller becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Sandi Poresky Goller
- *In honor of* Justin and Harrison Crasko becoming B'nai Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Lily Haberman becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *In honor of* the upcoming weddings in Wendy and Steve Abrams' family - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In honor of* our granddaughter Audrey Perlman becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Mortin and Karen Levy
- *In honor of* Rebecca Greenstein being named "Youth of the Year" - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Steve Coven being named Men's Club "Man of the Year" - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Betty Rozenfeld's great grandson - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Larry and Mary Ellen Goldsmith's grandson Conor Logan Bowers - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Ira and Elise Frost's two grandchildren - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Abe Baker, beloved father and grandfather - Brian and Gail Boorstein
- *In memory of* Abe Levin, beloved father-in-law - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Anne Aaron, beloved mother-in-law - Sally Aaron
- *In memory of* Beatrice Sherman, beloved mother - Leonard Sherman
- *In memory of* Benjamin Rubinstein, beloved father - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Betsy Leturno, beloved niece - Sally Aaron
- *In memory of* Beverly Elaine Kreiter, beloved mother - Mitchell and Edythe Kreiter
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer
- Hope Bernstein
- Leonard Birnbaum
- Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum
- Annette and Jerry Blumberg
- Dr. Robert Blumenthal
- Andrew and Gail Brown
- Comfort Keepers
- Suzye and Stephen Doblin
- Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- Robert and Beth Footlik
- Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith
- Ellen and Larry Goldstein
- Karyn Goldstein
- Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- Kenneth Hailpern
- Bertram Hamilton
- Herbert and Helene Isaacs
- Gerry Kaplan
- Fred and Corinne Lane
- Jennifer and Mark Lenhart
- Stephen and Diane Levin
- The Staff of Mark Twain Elementary School
- Jeanette Massey
- Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Ronald and Mayta Spitz
- Karen Weiss
- Matt and Brandi Zivilik
- Dan, Erin, Jocelyn and Allison Zivilik
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ruth Fischer and Family
- *In memory of* David Cohen, beloved father - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- *In memory of* Debbie Boorstein, beloved mother and grandmother - Brian and Gail Boorstein
- *In memory of* Edith Hymanson Weiss, beloved mother - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman
- Karen Weiss
- Phyllis Gimpel
- *In memory of* Eli Oliff, beloved father - Joel and Basia Retsky
- *In memory of* Elizabeth L. Goldenberg, beloved mother - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In memory of* Ethel and Sidney Sharpe, beloved parents - Mortin and Karen Levy

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund
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- *In memory of* Ethel Karson, beloved mother - Sally Aaron
- *In memory of* Evan Leturno, beloved grand-nephew - Sally Aaron
- *In memory of* Frances Wainess - Cheatham Family
- *In memory of* Frank Pollack, beloved father - Mark and Susan Pollack
- *In memory of* Gabriel Miller, beloved son - Judith Miller
- *In memory of* Harry Weber, beloved husband of Linda Weber - Annette and Jerry Blumberg
- *In memory of* Helen Leeds, beloved mother - Steven and Beth Leeds
- *In memory of* Helen Richer, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Stuart Richer
- *In memory of* Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - Lynn Weitz
- *In memory of* Hyman Field, beloved grandfather - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Janet Kahn Novin, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Krakowsky
- *In memory of* Jeffrey Garton, beloved father - Stephen and Diane Levin
- *In memory of* Joan Epstein, beloved mother - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Lillian B. Rabatsky, beloved wife and beloved mother of Donna Fischer - Melvin Rabatsky
- *In memory of* Ludwig Blum, beloved father - Melvin and Lenore Blum
- *In memory of* Magdalena Fox, beloved mother of Leon Fox - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Marion Oshin, beloved mother - Leslie and Peter Oshin
- *In memory of* Martin Maiman, beloved father and grandfather - The Feinstein Family
- *In memory of* Mary T. Bellows, beloved mother - Diane Bellows
- *In memory of* Max Smiley, beloved father - Judy and Stephen Smiley
- *In memory of* Millie Rubenstein, beloved mother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Morris Cooper, beloved father - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Morton Shiner, beloved father - Stuart and Debbie Shiner
- *In memory of* Naomi Favus, beloved mother - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Nathan Talman, beloved father-in-law - Leonard Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Norman Chudacoff, beloved brother - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Norman L. Matthew, beloved father - Harrison and Alana Matthew
- *In memory of* Rabbi Louis and Rose Levy, beloved parents - Mortin and Karen Levy
- *In memory of* Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon
- Annette and Jerry Blumberg
- Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Roma Kaltman, beloved mother - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Sam Hochwert, beloved father - Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
- *In memory of* Sam Sadoff, beloved father - Michael and Phyllis Sadoff
- *In memory of* Steven Kaplan, beloved son of Ruth Fischer
- Dr. Robert Blumenthal
- Sherwyn and Irvina Warren
- Karen Weiss
- *With appreciation for* G-d's blessings - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his support - Herbert and Myrna Natkin

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Eli Greenstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Ranna Rozenfeld and Shane Greenstein
- *In honor of* Julia Goller becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Sandi Poresky Goller
- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13 years at NSS Beth El
- Steven H. and Roberta Goodman
- Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- Gerald Lapins
- Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Alvin Altman, beloved husband - Frances Altman
- *In memory of* Anita Maletsky, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Eric and Rinna Maletsky
- *In memory of* Betty Rosenberg, beloved grandmother - Scott and Maureen Chaikin

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- *In memory of* Burton R. Rosenberg, beloved father - Scott and Maureen Chaikin
- *In memory of* Frances Wainess, beloved mother and grandmother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - The Family of Frances Wainess
- *In memory of* Joseph Rosen, beloved father - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Lazar Elkin, beloved father - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Morris Foxman, beloved father - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Ruth M. Abrams, beloved mother - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Sadie Spieler, beloved mother-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Shirley Foxman, beloved mother - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband and father, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Marcia, Harvey, Jay and Karyn Lerner
- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband of Marcia Lerner - Joseph and Susan Ament
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for his support - Herbert and Myrna Natkin

Hazzan Tisser's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Eli Greenstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Ranna Rozenfeld and Shane Greenstein
- *In honor of* Julia Goller becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Sandi Poresky Goller
- *In memory of* Adeline Newman, beloved mother - Alan and Barbara Newman
- *In memory of* Benjamin Cohen, beloved father - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband, and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Ruth Fischer
- *In memory of* Isadore Smolensky, beloved father - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Jordan Wainstein and Michael Wainstein, beloved cousins - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Morris Wilk, beloved father - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Sarah Bichunsky, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Shimon Mortkovitch, beloved father - Nathan Mortkovitch
- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband and father, and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Marcia, Harvey, Jay and Karyn Lerner
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg - Robert Goodman
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser for all of his hard work - Howard Turner
- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Tisser for his support - Herbert and Myrna Natkin

Adolph and Lottie Jacobson Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband of Marcia Lerner - Martin and JoAnn Jacobson

Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Jules and Carol Pomerantz

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Richard and Pam Schlosberg's grandson, Matthew - June Back Frydman
- *In honor of* the birth of Steve and Linda Feinstein's granddaughter, Levi - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Allen Weber, beloved son of Bob and Mille Weber and beloved brother of Sandy Weber - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Ann Weinberg, beloved mother and Bubbie - Pearl and Joel Kagan

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education Endowment Fund (continued)	- <i>In memory of</i> Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - June Back Frydman	- <i>In memory of</i> Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman - June Back Frydman
Ba'al Korei Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Howard Turner - <i>In memory of</i> Dr. Gerald Sobel, beloved father of Rhonda Robbins - Michael and Robin Shartiag - <i>In memory of</i> Helen Richer, beloved mother of Stuart Richer - Michael and Robin Shartiag	- <i>In memory of</i> Norman Kozak, beloved friend - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin - <i>In memory of</i> Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon - Howard Turner
Ben and Marion Drachler Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Ben Drachler, beloved father - Ferne Avery - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler	- <i>In memory of</i> David Scott Drachler, beloved son - A. Michael and Nancy Drachler
Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon - Alan and Rachel Russo	
Capital Improvement Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Anna Mioni, beloved mother-in-law - Joan Holland - <i>In memory of</i> Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Kenneth and Marcy Levin - <i>In memory of</i> Dora Holland, beloved mother-in-law - Joan Holland - <i>In memory of</i> Harry Weber, beloved husband of Linda Weber - Kenneth and Marcy Levin	- <i>In memory of</i> Irving Holland, beloved brother-in-law - Joan Holland - <i>In memory of</i> Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon - Kenneth and Marcy Levin - <i>In memory of</i> Sally Levin Lerner, beloved mother - Kenneth and Marcy Levin
Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Nessia Frank's 81st birthday - Ben, Wendy, Leah, Shoshana and Dalya Frank - Ruth Frank Policino	
Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon - Maury and Nancy Fertig	
General Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund	- <i>With appreciation to</i> Larry Weiner for the aliyot on my birthday and for the being honored as "Veteran of the Month" - Bob and Millie Weber	

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

- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Gerald and Rita Buckman

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

- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Michael and Debora Pinzur

**Glass/Goldman Program
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the engagement of Melissa Kopin, daughter of Mitch and Karen Kopin and granddaughter of Myrna Kopin, to Sam Levenback - Phillip and Ellen Glass

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

- *In memory of* Fanny Schwartzberg, beloved grandmother - David and Karen Benson

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

**Jack and Mildred Cohen
Religious School Fund**

- *In honor of* the birth of our grandson, William Solomon Silberman - Lawrence and Susan Silberman
- *In memory of* Beverly Baum, beloved sister - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Esther Pessis, beloved mother - Dennis and Amy Pessis
- *In memory of* Jack Hirschfield, beloved son - Howard and Lois Hirschfield

- *In memory of* Rose Sher, beloved great-grandmother - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Sanford Rossen, beloved father - Elliot and Anne Rossen
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Richard Schlosberg - James Nyeste and Marla Hand

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

- *In honor of* Rachel Kamin - Judy and Lloyd Falk
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - William and Susan Driebusch

- *In memory of* Ephraim Goldstein, beloved father - Michael Goldstein
- *In memory of* Yetta Stark, beloved mother - Natalie Weinstein

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

- *In honor of* Dr. Elliott Roth's special birthday - Myrna Kopin
- *In honor of* Renee Roth's special birthday - Myrna Kopin
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Myrna Kopin

- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband of Marcia Lerner
- Beth and Jeff Kopin
- Myrna Kopin

**Kurtz Family Youth
Endowment Fund**

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the baby naming of our newest granddaughter, Esmé Taline - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* Brian Koltin's graduation from New Trier High School - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In honor of* Daniel Pickard's graduation from New Trier High School - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In honor of* Harris Lerner's graduation from New Trier High School - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In honor of* Jonah Miller's graduation from New Trier High School - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In honor of* Rebecca Greenstein's graduation from New Trier High School - Donald and Joyce Joseph
- *In memory of* Betha Greenberg Maurer - Michele and Jeffrey Glass
- *In memory of* Eleanor Boxerman, beloved wife of Albert Boxerman
- Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *With appreciation for* the NSS Beth El book sale - Marshall Huebner

Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon
- Hugh and Arlene Block
- Lawrence and Abby Block
- Andrew and Gail Brown
- Marsha and Joel Kasanov
- Muriel Kasanov
- Ruth Lion and David Rosenbloom
- Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- Jonathan and Francine Sherman
- Susan Silverstone
- Bobbie and Len Tenner
- Carol Whited

Minyan Service Fund

- *In honor of* Eli Greenstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - Ranna Rozenfeld and Shane Greenstein
- *In memory of* David Channon, beloved father of Ben Channon and beloved brother of Brian Channon - Jules and Carol Pomerantz
- *In memory of* Edward M. Goldberg, M.D. - Sheila Goldberg
- *In memory of* Harold Mason, beloved father and grandfather - Sanford and Glenda Mason
- *In memory of* Lillian Leiderman, beloved mother - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Miriam Tidhari, beloved sister - Batia Eizikovic
- *In memory of* Morton Shiner, beloved husband - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* my beloved mother and father - Linda Kellough
- *In memory of* Nancy E. Snyder, beloved daughter - Burton and Helen Snyder
- *In memory of* Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon
- Carol and Jules Pomerantz
- The Schoenfeld Family
- *In memory of* Terry Goldenberg, beloved mother - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Ronnie Jo Sokol

NSSBE Special Gifts Fund

- *In memory of* Aaron Gordon, beloved father - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- *In memory of* Arlene Feiger, beloved wife of Harry Feiger, beloved mother of Gail Brown and beloved sister of William Siskel and Avrum Gray - Shelby and Sybil Yastrow
- *In memory of* Charles and Tillie Michaels, beloved father and mother - Harold and Reva Dreebin
- *In memory of* Sarah Ehrlich, beloved mother - Pearl Zaid

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Prayer Book Fund

- *In memory of* Allen Trotter, beloved father - Lisa and Jeff Trotter
- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer
 - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
 - Lisa and Jeff Trotter
- *In memory of* David Channon, beloved father of Ben Channon and beloved brother of Brian Channon - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Harold Shapiro, beloved husband - Nancy Shapiro
- *In memory of* Harry Lorch, beloved father - William and Iris Garmisa
- *In memory of* Harry Magad, beloved father - Irwin and Linda Magad
- *In memory of* Melvin Lorch, beloved brother - William and Iris Garmisa
- *In memory of* Regina Gordon, beloved mother of Jeffrey Gordon
 - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
 - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Rosalyn Fegenhols, beloved mother - Iris Wittenberg
- *In memory of* Sam Kaltman, beloved father - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Sidney Fraelick, beloved cousin - Marvin and Renee Bearak
- *With appreciation for* my Aliyah - Marvin and Renee Bearak

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, beloved husband of Ruth Fischer - Jack and Barbara Blumberg
- *With appreciation to* Mark Stadler for his support - Herbert and Myrna Natkin

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Bob Weber's 89th birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In memory of* Sol Lerner, beloved husband of Marcia Lerner - Robert and Beth Footlik

Social Action Fund

- *In honor of* our son, Rabbi Michael Schwab - Richard and Sharon Schwab
- *With appreciation* - Jordan and Beth Grey

Staff Recognition Fund

- *In memory of* Gerald Sobel, beloved father of Rhonda Robbins - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* my Aliyah - Felissa Kreindler

June 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Shavuot 2nd Day / Yizkor 6:30am Early Morning Service 8:50am Festival Service 8:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 9:03pm Yom Tov Ends	2 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:01pm Candle Lighting	3 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Miriam Friedman 7:45pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 9:06pm Shabbat Ends
4 10:00am JTS Field Family Lecture	5	6	7 7:00pm Hartman Lecture Series	8 9:30am Artists Beit Midrash Begins 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs	9 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:05pm Candle Lighting	10 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Natalie Putzel 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club 8:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 9:10pm Shabbat Ends
11	12 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee Meeting	13 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	14	15	16 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service on the Lake 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Dinner 8:09pm Candle Lighting	17 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 9:14pm Shabbat Ends
18 Father's Day	19 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	20	21	22	23 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11pm Candle Lighting	24 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
25 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz	26	27	28	29	30 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11pm Candle Lighting	

July 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
2	3	4 Independence Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	5	6	7 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09pm Candle Lighting	8 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:14pm Shabbat Ends
9	10 7:45pm Summer Stories & Sweet Treats	11 Fast of 17th Tammuz	12	13	14 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:06pm Candle Lighting	15 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:11pm Shabbat Ends
16	17	18	19	20	21 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:01pm Candle Lighting	22 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:06pm Shabbat Ends
23	24 Rosh Hodesh Av 7:00am Morning Minyan	25	26	27	28 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:54pm Candle Lighting	29 9:00am Summer Shabbat Services 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:59pm Shabbat Ends
30	31 Erev Tisha B'Av 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Reading of Eicha	Aug 1 Tisha B'Av 6:30am Shacharit 2:00pm Mincha 8:50pm Ma'ariv				

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May 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yom Hazikaron 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	2 Yom Ha'atzmaut 7:00am Morning Minyan	3 8:00pm Membership Engagement Committee Meeting	4 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs 2:00pm Afternoon @ the Movies	5 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm Gesher Family Shabbat Service and Dinner 7:34pm Candle Lighting	6 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:00am Gimmel Dalet Family Service/Junior Congregation 5:00pm Havurah Event 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:39pm Shabbat Ends
7 12:00pm SHHS/USY End of the Year Program 2:00pm Walk with Israel	8 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	9 6:00pm Sisterhood/Men's Club Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz 6:00pm USY Elections	10 6:00pm 4th Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Meeting 7:00pm Hartman Lecture Series	11	12 5:00pm Preschool Family Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:41pm Candle Lighting	13 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Golda Hamburg 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:46pm Shabbat Ends
14 Lag B'Omer Mother's Day 11:00am Sokol Hebrew High School Graduation	15	16 7:45pm Annual Meeting	17 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	18 6:30pm Youth Awards and Installations	19 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49pm Candle Lighting	20 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Liana Oshin 7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:54pm Shabbat Ends
21 12:00pm Congregational Family Celebration	22 8:00pm CLC Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	23	24 Yom Yerushalayim 6:00pm Junior Congregation Game Truck Party	25	26 Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:55pm Candle Lighting	27 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Daniel Leshem 7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:01pm Shabbat Ends
28	29 Memorial Day 8:45am Morning Minyan	30 Erev Shavuot 7:58pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:00pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot All Night Study Session	31 Shavuot 1st Day 4:30am Sunrise Service 8:50am Festival Service 11:00am Shavuot Pray and Play 12:30pm Congregation Picnic 8:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:03pm Candle Lighting			

At AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington DC: Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab with Deena Cowans, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Daniel Millner, rabbi of a congregation in Austin, Texas, and Brett Kopin, a rabbinical student at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

