

# Kol Beth El

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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.

## October/November 2014 Tishrei – Kislev 5775

For more information, Calendar of Events, Rabbis' sermons, and for Emergency School Closings be sure to check our website at [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org) or call 847-432-8900.

### From the Desk of Rabbi Schwab »



## Now is the Time: The Blessing of New Beginnings

The summer has ended and a new year has begun. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, has passed and we are once more asked to contemplate what it means to begin anew. In Parshat Shoftim, which comes just before Rosh Chodesh Elul, when we are supposed to begin the period of introspection and contemplation that will prepare us for the High Holidays, the Torah states, "*Shoftim...titen lecha b'cal sha'arecha* – Judges you shall place in all your gates". The contextual meaning of this verse is that we are commanded to set up a judicial system in each of our communities. However, the Iturey Torah, a popular Chasidic commentary, says that the gates referred to here are the seven gates of the soul. Thus, spiritually this Torah portion is an imperative, not for the setting up of a judicial system, but for the process of setting up metaphoric judges at the seven gates of our soul. These judges, the commentary tells us, represent our task at this time to become especially mindful of who we are, how our individual lives affect the larger world around us and how our soul perceives the essence of our existence.

This process is important because it is part and parcel of what we mean by preparing to do *Teshuvah*, the act of repentance that defines the High Holidays and is represented by the shofar. The phrase "Rosh Hashanah", the head of the year, never actually appears in the Torah. The Biblical holiday we celebrate on the first day of Tishrei was originally called "Yom Hazicaron Truah" – the day of blowing the shofar. Therefore, it is the symbol of the shofar that gives Rosh Hashanah its meaning. The rabbis tell us that the purpose of the shofar's blast is to bring us to a state of alert mindfulness in order to help us prepare for the atonement we hope to achieve on Yom Kippur. Therefore, the *tekiah* serves as a sharp reminder to shift our gaze from the external world to our own individual souls through which ultimately everything is viewed.

As time went on, though, we found we needed more and more time to engage in this process. So we initiated our preparations at Selichot – a period of intense prayer which began at least four days before Rosh Hashanah. However, that too did not seem long enough. So we began to blow the shofar one month before Rosh Hashanah, starting on Rosh Chodesh Elul. This gave us an entire month to focus on this difficult process of introspection, a pre-requisite for a true act of *teshuvah*, the central feature of the high holidays. At the same time the rabbis extended the period of atonement until the end of Sukkot.

However, as difficult as this process seems, we always read Parshat Nitzavim in the week before Rosh Hashanah to give us encouragement. There it reminds us that the mitzvot God commands are, "*lo b'shamaim he* – not up in heaven", "*v'lo me-ever layam* – and not far across the sea". Instead, the Torah insists, that *teshuvah* is "*karov meod* – extremely close to you". In fact, it is "*b'fichah u'bilvavcha la'asoto*" – it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you can do it. *Teshuvah*, we learn, does not take place far away. Rather, the ability is inside each of us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts.

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Thus, the beginning of the process of *teshuvah* is simply to shift our consciousness from things which are distant from us, to things which are very, very close; from things which are external – outside us – to things which are inside; from the stars and the sea, to our mouths and our hearts; from a feeling that *teshuvah* is something distant and unachievable to the knowledge that it is something that is very much within our grasp, something we can do today and continue beyond the High Holidays.

And so I leave you with a poem by 19th century motivational writer, Grenville Kleiser, in the hope that it will inspire your *teshuvah* as we conclude the holiday season:

*There are many fine things which we mean to do some day,  
under what we think will be more favorable circumstances.  
But the only time that is surely ours is the **present**: hence,  
now is the time to resolve to improve ourselves.  
**Now** is the time to speak a word of appreciation and  
sympathy, and to do the generous deed for others.*

***Now** is the time to forgive the fault of a thoughtless friend,  
and to sacrifice ourselves a little more for those in need.*

***Today** is the day we must express our noblest qualities of  
heart and mind, and do at least one worthy thing which we  
have long postponed.*

***Today** is the day to use our God-given abilities to improve  
our lives and to enrich the lives of those less fortunate than  
ourselves.*

***Today** we can make our lives significant and worthwhile.  
Accomplish what we can, endure what we must, understand  
what we may.*

*The **present** is ours, a gift in our hands.*

*May we come to see that **now** is the time to act, grow, and  
change.*

May 5775 be a year of health, happiness, and sweetness for all.  
Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

## Shabbat Schedule See calendar for times.

### DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday  
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday  
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday  
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh  
Mornings, 7:00 am

#### Services are conducted by:

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

#### Every Shabbat

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

Services for families with  
children 1st grade and younger

##### 11:00am Junior Congregation

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

### OCTOBER

Shabbat, October 4  
Yom Kippur

Shabbat, October 11  
Sukkot Hol Hamoed

Shabbat, October 18  
Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh  
Parashat Beresheit  
Torah: Genesis 1:1–6:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5–43:10

Shabbat, October 25  
Rosh Hodesh Heshvan  
Parashat Noah  
Torah: Genesis 6:9–11:32  
Maftir: Numbers 28:9–15  
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1–24, 23

### NOVEMBER

Shabbat, November 1  
Parashat Lekh Lekha  
Torah: Genesis 12:1–17:27  
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27–41:16

Shabbat, November 8  
Parashat Vayera  
Torah: Genesis 18:1–22:24  
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1–37

Shabbat, November 15  
Parashat Haye Sarah  
Torah: Genesis 23:1–25:18  
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1–31

Shabbat, November 22  
Parashat Toldot  
Torah: Genesis 25:19–28:9  
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18–42

Shabbat, November 29  
Parashat Vayetze  
Torah: Genesis 28:10–32:3  
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13–14:10

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

I hope everyone's High Holidays were meaningful and that you had some time to reflect and think. Each year we go through transitions – the birth of a child or grandchild, a child starting school, a retirement – and each transition brings with it new challenges and new opportunities.

If your transition finds you with some extra time or your reflections had you thinking about how Beth El could serve you better, I hope you will consider getting involved in one of the myriad of committees that are the backbone of how we operate. You know...you can't complain unless you are willing to get involved and make changes!

We have a wide array of committees that let you get involved in a way that is meaningful to you. And if you have an interest that is not reflected in any of the committees, please let me know!

**Socialize with the Adult & Family Programming (AFP) Committee:** This committee leads Beth El in creating engaging social programs for all ages. Would you like to get more involved in community life at NSS Beth El, but are not sure how to do it? Are you a new member who wants to learn more about what NSS Beth El has to offer? Are you a long-time member who wants to get involved in bringing different parts of the Beth El community together? Do you have ideas about programming needs or new ways of engaging the NSS Beth El community? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the AFP Committee may be for you. Among the programs that AFP has planned are the Sukkah Walk, Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake, and the Summer Campfire and Sing-Along. We are always looking for new ideas to bring the community together. Help us plan the right activity for you! Contact Dan Struck, AFP committee chair, danstruck0208@gmail.com for more information.

**Help change the world with the Social Action Committee:** The goal of the Social Action Committee is to create opportunities for families and individuals to work together in performing meaningful mitzvot. We have year-long calendar of activities, including our annual Thanksgiving Baskets, Coat Drive, Mitzvah Day, volunteering at the Uptown Café in Chicago, food drives and more. We hope that you will participate in these upcoming programs, or get involved in planning them! Contact Jackie Kott-Wolle (jkottwolle@hotmail.com), Social Action committee chair, for more information.

**Help change our Beth El world with the Membership Engagement Committee:** The goals of this committee are to (1) welcome new members into the congregation, acquaint them with Beth El activities, and help them find ways to get involved; (2) strengthen our community through "Relational Judaism" to create a warm and welcoming community; (3) engage current members and find ways to increase their participation; and (4) outreach to broader community by communicating many strengths of Beth El to unaffiliated Jews in the area. Contact Gail Scully, VP membership, gscully@comcast.net for more information.

**Get active and join our Men's Club:** Beth El's award-winning Men's Club features programs to enrich the heart, the brain, the body and the quality of Jewish life in the home and community. Men's Club offers a full calendar of activities throughout the year. From scotch tasting to softball to golf, there is something for everyone! All of this requires planning. Contact

Rob Freeman (rob.nssbethel@gmail.com), Men's Club president, if you want to help support the creation of Men's Club programs.

**Be inspired to connect and join our Sisterhood:** Sisterhood is a dynamic part of Beth El, committed to strengthening traditional Judaism within the family, community and Israel. We are a proud arm of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the largest synagogue-based women's organization in the world. We provide an opportunity for women of all ages to learn, to enhance Jewish observance in their homes, to participate in social action programs and to be a part of our Jewish community. Sisterhood has a number of committees that help with everything from programming, to running the gift shop to deciding how to allocate funds. Contact Rachel Ferber, rachel.ferber@att.net, Sisterhood President, to find out how to get involved.

**Learn and Grow with the Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Committee (CEC):** This program provides award-winning adult Jewish educational programs which encourage lifelong Jewish learning. Beth El's Continuing Education classes include a range of subjects including Jewish literature, arts, prayer and more. Speakers and scholars are invited by the committee, who also help to plan our catalog of classes and events. Contact Joan Green, jmdgreen@gmail.com, CEC committee chair, for more information.

**Support our children's education with our Parent Organizations:** The Parent Organizations of our Steinberg Pre-School, Cohen Religious School and Sokol Hebrew High School provide support to the schools, teachers and students for various programming throughout the year including holiday celebrations, community outreach and more. Contact Erica Lindon (eplfant@aol.com), chair of the Steinberg Preschool committee; Lisa Pevtzow (lisa.pevtzow@sbcglobal.net) or Kim Ephraim (eph522@comcast.net), co-chairs of our Cohen Religious School committee; Melanie Hoffman (breds425@aol.com), chair of the Sokol Hebrew High School committee.

**Go BEANS with our Beth El Youth Commission:** Beth El has youth groups from kindergarten through senior year of high school. Support our children's experiential Jewish education by volunteering for the Purim Carnival, Turkey Dance, and other wonderful programming. Contact Noreen Ohcana, noreen.ohcana@schechter.org, Youth Commission committee chair, for more information.

**The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center (CLC) Committee:** The CLC provides Judaic educational and cultural resources, including a technology resource room, a museum collection, a children's library, and one of the largest Jewish libraries in Illinois! Cultural programming for the congregation begins in the CLC so please help us plan engaging and entertaining events and programs by joining this dynamic committee. Contact Marla Hand, CLC committee chair, mhhand@aol.com for more information.

**Get globally active with our Israel Affairs Committee:** Beth El is proud to be an integral part of many organizations that support the State of Israel. Members are involved as hands-on volunteers and in advocacy roles. Contact Sandy Starkman, Israel Affairs committee chair, mitzvahmoss@gmail.com for more information.  
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# *It's All in the Beth El Family*



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

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- Peri Axelrod
- Scott Bernstein
- Chris and Nicole Carron and their son, Moshe
- Benjamin and Mary Channon and their son, Jack
- Josh and Erica Daitch and their children, Spencer and Ayla
- Adam and Laura Docks and their children, Margot and Stella
- Joshua and Cara Gutstein and their children, Isaian and Theodore
- Jerome and Zippora Harris
- Michael and Monika Jaffe and their children, Noah and Maya
- Benjamin Kaplan
- Stephanie Kaplan
- Joe and Dana Karmin
- Avi and Shira Kaufman
- Alex and Ilana Kehl
- Bradley and Barrie Levy
- Paul and Lindsay Miller and their children, Benjamin and Brandon
- Barry and Pamela Pearl
- Edward Weitz
- Jonathan and Amy Yaffe and their son, Matthew

## **Congratulations To**

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- Judith and Z. Samuel Bernstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Tova O'Dowd
- Iris and Robert Center on the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Becky Nixon
- Deborah and Rabbi Charles Dobrusin on the marriage of their son, Shai, to Samantha Greenberg
- Eva and Jeffrey Feldman on the birth of their daughter, Jessica Rose
- Barbara and Michael Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Jessica Rose Feldman
- Eileen and Dr. Paul Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruby Sloane Goldstein
- Eli Helms on his marriage to Eileen Rosen
- Bryna and Rabbi Vernon Kurtz on the marriage of their daughter, Shira, to Avi Kaufman
- Fran and Mark Levy on the marriage of their son, Bradley, to Barrie Bloom
- Erica and Zachary Lindon on the birth of their son, Tobey Noam Lindon
- Debbie and Gary Lindon on the birth of their grandson, Tobey Noam Lindon
- Rinna and Eric Maletsky on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Allison Gotfried
- Frances and Joel Rabinowitz on the marriage of their granddaughter, Michele Price, to Keith Goldstein
- Rebecca and Chad Richman on the birth of their twin sons, Henry and Sidney
- Betty and Irving Rozenfeld on the marriage of their grandson, Shai Dobrusin, to Samantha Greenberg
- Phyllis and Michael Sadoff on the birth of their grandson, Levi Kobin Oren
- Sara and Michael Sher on the birth of their twin grandsons, Henry and Sidney Richman

## **Condolences To**

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- Clara Berman on the loss of her aunt, Irene Birnbaum
- Nathan Braverman on the loss of his mother, Lillian Braverman
- Judy Fivel on the loss of her father, Malcolm Kravits
- Susan Kessler on the loss of her father, Malcolm Kravits
- Robert Millner on the loss of his father, Nathan Millner
- Nathan Mortkovich on the loss of his mother, Yehudit Mortkovich
- Gabrielle Rouso on the loss of her father, John Berglund
- Carol Weiss on the loss of her brother, Harvey Gould
- Dr. Frances Lee Zand on the loss of her sister

## **In Memoriam**

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- Ethel Friefeld
- Jules Hazelkorn
- Malcolm Kravits

# B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

## October – Tishrei/Heshvan 5775



**Nina Hoffman,**  
daughter of Jill and  
Steven Hoffman  
Shabbat, October 11



**Jennie Lederman,**  
daughter of Janet and  
Larry Lederman  
Shabbat, October 18

## November – Heshvan/Kislev 5775



**David Leshem,**  
son of Andrea and  
Benjamin Leshem  
Shabbat, November 1



**Elizabeth Winick,**  
daughter of Deborah  
and Adam Winick  
Shabbat, November 8



**Sarah Rosen,**  
daughter of Amy Zisook  
and David Rosen  
Shabbat, November 15



**Veronica Warner,**  
daughter of Rebecca  
and Richard Warner  
Shabbat, November 22



**Samuel Gerstein,**  
son of Amy and  
Dr. Craig Gerstein  
Shabbat, November 29

**Writer's Beit Midrash** – The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library, 9:30–11:00am. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for October 1 and October 22, 2014. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique.

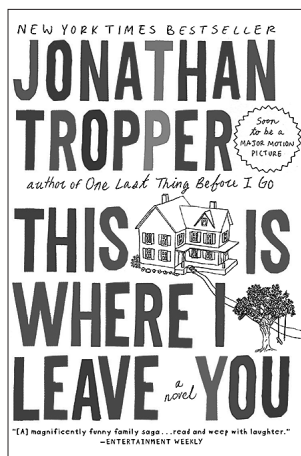
**Save the Date!** Join the Writer's Beit Midrash for a Freelance Writing Workshop with Amy Sue Nathan on Wednesday, November 5, 10:30am–12:30pm. All are welcome! Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900x242 for more information and to be added to the Writer's Beit Midrash mailing list.

## NSS Beth El @ The Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema

NSS Beth El is sponsoring the film *A Place in Heaven* at the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema on Saturday, November 1 at 7:30pm at the AMC Northbrook Court. Reserved tickets will be for sale at Beth El for \$12 each. The fateful contract between a secular Israeli army officer and a devout young Holocaust survivor has profound and unexpected consequences in this epic yet intimate portrait, spanning four decades from Yossi Madmoni, the director of *Restoration* and *The Barbecue People*.

## Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, October 25



The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss *This is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper on Saturday, October 25, after Shabbat Kiddush, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. New members welcome!

Simultaneously mourning the loss of his father and his marriage, Judd Foxman must sit shiva with his dysfunctional family for seven days and nights, a situation that spins out of control, especially when Judd's cheating wife reveals that she is pregnant. Copies of *This is Where I Leave You* are available in the Maxwell Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores. Read the book before you see the movie starring Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, and Jane Fonda, now in theatres.

Mark Your Calendar: The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will continue on the following dates:

December 6, 2014 – *The Family* by David Laskin

January 10, 2015 – *The UnAmericans: Stories* by Molly Antopol

February 14, 2015 – *Jacob's Oath* by Martin Fletcher, facilitated by the author

April 18, 2015 – *American Ghost* by Janis Owens

June 6, 2015 – *The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street* by Susan Jane Gilman

You do not need to attend all of the sessions to participate – come to one or come to them all! A minimum contribution of \$36 to the Sisterhood Torah Fund is requested. Contact Linda Gottlieb, Sisterhood Torah Fund Vice President, at 847-835-3101 or lbgmom@comcast.net to make your donation.



## Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

Join Jewish genealogy expert Mike Karsen on Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm at NSS Beth El, for an exploration of what makes Jewish genealogy unique and how to begin researching your family history. Part of the Spertus One Book, One Community program.

## Global Justice Book Series

Join us for a discussion of *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo on Monday, November 10, 6:00–7:30pm, as part of the American Jewish World Service of Chicago's travelling Global Justice Book Series. A light supper will be served for \$10/person. Please RSVP to Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900x242.

In this brilliant, breathtaking book, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport in India. A National Book Award Winner and New York Times bestseller, the book will inspire a rich discussion about current events and global justice issues, and will provide a vivid backdrop for understanding the work AJWS does around the world.

## Annual Used Book Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Annual Used Book Sale, January 23–February 1, 2015. Bring in gently used books (secular and Judaic, adult and children's) to the Kaye Reading Room of the Gray Cultural and Learning Center. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale are used to purchase new materials for the Maxwell Abbell Library and the Pinsof Children's Reading Room. Receipts are available in the CLC. *Please refrain from donating travel guides and test preparation guides that are more than 1-2 years old as well as magazines, newspapers, journals, and textbooks.*

## Save the Date!

The Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum will host a reception and lecture on Wednesday, November 12, 7:00pm to celebrate the new exhibit featuring artwork by the participants of this summer's Artist's Beit Midrash.

## » Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education

We look forward to hosting Rabbi Peretz Rodman as our USCJ Scholar on Shabbat November 7–8. Peretz Rodman is a rabbi and Jewish educator with several decades of experience teaching Torah and helping to build Jewish communities in many places around the world. Educated in Jewish studies in Boston (Brandeis University, Hebrew College) and Jerusalem (Hebrew University, Schechter Rabbinical Seminary), he was a member of the inaugural cohort of Jerusalem Fellows. His extensive experience in informal education includes years of campus work with Hillel, many summers on Camp Ramah staff, and a stint as a founding editor of MyJewishLearning.com. Today Rabbi Rodman serves as the head of the rabbinical court (*av bet din*) of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel and the Masorti Movement. He and his wife and family live in Jerusalem.

This summer we were pleased to host an Artists' Beit Midrash class with Jane Shapiro and Judith Joseph. The students studied Jewish texts and offered feedback to each other on their respective pieces. An exhibition of the students' work will open in November, and a reception honoring the teachers and students and showcasing the exhibit will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00pm.

The impact of a robust adult education program is that we have a more educated, more invested, and more vibrant Jewish community who is engaged in meaning-making from our tradition. Encountering our sacred texts and community

values from an adult perspective is important in allowing for the relevancy of Jewish tradition in modern life. The Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education program is responsible for an impressive effort to engage adults in a deeper understanding of their tradition and values.

Registration is underway for our 5775 adult education classes – pick up one of our course catalogs by the library at Beth El or go online to [www.nssbethel.org](http://www.nssbethel.org). To register for Continuing Education classes, contact Marcie Eskin at [meskin@nssbethel.org](mailto:meskin@nssbethel.org) or call 847-926-7903.

New this year, we are offering a **Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew class** to help adults gain more facility with our liturgy and an ability to participate in services. Jewish literacy includes being able to connect to our foundational texts. In this course students will gain an understanding of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary and better facility reading Hebrew. There will be discussion of how the language extends to modern conversational Hebrew, but emphasis in this class is on learning how to read and understand prayers. The course will be taught by Dov Kahana and is offered Wednesdays, beginning October 22, 8:00pm.

*“The more schooling, the more wisdom” Pirkei Avot, 2:7  
There is so much this summer that has left us wondering and searching. We are pleased to provide opportunities to engage in the conversation together this year to help tackle the difficult issues brought on by current events in Israel and the world.*

### **Florence Melton/Rachel Wasserman Scholars Series: Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict** *Carl Schrag*

Class begins Thursday October 23, 9:15–10:30 am  
This class provides a strong text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. The course material is designed to encourage discussion and debate, and to challenge students to appreciate the basis of the conflicting historical claims made by all sides in the conflict. The complexity of the conflict forces us to grapple with issues of religion, culture, history, politics, economics, identity and survival – all reflected through primary sources. Tuition: (2) 10-class sessions, \$290 per session for NSSBE members, \$340 for non-Consortium students. To register, go to the BJE website, [www.bjechicago.org](http://www.bjechicago.org).

### **Islam and Judaism: The Roots of a Relationship** *Cheryl Banks*

Tuesdays, begins October 28, 8:00pm  
This class will present an overview of the religion of Islam, exploring its origin, tenets and evolution. We will reference the *Qur'an* and modern Muslim writings. Our focus will be normative Islam, as well as the differences in the Sunni and Shi'a sects.

The course will include an analysis of the historical relationship between Muslims and Jews. We will examine the complex relationships between Muslims, Jews and Christians and how their origins might predict the ways in which the Abrahamic faiths and cultures could live in harmony. Fall Trimester – \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members.

### **Scholar in Residence: Rabbi David Ebstein** November 14–15

Rabbi Ebstein will give three presentations over Shabbat on *Coping with Terror*, *Longing for Peace*, and *Wrestling with Revenge*. After growing up at NSS Beth El, Rabbi Ebstein received his BA from Washington University in 1979 and was ordained as a rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1988. After serving as the first full-time rabbi for Congregation Beth Emeth in Herndon, VA (near DC) for 7 years, in 1995 David and his family fulfilled a lifelong dream of making aliyah. David has worked in Jewish education, and as the long distance rabbi of Congregation Bet Shalom in Tucson, Arizona. In 2008, David was certified as a licensed tour guide in Israel and on days when he isn't in Tucson or busy with b'nai mitzvah, he is happily showing his beloved country to tourists. David lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Rena Magun, and their 4 children, Maytal (26), Eran (24), Noa (21) and Matan (18).

Please don't hesitate to contact Director of Informal Education Ali Drumm about any of these programs or classes at [adrumm@nssbethel.org](mailto:adrumm@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8126.

## » Festival Services

### Service Schedule – 2014/5775

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#### Wednesday, October 8, 2014 - Erev Sukkot

6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
6:01 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Thursday, October 9, 2014 - Sukkot First Day

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
10:00 am.....Sukkot Pray and Play  
12:00 pm.....Sukkah Walk  
6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
7:05 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Friday, October 10, 2014 - Sukkot Second Day

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
6:00 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:01 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Wednesday, October 15, 2014 - Hoshanah Rabbah/ Erev Shemini Atzeret

5:45 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
5:51 pm.....Candle Lighting

#### Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor/ Erev Simchat Torah

6:30 am.....Early Morning Service  
8:50 am.....Festival Service  
5:45 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv  
6:48 pm.....Candle Lighting  
7:00 pm.....Family Hakafot Service  
9:00 pm.....Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

#### Friday, October 17, 2014 - Simchat Torah

8:50 am.....Festival Service  
10:00 am.....Hakafot Service  
11:00 am.....Simchat Torah Pray and Play  
5:45 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat  
5:47 pm.....Candle Lighting



Simchat Torah will be Friday, October 17. During services, the Congregation will be honoring three well deserving individuals for their outstanding service to Beth El.

Our honorees are:

Hatan Torah: Hazzan Larry Goller

Hatan B'reshet: Seth Pines

Kol Ha'Nearim: Marilyn Hirsch

Please join the Congregation as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

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### ***Ba'al Korei Institute Recognizes Accomplishments***

On Saturday, November 1, after Shabbat services, the Ba'al Korei Institute will hold a special program to recognize and honor a number of individuals who have passed milestones in their *korei* (reading) Torah. The Institute keeps a record of the verses that each member reads during the year. There are several categories of recognition that Ba'al Korei achieve as the number of verses add up. Beginning with just receiving a gold pin after their first reading Torah on Shabbat or Yom Tov, they then go on to higher levels of accomplishment.

At the Recognition Ceremony, the following members will be honored for having completed 4 readings and a Tikkun will be awarded to Sydney Goldsmith, Ethan Small, Nathaniel Small, Emma Halfin and Samson Hoffman. For completing the reading of 136 verses a Certificate of Madrich/Madricha will be awarded to Jeffrey Goldsmith and Sue Cohen. For reading 236 verses Robert Sternberg will be recognized as a Manhieg. For reading more than 500 verses, Marcy Freeman will be recognized as a Shomeret and

on Shavuot will receive a silver yad for this accomplishment. Also to be recognized for reaching milestones this past year are Jeffrey Kopin, Nate Pinkus and Richard Schlosberg for reading 1,000 verses; Bryna Kurtz for reading 2,000 verses; Barry Shapiro for reading 2,500 verses; Merle Tovian and Howard Turner for reading 3,500 verses; and David Shapiro for reading 4,500 verses.

In addition, a number of Ba'al Korei members will offer "Training Stories", words relating to experiences and emotions they had as Torah Readers and offering words of encouragement and advice to any future readers.

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El congratulates all of the individuals who have devoted time and effort to accomplish these milestones and extends *kol ha'kavod* and *todah rabbah* for their service to the Congregation.



### Thoughts on Social Action

Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Chair, Social Action Committee

*NOTE: For this month's edition of Kol Beth El, I am reprinting an article I wrote earlier this summer that was distributed to the Friends of Social Action Committee email list.*

As I write my report for this month's edition of Kol Beth El, I am doing so in the shadow of bad news. Our community learned today of the heinous murders of "our boys" Gilad, Naftali and Eyal at the hands of Hamas terrorists. It's a strange feeling, sitting here on a hot sunny summer day in Highland Park, my heart aching for people I've never met and who are so far away. And yet here we are, united in our grief and feeling very helpless at the same time. I think that's what's at the root of it for me – an overwhelming feeling of helplessness in the face of tragedy. There was nothing substantial that I could have contributed to save them or prevent their deaths. I just read the news, said my prayers and lit my extra Shabbat candles for them. I may never cross paths with their families but in so many ways, they really were our kids. Like so many people I've spoken with, I'm overwhelmed by a feeling of powerlessness and regret that I wasn't able to tangibly and meaningfully help out. It makes me wonder, what can we do as a community? So while we couldn't act for Gilad, Naftali and Eyal, how can we act on behalf of "our kids" when they need us?

I want to harness these feelings and share with you another, albeit different type of tragedy in this community right here in the North Shore. But in this case, I offer you an opportunity to be an active participant in the struggle to get it right. Earlier in June, I attended a meeting at Highland Park's own Moraine Township Food Pantry. It turns out, "our kids" here in this town are facing food insecurity in alarming numbers and they need us now. Today.

When my family moved to this town exactly 10 years ago, we bought our house in a bidding war (can you imagine?) and Highland Park seemed pretty immune to the troubles associated with low-income households. This leafy suburb with its ambling streets and manicured lawns couldn't be a place where families needed to rely on the assistance of their neighbors to eat lunch or breakfast. **At the time, in 2004, the rate at which children received free or reduced lunches in District 112 was approximately 14.78%. I was shocked to learn that as of June 2014, 27.5% of kids in District 112 are in need of these services.** And these are only the people who have actually reported their need. There are many more, hiding in the shadows, ashamed of their financial circumstances and scraping by without help from the community. Teachers in Highland Park report that, like their counterparts in the City of Chicago, they are providing students with food paid for from their own pockets. We can also surmise that if these children are hungry at school and are relying on free or reduced lunches during the week, the weekends must be times of difficulty with regard to hunger. At the Moraine Township meeting they stressed that the kids who are in this situation are attending EVERY SCHOOL in District 112 and are from all facets of the community. Today, children whose parents were at one time donating to the food bank are now at the receiving end. Like Eyal, Naftali and Gilad, these are our children. They're our neighbors' kids from all walks of life. And they need us.

The Social Action Committee at Beth El is pleased to announce that we have "adopted" an elementary school right here in Highland Park. We've learned that there are 20 kids who attend this particular school who are in dire need of daily breakfasts and snacks. As a community we are inviting you to help us provide food for these 20 young students for the entire school year. We estimate that this could add up to 4000 breakfasts and snacks from September – June 2015. This project requires volunteers, supplies and love. We are proud to announce that the Beth El Religious School students will be taking on the responsibility of providing the fresh fruits and vegetable snacks. But we still need to collect the breakfast items. Throughout the year you will see collection bins at the entrance to the Synagogue office and the Religious School where you are encouraged to drop off Kellogg's brand (only) Nutrigrain Bars, fruit cups and chocolate milk drink boxes (the non-refrigerated type). Through this important but simple effort we invite you to take action and assume a meaningful role in looking after "our kids". For more information or to get involved contact me, Jacqueline Kott-Wolle at [jkottwolle@hotmail.com](mailto:jkottwolle@hotmail.com).

### The Annual Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

Sunday, November 23 from 10:00 am – Noon

More than 100 families are needed to create festive baskets filled with donated holiday foods for Glenwood School families from Waukegan. To register, contact Cheryl Swenson at 847-432-8900, ext 222 or [cswenson@nssbethel.org](mailto:cswenson@nssbethel.org). To learn more, contact Honey Bronson at [honeybronson@gmail.com](mailto:honeybronson@gmail.com). Please note that the shopping list has changed from previous years. Please adhere to this list (No glass or perishables. Food need not be kosher) – 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 2 large bags or boxes of stuffing or beans, 4 cans of vegetables, 2 large cans of sweet potatoes, 2 cans of fruit or 1 pre-packaged dessert, 1 envelope of gravy mix, 2 cans of soup, 1 small bag of rice or pasta, a \$20

gift certificate to Jewel, 6 oranges and 1 bag of baby carrots. *Note – we will also be collecting non-perishable groceries for Moraine Township food pantry.*



### Sign up Now for an Experience at the JUF Uptown Café

October 21st and November 16th

Dinner or brunch are served at the Uptown Café, located at 909 W. Wilson. The SAC need volunteers (age 12 and older) to set tables and wait upon guests at the café. Volunteers are needed on Thursday evening October 21 and Sunday morning November 16th. Contact Bryna Kurtz at [brynakurtz@aol.com](mailto:brynakurtz@aol.com).

### Winter Coat Drive and Hanukkah Toy Drive

November 16th – December 7th.

Donate gently used, clean coats, hats and other outerwear of all sizes and/or new unwrapped Hanukkah toys for the Chicago Chesed Fund through December 7th. Contact Mira Temkin at [miratemkin@gmail.com](mailto:miratemkin@gmail.com) or 847-433-2109.

## » Around the Synagogue

### The Tea House Renovation – Summer 2014

We are enormously grateful for a very generous donation from Morton and Miriam Steinberg to restore the historic Tea House at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. Their care and consideration for the project is so meaningful to the history of and reverence for our building. It displays devotion for the community and offers another special place for congregants to gather, thus extending the beauty of our synagogue space.



The Tea House was part of the original estate designed by renowned architect Ernest Mayo and built in 1911 by Edward V. Price. Price called the estate “Bonita Vista” because of the beautiful views of Lake Michigan from the mansion and the Tea House. (The other original structures included the coach house along Sheridan Road – still in use today, as well as a large greenhouse and a two story garage/stable building with an apartment on the second floor.)

The renovation of the Tea House maintains the beauty and character of the original structure, and was as faithful to the original design as possible. Highlights of the work accomplished include: the exterior terraces and balustrades were completely rebuilt; the original roof tiles were removed and then replaced over a new underlayment; all new copper gutters and downspouts were installed; all the wood windows and doors were stripped of decades of paint and repainted inside and out; and all the original brass hardware down to the antique door knobs and hinges was refinished. The original wood windows are all still in place, and their ingenious method of opening downward into the crawl space was restored.

Interestingly, the ceiling will be left in its original condition (with only some minor touch up), as it is still in excellent shape 100 years after its interior was finished. We know the interior of the Tea House was not completed until 1913 because the backing to some wall paper that was removed consisted of newspapers from 1913! The Tea House is not mechanically heated or cooled, relying simply on the lake breezes and sunshine for those functions. But it does have lighting and electricity and is pleasant to be used as a small gathering place for various events and parties.

Thank you to Mort and Miriam Steinberg for underwriting and spearheading this project!



### What's In A Name

Our Congregation had established a committee with the purpose of addressing the needs and interests of the senior members of NSS Beth El. This includes planning social activities, ritual involvement and transportation. In the past a Shabbat Service was dedicated to congregants who have been members of Beth El for over forty years. Last Veteran's Day a Shabbat Service honored our Armed Service Veterans. The committee has been called the “Senior Life Committee”.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism established an organization for mature Jews (55 and older), to provide programming for members of affiliated congregations. The name of this group is called Hazak, an acronym, spelled *het*, *zayan*, *kuph*. The *het* stand for *hokhmah* (wisdom), the *zayan* stands for *zikhnah* (maturity) and the *kuph* stands for *kadima* (looking ahead). So Hazak notes that the senior represents cumulative knowledge, the ability to judge in a mature fashion, and has aspirations to move ahead during the decades remaining.

So what's in a name? The “Senior Life Committee” has approved changing our name to Hazak Senior Life. With this thought in mind, we welcome ideas and suggestions from our Hazak members. We would like to develop a sense of community through a variety of creative programs that include study, prayer, entertainment and socializing. Everyone who has reached the age of 55 is officially a member of Hazak. For more information or to share your ideas please contact Mally Rutkoff at [mrutkoff@gmail.com](mailto:mrutkoff@gmail.com) at 847-432-2242 or Ali Drumm at [adrumm@nssbethel.org](mailto:adrumm@nssbethel.org) or 847-432-8126.

## Report from our Twinned Community in Berditchev, Ukraine

Dear Vernon,

I am pleased to report that this year's Camp Ramah Yachad was very successful.

This year's camp not only reinforced the children's Jewish identity but also their connection and identification with the State of Israel. The fact there is currently a war in Ukraine gave campers insight into how the people of Israel felt, where there was a war as well. The children were very impressed with the identification of the Israeli staff with the situation in Israel – how they kept updated on the news all the time, how everyone in Israel knew the number and names of all the soldiers who were killed (while in Ukraine there is no such knowledge of those killed in the war in Ukraine). At prayers every morning the campers recited the blessing for Israeli soldiers, and they also mentioned the Ukrainian soldiers.

The camp also hosted a refugee from Donetsk, a former camper who is now a student. She was very grateful for the hospitality and for everyone's concern for her safety, which also provided her with emotional support. After the camp, the staff from Chernowitz hosted her in Chernowitz, until she was able to obtain housing in Kiev.

This summer's educational theme was "Figures in the Tanach", bringing the prophets, judges and kings of Ancient Israel to life through activities that employ drama, art, music as well as hevruta study.

As usual, there was a contingent of campers from Berdichev (9 children) and there was also an Israeli counselor, Felix Doktor, an Oleh from Berdichev (who came to Israel 15 years ago). Four of the security guards at the camp were fathers of campers from Berdichev and they performed excellently – they had a wonderful relationship with all the campers, participated in the daily prayers, and even facilitated sports activities (which was not part of their job).



I want to once again thank you for your important support of the Midreshet Yerushalayim Berdichev Jewish Community School. Although the number of children attending the school is relatively small, they still receive a high-level Jewish education in a warm family atmosphere.

With greetings for a peaceful, happy and healthy new year,  
Gila Katz

### » President's Corner *(continued from page 3)*

**Participate in a Havurah:** We can help you and your family develop close personal ties with other members of our wonderful synagogue who may share your interests, your values or your current stage of life. Havurah members meet informally for holidays, special occasions, and chances to learn in an informal setting. Contact Arielle Levitan ([ariellemiller@aol.com](mailto:ariellemiller@aol.com)) or Erica Lindon ([eplfant@aol.com](mailto:eplfant@aol.com)), Havurah committee co-chairs, for more information.

**Reach out with the Hazak Senior Life Committee:** We are committed to making Beth El a friendly congregation for those members are 60 and older. This committee is tasked with examining our current offerings and finding ways to enhance our physical space and our programming to accommodate this population. Contact Mally Rutkoff ([mrutkoff@gmail.com](mailto:mrutkoff@gmail.com)), Senior Life committee chair, for more information.

**Connect to your spiritual side at our Prayer Services:** Beth El holds a minyan every morning and evening. Check the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El website for specific times. Our regular schedule is 7:15 am for Shacharit and 7:30 pm for Mincha/Ma'ariv. Shabbat Service Schedule is Friday Evening at 6:15 pm, Shacharit Service (Shabbat Morning) at 8:50 am, B'yachad (For families with children 1st grade and younger) at

10:45 am and Jr. Congregation (Grades 2-6) at 11:00 am. Stay for a Kiddush lunch every Saturday and meet your fellow congregants!

**Improve your Torah reading with our Ba'al Korei Institute:** The Ba'al Korei Institute was created to encourage congregants and their children to learn to chant Torah and to participate regularly in services at Beth El. The Institute supports and encourages us to learn Torah cantillation by sponsoring classes and offering mentoring and through a system of awards and recognitions. We have over 150 Torah readers in our congregation, and we hope you'll grow that number further! The Ba'al Korei Institute committee helps organize this amazing program. Contact Karen Bieber ([sabkrb@comcast.net](mailto:sabkrb@comcast.net)), Ba'al Korei committee chair, for more information.

By participating in these groups and/or volunteering on a committee, you'll learn new skills, make new friendships and be fulfilled in meaningful ways. Beth El is a very special place, but only because of the involvement of our members. I hope you will find a way to get more involved in the coming year.

## » Sisterhood

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

The mission of our sisterhood is to provide an interactive environment for our members; support the congregation, its youth and religious schools; enrich the Jewish education and ties with Israel of our members; and support and unite with Women's League in the understanding and perpetuation of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. If you haven't already done so, please join us on this mission.

*Rachel Ferber, President*

**Thank you for your Support.** As the High Holidays conclude, I would like to thank our Beth El Family for again supporting Sisterhood's Rosh Hashanah honey and card fundraiser. We sent approximately 250 honey gift boxes and more than 150 beautiful Rosh Hashanah greeting cards to family and friends across the country. Your participation in this fundraiser helps us continue our annual contributions to Beth El. Todah Rabah to Mary Ellen Bowers-Goldsmith for organizing all of our orders and data and to Pam Schlosberg for helping to create this year's beautiful card.

**Warmest Welcome to our New Sisterhood Members** – Sarah Ahto, Sarah Fox, Deborah Graham, Adena Horwitz, Avril Klaff, Barb Rosenthal, Chloe Rossen, Chari Shifrin, Karen Dishner, and Melinda Dunn.

**And Welcome Back to** Leslie Apter, Lisa Aronin, Jacqueline Barnett, Julie Baum, Arlene Benjamin, Harriet Bernbaum, Romy Block-Posner, Judith Brill, Gila Bronner, Honey Bronson, Cissy Brottman, Ellen Cohen, Cheryl Cooper, Sandra Cooper, Judith Coren, Elise Dayan, Carol Derman, Roslyn Dobkin, Marcy Dolins, Myra Dorf, Charlene Eilian, Barbara Field, Laura Fishman, Ethel Friefeld, Adrienne Garland, Renee Goldfarb, Ilene Goldstein, Gillian Goodman, Hilary Greenberg, Susan Greenberg, Beth Grey, Cynthia Hirsch, Barbara Hoffman, Selma Hoffman, Ann Dee Holland, Irene Jacobsohn, Rebecca Jacobson, Mary Kaltman, Andrea Kamen, Sherry Kantar, Michelle Klein, Sharon Koltin, Beth Kopin, Francine Kovitz, Kerana Kraft, Shelley Kreiter-Solow, Ruth Kupchick, Barbara Lansing, Linda Lebovitz, Andrea Leshem, Jill Leshtz, Marsha Levin, Phyllis Levin, Samantha Lichtman, Carol Linch, Paulette Margulies, Donalee Markus, Marlene Massarik, Glenda Mason, Jacqueline Melinger, Melanie Michael, Jodi Moll, Jennifer Newman, Lisa Newman-Gross, Hella Okman, Sheila Olshansky, Heidi Patzik, Sheryl Perlman, Betsey Pinkert, Lara Prince, Nicole Putzel, Debbie Rabin, Elaine Reisen, Devorah Richards, Rhonda Robbins, Vivian Rosen, Lya Rosenblum, Rochelle Rubinoff, Shirley Scheinman, Francine Sherman, Debbie Shiner, Dawn Sidney, Audrey Silver, Robin Small, Cindy Socianu, Stacy Sternberg, Harriet Stiller, Lee Tresley, Frances Wainess, Michelle Wasserman, Deborah Winick, Nadine Woldenberg, Frances Lee Zand, and Rivka Zell.



### **North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop**

*A Special Message from our Gift Shop Co-Chairs....*

We like to think of ourselves as your personal shoppers. We are always on the alert for that special Judaica piece or unusual gift for your home, as well as the perfect gifts for your family and friends. When we have the opportunity to visit various art shows here in Chicago or travel to the Art Show at the Javits Center in New York, we look for items with a brilliant use of color, texture, design, and / or overall artistry. We search for Judaica that enhances the *mitzvot* of our tradition and contributes to the overall enjoyment of doing the *mitzvah* – *hiddur* (to make beautiful) *mitzvah* (commandment) – enhancing the basic commandment.

This fall we proudly showcase the result of our most recent trip where we found magnificent Judaica that enhances

and beautifies! There are many artists we're excited about, among them, Ed Cohen and Tamara Baskin.

Ed Cohen is a masterful artist, known for his Judaica crafted in wood. Meticulously crafted from the finest exotic and domestic hardwoods and materials, modern in architectural style, each mezuzah casing reflects an impeccable craftsmanship. We also have an array of Tzedakah boxes, challah boards and knives; each item is unique and impeccably created. Whatever you choose from this selection will be a proud addition to your collection or your home.

Tamara Baskin, an Israeli born artist, creates elegant but functional art pieces in glass. We are excited to offer you a variety of her artistry, which celebrates events in our Jewish life cycle. Each colorful and brilliant piece is handcrafted in her studio.

All the merchandise we purchased in New York is now displayed on our Gift Shop shelves. If you haven't had a chance to stop in, please plan to do so soon. We look forward to seeing you in the gift shop.

*Diane and Sulie*

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#### Gift Shop Hours

Sundays: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 10:00 am – Noon

Throughout the week by appointment, simply call:

Diane Levin: 847-571-5629

Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389

or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546

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## Sisterhood Torah Fund

The coming of the New Year, 5775, signals the beginning of our Torah Fund Campaign. Torah Fund has been an integral part of Women's League and Sisterhood since 1942. It provides women the privilege of making their own donations in order to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Jewish Education. Through our financial contributions, Torah Fund ensures that the Movement's outstanding institutions of Judaic Learning produce the rabbis, cantors, scholars, teachers, and educated lay leaders needed for our entire movement to perpetuate Conservative Judaism in our homes, in our communities, and in our world.



This year the campaign's theme is *Mishpacha* – Family and the Tree of Life. Each year a new pin is designed for Torah Fund, and is given as an appreciation and recognition of significant donations. The levels of giving are: Benefactor – \$180, Guardian – \$300, Associate Patron – \$600, Patron – \$1200, Scholarship (annual giving) – \$2500, and Keter Kavod (annual giving) – \$5000. In addition to the pin, those contributing at these higher levels will receive 12 specially designed Torah Fund All Occasion Greeting Cards. The cards can be purchased individually for \$4.00 each.

No Torah Fund money stays at Beth El. All of the checks we collect are sent directly to the JTS in New York. Please make your check payable to Torah Fund!

To encourage donations to Torah Fund, Beth El Sisterhood is proud to provide the extraordinary opportunity for our congregants to learn with our esteemed Rabbis and teachers on a weekly basis. The courses are:

**Conservative Judaism Looks at Modern Issues** with Rabbi Vernon Kurtz  
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Midrash for the Modern World** with Rabbi Michael Schwab  
Tuesdays, 11:00 am – Noon

**Conversational Hebrew** with Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education  
Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Torah Fund Book Club** led by Rachel Kamin, Director of the Gray Cultural and Learning Center  
Shabbat, 12:30 pm following Kiddush.

A minimum donation of at least \$36 is required, for which you may choose any or all of the four courses. But remember, you need not participate in our classes to participate in Torah Fund! No contribution is too small. Last year we were asked to raise \$12,000 for Torah Fund. Let's get off to a great start this year so Linda Gottlieb, our Torah Fund VP, can begin handing out beautiful Torah Fund pins. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact her: Linda Gottlieb, Sisterhood Torah Fund Vice President, at 847-835-3101 or [lbgmom@comcast.net](mailto:lbgmom@comcast.net).

## Membership

### Why Join Sisterhood?

...To be enriched by the variety of programs, dynamic classes, and fascinating book discussions aimed at meeting the complex needs of today's Conservative Jewish woman

...To be a unique part of the larger Beth El Community - through the work of our hands and the commitment of our hearts Sisterhood lends financial support to the religious, educational, and cultural programs of our Synagogue and the Jewish Community at large

... To be inspired by a mission that emphasizes love of family, mitzvot, the Jewish people, and the land of Israel and enables us to do more for each other than we can do alone

...To be energized by creating and sustaining long-lasting friendships with women who share your goals and sense of purpose; and have fun along the way

...To be a new voice, add your unique talents, and make a difference

### Why join Sisterhood? Why not!

For membership information, please contact: Barbara Hochwert - 847-831-0271; [barbara.hochwert@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hochwert@gmail.com).



### Our First Annual Breakfast with Rabbi Schwab

Monday, November 10; 9:30am  
Coffee and continental breakfast will be served.

### Perfect Pairings: Master the Art of Pairing Your Favorite Wine and Food

Saturday, November 22  
Sip, savor and sample a variety of kosher wines and the food they enhance.



Look for more details on both of these events in the *Sisterhood Insider*, online and by email.

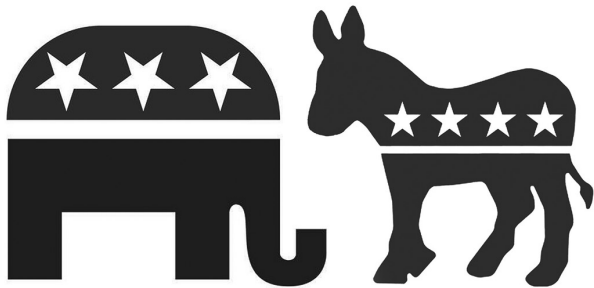


### Men's Club Event – Rock 'N Bowl

December 11 at 7:00pm

Co-ed event for members and non-members at “The Alley” in Highwood. Cost is \$20 for Mens Club members and \$25 for non-members. Includes kosher pizza and snacks, 1 drink ticket for draft beer or sodas, 2 games of bowling and shoe rental, live music from the house band and also an open mic for everyone to get up on stage. Cash bar open all night. Please RSVP to Michael Ezgur, michael@acostaezgur.com.

## Upcoming Men's Club Programs



### Special Sunday Community Program Election Year Candidate Forums

Sunday October 19th – Democrat Candidates speak  
Sunday October 26th – Republican Candidates speak  
Programs start at 10:00am. Questions? Contact Michael Salberg at mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net.

### Bagels for Your Brains

Sunday, October 12th  
Benjamin and Gertrude Harris: Their role in the founding of the State of Israel and their activism in all things Jewish. The guest speaker for this event is Richard Salomon.

### Hearing Men's Voices Programs

**All sessions are free to the community but space is very limited.** All sessions will begin at 8:00pm. Join us as we discuss Real Life Issues for Men around the topic of: Health, Wellness, and Balance in the 21st Century.

Three sessions coming up:

Monday, October 20

Health, Wealth and Spirituality – Making it all work

Thursday, November 13

Life Balance – Finding time for health, family, and work today.  
Are you making the time to live a healthy life?

Thursday, December 8

Men's Priorities and Practices – Keeping them in check

To make free reservations, find locations, or for more information contact Barry Kravitz at barry.kravitz@hdrinc.com or 847-432-0350.



WHITE TEAM: Avram Pachter, Mike Kamin, Zach Pestine, Victor Levitan, Matt Ebner, Ron Hamamy, Gary Savine, Marc Richards, Jacob Richards, Jordy Grey, Rick Small, Robert Schwartz and Yoni Grey.

## FJMC Softball League

Well, to quote someone, “It’s all over but the shouting”. This past Summer the FJMC Midwest Region sponsored a very successful softball league consisting of six teams from five Congregations: Congregation Beth Shalom, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Temple Chai, Temple Beth El and Congregation Beth Judea. The teams consisted of 80 players who assembled on Sunday mornings to enjoy a game of softball at Sunset Woods Park here in Highland Park. They played a series of 10 games, with the playoffs taking place on Sunday, August 3.

NSS Beth El fielded two teams, The Blue Team and The White Team. The League Commissioner was our own Michael Salberg. Our teams played very well and were rooted on by friends and family throughout the season. In addition, there were others who assisted as base coaches and photographers. The purpose of the league was to bring together younger men from various congregations in the Region and to attract new members. This was accomplished with much success as

## » Men's Club

### Join the NSS Beth El Men's Club

Join the Men's Club this year. We have many great programs planned all year for Men of all ages. Only \$36 to join the club and community of men as we participate in great programming, give back to the community, and help make our world a better place. Be a Bagels Program Sponsor and Member for only \$54 or \$72. Questions or Info? Contact: Michael Ezgur at MEzgur@gmail.com.

### Keeper of the Flame

Our 6th annual Keeper of the Flame event is on Sunday, November 9. It is our pleasure to name Dick Blair as the 2014-2015 Keeper of The Flame. All are invited to celebrate his lifetime contributions to the community. A full brunch, after Minyan will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to Aaron Krumbein akrumbein@sbcglobal.net or 847-433-3542. Please invite your friends and relatives!

### Men's Club Sponsored Shabbat Family Deli Lunch

Join us on Shabbat, November 22 in the the Zell after services. All are welcome to join us for lunch even if you are not a Men's Club Member! Only \$25 per family or \$12 per person. RSVP by November 18 to Steve Coven at scoven@napcoltd.com.



### Men's Club Hanukkah Lox Box Deliveries

Get a great Hanukkah themed lox box delivered from the Men's Club in December before Hanukkah

Our Lox Boxes will be filled with breakfast that serves 4-6 people including: bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, trimmings, some Hanukkah surprises, and other goodies. Deliveries\*\* will take place on Sunday, December 7. All net proceeds go to the Synagogue.

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup at the Synagogue  Delivery\*\*

\*\*On December 7 in the morning. Local deliveries are free. If you need a delivery more than 15 miles away from Highland Park or into Chicago, check in with us at NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com to determine delivery eligibility.

Send this completed form with \$33 to:  
NSS Beth El Men's Club  
1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

Please make checks payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club. Any Questions? Email NSSBethelMensClub@gmail.com.

*(FJMC Softball continued)*

the Region will recruit more teams next year. Word has gotten around and more clubs want to participate in the league. The team winning the "World Series" was from Congregation Beth Judea.

All who participated had a great time and are looking forward to next season. There is talk about putting together a basketball league. This undertaking took a lot of effort from the Region President, Michael Greenberg and Michael Salberg who put in countless hours recruiting and arranging schedules with the teams and with the Highland Park Park District. Kol Ha'Kavod to them, the winning team and to all of those who came out on Sunday mornings to play. Photos can be found on the website [www.midwestregion.org](http://www.midwestregion.org).



BLUE TEAM: Jeffrey Goldsmith, Fred Lenin, Bob Dopplet, Steve Kolmin, Marc Lawrence, Michael Ezgur, David Seidman, Jeremiah Diamond, Adam Hecht, Oren Spungen, Marty Silberg and Gary Potesman.

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

### Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School October/November – Tishrei/Heshvan/Kislev 5775

Oct 5	Sunday	Sukkah Decoration/Meeting for Vav Parents
Oct 6	Monday	I-Program
Oct 8	Wednesday	No School – Erev Sukkot
Oct 12	Sunday	Sukkah Visits
Oct 13	Monday	No School – Columbus Day
Oct 15	Wednesday	No School – Sukkot
Oct 18	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Oct 19	Sunday	Regular CRS Classes/Open House
Oct 25	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 1	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 8	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 15	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 22	Shabbat	6th Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 23	Sunday	No School for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 26	Wednesday	No School
Nov 30	Sunday	No School – Thanksgiving

### Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School October/November – Tishrei/Heshvan/Kislev 5775

Oct 12	Sunday	SHHS in the Sukkah
Oct 19	Sunday	Tour of Jewish Chicago Field Trip
Oct 20	Monday	Supper Club
Oct 26	Sunday	First College Bound Class – Parents and Students
Oct 27	Monday	Supper Club
Nov 2	Sunday	Va'ad Studentim – Lunch and Shmooze
Nov 3	Monday	Supper Club
Nov 9	Sunday	College Bound
Nov 10	Monday	Supper Club
Nov 17	Monday	Supper Club
Nov 30	Sunday	No School – Thanksgiving

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

We have concluded the High Holy Days and the children at the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School are excited to celebrate Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah at school in our Synagogue. What a wonderful setting to experience nature and the changing seasons. How exciting for the children to enter the sanctuary and see the Torah Scrolls in the Aron Kodesh. How amazing is the experience of seeing the Rabbi unroll the Torah as he explains to the children that we finish reading the Torah only to begin reading it all over again. These are their stories and this is just the beginning of their Jewish journey and the pride they will continue to feel.

Early childhood education is the gateway to Jewish life. Our pre-school seeks to introduce families to the joys of Judaism. It motivates our families to perform mitzvot encompassing ethical behavior, spirituality, Jewish learning and ritual observances.

The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School continues to grow. Our professional and caring teaching staff integrates Jewish values into all content areas including literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts. Additionally, we are fortunate to enrich our program with Music and Movement Specialists, an Atelierista (Art Specialist), and Shabbat Music Leader. Our Small and Tall classes for adults and children from 6 weeks through

15 months continues to grow. We continue with Adult/Toddler, Transition through to our Pre-Kindergarten Classes. Lunch and Enrichment classes are offered every afternoon to extend fun and learning. This year we welcome “Extraordinary Kids,” a program for Pre-Kindergarteners.

Registration for next year begins at the end of November. Please call Caron Knopoff at 847-432-2830 or email [cknopoff@nssbethel.org](mailto:cknopoff@nssbethel.org) for information and to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Caron Knopoff*  
*Steinberg Pre-School Director*



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

### USY (9th–12th Graders)

#### Sunday, October 5th

9:00am–1:00pm

Schach Pick Up and SATO Car Wash. Free lunch for all volunteers! Help BEANS USY raise the most for our Tikun Olam Fund!

#### Tuesday, October 14th

7:00–9:00pm

In the Sukkah. Come and find out what we're doin' in the Sukkah! \$10 or Activity Pass.

#### Thursday, October 16th

9:00pm

Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

#### Saturday, October 25th

10:00am

Noah's Ark Themed Shabbat Morning Teen Minyan. Free lunch after services!

#### Sunday, October 26th

CHUSY Day of Service

#### Wednesday, November 5th

Israel Film Festival Teen Showing at Northbrook Court

#### Tuesday, November 11th

7:00–9:00pm

Pumped Up Giant Board Game Night \$10 or Activity Pass.

#### Friday, Nov. 14th – Sunday, Nov. 16th

CHUSYFest @ Camp Chi. Register by going to CHUSY.org.

#### Wednesday, November 26th

Annual CHUSY Turkey Dance @ BEANS!

### Kadima (6th–8th Graders)

#### Wednesday, October 1st

6:15–7:30pm

Kadima Board Meeting, includes dinner

#### Wednesday, November 12th

6:15–7:30pm

Kadima Board Meeting, includes dinner

#### Saturday, November 22nd

Special 8th Grade Only Program

#### Wednesday, November 27th

7:00–9:00pm

Pre-Thanksgiving Event for Kadima only!

### Shalom Club (2nd–5th Graders)

Save the date for the following events!

#### December 12th–13th

4th-5th Grade Chaviyah

#### December 17th

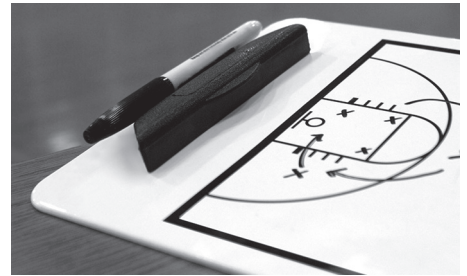
Family Chanukah Night

### M&M Club (K–1st Graders)

#### October 26th

4:00pm–6:00pm

M&M Club Torah Project. M&M Club will be creating our own Torahs for B'Yachad Family Services! We need your help, and creativity! This program is for both children and parents!



### BEANS USY Basketball Team Wants You!

Games are at CJHS on Monday nights on the following dates – December 1, 8, 15; January 5, 12, 26; February 2, 9, 23 and March 9. Practices will be Sunday nights as needed, at the Highwood Rec Center. We can only take 10 people per team. If we get more than 10 we can start a second team! \$100 per person, includes referees for games and gym rental, practice time, and BEANS jersey! You must be a BEANS USY (8th Grade, Kadima) member to participate. Both males and females are welcome!



Parents, don't forget to Like the Beth El Youth Community on Facebook to stay up to date on all of Beth El's Youth

Community programs – [www.facebook.com/NssBethElYouthCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/NssBethElYouthCommunity). Also be on the lookout for our Youth Community Google Calendar!

## Beth El Youth Community News

BEANS Youth Community has started the New Year off right! BEANS USY sent two of our board members, President Joey Spellberg and Religion/Education VP Rebecca Greenstein to a joint Leadership Training with other Chicago area Jewish youth groups. They had such a great time and will be bringing back what they learned to BEANS! BEANS USY also had a kick off Boat Party with BHUSY and CBS USY. Kadima had their Chicago Kickoff Adventure where they did various activities downtown. Shalom Club also kicked off their year in a big way with inflatables! Don't forget, we made some changes to the Youth Community for this year. Second graders will now be a part of Shalom Club, and M&M Club will be for Kindergarteners and 1st Graders. Make sure to mark your calendars for all of the Youth Programs that are coming up!

**The Youth Community Activity Pass is back with lower prices for the 2014-2015 school year.** Instead of paying for each Lounge Night, Shabbat lunch or small program, buy the Activity Pass and pay ahead of time. Purchase of this pass covers you for the entire year (not including Regional CHUSY events and conventions, some large-scale programs like the "Annual Ski Trip" require an additional cost. The fees for the Activity Pass are the following: USY–\$150, Kadima–\$100, Shalom Club–\$50 and M&M Club–\$25.

**Special Family Rate** – Families who sign more than one child up for the Activity Pass will receive a \$20 discount per additional child. Please register for the Beth El Youth Community Activity Pass at [tinyurl.com/BEANSpass](http://tinyurl.com/BEANSpass).

## The NSSBE Ner Tamid Society

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

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

Gifts beyond our lifetimes demonstrate our commitment to Beth El and to 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.

### *How Do I Leave a Legacy to Beth El?*

There are several ways to include Beth El in your estate plan. You may gift an amount or a percentage of your estate. Here are some of the more common methods available: Bequest in your Will or Living Trust, Retirement Plans Assets, Life Insurance, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Trust, Real Estate or Business Interest and Donor Advised Fund.

### *Flexibility & Savings*

You can structure your gift to gain maximum tax rewards for you and your heirs, maintain financial security and make a truly meaningful contribution. Endowment gifts can be unrestricted, allowing Beth El to use the funds where they are most needed, or can be targeted for a specific purpose. Beth El will work with you, your attorney, and your tax advisors to ensure that your gift meets your goals.

### *Benefits of Membership*

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.

Endowments keep giving forever. And starting in summer of 2014, Chicago-area Jewish organizations are 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 will learn the methods of structuring, operating and securing estate gifts for our endowment that will provide a steady and potentially growing stream of funding.

Fifteen local Chicago area agencies are participating in this program, which complements our own Ner Tamid Society started in 2001. NSSBE has a rich and enduring presence in the Conservative Movement in Chicago, and is poised to impact Jewish lives for future generations. We invite you to join our Ner Tamid Society. To become a member of the Ner Tamid Society, or if you have already made arrangements for a Legacy gift and would like to inform us, or for more information about including Beth El in your estate plan, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at [nkekst@nssbethel.org](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org) or by calling 847-432-8900x262.

Kol Hakovod to the members of the Ner Tamid Society: Anonymous, Harvey & Jacqueline Barnett, Scott & Karen Bieber, Leonard & Marjorie Birnbaum, Gerald & Annette Blumberg, Andrew & Gail Brown, Jack & Barbara Blumberg, Calvin & Lana Eisenberg, Michael & Wendi Ezgur, Ira & Elise Frost, Ronald & Eileen Goldberg, Jeffrey & Stacy Goldsmith, Scott & Gwen Heyman, Herbert & Helene Isaacs, Harvey & Ellen Jacobson, Richard & Lois Janger, Joel & Pearl Kagan, Michael & Karen Kesner, Jeffrey & Roberta Kwall, Jeffrey & Beth Kopin, Larry Pachter & Sandy Starkman, David Rosen & Amy Zisook, Lisa & Jeffrey Rosenkranz, Alan & Mally Rutkoff, Skip & Lynn Schrayner, Phyllis Shalowitz, Leonard Sherman, Yadelle Sklare, Mark & Mae Spitz, Morton & Miriam Steinberg, Howard & Sandra Turner, Richard & Roberta Wexler, Jeffrey Wohlstadter, Frances Lee Zand. We look forward to adding more names to our list soon! We regret any omissions.

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

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

Words cannot express our gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad dues level program at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. They are role models in our community. Since the summer Bulletin was printed, more members have joined the B'Yachad roster. New B'Yachad Members this year (to date): Harriet and Harry Bernbaum, Gil Bogen, Barbara and Stuart Hochwert, Roberta and Jeffrey Kwall and Mae and Mark Spitz.

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

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

## Profile of a Donor and a Program

Read how Ner Tamid members Cal and Lana Eisenberg are creating a Jewish Legacy, and how you can too!

Lana and Cal Eisenberg became members of Beth El in 1972. They raised their three children, Jeffrey, Robin and Andrew, in the Beth El community, where they all had their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and were married by Rabbi Kurtz. They are now grown and have blessed Lana and Cal with seven grandchildren. Andrew and his family live in Highland Park and are members of Beth El – a three generation family. – *Nancy Kekst*



“As you can see, Beth El has been the cornerstone of our family’s Jewish tradition for many years and a major influence in our lives. As such, we feel it is important to continue to support those traditions. Remembering Beth El in our estate plan insures those goals.” – *Cal and Lana Eisenberg*

One of the jewels of our schools is the ability to educate students with special needs. This was the aim of Cal and Lana Eisenberg when they envisioned the Halomdim program in the 1980’s, supported by the Halomdim Endowment Fund. This program has grown through the years, providing individual and small group services to students in both ends of the ability spectrum. Our program offers an extended schedule that now allows for more students to receive instruction. The Halomdim classroom is equipped with state of the art technology to facilitate learning and keep students engaged at all times. We have been working together with administration, clergy and school staff to provide meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies for students with special needs.

As a community we plan and work closely not only with the child but also with the families of children with special needs to provide meaning in ritual experiences. We have been able to give families a sense of belonging and a safe place for their children to learn. It is in the Halomdim program that the students are able to build the skills and confidence they need to be successful. A hub of activity, at any given time, one can find students busy learning tefilah, reading Torah or improving their Hebrew reading and language skills.

The Halomdim program has been so successful that we created a Summer Program Tutoring for students two summers ago. This extra summer help provides students continuity and reinforcement in their learning.

We understand that every Jewish child is a full member of the Jewish community and deserves to be educated. Thanks to the generosity of Cal and Lana Eisenberg’s Endowment Fund and their Legacy commitment, we hope to be able to continue providing this invaluable education for our families for many years to come. – *Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education*

## Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award



We are proud to congratulate NSSBE member Max “Skip” R. Schray, who received the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago’s highest

honor, the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award, at the JUF 2014 Annual Meeting last month. It is an award based on exemplary service to the Chicago Jewish Community. At this same meeting, Beth El Member William Silverstein was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and congregant David Goldenberg received the Davis, Gidwitz & Glasser Young Leadership Award. Kol Hakavod to our active community members!



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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](mailto:nkekst@nssbethel.org).

**Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Aaron Kesner's 90th birthday - Amy and Joel Taub
- *In honor of* Barbara Sporn's award from Hadassah - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In honor of* Charles and Debbie Dobrusin's 40th wedding anniversary - Korina and Irving Shklair
- *In honor of* Esther Schlutz's dedication and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Melvyn and Ann Leslie Nadler
- *In honor of* Ken and Andy Saffir - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 40th wedding anniversary
  - Ann Siegel
  - Irwin and Sheri Mandel
- *In honor of* Sylvia Goldstein's 100th birthday - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In honor of* the aufruf of Shira Kurtz - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In honor of* the birth of Asher Stephen Gray, son of Matthew and Laura Gray and grandson of Shari Gray - Shari Gray
- *In honor of* the birth of Eileen and Paul Goldstein's grandson Bryce Goldstein - Harold and Eileen Lederman
- *In honor of* the birth of my seventh grandchild - Phyllis Silverman
- *In honor of* the engagement of Ally and Daniel - Barbara and David Lansing Family
- *In honor of* the marriage of Franci and Michael Kind - Jonathan and Leslie Kind
- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman
  - Rachel and Alan Russo
  - Roberta and Steve Goodman
  - Ann Siegel
  - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
  - Richard and Karen Reisin
  - Samuel and Irene Shanes
  - Michael and Betsy Katz
  - Bruno and Ruth Fischer
  - Sandra Becker
  - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
  - Michael and Judy Smith
  - Lillian Charney
  - Bob and Millie Weber
  - Caron and Jack Knopoff
  - Dolly Nast
  - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
  - Roslyn Dobkin
  - Frances Altman
  - Edward and Sari Salinas
- Phyllis Gimpel
- Maurice and Sandra Raizes
- Evelyn Edidin
- Albert and Eleanor Boxeman
- Barbara and Stuart Hochwert
- Susan and Larry Silberman
- Karen and Michael Kesner
- Lisa and Michael Krule and family
- Sol and Marcia Lerner
- Melvin and Hedy Sered
- Gerald and Judy Farby
- Robert and Beth Footlik
- Robert and Rhoda Rothman
- Yadelle Sklare
- Shael and Myrna Siegel
- Sally Schechter
- Myrna Kopin
- Ellen and Steven Lasin
- Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
- David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh
- Lawrence and Abby Block
- Susan Saper
- Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
- Mark and Nina Gaines
- Michelle and Paul Pessis
- Alan and Susan Resnick
- Frances and Joel Rabinowitz
- Robert and Carol Ruderman
- Harvey and Jacqueline Barnett
- Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- Jonathan and Leslie Kind
- Annette Feller
- Richard and Roberta Wexler
- Harry and Arlene Feiger
- Zachary and Erica Lindon
- Joanne Jacobson
- Lorna Greenspahn
- Ellen and Irving Kuperman
- Leslie and Greg Apter and Family
- Steve Abrams
- Betty and Irving Rozenfeld
- Mildred Lidov
- Iris and Billy Garmisa
- Sue Cohen, Harriet and Sol Price
- Fortune Belilos
- *In honor of* the marriage of Uri Pachter and Hollen Reischer
  - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
  - Steve Abrams
  - Lorna Greenspahn
  - M. Belilos
- *In honor of* Uncle Leon Malmud's special birthday - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In honor of* a wonderful wedding simcha. - Pam and Richard Schlosberg

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## Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Alvin Levine, beloved friend - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Ben Hofman, beloved father - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Bernice Epstein, beloved mother - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Bess Frohman, beloved mother-in-law - Cecelia Frohman
- *In memory of* Bessie Field, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* David Coren, beloved brother - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* David Lee Lieberman and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Richard and Lois Janger
- *In memory of* David Lee Lieberman, beloved brother of Lois Janger - Alan and Margaret Silberman
- *In memory of* Don Weintraub - Maria Ponsillo and Arthur Rabinowitz and Family
- *In memory of* Edward Rubin, beloved father - David and Donna Rubin
- *In memory of* Ethel Friefeld, beloved aunt of Mark Friefeld - Lotte M. Marx
- *In memory of* Harold Chaimson, beloved uncle - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Harry Pinzur, beloved father - Michael and Debora Pinzur
- *In memory of* Hiah Turner, beloved mother - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Hynda Gamze - Daniel and Rhonda Pierce
- *In memory of* Juanita Hoffman, beloved mother - Steven and Jill Hoffman
- *In memory of* Lawrence Gray, beloved husband of Shari Gray - The Basofin Family and The Cloverleaf Group
- *In memory of* Leonard Stein, beloved father of Philip Stein - Cecelia Frohman
- *In memory of* Louis Holland, beloved father-in-law - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Malcolm Kravits and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Susie and Steve Kessler, Judy and Dave Fivel, Daniel and Linda Kravits, Mike and Vicky Kravits and Don and Karen Kravits
- *In memory of* Malcolm Kravits, beloved father of Susan Kessler - Barry and Terri Wallach
- *In memory of* Mania Glassman, beloved mother - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Maury A. Kravitz, beloved husband - Mona Kravitz
- *In memory of* Miriam Watman, beloved sister - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Mollie P. Kaplan, beloved mother - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Morris A. Vishny, beloved father - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Ralph J. Epstein, beloved father - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Rose Bickel Juron, beloved mother - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Rose Yaffe, beloved mother - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Samuel Levenson, beloved brother of Barbara Blumberg - Dr. Lewis and Beverly Feiges
- *In memory of* Shirley Feinstein, beloved mother and grandmother - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Sylvia Mioni Glassman, beloved wife - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband - Sally Aaron
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Ruth and Mal Kaufman - Jonathan and Leslie Kind
- *With appreciation to* Chuck Kahalnik and staff for a wonderful Shabbat - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz - Jim Smith
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at our son Bryce's bris - Jordan and Stephanie Goldstein
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for the special birthday wishes - Alan and Susan Resnick

**Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Dr. and Mrs. Ethel Kurland's special birthdays - Thomas and Harriet Stiller
- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael and Erica Schwab - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
- *In honor of* the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jacob's daughter - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In memory of* Elaine Ordower, beloved aunt - Adam and Deborah Winick
- *In memory of* Florence Pestine, beloved sister - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Hyman B. Abrams, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Martin Melinger, beloved father - David and Jody Melinger
- *In memory of* Melvin Pollack, beloved husband - Joyce Pollack
- *In memory of* Rose Feitelberg, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Sara Hirsch, beloved mother - Joel and Cynthia Hirsch
- *In memory of* Sonja Elkin, beloved mother - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Steven Ancel, beloved father of Cori Katz - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In memory of* Steven Ancel, beloved father of Robin Zacharias - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *In memory of* Zev Weinberg, beloved son - Daniel and Audrey Weinberg
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Duvid Beresh Ben Bela - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Malka Dodi Bot Sara Pasha - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation for* the Schwab Family B'Yachad Afternoon - Jill, Jeremy, Sam and Lev Smiley
- *With appreciation for* the Schwab's friendship, generosity and leadership - Daniel and Ronit Ripes
- *With appreciation for* Marla Sklar's mishaberach - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Sally Aaron

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**Hazzan Discretionary Fund**

- *In honor of* Skip Schrayner being named as a recipient of the Julius Rosenwald Award - Marvin and Joyce Juron

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**Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Steve Abrams's Summer Services attire! - Andrew and Gail Brown

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

- *In memory of* Carol G. Kohn, beloved aunt of Jill Weinberg Kramer - Annette and Gerald Blumberg

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

- *In memory of* Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol, beloved mother and father - Ronnie Jo Sokol

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**Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund**

- *In memory of* David Lee Lieberman, beloved brother of Lois Janger - Lois Janger

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<b>Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Sybil Levin, beloved sister - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg	- <i>In honor of</i> the Halomdim Endowment Fund - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
<b>Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> Carol Gutstein, beloved mother of Jon Gutstein - Robert and JoEllen Lidov	- <i>In memory of</i> Carol Gutstein, beloved mother of Josh Gutstein - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman - Marcy and Ken Levin	- <i>In memory of</i> David Lee Lieberman, beloved brother of Lois Janger - Marcy and Ken Levin
<b>Continuing Education Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> Michael and Betsy Katz on their 50th wedding anniversary - Mazel tov - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter - <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Uri Pachter and Hollen Reischer - Michelle Wasserman and David Smith	- <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Uri Pachter and Hollen Reischer - Michael and Betsy Katz - <i>In memory of</i> Avraham Kahana, beloved father - Dov and Eileen Kahana - <i>In memory of</i> Jennie Frost, beloved mother-in-law - Allene Frost
<b>General Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> David Weinstein, beloved uncle of Mark Stadler - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter	
<b>Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> Judith and Larry Weiner's 50th wedding anniversary - Gerald and Rita Buckman	- <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Shira Kurtz and Avi Kaufman - Gerald and Rita Buckman
<b>Glass/Goldman Program Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to</i> Ruth and Mal Kaufman - Ellen and Philip Glass	
<b>Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund</b>	- <i>In honor of</i> Judith and Larry Weiner's 50th wedding anniversary - Howard and Sandi Turner - <i>In honor of</i> my 90th birthday and my aliyah - Howard and Lois Hirschfield - <i>In honor of</i> the marriage of Maya Gejman and Zax Rosenberg - Caron and Jack Knopoff - <i>In memory of</i> Bessie Kessler, beloved grandmother - Marc and Linda Gordon	- <i>In memory of</i> Jack M. Cohen, beloved father - Howard and Lois Hirschfield - <i>Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to</i> Maxine Simon - Howard and Sandi Turner
<b>Janger Family Haverot Endowment Fund</b>	- <i>In memory of</i> David Lee Lieberman, beloved brother of Lois Janger - Annette and Gerald Blumberg - Karen and Michael Kesner	

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

- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's  
40th wedding anniversary - Sally and Jim  
Zipursky - Joel and Varda Goldman

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

- *In honor of* Judith and Larry Weiner's  
50th wedding anniversary - Frank and  
Ruth Stern  
- *In honor of* the marriage of Uri Pachter and  
Hollen Reischer - Frank and Ruth Stern

- *In memory of* Martin Weinstein, beloved  
husband - Natalie Weinstein

**Kurtz Family Youth  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz  
and Avi Kaufman  
- Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon  
- Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz

**Maot Chittim Fund**

- *In honor of* Sheri Mandel's special birthday -  
Michelle and Paul Pessis

**Maxwell Abbell Library Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Mr. and  
Mrs. Keith Goldstein - Frances and Joel  
Rabinowitz  
- *In memory of* David Lee Lieberman,  
beloved brother of Lois Janger - Elaine and  
Fred Kamin

- *In memory of* Samuel Levenson, beloved  
brother of Barbara Blumberg - Nissah  
Mattenson

**Mindy and Jeff Gordon and Family  
Unrestricted Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Mindy Gordon's "speed limit"  
birthday - Lawrence and Abby Block

- *In memory of* David Lee Lieberman,  
beloved brother of Lois Janger - Lawrence  
and Abby Block

**Minyan Service Fund**

- *In honor of* Judith and Larry Weiner's  
50th wedding anniversary  
- Gerald and Adrienne Lasin  
- Len and Bobbie Tenner  
- *In memory of* Abraham Serman, beloved  
father - Charles and Toby Schwartz  
- *In memory of* Albert Gersowsky, beloved  
father - Barry Gersowsky  
- *In memory of* Bernard A. Cohen, beloved  
husband - Marion Cohen  
- *In memory of* Betty Fink, beloved mother -  
William and Sharon Gertz  
- *In memory of* Gina Svarc Back, beloved  
mother - June Back Frydman  
- *In memory of* Harry Back, beloved father -  
June Back Frydman

- *In memory of* Hiah Turner, beloved mother -  
Amos and Edith Turner  
- *In memory of* Louis Gertz, beloved father -  
William and Sharon Gertz  
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father -  
William and Sharon Gertz  
- *In memory of* Philip Lasin, beloved father -  
Gerald and Adrienne Lasin  
- *In memory of* Samuel Levenson, beloved  
brother of Barbara Blumberg - Robert and  
Beth Footlik



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# Todah Rabbah

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

- *In honor of* Mort and Miriam Steinberg's  
40th wedding anniversary  
- Larry and Ellen Goldstein  
- Judy and David Weiss

- *In memory of* Steven Ancel, Loving father  
and grandfather - Steinberg Pre-School

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**Prayer Book Fund**

- *In honor of* Ava Faye Sklar, beloved  
granddaughter, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah -  
Marvin and Sara Siegel  
- *In honor of* Judith and Larry Weiner's  
50th wedding anniversary - Harris and  
Sharon Goldenberg  
- *In honor of* Maxine Simon's special  
birthday - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg  
- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz  
and Avi Kaufman - Harris and Sharon  
Goldenberg  
- *In memory of* Bernard Kott - Lovingly  
remembered by Jacqueline, David, Henry,  
Sophie and Isabel Wolle - David and  
Jacqueline Wolle

- *In memory of* Doris Smolen, beloved wife,  
mother and grandmother - Ernest Smolen  
- *In memory of* Kelly Rae Carrasco, beloved  
granddaughter of Ruth and Bruno Fischer -  
Melvin and Hedy Sered  
- *In memory of* Marta Hammel Meyer,  
beloved mother - Melvin and Hedy Sered  
- *In memory of* Rose Aaronson, beloved  
mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson  
- *In memory of* Verna Lenore Owlick,  
beloved sister - Brian and Jan Channon

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**Pushke/Tzedakah Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz  
and Avi Kaufman - Bob and Millie Weber

- *In memory of* Samuel Kurchitzer, beloved  
father - Bob and Millie Weber

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

- *In memory of* Conrad Pisinski, beloved  
uncle of Pam Schlosberg - Sandy Starkman  
and Larry Pachter

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**Ritual Refurbishment  
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Job Youshaei from the  
Chavurah group for his presentation -  
Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky

- *In honor of* Judith and Larry Weiner's 50th  
wedding anniversary - Marcy and Ken Levin

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**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp  
Ramah Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Maya Gejman  
and Zax Rosenberg - Mayer Stiebel and  
Cara Madansky-Stiebel

- *In memory of* Thelma Yore, beloved  
mother - Mayer Stiebel and Cara  
Madansky-Stiebel

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**Sarah and Henry Stiebel  
Schechter Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz  
and Avi Kaufman - Mayer Stiebel and Cara  
Madansky-Stiebel

- *In honor of* the marriage of Uri Pachter  
and Hollen Reischer - Mayer Stiebel and  
Cara Madansky-Stiebel

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**Sherman Family Israel  
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Shira Kurtz  
and Avi Kaufman - Jonathan and Francine  
Sherman

- *In honor of* the marriage of Uri Pachter  
and Hollen Reischer - Jonathan and  
Francine Sherman

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**Sokol Hebrew High School  
Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Bernard H. and Miriam  
Sokol, beloved father and mother - Jerome  
and Gail Taxy and Ronnie Jo Sokol

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**Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund**

- *In memory of* Joseph Cohen, beloved grandfather - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Michael Liebman, beloved nephew - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Milton Liebman, beloved father - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Rose Chanin, beloved aunt - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Samuel Levenson, beloved brother of Barbara Blumberg - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Seth Pines - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Greg Pestine - Mark and Mae Spitz

**Staff Recognition Fund**

- *In honor of* Wendy and Steve Abrams' 30th wedding anniversary- may you go from strength to strength - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

- *With appreciation to* Beth El's staff for a terrific summer - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *With appreciation to* the entire NSS Beth El staff - Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz



## HUGS Holiday and Shabbat Schedule 2014-2015



Participating Congregations:

Am Yisrael Congregation, Congregation Beth Shalom (Northbrook),  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Moriah Congregation, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

- Some of our Shabbat programs are being run in tandem with the Jewish Children and Family Services and supported by the Community Living Initiative.
- No money is charged for any HUGS Family Holiday Event. For Shabbat dinners there may be a request for a donation based on one's ability to contribute.
- One need not be a member of any congregational community to participate in our HUGS events.
- Please check each Congregation's website for specific times and details.

Service/Program	Date	Location
Sukkot	October 12, 2014	Beth Shalom
Simchat Torah	October 16, 2014	All Congregations
Hanukkah	December 21, 2014	B'nai Tikvah
Shabbat Dinner	February 6, 2015	Am Yisrael
Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month	February 2015	Various Dates at each Congregation
Purim	March 1, 2015	Beth El
Pesach (Chocolate Seder)	March 29, 2015	Beth Shalom
Spring Shabbat	April 17, 2015	Moriah
Shavuot	May 23, 2015	TBD

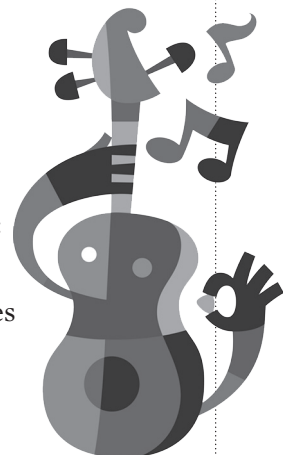
**Mark Your Calendars!  
Musical Shabbat Services**

All are welcome to join in the joy of Shabbat and stay for a tasty oneg!

CBS Shabbatone Services at 6:45pm:  
12/19, 2/20 and 5/15

B'nai Tikvah Simchat Shabbat Services  
at 6:30pm:

11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13,  
4/17, 5/8, 6/12 and 7/10



# November 2014 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - David Leshem 10:00am Vav Family Service 12:30pm Ba'al Korei Post Kiddush Lecture 5:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:31pm Shabbat Ends 7:30pm Chicago Jewish Festival
<b>2</b> 2:00am Daylight Savings Time Ends Continuing Education	<b>3</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> Continuing Education 3:30pm Terrific Tuesdays 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>5</b> Continuing Education 10:30am Writing Workshop	<b>6</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 4:18pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>8</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Elizabeth Winick 10:00am Vav Family Service 12:30pm USCJ Post Kiddush Lecture 4:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:23pm Shabbat Ends
<b>9</b> Continuing Education	<b>10</b> Continuing Education 6:00pm AJWS Global Justice Book Series Class	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> Continuing Education 12:30pm Sisterhood Laura Frankel Cooking Program	<b>12</b> Continuing Education 7:00pm Museum Reception	<b>13</b> Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Series	<b>14</b> 4:11pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm Jeans and Jammies 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner	<b>15</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Sarah Rosen 12:30pm Rabbi David Ebstein Post Kiddush Lecture 4:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:16pm Shabbat Ends
<b>16</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains 2:00pm Spertus One Book, One Community Genealogy Program	<b>17</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm AIPAC Speaker	<b>18</b> Continuing Education	<b>19</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> Continuing Education 12:00pm Study in the Loop 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00am Pre-School Bubbie/Zadie Shabbat 4:05pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>22</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Veronica Warren 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:00am Vav Family Service 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 4:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:10pm Shabbat Ends 7:00pm Men's Club/Sisterhood Wine Tasting Dinner
<b>23 Rosh Hodesh Kislev</b> Continuing Education 10:00am Social Action Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project	<b>24</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>25</b> Continuing Education	<b>26</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Youth Community Turkey Dance	<b>27 Thanksgiving</b> 8:45am Morning Minyan	<b>28</b> 4:01pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>29</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Samuel Gerstein 4:00pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 5:06pm Shabbat Ends
<b>30</b> Continuing Education						

## NSSBE Staff

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

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

October 2014 Events Calendar

# Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>2</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	<b>3 Kol Nidre/ ErevYom Kippur</b> 7:15am Shacharit Service 5:50pm Mincha Service 6:05pm Kol Nidrei Service 6:10pm Candle Lighting	<b>4 Yom Kippur/Yizkor</b> 9:00am Shacharit Service 9:45am Pre-School Family Service 10:45am Children's Services 4:45pm Mincha Service 6:00pm Neilah Service 7:15pm Yom Tov Ends
<b>5</b> Continuing Education 9:00am Schach Car Wash 9:00am Schach/Lulav Pick-up	<b>6</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>7</b> 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 3:30pm Terrific Tuesdays 8:00pm Executive Meeting	<b>8 Erev Sukkot</b> Continuing Education 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:01pm Candle Lighting	<b>9 Sukkot First Day</b> 8:50am Festival Service 10:00am Sukkot Pray and Play 12:00pm Sukkah Walk 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:01pm Candle Lighting	<b>10 Sukkot Second Day</b> 8:50am Festival Service 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:01pm Candle Lighting	<b>11</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Nina Hoffman 5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:03pm Shabbat Ends
<b>12</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains	<b>13 Columbus Day</b> Continuing Education	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Erev Shemini Atzeret</b> Continuing Education 5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:51pm Candle Lighting	<b>16 Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor/Erev Simchat Torah</b> 6:30am Early Morning Service 8:50am Festival Service 5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Family Hakafot Service 9:00pm Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social	<b>17 Simchat Torah</b> 8:50am Festival Service 10:00am Simchat Torah Pray and Play 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:47pm Candle Lighting	<b>18</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Jennie Lederman 10:00am Vav Family Service 5:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:50pm Shabbat Ends
<b>19</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains Candidate Forum	<b>20</b> Continuing Education 10:30am Informal Education Meeting	<b>21</b> Continuing Education Sisterhood Torah Fund Classes Begin 7:00pm Hartman Institute Series 8:00pm High Holiday Review Meeting	<b>22</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	<b>23</b> Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>24 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan</b> 5:36pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>25 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan</b> 8:50am Shabbat Services 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:00am Vav Family Service 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club 5:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:41pm Shabbat Ends
<b>26</b> Continuing Education 9:30am Bagels for Your Brains Candidate Forum	<b>27</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm CLC Meeting	<b>28</b> Continuing Education	<b>29</b> Continuing Education	<b>30</b> Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Community Event	<b>31</b> 5:26pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	



## Congregational Dinner

Friday, November 14, 2014

Choice of traditional or family Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:15 pm followed by dinner and fun programming for the whole family. We look forward to sharing Shabbat with you!