

Kol Beth El

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From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz »

**Mission Statement**

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

Just before I began my tenure as Rabbi at Beth El and made the move to Highland Park on August 1, 1978, the Congregation celebrated its 40th anniversary. In May of that year, I was present as we commemorated the event with a wonderful celebration including one of the famous Beth El shows. Even I was part of the show as I participated in the song "Rabbi of the Shul."

Ten years later, we commemorated the 50th anniversary of Beth El and the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel. Throughout the year we had a number of events and programs and then travelled to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Our jubilee year was culminated with a special banquet, an Oscar Awards night, "An Affair to Remember," where we enjoyed ourselves on this milestone event.

Our 60th anniversary, our Diamond celebration, was again commemorated with programs throughout the year, banners, special kippot, a musical concert with Neshama Carlebach and a joyful celebration, "A Diamond Gala", towards the end of the year. We also were part of a major mission to Israel to celebrate the country's 60th anniversary.

We are now 70 years since the founding of Beth El and this is a special opportunity for all of us to reflect back on our journey, to tell the story of our founders and their vision, to celebrate our achievements, and to plan for the future. Throughout the course of the year there will be reunions, special study sessions, concerts, lecturers, and other opportunities to reflect back on the 70 years of Beth El and express how proud we are of our Congregation and our community. Mort Steinberg is updating our history and we plan to publish a book on the 70 years of Beth El. At the same time, to celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary, we will be part of the March of the Living Program commemorating Yom Ha'Shoah in Poland and Yom Ha'Atzmaut in Jerusalem.

Seventy years is truly an achievement. We have grown in our physical structure and in our programs. We have exhibited leadership in the Jewish community of Chicago, the Conservative Movement, and in Jewish and secular organizations and institutions throughout the world. The students trained in our schools and in our youth programs have made their marks in the communities of their choice. Many of the young people who grew up here have made Aliyah to Israel and are contributing to Israeli society.

Yes, we have much of which to be proud. At the same time, we are planning for the future. The strategic planning committee, the development committee, the Board of Education, and all the many other committees in our Congregation, continue to expand and enhance our programs and our ability to make Jewish life meaningful for our members and all those who walk through our doors.

There are many challenges ahead as we look at the world in 2017. However, the challenges may have been even greater in 1947
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Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00 am

Services are conducted by:
Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,
Rabbi Michael Schwab,
Hazzan Benjamin A. Tisser

OCTOBER

Shabbat, October 7
Sukkot 3rd Day
Shabbat Hol Hamoed

Shabbat, October 14
Parashat Bereshit
Torah: Genesis 1:1 – 6:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

Shabbat, October 21
Parashat Noah
Torah: Genesis 6:9 – 11:32
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5

Shabbat, October 28
Parashat Lekh Lekha
Torah: Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

NOVEMBER

Shabbat, November 4
Parashat Vayera
Torah: Genesis 18:1 – 22:24
Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1 – 4:37

Shabbat, November 11
Parashat Hayyei Sarah
Torah: Genesis 23:1 – 25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 – 1:31

Shabbat, November 18
Parashat Toldot
Torah: Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 – 2:7

Shabbat, November 25
Parashat Vayetzei
Torah: Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 – 14:10

Every Shabbat

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

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

Simchat Torah Honors

Simchat Torah starts Thursday night, October 12. At services on Friday morning, October 13, the Congregation will be honoring three outstanding individuals for their contributions to the Congregation:

Hatan Torah – David Shapiro Hatan Bereshit – Rabbi Vernon Kurtz
Kol Ne'Arim – Marla Hand

Please join the Congregation as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

» From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz

Beth El's 70th Anniversary *(continued from page 1)*

and 1948 when 16 families looked to create a Conservative Movement presence on the North Shore. They made their mark in an area which was not conducive to a large Jewish population. They lived in a world two years after the end of WWII and the Shoah which decimated our people. They began their plans for our Congregation even before the establishment of the State of Israel. On July 18, 1947, when they received the charter for the new organization and Articles of Incorporation were issued by the State of Illinois for North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, the Jewish world was in a great upheaval. Seventy years later, while challenges remain, we are in a very different place.

Today, we are a vital and vibrant Congregation with a multi-generational membership. We train our children in our schools and at the day schools in our area. Our Continuing Education program continues to enlighten all of us in the beauty of our Jewish heritage. Our affiliates are active in the realms of education and social service. Our physical facility has been continuously upgraded and serves as a sanctified space for all

of our activities. Our daily Minyan meets 365 days a year both morning and evening. Our B'nai Mitzvah read from the Torah, chant Haftarah, and learn the important ritual skills in order to be comfortable in a synagogue. We sponsor student trips to the State of Israel and a large contingent at Camp Ramah whose lay leadership as always been based at Beth El. There is no day that our parking lot is not filled with cars representing people partaking of our activities and our programs. Seventy years have gone by since our founders purchased the Price mansion and established this Congregation. I think our founders would have been very proud of our current status even as we, today, challenge ourselves to do and be even better in the future.

Let us celebrate the 70th anniversary of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El and the establishment of the State of Israel throughout the 2017/2018 year. At the same time, let us challenge ourselves to make this year and every year an opportunity for strengthening our community for generations to come.

» President's Corner by Richard D. Zelin

Many thanks to our outstanding clergy for their inspiring and meaningful High Holiday services, which helps set the stage for the synagogue's special year ahead.

While often exhausting, I love this time in the Jewish life cycle. It is not only a time for serious personal reflection and introspection. It is also an exciting and joyous time when, individually, we each have an opportunity to renew and revitalize ourselves, with hopes for a better year to come.

Similarly, on a collective level, it is an exciting time because, as a community, we begin a year-long celebration of our beloved congregation's 70th anniversary. Officially, Beth El was founded on July 18, 1947 by a small group of families with traditional backgrounds who had moved from the city. Interestingly, this occurred at a moment when there were few Jews living on the North Shore and at a moment when there was an open question about the future of religious Jewish life in suburbia after World War II.

Indeed, as I mentioned in my remarks on Rosh Hashana, in his classic and famous Lakeville studies in the 1950's, the father of American Jewish sociology Marshall Sklare meticulously analyzed various salient components of Jewish identity in several of Chicago's northern suburbs. In his acclaimed book, *Jewish Identity on the Suburban Frontier*, which Sklare co-wrote with Joseph Greenbaum, he reported low levels of religious affiliation and observance among those interviewed and expressed concern about the future of synagogue life in suburban communities like ours. What's truly striking is that his study of Jewish life in the 1950's reads much like the recent Pew Report, which also has raised serious doubts about the American Jewish community's future.

In spite of such dire predictions, the visionary founders of Beth El proved the Lakeville studies wrong. In fact, the synagogue not only survived but flourished and became one of the bright and shining examples of what a Conservative synagogue should be, not just locally but nationally as well. Its influence even extended well beyond the Jewish community. Both are a great testament to the founders' vision, hard work and dedication. Significantly, Beth El's success in the face of many internal and external challenges is today a remarkable piece of American Jewish history, about which you will learn more next year in a lecture by an up and coming scholar as part of the synagogue's 70th anniversary commemorations.

What's more, many other special 70th-themed programs, concerts, reunions, and so on are being planned throughout the year. I strongly encourage you to participate in as many of these exciting offerings as possible. I particularly call to your attention one of particular note: please be sure to join us on Sunday, October 22th to formally kick off the 70th anniversary celebrations. It ought to be a great time, with fun and festive activities for young and old alike. I look forward to seeing you then. Further details will be forthcoming.

In addition to this special programming, Rabbi Kurtz will be leading an Adult March of the Living mission to Poland and Israel as part of the congregation's 70th anniversary activities. At the time of this writing, there are about 30 congregants who will be participating in this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

To close, I want to express my special and sincere thanks and appreciation to the Co-chairs of the 70th Anniversary Committee for their hard work: Annette and Jerry Blumberg; Wendy and Steve Abrams; and Jenna and David Smiley. Without their able leadership, as well as that of the clergy and staff, all of these wonderful initiatives would not have been possible.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, sweet and peaceful New Year.

2017/5778 Festival Service Schedule

Erev Sukkot
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
7:15am.....Morning Service
6:09pm.....Candle Lighting
6:15pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Sukkot First Day
Thursday, October 5, 2017
8:50am.....Festival Service
10:45am.....Sukkot Play 'n Walk
12:30pm.....Sukkah Walk
6:15pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:14pm.....Candle Lighting

Sukkot Second Day
Friday, October 6, 2017
8:50am.....Festival Service
6:05pm.....Candle Lighting
6:15pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

Hoshanah Rabbah
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
7:00am.....Morning Minyan
5:56pm.....Candle Lighting
6:00pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor
Erev Simchat Torah
Thursday, October 12, 2017
8:50am.....Festival Service
6:00pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:30pm.....Young Family Service
7:01pm.....Candle Lighting
7:00pm.....Family Hakafot Service
9:00pm.....Simchat Torah
Ice Cream Social

Simchat Torah
Friday, October 13, 2017
8:50am.....Festival Service
10:00am.....Hakafot Service
11:00am.....Simchat Torah Dance 'n Play
5:53pm.....Candle Lighting
6:00pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

» Hazzan Ben Tisser



One of the first Israeli songs I learned begins with the words “*shannah halchah, shannah ba'ah...*” – “a year has gone, a new year is coming” – of course, speaking about Rosh Hashana. We have just completed another round of very meaningful High Holy Days, as we begin a new year together. I want to thank all my colleagues – Rabbis, professional and support staff, lay

leaders, choristers, Torah and haftarah readers, soloists and daveners, for all of the effort they put in to ensuring our services were so moving and ran so smoothly. It is truly a privilege to be part of such a fantastic community, particularly at this time of year.

If you think back, I am sure you can each remember the first Hebrew song you learned, and if not the first, very likely a song you learned a long time ago. As diaspora Jews, we experience our connection to Israel in many ways: through food, music, charitable giving, language, film, and of course by visiting Israel. For us, Israel is much more than a place; Israel is an ideal...and an ideal. Israel represents to some the phoenix rising out of the ashes of the Shoah, while for others Israel represents one of the greatest centers of innovation the world has ever seen. Whatever Israeli means to you personally, I know she holds an important place in your heart.

And just as our synagogue community celebrates its 70th year this year, 5778 is the 70th year of Israeli statehood. There will, of course, be many celebrations throughout the community and the world over the course of this year, but we have the very special opportunity to begin our celebration of Beth El and Israel in one fabulous night on November 4 at 7:30pm!

*If you think back,
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remember the first
Hebrew song you learned*

Join us for an evening of singing, dancing and nostalgia as we are delighted by renown Israeli singer Bat Ella and her band, who we are flying in from Israel especially for this program! Bat Ella has delighted Jewish audiences around the world, and regularly sells out Israel's most major arenas, clubs and amphitheatres. In addition to her successful performing and recording career, she wrote and designed the music curriculum for Israel's TALI schools, run by the Masorti Movement. Most recently she has translated the songs of Debbie Friedman z"l into Hebrew, bringing them to Israel for the first time, and performing them to sell-out crowds of Israelis who are deeply touched by this new style of music.

I will be privileged to join Bat Ella on stage, and we will welcome the students of our Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School as well for some very special songs.

I hope you, your families and your friends will join us, and sing with us, for this night of celebration. Tickets for General (unassigned) seating is \$18 for adults/free for children (18 and under), \$54 for reserved (front) seating, and \$100 for sponsor seating (with mention in the program booklet). Order your tickets by calling the Synagogue Office or on the synagogue website.

» The Development Office



A Warm Welcome to our New Director of Development

We welcome Judy Berkeley, who joined our staff on September 11 as our new Director of Development. Judy comes to us with vast Development experience in the Jewish community; including the United Jewish Communities, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, and Am Shalom Synagogue in Glencoe.

Judy received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Double Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Services and Social Work from Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California. A lifelong Jewish community worker, Judy is committed both personally and professionally to help ensure our congregation and community *l'dor vador*. She is truly humbled and honored to work at such an incredibly strong, flourishing and vibrant congregation like NSS Beth El.

Judy grew up in Glencoe, where she now resides with her husband Stephen and four children; Benjamin (14), Becca (12), Joseph (9) and Matty (7).

Please feel free contact her at any time at 847-262-8900 x262 or jberkeley@nssbethel.org if you have any questions about your past giving history, Kol Nidre Appeal and Chesed gifts, or Endowment and Capital giving opportunities. Judy would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your generosity during this High Holy Day season and to wish the entire congregation a *Shana Tova!*

North Suburban Synagogue

Beth El
בית כנסת בית אל



Concert Tickets:

\$54 Reserved Seating **\$18** General Seating

Free Children 18 and under

**Sponsorships available
starting at \$100**

NSS BETH EL PRESENTS

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 - 7:30 PM

**Featuring renowned
Israeli singer
Bat Ella with appearances
by Hazzan Ben Tisser
and children of the
NSS Beth El Schools**

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online at
<http://batellachicago.bpt.me>
or by calling the
Synagogue Office
at 847-432-8900**

MOVER AND SHAKER

Sukkah Walk 5778

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**Thursday
October 5**

12:30 - 3:00 pm

**SCAVENGER HUNT
DURING THE SUKKAH WALK**

**ACTIVITIES & GAMES
FOR THE KIDS**

Let's Celebrate Sukkot Together!

- APPETIZERS AT NSS BETH EL ▪ ENTREES AT THE SCHWAB HOME ▪
- DESSERT & COFFEE AT THE SAFFIR HOME ▪

Share your favorite holiday foods and bring a kosher dairy or parve dish, enough for 8-12 people, or make a voluntary contribution of \$18 per person/\$30 per family for additional food and supplies.

RSVP and Sign up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844a8ab2fa6ff2-mover
or call Elise at 847-432-8900.

Questions? Contact Stacy Goldsmith at slg724@gmail.com or 847-791-4887.

Hazak Senior Transportation Services will be available.
Contact Lennie Kay at 847-432-8900 by October 1.

» Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education

Shalom Hartman Institute Beit Midrash Discussion Series

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz
Wednesdays, 7:00pm

7 monthly sessions, beginning November 8

Rabbi Kurtz will lead the iEngage curriculum, *Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Newcomers welcome!

Tuition including Sourcebook: \$110; \$80 for NSSBE members. (Students continuing in this course will not have to pay again.)



Girls in Trouble (Sisterhood Torah Fund)

Ali Drumm and Tovah Goodman
Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am; October 25, November 1, November 8, and November 15

Girls in Trouble is a series exploring women in the Bible through ancient text, Rabbinic interpretations, visual art, and original songs. These sessions focus on the stories of Judith, Miriam, Ruth, and Tamar.

Trimester Fee: Fall



The Melding of Mussar and Mindfulness

Dr. Lena Kushnir
Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
October 23, 30 and November 6, 13

Mussar – a Jewish ethical, educational and cultural movement – and mindfulness practices provide two powerful and complementary ways to bring attention to who we are and how we can improve each day. The goal of mussar practice is personal growth and transformation through focusing on character traits, one at a time. Mindfulness is the ability to show up fully to each moment of our lives. We will meld the two practices and explore how to integrate them meaningfully into our daily lives.

Trimester Fee: Fall

BeMidBar: Leadership Defied and Defended

Rabbi Michael Schwab
Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:15pm;
10 sessions, beginning October 24

Israel's fateful journey through the wilderness of Sinai presented numerous challenges to the leadership of Moses and Aaron; at times the nation challenged their competence as leaders, and at times individuals arose to challenge their very right to lead.

Tuition including Sourcebook: \$80 for NSSBE members, \$245 for Melton Consortium members and \$345 for non-Consortium members.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Scholar

Rabbi Andrew Shapiro Katz
Shabbat, November 10–11, 2017

A community-builder, educator, and avid cook, Andy Shapiro Katz moved to Beer Sheva in 2010 with his family to start a new intentional pluralistic religious community there called Kehilat Be'erot. Andy is an alumnus of Project Otzma, the Conservative Yeshiva, and the Pardes Educators Programs and Kollel, receiving smicha in 2004 from Rabbis Daniel Landes and Aryeh Strikosky. He holds a B.A. in American Studies and M.A. in Educational Administration from Stanford University, and an M.B.A. from Ben Gurion University of the Negev. While living in San Francisco from 2005–2010, Andy served as Assistant Head of School at the Jewish Community High School of the Bay and was an active participant/leader of the Mission Minyan. He also teaches pizza-making and cooking science, caters small events, and hosts a periodic pop-up restaurant at a local soup-kitchen. He and his wife Emily have two boys, ages 4 and 6, and two girls, ages 9 and 12.



High Holiday Review – Monday, October 16 at 8:00pm

We would love your feedback on your High Holiday experience. Please let us know what pleased you, and of course, what we can do to improve and make your experience even better next year. There are two ways to tell us. First, you can join the Ritual Committee on Monday evening, October 16, between 8:00–9:00pm in the Zell meeting room and let us know your thoughts. Second, you can **email me directly and confidentially** at rgoldberg@wgnv.com prior to October 16 so I can share your comments with the committee. Again, all responses are held in confidence. Many thanks and best wishes from the Ritual Committee and me and my family, to you and your family for a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Ron Goldberg, VP Ritual

It's All in the Beth El Family



Congratulations To

- Wendy and Steve Abrams on the marriage of their son, Daniel Abrams, to Rhoda Kruschen
- Nancy and Richard Becker on the birth of their grandson
- Bernard Bernstein on the occasion of his 90th birthday
- Shirley and Bernard Bernstein on the engagement of their son, Mitchell Bernstein, to Alison Johnson
- Judith and Gerry Farby on the engagement of their son, David Farby, to Samantha Mor
- Hillary and Allan Greenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Cecelia Rose Greenberg
- Rachel Lana Abramowitz and Jonathan Greenberg on the birth of their daughter, Cecelia Rose Greenberg
- Jordana and Jared Greenberg on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Pearl Greenberg
- Jill Weinberg and Bernard Kramer on the birth of their grandson, Philip Kaplan Kramer
- Ken Levin on the occasion of his 80th birthday
- Susan and Robert Millner on the birth of their grandson
- Hilda Reingold on the occasion of her special birthday
- Hilda and Arnold Reingold on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
- Mally and Alan Rutkoff on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Pearl Greenberg
- Deanna and Maurice Sable on the birth of their granddaughter, Alana Elaine Sable
- Maurice Sable on the occasion of his special birthday
- Merle and Steve Tovian on the forthcoming marriage of their son, Ayal Tovian, to Deborah Shub

Condolences To

- Corrine Baskin on the loss of her brother, Allan Decker
- Florence Becker on the loss of her sister, Frieda Brown
- Jill Bernstein on the loss of her father, Herbert Franklyn Horwich
- Mindy Bernstein on the loss of her husband, Robert Bernstein
- Eileen Kahana on the loss of her mother, Helen Siege
- Michael Katz on the loss of his brother, Lewis Katz
- Marc Leaf on the loss of his mother, Sallie Leaf
- Fran Scully Lippitz on the loss of her grandson, Gregory Paul Friedman
- Sara and Marvin Siegel on the loss of their daughter, Marla Dawn Sklar
- Jacqueline Melinger on the loss of her mother, Miriam Rozenchwajg
- Ina Schaffer on the loss of her mother, Annette Summer
- Reena Schiffman on the loss of her father, Marvin Juron
- Barbara Stern on the loss of her husband, Harold Stern
- David Wolle, on the loss of his grandmother, Sara Wolle

In Memoriam

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| - Robert Bernstein | - Arthur Gladstone | - Sallie Leaf |
| - Beatrice Dolin | - Marvin Juron | - Harold Stern |

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

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| - Nira and Ken Abramowitz | - Nissah Mattenson |
| - Wendy and Steve Abrams | - Michelle Gooze-Miller and Adam Miller |
| - Hillary and Allan Greenberg | - Hilda and Arnold Reingold |
| - Rachel Lana Abramowitz and Jonathan Greenberg | - Bonnie and Eric Rosenberg |
| - Jordana and Jared Greenberg | - Mally and Alan Rutkoff |
| - Marlene Kaplan | - Frances and Jonathan Shapiro |
| - Felissa Kreindler | - Audra Kaplan and Alan Spellberg |
| - Marcy and Kenneth Levin | - Merle and Steve Tovian |



B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

October – Tishrei/Cheshvan 5778



Rachael Zacks,
daughter of Laura and Mitchel Zacks
Shabbat, October 7



Hayle Cohen,
daughter of Elizabeth and Josh Cohen
Shabbat, October 14



Yael Smith, daughter of Michelle
Wasserman and David Smith
Shabbat, October 21

November – Cheshvan/Kislev 5778



Jamie Kaufman,
son of Leslie and Stuart Kaufman



Sydney Newman,
daughter of Nikki and Dan Newman
Shabbat, November 4



Talia Newman,
daughter of Nikki and Dan Newman
Shabbat, November 4



Isabella Schwartz, daughter of Dawn
Sidney and Gordon Schwartz
Shabbat, November 11



Olivia Schwartz, daughter of Dawn
Sidney and Gordon Schwartz
Shabbat, November 11



Isabel Carney,
daughter of Abby and Michael Carney
Shabbat, November 25

» Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center



It was a very busy summer in the CLC! In addition to hosting another wonderful session of Summer Stories & Sweet Treats in July and Afternoon @ the Movies in August, preparing for a new season of exhibits in the newly renovated space for the Rissman Family Kol Ami Collection, and gearing up for a new year

of author visits, book discussions, and film screenings, we also installed brand new picture book shelves in the Pinsof Children's Reading Room. These new browsing bins, similar to the shelving found in the children's department in Highland Park and many other area public libraries, will make it easier for our youngest readers, their parents, and their teachers to find a great Jewish book to check-out. High school student Noah Braverman, spent over 100 hours this summer taking inventory of our current picture book collection, integrating over 300 new books from the Steinberg Preschool collection, organizing and identifying them by Jewish holiday, Bible story or topic, and getting all 1,015 books ready for our new shelves. Don't they look enticing and inviting? You will also notice our beautiful, brand new book return box, at the entrance to the library, just at the top of the stairs. Please return all library material (books and DVDs) here so that they can be properly checked-in and shelved.



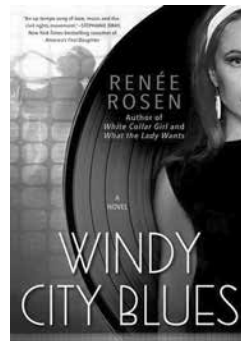
I hope to see you at our upcoming programs and events! And, don't hesitate to call, e-mail, or stop by if you are looking for something new and interesting to read this fall. My office hours during the school year are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 9:00am – 2:00pm plus Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:00pm and Sundays 9:00am – 12:00pm, when religious school is in session. Marcie Eskin is also available to assist you on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00am – 5:00pm; Wednesdays 2:30 – 6:30pm; and Fridays 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Rachel Kamin
Cultural & Learning Center Director

SPERTUS ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is proud to participate in the Spertus Institute One Book, One Community Program. Join your fellow readers to explore the book everyone is reading this year, *Windy City Blues* by Renee Rosen.

Meet the author on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm at NSS Beth El. Renée Rosen is the bestselling author of *Windy City Blues*, *White Collar Girl*, *What the Lady Wants*, and *Dollface*, as well as the young adult novel, *Every Crooked Pot*. She lives in Chicago and is at work on a novel about Helen Gurley Brown. Reception and book signing in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center at 7:00pm followed by her presentation in the Grossinger-Brickman Activity Room at 7:45pm. Open to the community, free of charge. Copies of *Windy City Blues* will be for sale for \$16.



Join the **Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club on Saturday, December 2 at 12:30pm** to discuss *Windy City Blues* by Renee Rosen, after Shabbat Kiddush, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Participants are encouraged to read the book prior to the discussion. New members welcome!

In 1950's Chicago, a young Jewish woman stands in the middle of a musical and social revolution. Leeba Groski lands a job at the legendary Chess Records where she begins her own songwriting career and meets future icons Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Etta James, and Chuck Berry. But it's blues guitarist Red Dupree who changes her life. With their relationship unwelcome in segregated Chicago and shunned by her Orthodox family, Leeba and Red find themselves drawn into the Civil Rights Movement, where they discover how music can bring people together.

Writer's Beit Midrash

Wednesday, October 18 and November 1, 15 & 29
9:30 – 11:00 am

The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library, 9:30–11:00 am. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for October 18 and November 1, 15 & 29. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x242 for more information and to be added to the mailing list.





Sacred Space:
Wrapped in Spirituality
Art by Jane Cooperman
and Karen Bieber

THE RISSMAN KOL AMI
COLLECTION AT NSS BETH EL

September 10 - October 29, 2017

North Suburban Synagogue

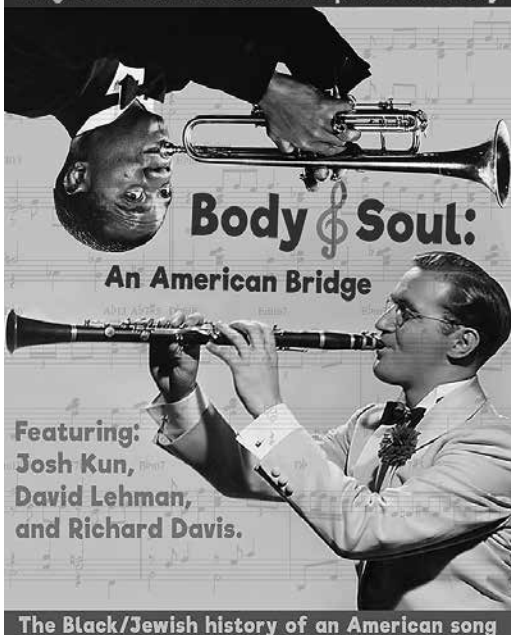
Beth El
בית כנסת בית אל

THE RISSMAN FAMILY KOL AMI MUSEUM

Inspired by biblical sources, Jane Cooperman evokes emotion through vibrant color painted on silk. Drawing from Jewish folk tales, Karen Bieber captures the imagination and heart of listeners by telling stories that give new voice to lives from a distant past. Together Jane and Karen create unique wall hangings and tallitot, traditional prayer shawls, made of vibrantly painted and pieced silk, inspired by a story or verse from the Torah or Kabbalah. Sixteen of these exquisite pieces are on display at NSS Beth El through October 29, 2017.

Save the date: The NSS Beth El Annual Used Book Sale will be February 2-11, 2018. Due to storage issues, we cannot accept donations before January 1st. Please plan to drop off your donations between January 1 and February 1, 2018. Donations received before January 1 may be discarded.

Shoga Films Presents a Robert Philipson Documentary



Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, November 9; 3:00pm

The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the Hazak Senior Life Committee will host Afternoon @ the Movies on Thursday, November 9 at 3:00pm (*note new time) featuring the Chicago and Midwest premier of *Body and Soul: An American Bridge*.

Out of all the cross-cultural encounters that have resulted in the richness of American popular music, none has been so prominent or so fraught with fraternity and conflict as the relationships between African Americans and American Jews. *Body and Soul: An American Bridge* aims to tease out the strands of this cultural knot by focusing on the early performance history of the jazz standard, "Body and Soul," one of the most recorded songs in the jazz repertoire. Composed by Jewish composer Johnny Green in 1929, the song was introduced on Broadway by Jewish torch singer Libby Holman and ushered into the jazz canon by Louis Armstrong the following year. Four years later, the successful recording of "Body and Soul" by a behind-the-scenes Benny Goodman trio which included the Black pianist Teddy Wilson, led to the historic smashing of the color barrier in popular music.

Open to the community, free of charge. Popcorn, candy & soda will be served! Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903.

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet



The halls of our schools are once again filled with the noise and excitement of children! The Beth El schools are proud to house and educate close to 400 children between the ages of 1 and 17 in our three schools, Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School, Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School and the Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School.

This year our overarching theme will be Israel @70 which coincides with Beth El @70. To this effect, we have developed learning units highlighting 7 ethnic communities, out of the many, that contributed to the mosaic, which represents Israel today.

Have you ever tasted Kooftah Tabrizi, Tishpisti, hawaish, braised green, kubbeh, sovlaki, Barbari bread, Kebab, Injera, Tibs, Dabo kolo? What is the Tnu Shira manuscript? How did the post-Pesach celebration of friendship and brotherhood called Mimouna developed? What drew Saloniki Jews to get involved in the building of the Tel Aviv Port? Are you familiar with the song *Shir Hanamal* by Leah Goldberg? What did Arie, one of our

story protagonists, find in the city of Hamadan in Persia? What were the difficulties Ethiopian Jews faced when they moved to Israel? How magic was the Operation Magic Carpet voyage of the Yemenite Jews in 1949–1950? Students will learn about these seven communities of Jews from Greece, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Morocco, Yemen and Ethiopia by researching their history and culture including music, special foods, and music, art and holiday celebrations. We have lined up a series of guest speakers from the different ethnic communities living now in Chicago to visit with our students and teach them about their heritage.

The study of the 7 ethnic communities in Israel @70 will culminate of a festive event on Sunday, April 22nd featuring food, songs, and distinct traditions from the different communities. Despite the myriad differences we will stress the concept of *Am Echad, Lev Echad* – One nation, one heart.

If you know of any interesting traditions of the Jews from Greece, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Morocco, Yemen and Ethiopia and you would like to share them with our students, please let me know.

Dr. Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education



NSS Beth El Social Action Annual Coat & Toy Drive

November 19 - December 3

The Social Action Committee will be collecting clean, lightly used warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots. Again this year, we'll also be collecting new, unwrapped Hanukkah toys. Please note that we cannot accept other clothing.

Collection bins are in the school and main office entrances. Items will be distributed to needy recipients at the Chicago Chesed Fund in Lincolnwood and other Lake County organizations. We need pre-school through adult coats and toys for all ages.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00am. To volunteer or for more information, call Mira Temkin at 847-433-2109 or miratemkin@gmail.com. Thank you!

We need you!

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School



The beginning of each school year is filled with excitement as the teachers in The Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Preschool prepare their classrooms for their new group of students. We are fortunate and blessed to have a robust school of children who are immersed in a child-centered program that emphasizes the culture and traditions of our Jewish people. The classrooms are designed to

help children explore, learn, create, socialize, build independence, and grow in an environment that is warm and nurturing. As we continue to learn about the current best practices in the field of early childhood, we as educators, adapt to what will enhance the growth of our children. We know that children have a greater stake in their learning when their voices are heard, and their ideas are fostered and shared. It is our goal to meet each child's needs as we create a community of learners in each of our classrooms.

Our school community gathered for our annual Ice Cream Social to kick-off the start of another school year. It was wonderful to see old families schmooze and catch up, while meeting and welcoming new families to our community. The children danced their socks off thanks to Personalites, Inc. who kept the music and dancing going!

The students and teachers have been busy diving into the holidays of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Although we have only been in school for just a few short weeks, our students can be heard singing songs, blowing the shofar, and speaking about the different types of homes people live in throughout the world. The High Holidays offer children the opportunity to learn about our customs and heritage through their five senses. Teachers encourage learning through sensory exploration whether it is touching a pomegranate, hearing the sounds of a shofar, or experiencing the sweet taste of apples and honey.

The Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Preschool will host our annual Sukkah Party on Tuesday, October 10 from 4:30–6:00pm. Children and adults alike will participate in creating sukkah decorations, hearing Sukkot stories, signing and eating in the sukkah, and of course shaking the Lulav and Etrog. We hope that you will join us!

It is hard to believe, but registration for the 2018–2019 school year begins in November. Please call Karee Bilsky at 847-432-2830 or email kbilsky@nssbethel.org for information and to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you.

Karee Bilsky
Steinberg Pre-School Director

Celebrating Sukkot in your pajamas?

Get ready for a great lineup of programming for families with young children starting on:

Thursday, October 5 | Sukkot Play 'n Walk | 10:45am

We join with the congregation for our annual Sukkah Walk, a progressive lunch and outdoor playtime following festival services.

Friday, October 6 | Jeans and Jammies in the Sukkah | 5:00pm

A children's dinner and Shabbat celebration. Kids can come in pajamas and families can come dressed casually to enjoy Sukkot and Shabbat together with fun activities.

Tuesday, October 10 | Annual Preschool Sukkah Decorating Party | 4:00pm

Run by the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool.

Thursday, October 12 | Simchat Torah Celebration | 6:30pm

A Simchat Torah celebration for our youngest participants.

Friday, October 13 | Simchat Torah Dance 'n Play | 11:00am

We keep the Simchat Torah party going as we dance, sing, eat lunch and of course, play!

These programs are free and open to the community, geared for families with children ages 7 and younger (though all older siblings, grandparents and friends are invited!)

To RSVP for the Steinberg Preschool Sukkah Decorating Party, contact Ava Nussbaum at anussbaum@nssbethel.org and to

RSVP for our other Sukkot/Simchat Torah programming, or with questions, contact Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education at adrumm@nssbethel.org.



The Mindfulness Alarm Clock

Mindfulness is a trendy word right now. Luckily, our Jewish tradition is an incredible clock and calendar geared around the concept of mindfulness—being thoughtful and present as we move through life. Judaism teaches us to express both gratitude and forgiveness.

Judaism provides us with the tools to express reverence and awe at the natural world. It calls us to slow the fast pace of the world and pay attention to things that we might metaphorically or actually walk right by. Jewish practice provides structure for grieving and rejoicing, calling our attention to all the potential emotions of the moment and helping us to embody them. It reminds us to think and act charitably and to include our community and the world at large in altruism that is normally reserved only for family and close friends. I can think of many a debate I've had with my more areligious friends who think that you don't need religion to remind you to be a good person and help the world. I would agree with them, except, as I always ask, "So, do you? Are you?" Who among us can say that we never lapse into selfish thinking or self-serving behavior, never needing a reminder to help us along?

The relevance of Jewish practice today is particularly far-reaching – including our treatment of others and the need to unplug and savor humbly the way we do on Shabbat and holidays. Judaism also helps us to filter information from our lives and contextualize it, help us integrate it into practice. I picked up a book this summer that was given to me years ago by a family member and finally made it to the top of my reading list. (For newer trends in reading, see my colleagues Rachel Kamin and Marcie Eskin!) The book is over 10 years old and has been studied and critiqued since, but I'm just reading *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollen and realizing the ways in which his ideas dovetail with our own Jewish practice of mindfulness in

eating. For example, the simple acts of blessing our food and eating festive meals in community are highlighted in his thinking about the sociology behind a meal. In my lifetime, there has been a movement to supplement the traditional laws of kashrut with mindfulness about the source of our food, including the notion of eco-kashrut. Eco-Kashrut is an evolving set of practices that extend beyond traditional kashrut by taking the human and environmental costs of food production and consumption into account when deciding what to eat or not eat. Judaism guides us as well in our decision of not only what and when to eat, but how to sanctify eating in community with others and express gratitude for the holiness in the act of consuming.

So how then do we create easy-to-make, fresh, sophisticated world cuisine with locally sourced ingredients at home in a kosher manner which meets what we hope are our standards of production? You can see there is a lot to be mindful about! Michael Pollen's summary of how to think about eating includes the handy phrase, "Eat food. Not too much, plants mostly." There are streams within Judaism that advocate mostly vegetarianism with occasional opportunities for eating meat. I am a new student of these options, and I'm learning to find resources about mindfulness and eating in potentially unexpected places – like a summer morning coffee with a wise congregant and our own Hazzan Tisser. There will be three opportunities this fall to think about types of Jewish food and Jewish eating. On Monday October 9 during Sukkot, we can taste the Yemenite Kitchen with Sue Spertus Larkey, author of *Bone Soup and Flipped Bread*. Then on Sunday October 15 we'll get our next amazing taste with Chef Nicole Putzel. Finally on Wednesday November 29 at 8:00pm Hazzan Ben Tisser will be sharing appetizers and recipes with us as well as a discussion on world cuisine in a program entitled "Around the World's Table". In this season of festive communal meals and the harvest, let's learn together how to bring the mindfulness of Judaism to our table.

Ali Drumm
Director of Informal Education



NSS BETH EL @ THE CHICAGO FESTIVAL OF ISRAELI CINEMA

Saturday, October 28
7:30pm

NSS Beth El is sponsoring Avi Neshet's new film, *Past Life*, at the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema on Saturday, October 28 at 7:30pm at the ArcLight Cinemas in Glenview. Two Israeli sisters, the daughters of Holocaust survivors, unravel the shocking truth about their father's murky wartime experiences in this hybrid detective thriller and heart-tugging drama set in 1977. Tickets are available for \$15 and can only be purchased online at www.israelifilmchi.org.

Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902 for more information.



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LOOK WHAT'S COOKING

AT NSS BETH EL
THIS FALL

**Monday, October 9
2:00pm**

The Gray Cultural & Learning Center presents:

The Yemenite Kitchen



Sue Spertus Larkey, author of the new cookbook *Bone Soup and Flipped Bread*, will discuss the culture and cuisine of the Jews of Yemen followed by Yemenite coffee, tea, and cookies in the Sukkah. Open to the community, free of charge.

Cookbooks will be available for sale.

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



**Sunday, October 15
1:00pm**

Sisterhood presents:

Cooking with Chef Nicole Putzel

Taste a sampling of some wonderfully easy dinner dishes as you watch Nicole demonstrate how to prepare them. Fee: \$18

RSVP to Roz Kallish, rozlynkall@att.net or to 847-831-0674.

Advanced reservations required.

**Wednesday, November 29
8:00pm**

The Lederman Continuing Education Program and the Jewish Parenting Havurah present:

Around the World's Table with Hazzan Ben Tisser

Did you know that our own Hazzan Tisser used to be a chef? Learn how to prepare fun, easy, healthy meals for your family from around the Jewish world.

Fee: \$18 includes light tasting appetizers and recipes as well as a hands-on demonstration.

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



» Kol No'ar

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

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

Schach Pickup and Car Wash

Sunday, October 1; 9:00am–1:00pm
Grades 8–12

CHUSYfest

Friday–Sunday, November 10–12; Camp Chi
Grades 9–12

Freshman Welcome Program

Sunday, October 8; 3:00–6:00pm
Grade 9

Lego Jerusalem

Tuesday, November 14; 6:00–8:15pm
Grades 2–6

Shalom Club Day Off Program

Monday, October 9; 9:00am–3:00pm
Grades 2–5

Day School Dinner

Friday, November 17
Grades K–12

Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

Thursday, October 12; after services
Grades 9–12

Turkey Dance

Wednesday, November 22
Grades 9–12

USY Teen Minyan and Evening Program

Shabbat, October 21
Grades 9–12



Save the Date **BEANS REUNION**
Saturday, November 25, 2017
7:00–9:00pm • NSS Beth El

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

To keep up to date with dates and times, view our online calendar at www.tinyurl.com/BEANScalendar1718.

» Kol No'ar

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



This past summer was so much fun! With the amazing community of camp to the adventure of traveling summer programs, it is amazing to hear the last memories made this summer. Rabbi Kurtz and I even got to be part of the action by visiting Ramah Wisconsin and reconnecting with our BEANS youth.

Now that the school year has officially begun, both the USY and Kadima boards are hard at work brainstorming fun programs that encourage new friendships, Jewish education and social action. At the leadership training for the USY board they expressed a passion for wanting to create an open space for all Beth El teens to come and connect. The programs coming up this year will not only create new memories but stamp a lasting impact on their connection to Judaism.

BEANS USY Executive Board

President- Emma Halfin
Vice President/ Israel Affairs- Layna Paraboschi
Religious Education VP- Gabriella Cooperman
Social Action/ Tikkun Olam VP- Lucy Braverman
Membership/ Kadima VP- Jordan Behn
Communications VP- Nina Deer
Freshman Representatives- Lexi Cohn and David Friedland
Honorary Religious Education VP- Sawyer Goldsmith
Honorary Communications VP- Davida Goller

BEANS USY General Board

Young Family Engagement- Ellie Goldsmith
Athletic Outreach- David Halfin
Teen Minyan Chair- Benny Grey
70th Reunion Chair- Madison Hahamy

For this year we want the entire youth community to participate in programming! So you know where your child fits in age wise, below is a breakdown of the youth community.

- M&M Club (K-1st Grade)
- Kadima (6th-8th Grade)
- Shalom Club (2nd-5th Grade)
- USY (9th-12th Grade)

Enthusiastically,

Tovah Goodman, Youth Community Director



» Sisterhood



מה יפה ירושתנו

Women on a Mission.... 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 of our members; and support and unite with Women's League for Conservative Judaism in the understanding and perpetuation of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. We hope you will join us on this mission.

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



A Docent-Led Tour of Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution Exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum

Take an electrifying trip through the 1960's-1980's and learn about the extraordinary life and career of rock impresario Bill Graham, the Holocaust refugee who promoted countless music legends, including Carlos Santana, Jimi Hendrix, The WHO, The Grateful Dead and Janis Joplin, and produced humanitarian concerts such as Live Aid to raise the consciousness of the world.

We are sponsoring the option of two docent-led tours, both at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie:

Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65+.

Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30am. Tickets, including tour and boxed dairy or parve lunch, are \$30 for adults, \$27 for seniors 65+. We will eat at the museum.

RSVP by contacting Rachel Ferber at Rachel.ferber@att.net or at 847-835-6201. If you need a ride or would like to carpool please contact Rachel.

Sisterhood Shabbat November 18

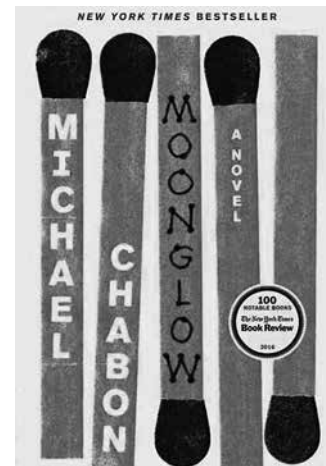
Please join us as we, the women of NSS Beth El, lead Shabbat morning services. If you would like to participate in services in any capacity, please contact Karen Weiss at kbw1023@gmail.com or at 847-432-3818.



Join Sisterhood as we spend an afternoon cooking with Chef Nicole Putzel Sunday, October 15

1:00 – 3:00pm

Taste a sampling of some wonderfully easy dinner dishes as you watch Nicole demonstrate how to prepare them. Fee: \$18/person. RSVP by October 8 to Roz Kallish at rozlynkall@att.net or 847-831-0674. No same day RSVP.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss **Moonglow by Michael Chabon on Saturday, October 21 at 12:30pm**, facilitated by Rachel Kamin.

A man bears witness to his grandfather's deathbed confessions, which reveal his family's long-buried history and his involvement in a mail-order novelty company, World War II, and the space program. Michael Chabon received the Jewish Book Council's 2016 Modern Literary Achievement Award for his general contribution to modern Jewish literature, including his most recent work, *Moonglow*, described as "a moving panorama of Jewish experience." Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library as well as at local public libraries and booksellers.

New members welcome! To participate in the Book Club, please make a minimum annual donation of \$54 to the Torah Fund Campaign. Contact Linda Gottlieb, Sisterhood Torah Fund Vice President, at lbmom@comcast.net or call 847-835-3101.

» Sisterhood



If you want to ensure the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism, you should contribute to Torah Fund

As we celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the end of the 75th year of the Torah Fund Campaign, we count our many blessings

as individuals within the community of Israel. This year's Torah Fund pin expresses these sentiments with the words *Mah tov u'* (how good") and the number 100. The full phrase (*Mah tov u'ohalecha Yaakov, mishk'notecha Yisrael*, "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings O Israel!") is the beginning of the morning prayer said when we enter the sanctuary.

In its 75 years, Torah Fund, through the efforts of Women's League, has raised more than \$99 million to **support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who have served and will continue to serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative/Masorti Movement.** Every member of our congregation can contribute to Torah Fund. No contribution is too small. Donors contributing \$180 or more will receive this year's Torah Fund pin as a treasured keepsake of Women's League's centennial celebration.

Here at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, we have supported Torah Fund for decades through our Torah Fund classes. Our clergy and professional staff donate their time to Torah Fund by teaching these classes and Sisterhood sends 100% of the dollars collected from Torah Fund class participants directly to the Torah Fund Campaign in New York. We are very proud of our strong commitment to Torah Fund and we hope to contribute another \$10,000 to this year's campaign.

Sisterhood Torah Fund classes require a minimum donation to Torah Fund of \$54 for the year. For a single donation of \$54 you can attend all of the Torah Fund classes, including the Book Club. Please mail your checks (payable to Torah Fund) to Linda Gottlieb, 561 Sunset Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022. You can pick up a Torah Fund envelope in the Beth El office. If you have questions, you can contact Linda at 847-835-3101.

Torah Fund classes begin the week of October 17. Conservative Judaism Looks at Modern Issues, taught by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, meets on Tuesdays, 10:00–11:00 am.

Parshat HaShavua Through Midrash, taught by Rabbi Michael Schwab, meets on Tuesdays, 11:00 am–12:00 pm.

Conversational Hebrew, taught by Dr. Alicia Gejman, meets Thursdays, 10:00–11:00 am.

This year we are adding a new class, taught by Ali Drumm and Tovah Goodman, which will meet for four sessions (October 25, November 1, November 8 and November 15) on Wednesdays, 10:00–11:00 am. **Girls in Trouble** will focus on the stories of Judith, Miriam, Ruth and Tamar through ancient text, rabbinic interpretations, visual art, and original songs.

NSSBE Sisterhood Gift Shop

Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts



A Personal Note from Our Gift Shop Chairs, Sulie and Diane....

With the days getting shorter, the light of Shabbat seems even more beautiful.

It beckons us to stop the frenzy of the everyday and enjoy a time of peace.

Therefore, we thought that during October and November we would feature beautiful

Shabbat items to enhance your Shabbat observance and to help fulfill a core Jewish value of *Hiddur Mitzvah*: "The enhancing or beautifying of a commandment."

For Shabbat, there are many ways that *hiddur mitzvah* is practiced. Judaica helps us. From the candlesticks, candles, kiddush cups, challah board, and challah cover that add aesthetics to the prayers, to the final moments of Shabbat when we light the *havdallah* candle, we create a special moment in time.

We wanted to share that we have some of your favorite Emanuel Judaica, and some stunning new Emanuel pieces as well, from challah covers to carved wood and muted metals; from brightly colored traditional designs to uniquely toned modern. Each would surely add a new dimension to your Shabbat observance.

You might be interested in this modern kiddush cup and saucer of brushed aluminum. It features simple, classic lines in beautiful tones of blue.

One of the newest additions to Emanuel's line is this wooden challah board with pomegranate-branch handles. It has a unique wooden base with the blessing over bread: "*Hamotzei Lechem Min Haaretz*" engraved in Hebrew. Imagine *Havdallah*, the ceremony marking the end of the Sabbath, made more beautiful with this seamless brushed metal *Havdallah* set! Richly colored in a variety of tones of blue, red and violet, it's a blend of modernity and tradition. Perfect!

We truly are your resource for beautiful Judaica. We invite you to stop by and see our wide range of Shabbat Judaica. We are open every Sunday – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Tuesdays – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; and we are always open by appointment. Call Sulie Holt at 847-558-3389; Diane Levin at 847-571-5629; or Pam Schlosberg at 847-433-7546.



North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club to Honor Rabbi Vernon Kurtz with the Keeper of the Flame Award



Rabbi Kurtz will be honored with the Men's Club Keeper of the Flame Award as part of his 30 years at NSS Beth EL and 70th anniversary of the synagogue. The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00pm at Beth El. Rabbi Kurtz has been a champion of Men's Club locally, regionally and internationally. Please come to honor Rabbi Kurtz at this fun and meaningful evening. It is open to everyone, even if you're not a member of Men's Club. For questions and more information, contact Darryl Temkin at darryltemkin@gmail.com or 847-819-7297.

Men's Club Softball Update

The NSS Beth El Men's Club softball teams finished another fun season in the 12 team Synagogue 12 inch softball league. The league which was founded and run by club member Michael Salberg just finished its 5th season with over 200 players from synagogues in Northbrook, Highland Park, Glencoe, Vernon Hills, Long Grove, Buffalo Grove and Wilmette participating. All participating teams increased their club membership which was a goal. The season also had a charitable component to it. The league raised around \$5,000 – which was split between two Jewish charities, Buddy Baseball (which helps special needs kids to participate in baseball with the help of a buddy) and The American Friends of Israel Sports Center for the Disabled empowering physically disabled Israeli children from all backgrounds to participate in physical and psychological rehabilitation through sports.

The Beth El Men's Club had 2 teams in the league for the 5th year in a row and raised more than any other club. Players participating from Beth El include: Michael (The Commish) Salberg, Jeffery (Silky) Goldsmith, Richard (The Professor) Small, Oren (Little Aparicio) Spungen, Victor (Doc) Levitan, Steve (King Kong) Kolman, Bob (Arietta) Doppelt, Jerimiah (Crazy) Diamond, Jordy (Baby Face) Grey, Marc (The Lawyer) Richards, Jacob (Music Man) Richards, Mike (The Javelin) Kamin, Adam (Tiger) Hecht, Gary (The Ref) Potishman, Dean (The Mad) Barber, Josh (World) Atlas, Zac (The Litigator) Pestine and Avram (The Chef) Pachter.



Planning Ahead and Save the Dates....

Please check your synagogue mailings, emails, and our Men's Club website for additional upcoming programming and details. Note and save the following dates for some upcoming events:

Monday, October 9

Bears Monday Night Football - Young Men's Group

October – December 2017

Hearing Men's Voices
(2 nights in Fall – Dates TBD)

Thursday, November 9

Open Mic Night

Bring your guitar, your friends and sing along.

Sunday, December 3

Keeper of the Flame Dinner

Sunday, December 10

Lox Box Packaging/Delivery

January 2018

Game Night (Date TBD)

Sundays, January 21 and 28

Meet the Candidates Forums

Sunday, February 4

World Wide Wrap

February – April 2018

Hearing Men's Voices

(2 nights in Winter/Spring – Dates TBD)

Thursday, February 22

Caveman Dinner

Sunday, March 4

Man of the Year Dinner with FJMC

Midwest Region

Tuesday, March 6

Yom Hashoah Candle Packing

Friday – Sunday, March 16 – 18

Men's Club Shabbat Weekend

Wednesday, April 11

Yom Hashoah Event

April – July 2018

Softball League

May 8

Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz

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

Men's Club 2017 Lox Box Deliveries

Give or Get a Great Hanukkah-time Lox Box Delivered

from the Men's Club on Sunday, December 10

Our Lox Boxes will be filled with breakfast that serves 4-6 people including bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, other trimmings, some other surprises, and other goodies. **Deliveries** will take place on Sunday, December 10.** All net proceeds will go to the Synagogue!

Also, **new this year: a Hunger Lox Box** where no Lox Box is delivered and instead we make a sizeable donation to Maot Chitim to stamp out Hunger!

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First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(If these are gifts, please fill in Recipients' names and addresses below):

Fill in number of boxes for: ____ Regular Lox Box and ____ New Hunger Lox Box (Donation only)

Send this form and a check for \$33 per box payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club to:
(Early-Bird orders received by September 30, 2017 are only \$28.00 per box!)

NSS Beth El Men's Club
1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

Any Questions? Email Al Simons at NSSBethEIMensClub@gmail.com

** Local deliveries are free; if you need a delivery not local to Highland Park, then check in with us at NSSBethEIMensClub@gmail.com to determine eligibility.



FAMILY TO FAMILY thanksgiving MITZVAH PROJECT 2017

Build a Thanksgiving Meal Gift Basket with your Family
A great mitzvah for ALL AGES!

Sunday, November 19, 2017

10:00am - Noon Blumberg Auditorium

Register with the link in the Weekly ENews or on the Beth El website

*Donated Food Baskets benefit families from
Glenwood School in Waukegan*

Just shop for the listed items below and bring them to Beth El on Nov 19th.
Social Action supplies the gift wrap and will handle the delivery!

- 1 Aluminum Heavy Duty Disposable Turkey-sized Roaster Pan
- 2 Cans of Cranberry Sauce or Apple Sauce
- 2 Large Boxes/Bags of Stuffing or Beans
- 4 Cans of vegetables: Corn, Peas, Beans
- 2 Large Cans of Sweet Potatoes or Fresh Sweet Potatoes
- 1 Pre-Packaged Dessert or Raisins, Dried Apricots, Dates
- 2 Cans of Soup
- 1 Small Bag of Rice or Pasta
- 1 Bag of Baby Carrots
- 1 Bag of Oranges or Apples
- \$20 Gift Card to Jewel-Osco (families will buy their own turkeys)

Items do NOT need to be kosher. NO GLASS please.

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Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Benny Grey's 8th grade graduation - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Bryna Kurtz's special birthday - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Clara Gesklin - Julio Gesklin
- *In honor of* Daniel Fishbaum's college graduation - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Fran and Bernie Alpert's 60th wedding anniversary - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Hilda and Arnold Reingold's 65th wedding anniversary - Sari Salinas
- *In honor of* Ken Levin's 80th birthday - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In honor of* Maxine Sprung's 90th birthday - Aron and Marilyn Sprung
- *In honor of* Miriam Friedman's Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Nathan Spellberg, son of Audra Kaplan and Alan Spellberg on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz and his beautiful dedication for Zella Ludwig - Ellen Grossman, Judy Smith, Nina Gaines, Laura Shendon and Carol Edelson
- *In honor of* Sara and Steve Coven's 30th wedding anniversary - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Michal Bayla Grey, granddaughter of Jordan and Beth Grey and great-granddaughter of Lana and Nathaniel Grey - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of my first great-grandson - Gerald Lapins
- *In honor of* the birth of Sadie Beth Garfinkel - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the upcoming marriage of my granddaughter Julia Stuart to Matthew Berk - Rivia Greenberger
- *In memory of* Alvin Levine, beloved friend - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Anna Citro, beloved mother - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Anna Kolender, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Bernice Epstein, beloved mother - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Bessie Field, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Daniel Rosen, beloved son of Dr. Herbert Rosen - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* David Rozencwajg, beloved father - Michael and Jacqueline Melinger
- *In memory of* Donna Truger, beloved mother - David and Julie Baum
- *In memory of* Dr. Jacob Levin, beloved father - Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman - Robert and Maxine Greenstein - Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved father and grandfather - Tracy Coyne - Linda Hurwick and Family - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Evelyn Smiley, beloved mother - Stephen and Judy Smiley
- *In memory of* Frieda Brown and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - The Family of Frieda Brown
- *In memory of* Harold Chaimson, beloved uncle - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Harold Stern, beloved husband of Barbara Stern - Dvora Heller
- *In memory of* Harry Pinzur, beloved father - Michael and Debora Pinzur
- *In memory of* Hyman B. Abrams, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Irma Dreyfus, beloved mother - Eugene and Nicole Terry
- *In memory of* Irving Brand, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Isaac and Teresa Vatin, beloved parents - Julio and Clara Gesklin
- *In memory of* Judith Sharlach, beloved wife of Ronald Sharlach and beloved sister of Babs Balson - Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- *In memory of* Julius Citro, beloved stepfather - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Larry Tayne, beloved husband - Charlotte Tayne Avraham
- *In memory of* Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Louis Klein, beloved father - Joel Klein
- *In memory of* Louis Sommer, beloved father - Adrienne Garland

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

- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Edward and Paulette Margulies
- *In memory of* Milbert Fein, beloved father - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Mildred Lasker, beloved grandmother of Melanie Hoffman - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Miriam Rozencwajg, beloved mother of Jacqueline Melinger - Amy Lederer
- *In memory of* Miriam Watman, beloved sister - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Mollie Kaplan, beloved mother - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Philip Zerkowitz, beloved grandfather - Terry and Marla Grossberg
- *In memory of* Phyllis Lewis Bolker, beloved mother - Steven and Julie Lewis
- *In memory of* Ralph J. Epstein, beloved father - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Randall Horwitz, beloved husband - David and Janice Lasky
- *In memory of* Robert Bernstein, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mindy Bernstein
- *In memory of* Robert S. Miller, beloved father - Robert and Marla Ferencz
- *In memory of* Rosalyn Greenfield, beloved wife - Milton Greenfield
- *In memory of* Rose Yaffe, beloved mother - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Ruth Burack, beloved mother of Robert Burack and beloved grandmother of Jacqueline Lotzof - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Sanford Eckerling and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Adrienne Eckerling and Family
- *In memory of* Shirley Feinstein, beloved mother and grandmother - Steven, Linda, Sara, Tim, Matt, Corli, Levi and Melissa Feinstein
- *In memory of* Terry Milton, beloved wife of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth Footlik and Cindy Socianu
- Alan and Susan Resnick
- Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Thelma Oliff Klein, beloved mother - Joel Klein
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband - Sally Aaron
- *With appreciation to* Ira Rosenberg - Adrienne Eckerling
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz
- Adrienne and Sanford z"l Eckerling
- Adrienne Eckerling
- Gary and Debbie Lindon
- Monica and Richard Magid
- Barbara Sporn

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Arielle and Jared Berk's wedding and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Colman and Julie Kraff
- *In honor of* Rabbi Michael Schwab's 13 years at NSS Beth El
- Steven and Dawn Lavin
- Betty Rozenfeld
- *In memory of* Donna Truger, beloved mother - David and Julie Baum
- *In memory of* Elaine Ordower, beloved aunt - Adam and Deborah Winick
- *In memory of* Freida Wexler, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Irving Spieler, beloved father-in-law - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Janet R. Abels, beloved mother - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Jean Lang, beloved mother - Stephen and Judy Smiley
- *In memory of* Joan S. Sterns, beloved mother - Jay and Mindy Sterns
- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel
- The Atkin Family
- Alan and Mally Rutkoff
- *In memory of* Martie Graham, beloved father - H. Steven and Deborah Graham
- *In memory of* Maury A. Kravitz, beloved husband - Mona Kravitz
- *In memory of* Paul Lang, beloved father - Judy and Stephen Smiley

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Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Sara Shapiro, beloved mother of David Shapiro - Terry and Marla Grossberg- <i>In memory of</i> Sheila Rene Sterns Hartnell, beloved sister - Jay and Mindy Sterns- <i>In memory of</i> Sonja Elkin, beloved mother - Anita Spieler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Zev Weinberg, beloved son - Daniel and Audrey Weinberg- <i>With appreciation to</i> Rabbi Schwab - Adrienne and Sanford z"l Eckerling- Sol and Harriet Price
Hazzan's Discretionary Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Jane Frances Back Struck, beloved mother of Daniel Struck - Bobbie and Len Tenner- <i>In memory of</i> Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - Marvin and Sara Siegel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Sanford Eckerling, beloved husband of Adrienne Eckerling - Bobbie and Len Tenner- <i>With appreciation to</i> Hazzan Tisser - Adrienne Eckerling
Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>With appreciation to</i> Steve Abrams and family timeliness - Andrew Brown	
Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Harold Stern, beloved husband of Barbara Stern - Rachel E. Landy	
Ba'al Korei Institute Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman - Howard Turner- <i>In memory of</i> Ernest Smolen - Brad and Marcie Pickard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Adrienne and Gerald Lasin
Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg- <i>In memory of</i> Sybil Levin, beloved sister - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Yonnie Levin, beloved nephew - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz - Burton I. Cohen	
Capital Improvement Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Devorah Holland, beloved daughter - Joan Holland- <i>In memory of</i> Edward Hyman, beloved father - Joan Holland- <i>In memory of</i> Harold Stern, beloved husband of Barbara Stern - Steven Benson- <i>In memory of</i> Madeline Pinas, beloved mother of Seth Pines - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In memory of</i> Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Marcy and Kenneth Levin- <i>In memory of</i> Terry Milton, beloved wife of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth Footlik and Cindy Socianu - Bob and Millie Weber

Continuing Education Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Daniel Abrams and Rhonda Kruschen's upcoming marriage - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter	- <i>In memory of</i> Sidney Starkman, Mildred Starkman and Annette Berg at Yizkor - Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen
Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Sylvia Wilder, beloved sister - Frances and Joel Rabinowitz	
Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Gerald and Rita Buckman	- <i>In memory of</i> Ruth Burack, beloved mother of Robert Burack and beloved grandmother of Jacqueline Lotzof - Gerald and Rita Buckman
Glass/Goldman Program Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Marvin Glass, beloved brother of Philip Glass - Myrna Kopin	- <i>With appreciation</i> - Philip and Ellen Glass
Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Annette Berg, beloved aunt - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter - <i>In memory of</i> Frieda Brown, beloved sister of Florence Becker - Kevin Berg - <i>In memory of</i> Jack M. Cohen, beloved father - Howard Turner - <i>In memory of</i> Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz - Howard and Lois Hirschfield - Howard Turner	- <i>In memory of</i> Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Richard and Pam Schlosberg - Howard Turner
Jean T. and Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Scholarship Endowment Fund	- <i>In memory of</i> Rebecca Ellen Benson, beloved daughter of David and Karen Benson - Morton and Miriam Steinberg	
Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Buddy and Bernice Cohen on their anniversary - David and Pamela Hirschfield - <i>In honor of</i> Hilda and Arnold Reingold's 65th wedding anniversary - Andrew and Gail Brown - <i>In memory of</i> David S. Levinson - David and Pamela Hirschfield - <i>In memory of</i> Dr. Philip Szanto, beloved husband of Anne Szanto - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz - <i>In memory of</i> Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman - Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine - <i>In memory of</i> Harold Stern, beloved husband of Barbara Stern - Bob and Millie Weber	- <i>In memory of</i> Herbert Franklyn Horwich, beloved father of Penny Keeshin and Jill Bernstein - Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz - <i>In memory of</i> Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz - Joel and Frances Rabinowitz - <i>In memory of</i> Martin Weinstein, beloved husband - Natalie Weinstein - <i>In memory of</i> Marvin and Joyce Juron, beloved parents of Reena Schiffman - Julie Lasin and Cary Latimer - <i>In memory of</i> Roberta Steinhardt, beloved sister - Theodore and Cheryl Banks - <i>In memory of</i> Terry Milton, beloved wife of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth Footlik and Cindy Socianu - Andrew and Gail Brown

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

- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved companion of Myrna Kopin - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg

- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Myrna Kopin

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz's wedding anniversary - Sharon and Harris Goldenberg

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In memory of* Burt Geltzeiler, beloved husband, father and grandfather of the Geltzeiler Family - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman - Arnold and Hilda Reingold
- *In memory of* Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Martin and Sara Siegel
- Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- Nissah Mattenson

- *In memory of* Merle Mattenson, beloved husband - Nissah Mattenson
- *In memory of* Sanford Eckerling, beloved husband of Adrienne Eckerling - Jeffrey and Michele Glass

Minyan Service Fund

- *In honor of* Gail and Bruce Greenspahn's 45th wedding anniversary - Harris and Sharon Goldenberg
- *In honor of* my galilah - Felissa Kreindler
- *In honor of* Sunday morning minyan - Miriam and Bruce Pomeranz
- *In memory of* Abraham Sterman, beloved father - Charles and Toby Schwartz
- *In memory of* Alex Turner, beloved father - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Bernard A. Cohen, beloved husband - Marion Cohen
- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman
- *In memory of* Fred Hertz, beloved brother - Sonja Shiner
- *In memory of* Frieda Brown, beloved mother of Lauren Brown, your beloved sister and aunt - Florence Becker and Family
- *In memory of* Gina Svare Back, beloved mother - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Harry Back, beloved father - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Judith Sharlach, beloved sister - Babs Balson

- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel - Patricia Shapiro
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Marvin Juron, beloved father of Reena Schiffman
- Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- Richard and Pamela Schlosberg
- *In memory of* Marvin Juron, beloved father of Reena Schiffman and Victoria Bloom - Judith and Marlene Bloom
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenfield Werker and Murray Werker, beloved parents - Sheila Goldberg
- *In memory of* Philip Lasin, beloved father - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- *In memory of* Robert Leiderman, beloved brother - Michael and Hermine Leiderman
- *In memory of* Terry Milton, beloved wife of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth Footlik and Cindy Socianu
- Babs Balson
- Leon and Leslie Fox
- Larry and Mary Ellen Goldsmith
- Patricia Shapiro

**NSS Beth El Camp
Scholarship Fund**

- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel
- Shoshana Friedman
- Randee and Rob Romanoff

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Hilda and Arnold Reingold's 65th wedding anniversary - Joanie and Richard Leopold
- *In honor of* Ken Levin's 80th birthday - Robert and Arona Landsman
- *In memory of* Allen and Juanita Hoffman, beloved parents - Steven Hoffman
- *In memory of* Anna Kolender, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Benjamin Freifeld, beloved father-in-law - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Bessie Field, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Charlotte Lindon, beloved mother of Gary Lindon and beloved grandmother of Zachary Lindon - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Sidney Goldstein, beloved husband - Karyn Goldstein
- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved husband of Doris Mirman
 - Rita Leow
 - Andrea Pechter-Friedman
- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved father and grandfather - Irwin and Bonnie Role and Sandra Koenig
- *In memory of* Hannah Ruderman, beloved grandmother - Robert and Carol Ruderman
- *In memory of* Herbert Franklyn Horwich, beloved father of Jill Bernstein and Penny Keeshin
 - Lenore Deutch
 - Mitch and Marcy Dolins
- *In memory of* Irwin Siegel, beloved father - Richard and Roberta Wexler
- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved wife of Marvin Juron z"l and beloved mother of Reena Schiffman - Joel and Naomi Fabrikant
- *In memory of* Lewis Katz, beloved brother of Michael Katz
 - Susan Dickman
 - Ken and Sandy Krebs
- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel
 - The Apter Family
- Dea Brennan
- Ed and Carol Brown
- Michael and Naoma Cahr
- Peter Douglas
- Joel and Toni Fenchel
- Miles and Vera Foster
- Lisa Fraulini
- Joan Giangiorgi
- Phil Glick
- Lisa Grube
- Linda Hempfling
- Nancy Joyce
- Joe LaMothe
- Deb Leibow
- David Levinson
- Mary Martersteck
- Lori Meltzer
- Art Miller
- Naylor Pipe Company
- Sally and Randy Pickell
- Joyce Reda
- Dan Rubbino
- Ruth Sang
- Jennifer and Rick Selle
- Hugh Semple
- Gary Swanson
- Diane Vojcanin
- Noelle Whitehead
- *In memory of* Marvin Juron, beloved father of Reena Schiffman
 - J. Robert and Patricia Barr
 - Yvette and Arnie Kanter
 - Judi and Ron Kaye
 - Fred and Corinne Lane
- *In memory of* Milton Stein, beloved father - Terri and Barry Wallach
- *In memory of* Miriam Rozenwajg, beloved mother of Jacqueline Melinger - Brad and Marcie Pickard
- *In memory of* Richard Halfin, beloved father of Simon Halfin - Brad and Marcie Pickard
- *In memory of* Terry Milton, beloved wife of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth Footlik and Cindy Socianu - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg

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

- *In honor of* Sue Pinsky Gardner - Marvin
and Sara Siegel

- *In memory of* Jane Frances Back Struck,
beloved mother of Daniel Struck - The
Kornberg's

Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Ari Gabriel Smith - James
and Joanne Smith

- *In honor of* Greg Pestine's 60th birthday -
Ella, Anna, Althea and Bobby Pestine

- *In honor of* Ken Levin's special birthday -
Kenneth and Marcy Levin

- *In honor of* our parents, Joan and Mitchell
Chuckerman - Steve and Wendy Abrams

- *In honor of* our parents, Sharon and
Robert Abrams - Steve and Wendy Abrams

- *In honor of* Rabbi Vernon Kurtz - Richard
and Pamela Schlosberg

- *In honor of* Yael Smith becoming a Bat
Mitzvah - James and Joanne Smith

- *In memory of* Bruno Fischer, Steven
Kaplan and Debbie Kaplan, beloved
family - Ruth Fischer

- *In memory of* Chloyne Mirman, beloved
brother-in-law - Doris Mirman

- *In memory of* Daniel Rosen, beloved
son of Herbert Rosen - Steven and
Frances Shapiro

- *In memory of* Dorothy and Benjamin
Schneider, beloved parents, grandparents
and great grandparents - Charlotte Tayne
Avraham

- *In memory of* Elliott Mirman, beloved
husband of Doris Mirman - Steven and
Frances Shapiro

- *In memory of* Ernest Smolen, beloved
father and grandfather - Elliot and Renee
Roth and Family

- *In memory of* Joyce Juron, beloved
wife, mother and grandmother - Reena
Schiffman

- *In memory of* Lewis Katz, beloved
brother of Michael Katz
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Marvin and Sara Siegel

- *In memory of* Marcia Cohen, beloved
sister - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

- *In memory of* Marvin Juron, beloved
husband, father and grandfather - Reena
Schiffman

- *In memory of* Richard and Zella Ludwig,
beloved parents - Mark and Nina Gaines

- *In memory of* Rose Aaronson, beloved
mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

- *In memory of* Sue and Al Gaines, beloved
parents - Mark and Nina Gaines

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Jill Weinberg and
Bernard Kramer's grandchild - Richard
Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin

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

**Ritual Refurbishment
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* the marriage of Ayal Tovian
and Deborah Shub - Robert and Millie
Weber

- *In memory of* Jacob A. Blumberg, beloved
grandfather - Jack and Barbara Blumberg

- *In memory of* Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved
daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel -
Gloria and Joseph Marcus

- *In memory of* Terry Milton, beloved wife
of Lewis Milton and beloved sister of Beth
Footlik and Cindy Socianu - Jack and
Barbara Blumberg

- *With appreciation to* Mark Stadler -
Adrienne Eckerling

**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Nathan Spellberg becoming
a Bar Mitzvah - Sandy Starkman and
Larry Pachter

- *In memory of* Harold Stern, beloved
husband of Barbara Stern - Sandy
Starkman and Larry Pachter

Staff Recognition Fund

- *With appreciation for the great summer -*
Andrew and Gail Brown

Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of Stacy Goldsmith's 50th*
birthday - Larry Pachter and Sandy
Starkman

- *In memory of Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved*
daughter of Marvin and Sara Siegel -
Gerrie and Ron Sturman

- *In memory of Richard Halfin, beloved*
father of Simon Halfin - Michelle
Wasserman and David Smith

Beth El History Corner *by Mort Steinberg*



On September 14, 1952, Beth El celebrated the groundbreaking for its new school building, the first phase of the 1951 development plan which also envisioned a Sanctuary and a Social Center. Arnold P. Natenberg, Beth El's first president, assisted in the placement of the dedication cornerstone, engraved on Jerusalem stone shipped from Israel for the occasion. The school building was completed in 1953 and served an initial enrollment of 435 students. The cornerstone remains in its original location next to the school office.

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

November 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	2 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	3 5:23pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	4 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah-Talia Newman Bat Mitzvah-Sydney Newman 5:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:28pm Shabbat Ends 7:30pm Israel@70 Concert featuring Bat Ella
5 2:00am Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	7	8 7:00pm Hartman Institute Class	9 3:00pm Afternoon @ the Movies 7:00pm Men's Club Open Mic Night	10 4:15pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	11 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah-Olivia Schwartz Bat Mitzvah-Isabella Schwartz 12:30pm USCJ Scholar Post Kiddush Lecture 4:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:20pm Shabbat Ends
12	13	14	15 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	16 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	17 10:00am Bubbie & Zaddie Preschool Shabbat Event 4:07pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	18 Sisterhood Shabbat 8:50am Shabbat Services 4:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:12pm Shabbat Ends
19 Rosh Hodesh Kislev Winter Coat & Toy Drive Begins 10:00am Social Action Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project	20 7:45pm Finance Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	21	22 8:00pm Youth Community Turkey Dance	23 Thanksgiving 8:45am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	24 4:03pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	25 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah-Isabel Carney 4:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:08pm Shabbat Ends 7:00pm BEANS USY Reunion
26	27 6:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	28	29 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash 8:00pm Around the World's Table with Hazzan Tisser	30 7:00pm Spertus One Reception and Presentation	Dec 1 4:00pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	Dec 2 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah-Annie Winick 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 4:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:05pm Shabbat Ends 7:00pm Jewish Parenting Class

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October 2017 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Schach Pick Up & Youth Car Wash	2	3	4 Erev Sukkot 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:09pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	5 Sukkot 1st Day 8:50am Festival Services 10:45am Pray 'n Play 12:30pm Sukkah Walk 6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:14pm Candle Lighting	6 Sukkot 2nd Day 8:50am Festival Services 5:00pm Sukkot Jeans & Jammies 6:05pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	7 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Rachael Zacks 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:10pm Shabbat Ends
8 3:00pm Freshman Welcome Program	9 Columbus Day 9:00am Shalom Club Day Off Program 2:00pm Yemenite Kitchen 6:00pm Men's Club Monday Night Viewing Party	10 4:00pm Pre-School Sukkah Decorating Party	11 Erev Shemini Atzeret Hoshana Rabbah 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:56pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	12 Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor 8:50am Festival Service 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30pm Young Family Service 7:01pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Family Hakafot 9:00pm Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social	13 Simchat Torah 8:50am Festival Service 10:00am Hakafot 11:00am Simchat Torah Dance 'n Play 5:53pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	14 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Hayle Cohen 5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:58pm Shabbat Ends
15 1:00pm Cooking with Chef Nicole Putzel	16 7:45pm Board of Education Committee Meeting 8:00pm High Holiday Review & Ritual Committee Meeting	17 8:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting	18 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	19 6:30pm Sisterhood Docent-Led Tours at the Illinois Holocaust Museum 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting	20 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:42pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	21 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Yael Smith 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 5:00pm USY Teen Minyan/Evening Program 5:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:47pm Shabbat Ends
22 12:00pm Beth El 70th Celebration Event	23 7:45pm Cultural and Learning Center Committee Meeting	24	25 10:30am Sisterhood Docent-Led Tours at the Illinois Holocaust Museum	26 7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting	27 5:32pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	28 8:50am Shabbat Services 5:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:37pm Shabbat Ends 7:30pm Chicago Film Festival
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