



8 Ways to Prepare for 8 Nights of Chanukah

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

Get ready for Chanukah! It's early this year, as we light the first candle the night of November 28th. Here are 8 ways to make the most of it.

1. **Join us for the Six13 concert on 12/1.** This well-known Jewish a cappella group will anchor an amazing night for all ages. See below for details.
2. **Upgrade your latkes.** Start with the potatoes and oil to remind us of the holiday's miracles. But then add some fun. Chef Laura Frankel

recommends one of these toppings: olive tapenade, sun-dried tomato relish, smoked salmon schmear, smoked trout and capers, or sauteed mushroom. Or try upgrading the applesauce: pomegranate applesauce, cranberry applesauce, or pumpkin spice applesauce.

3. **Check out Beth El's online resources.**

Go to our website, click on "Learn" and then "Holidays at Home" to find Chanukah Table Talk conversation-starter and a separate all-in-one colorful

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Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Chanukah Celebration with Six13

5:00 pm - Family Party/Concert | 7:45 pm - NSSBE Community Concert



CHANUKAH CONCERT

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Good Things Falling Into Place

By Stuart Hochwert, NSS Beth El President



Dear Congregants:

Whether you participated in-person, via Livestream or a combination I hope the High Holidays were a meaningful experience for you and your family. We had about 500 people in-person at Beth El, about 200 people in-person at Highland Park High School, 500 in-person outside at Children's Services and about 475 screens/1,000 viewers on Livestream. I am so proud that our community came together to worship safely.

As you may be aware we did a congregational survey to get feedback on our High Holiday services. We have learned so much like we do every year. When we asked about Children's Services, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur Services, the neighborhood Shofar services and Neilah we were pleased to see all scores were over 4.5/5.0 which is mighty impressive. Our clergy and ritual

committee will now begin the process of refining and planning for next year's High Holiday services. Your feedback is always welcome.

We are fortunate that Beth El offers so many programs every week. We are continuing to add more programs each month. Look at the website or the weekly Kol Beth El e-mail for the latest information. From programs on social justice to current events to Talmud studies to Book Clubs, we have it all.

Last year was a challenge for our Steinberg Pre-School and Cohen Religious School due to COVID. And while there are still precautions that must be taken, we are so happy to see our pre-school and religious school enrollments increase by over 50% compared to last year.

I'd like to also tell you a little more about the Torah Writing Project that Rabbi Schwab mentioned during his

Yom Kippur sermon. This is an exciting new initiative in which every member of Beth El will be given the opportunity to participate in the sacred duty of writing a Torah.

This will be a great community building opportunity to enable members of Beth El to reconnect as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic. And it is a great educational opportunity enabling members of Beth El to learn about and gain new insights into Torah through programs, classes, and celebrations for all ages.

Picture this: You and your family – children, parents and grandparents – having a hand in writing a part of the Torah scroll!

This will be a 14-month project that we will kick off with a concert on December 1st at Beth El and on Livestream. We are bringing in Six13 who are a New York-based Jewish all-male a cappella

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Recent Happenings at Beth El



Men's Club Steak and Scotch Dinner



Schach Pick-up



Jeans and Jammies Build a Sukkah



Daily and Shabbat Worship Schedule

Please refer to our NSSBE@ Home page for accurate Minyan times as they will be changing in the upcoming months.

www.nssbethel.org/about/nssbehome/

You can also find weekly Minyan times in the Thursday Kol Beth El email blast.

Clergy:

Rabbi Michael Schwab*
Rabbi Alex Freedman
Hazzan Jacob Sandler
Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz, Emeritus



Every Shabbat

10:30 am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd - 6th grade (Sager Beit HaMidrash).

11:00 am Tot Shabbat

Year round services for families with children 1st grade and younger (Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge).

Please note:

For weekly Torah and Haftarah readings, clergy commentary, and Zoom links, please open your weekly Thursday Kol Beth El emails.

For classes, meetings and other scheduled events, please refer to our website calendar or call the synagogue office at (847) 432-8900.

*Rabbi Schwab occupies the Vernon H. Kurtz Senior Rabbinic Chair

December

Friday, December 3

6th Night of Chanukah
4:01 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 4

7th Night of Chanukah
Rosh Hodesh Tevet
Parashat Miketz
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:06 pm Shabbat Ends
5:10 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 10

4:01 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 11

Parashat Vayigash
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:06 pm Shabbat Ends
5:10 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 17

4:02 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 18

Parashat Vayechi
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:08 pm Shabbat Ends
5:10 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 24

4:06 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat



Saturday, December 25

Parashat Shemot
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:12 pm Shabbat Ends
5:15 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 31

4:11 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

January

Saturday, January 1

Parashat Vaera
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:17 pm Shabbat Ends
5:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, January 7

4:17 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 8

Parashat Bo
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:23 pm Shabbat Ends
5:25 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, January 14

4:25 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat



Saturday, January 15

Parashat Beshalach
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:30 pm Shabbat Ends
5:30 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, January 21

4:33 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 22

Parashat Yitro
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:38 pm Shabbat Ends
5:40 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, January 28

4:42 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 29

Parashat Mishpatim
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:47 pm Shabbat Ends
5:50 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

February

Friday, February 4

4:51 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 5

Parashat Terumah
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:55 pm Shabbat Ends
5:55 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, February 11

5:00 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 12

Parashat Tetzaveh
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:03 pm Shabbat Ends
6:05 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, February 18

5:09 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 19

Parashat Ki Tisa
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:12 pm Shabbat Ends
6:15 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, February 25

5:18 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 26

Parashat Vayakhel
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:20 pm Shabbat Ends
6:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah



Rinat Shabbat - Adding Extra Joy to Shabbat

By Hazzan Jacob Sandler



When people ask me about my mission in life, it's always been to inspire joy and meaning through the work that I do. As a kid, that meant wanting to work on cartoons. Later on, I was determined to be a music teacher. And of course, most recently, I've become a Hazzan. Joy comes from feeling connected to ourselves and our community. Joy comes from a sense of accomplishment or achievement. Joy can come from feelings of gratitude, and acknowledgment of the blessings in our lives. There are a lot of words for Joy in Hebrew – *Gila* (like *Hava NaGila*), *Simcha* (like *Chag Sameach*), and *Rina* (like *Rinat Shabbat*).

Rinat Shabbat literally means “Joy of Shabbat” and I felt exactly that on October 8th when we gathered under the tent for an extra-musical, incredibly well-attended Friday night service. After a long hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were finally able to revive Rinat Shabbat. What makes Rinat Shabbat so joyful are all those things I mentioned before: we come together as a community, we learn new melodies and are led by an awesome Davening Team, we sing the words of Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv expressing gratitude for all of creation, and the great gift of Shabbat that God gave us. This service is designed to be highly participatory, and spiritually uplifting. For me, it brought me back to my Camp Ramah days – a happy place in my prayer life. Where might it transport you?

I'm so happy to share that we'll be having Rinat Shabbat approximately once every month this year on the following dates:

December 3, 2021

January 7, 2022

February 4, 2022

March 25, 2022

May 6, 2022

June 3, 2022



I hope you'll mark your calendars and join us! And, word to the wise, every Shabbat is more joyful when we come together! I'd love to see you there. If you're interested in joining our Davening Team, email me, Hazzan Sandler at jsandler@nssbethel.org. I've also made a playlist on YouTube that includes many tunes we already use and that will continue to grow as we learn more melodies! I like to keep it on in the background while I cook Shabbat dinner on Friday afternoons! You can find it on our website here: <https://www.nssbethel.org/rinat-shabbat-videos/>

Musical Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Josh Warshawsky

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

We are thrilled to host Rabbi Josh Warshawsky for monthly Shabbat visits this year to lead us in many ways.

He is an outstanding Jewish musician and educator who exudes enthusiasm and connects with people of all ages. He is well connected to NSSBE, which is why our partnership is a natural fit.

He will join us monthly for Shabbat to lead services, perform his original Jewish music, teach inspiring Torah, and model joyful Jewish living. Each of his visits will feature opportunities for different groups of congregants to interact with him. For example, in September he led a Friday night Jeans and Jammies program for about 100 preschool families under the tent. He then led the community in Kabbalat Shabbat services outdoors, as well as Hallel from the Bimah Shabbat morning. He delivered a touching sermon about Sukkot, connected

with Jr. Congregation, and then led a post-Kiddush singing session/Tisch. On Sunday morning, he led services for the Cohen Religious School 6th grade students and parents. We are excited to find ways for him to connect to other populations in future visits, including a rotation of all the CRS grades on Sunday mornings.

Please join us for Rabbi Josh Warshawsky's future visits on the following dates:

December 10, 2021

January 21, 2022

March 4, 2022

April 29, 2022

June 10, 2022

We are proud to be sponsors of one track on his new album. The song is called “Yomam VaLailah – Day and Night.”



Congregational Learning



Teens Care For Our Community

By Ali Drumm, Director of Congregational Learning

In this season of rededication, we are proud to support the new year of growth and learning in our **Jewish Teen Project**. The Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School's Jewish Teen Project is our cooperative learning experience for 8-12th graders in partnership with Moriah Congregation. In a combination of social action programs and weeknight learning, we engage teens in meaningful conversations that allow them to translate Jewish ethics, values, and practices into their lives and to connect and build relationships with our community and each other. We are proud to have attracted students from public school and day school, as well as those who have attended day school and now attend public high school - Jewish Teen Project is really for everyone.

This past semester our teens have been surprised at the provocative, unbelievable, and strangely relevant stories from the Talmud shared by Rabbi Kramer.

As we read them together, lessons of ethics, morality, identity and community have emerged. Next semester we will dive deeply into current social issues such as environmentalism, inclusion, and antisemitism with Rabbi Freedman and Rabbi Schwab.



Our teenagers, who were moved into physical isolation at a crucial time in their social development and identity building, are coming together to not only re-forge connections, but to reach

outside and help to support the larger community.

In December, we will meet at a local store to work together to shop for community needs while working to understand more about societal challenges where they can make a difference.

Teens do not have to be members of Moriah or North Suburban Synagogue Beth El to participate in the Jewish Teen Project, and they do not have to be members of the Jewish Teen Project to participate in our live social action programs. We encourage all teens to join

us on December 12 and to learn with us in the winter semester, which starts on Tuesday January 11.

For questions about our Jewish Teen Project, contact me at adrumm@nssbethel.org.

Religious School



A Little Gratitude Goes a Long Way

By Anna Besser, Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Director

You've heard of this conversation... "the best and worst." As parents, we try to have a daily conversation with our children about the best and worst part of their day. It gives us an opportunity to hear what is going on their lives. It also opens the door for some truly wonderful conversations, as well as opportunities to support one another through challenging situations.

During the next few weeks, try having these conversations with a twist: a focus on gratitude. Here are a few ideas you can try to encourage everyone in your family to explore reasons to feel grateful.

"What is the best thing that happened to you today, and what is one reason you're thankful for it?" Keep it simple. By focusing on just one thing that happened, we practice associating feelings

of gratitude with specific experiences, which helps us remember to feel grateful when good things happen in the future.



"Share an example of someone who helped you today. What is one creative way you could show them you are grateful for their help?" By considering ways to express feelings of gratitude, it helps us communicate these feelings to others, which help to strengthen relationships.

"What is one act of kindness you performed for another person today? How do you think it made them feel?" This simple perspective-taking exercise helps us put ourselves in another person's shoes and think about the effect our actions have on others. Research shows that grateful people are more helpful and altruistic.

There are numerous benefits to expressing gratitude. Practicing gratitude makes us more likely to forgive others, get better sleep, and experience greater levels of happiness and well-being. By cultivating an "attitude of gratitude" in our own families, we will not only give our children the gift of gratitude's many health and emotional benefits, but we will also begin to experience the benefits ourselves. What a wonderful thing to feel grateful for.

NSSBE is Grateful for Your Continued Support

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director



New Donor Boards

If you haven't yet had a chance to see them, check out the new beautiful *Vision 70* and *Annual Giving Donor Boards* in the Mae and Mark Spitz Sanctuary Gallery!

Donor Recognition Event

We held a very successful donor recognition event on Sunday, October 17. Guest speaker Consul General of

Israel to the Midwest Yinan Cohen spoke on: *Insights into Israel, the Middle East and U.S. - Israel Relations.*

40-50 donors attended and enjoyed the program as well as

an amazing sushi-spread Covid-safe indoor/outdoor reception afterwards.

Kol Nidre Appeal

We have surpassed not only this year's Kol Nidre Appeal goal of \$150,000, but we have also surpassed last year's total as well! However, our total Kol Nidre Appeal pre-pandemic donations were in fact much higher, so we hope and trust that, with your help as we crawl out from under the Covid-19 weeds, that we will reach our pre-pandemic status!

Chesed Dues Campaign

Along with our gifts from this year's 53 donors, plus our most generous 42 Bonim donors, we are sooooo close to reaching our goal of \$100,00 this year!!

Stay tuned for additional follow-up e-mails and mailings on Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021, for both our

Kol Nidre Appeal and Chesed Dues Campaign. Every gift makes a difference. These donations help those in need of financial assistance remain part of our caring community, while also allowing Beth El to continue to provide our amazing programs and services 24/7/365.

Bonim/Builders

We'd also like to take this opportunity to list our always-growing number of Bonim donors in the B'Yachad, President's Circle and Rabbi's Circle levels. Please know that when you join one of these levels, \$1,500 of your donation is allocated to our Chesed Dues Campaign so YOU can help us reach our goal by joining your fellow congregants at one of these levels:

Rabbi's Circle:

Nina & Arnold Harris
Penny & Jeffrey Heckman
Jan Gaines & Andy Kenoe
Karen & Mitchell Kopin
Andrea & Kenneth Saffir
Lynn & Skip Schrayner
Karyn & William Silverstein
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President's Circle

Lisa & Jeffrey Aronin
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Cynthia & Joel Hirsch
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Ann Dee & Edward Holland
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Kathry & Josh Silvers
Linda & Adrian Winick
Sheri & Sherwin Zuckerman

Meet Joni Crounse, Childhood Mental Health Consultant

By Kory Goldenberg, Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Director



We are so grateful to have Joni Crounse as our Early Childhood and Mental Health Consultant this year. Joni has been instrumental in supporting our staff, our families and our pre-schoolers as we all navigate life amidst this pandemic.

KG: Tell us a bit about your background in Early Childhood and in Mental Health

JC: I have always been interested in young children and how they learn. Child Development was my college major. I worked in the university early childhood center and a Sunday school classroom of 3-5-year-olds. After get-

ting my first master's degree, I taught in a private Jewish early childhood center. I became more curious about the "inner workings" of young children; how did they learn, how did they form friendships, what did they feel? This led to yet another degree and an internship at the Virginia Frank Child Development Center of Jewish Child and Family Services. There I learned about working with families and provided support to them and their children. After a 6-month sabbatical in Israel with my husband and then 3-year-old, I was hired at Virginia Frank to be a therapeutic educator. I stayed for the next 30 years. I had the honor

to be its director for 20 years.

KG: What is your favorite part about working as a Mental Health Consultant in an Early Childhood Center?

JC: Mental Health consultation was one of the services offered to early childhood centers across the Chicago-land area. I love this service. Consultants are able to work with directors, teachers, parents, and children providing on-site support to them. When I left the center almost 3 years ago, I continued my work as a consultant in early childhood centers and through the Jewish Early Childhood Leadership Initiative program. In these programs

Ritual Director

Making Torah Personal

By Hazzan Barbara Barnett, Ritual Director



It seems, these days, I am focused on Torah: assigning Torah readings to our congregants and prepping the 40+ pre-B'nai Mitzvah who will be reading over the winter; tracking our Team Torah 100 Reader Challenge; helping with the exciting Torah writing project (see page 12)—and teaching cantillation to three different groups of adults and children. I'm not complaining. Far from it. There is nothing that gives me more pleasure as a Cantor than experiencing the joy of listening to our very best readers and watching our emerging readers take those first steps. (And of course, any time we can welcome back to the bima any of our readers for repeat performances—even better).

This year is all the sweeter as we are presenting every reader coming up to the Torah for the first time in 5782 with a Team Torah logo cookie. We have already distributed countless cookies since Rosh Hashanah and will continue to do so.

For many of our Torah readers, both veteran and novice, the readings they select have some significance beyond picking a date. Perhaps it's their bar or bat mitzvah portion; perhaps it's the

portion for one of their children. Maybe it's a birthday, an anniversary, a yahrzeit to commemorate. One of our readers told me, he picked that reading because it was the one where G-d finally had had enough of the complaining Israelites. I thought that was a pretty cool reason—to select a reading based on a meaningful bit of the text.



I'm bringing this up for two reasons. First, think about what might be your favorite portion. Maybe it's the story of Joseph and the reconciliation with his brothers. Maybe it's the crossing of the Red (Reed) Sea (Okay—that's mine. It was my Bat Mitzvah portion—and my daughter's. And, it's Shabbat Shira, so what other portion would I choose? It's bashert, right?) Maybe your favorite reading is later in the year: The Sh'ma,

the Ten Commandments, the Birkat Kohanim, the story of Balaam and his talking donkey, which leads to the wonderful "*Matovu ohalecha Ya'akov*."

How cool would it be for you to read a bit of that history, that bit of Jewish law, that famous quote? And you can—all you have to do is ask (and I will do my best to make it happen!!). And if you want to learn HOW to read Torah and the secrets behind learning, be sure to take my Cantillation (Torah Trope) Class, which will be offered again in the winter at 8:00 pm Wednesday nights.

In addition, as part of the Torah project, you will have an opportunity to endow those very words in our new Torah and truly make them your own. As it is said, it is incumbent upon us all to write our own Torah, and here's your chance to be part of that history at Beth El. You'll hear more about the Torah project and Team Torah's 100 reader challenge elsewhere in this Quarter's Kol Beth El, but feel free to connect with me at BBarnett@NSSBethel.org to set up a time to talk about either piece.

Kol Tuv,
Hazzan Barbara

I worked with Kory Goldenberg and Michele Friedland. Through Kory and Michele, I came to know about the Steinberg Pre-School.

KG: What are you doing here at the Steinberg Pre-School?

JC: Spending the morning observing the classrooms, getting to know the teachers, children and parents, gives me information about the flow of the classroom, use of space, challenges in the classroom and parent concerns. I continue to be so impressed with the ability of this program to acclimate to new standards and Covid protocols.

KG: How have you seen COVID-19 affecting Early Childhood Centers?

JC: The Steinberg Pre-School, with Kory and Michele at the helm, has done outstanding

work in bringing the program back after the lock-down. There were many "pivots" in doing so. Early Childhood professionals tend to be good at "pivoting". The resiliency shown in creating safety protocols, supporting staff worried about returning to work, creating "tent school" indicate a dedication to and love of this work. It was huge task. The support of the clergy and synagogue staff was indispensable.

KG: What advice can you give to parents as they live through this challenging time?

JC: Parents concerned that their children "lost time" in group care had experts supporting them and keeping children safe. I remind parents that children keep learning no matter where they are, and I know that children are incredibly resilient and catch up quickly. While it is still the beginning of the year, children are

learning the routines of school. They are learning to trust their teachers and know where to go if they need some nurturing support. This is one of the most important skills in life. Without it we cannot learn. Some children may have regressed in toilet learning, sleeping and eating but they will catch up. It is vital that parents and staff communicate with each other throughout the year. Clear communication is vital to a successful program. I urge parents to ask questions and share information with your child's teacher so she can be prepared to support your child throughout the day. I am honored to be working with all at the Steinberg School. I know that it is a place that honors children and parents.



Chanukah Party for all!

By Sarah Topal, Youth & Family Engagement Director

As the weather changes, programming for our youth community continues on! We have had incredible opportunities this year to join together in-person for songs and games with our Jeans and Jammies programs, reunite and eat Sushi with our USY sushi-in-the-sukkah event, show off our science skills with day-off programs and so much more! Our programming continues, and this winter, it's going to be bigger than ever before!

We continue to plan events geared towards helping families and kids meet one another, feel a part of this community, and find meaning (and fun) in all activities. My challenge to all of you is to continue joining us for new programs and events and strive to make one new connection or friend. Not sure what is right for your family? Reach out and I'd love to help find programs or opportunities that are

of interest to you. Have an idea of a program you'd love to see happen? Let me know! Above all, I would love to see you at our programs and create new memories!

Program Highlight: Chanukah Party with Six13

Chanukah is almost here and there is no better way to celebrate than with music, games, food and a chance to be all together. Join us on Wednesday, December 1 as we celebrate Chanukah in a BIG and MUSICAL way!

Beginning at 5:00 pm, we invite families to join us for games and activities for children of all ages. From cookie decorating to dreidel-spinning competition to community service projects for the Highwood Library, we have something for everyone.

At 5:30 pm, the concert begins! We will be joined by Six13 for an

in-person concert! For those unfamiliar, Six13 is a group of six Jewish men who take the stage with only microphones, and create full-fledged contemporary pop and soulful rock anthems with "drums," bass, and deep vocals. With Chanukah favorites you know and clever parodies of today's hits and catchy originals, this is a concert to NOT be missed! Join us as we dance along and celebrate all together.

For our older teens and those who might not be able to join at 5:30, Six13 will be performing later in the evening for you! Join us in the sanctuary at 7:45 pm (in-person and on Zoom) for a memorable concert that will have you singing their songs for weeks to follow. Whether you join us at 5:30 or at 7:45, we are sure you will leave with a smile on your face and your heart full of Chanukah energy!



Minyan Shminyan? Or Minyan Maker?

By Marla Grossberg, VP Ritual

I have to admit, Minyan used to be an intimidating unknown to me. I only went on a few occasions. I thought Minyan was only for mourners and I didn't understand the service, so I never wanted to go. BUT, my views of Minyan have recently changed; in my new role as Ritual VP, I've started attending Minyan on a regular basis and have come to appreciate attending.

My aim here is to demystify it to make Minyan-going a positive experience.

As context, Minyan is the minimum number of Jewish adults (10) over Bar/

Bat Mitzvah age required to constitute a quorum for services. Certain prayers require a Minyan, including the Mourner's Kaddish. But Minyan is more than just for mourners. Here's why:

- It's a mitzvah!
- It brings people together to foster community and friendship.
- It's an opportunity to sit, breathe, think and reflect.
- It's an opportunity to learn about prayers and Torah.
- It's our responsibility to help make a Minyan.
- It fosters a sense of pride in Beth El by creating one of the only 2x a day, in-person Minyan on the North Shore.

We're not back to full strength yet, but

I'm so proud of our Shul for dependably being there for people in need.

We now have five weekday in-person Minyanim: 7:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and 7:30 pm on Monday and

Thursday. Please join us at any of the above times. If you'd like, email me (marlagrossberg@gmail.com) so I can meet you there. If everyone could commit to attending even once every other month, that would really help.

For everybody's health, please only attend if you feel well. To attend Minyan virtually, please go to <https://www.nssbethel.org/about/nssbehome/> for the Zoom link.

Hope to see you soon!

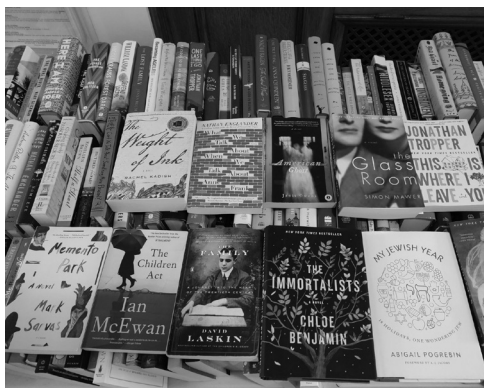




The Used Book Sale is Back. Some Do's and Don'ts:

By Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning

"I am speaking on behalf of all synagogues everywhere. Do not bring us your old Jewish books and ask us to take them off your hands. We have plenty." Daniel Dorsch, a conservative Rabbi in Georgia, made this bold statement in a blog post for the Atlanta Jewish Times. And, synagogue librarians everywhere erupted in applause! However, during



the past 18 months, many people felt the urge to declutter and reorganize their living spaces. So, what should you do with all of your old books?

Rabbi Dorsch suggests that we give our most precious old *siddurim*, *chumashim*, and other books to our children and grandchildren and explain to them why these books

mean so much to us and why we want them to treasure them too. I love this idea! But, what about everything else? The good news is that our annual Used Book Sale will return, February 25-Sunday, March 6, 2022. If you have like new or gently used hardcovers or paperbacks – secular and Judaic, adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, you can drop them off at Beth El in a clearly marked, sturdy box or bag, February 1-24. However, there are some books that are better off being placed in your recycling bin.

Take note of these guidelines and

Do Not Donate These Books:

• OLD TEXTBOOKS

Your old textbooks (meaning anything from before 2020!) aren't worth anything and are no longer relevant to libraries and used book sales. Put them out on your curb on garbage day.

• OLD GUIDES & OUT OF DATE HOW-TO'S

The Windows XP for Dummies guidebook or the 2012 Fodor's Israel travel book . . . if you no longer have use for it, neither does anyone else! Technology books (unless brand new), old travel guides, calendars, dated reference books, and test preparation resources should be recycled.

• DIRTY, TORN, OR MOLDY BOOKS

Don't donate dirty books that sat in your garage for years or moldy books. If the spine is cracked, if the pages are loose, if it's water damaged, if it's crumpled, if it's tattered and worn – THROW IT AWAY!

I know we're taught that books are sacred vessels of knowledge and so it's sacrilege to throw them away. And, I know it's super easy to toss all of your unwanted books into a box and unload it at Beth El. But, please do not waste our volunteers' time and our maintenance crew's efforts by donating the above types of books.

The 2022 Used Book Sale provides a service to our congregants and is a way to earn extra funds for our Gray Cultural & Learning Center. We thank you in advance for your donations and your support.

• WHAT SHOULD GO IN THE GENIZAH

If you have old, worn out *siddurim*, *chumashim*, or other holy books, please place them in our Genizah box right inside the office doors. Questions about what needs to go in the Genizah? Contact Hazzan Barbara Barnett at bbarnett@nssbethel.org.

1960's History Challenge

By Mort Steinberg, NSSBE Historian

The 1960s were years of change and challenge for Beth El: the construction of the Field Family Sanctuary, the renovation and dedication of the Sager Beit HaMidrash, the hiring of Isaac Kornfeld as the first Ritual Director and Gerald Kaye as Youth Director, and the dedication of the auditorium in honor of Harold and Ruby Blumberg. Perhaps most significant for the congregation were the decision by Rabbi Philip L. Lipis in 1968 to retire from the pulpit and the tragic passing that same year of Cantor Jordan Cohen at the young age of 42.

In this 1968 photograph from the Beth El archives, several congregants gather in the what today is the Maxwell Abbel Library to plan an event for State of Israel Bonds on November 24 honoring Cantor Cohen and his wife Marcia on the occasion of their 15th anniversary at Beth El. Seated at the table (L to R) are President Ben Sager, Rabbi Lipis, Cantor Cohen, Marcia



Cohen and Jack Solovy. Can you identify the eight individuals standing behind them?

Please respond to our Director of Life Long Learning, Rachel Kamin, at rkamin@nssbethel.org. We'll publish the names of those who correctly respond in the next bulletin.



Mourning the Loss of Two Past Presidents of Sisterhood

In a large, multi-generational congregation such as ours, we are too often faced with the loss of valued synagogue members, men and women who have made a hugely positive – and often unique – impact on our community. I'd like to exercise my prerogative, as Sisterhood president, to pay tribute to two of these individuals who also held this position and whom we lost since the publication of the last Kol Beth El quarterly.



On August 6, all of us lost a dear and very special friend, **Cara Madansky-Stiebel** ז"ל. Cara, a Beth El member since the mid-1970's, was our Sisterhood president for two terms, 1984-86 and again for the 2007-08 year. She was consistently one of the first persons in any setting to reach out in friendship to newcomers, eager to volunteer wherever needed and always had a kind word to say about everyone. She was a regular synagogue attendee, whether in

Highland Park, in Florida over the winter, or when traveling throughout the world. Cara's Shabbat table brought together new and long-time friends alike. Her optimism and zest for life made her truly beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a lifelong learner, participating in a full schedule of Beth El's Zoom classes until just a few days before her passing. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she took tremendous pride in the many accomplishments of her adored – and adoring – family members. She was the epitome of an *Eishet Chayil*.

On August 23, we lost another past Sisterhood president (1976-78), **Yadelle Sklare**. The following memories are shared by her dear friend, Hilda Reingold:



Yadelle Sklare ז"ל was a warm, outgoing, friendly, highly intelligent woman, who genuinely liked people and rarely complained about anyone. If there was a miscommunication, Dell never hesitated to assume

responsibility, to apologize, to make amends. Above all, she loved to learn, to expose herself

to new and different cultural or historical experiences, literary insights and various points of view. We shared our times of joy and those of sorrow.

Perhaps Dell's most outstanding trait was her loyalty. In our more than five decades of friendship, this characteristic was evident to me in every pursuit – in her personal relationships with family and friends and in her various leadership roles in the organizations to which we both belonged. This uncompromising commitment to herself, this loyalty, manifested itself openly during her tenure as Sisterhood president. Beth El was in a tumultuous, difficult struggle which divided the congregation, caused friendships to dissolve and disruption in families. It was incumbent upon the presidents of the various Beth El groups to take a stand and loyalties were put to the test. Dell needed to represent herself, Sisterhood, the Synagogue, and members of the Clergy. For her, reaching a decision was an exhaustive ordeal: every relevant person was consulted, every issue analyzed, every thought, action and consequence considered before Dell took a position. But she persevered, and never had to reconsider. Yadelle Sklare was a woman of great integrity, and it was an honor to have truly known her.

May both their memories be for a blessing.

HAZAK Continues to Support Members in Need

By Jackie Melinger and Mary Ellen Bowers Goldsmith, HAZAK Chairs

To date, HAZAK has delivered 317 meals to Beth El members and some individuals outside our immediate community. We will be providing individual Thanksgiving meals again this season. If you are aware of someone who will be alone for the holiday, or who would like a meal, please contact either Mary Ellen (eyerishmar@comcast.net) or Jackie (JackieMelinger@gmail.com).

Meal Trains are an excellent way to help those in our congregation who are ill, recovering from surgery, etc. HAZAK recently created a couple of Meal Trains to help members who needed meal assistance after surgery and a recent hospital stay. We, and Beth El recipients, are grateful to all who responded so quickly.

If you know of someone who may be in a position to benefit from a Meal Train, please reach out to us.



HAZAK is seeking donations of Jewel gift cards (which can be purchased through Sisterhood by contacting Sara Coven at penguinema@gmail.com) in any denomination to help individuals in need.

HAZAK is currently providing rides to Shabbat services (with COVID-19 protocols

in place). If you need a ride, please contact Ana Igornov (aigornov@nssbethel.org) or call 847-926-7900 BEFORE 5:00 pm the Wednesday prior to Shabbat with your request.

On Wednesday Oct 6th, HAZAK held a 'Thank you' event for our hard-working committee and volunteers on the back patio of the synagogue. Approximately 25 people attended, enjoying pizza, salad, beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert. Rabbis Schwab and Freedman attended. Rabbi Freedman, Stuart Hochwert, Jackie and Mary Ellen each said a few words, thanking all for their dedication, time and support. Heartfelt thanks go to Jan Channon, Maryl Dayan and Yvette Stone for planning the evening and special thanks to Jan for donating the beautiful calandiva plants, which all attendees took home with them.

Men's Club Corner

By Dan Gross, Men's Club President

When one thinks of the Men's Club at North Suburban Congregation Beth El they may picture our steak and scotch event, or remember the mess on their shirt at the caveman dinner, the fun they had at trivia night during the long, cold month of January or the scotch we sample during Shabbat kiddush. However, with just a little bit of digging you find there is much more to this group of guys who collaborate throughout the year to perform meaningful work in all corners of our shul.

I have been on the Men's Club board for many years and as I became President of the club, I reflected upon why I was committed to this group. Over time I came to recognize that the Men's Club is about service. Service to the members of the club, to Beth El and the wider Jewish community. Yes, we have a lot of fun while participating in many of the activities we organize, and don't get me wrong, fun is often the name of the game, but ultimately what we do revolves around service to others. Being a part of the Men's Club and becoming President gave me an opportunity to give back and make a difference.

As I thought deeper about my commitment, there was more. I wasn't only helping others, I was getting as much or more than I was giving. Rabbi Sacks, of blessed memory, once asked, "What do we receive when we give?" I know what I receive for the time I devote. The Men's Club has become my family at Beth El. I have developed friendships, bonds and brotherhood through this group that I couldn't imagine having developed without my involvement with the board.

Men's Club has supported me and my family through difficult times. When times get rough, the Men's Club is there. Rabbi Sacks goes on to say "that tzedakah is not only directed to people's physical needs but also their psychological situation." I know that my inner well being is much better off as a result of my work with the Men's Club.

So, what does all of this mean to all of you? I encourage you to consider coming to one of our events. Reach out to me or any of the board members about becoming more involved.



There are so many different projects, maybe you will find one that speaks directly to you and your interests. Most importantly, become a member of the Men's Club. If you are a past member, log on to ShulCloud and make sure you have rejoined for this year. If it has been a few years, please consider joining again. The \$40 a year to be a member is a small ask that allows us to continue to do what we do for North Suburban Synagogue Beth El and the community at large.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

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By Stuart Hochwert, NSSBE President

singing group. The six-voice group is known for parodying contemporary pop songs by adding Jewish themes and lyrics. It sounds like a wonderful and fun event.

And who knows the 613th Mitzvah in the Torah? Answer: It's the final one, the religious duty for every Jew to write a Torah scroll. So,

let's come together and learn more about the Torah, have some fun and with our families help write a Torah. Imagine that every time you come to shul and the ark opens you see the Torah. You will be able to say, "I helped write that Torah! That is my Torah!" That is why we want all Beth El families to participate in this

important milestone. Look for more details soon.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time – president@nssbethel.org

Wishing everyone a Happy Hanukah and a happy and healthy secular New Year.

8 Ways to Prepare for 8 Nights of Chanukah continued from page 1

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

guide complete with blessings and ritual instructions. Look for our 5 in 5 Chanukah video by clicking the Youtube button at the top of our website.

4. **Buy gifts for others who need.** Ask your kids to choose a charity in lieu of their gifts for a night. Maimonides wrote that our joy can't be complete when others can't celebrate too.

5. **Enjoy the YouTube show.** There is a fantastic collection of entertaining Chanukah music videos. Some are serious, others are parodies, but all are enjoyable – and short.

Go to YouTube and search "Chanukah music videos." Check out Six13 or Daveed Diggs (from "Hamilton").

6. **Move the Chanukiah next to the window** (safely). This allows for maximum visibility, which highlights the miracle as much as possible. *Pirsum HaNes*, publicizing the miracle, is what the holiday is all about.

7. **Discuss the big ideas.** The holiday celebrates our freedom to be Jewish. And the imperative to have hope even when things look bleak. What causes look improbable today but

are still worth fighting for?

8. **Consider how to add your light.**

Chanukah is about driving out the darkness by adding light. It's why we light the candles at night and not during the day; and why the holiday falls in the winter and not in the summer. What light can you add to the world to drive away some darkness?

Our world really needs some more light right now. Let Chanukah spur us to make these days a little brighter.

Happy Chanukah!

Changing the World, One Small Step at a Time

By Fran Shapiro

We often ask ourselves, “How can I change the world?” One answer is: One small step at a time.

Every Wednesday at 6 pm, two Beth El congregants meet with two different children from Highwood for an hour via Zoom to read, play, support their education and learn about each other’s lives. Gathering virtually, week after week, the relationship has slowly built, as the children gain confidence as learners while sharing stories from recess, taking risks reading and writing, and feeling supported celebrating accomplishments with their adult helpers. The Beth El volunteers are part of the Homework Helpers program through the Highwood Public Library. The library supports families in the Highwood community with a variety of services both directly and through partnerships with other community organizations. The partnership between the library and Beth El grew out of the Love Your Neighbor initiative last year.

The library staff shares that the volunteers provide struggling kids with an opportunity to succeed and gain confidence in their

learning abilities, making a difference not only for the children but their parents and families as well.



For our synagogue volunteers, this is a unique opportunity to directly impact the future success of children and to feel we are helping our neighbors who live, literally, only a few miles from us. These are neighbors who go to school with our children and grandchildren and whose families live

side-by-side with us as we shop, dine, and work in our community.

In addition to the Homework Helpers program, NSSBE has supported the library through providing school supplies and craft kits. The Homework Helpers program will continue throughout the school year, and more students (kindergarten through high school age) will be added to the program as needs develop.

The library is looking for additional volunteers to work with middle school children. If you are interested in giving an hour of your time per week, please fill out the volunteer form on the Highwood Public Library home page (<https://highwoodlibrary.org/volunteer>) or contact Fran Shapiro (franceshapiro@sbcglobal.net) for more information. You do not need to have a background in education...you simply need an interest in directly helping a child move forward. If you seek an opportunity to directly change someone’s life, we encourage you to join this program!

Power is Everything

By Richard Schlosberg

Power is Everything... Beth El Needs to Drive Toward Zero Carbon Power!

Playing the role of John Aaron in the 1995 film “Apollo 13”, Loren Dean pronounced the words “power is everything” as he led the effort to return the astronauts from the damaged spaceship after an explosion. Here the need was to severely reduce the power use to retain enough battery power to bring the spaceship safely home.

For spaceship Earth and its almost eight billion people, again power is everything. Food and shelter, manufacturing, travel, digital marketing, ‘screen time’, etc. are all dependent on power in one form or another. Perhaps it’s an overstatement but the climate change challenges we currently face are an unintended consequence of the kind of power (energy) we employ.

Worldwide more than 80% of our power source (energy) comes from the combustion of hydrocarbons (gas, oil, coal).



Carbon dioxide manufacture by mankind has caused a disruption in the equilibrium distribution of the CO₂. The concentration of CO₂ has grown both in the ocean waters and in the atmosphere.

To survive, the astronauts on Apollo 13 needed to do without heat and light and computer function (and who knows what else) for some days. Don’t think that cutting back is an option for us....in fact all of the experts anticipate a growth in the amount of power people will consume. World population is growing and world wealth is growing.

As power demands grow, we need to reduce the CO₂ getting into the atmo-

sphere and into our oceans where extra CO₂ is doing damage (e.g., coral reef bleaching). How to do this?

1. The world community really working together.
2. Lots of innovation and creativity, technical, policy wise, economics, etc.
3. Very very large amounts of money.
4. Finally, a great sense of humor and maybe a superhero or two.

Once we really move forward, good job creation and growing economies will result. Better living conditions and opportunities will be created and the world will be a better place. Haise, Lovell and Swigert made it through...so will we.

You can submit any suggestions for carbon reduction at Beth El to Jeff Baden at jbaden@nssbethel.org.

Mazel Tov to:

Richard and Nancy Becker on the birth of their granddaughter, Sydney Jenna Pevtsov

Karen and Scott Bieber on the birth of their grandson, Simon Jack Garrett

Gila Bronner on the marriage of her son, Benjamin, to Danielle Voloshin

Jan and Brian Channon on the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Sara Pearl Ford

Ellen and Robert Doppelt on the birth of their granddaughter, Moonie Doppelt

Linda and Steve Feinstein on the marriage of their daughter, Melissa, to Joshua Berns

Eenie Frost on the birth of her great-grandson, Daniel George Frost

Skip Frost on the birth of his grandson, Daniel George Frost

Nancy and Alan Gandelman on the birth of their grandson

Rebecca and Zack Garrett on the birth of their son, Simon Jack Garrett

Dr. Laurie and Andrew Hochberg on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Itamar Allali

Michael Katz on the occasion of the 66th anniversary of becoming a bar mitzvah

Karen and Michael Kesner on the birth of their granddaughter, Goldie Ava Kesner

Merle and Sheldon Rosenfeld on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary

Maurice Sable on the occasion of his special birthday

Michael Salberg on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Fran and Steve Shapiro on the birth of their granddaughter, Rebecca Hannah Garfinkel

Alan Silberman on the occasion of his special birthday

Sandy Starkman on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of becoming a bat mitzvah

Mira Temkin on the occasion of her 70th birthday

Merle and Steve Tovian on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

Larry Weiner on the occasion of his 80th birthday

Our New Members:

Please see a list of all our new members in the Membership Update on page 19.

Condolences to:

Deborah (Charles) Dobrusin, Ranna Rozenfeld (Shane Greenstein), David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Ellen Rosenfeld (Milford Schwartz), Jon Rozenfeld (Jill Korey) on the loss of their mother, Betty F. Rozenfeld

Tracy Fisher on the loss of her step-father, Michael Cooper

Nami (David) Goldenberg, Yael (Phillip) Frankel, Shai (Samantha) Dobrusin, Michael Rozenfeld (Payal Patel), Daniel (Alex) Rozenfeld, Ethan Scharz (Leah Sarna), Emily Schwartz, Jordan Rozenfeld, Noah Greenstein, Rebecca Greenstein, Ilana Greenstein, Eli Greenstein on the loss of their grandmother, Betty F. Rozenfeld

Amalia, Davida and Julia Goller on the loss of their uncle, Harvey Goller

Hazzan Larry Goller on the loss of his brother, Harvey Goller

Susan (Dan) Groner, Cynthia Madansky, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Michele Madansky (Travis Mowbray) on the loss of their mother, Cara Madansky-Stiebel

Iona Wishner Levenfeld on the loss of her husband, Milton A. Levenfeld

Chuck Kahalnik on the loss of his father, Phillip Kahalnik

Michael (Laura) Minkus on the loss of his father, Robert Minkus

Daniel (Sheryl) Perlman on the loss of his brother, William Perlman

Hedy Sered on the loss of her husband, Dr. Melvin Sered

Katy (Josh) Silvers on the loss of her mother, Gale Rothner

The Sklare Family on the loss of Yadelle Sklare, beloved mother and grandmother

Lori Stark (David Shapiro) on the loss of her mother, Valerie Lois Stark

Mayer Stiebel on the loss of his wife, Cara Madansky-Stiebel

Jeffrey (Lisa) Trotter on the loss of his mother, Elaine Trotter

Roberta Wexler on the loss of her husband, Richard Wexler

IN MEMORIAM:

Milton A. Levenfeld

Betty F. Rozenfeld

Dr. Melvin Sered

Yadelle Sklare

Cara Madansky-Stiebel

Richard Wexler

Kiddush Sponsors:

Dana and Joshua Atlas

Nancy and Richard Becker

Chantal and Ron Blaustein

Stephanie and Ryan Blumberg

Gila Bronner

Jan and Brian Channon

Barb Cohen

Debbi and Aaron Dworin

Marcie and Derek Faust

Linda and Steve Feinstein and family

Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum

Dr. Andrea Goldstein

Terri and Thomas Gordon

Dr. Betsy and Michael Katz

Ellen and Aaron Krumbein

Erica and Zachary Lindon

Debra and Adam Natenshon

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Merle and Sheldon Rosenfeld

Martin Rosenthal

Lisa and Jeff Rozenkranz

Erica and Rabbi Michael Schwab

Heather and Benjamin Sher

Jenna and David Smiley

Judy and Philip Stein

Darryl Temkin and family

Larry Weiner

Cindy and Ned Zallik

Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund

In honor of Allison Levin and Max Affrunti's wedding celebration - **Stephen Levin**

In honor of Ari Schwab's graduation from Solomon Schechter Day School - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Benji's Bris ceremony and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Jared and Abby Rothkopf**

In honor of Brett Kopin's rabbinical ordination - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Eli Krumbein's 95th birthday - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Jack Gordon's Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Terri and T.J. Gordon**

In honor of Jordan becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Ron and Chantal Blaustein**

In honor of Julia Wolin's baby naming and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Dr. Ned and Cindy Zallik**

In honor of Larry Weiner's 80th birthday - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **David and Jenna Smiley**

In honor of our grandson Zachary Natenshon, son of Debra and Adam Natenshon, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Abigail and Louis Natenshon**

In honor of Richard Rabinowitz, Pam Schlosberg and Ronit Ripes on their Simchat Torah honors - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Robert Schnitzer being named one of JUF's 36 under 36 - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Steve's complete recovery - **Judy Isenberg**

In honor of the baby naming of our daughter Demi Schallman and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Amanda and Michael Schallman**

In honor of the baby naming of our daughter Maya Goldie and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Brittany and Josh Cahan**

In honor of the baby naming of our granddaughter, Maya Goldie Cahan, daughter of Brittany and Josh Cahan and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Laurel and Barry Abramowicz**

In honor of the engagement of Ron and Eileen Goldberg's daughter - **Philip and Doreen Feitelberg**

In honor of the special celebration of the marriage of Alison Levin and Max Affrunti - **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

In honor of the wedding of our children Melissa and Josh and with deep appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Steven and Linda Feinstein**

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband of Hilda Reingold, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather - **Sandra Raizes**

In memory of Barbara McDonagh, beloved mother of Anne McDonagh (David Fishbaum) and beloved grandmother of Daniel and Benjamin Fishbaum - **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Bernice and Ralph Epstein, beloved mother and father - **Samuel and Irene Shanes**

In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather - **Herbert Rosen**

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **The Family of Betty Rozenfeld**

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother

- **Allene Frost**

- **Elise and Ira Frost**

- **Michael and Betsy Katz**

- **Herbert Rosen**

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother

- **Allene Frost**

- **Elise and Ira Frost**

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Anton and Tracey Hender**

- **Michael and Betsy Katz**

- **Steven and Susan Kessler**

- **Sandra Raizes**

- **David Schwartz and Renee Hirsch**

In memory of Cynthia Rosenblatt, beloved mother of Marcy (Mitchell) Dolins - **Steven and Judith Dolins**

In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Judith Levey**

In memory of Elaine Trotter, beloved mother of Jeffrey Trotter - **Greg Pestine and Naomi Wexler**

In memory of Gene Igolka, beloved father, on the occasion of his yahrzeit - **Steve and Ellen Lasin**

In memory of Harvey Goller, beloved brother of Hazzan Larry Goller and our beloved uncle

- **Mali, Davida and Julia Goller**

In memory of Harvey Goller, beloved brother of Hazzan Larry Goller - **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

In memory of Leon Poteshman, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Gary Poteshman**

In memory of Louis and Millis Gross, beloved parents of Dan Gross - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Marvin Bernstein, beloved husband - **Adriane Bernstein**

In memory of Michael Kurshenbaum, beloved brother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Nancy and Maury Fertig**

In memory of Millis Gross, beloved mother of Dan (Lori) Gross, and beloved grandmother - **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

In memory of Muriel Kushner, beloved mother - **Susan and Mark Pollack**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Chuck Kahalnik**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahn

- **Larry Bender**

- **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

- **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

- **Skip and Lynn Schrayser**

In memory of Ray Lewis, beloved husband of Marilyn Lewis, beloved father and grandfather

- **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

- **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Rebecca Copeland, beloved daughter and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **David and Elizabeth Copeland**

In memory of Rebecca Copeland, beloved daughter of Elizabeth and David Copeland, beloved sister of Sarah (Jason) Kozin and Jonathan Copeland and beloved aunt of Warren Kozin

- **Steven and Roberta Goodman**

- **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

- **Michael and Karen Kesner**

- **Herbert Rosen**

- **Karen and David Sager**

In memory of Roger Brown, beloved father of Andrew (Gail) Brown, beloved grandfather of Joey Brown, Maddi Brown and Eliza (Danya) Lagos-Brown and beloved great-grandfather of Bluma Aviva Lagos-Brown - **Sara and Mike Sher**

In memory of Sheldon Kopin, beloved father - **Benjamin Kopin and Family**

In memory of Tillie and Abraham Shanes, beloved mother and father - **Samuel and Irene Shanes**

In memory of Yadelle Sklare, beloved mother of Tammy (Jack) Faintuch, Janis (Anie Rubens) Sklare, Ronald (Leah) Sklare and beloved grandmother

- **Karen and Michael Kesner**

- **Mildred Lidov**

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to Marissa Daflos - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to Meredith Mann - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to Patti Shapiro - **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

With appreciation for a meaningful Auf Ruf experience - **Steven and Linda Feinstein**

With appreciation for G-d's blessings - **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his support during my recent illness - **Randall and Elyse Block**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his spiritual guidance and help during the wedding of Amy Rubinoff and Ricky Bortz - **Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab on the wedding of Daniel and Sarah. We truly appreciate your love and dedication to our family during a very challenging period - **Brian and Jan Channon**

With appreciation - **Sally Aaron**

Rabbi Freedman Discretionary Fund

In honor of Amy and Ricky's Ketubah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

In honor of Austin becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for all his time and hard work with helping Austin - **Ryan and Stephanie Blumberg**

In honor of Jack becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Terri and T.J. Gordon**

In honor of Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **David and Jenna Smiley**

In honor of Lori Stark for all of her help - **Sheldon and Merle Rosenfeld**

In honor of the baby naming of Jorah Rotman and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Jessica Berger and Joshua Rotman**

In honor of the baby naming of our daughter Demi Schallman and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Amanda and Michael Schallman**

In honor of the baby naming of our daughter Maya Goldie and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Brittany and Josh Cahan**

In honor of the baby naming of our granddaughter, Maya Goldie Cahan, daughter of Brittany and Josh Cahan and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Laurel and Barry Abramowicz**

In honor of the birth of Goldie Ava Kesner, granddaughter of Karen and Michael Kesner - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of the inspiring second day of Rosh Hashanah services via livestream - **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

In honor of the Narrod Family Aliyot - **Steve and Sharon Narrod**

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **The Family of Betty Rozenfeld**

In memory of Carol Linch and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for the beautiful unveiling service - **Steven Linch and Family**

In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather - **Sheldon and Merle Rosenfeld**

In memory of Elaine Trotter, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Jeff Trotter and Family**

In memory of Evelyn Smiley, beloved mother - **Stephen and Judy Smiley**

In memory of Helen Siegel, beloved mother - **Dov and Eileen Kahana**

In memory of Jay Paset, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Shari Paset and Family**

In memory of Maxine Sprung, beloved mother - **Cindy Shekhtman**

In memory of Roger Brown and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

In memory of Sylvia Feinberg, beloved mother - **Michael and Susan Millenson**

With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for his support during my recent illness - **Randall and Elyse Block**

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With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for his kind words on my birthday Aliyah - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

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- **Sally Aaron**

- **David and Dena Cooperman**

- **Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch**

- **Michael and Robin Shartiag**

- **Jeffrey and Lisa Trotter**

Hazzan Sandler Discretionary Fund

In honor of the beautiful High Holiday services led by Hazzan Sandler - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband and with appreciation to Hazzan Sandler - **Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld and with appreciation to Hazzan Sandler - **The Family of Betty Rozenfeld**

With appreciation to Hazzan Sandler for his participation in the dedication of our beloved Jack Blumberg - **Barbara Blumberg and Family**

With appreciation to Hazzan Sandler, welcome to our Beth El community and for the inspiring second day of Rosh Hashanah services via livestream - **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

With appreciation

- **Jonah Rank**

- **Jeffrey and Lisa Trotter**

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In memory of Ludwig Hofman, beloved father - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

In memory of Trudy Westheimer, beloved aunt - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

With appreciation to Rabbi Vernon Kurtz - **Sue Cohen and Family**

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With appreciation to Joel Kagan - **David and Nami Goldenberg**

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In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather - **Marla Hand and James Nyeste**

In memory of Susan Rizman, beloved mother of Kim (Eric) Ephraim, Stuart (Carrie) Rizman and Keith Rizman, beloved grandmother of Jake and Ben Ephraim and Lucas and Julia Rizman, beloved companion of Howard Levy and beloved sister of Debbie Miller - **Marla Hand and James Nyeste**

Ba'al Korei Fund

In honor of reading Torah on the 50th anniversary of my Bat Mitzvah - **Sandy Starkman**

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother - **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

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Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

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- **Ruth and Michael Blum**

- **Victor and Arielle Levitan**

Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund

In memory of Isadore Eisenberg, beloved father - **Cal and Lana Eisenberg**

In memory of Mary Cohen, beloved mother - **Cal and Lana Eisenberg**

In memory of Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - **Cal and Lana Eisenberg**

In memory of Sybil Levin, beloved sister - **Cal and Lana Eisenberg**

In memory of Yonnie Cohen, beloved father - **Cal and Lana Eisenberg**

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In honor of the wedding of Jacob Rabinowitz, son of Richard and Lori Rabinowitz - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

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- **Gerry Kaplan**

- **Debbie and Gary Lindon**

- **Tracy Lynn**

- **Dr. Robert and Carol Ruderman**

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- **Kim and Stuart Frankenthal**

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In honor of the birth of Karen and Michael Kesner's granddaughter - **Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky**

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Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - **Fran and Joel Rabinowitz**

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Family Engagement Endowment Fund

In memory of Jacob Sosniak, beloved father of Irene (Gary) Savine and Ruth Sosniak, beloved husband of Florence Sosniak and beloved grandfather - **Victor and Arielle Levitan**

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In memory of Ronald Michael Cooper, beloved step-father of Tracy Fisher and beloved grandfather of Andrew and Joshua Zoldan - **Victor and Arielle Levitan**

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In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - **Maury and Nancy Fertig**

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- **Carol Sexner**

In memory of Millis Gross, beloved mother of Dan (Lori) Gross, and beloved grandmother

- **Larry Handlin**

General Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd - **Michael Krule and Lisa Alter Krule**

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In honor of Ronit Ripes - **David and Ilana Selinger**

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- **Michael and Debora Pinzur**

- **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

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In honor of the birth of Myrna Kopin's great-granddaughter - **Philp and Ellen Glass**

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Hazak Fund

In honor of Pam Schlosberg being honored at Simchat Torah as Kallat Bereshit - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

In honor of Pam Schlosberg being honored at Simchat Torah as Kallat Bereshit. Thank you for all you do for the Beth El community - **David and Francine Ephraim**

In honor of Richard Rabinowitz being honored at Simchat Torah as Hatan Torah - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

In honor of Ronit Ripes being honored at Simchat Torah as Kol Ne'arim - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

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- **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**

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In memory of Lavina Baron Friedman, beloved mother - **Ken and Marcy Levin**

In memory of Michael Salinger, beloved brother of Dr. Stephen Salinger - **Barbara Freeman**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd - **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**

With appreciation to Barbara Blumberg and Family - **Barbara Freeman**

With appreciation

- **Gerry Kaplan**

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In memory of Judy Shulman, beloved sister of Barbara Hoffman - **Carol and Stephen Weiss**

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- **Howard Turner**

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- Steve and Wendy Abrams
- David and Francine Ephraim
- Brad and Marcie Pickard
- Howard Turner

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd

- Dylan Cohen
- Evan Doblin
- Rayna Forman
- Michah Friedman
- Zach Katai
- Asher Siegel
- Marla Topp
- Simon Weil

In memory of Roger Brown, beloved father of Andrew (Gail) Brown, beloved grandfather of Joey Brown, Maddi Brown and Eliza (Danya) Lagos-Brown and beloved great-grandfather of Bluma Aviva Lagos-Brown - Howard Turner

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- Reni Dickman
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- Randall Iden and Gail Scully
- Michael and Susan Millenson
- Sandy Raizes
- David Smith and Michelle Wasserman
- Mort and Miriam Steinberg

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- Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- Dr. Shane Greenstein and Dr. Ranna Rozenfeld

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In memory of Rebecca Copeland, beloved daughter of Elizabeth and David Copeland, beloved sister of Sarah (Jason) Kozin and Jonathan Copeland and beloved aunt of Warren Kozin

- Jackie and Michael Melinger
- Dale and Betsey Pinkert

In memory of Sam and Anna Hoffman, beloved parents - Robbie Schreiber

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In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Myrna Kopin

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In memory of Rebecca Copeland, beloved granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eilens - Myrna Kopin

In memory of Ronald Lopaty - Myrna Kopin

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In honor of Schmu'el Meshia ben Yitzchak Isaac, Mana ben Avraham, Tova bat Carles - Jeff and Stacy Goldsmith

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In honor of Maxine and Robert Greenstein's 62nd wedding anniversary - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband of Hilda Reingold, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather - Maxine and Robert Greenstein

In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather - Maxine and Robert Greenstein

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Hilda Reingold

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- Theodore and Cheryl Banks
- Corinne and Larry Baskin
- Judy and Gerry Farby
- Maxine and Robert Greenstein
- Joel and Fran Rabinowitz
- Sunday Open Hebrew Group

In memory of Eleanore C. Breier, beloved mother of Joan (Bill) Brodsky, beloved grandmother and beloved great-grandmother - Dale and Betsey Pinkert

In memory of Millis Gross, beloved mother of Dan

(Lori) Gross, and beloved grandmother

- Michael and Barbara Salberg

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Sidney L. Starkman, Mildred Lashinsky Starkman, Annette Berg and more on Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

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Minyan Service Fund

In honor of Austin Blumberg, son of Stephanie and Ryan Blumberg, and grandson of Gerald and Annette Blumberg, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - William and Sharon Gertz

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In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather

- Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
- Carol and Stephen Weiss

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Gerald and Adrienne Lasin

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In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather

- Corinne and Larry Baskin
- Randi Baskin and Jonathan Blume
- Joan Mandel and Susie Duttge
- Robert and Rhoda Rothman
- Allen and Ellen Sered

In memory of Estelle Weitzman, beloved mother - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

In memory of Harvey Goller, beloved brother of Hazzan Larry Goller - Barbara and David Lansing

In memory of N. Arthur Rubinoff, beloved father - Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

In memory of Ray Lewis, beloved husband of Marilyn Lewis, beloved father and grandfather - Sue Cohen

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother - **Ronnie Jo Sokol**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd - **Ronnie Jo Sokol**

Music Fund

In honor of the birth of Ruth Lion's first grandchild, Ilan Finch - **Abby and Larry Block**

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In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather - **Michael Zabelin, Kate Sabatini, and Ned Sabatini-Zabelin**

In memory of Harvey Goller, beloved brother of Haz-zan Larry Goller - **Rodney and Marilyn Slutzky**

With appreciation to NSS Beth El community for welcoming our family with such heartfelt warmth - **Hani and Kenny Sandler and Family**

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In honor of Aliza Drumm for her hard work and dedication to providing a High Holiday experience for young families - **Talia Mikhelson**

In honor of Lauren Smiley, daughter of Jenna and David Smiley, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah - **Skip and Lynn Schroyer**

In honor of Linda and Irwin Magad's 60th wedding anniversary - **Joyce Knauff**

In honor of Mally Rutkoff's son Aaron's wedding - **Lois Moss**

In honor of Pam Schlosberg being honored at Simchat Torah as Kallat Bereshit - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In honor of Rabbi Josh Warshawsky - **Sonia Berk**

In honor of Richard Rabinowitz being honored at Simchat Torah as Hatan Torah - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In honor of Ronit Ripes being honored at Simchat Torah as Kol Ne'arim. We love you - **Daniel Ripes and Family**

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great-grandfather - **Mary Bradford, Zoe Bradford and Natalie Weissburg**

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- **Karen and Scott Bieber**

- **Jane and Dennis Carlton**

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- **Phyllis Neiman**

- **Irvina Warren**

- **Dr. Herman Wexler and Family**

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- **Mary Ann Pedersen**

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- **Rina Arai**

- **William Lowry**

- **Michael Weissman**

In memory of Greta DeBofsky, beloved mother and with appreciation to Beth El Minyan for supporting me while I was saying Kaddish - **Mark DeBofsky**

In memory of Jack Blumberg on the occasion of his stone dedication - **Alan and Sissie Eiriberg**

In memory of Lois Hirschfield, beloved mother - **David and Pamela Hirschfield**

In memory of Millis Gross, beloved mother of Dan (Lori) Gross, and beloved grandmother - **Kristine Miechowicki**

In memory of Neal Levinson, beloved brother - **David and Pamela Hirschfield**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd

- **Cheryl and Michael Kahn**

- **Michael Kahn**

- **Susan Klein**

- **Lisa Levitas**

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- **Steven and Linda Feinstein**

- **Lois Moss**

- **Taffi and Bob Saltzman**

- **Max and Lynne Schroyer**

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- **David and Pamela Hirschfield**

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- **Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum**

In honor of Rachel and Miguel's wedding - **Sara and Jay Leopold**

In honor of Rachel Kamin - **Barbara Tankel**

In honor of Ronit Ripes being honored at Simchat Torah as Kol Ne'arim - **Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum**

In honor of Sulie Holt

- **Debbie and Barry Kravitz**

- **Ellen Lavin**

In honor of the marriage of Sulie Holt's son - **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

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- **Steve and Sara Coven**

- **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

- **Ellen Lavin**

- **Steve and Fran Shapiro**

- **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

- **Len and Bobbie Tenner**

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In memory of Yadelle Sklare, beloved mother of Tammy (Jack) Faintuch, Janis (Anie Rubens) Sklare, Ronald (Leah) Sklare and beloved grandmother - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

With appreciation for our anniversary greetings

- **Theodore and Cheryl Banks**

With appreciation for the anniversary wishes

- **Jackie and Michael Melinger**

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In honor of Austin Blumberg, son of Stephanie and Ryan Blumberg, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Dr. Jared and Jordana Greenberg

In honor of Lauren Smiley, daughter of Jenna and David Smiley, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Dr. Jared and Jordana Greenberg

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Alicia Lutz

In memory of Marvin Margolis, beloved father - Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

Prayer Book Fund

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Miriam Berlin

In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Louis Starkman, beloved grandfather - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to Bruce Mondschain - Marvin and Sara Siegel

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Endowment Fund

In memory of Arnold Reingold, beloved husband of Hilda Reingold, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather - Rabbi Charles and Deborah Dobrusin

In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather - Rabbi Charles and Deborah Dobrusin

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- Maxine and Robert Greenstein

- Michelle and Paul Pessis

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother - Rabbi Charles and Deborah Dobrusin

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

In honor of Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Barnett - David and Jenna Smiley

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother - Barbara Blumberg

In memory of Harvey Goller, beloved brother of Hazzan Larry Goller - Barbara Blumberg

In memory of Jack Blumberg on the occasion of his first yearzeit - Doug, Rena, Zack, Adina and Shira Thompson

In memory of Jack Blumberg, beloved father - Paula Blumberg

In memory of Jack Blumberg, beloved husband, father and grandfather on his first Yearzeit - Barbara Blumberg, Ben, JoAnne, Paula, Melanie, Peri, Scott, Rebecca and Rena

In memory of Minnie R. Levenson, beloved mother and grandmother - Barbara Blumberg, Ben, JoAnne and Paula

In memory of Pearl S. Blumberg, beloved mother-in-law and grandmother - Barbara Blumberg and Family

With appreciation to Hazzan Barnett for her participation in the dedication of our beloved Jack Blumberg - Barbara Blumberg and Family

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In memory of Bernie Alpert, beloved husband of Fran Alpert, beloved father and beloved grandfather - Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

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- Gerry Kaplan

- Stuart and Marlene Senescu

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

In honor of Ben Channon's birthday - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joey Berkeley, son of Judy and Stephen Berkeley - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Talia Zukerman, granddaughter of Bob and Beth Footlik - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of the wedding of Jacob Rabinowitz, son of Richard and Lori Rabinowitz - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Cara Madansky-Stiebel, beloved wife of Mayer Stiebel, beloved mother of Susan (Dan) Groner, Noreen (David) Ohcana, Cynthia Madansky and Michele (Travis Mowbray) Madansky and beloved grandmother

- Sue Cohen

- Abraham De Leeuwe

- Adrienne Eckerling

- Julie Kaplan

- The Lakeshore Tennis League Board

- Bradley and Sherry Levin

- Victor and Arielle Levitan

- Mildred Lidov

- Cindy and Louis Shekhtman

- Sonja Shiner

- Millie Weber

In memory of Shirley Levin, beloved mother - Bradley and Sherry Levin

In memory of Yadelle Sklare, beloved mother of Tammy (Jack) Faintuch, Janis (Anie Rubens) Sklare, Ronald (Leah) Sklare and beloved grandmother - Bradley and Sherry Levin

Sherman Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In honor of the birth of Ellen and Bob Doppelt's granddaughter Moonie Doppelt - Jonathan and Francine Sherman

In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather - Jonathan and Francine Sherman

Social Action Fund

In honor of Lauren Smiley, daughter of Jenna and David Smiley, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

- Paul and Michelle Pessis

Staff Recognition Fund

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd - Lisa and Jeff Rosenkranz

With appreciation - Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

Tzedakah/Pushke Fund

In honor of Maya Strauss, daughter of Debby and Dale Strauss on her engagement to Ben - David and Joelle Dimbert

In memory of Dr. Melvin Sered, beloved husband of Hedy Sered, beloved father of Lynne (Jeff Schoenberg) Sered, David (Tracy) Sered and beloved grandfather - Millie Weber

In memory of Gina Svarc Back, beloved mother - June Back Frydman

In memory of Harry Back, beloved father - June Back Frydman

In memory of Morris Frydman, beloved husband - June Back Frydman

Todah Rabbah

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS:

In memory of Rebecca Copeland, beloved daughter of Elizabeth and David Copeland, beloved sister of Sarah (Jason) Kozin and Jonathan Copeland and beloved aunt of Warren Kozin - **Mitch and Marcy Dolins**

In memory of Yadelle Sklare, beloved mother of Tammy (Jack) Faintuch, Janis (Anie Rubens) Sklare, Ronald (Leah) Sklare and beloved grandmother

- **Steve Dry**

- **Bradley and Sherry Levin**

With appreciation - **Daniel and Wendy Kahn**

Youth Community Fund

In honor of Andy Hochberg receiving the Julius Rosenwald Award - **David and Francine Ephraim**

In honor of Felissa Kreindler's years of High Holiday and Youth support - **Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum**

In honor of Ronit Ripes being honored at Simchat Torah as Kol Ne'arim - **Allison and Adam Nemirow**

In memory of Betty Rozenfeld, beloved mother of David (Barbara) Rozenfeld, Deborah (Rabbi Charles) Dobrusin, Ellen (Milford Schwartz) Rozenfeld, Jon (Jill Korey) Rozenfeld and Ranna (Shane Greenstein) Rozenfeld; beloved grandmother of the Dobrusin, Rozenfeld, Greenstein, Frankel, Schwartz and Goldenberg grandchildren and beloved great-grandmother

- **Sue Cohen**

- **Brad and Marcie Pickard**

In memory of Phillip Kahalnik, beloved father of Chuck and Neal Kahalnik, beloved grandfather of Paige Kahalnik and Sloane (Steven) Sahd

- **Michael and Karen Kesner**

- **Noreen Ohcava**

In memory of Marty Horowitz, beloved father of Stacy Goldsmith and beloved grandfather of Sawyer and

Ellie Goldsmith

- **Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch**

- **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**

- **Steve and Fran Shapiro**

Youth Community Program Endowment Fund

In memory of Joan Holland, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and dear friend

- **Debbie and Peter Leeb**

In memory of Joan Holland, beloved mother of Edward Holland; beloved grandmother of Lindy Resnick, Jori Leeb and Bradley Holland; beloved great-grandmother of Elliot and Vivian Resnick and Holden, Walker and Harlow Leeb

- **Philip and Ellen Glass**

Donations reflected in Todah Rabbah were made by October 27, 2020.

Membership Committee Update

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director

We welcome the following new members to our NSS Beth El family:

Richard & Sara Brener
Danielle Voloshin & Benjamin Bronner
Nicole & David Brown and their children Jace (8), Summer (5) and Beau (2)

Sarah Ford & Daniel Channon
Terri & Darien Cohen
Annie & Zach Edelheit
Lael Edelstein
Barbara Freeman

Marni Futterman & Evan Meyers and their children Naomi (14) and Jordan (11)
Allyson & Samuel Goldman
Ellie Goone & Jordan Bender
Lindsey & Michael Gruby and their children Benjamin (9) and Jacob (5)

Randi Heichman
Shanna & Andrew Hill
Vered & Jonathan Kaufman and their children Jonah (13), Coral (10) and Julian (9)
Emily & Scott Nasatir and their children Abner (6) and Leo (3)
Ari Nemetz & Kelsey Knox
Harriet & Jeffrey Nemetz

Megan Michael & Adam Patinkin
Naomi & Matthew Pierce and their children Ella (5), Micah (3) and baby Mia
Amy Rubinoff & Ricky Bortz
Heidi Sachs & Richard Maltzky and their children David and Max (11) and Hannah (9)
Rory Breslin-Sani & Sepehr Sani and their children Isabelle (6) and Tristan (5)

Hillary & Michael Savitt
Lexi & Brad Schneider and their children Corey (2) and Remi
Mary Schreiberstein & Michael E. Fox
Samantha & Yonatan Silverman

Julie Mednick-Simmons & Russell Simmons and their children Talia (22), Eli (20) and Daniel (16)
Julie Gekhter & Paul Tack and their children Emily (21), Liza (18), Alexis (15) & Edgar (Anne) Ruth & Mitchell Taxy
Leslie Cohen & Ethan Zallik
Maxine & Romie Zats and their children Auren (7) and Levi (5)

Sukkah Walk

The Sukkah Walk was a great success! This year we brought back the sukkah walk after the pandemic and had nearly one hundred congregants join us for salty snacks at one home followed by sweet treats at the next.

Many thanks go to our Sukkah Walk Co-Chairs: Irene Savine & Becky Schechter, and to our Committee: Jonathan Glick, Arielle Levitan, & Sandy Starkman. A special thanks to our host homes: Becky & Loren Schechter and Lori Shapiro & David Stark for your hard work and hospitality!

Sisterhood College Connections

This year we doubled our enrollment in our College Connection program, from 60 students last year to 120 this year! This fall we sent them a beautiful yummy package, and a second one for Chanukah!

A big thanks goes to our new dedicated and thoughtful College Connection Committee: Beth Bernat, Dena Cooperman, Maryl Dayan, Lisa Fishbein & Leslie

Kaufman (with a special shout-out to Kim Ephraim for volunteering as well!)

New Members Event!

We had a very successful Covid-friendly outdoor new members event on Sunday, November 14th. Over 130 new members, staff and lay leaders gathered outside the front of the Beth El building for hot chocolate and fresh churros stations – with all the fixings and ice cream!! Family portraits were taken and we collected coats, hats, gloves and scarves for our winter social action project. New members found out about ways to get more involved in our community – even though it was cold outside, everyone felt the warmth of the special place that is Beth El!

Finally, we encourage ALL members, new and “old,” to fill out this interest form so we can develop special interest/social/learning/small groups & communities within our larger shul!

<https://nssbe.shulcloud.com/form/Interest-Groups-Volunteer-Opportunities>

Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Bat Mitzvah
Reese Lindon,
daughter of Erica and
Zachary Lindon
December 11



Bar Mitzvah
Levi Rosenthal,
son of Martin Rosenthal
and Cantor Jodi Rosenthal z"l
December 18



Bat Mitzvah
Lexi Rosenthal,
daughter of
Martin Rosenthal and
Cantor Jodi Rosenthal z"l
December 18



Bat Mitzvah
Liana Schwab,
daughter of Erica and
Rabbi Michael Schwab
January 15



Bar Mitzvah
Jonathan Faust,
son of Marcie and
Derek Faust
February 5



Bat Mitzvah
Gabriella Goldstein,
daughter of
Dr. Andrea Goldstein
February 19

More Recent Happenings at Beth El



Pancakepalooza



CRS students



Museum Reception



Bonim Donor Event



College Connection

December/January/February Events at a Glance

Wednesday, December 1

5:00 pm - Family Concert

**7:45 pm - NSSBE Community Concert
Chanukah Concert with Six13**



613 is a wildly popular Jewish a cappella group that brings joy and

creativity to their captivating music. They are best known for their parodies of contemporary pop songs, incorporating Jewish-themed lyrics. Concert is both Live and Livestreamed.

Sunday, December 12

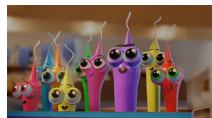
**8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Blood Drive**



Men's Club and Sisterhood will be holding their annual blood drive in-person at NSSBE. Masks are required and appointments are recommended. Prepare by eating well and hydrating before giving blood. Call (877) 258-4825 to schedule appointment.

Sunday, December 12

**3:00 pm
Chanukah Film Festival**



Beth El is proud to partner with Menemsha Films to present the 2021 Hanukkah Film Festival, November 28-December 5, with eight nights of exclusive, award-winning new films, available to view with your family from the comfort of home via your TV, computer or mobile devices! Plan to join us for a special Sunday Afternoon @ the Movies screening and discussion. Watch your e-mail for more details

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

12:30pm on Zoom

**Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club
Author Event**



Author Lori Banov Kaufmann and Dr. Jonathan Price, Professor of Ancient History at Tel Aviv University, will discuss the

novel *Rebel Daughter* and share details of their 10-year collaboration. Check your e-mail for the Zoom link or contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org for more information.

Saturday, December 18

12:30pm

**Sisterhood Torah Fund Book
Club Discussion**



Join Rachel Kamin for an in-person discussion of *Rebel Daughter* by Lori Banov Kaufmann, after Shabbat Kiddush. Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library and from public libraries, as well as from local and online booksellers. New participants are always welcome! A minimum donation of \$54 to the Torah Fund is requested.

UPCOMING DECEMBER

**YOUTH EVENTS - WATCH FOR EMAILS
& DETAILS**

9th-12th Grade Escape Room Event

Take a break from school and join your friends as we compete in challenges and try to escape before time runs out!

6th-8th Grade Bowlero Event

Show off your bowling skills, video game talent, and compete in laser tag

2nd-5th Grade Events

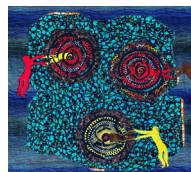
Be on the lookout for in-person and virtual programs coming your way over winter break! Contact Sarah Topal for more information at stopal@nssbethel.org.

**Now on display in the Rissman Kol
Ami Collection
Through January 9, 2022**

**Art @ the Heart of Social Justice:
An Exhibit of the 2021 Artists Beit
Midrash**

Featuring works by Suzanne Horwitz, Julie Isaacson, Judith Joseph, Charlotte Kaplan, Judith MK Kaufman, Ronna

Leibach, Marla Snyder, Judy Solomon, Sandy Starkman and Chana Zelig. Contact Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org for exhibit hours.



Tuesday, January 18

12:00 pm

Winter Reading Roundtable



Join Rachel Kamin & Marcie Eskin for a lively discussion of what we've been reading and get some new reading recommendations from other readers. Come prepared to talk briefly about any book you've read recently (fiction or non-fiction on any topic) or just login to listen. Check your e-mail for the Zoom link or contact Rachel at rkamin@nssbethel.org.

January 21 - 23

Men's Club Shabbat Weekend

Join Men's Club for a wonderful weekend starting with Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat community Dinner. Saturday morning, Men's Club will lead services followed by a special deli kiddush lunch where everyone is invited as our guests! The weekend will wrap up with the Keeper of the Flame Brunch on Sunday.

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 pm on Zoom

**Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club
Author Event**

Meet author Joshua Henkin at 7:00 pm followed by the book discussion of his new novel *Morningside Heights* after evening Minyan at 7:45 pm.



Saturday, January 29

12:30pm

**Sisterhood Torah Fund Book
Club Discussion**

Join Rachel Kamin for an in-person discussion of *Morningside Heights* by Joshua Henkin, after Shabbat Kiddush. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847/926-7902 for more information.

Saturday, January 29

7:00 pm

**Sisterhood and
Men's Club
Game Night**



Join Sisterhood and Men's Club for an adult community game night. A great chance to have fun with your Beth El friends! Watch future emails for details.

Lifelong Learning Classes

Sunday, February 13

8:45 am

World Wide Wrap



WORLDWIDEWRAP

Join the NSSBE Men's Club and Conservative Jews around the world

when they celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin at their morning minyanim, joining thousands of others in the annual "World Wide Wrap" sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC).

February 17

6:45 pm

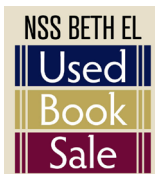
6th Annual Knead A Night Out Challah Bake



At this annual event put on by the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Parent Committee, we will learn how to prepare and braid challah dough. Stay tuned for event details in early 2022.

Used Book Sale

Join the members of the Cultural & Learning Center Committee to help set-up the book sale on Thursday, February 24 at 6:00pm and have an exclusive opportunity to purchase books before the sale opens. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and high school student volunteers are welcome! RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903. **Save the date: The NSS Beth El Annual Used Book Sale will be February 25-March 6, 2022.** Please plan to drop off your donations between February 1-24. Donations received before February 1 may be discarded.



Thursday, March 10

7:30 pm

Concert with Noa

Achinoam Nini (Noa) is an iconic Israeli singer and songwriter who, along with longtime collaborator Gil Dor, has released 15 international albums and performed on many of the world's most important stages.



Saturday, March 5

7:00 pm

Men's Club and Sisterhood Trivia Night

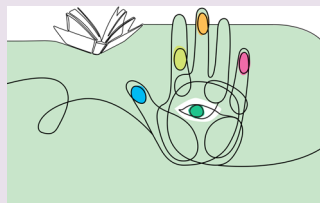


Display your knowledge of all things trivial as Sisterhood and Men's Club bring you another fun-filled quiz night. Watch your emails for details.

NSS Beth El is proud to partner with Moriah Congregation to offer these courses from the Florence Melton School of Jewish Learning:

OMG, Can You Believe?! with Rabbi Alex Freedman

Fridays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, January 14 - March 18, 2022



In this exploratory course, we'll dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship to Humankind. We'll examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and mitzvot expressed by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders past and present — and you. We'll explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural, as we amplify and dissect

your deepest God-questions. Just do not expect to leave with any final answers. Cost: \$179 for the class; \$100 rebate available to NSS Beth El members.

Exploring a Forgotten World: A Social History of Medieval Jewry as Revealed in the Cairo Genizah with Rabbi Ben Kramer

Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:00 am, January 11-March 15, 2022



Enjoy a front-row seat to the drama, gossip, legal transactions, and other daily intrigues of Jewish life in the Middle Ages. This 10-session course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters through the Cairo Genizah, a collection of 400,000 worn-out scraps, text fragments, and documents buried for centuries. Interpreting textual evidence yields new insights into the

daily interactions and behaviors of Jewish men, women and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago — and at root, how similar they are to our own family dynamics, business ventures and communal concerns today. Join us for a historical journey of intrigue and adventure! Cost: \$179 for the class; \$100 rebate available to NSS Beth El members.

Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders with Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Avraham

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, January 13-March 17, 2022



Our version of a Jewish-American "Stuff You Missed in History Class"! In 10 engaging sessions, learners will discuss seminal developments in American life, such as the Jewish contributions to American culture, American literature, and the Civil Rights Movement, through the lens of Jews straddling their status as both insiders and outsiders. The course will also examine antisemitism and the Holocaust,

and the changing place of Zionism in the shaping of Jewish American identity. Sharing tales from immigrants, their children, and grandchildren, learners will debate the meaning of this ongoing saga. Cost: \$295 for the class; \$200 rebate available to NSS Beth El members.

Scholarships available upon request. Register for all Melton classes at www.meltonschool.org/nssbe-moriah. Questions? Contact Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org or call 847-926-7903.

All in Your Back Pocket...and Pantry!

By Chef Laura Frankel, Director of Circle of Life Catering



There is a comfort in knowing that you always can pull dinner out of “thin air,” “your back pocket” and/or your well stocked pantry.

COVID, supply shortages and Midwestern Winter

all puts a damper on life and trying to make a hearty, satisfying supper is enough to make anyone call for take-out. But there is another way.

Stocking up a pantry with some basics and knowing how to use them is a critical life-skill. I like to always have canned or dried beans and lentils on hand. Versatile, inexpensive and whipped up into a soup, stew (think chili, pasta fagioli, sauteed kale and beans) beans are a quick and protein rich way to serve your family. Serving food, hand-made from your heart is a wonderful way to take the chill out of winter and nourish those your love.

The recipe below uses mostly pantry ingredients you can have on hand, and is perfect for a cold-night dinner. Bon Appetit!

Ribolitta-Tuscan Bread and Vegetable Soup

Laura Frankel (adapted from Jewish Slow Cooker Recipes, Laura Frankel

(John Wiley and Sons Publisher)

Serves 6+



3 tablespoons best quality extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

3 medium cloves garlic, thinly sliced

1 medium red onion, diced

2 red peppers, diced

2 large leeks, white and light green parts only, diced

4 large carrots, peeled and diced

2 1/2 cups peeled, seeded, and diced butternut squash

1 turnip, peeled and diced

3 large celery stalks, diced

Water

1 ounce dried porcini mushrooms

1 bunch lacinato kale, stemmed, leaves roughly chopped

1 32-ounce can tomatoes and their juices

1 bouquet garni (herb bundle made from a few sprigs each of mixed herbs, such as parsley, oregano, thyme, rosemary, and bay leaf)

2 cups cooked beans, such as cannellini, navy,

or cranberry, plus 1 cup bean-cooking liquid or water (if using canned beans)

1/4 pound fresh or stale rustic crusty bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Grated Parmigiano Reggiano, for serving (optional)

1. In a large Dutch oven or soup pot, heat olive oil over medium heat with garlic. Cook, stirring, until garlic is fragrant and very lightly golden. Add onion, peppers, leek, carrots, squash, turnip, and celery and cook, stirring, until slightly softened but not browned, about 5 minutes.

Add enough water to slightly cover vegetables (about 6 cups) along with dried mushrooms, kale, canned tomatoes and their juices and bouquet garni and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Lower heat to maintain simmer and cook until vegetables are very tender, about 25 minutes.

2. Stir in beans and their cooking liquid (or 1 cup water if using canned beans). Add bread, stir well, and simmer until bread is very soft and breaking down, about 15 minutes. Add water, 1/2 cup at a time, if soup becomes too thick and dry.

3. Season with salt and pepper. The soup can be served at varying consistencies: more wet and broth-y, like a thick, chunky soup, or cooked down until thickened like a porridge. To serve at any consistency, drizzle with best quality extra virgin olive oil and top with freshly ground black pepper and grated cheese (optional).

SAVE THE DATE FOR NOA IN CONCERT!

Thursday, March 10, 2022

An Evening with Israeli Superstar Noa

7:30 pm - Community Concert

TICKET DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Achinoam Nini (Noa) is an iconic Israeli singer and songwriter who, along with longtime collaborator Gil Dor, has released 15 international albums and performed on many of the world's most important stages.

This program is sponsored in part by The Glass Family Music Endowment Fund