



8 Ways to Prepare for 8 Nights of Hanukkah

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

Take out your Hanukiah and fire up your skillet! Hanukkah is around the corner! We light the first candle on **Sunday, December 22nd**.

1. 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 suggests creating a toppings bar with a choice of additional toppings, like guacamole. Or consider using latkes as "bread" for meat sandwiches or grilled cheese (separately, of course!).



2. Check out Beth El's online resources.

Go to <https://www.nssbeth-el.org/worship/holidays-at-home/> for a Hanukkah Table Talk conversation-starter and a separate all-in-one colorful guide complete with blessings and instructions. Look for our 5 in 5 Hanukah video here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/videos>.



3. 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.

4. Move the Hanukiah 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.

5. Discuss the big ideas. In the second blessing over the candles, we thank G-d for making miracles "in those days and in our

time." What miracles do you see around us? Can something be a miracle if people make it happen instead of/alongside G-d?

Consider who the Macabbees are today. The word "Macabee" is a Hebrew acronym for Mi Camocha BaElim Adonai מִי כְמוֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יְיָ-הוֹה

6. who is like You, G-d, among the mighty?" They fought for a purpose. What do you think it was? Who fights for the same purpose today?



7. Sing Maoz Tzur. In addition to the blessings, this tune is so catchy. This beautiful song tells the story of Jewish History in just a few lines.

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Stragic Planning at NSSBE

By Ron Goldberg, NSS Beth El President



My Friends,

This past spring, our Strategic Planning Task force, led by the amazing Lisa Rosenkranz, sent out a Congregational Survey. Hundreds participated and we learned a lot.

There were two huge takeaways.

First, almost 70% joined and remain members of Beth El because we are a Traditional, Conservative Synagogue.

Second, almost 70% said we need to be more modern.

We can be both Traditional and Modern and we are doing just that!

Rabbi Schwab presented his Vision for Beth El. It is shared by the Clergy, Board and Staff and dovetails perfectly with the concept of Traditional and Modern.

As a result, the Task Force created and the Board approved a new Vision statement, Mission Statement and set of Operating Values. They embody the spirit of the Survey results and the shared Vision.

The VISION:

NSS Beth El is a warm and joyous community where Jewish tradition meets contemporary life.

The MISSION:

Beth El inspires and nurtures Jewish life and community through engaging education, prayer, programming and social action. We are a Conservative synagogue that welcomes individuals and families wherever they are ritually and spiritually, and supports them as they seek to enrich their Jewish lives.

I won't list the Values, but the full Vision, Mission and Values are on our website. Go to nssbethel.org. Click on "About" (under the Beth El logo at the top). Scroll down a bit and click on "Vision".

How is this benefitting us?

Our Shabbat services are even more joyous, spiritual and motivational.

Once a month on Friday nights, we have Rinat Shabbat, ("Joy of Shabbat"). There is singing, dancing, clapping and wonderful new tunes as well as old favorites.

Rinat Shabbat is now attracting between 150-200 people - from young families to seniors.

Join us at the next Rinat Shabbat on Friday, December 6!

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Recent Happenings at Beth El



Night at the Copacabana



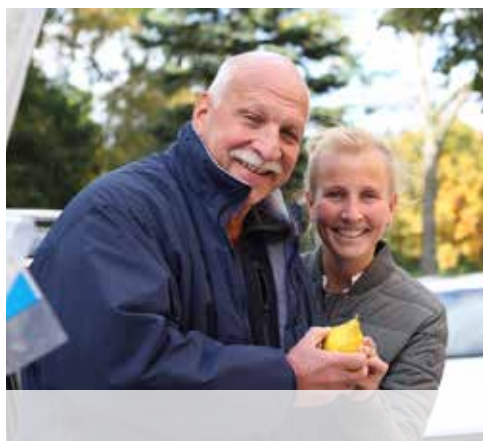
Steak and Scotch Dinner



Shabbat on the Lake en Provence



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Schach and Lulav Pick up



B'Yachad Donor Event

Shabbat Schedule

Daily Service

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am
Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm
Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am
Rosh Hodesh and
Hol Hamoed Mornings,
7:00 am

Clergy:

Rabbi Michael Schwab
Rabbi Alex Freedman
Hazzan Benjamin A. Tisser
Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,
Emeritus

Every Shabbat

8:50 am Shacharit Service

10:30 am Junior Congregation

Services for students in
2nd - 6th grade resume on
September 14 (Grossinger
Brickman).

10:45 am Tot Shabbat

Year round services for
families with children 1st grade
and younger (Room 3).

Please note:

For weekly Torah & Haftorah
readings and clergy
commentary, 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.



December

Friday, December 6

4:01 pm Candle Lighting
5:15 pm Rinat Shabbat Reception
6:00 pm Rinat Shabbat
7:00 pm Congregational Shabbat
Dinner

Saturday, December 7

Parashat Vayetzei
8:50 am Shabbat Service
12:30 pm Robbin Scholar
Post-Kiddush Lecture
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:06 pm Shabbat Ends



Friday, December 13

4:01 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 14

Parashat Vayishlach
8:50 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:07 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, December 20

4:03 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 21

Parashat Vayeshev
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:09 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, December 27

5th Day of Hanukkah/6th Candle
4:07 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 28

6th Day of Hanukkah/7th Candle
Rosh Hodesh Tevet
Parashat Miketz
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:10 pm Shabbat Ends

January

Friday, January 3

4:13 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 4

Parashat Vayigash
8:50 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:19 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, January 10

4:20 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:00 pm Men's Club Congregational
Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, January 11

Men's Club Shabbat
Parashat Vayechei
8:50 am Shabbat Service
10:30 am Teen Nosh & Drash
4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
4:30 pm Young Family Havdalah
5:26 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, January 17

4:28 pm Candle Lighting
5:00 pm Jeans & Jammies
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 18

Parashat Shemot
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:33 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, January 24

4:36 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat



Saturday, January 25

Parashat Vaera
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:41 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, January 31

4:45 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

February

Saturday, February 1

Parashat Bo
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:50 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, February 7

4:54 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:00 pm Shabbat Shira Scholar
Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 8

Parashat Beshalach
8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:58 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, February 14

5:04 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 16

Parashat Yitro
8:50 am Shabbat Services
5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:06 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, February 21

5:12 pm Candle Lighting
5:15 pm Rinat Shabbat Reception
6:00 pm Rinat Shabbat

Saturday, February 22

Shabbat Shekalim
Parashat Mishpatim
8:50 am Shabbat Services
5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:15 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, February 28

5:21 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:00 pm Sisterhood/Men's Club
Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 29

Parashat Terumah
8:50 am Shabbat Services
5:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:23 pm Shabbat Ends

Notes from Hazzan Tisser



Over the course of my fifteen-year career in the Cantorate, I have been blessed to visit communities across the country and around the world. I have been to shul in Italy, where they have several unique versions of the Siddur, dating back near two thousand years; I have davened France in a Massorti shul where they use an adapted Siddur Sim Shalom; I have, of course, davened in Israel in a variety of shuls (Syrian, Italian, Ashkenaz, Sefard, etc.)

When I have such an experience, of course I very much allow myself to fully experience the differences between where I am presently and the customs of my own community. Sometimes that can be disorienting, but most of the time it is an incredible experience. Sometimes I come across a Piyyut (liturgical poem) with which I am not familiar, and other

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times I hear a new melody which offers me new insights into a familiar text; a new way to approach the text, if you will. When I leave a new shul, after reflecting on my experience, I marvel at how, with all of the differences between what I just experienced and my “normal” Jewish experience, there is still so much that is similar. In short, what unites us as a people is so much greater, and so much more powerful, than what divides us.

I know that many of you have had similar experiences – most often you share them with me upon returning from another community, and I love that we have the chance to discuss

what you experienced and how it compares to our Beth El customs – but not all of us are fortunate to have had these experiences, and so the music committee has decided to bring such an experience to us at Beth El!

**Shabbat Shira
Scholar-in-Residence
Rahel Musleah
Friday, February 7 and
Saturday, February 8**



On Shabbat Shira (February 7-8), we welcome Rahel Musleah as our Shabbat Scholar- in-Residence. Rahel was born in Calcutta, India, to a family that emigrated there from Baghdad several hundred years ago. Over the course of Shabbat, Rahel will teach us about the distinct communities of the Jews of India, as well as share history and personal stories about Jewish life in Calcutta. We will daven with her, sing with her, hear her chant Torah in her native trope, and join for an Indian Shabbat dinner prepared by Chef Laura Frankel, according to the traditions of Rahel's community. **Watch the weekly emails in January for more information, particularly about the Shabbat dinner & RSVP requirements.** I encourage you to come to as many parts of her Shabbat visit as you are able, and to bring your friends and family for this most unique experience!

I wish you all an enjoyable winter break period, as well as a happy, healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling 2020!

Recent Happenings at Beth El



Museum Exhibit Showcase



Artists Beit Midrash Exhibit



CRS Class

Informal Education



The Year Round Dilemma

By Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education

I have noticed a recent uptick in posts on various parenting and Jewish groups on social media about “how to make Hanukkah amazing at home” and how to make it “stand up to Christmas.”

My initial reaction was to think that Hanukkah doesn’t stand up to Christmas on its own. As a minor Jewish festival with beautiful traditions, Hanukkah is a lot of fun and has certainly been enhanced by its continued proximity to Christmas. By contrast, Christmas is such a major American institution as well as holiday with its own special traditions. Given its place in American culture, I am not sure anything can really stand up in the direct comparison.

Articulated impressively in a popular article on www.MyJewishLearning.com,

“Whether you ignore Christmas altogether (not so easy amid the commercials, office parties, holiday decorations etc.), use it as an excuse to go to a movie and eat Chinese food, or celebrate it with non-Jewish friends or family, the holiday — and its proximity to Hanukkah — can provoke a lot of emotions. Parents often feel pressure to make Hanukkah extra elaborate to quell their children’s (or their own) Christmas envy.” That article, found at www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-december-dilemma/, offers some great insight and links to a variety of perspectives to help navigate this “December Dilemma” time in the American calendar.

One important perspective that I have held on to in my years of growing up in a non-Jewish community was that the whole of Jewish tradition, with

Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Tu B’Shevat, Purim, Pesach, brit milah, bat mitzvah, chuppah and our thoughtful mourning rituals as well as the important weekly holiday of Shabbat more than stands up – it shines.

I applaud the outreach of my fellow parents on social media for help in enhancing our tradition in their homes and for their children, and I want to support them and learn with them how to bring the relevance of our tradition into our family’s lives. I embrace the challenge and the incredible joy to be found in being stewards and translators of our communal history into our 21st century homes.

Formal Education



The Practice of Collaboration

By Dr. Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education

This year our schools are experimenting with different models of collaboration. Collaboration happens at many levels, among teachers, students and parents. Most Hebrew teachers work collaboratively either by co-teaching or by being part of a Hebrew team. This enhanced model enriches teachers by allowing them to plan and create together as well as learn from one another. Students benefit from learning with different teachers and by engaging in smaller groups. Our new model of teen collaboration has been launched successfully. Every week students from three synagogues come together to work on social action projects and share in relevant discussions. This new partnership has strengthened our teen community and enriched everyone involved. Our new flexible furniture reflects the idea of collaboration, as students can help craft their physical spaces to reach out to others as they work on a project or when read in groups.

Our parents are collaborating in two special school projects. The first is our annual CRS fundraising – the Challah Bake led and organized by our talented school committee members. The second one consists of creating two large mezuzot to be placed in the school wing. Parents will help design and create the cover of the mezuzot while students will learn about the text of a mezuzah and create the inserts.

While it may take longer to work on projects collaboratively, the effort, time and patience are well worthwhile. Learning to work with others helps strengthen relationships, makes us aware of our strengths and differences, and done well, lead us to the best possible results.

SAVE THE DATE –
Annual CRS Fundraiser
Challah Bake
Thursday, February 20th



A Medieval Facebook

By Rachel Kamin, Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director



The Koren Talmud Bavli is a groundbreaking edition of the Talmud that fuses an innovative design with the incomparable scholarship of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, a teacher, philosopher and spiritual mentor who has made it his life-long mission to make the Talmud, Judaism's central text of law, ethics, customs and history, accessible to all.

and a multitude of learning aids to help the beginning and advanced student alike actively participate in the dynamic process of Talmud study.

The project begun in 2012 with the publication of the first volume and was completed in 2019 with the publication of the 42nd and final volume. We are very proud to have a complete set of

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this rich, beautifully presented Talmud on the shelves of our Maxwell Abbell Library. Our acquisition was made possible

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by the generous donation of Shari & Stephen Cohen and family, Marsha & Steven Levin and family, and Richard & Karen Reisin and family in honor of their parents, Bernard & Elaine Reisin's

70th wedding anniversary in August 2014. Both Bernard and Elaine passed away in 2018 but this important and innovative resource, which presents the ancient repository of Jewish wisdom in a new, accessible format, will surely be used by our clergy, staff, faculty, students and congregants for many years to come. I invite you to stop by the Abbell Library to check it out yourself.



Ritual Director



Ritually Speaking

By Hazzan Barbara Barnett, Ritual Director

When I was in my early 20s, I found myself in shul on a Saturday morning to celebrate my sister's Aufruf at her fiancé's Traditional synagogue. It was probably the last place I wanted to be. It probably didn't help that I read barely a word of Hebrew. And pretty much everything was in Hebrew, mumbled quickly and incoherently (at least to my ears).

I sat between my mom and my (much more knowledgeable) uncle and I periodically glanced sideways at my uncle, assuming he knew more about what we should be doing—and when. Should we stand? Sit? Bow? BOW?! I turned the page of my prayer book when he turned his pages. I could barely contain my glee to have recognized a word I'd heard—in Hebrew, actually finding it in the prayer book (tada!)—and then my dismay as they quickly moved ahead of me, leaving me in the dust of the aleph-bet and trying catch up. All pretty much to no avail.

Talk about needing a “guide for the perplexed!”

Spending most of the service in a state of unending anxiety trying not to look completely ignorant in front of...everybody, I failed to connect what we were doing with anything remotely spiritual. Synagogue services were a two-hour bore (unless the sermon happened to be unusually compelling), and I spent most of my time trying futility to keep up with the rapid Hebrew.

Sound familiar?

Eventually, I caught on (obviously, and with a vengeance!).

But I wanted to share this with you as my first article, because I've seen so many congregants come into morning (or evening) minyan with that same baffled look I had on my face the morning of my sister's Aufruf. You probably know very well (and much better than I did) where to stand, when to sit, when it's time for the Mourner's

Kaddish (but maybe not that if you're “saying Kaddish” you also stand during Kaddish d'Rabannan?). If you're not a “regular” it can get frustrating and the urge to simply stop coming can be tremendous.

So, I want to make you an offer. Whether you've had the loss of a loved one or are just curious...or as one young lady mentioned to me a few weeks ago...explore her spirituality more... or for any other reason. I'm in minyan almost every morning and evening. Come over and introduce yourself. The Rabbis, Hazzan Tisser and I have “have your back” in minyan. Sit with me (I'm the one calling pages) or let me connect you with one of the kind folks who come to minyan who would be delighted to sit next to you, keep you anchored on the right page. After minyan, grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and a lox sandwich with the regulars, have a chat, ask a question (or ten).

We Thank You for Your Support

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director



Thank you to all of our Kol Nidre Appeal donors this year!

We are pleased to announce that to date we are just short of matching our total collections from last year. However, our budget is higher this year so we still have more work to do! If you haven't yet made your Kol Nidre Appeal gift, please do!

Some noteworthy KNA giving:

We received over \$31,000 from donors who did not give to the Kol Nidre Appeal last year!

We received gifts of \$1000 or more from 58 donors. Of these, 5 are new members at Beth El, 11 are new donors, and 10 made significant increases over last year's gifts.

We have follow-up efforts underway and hope these efforts will bring in the remaining funds needed to meet our budgeted goal.

Please contact Judy Berkeley at (847) 432-0703 or jberkeley@nssbethel.org to make your donation and help us

reach our goal – it's not too late!

Rabbi Schwab's Installation & Celebration - Sunday, May 31st

A Save The Date card went out to the whole congregation and work is underway to build the Installation Celebration Committee.

The Installation ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 31st from 3-4:00 pm followed by a celebratory reception from 4-6:00 pm.

We are so excited that over 175 congregants have already agreed to serve on the Celebration Committee! If you are not yet on the committee but would like to be, please reach out to Judy Berkeley – we would love to have you!

Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th in the Blumberg auditorium at 7:45 pm.

We will be creating the following sub-committees to work on planning the event:

- Fundraising
- Invitations
- Food/Décor
- Ad Book/Honors letters
- AV/Entertainment
- Publicity

We are budgeted to raise \$70,000 this year from an annual fundraising event. Instead of having a separate fundraising event, we plan to fundraise around Rabbi Schwab's installation. This fundraising effort is needed to cover the costs of the celebration, which is free to all attendees, as well as to net \$70,000 for our annual fundraising budget. Income will come from the celebratory Ad Book, sponsorships and member donations. We have already received our first significant donation of \$25,000!

Become a Sponsor for this celebration or purchase an ad in our celebratory Ad Book.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Pre-School



If Not Now, When?

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

Our Staff

In August, our staff took part in a three day professional development experience that aimed to inspire, and to provide important continuing education.

On Day 1 - We looked inward - (If I am not for myself, who will be for me.)

On Day 2 - We looked outward - (If I am only for myself, what am I?)

On Day 3 - We made a plan for moving forward - (And if not now, when?)

Having spent the first two days assessing ourselves and considering those we seek to serve, we took the third day to chart a path forward...

One of the most beautiful things to come from that third day was the teachers' sharing of their dedication to teaching Tikkun Olam.

Our Parents

With Tikkun Olam as our guiding force, our Parent Auxiliary expanded its mission. In addition to the amazing work they do to meet the needs of the pre-school community, this year's Parent Auxiliary Co-Chairs, Allie Davidson and Dana Weiss, along with Jordana Greenberg, President of the Pre-School Committee created a Social Action Committee!

To date the committee has taken on 2 new projects. The first was to broaden the role of our room parents, and in doing so, asking them to work with the classes on a Tzedakah project.

Did you know that each Friday the pre-school children proudly bring their handmade Tzedakah holders to class so that they can give Tzedakah before Shabbat? The teachers lead the children in song, "Penny in the Pushka.." and the room parents talk about the importance of tzedakah and brain-

storm with the children about where they would like to donate the money collected.

The second project involves partnering with The Ark. Our pre-school classes will each be "adopting a family" at Hanukkah time to help make the holiday even more special. With each family in need's wish list in hand, our Beth El families will shop to make their wishes come true!

Our Children

With Thanksgiving around the corner, our children will be collecting and sorting food for The Ark's "Yes I Can" food drive.

Our Pre-K children will be putting on a Bake Sale. They will then shop for Thanksgiving food items and deliver them to a local Children's Center.

Through acts of kindness, our staff, our parents and our children are working together for a better tomorrow.



Communicate with Your Children About Anti-Semitism

By Marah Altenberg, Youth Community Director



Anti-semitism in America continues to become more pervasive with actions of hate groups on the rise, offensive graffiti, verbal rebukes toward Jewish kids and teens and even the first American mass shooting of a synagogue in Pittsburgh. There are too many incidents to ignore and parents need to find some responsible ways to communicate with their children about these hateful acts that target the Jewish community.

The Jewish Social Service Agency has advice for parents on how to structure these discussions. First, they say to keep it age appropriate. Discuss only the issues at the level you believe your child can understand. It is important to reassure children that most people do not hate Jewish individuals. Point out that people from many other religions have spoken up against anti-Semitism, just as we would want to support people who are having their religion attacked. A good example

would be a Muslim group in America that made a big effort to raise money to make repairs to Jewish tombstones that had been damaged at local cemeteries.

Anti-Semitism is a form of bullying. Your children need to understand that. You need to teach your children how to respond appropriately. Many kids will bully out of ignorance. With anti-Semitism you find the same issues. People who do not understand religion or the Jewish people will down our culture. This type of bullying can make children feel powerless. It is hard to understand why someone who does not know you would put you down.

Children also need to be told that if someone says something negative to them regarding their religion that they should be courageous and tell their parents, their teachers, their rabbi or an adult that has the power to help them out in this situation. The nega-

tive talk needs to be stopped in some form and kids need to understand the powerfulness of their actions and the damage words can inflict.

A great way to show your children how to make the world a more positive place is to help plan a day at school when students of various religions make presentations with their families about the special traditions of their own religion. Teach your children to get educated about traditions that are special to others. We all need to understand each other better in order to get along and learn to work on behalf of one another.



USY Upcoming Events

January 11 - Teen Nosh and Drash
10:45 am- 11:45 am.

Come to Rabbi Kurtz's new study and take part in some interesting Torah discussion with fellow teens and enjoy a delicious special snack!

January 15
7 pm - 9 pm

USY-Kadima Movie Night. Meet in the Youth Lounge

January 18
6 pm - 11 pm
BEANS USY Second City Night - \$35- Enjoy a night out at Second City with your friends!

January 20
9 am- 3 pm
Day Off Program- for 2nd graders to high schoolers - Cost- \$50.

February 9
3:30 pm
Shalom Club Ninja Event- noon to 5th graders

February 22 - Kadima Regional Social Night- Program tbd. - Save the date

5 Days of Free Camp for 2nd Graders!

We are privileged to extend our partnership with Camp Ramah in Wisconsin to include free Ruach Ramah for all our second grade families, religious school and day school. Camp Ramah is offering free tuition to their "taste of Ramah"

program which is 5 days in their beautiful Conover, Wisconsin location (offered twice a summer) for incoming third graders. NSS Beth El is pleased to partner with them on this extension of our "Second to None" investment deeply committing ourselves to

engage our community with Jewish learning in their second grade year.

For more information about our **Second to None** initiative with Camp Ramah, contact Annie Glasser at aglasser@ramahwisconsin.com.



Students of Torah and Art Display Their Work in a New Exhibit

By Rachel Kamin, Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director



The art in this exhibit resulted from an Artists Beit Midrash, a course of text study and art discussion at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, with support from the Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education program. The class was co-taught by Judith Joseph and Dr. Jane Shapiro. Using sacred text study as a stepping-off point, the Beit Midrash participants studied ideas about narrative in the Torah and in art, and viewed and discussed work by contemporary artists who explore similar concepts. They then went on to create their own works, inspired by and in response to the course discussions. The result is an exhibit in which sixteen artists express their personal narratives through multiple media, now on display through January 5.

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8 Ways to Celebrate Hannukkah continued from page 1

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

8. Consider how to add your light.

Hanukkah 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?

Join us at Beth El to celebrate Hanukkah together -

Monday 12/23, 5 PM - Evening @ the Movies: *Fiddler, A Miracle of Miracles*.

Kosher Chinese buffet as well.

Wednesday 12/18 5 pm - All ages Hanukkah Party with a Performance by Rick Recht.

Strategic Planning at NSSBE continued from page 2

By Ron Goldberg

There are wonderful enhancements when we have a Bar and Bar Mitzvah, too.

The B'nai Mitzvah now delivers the D'var introducing the Torah reading. Parents now join their child on the Bima for their first Aliyah, and for the She-hechianu and singing of Siman Tov and Mazel Tov. It is joyous and meaningful.

There's more -

We are committed to being on the right side of LGBTQ issues. We have already held training for the Staff, Clergy and Board. Our next training will be open to the entire Congregation - please join us on December 3!

Your needs change over time and what

you need Beth El for changes too.

We are looking at our programming to make sure we are prepared to serve you.

Operationally, we strive for excellence in financial planning and reporting, and how we service our family members.

At the same time, we remain a Traditional Conservative Synagogue! Our services remain intact. We educate our children and prepare them to live Jewish lives. Our decisions are guided by Jewish Values, Jewish Law and Jewish Traditions.

What's next?

We are working with the USCJ to get a deeper understanding of the Survey. We've trained congregants as facilita-

tors and will shortly begin Community Conversations to refine our Vision, Mission, and Values.

Finally, we promise transparent communications. I am so proud of Beth El. I am proud that we are confident enough in ourselves to listen and respond positively to serve you.

I love working hand in hand with Rabbi Schwab, the Clergy, Staff, Exec and Board.

We will maintain our traditions and we will be modern! We are a congregation on the move and I urge you to come to a program or a service. You will be welcomed and I hope delighted.



Sisterhood got a head start on 5780 through a collaboration with Honey from the Heart. The funds we raised will allow us to continue to support our synagogue financially as well as present programming that will positively impact the women of Beth El educationally, spiritually and physically.

We started our 2019-20 year with a riveting presentation in September by acclaimed local speaker, Leah Polin, who regaled more than 50 women of all ages with little-known stories of largely unheralded Jewish Women Who Have Changed the World. After taking a break over the holidays, we offered a series of well-received low-impact exercise classes

in November, led by our very own fitness guru, Sue Cohen.

This year's Sisterhood-sponsored Torah Fund classes, with tuition earmarked for Women's League's dedicated philanthropy, are just as stimulating and well-attended as ever, with our long-running book club (led by Rachel Kamin) and classes taught by Dr. Alicia Gejman and our two rabbis. A popular addition this year has been a monthly Rosh Hodesh class led by long-time Beth El members, Dr. Fran Alpert and Dr. Betsy Katz. We're already looking ahead to next year, when we hope to add Hazzan Barbara Barnett to our TF faculty.

We look forward to a busy winter, with the following events, among others in the works:

Monday evening, 12/23

A screening of *Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles*, the story behind one of Broadway's most beloved musicals, with buffet dinner (with CLC and Hazak)

Sunday evening, 1/16

We will welcome Goldie Goldbloom, author of *On Division* (with CLC).

Saturday night, 1/25

Game Night with Men's Club

Thursday evening, 1/30

Open Mike Night with Men's Club

Wednesday evening, 2/10

Tu B'Shvat Seder (with Continuing Ed)

Saturday night, 2/15

Brain Bash Trivia with Men's Club

Sunday morning, 2/16

Dr. Roberta Kwall book launch (with CLC)

Friday evening, 2/28

Congregational Shabbat Dinner, honoring Rabbi Schwab (with Men's Club)

Among other programs still in the planning stages are a food-centric event with our resident catering manager, Laura Frankel, a Shabbat dinner (with Men's Club) and a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

For info on how to join Sisterhood, how to donate to Torah Fund or how to subscribe to Mazel Mail (our fundraising program that sends birthday and wedding anniversary greetings to more than 700 of our fellow congregants), email kbweiss1023@gmail.com. Please also let us know if you'd like to get more involved in any aspect of Sisterhood; we're always looking to include more of our dedicated and talented women in our leadership.



It's Time to Make Memories!

By Sulie Holt, Diane Levin, and Pam Schlosberg, Gift Shop Co-chairs

This time of year, when the days get shorter and colder, we can't help but to think of Hanukkah. This Festival celebrates the extraordinary victory of the Maccabees, the rededication of the Second Temple and the miracle of the oil, is also called the Festival Lights. We are commanded to light Hanukkah lights and for eight days we increase the lights on our menorahs, remember our history, and rekindle the heart and spirit of Judaism.

Best of all, it's a shared time of joy, family, and friends. From the lights of the menorah and the aroma of latkes, to playing dreidel and exchanging gifts, the holiday is wrapped with traditions and with each year, a fresh anticipation.

According to the tradition of *hiddur mitzvah*, beautifying the mitzvot, contributes to its joy. In this spirit, the Gift Shop has a vast array of

Judaica to enhance your Hanukkah celebration and create new memories for your loved ones. For your home or for your gift-giving, there are stunning menorahs and whimsical ones too; candles, colorful dreidels, Hanukkah CDs, platters for your signature latkes and of course, children's items. This year, we're featuring fun, interactive musical toys, as well as Judah Maccabot robots. (see inset).

For your convenience, along with our regular Gift Shop hours: Sundays: 8:30am until 1:00pm; Tuesdays 10:00am until noon.



We will be adding a special Shopping Week:

Monday, December 16th through Friday, December 20, 8:30 until noon.

We are always open by appointment. Call Sulie: 847.558-3389; Diane: 847-571-5629, or Pam 847-433-7546. Your purchases help support our annual donations to the Beth El's Religious Schools.

Annual Keeper of the Flame Award – Rob Freeman

On Sunday November 3rd, Men's Club presented the Keeper of the Flame Award to Rob Freeman. The annual award recognizes a club member for their outstanding long-term dedication and service to the club, synagogue and the Jewish community. After moving to Highland Park, the Freeman's joined Beth El and Rob became immediately involved in the

family as well as over 60 friends, club and Beth El members. During the event, Rob was honored by many speakers recounting his many accomplishments and the example he has set for all who know him.

Men's Club Shabbat Weekend – January 10-12, 2020

Join Men's Club for a wonderful weekend starting with Kabbalat Shabbat and a Community Shabbat Dinner. Saturday morning, the Men's Club will lead services followed by our special deli kiddush lunch where everyone is invited as guests of Men's Club! The weekend will wrap up with a special Bagels For Your Brains program Sunday morning following Minyan.

World Wide Wrap – February 2nd, 2020 – Super Bowl Sunday

Start your Super Bowl Sunday praying for your favorite team with thousands of conservative Jews around the world celebrating the mitzvah of Tefillin at their morning minyanim as part of the annual "World Wide Wrap."

The mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin is one of the most basic Jewish rituals. Yet for many of us

it is removed from our daily lives. The Men's Club encourages each of you to join us and participate in this mitzvah. We realize that for some of you this may be a new or unfamiliar experience, so come early as there'll be extra sets of Tefillin and personal trainers to help you through the process.

We hope that you will all plan to be hand on February 2nd as we take part in the World Wide Wrap. Minyan starts promptly at 8:45 am. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jori Brajer at jbajer@gmail.com

Caveman Dinner – Save the Date – March 5th

The Caveman dinner is always a fun get together for all generations, without utensils of course. Food fit only for the hands including T-Rex ribs, Pterodactyl wings, Stegosaurus hotdogs and more. All of it expertly cooked and served up by grill masters Jeffrey Goldsmith and Aaron Krumbein along with the catering staff. Last year's event brought in new friends and members from around the community totaling over 120 men. Save the date – March 5th – for this outstanding event.



Men's Club bringing fresh ideas and innovative programming that continue to this day. Celebrating his well-deserved honor was Rob's

Laying the Roots for Peace

By Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education

The ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians often leaves us with despair as even the idea of peace grows ever more distant. As American Jews, we watch from afar and make assumptions about the situation that are based on the news and social media we choose to follow. Opinions vary and it's difficult to escape our personal political echo chambers!

One ray of hope in a landscape of seemingly negative coverage of the situation is an organization called Roots/Shorashim/Judur. It is a grassroots collaboration between Israelis and Palestinians to build understanding, nonviolence and transformation.

On Wednesday, October 30th Beth El welcomed Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Shadi Abu Awwad to come and speak about the work that they do at Roots. Both began their talk with the revelation that despite living so physically close to each other, they really had

no connection with the other. Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank exist in almost complete separation, and both sides have little knowledge of each other's lives or humanity. Stereotypes are reinforced by exposure to only the most aggressive face of the other- through media or personal experience of violence, trauma, fear and intimidation.

Roots runs dialogue groups at least once a week between members of local Israeli and Palestinian communities. They know that there is great disagreement over many issues – over the facts of the past and the reality of the present, but they have found that effective dialogue is the secure place for argument, and leads to deeper understanding. It is in this space that solutions can be built and actions can be developed.

Both Rabbi Schlesinger and Mr. Awwad described their work as "pre-political," laying



the groundwork amongst the people for future political moves that might bring them closer together. Despite challenges from each of their corners, they have been working hard and tirelessly to humanize their neighbors and realize that commonalities among people who along with economic security and freedom to grow, want peace. If you missed this presentation, but are interested in learning more about their work, or want receive ongoing information from their mailing list, go to:

www.friendsofroots.net.

“Support Our Troops” is a Valued Mitzvah

By Jan Channon, Mitzvah Day Support Our Troops Chair

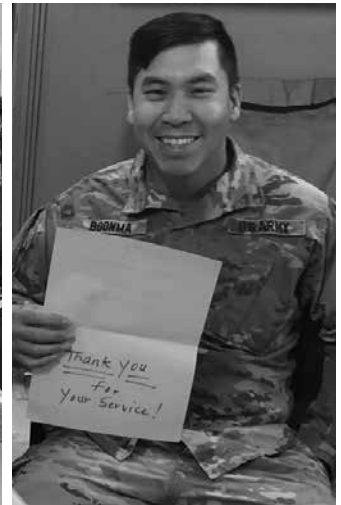
For many years, as part of Mitzvah Day, NSS Beth El has packed boxes of donated supplies and food items along with personal handwritten notes from parents and children to send to American service men and women. Below is a letter from my son Daniel, who is currently serving in Middle East. He expresses his personal gratitude for this effort, as well as that felt by his fellow soldiers. As we approach this year’s Mitzvah Day on February 9th, please know how much this important mitzvah means to the men and women who serve our country. We hope YOU will support our troops this year!

Dear Congregation Beth EL,

We here at the 379th Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Company (CBRN) are extremely grateful for all the wonderful notes, gifts, snacks and supplies you sent to our troops. Our Soldiers were very touched reading all the cards sent by the families and children. For our soldiers, getting packages from back home means the world. Just knowing that they are being thought about reminds our soldiers why they are here and who they are fighting for. Thank you again for all the wonderful words and wishes.

A little bit of information about our mission here in the Middle East. We are tasked to support American and Allied coalition forces in training their personnel in decontamination operations in the event of a CBRN related attack. Again, thank you,

*Daniel W. Channon, First LT
379th CBRN Company*



Volunteer Profile: Ally McAleer

By Rachel Kamin, Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director



If you’ve ever been in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center on a Tuesday morning then you’ve met Ally McAleer. The 28-year-old Highland Park resident has been volunteering in the Library every week for the past 5 years. Ally empties the book return box, checks in all of the books, files the circulation cards, re-shelves books, and performs other needed tasks. Ally originally started volunteering at Beth El with a job coach through the Adult Community Transition Services at Anixter in Highland Park but now Ally volunteers in the Library independently. She always comes to work with a big smile on her face

and her bubbly, enthusiastic personality brightens everyone’s day. We estimate that she has logged over 250 hours of service to Beth El!

To celebrate this milestone, Rachel Kamin and Marcie Eskin hosted a little party for Ally in the Abbell Library. Joined by her parents, Rabbi Schwab, Ron Goldberg, and members for the Beth El staff, we all expressed our appreciation and gratitude to Ally for all that she has done for our Beth El community over the past 5 years. Next time you’re at Beth El on a Tuesday morning, be sure to stop by the Library to say thank you to Ally!

Mazel Tov to:

Julia and Matthew Berk on the birth of their daughter, Roberta Miriam Berk
 Jill and Irwin Bernstein on the birth of their granddaughter
 Penina Frankel on the engagement of her grandson, Caleb, to Shanna Rifkin
 Elise and Ira Frost on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary
 Andrea Goldstein on receiving her Doctorate in Nursing
 Andrea and Joshua Graham on the birth of their son, Myles Paul Graham
 Debbie and Steve Graham on the birth of their grandson, Myles Paul Graham
 Hilary and Dr. Allan Greenberg on the

marriage of their daughter, Joanna, to Beni Glicksberg
 Riva Greenberger on the birth of her great-grandchild, Roberta Miriam Berk
 Robin and Dr. Mark Greenberger on the birth of their grandchild, Roberta Miriam Berk
 Janice and Steve Hefter on the marriage of their son, Justin, to Lauren Swartz
 Joyce and Don Joseph on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Melanie Baum
 Dana and Joe Karmin on the birth of their daughter
 Teri Leibowitz on the birth of her grandson, Warren Gabriel Koche
 Ruth Lion on the marriage of her son,

Nathan Finch, to Stacy Smoler
 Selena Pestine on the occasion of her 90th birthday
 Miriam and Morton Steinberg on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary
 Cara Madansky-Stiebel and Mayer Stiebel on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Donna Maya Wolf
 Rebecca and Noah Weininger on the birth of their daughter, Harriet Riel Weininger
 Jill Weinberg and Bernard Kramer on the birth of their grandson, Harry Kaplan Kramer
 Judy and Rabbi David Weiss on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot Ayelet Weiss

Welcome to Our New Members:

Marc and Robin Joseph
 Mark and Suzanne Lampert
 Miss Helaine Liebman
 Richard and Sarah Liebman
 Ms. Bonnie Lipton
 Michael and Blair Miller and their children Harrison, Graham, Maxwell and Isabelle
 Mr. Michael Mizel
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Adam and Debra Natenshon and their children Gabriel, Micah and Zachary
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 Robert and Sydelle Reich
 Mr. Misha Reznik & Ms. Allison Zabelin
 Mrs. Robbie Schreiber

Mrs. Suzanne Schuster and her children Preston and Violet
 Mr. Andres Sevi & Ms. Elli Smerling
 Mr. Max Trotter
 Ira and Elizabeth Ury and their children Barrett and Miles
 Ms. Marilyn Weinstein
 Daniel and Jodi Weiss and their children Maxwell, Jacob and Zoey

Condolences to:

Irwin Bernstein on the loss of his father, David Bernstein
 Medwin Dayan on the loss of his father, Charles Dayan
 Steven Dolins on the loss of his father, Max Dolins
 Beverly Gordon on the loss of her brother, Ronald Lifson
 Steven Gordon on the loss of his mother, Eleanor Gordon
 Barbara Hochwert on the loss of her father, Lawrence S. Becker
 Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert on

the loss of their grandfather, Lawrence S. Becker
 Arthur Holtzman on the loss of his mother, Esther G. Holtzman
 Eileen Kahana on the loss of her sister, Judy Strauss
 Richard Long on the loss of his brother, Edward Long
 Michelle Newman on the loss of her grandfather, Lawrence S. Becker
 Andrew Sigismund on the loss of his mother, Carol Feldman Sigismund
 Marc Simon on the loss of his father, Bernard Simon

Albert Speisman on the loss of his wife, Joyce Speisman
 Mae Spitz on the loss of her husband, Mark Spitz

IN MEMORIAM:

Lawrence S. Becker
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 Edith "Edie" Kaye
 Anne Winterman Szanto
 Joyce Speisman
 Mark Spitz
 Richard Stiefel

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In honor of Hannah Kessler's marriage to Nicholas Warther and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Steven and Susan Kessler**

In honor of Marshall Gerber and Joan Holland - **Kenneth and Andrea Saffir**

In honor of Melanie Jenna Abramowicz and Seth Michael Pawlow's wedding and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Barry and Laurel Abramowicz**

In honor of Mort and Miriam Steinberg's 45th wedding anniversary - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of our daughter, Sue Cohen - **Sol and Harriet Price**

In honor of Rabbi Schwab's 30th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

In honor of Rabbi Vernon Kurtz's recovery - **Lionel Kramer**

In honor of Selena Pestine on her 90th birthday - **Matthew, Jamie, Zac and Sydney Pestine**

In honor of Tamar Grey, daughter of Jordan and Beth Grey, on her graduation from MIT - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Judy Weiss - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the 55th wedding anniversary of Michael and Betsy Katz - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the baby naming of our grandson Dean, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Donald and Suzanne Horwitz**

In honor of the birth of Beth and Jordan Grey's grandchild - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Betty Rozenfeld's great-grandson and great-granddaughter - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Dr. Mark and Robin Greenberger's grandchild and Rivia Greenberger's great-grandchild - **Rivia Greenberger**

In honor of the marriage of Josh Warshawsky, son of Reuben and Tami Warshawsky - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the marriage of Steve and Debbie Graham's daughter, Lauren - **Karen Weiss**

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

In memory of Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - **Paul and Eileen Goldstein**

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In memory of Alan Miller, beloved husband - **Judith Miller**

In memory of Alvin Levine, beloved friend - **Donald and Lois Chudacoff**

In memory of Anna and Harry Kolender, beloved grandparents - **Phillip and Sandra Cooper**

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In memory of Bob Weber and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Millie Weber**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Ruth Fischer**

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- **Robert and Iris Center**

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In memory of Charlotte Lindon, beloved mother and grandmother - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

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- **Ruth Fischer**

- **Wayne and Linda Goldstein**

- **Rivia Greenberger**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye

- **Allene Frost**

- **Ira and Elise Frost**

- **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Edward Goldstein, beloved father of Dr. Wayne Goldstein and beloved grandfather of Marcie Faust

- **Marc and Nan Fine**

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- **Karen Weiss**

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In memory of Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon

- **Harris and Sharon Goldenberg**

- **Teri Leibowitz**

- **Louis and Vivian Rosen**

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In memory of Henry Bernick, beloved father-in-law - **Joel Hirsch**

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In memory of Iris and Jerome Stein, beloved mother and father - **Stuart and Rolly Cohen**

In memory of Jacob Rose, beloved father - **Mark and Allyson Rose**

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

In memory of Joan Picus Sterns, beloved mother - **Jay and Mindy Sterns**

In memory of Joe and Pearl Silver, beloved grandfather and grandmother - **Melvyn and Dolores Gerstein**

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert

- **Drs. Carol and Gordon Derman**

- **Len and Shelly Foxman**

- **Terri and Michael Lipsitz**

- **Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff**

- **Kurt and Robyn Silberstein**

- **Judy and Stephen Smiley**

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn

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 - **Sheila Olshansky**
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 - **Allene Frost**
 - **Ira and Elise Frost**
 - **Karen Weiss**
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 - **Ellen and Steven Lasin**
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Barbara Gottesman
In memory of Pinhas Zaid, beloved husband -
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Karen Weiss
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Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
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Samuel and Irene Shanes
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Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Alan Silberman -
Karen Weiss
With appreciation to Erica Schwab -
Jordana and Jared Greenberg and Family
With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab
 - **Stewart and Jennifer Flink**
 - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**
 - **Ben and Shellie Schwartz**
 - **Richard and Lois Werner Family Foundation**
With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for all of his support during our Shiva for my father, Charles Kurns -
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With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his warm and inspiring leadership -
Steven and Linda Feinstein

Rabbi Freedman Discretionary Fund

In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein on their 60th wedding anniversary -
Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter
In honor of Jan Channon's Simchat Torah honor as Kol Ne'Arim and for remembering our Hazak congregants -
Brian Channon
In honor of Karen and Michael Kesner's 40th wedding anniversary -
Lisa Alter Krule and Michael Krule
In honor of our wedding and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman -
Neil and Sheri Cooper
In honor of Selena Pestine on her 90th birthday -
Matthew, Jamie, Zac and Sydney Pestine
In honor of the birth of Dana and Joe Karmin's daughter, Daisy -
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Marc and Marcy Simon
In memory of Bob Weber and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman -
Millie Weber
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In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman
 - **Irvina Warren**

In memory of Janet R. Abels, beloved mother
 - **Roger and Ronnie Wilk**
In memory of Joseph I. Lipsman, beloved father
 - **William and Wendy Lipsman**
In memory of Judy Strauss, beloved sister -
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In memory of Lorna Greenspahn and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman -
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Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
In memory of Sidney Feitelberg, beloved brother -
Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
In memory of Sidney Miller, beloved father-in-law -
Judith Miller
In memory of Thelma Oliff Klein, beloved mother -
Joel Klein
In memory of William B. Strauss, beloved father -
Benton and Sandra Strauss
Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Phyllis Gottlieb -
Marvin and Sara Siegel
With appreciation for my High Holiday honor -
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With appreciation for Rabbi Freedman's inspiring sermons -
Lawrence and Abby Block
With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for his sensitivity to special needs and his beautiful sermons -
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With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for leading the Minyan at Shiva for Judy Strauss -
Dov and Eileen Kahana
With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for officiating and helping us with our wedding -
Aaron and Carly Wolff

Hazzan Tisser Discretionary Fund

In honor of Hannah Kessler's marriage to Nicholas Warther and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser -
Steven and Susan Kessler
In honor of the baby naming of our great-granddaughter, Alice Jacobson -
Amos and Edith Turner
In memory of Blanche Levy, beloved mother -
Judith Miller
In memory of Bob Weber and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser -
Millie Weber
In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber
 - **Cindy Leshtz**
 - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**
In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser -
Irvina Warren
In memory of Joyce Speisman and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser -
Albert Speisman
In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert -
Andrea and Sandy Weber
In memory of Marty Stern, beloved husband of Devi Stern
 - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**
 - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

In memory of Maury A. Kravitz, beloved husband and father - **Mona Kravitz**

In memory of Richard Stiefel and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - **Julie Rodheim**

In memory of Thelma Oliff Klein, beloved mother - **Joel Klein**

With appreciation to Hazzan Tisser for his wonderful musical initiatives - **Edward and Paulette Margulies**

Rabbi Kurtz Emeritus Discretionary Fund

In honor of Joan Holland's special birthday - **Sandra Becker**

In memory of Abe Aaronson, beloved father - **Neil and Adrienne Aaronson**

In memory of Adele and Michael Green, beloved mother and father - **Gidon and Hilary Cohen**

In memory of Anna Citro, beloved mother - **Sherry Kantar**

In memory of Benjamin Schneider, beloved father - **Charlotte Tayne Avraham**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Diane and Louis Calmenson**

In memory of Charles Dayan, beloved father of Medwin Dayan - **Carol and Stephen Weiss**

In memory of Dorothy Schneider, beloved mother - **Charlotte Tayne Avraham**

In memory of Edmund Mizel, beloved brother - **Gerald and Liora Mizel**

In memory of Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon

- **The Feinzimer Family**
- **Andrew and Maxine Mellman**

In memory of Esther Mizel, beloved mother - **Gerald and Liora Mizel**

In memory of Joyce Speisman, beloved wife of Albert Speisman - **Jennifer Powers**

In memory of Juanita Hoffman, beloved mother - **Steven and Jill Hoffman**

In memory of Larry Tayne, beloved husband, father and grandfather - **Charlotte Tayne and Family**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Adrienne Eckerling**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz and beloved father of Dr. James Spitz

- **The Kesner Family**
- **Jaime Canete /Monteverde Restaurant and Pastificio**

In memory of Mildred Ferst, beloved mother - **Rivia Greenberger**

In memory of Myndel Rubin, beloved mother - **Stuart and Marlene Senescu**

In memory of Norman Mizel, beloved brother - **Gerald and Liora Mizel**

In memory of Phillip Mizel, beloved father - **Gerald and Liora Mizel**

In memory of Randall Horwitz, beloved husband - **David and Janice Lasky**

In memory of Samuel Rubin, beloved father - **Stuart and Marlene Senescu**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

- **Adrienne Eckerling**

- **Robert and Beth Footlik**

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Harris and Sharon Goldenberg**

- **Judith Leff**

- **Mildred Lidov**

- **Mira and Alexander Wolf**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at my grandson Zachary Greenberg's Bar Mitzvah

- **Adrienne Eckerling**

Adolph M. and Lotty Jacobson Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Sharon and Larry Dubin's 60th wedding anniversary - **Harvey and Ellen Jacobson and JoAnn and Martin Jacobson**

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund

In honor of Pearl and Joel Kagan - **Lee Rubenstein**

Ba'al Korei Fund

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

Calvin and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund

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

In memory of Yonnie Levin, beloved nephew - **Calvin and Lana Eisenberg**

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

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

Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Amy Pessis on her 70th birthday - **Judy and Stephen Smiley**

In honor of Andrea Goldstein completing her Doctorate in Nursing at Duke University - **Dr. Eliezer Krumbein**

In honor of David Pickard, son of Marcie and Brad Pickard, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - **Sherry and Brad Levin**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

With appreciation to David Shapiro and Lori Stark for hosting breakfast - **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

With appreciation - **David and Judy Fivel**

Capital Improvement Fund

In memory of Betty Hamilton, beloved wife - **Bertram Hamilton**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**
- **Karen and Michael Kesner**
- **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**

In memory of Devorah Holland, beloved daughter - **Joan Holland**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband - **Irvina Warren**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Karen and Michael Kesner**

In memory of Edward Hyman, beloved father - **Joan Holland**

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert

- **Eric and Kim Ephraim**
- **Laurie and Andy Hochberg**
- **Karen and Michael Kesner**
- **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

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

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn - **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**

In memory of Mania Glassman, beloved mother-in-law - **Joan Holland**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz

- **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**
- **Karen and Michael Kesner**
- **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**
- **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**
- **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

In memory of Marvin Holland, beloved husband - **Joan Holland**

In memory of Sol Holland, beloved brother-in-law - **Joan Holland**

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Judy Weiss

- **Gerry Kaplan**
- **Edward and Paulette Margulies**

In honor of the 55th wedding anniversary of Michael and Betsy Katz - **Gerry Kaplan**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Joel and Frances Rabinowitz**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn - **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman**

In memory of Lucille Kaufman, beloved sister - **Joel and Frances Rabinowitz**

In memory of Shirley Linn, beloved mother of Dr. Edward Linn - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Sylvia Wilder, beloved sister - **Joel and Frances Rabinowitz**

Family Youth Engagement and Center Endowment Fund

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Irene and Barry Sufrin**

In honor of the wonderful way we have been welcomed into the Beth El community - **Tami and Reuben Warshawsky**

Fertig Family College Campus Visit Endowment Fund

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber
- **Nancy and Maury Fertig**

Gamze House Beautification Endowment Fund

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert
- **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Fund

In memory of Anna Winterman Szanto

- **The Kutin Family**
- **Arielle and Victor Levitan**

In memory of Abraham Kahana, beloved father
- **Dov and Eileen Kahana**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **June Back Frydman**
- **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon - **Laurel Israel**

In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hender - **Dr. Gary and Merle Kaufman and Family**

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

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert

- **Stephen and Judy Berkeley**
- **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman**

In memory of Mildred Lashinsky, Sidney Starkman and Annette Berg at Yizkor for Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret - **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman**

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-In-Residence Program Endowment Fund

In memory of Irving Robbin, beloved father
- **David and Karen Benson**

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

In honor of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen's 90th birthday
- **Joan Berke**

- **Ira S. Hirschfield and Tom Hansen**

In honor of David Pickard, son of Brad and Marcie Pickard, on his Bar Mitzvah - **Eric and Kim Ephraim**

In honor of the birth of Teri Leibowitz's grandson, Warren Gabriel Koche - **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

In memory of Bernard Edelstein, beloved father - **Jennifer Wirth**

In memory of Bernice Cohen, beloved wife of

Benjamin Cohen

- **Robert and Sandra Borns**
- **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**
- **Gina Propp-Schmarak**
- **Judy Quinlan-Shambo and Family**
- **Thomas Wilson**

In memory of Carol Feldman Sigismund, beloved mother of Andrew Sigismund - **Deborah and Joseph Fox**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Pamela and Richard Schlosberg**

In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hender

- **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**
- **Pamela and Richard Schlosberg**

In memory of Howard Hirschfield, beloved father - **David and Pamela Hirschfield**

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

In memory of Martin Meyerson, beloved father - **David and Pamela Hirschfield**

In memory of Pearl Kahalnik, beloved mother - **Chuck Kahalnik**

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

With appreciation - **Donald Ephraim Family Foundation**

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Janice L. Chapman**
- **Elizabeth and Jonathan Stern**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren

- **Barbara Raife Breakstone**
- **Robert and Beth Footlik**

In memory of Eunice Bergman, beloved mother and grandmother - **Tammy and Doug**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz and beloved father of Dr. James Spitz

- **The Ringel Family**
- **Hildy and Craig Spak**

In memory of Adam Fleischer - **Dr. Gary and Merle Kaufman**

In memory of Anne Winterman Szanto - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

In memory of Joyce Speisman, beloved wife of Albert Speisman - **Nancy Graver**

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn - **Elaine Loseff**

In memory of Joseph and Mae Gray, beloved father and mother - **Elaine Loseff**

In memory of Samuel Loseff, beloved father-in-law - **Elaine Loseff**

Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'fi-lot Education Endowment Fund

In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein's 60th

wedding anniversary

- **Myrna Kopin**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Myrna Kopin**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Myrna Kopin**

Linda and Al Winick Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn - **Bonnie P. Levin**

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

In honor of Arnold Reingold's 90th birthday, my children and my grandchildren - **Hilda Reingold**

In honor of Ira and Elise Frost's 40th wedding anniversary - **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Joel and Frances Rabinowitz**
- **Arnold and Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Dorothy Frankel Wexler, beloved wife - **Herman Wexler**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert - **Matthew Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Arnold and Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Roberta Steinhart, beloved daughter - **Joyce Steinhart**

With appreciation to Rachel Kamin - **Gerald Ullman**

Minyan Service Fund

In honor of the birth of Irwin and Jill Bernstein's granddaughter, Daisy - **Robert and Beth Footlik**

In honor of the Simchat Torah honorees, Richard Zelin, Richard Small and Jan Channon for sponsoring Ki - **Jan and Brian Channon**

In memory of Abraham Serman, beloved father - **Toby Schwartz**

In memory of Albert Gersowsky, beloved father - **Barry Gersowsky**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Andrew and Gail Brown**
- **Robert and Beth Footlik**
- **Andi Freier and Steve Nussbaum**
- **Friends and Family of Bob Weber**

In memory of Charles Schwartz, beloved husband and father - **Toby Schwartz**

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

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

In memory of Harry Archie Dolansky, beloved father - **Sanford and Glenda Mason**

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

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn

- **Myra and Larry Dorf**
- **Gerald and Judy Farby**
- **Harris and Sharon Goldenberg**

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

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

In memory of Ronald Lifson, beloved brother of Beverly Gordon - **Harris and Sharon Goldenberg**

In memory of Rosalyn Mason, beloved mother
- **Sanford and Glenda Mason**

With appreciation and gratitude to my family on my birthday - **Rochelle Rubinoff**

With appreciation to Beth Footlik for her kindness extended to me at Minyan - **Honey Bronson**

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

With appreciation for Ronnie Jo Sokol's time and wisdom - **Beth Footlik**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Lisa and Gary Shiffman**

Music Fund

In honor of Valerie Faust, daughter of Derek and Marcie Faust, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

- **Joan and Richard Shapiro**
- **Patricia Shapiro**

In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hendler - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

With appreciation for a delightful "Night at the Copacabana" - **Karen Weiss**

With appreciation for Hazzan Tisser's beautiful Yom Tov chanting - **Lawrence and Abby Block**

With appreciation to PS and RS - **Robert and Beth Footlik**

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein's 60th wedding anniversary - **Lewis and Beverly Feiges**

In honor of Gary Savine's birthday - **Florence Sosniak**

In honor of Jan Channon receiving the honor of Kol Ne'Arim at Simchat Torah - **Stephanie and Michael Smerling**

In honor of Judy and Rob Sternberg's 50th wedding anniversary - **Bill Levy and Patrick Schwarz**

In honor of Saul Silverstein's special birthday - **Elaine Loseff**

In honor of the engagement of Melanie Goldfarb to Amir Kovacs - **Eugene and Renee Goldfarb**

In memory of Albert Naiditch, beloved father-in-law - **Marilyn Naiditch**

In memory of Anne Winterman Szanto - **Ann Glick**

In memory of Ben Freifeld, beloved father-in-law - **Marilyn Freifeld**

In memory of Ronald Lifson, beloved brother of Beverly Gordon and Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon - **Arlene Benjamin and Linda Lurie**

In memory of Beverly and Steven Gordon's loved ones - **Rhonda and Sherwin Dubin**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Mally Rutkoff**

In memory of Cecelia and Edward Goldstein, beloved parents of Dr. Wayne Goldstein and beloved grandparents of Marcie Faust - **Mally Rutkoff**

In memory of David Bernstein, beloved father of Irwin Bernstein - **Joy Horwicz**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren

- **Melvin and Lenore Blum**
- **Jeanne Chemers**
- **Dr. Willard Fry**
- **Monte Levinson and Judy Harvey**
- **Marlene Levine**
- **Elaine Loseff**
- **Richard and Marsha Newman**
- **Wallace and Susan Roberts**
- **Susan Rubnitz**
- **Michael and Cecille Silver**
- **Ann Wolff**

In memory of Edith "Edie" Kaye - **Karen and Eugene Finerman**

In memory of Elaine Ordower, beloved sister - **Adrian and Linda Winick**

In memory of Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon

- **Joan Feinstein**
- **Brian Gordon**
- **Joel and Muriel Kasanov**

In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hendler - **Jim and Sue Kach**

In memory of Fred Margolis, beloved husband
- **Susan Margolis**

In memory of Hannah Ruderman, beloved grandmother - **Robert and Carol Ruderman**

In memory of J. Harry Kulakofsky, beloved father - **Ruth Belzer**

In memory of Joyce Speisman, beloved wife of Albert Speisman

- **Sally Chester**
- **Mark and Sharon Fine**

In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn

- **Arthur and Lynn Cohen**
- **Michael and Stephanie Levy and Family**
- **Judy and Gary Mazor**
- **Mally Rutkoff**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz

- **James and Linda Ginsburg**
- **Mally Rutkoff**

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

In memory of Richard Stiefel, beloved father, grandfather and friend - **Lawrence and Abby Block**

In memory of Ronald Lifson, beloved brother of Beverly Gordon - **Paula Fagel**

In memory of Sarah, Henry and Sidney Holab
- **Phyllis Roter**

In memory of Shirley Nyeste, beloved mother
- **James Nyeste and Marla Hand**

In memory of Terrence Schneiderman, beloved

brother - **Mark and Deborah Schneiderman**

In memory of William Schneiderman, beloved father - **Mark and Deborah Schneiderman**

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Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

In honor of the birth of Ava and Steve Nussbaum's grandson, Aviv Meir - **NSS Beth El Pre-School Staff**

In honor of the birth of Joe and Dana Karmin's daughter - **Deborah Rosenberg and Cori Katz**

In honor of the birth of Sarit Pagofsky's grandson, Liam - **NSS Beth El Steinberg Pre-School Staff**

In honor of the birth of the Borman's daughter, Shai - **Deborah Rosenberg and Cori Katz**

In honor of the birth of the Schallman's daughter, Demi - **Deborah Rosenberg and Cori Katz**

In memory of Adele and Michael Green, beloved mother and father - **Gidon and Hilary Cohen**

In memory of Bertha Wasserman, beloved grandmother - **Robert and Loree Wasserman**

In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hendler - **Jackie and Michael Melinger**

In memory of John Ferns, beloved brother - **Ronald and Eileen Goldberg**

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund

In honor of our Zayde, Mort Steinberg, authoring "Tradition by the Lake" a Celebration of Beth El at 70
- **Naama Abraham, Leor Abraham, Max Steinberg and Levi Steinberg**

Prayer Book Fund

In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein's 60th wedding anniversary - **Joseph and Susan Ament**

In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber

- **Miriam Berlin and Family**
- **Bertram Hamilton**
- **Daniel and Susan Hoseman**
- **Gerry Kaplan**
- **Jane Pickus**
- **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Madeleine and David Solomon**

In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert

- **Ira and Elise Frost and Family**
- **Jacqueline and Michael Melinger**

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Daniel and Susan Hoseman**

*In memory of Ruth Gross, beloved mother of Frances Shapiro - **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz***

*Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Shifra Bat Sarah - **Marvin and Sara Siegel***

*Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Bruce Mondschain - **Marvin and Sara Siegel***

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Lecture Endowment Fund

*In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Betty Rozenfeld***

*In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Betty Rozenfeld***

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

*In honor of Jan Channon's Simchat Torah honor as Kol Ne'Arim - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In honor of Richard Small's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Bereshit - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In honor of Richard Zelin's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Torah - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In memory of Lorna Greenspahn, beloved mother of Dr. Bruce Greenspahn - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In memory of Minnie R. Levenson, beloved mother - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

*In memory of Pearl S. Blumberg, beloved mother - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg***

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Solomon Schechter Scholarship Endowment Fund

*In honor of Al Winick, Kol hakavod for your support of Jewish day school education - **Larry Pachter***

*In honor of Jan Channon's Simchat Torah honor as Kol Ne'Arim - **Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel***

*In honor of Karen and Michael Kesner's 40th wedding anniversary - **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman***

*In honor of Richard Small's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Bereshit - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter***

*In honor of Richard Zelin's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Torah - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter***

*In honor of Jan Channon's Simchat Torah honor as Kol Ne'Arim - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter***

*In honor of Richard Small's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Bereshit - **Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel***

*In honor of Richard Zelin's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Torah - **Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel***

*In memory of Charles Dayan, beloved father of Medwin Dayan - **Arielle and Victor Levitan***

*In memory of Edward Yore, beloved father - **Mayer Stiebel and Cara Madansky-Stiebel***

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

Senior Rabbinic Chair Endowment Fund

*In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert - **Arlene, Bob and Laura Subin and Howard Creskoff***

Social Action Fund

*In honor of Isabel Wolle becoming a Bat Mitzvah - **Honey and Dan Bronson***

In memory of Allan Levick, beloved father of Honey Bronson

- **Edward and Paulette Margulies**

- **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

*In memory of Dr. Sherwyn Warren, beloved husband of Irvina Warren - **Judy Shewach and Fred Stevenson***

*In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hendler - **Dan and Honey Bronson***

*In memory of Joyce Speisman, beloved wife of Albert Speisman - **Emily Keeter***

*Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Carole Weiss - **Patricia Shapiro***

Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Leibman Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz

- **Andrew and Gail Brown**

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Gerry Kaplan**

- **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

- **Mildred Lidov**

- **Robert and Rhoda Rothman**

- **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

Staff Recognition Fund

*In honor of Barbara and Stuart Hochwert's engagement at NSSBE - **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman***

*With appreciation to NSS Beth El for a great summer - **Andrew and Gail Brown***

The Philip and Ellen Glass Program for Rabbi's Discretionary Endowment Fund

*In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein's 60th wedding anniversary - **Ellen and Philip Glass***

*In honor of Joan Holland's special birthday - **Ellen and Philip Glass***

*Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Lois Chudacoff - **Ellen and Philip Glass***

Tzedakah/Pushke Fund

In honor of Dr. Robert and Maxine Greenstein's 60th wedding anniversary

- **Renee Pasikov**

- **Shael and Myrna Siegel**

*In memory of Bernard Simon, beloved father of Marc Simon - **Terri and Barry Wallach***

*In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Robert***

and Maxine Greenstein

*In memory of Edward Goldstein, beloved father of Dr. Wayne Goldstein and beloved grandfather of Marcie Faust - **Patricia Shapiro***

*In memory of Eleanor Gordon, beloved mother of Steven Gordon - **Laurence and Corinne Baskin***

*In memory of Mark Spitz, beloved husband of Mae Spitz - **Robert and Maxine Greenstein***

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

In memory of Ronald Lifson, beloved brother of Beverly Gordon

- **Laurence and Corinne Baskin**

- **Linda and Larry Blackstone**

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

Witzell Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

*In memory of Marsha Witzell, beloved friend - **June Back Frydman***

Youth Community Fund

*In honor of David Pickard, son of Brad and Marcie Pickard, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - **Marc and Devorah Richards***

*In honor of Jan Channon's Simchat Torah honor as Kol Ne'Arim - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ann Bowers***

*In honor of Richard Small's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Bereshit - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers***

*In honor of Richard Zelin's Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Torah - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers***

*In honor of Stephen and Annette Ray becoming grandparents - **David Smith and Michelle Wasserman***

*In memory of Barbara Eisenstadt, beloved mother of Marcy Freeman - **Steve and Sara Coven***

*In memory of David Bernstein, beloved father of Irwin Bernstein - **Steven and Frances Shapiro***

*In memory of Eunice Bergman - **Arielle and Victor Levitan***

Youth Community Endowment Fund

*In honor of Jan Channon on receiving the Kol Ne'Arim Honor on Simchat Torah - **Babette and Mark Daskin***

*In honor of Rob Freeman being named Men's Club "Keeper of the Flame" - **Noah Horowitz and Mindy Goldstein***

*In memory of Bob Weber, beloved husband of Millie Weber and beloved father of Sandy Weber - **Nanci Susan Dobkin***

*In memory of Felicia Pikholtz, beloved mother of Tracey Hendler - **Tammy Swill***

*In memory of Larry Becker, beloved father of Barbara Hochwert and beloved grandfather of Michelle Newman, Pamela Hochwert and Ross Hochwert - **Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky***

*In memory of Marty Stern, beloved husband of Devi Stern - **Marilyn and Rodney Slutzky***

*In memory of Carol Feldman Sigismund, beloved mother of Andrew Sigismund - **Heather Sher***

Treasures From Our Museum

By Rachel Kamin, Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director

Several treasures from the Rissman Kol Ami Collection are now on display to complement the Artists Beit Midrash exhibit, *The Stories We Tell: Narrative in the Torah and in Art*, including three decorative plates, a bronze relief, and a special music box. The pair of 19th century sterling silver decorative plates from Italy were donated to the collection by Badona and Maurice Spertus. In one, the central scene depicts the golden calf and Moses breaking tablets

with four vignettes illustrating scenes from the life of Moses. The other plate depicts Tobias and the Angel from the Apocrypha with four vignettes representing scenes from the Bible. The third decorative plate is silver on copper from 20th century Iran and was donated by Nathaniel Grey. It shows



Moses and Aaron with a menorah in the center. Moses, on the left, is holding the Decalogue and a staff and Aaron has a breastplate and censor.

Sholom Aleichem

(1859-1916) was the most beloved classical Yiddish writer. The musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, based on his stories about Tevye the Dairyman, was the first commercially successful English-language stage production about Jewish life in Eastern Europe. On display is a bronze relief mounted on wood (20th century, United States) which was donated by Badona and Maurice Spertus.



Arthur Szyk (1894-1951) earned an international reputation for his richly detailed illustrations of Jewish themes.

He was a skillful caricaturist and a passionate crusader for political causes. Szyk's artwork portrayed the Jews as a heroic nation that resisted oppression through the ages and eventually triumphed. This wooden music box, in an oak frame, plays the music of *Hatikvah* and celebrates the establishment of the State of Israel. Biblical heroes such as Moses – who appears at the top of the illustration along with Aaron and Hur during the battle with Amalek – serve as models for modern-day Jewish fighters. Created in the United States c. 1948, the music box was donated to the Rissman Kol Ami Collection by Evelyn Edidin in memory of her beloved husband Norman Edidin.



Getting to Know Our LGBTQIA+ Community...Let's Talk

By Pam Schlosberg, Vice President of Programming



Beth El strives to be a warm, inviting, accessible and joyous community where Jewish tradition meets contemporary life. Guiding us along this path is a commitment to make every experience at Beth El a meaningful one for everyone who walks through our doors; and then helping each person find a way to engage and relate.

There are many doors available for engagement, from Torah study, connecting with community, and standing with Israel to performing *mitzvot* together and taking action to repair the world.

Each opportunity enables us to place our traditions in meaningful conversation with how we live in our contemporary world.

In this spirit, we welcome people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual) community. We now have an LGBTQIA+ Task Force working toward greater inclusiveness for the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and allies through education and advocacy programs.

The LGBTQIA+ Task Force will again present a significant congregational program that provides an opportunity for us to listen, learn, and better understand some basic LGBTQIA+ issues. Our first program was held on December 3rd, and a second one will be held in February. We encourage you to come and join the conversation.

LGBTQIA+ 101

Sunday, February 9, 2:00pm
presented by Keshet, the national organization working toward full equality in Jewish Life.

Learn what LGBTQ inclusiveness means and how it fits with our Jewish values. Hear about the difference between sexual and gender identity, the importance of pronouns and language and in conversation, and how to engage sensitively with persons of the LGBTQ community.

Conversations about contemporary issues through the lens of our Jewish values — listening to and learning from each other — is how we sustain a warm, inviting, accessible and joyous Jewish community, today and for our children to cherish tomorrow. Let's talk.

Keshet
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For LGBTQ
equality in
Jewish life

Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Bar Mitzvah

Ethan Grafman,
son of Sarah Fox and
Jordan Grafman

Mincha, December 7



Bar Mitzvah

Ari Schwab,
son of Erica and
Rabbi Michael Schwab

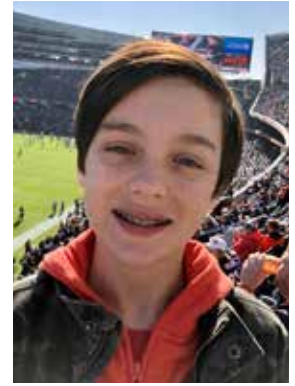
Shabbat, December 14



Bat Mitzvah

Sophie Katznelson,
daughter of Ronit
and Ian Katznelson

Shabbat, December 21



Bar Mitzvah

Nathan Heftman,
son of Michele and
Jeffrey Heftman

Shabbat, October 26



Bar Mitzvah

Evan Hecht,
son of Jocelyn and
Adam Hecht

Shabbat, January 18



Bar Mitzvah

Holden Leeb,
son of Jori and Daniel Leeb

Shabbat, February 22



Bat Mitzvah

Samantha Rosenberg,
daughter of Pamela and
Jonathan Rosenberg

Shabbat, February 29

Youth at NSSBE



USY Sushi in the Sukkot



New Pre-School Playscape



Jeans & Jammies Noah's Ark

December/January/February Events at a Glance

Friday, December 6 Saturday, December 7 Rinat Shabbat and Robin Scholar Dinner

Rabbi Shai Held—theologian, scholar, and educator—is President, Dean, and Chair in Jewish Thought at Hadar. Previously, he served for six years as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar in New York City, and taught both theology and Halakhah at the Jewish Theological Seminary.



Wednesday, December 11 9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash Workshop

Have you always wanted to write a book? Are you in the process of writing, but you're constantly getting stuck? Writer, editor, and online book marketing expert Danielle Perlin-Good will discuss how aspiring authors can achieve their goals and become best-sellers in their niche.



Sunday, December 15 Used Book Sale Collection Begins

Bring in gently used books – secular and Judaic, adult and children's – in a clearly marked box or bag. Please refrain from donating travel guides and test preparation guides that are more than 1-2 years old as well as textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and journals. Donations will be accepted December 15-January 23.

Wednesday, December 18 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Annual Family Hanukkah Party with Rick Recht

Join us for a special concert with Jewish Rock Star Rick Recht. Candle lighting, songs, cookie decorating and dinner. All ages welcome! Event is free, but bring cash for a special raffle!



Sunday, December 23 5:00 pm Hanukkah Evening@the Movies

Celebrate the 2nd Night of Hanukkah with a kosher Chinese buffet and special screening of *Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles*, the story behind one of Broadway's most beloved musicals. Plus live "fiddler" music, Fiddler on the Roof trivia and more! \$25/person. Reservations are required by December 13 online or to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or (847)926-7903.



Wednesdays, January 15 & 29 and February 12 & 26 9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash

All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique every other Wednesday morning in the Abbell Library. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847/926-7902 for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

Friday, January 10 7:00 am Men's Club Shabbat Dinner

Join Men's Club for a wonderful weekend starting with Kabbalat Shabbat and a community Shabbat 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 a special Bagels For Your Brains program Sunday morning following Minyan.

Saturday, January 11 12:15 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Stay after Shabbat Kiddush for a discussion of *On Division* by Goldie Goldbloom. Copies of the book are available in the Maxwell 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. Contact Rachel Kamin



at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902 for more information.

Saturday, January 11 4:00 pm Super Maccabiah Havdalah Playdate

Join us for a color-licious sports festival where we race to beat the clock and accomplish feats as a team! The program will include a children's dinner and Havdalah. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org.

Sunday, January 12th 6:00 pm New Member Dinner

We are so grateful to have over 110 new members join our Beth El family this past year. All of our new members are invited to attend a special dinner which will also include a children's program. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director, at (847) 432-0703 or jberkeley@nssbethel.org.

Thursday, January 16 7:00 pm Reception & Book Signing 7:45pm: Presentation Author Event: Goldie Goldbloom

Goldie Goldbloom will talk about her newest novel, *On Division*. Goldie is an LGBT activist working on behalf of queer Orthodox Jews and the creator of the international blog, *Frum Gay Girl*.



For January 16 Author Event: RSVP to Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902.

Friday, January 17 5:00 pm Jeans and Jammies: Sammy Spider

Let's teach Sammy Spider all about Shabbat at Beth El! Join us for fun activities, a free dinner for the kids, appetizers and drinks for adults, a PJ Library "Take Table" and a great Shabbat celebration! The event is FREE but you must RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org.



**Thursday, January 23
6:00pm
Used Book Sale Pre-Sale Pizza Party**

Join the members of the Cultural & Learning Center Committee to help set-up the book sale. Pizza will be served – please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and high school student volunteers are welcome!



**Friday, January 24 -
Sunday, February 2
Used Book Sale &
Bargain Day**

Shop the Used Book Sale during regular synagogue hours. All hardcovers \$2; paperbacks \$1. Cash and checks accepted. Don't miss the Bargain Bag Day on Sunday, February 2, 9am-12pm. Whatever you can fit into a brown paper grocery bag is yours for only \$5!

**Friday, January 24
5:15 pm
Rinat Shabbat and Shabbat
Shira Scholar**

we welcome **Rahel Musleah** as our Shabbat Scholar-in-Residence. Rahel was born in Calcutta, India, to a family that emigrated there from Baghdad several hundred years ago. Over the course of Shabbat, Rahel will teach us about the distinct communities of the Jews of India, as well as share history and personal stories about Jewish life in Calcutta.



**Sunday, January 26
12:30 pm
Summer in January**

Enjoy a sing-a-long with Sara Goodman and Daniel Weinberg, art projects, games, inflatables, face-painting, and more! This year we will also be honoring Lori Stark's 19 years as Ramah Day Camp



Director and formally welcoming Talia Derman, who will take Ramah Day Camp from strength to strength as the new Director. Contact Annie Glasser at aglasser@ramahwisconsin.com.

**Saturday, January 25
7:30 pm
Brain Bash Trivia Night**

2nd Annual Trivia Night, co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. After last year's huge success, we're excited to bring back Trivia Master Extraordinaire, Jeremy Cahnmann. Mark your calendars now; details to come!



**Thursday, January 30
7:45 pm
Beth El's Annual Open Mic Night**

Co-sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood. Save the Date for this yearly fun-fest and watch for details, coming soon.

**Sunday, February 2
9:00 am
World Wide Wrap**

The mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin is one of the most basic Jewish rituals. Yet for many of us it is removed from our daily lives. The Men's Club encourages each of you to join us and participate in this mitzvah.



**Sunday, February 9
7:45 pm
Mitzvah Day**

Join your fellow congregants again this year in one of the many social action projects being offered at Beth El and in the surrounding community. Have questions? Contact Mary Channon (847) 722-9142 mary.channon@yahoo.com

**Saturday, February 15
7:00 pm
Game Night**

Game Night with Men's Club and Sisterhood. Spend a casual evening playing board and card games with your Beth El friends. Watch your emails for more information.

**Sunday, February 16
10:00 am
Author Event: Bobbi Kwall**

NSS Beth El member Bobbi Kwall will discuss her new book, *Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World*, which offers an

eloquent and thoughtful new vision for all Jews, regardless of their current level of observance, seeking a sense of belonging in a changing world. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847)926-7902 for more information.



**Thursday, February 20
7:00 pm
Challah Bake**

This annual event draws over 150 challah bakers each year. You will be given all of the ingredients and will watch a live demo on how to prepare and braid dough which you will take home to bake. Proceeds support our Cohen Religious School.



**Friday, February 21
5:15 pm appetizers; 6:00 pm service
Rinat Shabbat**

Join us for our monthly interactive singing and prayer experience. Appetizers will be served prior to the service.

**Sunday, February 23
12:00 pm
Family Book Club: Sweep by
Jonathan Auxier**

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will co-host a special Family Book Club with members of the Beth El Youth Community to discuss this award-winning children's book and participate in a conversation with the author. All 3rd-7th graders and adult readers of all ages are encouraged to attend! Lunch will be served. RSVP to Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847)926-7902.



**Friday February 28
7:00 am
Shabbat Dinner with the Rabbi**

Following Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv, Sisterhood and Men's Club will sponsor a traditional congregational Shabbat dinner. A program flyer, including information on cost and how to reserve your seats, is forthcoming.



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- family reunion or gathering

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