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New Digital Library Brings NSSBE Teaching Content to Your Home

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

The world of Jewish learning has revolutionized itself in the digital age.

Then: One needed books upon books to access the troves of Jewish knowledge.

Now: One needs only a computer or smartphone to explore the full panoply of Jewish texts.

Then: One had to understand Hebrew (and Aramaic) to unlock Jewish legal texts like Talmud.

Now: Quality English translations are available in print and/or online for nearly every text.

Then: One had to physically travel to Beth El or another place to access rabbis, cantors, and teachers.

Now: Technology enables the Beth El content to come to you, at home or work.

For all the above reasons, NSSBE is excited to unveil our own digital library. Technology permits us to deliver our teaching content to every member on their own schedule. So that's what we've been doing behind the scenes.

To date, our efforts have taken three forms:

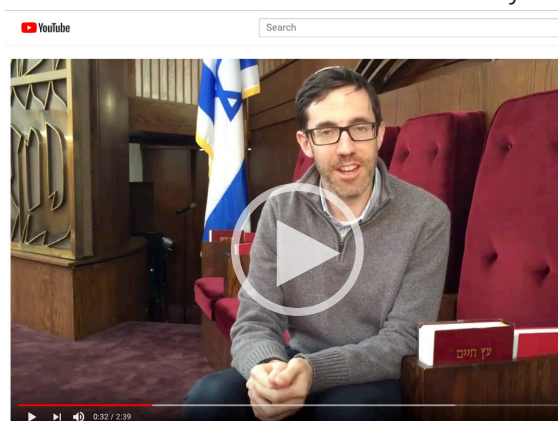
1. Video library - People access information from short videos more than

ever before, and NSSBE is continually seeking to meet people's needs. Why search for instructions from unfamiliar rabbis and teachers when congregants have relationships with their home team? To date, our Communications Director Abby Lasky, has produced stand-alone videos featuring our clergy and teaching staff on the topics of: Tisha B'Av, Talking Teshuvah from a car wash, and Rosh HaShanah Seder (together, about 1000 views!).

The next step is to build "bookshelves" in this digital library, which are groups of videos connected by a theme. Our first

group will be "Shabbat at Home," which is a series of instructional videos explaining the why's and how's of celebrating a traditional Friday night Shabbat at home: over-view, lighting candles,

singing Shalom Aleichem, blessing the children, chanting Kiddush, washing hands, reciting HaMotzi, singing Birkat HaMazon. I host the series and invite different guests to teach about the different aspects in their own ways. Don't worry, Hazzan Tisser does the singing instead of me! Check out our Shabbat at Home collection at: <https://www.nssbethel.org/learn/video-library/>. We envision other



<https://www.nssbethel.org/learn/video-library/>

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Shabbat Schedule See calendars on pages 26-28 for times.

Daily Service

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh Mornings,
7:00 am

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

Every Shabbat

8:50 am Shacharit Service

**10:30 am Junior
Congregation**

Services for students in
2nd - 6th grade

10:45 am Tot Shabbat
Services for families with
children 1st grade and
younger in Room 3

February

February 2

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Mishpatim
Torah: Exodus 21:1 – 24:18
Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8 – 22;
33:25 – 26

February 9

Parashat Terumah
Torah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13

February 16

Parashat Tetzaveh
Torah: Exodus 27:20 – 30:10
Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10 – 27

February 23

Parashat Ki Tisa
Torah: Exodus 30:11 – 34:35
Haftarah: I Kings 18:1 – 39

March

March 2

Shabbat Shekalim
Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Vayakhel
Torah: Exodus 35:1 – 38:20
Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16
Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 – 17

March 9

Parashat Pekudei
Torah: Exodus 38:21 – 40:38
Haftarah: I Kings 7:51 – 8:21

March 16

Shabbat Zachor
Parashat Vayikra
Torah: Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2 – 34

March 23

Parashat Tzav
Torah: Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Haftarah: Jeremiah 7:21 – 8:3; 9:22 – 23

March 30

Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Shmini
Torah: Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47
Maftir: Numbers 19:1 – 22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 – 36:38
29:22 – 29:23

April

April 6

Birchat HaHodesh
Rosh Hodesh Nisan
Parashat Tazria
Torah: Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59
Special Reading: Numbers
28:9 – 15
Maftir: Exodus 12:1 – 20
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18

April 13

Shabbat HaGadol
Parashat Metzora
Torah: Leviticus 14:1 – 15:33
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4 – 3:24

April 20

Shabbat Shira
First Day of Passover
Second Seder

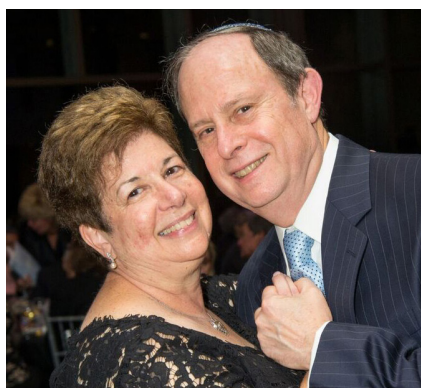
April 27

Eighth Day of Passover/Yizkor

Recent Happenings at Beth El



Kurtz Gala



Any Way You Light It Hanukkah Concert



Pardon Our Dust!

By Richard Zelin, NSS Beth El President



As a result of our very successful 70th Anniversary fundraising campaign, I am happy to announce that Beth El will soon begin several exciting new construction projects that will both enhance and beautify our synagogue.

First, the Zell Family Foundation recently made an extremely generous gift that will allow us to completely renovate the south wing of the building. The Zell South Wing, as it will be called, will include a completely renovated Zell Activity Center, which will be suitable for holding small dinners, conferences and other social gatherings (see photos below). An elevator will be installed in the south lobby, which will provide complete accessibility to both the Zell Activity Center and the Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge, two floors below. The Zell South Wing will include six individual family restrooms, which will be fully wheelchair accessible and include infant changing tables. We will also be adding a family center, designed to give very young children and their caregivers a place to "take a break" during services and other programs. And finally, the Zell South Wing will include a completely new entrance with a wheelchair accessible ramp, as well as a new staircase leading into the building. Construction on the Zell South Wing is expected to begin on March 1 and be completed by the High Holidays 2019.

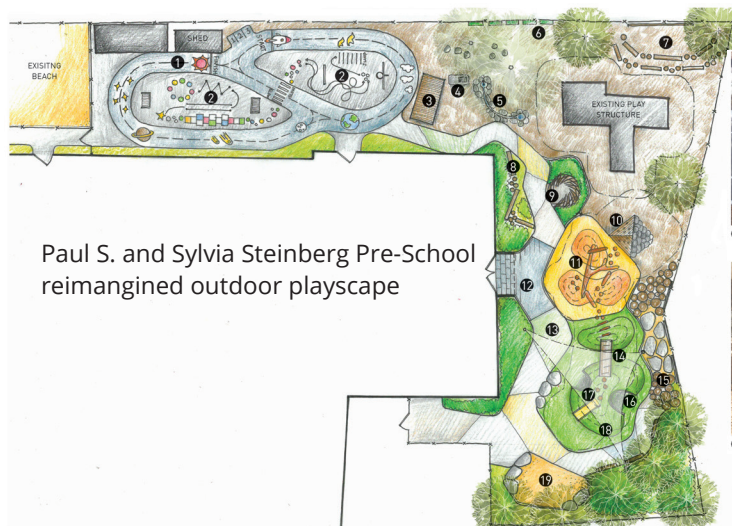
In April, we will begin a three-month re-roofing project. Much of the roofing that will be replaced, including the school wing, and synagogue rotunda are original to the building. While this construction should not interfere with most synagogue activities, there will be a few extra dumpsters and heavy equipment in the parking lot.

And finally, thanks to several successful fundraisers led by the Preschool's Parent Auxiliary, and a lead gift from Cheryl and Carey Cooper and family, we are planning to completely renovate the Gan Sylvia Pre-School Playground into an outdoor classroom called a "playscape." Preschools across the country are realizing the benefit of installing natural playscapes, in place of traditional playground equipment, because they promote exploration, discovery and learning. The addition of natural climbing equipment made from rocks and logs, water and sand elements, rolling hills, gardens, and enclosed spaces (see photos below) have been shown to promote more sustained, complex and creative play. This work will begin in late August, and should be ready soon after the Pre-School resumes from summer break.

We know that our congregation will benefit greatly from this construction, so we hope you will "pardon our dust" over the next half a year. The results will be worth it!



The Zell South Wing - view from outer south side of the building and inside the new activity center.



Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School reimagined outdoor playscape



1 Tricycle Track



2 Multi-Use Sport Court



3 Playhouse



4 Water Runnel



5 Vertical Garden



6 Outdoor Classroom with Chalkboard

Notes from Hazzan Tisser



I was once asked by a friend why I chose to spend my life in the field of music – whether as part of my work as a Hazzan, or in earlier years as a professional musician in various capacities (I have been a working musician since age 11). Upon much reflecting, I came to the realization that I love music so deeply because it is a universal language – a connector. Music brings people together in a way that other media – spoken, written, or visual – does not. Music is primal, music is emotional, music touches the core of who we are as people. And, music is ancient (don't believe me? Watch the early scene of the cavemen creating the first song in Mel Brooks' *The History of the World!*). But perhaps most profoundly, music reaches us at all different stages of our lives.

Over the past year and a half, I have worked closely with our dedicated Music Committee, chaired by past-President Steve Abrams, to identify what the core mission of the music program at Beth El should be. One of the core components we immediately agreed on is that our program should reach out to all of our members, mirroring our mission as a synagogue community, from our youngest to our oldest members. And so, I'd like to share with you some upcoming events that reflect our desire to have as many of you join us as possible as we share the greatest programs in Jewish music with our community.

On Sunday, March 3, we are grateful to be able to offer, free and open to the entire community, a concert by **Nefesh Mountain: A Bluegrass Band with a Jewish**

Perspective. I have known Doni Zasloff for many years, since she began her early career as an entertainer for early childhood, and now has developed this new group with her husband, Eric Lindberg. Not only will you be wowed by their talent, but you will also be touched by their spirit and Jewish message. This program is great for kids, but equally fun for their parents and grandparents – so I want to see you all there! The concert will be held in the Field Family Sanctuary at 11:00 am, followed by a BBQ lunch in the Blumberg Auditorium (advance RSVP and payment required). See the ad in this bulletin for more information.

As well, I am leading a very special mission to Israel this summer July 10-21. I have worked with Daat Educational Expeditions to put together an itinerary allowing us to focus on the creative and performing arts in Israel in a close-up way that very few are privileged to experience, as well as to tour Israel's great wineries. We will interact with top musicians, attend concerts, visit leading institutions in visual arts, dance, music and film, and even have a shuk-and-cook interactive experience with a noted chef! We will also experience Shabbat in very special ways, including contemporary and traditional tefilah, and even

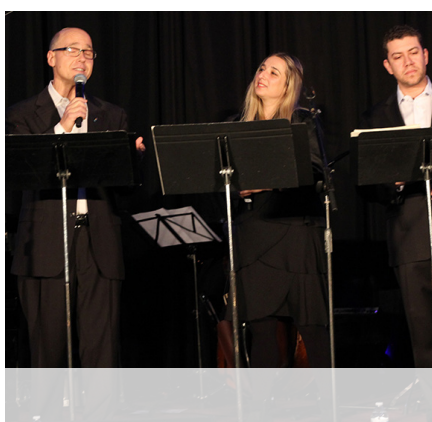
visits with Rabbi Schwab and Rabbi and Bryna Kurtz! I cannot wait to share these experiences with members of our Beth El community, and I hope you'll speak with me if you are interested. For more information, email me at btisser@nssbethel.org, call the synagogue office, or visit www.daattravel.com/nss2019.



Recent Happenings at Beth El



Broadway on the Bimah concert



Pre-School Hanukkah song session

My Favorite Zionist Thinker

By Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education



"Who is your favorite Zionist thinker?"

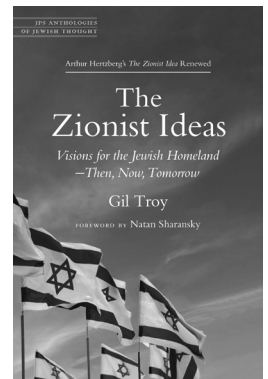
I shifted uncomfortably in my chair. Professor Gil Troy was doing a whip-around-the-room icebreaker in a two-hour long session at iCon2018— a conference about "new ideas and groundbreaking paradigms in Israel education." It was my last session and throughout the experience I'd been more challenged and inspired than I can remember. Fear and insecurity bubbled up. I struggled to think of more than two or three historical figures who qualified. Six trips to Israel – two staffing teens, two as a participant on a tour or conference and two as a student, not to mention a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern Affairs and 20+ years in Jewish education, yet I struggled with this question.

My relationship with Israel has often been one of poetry - like Yehuda HaLevi, my heart is in the east and like Yehuda Amichai, I see the air over Jerusalem saturated with prayers and dreams. I have fed myself a steady diet of poetic Israel. However, I am coming to realize that to experience Israel only emotionally and culturally, without at least grounding my experiences in the history and the theories of Zionism that play out in the modern state, is not balanced. I am working my way slowly, with annotation, through Daniel Gordis' *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*. I am reading Shavit and Freedman and Shapira and Oren.

**Gertrude Lederman Family
Continuing Education Department**

In February, Rabbi Schwab

will guide us through the Shalom Hartman book club experience of reading Yossi Klein HaLevi's *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. Then in May, Rabbi Freedman will teach a four-session course using Gil Troy's *The Zionist Ideas* as a guide. Gil Troy updated the classic Hertzberg book and chronicled the ideas of more than 170 Zionist thinkers. I'm hoping to be able to take advantage of this learning and next time I'm asked, have an answer for Gil Troy. This time I got lucky and he switched the question to "favorite Israeli food" before it got to me.



Pre-School

Our Pre-School is a Very Special Place To Be

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



It is a place where dedicated teachers create mindful spaces for children to grow and play.

It is a place where children can bring their own sense of wonder.

And, with each block placed on the rug, with each song that is sung and with each story that is read, our teachers' intentionality is clear.

A block, simply placed on the rug, allows children to use their imaginations to create a jungle, a city or even a racetrack!

A morning song, sung together at the start of each day, creates a shared experience, strong sense of community and comfortable routine.

And a story read gives the children the gift of building knowledge and the magic of using their imaginations.

From the classrooms to the shared spaces at our school, our children

are given many opportunities to be inspired.

One of my favorite spaces this year was our Hanukkah Light Room. Sarah Rosenstock, a Beth El congregant and one of our newest teachers, created an unbelievable place for children to celebrate the Festival of Lights by exploring light. Each week, Sarah provided new activities for the children to enjoy. With blacked-out windows, and black lights, the room transformed from a pre-school classroom into a multi-sensory playroom.

And, from the inside, out....

I am so pleased to be able to share the news that the outdoor classroom is set to be built in the summer of 2019! (see pictures - page 3).

The Site Design Group worked tirelessly with a team of our teachers



and me. They listened to our hopes for the space and did an excellent job incorporating them into the final design.

We are beyond grateful to the generous donor who is making it all possible.

Now, with the design in its final phase and the timeline set, we can't contain our excitement. Adding a natural play space to our school will surely enrich our opportunities for exploration and learning.

Lastly, please note that Pre-School registration for summer 2019 and fall 2019 is now open.

Please call me at (847) 926-7907 with any questions, and please call Ava Nussbaum at (847) 432.2830 to register a child to attend our Pre-School.

Love Your Neighbor: Book Suggestions for Kids & Parents in the Wake of Pittsburgh

By Rachel Kamin, Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director



In response to the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue, I worked with a group of my colleagues from the Association of Jewish Libraries to create a series of book lists to help teachers, librarians, and parents identify recommended books with Jewish themes. Stories of Jews and non-Jews enjoying each other's company and standing up for each other as well as stories that take place in synagogues and demonstrate a variety of Jewish rituals and examples of Jewish life in America, from the earliest days to the present, were all included. As stated on the Association's "People of the Book" blog, "Books read in

youth impact future outlooks, and it is our hope that meeting Jews on the page will inspire friendship when readers meet Jews in real life." You can access these lists at www.jewishlibraries.org.

All of the over 50 featured books are available in our Pinsof Children's Reading Room. I encourage you to share these books with your children and share these lists with your friends and neighbors as well as any teachers, educators, and librarians that you know. Below are some of my favorite books that appeared on the "Love Your Neighbor" book lists.



Vive La Paris by Esme Raji Codell (ages 9-12)
Paris has come for piano lessons, not chopped-liver sandwiches or French

lessons or free advice. But when old Mrs. Rosen gives her a little bit more than she can handle, it might be just what Paris needs to understand the bully in her brother's life and the bullies of the world.

Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser, art by Adam Gustavson (ages 4-8)
After Papa loses his job during the Depression, Hannah's family moves to rural



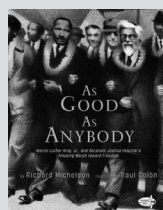
Minnesota, where she is the only Jewish child in her class. When her teacher tries to arrange car-pools for a Saturday class picnic, Hannah knows she cannot ride on the Sabbath. What will she do? A lovely story of friendship and community.



Confessions of a Closet Catholic by Sarah Darer Littman (ages 10-13)
Justine's family gives her confusing messages about how to

be Jewish, so she sets out on an exploration of Catholicism, Judaism, and the meaning of religion.

As Good As Anybody by Richard Michelson, art by Raul Colon (ages



6-9) Here is the story of two icons for social justice, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Abraham Joshua Heschel, how they formed a

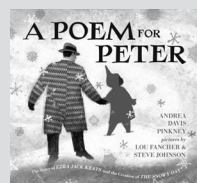
remarkable friendship and turned their personal experiences of discrimination into a message of love and equality for all.



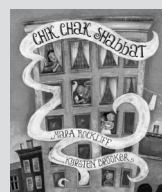
(ages 6-9) More than 100 full-color photographs and interviews give a fascinating behind-the-scenes look

at scribes, artists, and craftspeople who work with parchment and gallnut ink to hand-create Torah scrolls.

A Poem for Peter by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher (ages 7-10) In lovely verse, Pinkney dives into the life and work of Jewish author



Ezra Jack Keats, focusing on his classic picture book *The Snowy Day*, the 1962 now-classic that broke the color barrier in mainstream children's publishing.



Chik Chak Shabbat by Mara Rockcliff, illustrated by Krysten Brooker (ages 4-8)

Goldie is too sick to make Shabbat cholent so her multicultural neighbors pitch in and save the day. Recipe included!

Endowments are the Lifeblood of Our Jewish Future

By Judy Berkeley, Director of Development



A reflection from member and donor Fran Sherman:

"North Suburban Synagogue Beth El has played an important role in the life of our family. My husband Jon's parents, Shirley and Arthur Sherman, were active members and raised their children at the synagogue. Jon attended Hebrew school from preschool through high school, and became a bar mitzvah here. My grandparents, Joe and Roslyn Perlman, were among the earliest members of the synagogue, and my grandfather sang proudly in the choir. My mother was in Beth El's first confirmation class and my parents, Marilyn and Bill Shonfeld, were married here.

We joined Beth El as young parents in the early 1990s. Our children, Debbie, Leora, and Paul, each attended the Steinberg Pre-School, Cohen Religious School, and Sokol Hebrew High School. Each became a bat or bar mitzvah here and was active in USY and BEANS.

We endowed the Sherman Family Israel Scholarship Fund because peer trips to Israel had been so formative for us when we were teenagers. Our kids participated in the Ramah Seminar in Israel, which helped solidify their strong emotional connections to Israel. We hoped to make it possible for any young person at Beth El to experience an educational program in Israel with their friends, regardless of need.

A few years ago, we discussed with Rabbi Kurtz the idea of using the funds in our endowment to support scholarships for Camp Ramah. Jon was a camper at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and all three of our children were campers and counselors there. Jon is currently the president of Camp Ramah and has been inspired by the life-changing experiences that Ramah provides for campers and staff alike. We are proud that our



synagogue encourages young people to spend their summers at camp and in Israel, and know how challenging it can be to afford these experiences. We hope that all Beth El parents will encourage their children to attend Camp Ramah and take a trip to Israel, and that Beth El will continue to provide support for anyone wishing to participate in these programs."

- Fran Sherman

As we are winding down our Vision 70 Campaign, I am so pleased to share with you that we have raised over \$5.5 million. Because of your generosity, we have raised:

- \$1.8 million to Endow the Senior Rabbinic Chair in honor of Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz
- Over \$2.5 million for the Physical Accessibility and Disability Inclusion Fund
- Over \$500,000 to establish the Family Engagement Fund and Center
- Over \$500,000 in other Endowments, both establishing new ones and adding to existing Funds.

For questions about how you can still participate in the Vision 70 Campaign, and/or how you too can create an Endowment Fund towards an area of interest that is meaningful to you and your family, whether it be worship, learning, community, camp or Israel, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Berkeley at jberkeley@nssbethel.org or call (847) 432-0703 at any time.

Wishing you and your families all the best!

Stuart Hochwert,
Vice President, Finance

Sisterhood is riding high on the success of our first few events for this program year – the co-sponsorship (with CLC) of the Israeli Film Festival preview; our first-of-its-kind Ideation Program, facilitated by our own Wendi Ezgur and attended by a large, enthusiastic group of women, including many new faces; and our annual Open Mic Night (co-sponsored with Men's Club). Both men and women were deeply engaged in a presentation about SHALVA by Carol Ruderman, the organization's Executive Director and our fellow Beth El member. We rounded out 2018 with a hugely successful partnership with the CLC and Hazak to present "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas." Early in 2019, we attended an outstanding performance of Jewish music by *Listen Up! A Cappella* - and everyone had a great time at Brain Bash Trivia, co-hosted with Men's Club.

In the months ahead, we'll again join Men's Club in sponsoring our annual synagogue blood drive (Sunday, February 24) and co-host with the CLC a documentary about Itzhak Perlman (Thursday afternoon, February 28; see details elsewhere in this bulletin).

Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on March 16, and we look forward to participation that morning by many of our very gifted women. That evening, we'll join with Men's Club for an informal games night.



Other programs being planned are an intimate evening of kosher wine tasting (Tuesday, February 26), a performance by Fred Zimmerman ("The Chicago Mentalist") on Sunday evening, March 31, and a Sunday morning presentation (with Men's Club) by the authors of *Somewhere in Europe: The World War II Letters of Sam Lesner*. Watch your mail for details!

Sisterhood-sponsored classes, including the immensely popular Book Club, continue. Attendees are encouraged to donate to Torah Fund, WLCJ's dedicated philanthropy, which supports scholarships and programming at the five international Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher learning.

Our Mathilde's Mentionables project is

ongoing, offering much-needed self-respect to women and growing girls in local shelters through our collection of bras (new and gently used) and feminine hygiene projects.

A Unique Pesach Fundraiser

Beginning February 15, Sisterhood will sell certified kosher, Israeli-made matzos



printed with full-color depictions of holiday-related images using edible, odorless, flavorless ink. This great gift for family and friends will

bring a sense of whimsy and excitement to every Pesach meal! Each box of 9 mini matzot sells for \$10; a box of 12 larger matzot is \$15. Minimum order \$30. Shipping is \$8 for up to 10 boxes going to one address. Order at www.matzohgram.com

or call 310-523-2743 using Sisterhood's charity code, **CNS300**. Proceeds will help fund many essential synagogue programs and projects.

Finally, Mazel Tov to Rachel Ferber, Women's League Representative to the newly-formed USCJ Committee on Disability Inclusion. The purpose of the group is to create connections and to collaborate in ways that allow USCJ affiliates to develop additional ways to be more inclusive.

Sisterhood Gift Shop - Think Spring, Think Pesach

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



February breezes can be cold, but in the Gift Shop, we're thinking positively and looking forward to spring and to Passover – a time for family, friends, memories, ritual, and traditions.

Performing holiday rituals and gifting family and friends with Passover memories are an important part of a continuity that binds us with previous generations and helps to sustain our story for future generations.

It's never too early to start planning. Stop by the Gift Shop for ideas on how you can refresh and renew your observance. Whether you're traditional in your celebration or more modern, we have Judaica that can enhance your celebrations.

Perhaps you want to add something entirely new to your seder table. A beau-

tiful Miriam's Cup can add an interesting dimension to your seder discussion. We also have plenty of fun items to keep the attention of every child at your seder table. From seder plates, afikomen bags, and matzo holders to unique hostess gifts, it's on our shelves and ready to help you enrich some Passover memories for your children, family, and friends. Bring your to-do list with you!

We're open Sundays: 8:30am - 1:00pm; Tuesdays: 8:00am to noon and always by appointment. Please contact Sulie Holt (847) 558-3389, Diane Levin (847) 571-5629 or Pam Schlosberg (847) 433-7546.

Men's Club

Men's Club Happenings

By Dan Gross, Vice President Communications, Men's Club

Softball: Let's play 2!

Calling All Softball Players. Want to get in the game and be a part of a fun, fraternal and charitable activity? The NSS Beth El Men's Club plays in the Synagogue Men's Clubs 12-inch softball league. During last year's season, Beth El had 2 teams in the league playing against 10 other area synagogue men's club teams. This year we are seeking participants who can commit to 90 minutes a week for most of, if not the entire season. There are a total of 10 games played on Sundays between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm starting in late April. Games could continue into early August. Be prepared for a competitive league, and be available to play for most of the season. You must be a member of Men's Club, or be willing to join - all men 18 and over are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Michael Salberg at (847) 903-1491 or mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net.

Candle Packing and Holocaust Commemoration

One million children! Each one of those faces are the reasons the NSSBE Men's



Club took upon itself, more than twenty-five years ago, the task, the responsibility, the commitment to remember, to never forget, to share, to educate and to maintain the legacy and the links that tie us to those children.

This year we will again send Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the entire NSS Beth El family, to be lit at sundown on Wednesday, May 1st. We greatly appreciate donations made on behalf of this program. To make one, go to: tinyurl.com/NSSBECandles. The proceeds from the program have been set aside and maintained in a special Yom HaShoah fund, earmarked to help students travel to Eastern Europe to visit the camps, and see first-hand where the horrors of the Holocaust happened.

This year's Yom Hashoah commemoration program will be held Thursday evening, May 2nd at 7:00, following minyan. Please join us at this important event.

Holocaust Educational Trip Student Stipends

The Men's Club of NSS Beth El, through our special Holocaust Fund, is awarding the Irwin Wygodny Memorial stipend to those youth traveling to Poland this summer in an organized Holocaust educational program, and whose parent is a member of NSS Beth El.

If you would like to receive this stipend, and agree to share your trip experience at a future Men's Club program in the Winter/Spring of 2020, please complete an online form found at: <https://tinyurl.com/educationstipend>. Paper forms will be available in the front office. If you have questions please ask! We would be happy to further explain the commitment that comes with accepting this stipend. Contact Brad Pickard at pickardbrad@gmail.com with questions.

FJMC Man and Youth of the Year Award

By Marc Richards, President Men's Club

The NSS Beth El Men's Club is inviting the entire congregation to the Man of the Year and Youth of the Year dinner award ceremony for the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). The dinner award ceremony is Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 4:30 pm at Congregation Anshe Emet, Chicago. Please come and honor our winners from the Beth El community, and those from other Men's Clubs in the Chicago area. Registration for the dinner: \$36 by Feb. 20, \$45 afterwards. Information for placing a tribute ad in the program book can be found here: <https://midwestregionfjmc.myshopify.com> (Note: a portion of the tribute ad revenue goes to support NSSBE youth services. Deadline for placing an ad is February 15th).



Our Man of the Year honoree is Gordon Schwartz. Gordon has been an unflinching supporter and unsung hero of the Men's Club for many years, and is currently serving as Treasurer. He

previously served two years as VP of Programming, followed by two years as VP of Membership. Gordon is a CPA and Tax Accountant with BDO. Gordon also serves on the synagogue's board of directors. He and his wife, Dawn, are proud parents of twin girls who recently celebrated their b'nai mitzvah. Gordon is also active in the community, having served on the JUF young leadership board and the JNF board.



Our Youth of the Year honoree is Sawyer Goldsmith. Sawyer has been very active with the synagogue youth group, currently serving as President of BEANS USY. He also has been

very active with Chicago USY, and regional and international conventions. He is the Religion Education Vice-President of the USY International board. Sawyer is a graduate of Beth El's Sokol Hebrew High School and currently is a senior at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. During his free time, he volunteers for Keshet and enjoys playing several musical instruments, including the viola and ukulele.

A New Resource of Caring and Support

By Barbara Hochwert and Dina Lissoos

The mitzvah of praying and caring for, visiting and extending aid to the sick (*bikur cholim*) is an important part of our tradition. When someone you care about faces the challenges of illness or is recovering from an accident, our NSS Beth El *Bikur Cholim* Caring Community is here to offer help and support!

One way is to ensure that the name of your loved one is added to the *Misheberach* prayer list. This prayer, which takes its name from its opening words, "*Mi sheberach*," — May He who blesses — is one of the central Jewish prayers for those who are in need of comfort and healing. It asks for physical cure and spiritual healing as well as for blessing, compassion, restoration, and strength for those in need.

When we add a name to our *Misheberach* list, it becomes a part of this prayer recited during the Torah Service on Shabbat and during the week on Mondays and Thursdays.

How do you add someone to our *Misheberach* list? We've made it easy. With your loved one's permission, simply complete our newly developed *Misheberach* card available in the Beth El



office or on an easy-to-fill-out form on the Beth El website: www.nssbethel.org/worship/misheberach.

To complete the information, you need to know your loved one's full name, full Hebrew name, and the date you want the *Misheberach* to stop. If you do not

give us a date, the prayer is discontinued after two months.

Once completed, leave the form or the card at the front desk in the office. You may also call the main office at Beth El (847) 432-8900 and provide the needed information, and the office will complete the card for you.

Filling out a *Misheberach* form is the beginning. If your loved one would like to receive a visit from our Clergy or a member of our *Bikur Cholim* Committee, let us know; we're a phone call away. Contact one of the Rabbis: (847) 432-8900, Dina Lissoos: (847) 722-4634 (dliissoos@comcast.net) or Barbara Hochwert: (847) 922-8402 (barbara.hochwert@gmail.com). Please know that we respect the privacy of our members struggling with any health issue and all information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential. Please know that we care.

Misheberach/Bikur Cholim Form

Misheberach

Community prayers for people in need of healing. At NSS Beth El, we care about and take care of each other.

To add your name or the name of a loved one to our *Misheberach* list, complete this form and return it to the front desk in the NSS Beth El Office.

Your Name _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date _____

Please give us the name of the person needing the *Misheberach*:

English Name _____

Hebrew Name w/ Mother's Name _____

*Date to Stop saying the *Misheberach* _____

*If no date is given, we will automatically discontinue the *Misheberach* after two months. If you wish to continue, please turn in another card.

Bikur Cholim Caring Community

Bikur Cholim visits ensure that nobody feels forgotten during a difficult time in their lives. Our *Bikur Cholim* Caring Community provides visits to members of our community when they are ill.

Would you like a clergy visit? ____ Yes ____ No, thank you.

Would you (or your loved one) like to be contacted by the *Bikur Cholim* Caring Community? ____ Yes ____ No, thank you.

Volunteers Needed:

Our *Bikur Cholim* Committee is performing the important mitzvah of visiting the sick. Professional training will be provided for new volunteers.



Your Name _____

____ Yes, I would be interested in volunteering to visit those that need comfort.

Or contact Barbara Hochwert at barbara.hochwert@gmail.com or Dina Lissoos at dliissoos@comcast.net for more information.

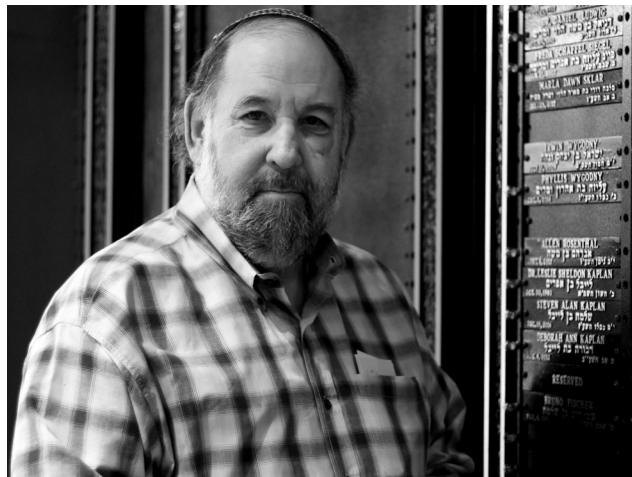
We Bid Farewell to Our Ritual Director and Friend

By Abby Lasky, Director of Communications

In July, Mark Stadler will be leaving Beth El, concluding his 24 years of service here. Mark began his career at Beth El working as the Junior Congregation Director, and assumed his current role of full-time Ritual Director when the former Director left.

For those who don't know Mark, at first glance, he seems quiet and unassuming, but in fact, he has a wicked sense of humor! He has been known to have fun joking with Rabbi Kurtz about his golf game while on the bimah making announcements. One of Mark's greatest gifts has been working with our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. His patience and kind heart helped so many students work through the difficulty of learning to chant Torah, even when they lacked confidence or struggled. As the person who takes charge of Beth El's daily minyanim, Mark has become a friend and confidante to many congregants, lending support in times of need.

Mark will be returning to his native state of Virginia to be with family. Although he does not yet have a "retirement plan," he thinks he will find some part-time work and spend his leisure time enjoying and playing music. Mark has many fond memories of so many people he has known and worked with over the years. Students he tutored are now married with children of their own. Although Beth El still has a



nice pool of steady Torah readers, Mark worries about the future. He understands that with today's "busy lifestyles" it is harder for people to make the commitment needed to learn and practice reading Torah. He encourages us all to take a little time to learn to chant Torah and attend a morning or evening Minyan.

Over the next few months, the congregation will be searching for Mark's replacement. The role of the Ritual Director is to take care of a number of important aspects of the congregation. These include the training of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, and making sure the synagogue is stocked with ritual items including kipot, tallitot, and women's head coverings. They must also obtain items to celebrate holidays such as Hanukkah candles, greggors, flags, lulavim and etrogim. The Director must make sure the Sifrei Torah are in

good use, that the Torah is read properly, and that the readers are capable. In coordination with the synagogue's Rabbi, the Ritual Director also oversees the Kashrut of the synagogue. Additionally, the Director can help with other ritual aspects related to holidays, dietary laws, and service times, as well as taking charge of the daily Minyan, appointing prayer leaders and giving out Aliyot.

The Ritual Director plays a strong role in maintaining the yearly yahrtzeit schedule. They must work with the office to make

sure that yahrtzeit notices are sent out to congregants, and that the plaques to commemorate loved ones are ordered, installed, and have correct names and dates. Additionally, the Ritual Director maintains the yahrtzeit wall by turning on lights when appropriate and making sure that they are in working order at all times.

While there is no formal training to become a Ritual Director, one must be "synagogue savvy," religiously observant, and know the important roles of the synagogue, including leading services, reading Torah, and knowing the flow of the day.

We will miss Mark in this role. We thank him for his service and dedication to this congregation and for giving so many people the gift of learning Torah.

Check Out Our Beit Hamidrash Minyan!

On several Shabbat mornings each year, members of our community gather at 9:15 am for a parallel, lay-led traditional service in our chapel, the Sager Beit Hamidrash. Started as a lay-led minyan over 25 years ago, this service offers the opportunity for attendees to participate in several different ways. Many congregants have chanted their first Torah or haftarah reading in this minyan or given a Dvar Torah on one or more occasions. The next two Beit Hamidrash Minyans will take place

on **Saturday, February 9, and Saturday, April 6.** Mark your calendars!

These services offer a unique opportunity to daven with and learn from members of our community. This service is open to all congregants and *all* are warmly welcomed.

If you would like to...

• Chant your first Torah reading in a small setting

- Present a Dvar Torah
- Chant the Haftarah again from your bar or bat mitzvah
- Participate in a more intimate Shabbat morning service
- Give the Beit Midrash Minyan a try!

To participate in the February 9 service, please contact Richard Small at rwsmaill@me.com. Contact Ken Saffir for the April 6 service at kbsaffir@gmail.com.

Meet Our Own WWII Expert: Dr. Charles Bernat

By Dr. Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education



The insightful phrase “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it” rings true today as it did when said by George Santayana in 1905. This can be easily applied to our own Jewish history. Dr. Robert Bernat tries to convey this message while teaching the semester class, *WWII and the Holocaust*.

Dr. Bernat, a physician and a lawyer, and an expert in WWII and the Holocaust, has been teaching this class for the last four years in the Gesher class (7th grade) of the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School and in the Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School. Dr. Bernat’s sources of inspiration came from his immediate family. His father worked on the Atomic Bomb, his uncle Ben flew a PBY Catalina, his uncle Bob flew a B-17 bomber, and his mother worked at the former War Department, currently the Defense Department.

Dr. Bernat has been delving deep into the topic of WWII since he was a



young boy (5-6 years old). At first, he liked building model WWII airplanes and then he continued his exploration by reading voraciously about WWII and then adding the Holocaust. Up until this day, Dr. Bernat has a hard time entering a book store and leaving without buying several books on these two topics. He says “There is always something new to be discovered about this period in history.” Teaching the Holocaust, Dr. Bernat says, is not easy. “I can grasp the topic intellectually, but I can’t understand it emotionally. The cruelty against innocent children upsets me each time – I can’t wrap my head around it.”

Dr. Bernat believes that it is our duty to keep educating the next generation. “Teaching Jews, it is necessary but not sufficient; we should also teach the non-Jewish world about this tragic period in history.” Dr. Bernat was instrumental in putting together the program: *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. The Holocaust: A Discussion on Israel and Germany After the Second World War* featuring Dr. Andreas Götze, Deputy Counsel General in Chicago of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Ms. Katya Lipovetsky, Director of Cultural Affairs in the Israeli Consulate to the Midwest. Monique Clarine, who was a five-year-old Jewish girl from Paris in 1940 when the Germans conquered France in five weeks, was also part of this outstanding program.

We thank Dr. Bernat for giving up his Sunday mornings to teach the next generation. We appreciate his wisdom, his passion, and his erudition. We also thank Dr. Bernat’s two sons for helping their father create and plan the class.

Community, Friendship, Learning, Prayer...

By Dr. Audra Kaplan, Co-Chair, Disability Inclusion and Accessibility Task Force

The facilitator had asked us each to answer the question, “Why do you belong to a synagogue” and then added the question, “When do you feel connected to God?”

“Reading Torah”, “being part of a minyan”, “standing on the bima,” “when my child was born,” “connecting with friends at Kiddush.”

Each thought was written on a post-it-note and shared with the group.

The presenter then startled us by taking away some of the participants’ responses, saying “no, you are not allowed to have these.” Many of us felt confused, irritated, angry, left out.

She made her point, that we as indi-

viduals are upset when we are denied connection and access to Judaism in a way that is meaningful to us. For individuals with a disability and their families, these feelings are real and true and cannot be remedied simply with a returned post-it-note.

This first session of the Synagogue Cohort on Disability Inclusion set the tone which our task force has followed in pursuing its goal, to find ways in which our current and future members will feel fully included, welcomed and valued in our synagogue.

NSS Beth El was chosen to join the USCJ Ruderman cohort, and as a result, we have access to support and guidance by Tammy Besser, from Services for People with Disabilities of JCFS, and

the Ruderman Foundation. Having the ongoing guidance and support has been incredible for our community.

With their support, along with partnership with clergy, Jeff Baden, Alicia Gejman, Ali Drumm, the Executive Committee, and House and Development Committees, we have taken incredible steps.

In February we held a congregational feedback session on concerns related to disability inclusion. It was an enriching opportunity to listen and learn from congregants’ experiences. Developing a more inclusive community is a process and one that must include the voices of those with disabilities.

To improve access to prayer and spiri-

Youth Community Raises \$2,000 for USY Charities

By Marah Altenberg, Youth Community Director



BEANS USY has worked very hard this year to raise funds for our Tikun Olam fund, to be allocated by our BEANS board to various local and regional charities. Through our annual car wash, coat room staffing at the Gala, and our Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah performances at congregant homes, our chapter has earned nearly \$2,000 for charity to date. BEANS USY was given a special award at USY's International Convention in December for raising the highest of amount of Tikun Olam funds in the country. We are incredibly proud of this achievement!

All of our youth groups have experienced a successful fall term, attracting many new participants!

Our M&M Club families with K-1st graders enjoyed in-home visits from our USYers, who performed educational skits for Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah. It was great to

see how excited they were to learn about their heritage, especially from the teens they look up to.

Our Shalom Club 2nd-5th graders enjoyed a Havdalah program hosted by our

youth department and Camp Ramah. The students learned about our beautiful service to end Shabbat and enjoyed making crafts.

Our Kadima Youth group, 6th-8th graders, experienced an Israel-themed night, with Israeli food, Israeli discussion topics, cookie

decorating and more. Our BEANS USYers ran this program. Beth El also sent 11 Kadima youths to the annual CHUSY Regional Kadima Konvention held at Camp Chi in Wisconsin. Our students spent a special Shabbat at this *Incredibles*-themed weekend and went to the Kalahari Water Park Saturday night.

Our annual Turkey Dance was a great success with 90 teens from BEANS USY in attendance at our country-western themed event- *Country Roads, Turk Me Home*, which included hay bales, inflatables, carnival games and a great DJ. We also sent 8 of our USYers to CHUSYFest, USY's fall convention at Camp Chi. It was a wonderful weekend, filled with music, study groups, athletics, an incredible Shabbat, waterpark, bowling and meeting new friends.

As 2019 begins to roll in, our youth department has a variety of exciting events planned for the second half of the school year!



tual connection, one of our early focuses was upon enhancing the physical accessibility of the synagogue. Most significant is that both of our congregation's sanctuaries now have accessibility to the Torah. With the renovation of the Sager Beit Midrash, a ramp was installed to the bima, and this past summer, the Field Family Sanctuary's bima was renovated to include an integrated ramp. In addition, the steps in front of the ark were removed so that all congregants can now have the honor of opening the ark, holding the Torah and sharing in the joy of leadership involvement.

The installation of a Hearing Loop in the



sanctuary, Paset Lounge and Blumberg Social Hall has improved participation of those with hearing impairments. The system is state-of-the-art and works in tandem with individuals' hearing aids.

One congregant, following the High Holidays, stated "my mom, for the first time in years, was able to clearly hear the service." With tears in his eyes, he shared how connected she again felt to the service.

Other efforts, such as having large print Siddurim and activity games for young children easily available on Shabbat, are adding to the welcoming environment of our services.

In addition to improving our physical space, we have also focused on making opportunities for social inclusion. A beautiful example was the Beth El Hanukkah party in December, in which many mem-

bers of the H.U.G.S. community joined the celebration. Partnering with Keshet's My Life program to make sure that the young adults are aware of and invited to synagogue programs, including our Sukkah walk is another example.

Being inclusive and ensuring that each of our members is able to experience Judaism in ways that are meaningful will be an ongoing learning and growing process. I am excited to see the significant steps that Beth El has taken and excited for what is to come. Please reach out if you have an idea or would like to join our task force. It takes a village to build a welcoming house.



Communications at Beth El - Covering Print, Digital and Social Media

By Pam Schlosberg, VP Programming and Communications Chair

Launched only a year and a half ago, our communication initiative is now a robust program centered in the Communications Office.

The idea of a formal Communications Department began with a challenge from our Executive Committee to design and implement a strategy that would optimize Beth El's Communications. We needed to refresh the overall look of our communications, create tools to increase awareness of all that is Beth El, identify ways to inform and teach, and utilize social media.

A committee was formed and shortly thereafter Abby Lasky was hired as Communications Director. Together we approached (and continue to review) the challenge step by step. We began with Beth El's brand, identified a new color palette, created a style guide to ensure consistency, and refreshed the logo.

It's Our Website's One Year Anniversary!

Last year at this time we revamped our website. As our window to the community and major resource of information, it had to be robust and dynamic. We changed the look, and updated the technology to provide easy navigation and accessibility. We improved efficiency by enabling direct registration and payment for events.

We felt that services and programs were of the utmost importance, which is why worship times and upcoming events are always visible on the homepage, with details just one click away.

Additionally, we have added forms for Misheberach, baby naming and other ongoing lifecycle needs you may have. The website continues to evolve as your resource, and it's all here for you to visit on your computer, tablet, or mobile device at www.nssbethel.org.

Social Media - Be Part of the Conversation!

YouTube videos and Instagram add a high impact dimension to support events as well as to teach. For our Instagram feed, follow us on Instagram at [@NSSBethel](https://www.instagram.com/NSSBethel),

or go to our website and look for the social media icons on the top left corner of our homepage.

We have a number of Facebook pages within our community. Each enables members to personally connect by seeing event postings, photos of fellow congregants attending recent events, thoughts on holidays, or other relevant Jewish topics. "Like" us at **North Suburban Synagogue Beth El**, or at **Families with Young Children at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El**.



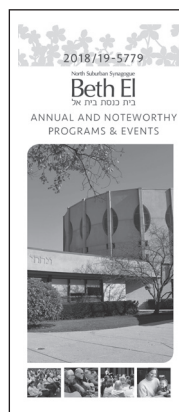
Stand-Alone Videos are one of the newest tools. Our staff members have worked together to create a library of themed, instructional videos on how to celebrate our holidays at home.

Look for these Communications Vehicles at Beth El:

The Kol Beth El - our quarterly, four-color publication which complements the website and email newsletter with more in-depth articles from our clergy, professional staff, and lay leadership.

The Kol Beth El weekly email - sent out on Thursday afternoons. It contains up-to-date Shabbat information and promotes upcoming events. It often links to pages on our website, direct staff/lay person emails for more information, and to YouTube videos.

The Insider - distributed at Shabbat services, showcases Torah readings, yahrzeits, events and programs, news on Israel, and information from the larger Jewish community.



Flyers - promote events and programs and are available on a rack in the Beth El lobby and throughout the building. We also include information from partners in our greater Jewish Community. Check out our monitors for digital versions of the flyers.

Brochures - help define committee activities and enable members to identify areas where they may connect

to the community. We have brochures about our yearly programs, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Hazak, Social Action, Development and more.

Holiday at Home brochures and table talkers - these guides were developed by Rabbi Alex Freedman and are available on our website (under Worship) to download and help enhance your holiday experiences. To date we have Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah and Shabbat.

Feel free to reach out and tell us how we can improve or add to what we are offering. Contact Abby Lasky, Director of Communications, at alasky@nssbethel.org.



Purim is coming! Order Your Hamentashen now!



Please make checks payable to NSSBE. Drop off form and payment in the front office. All orders are by the dozen or half dozen. For one dozen, mark "1," for a half dozen, mark "1/2."

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

The Beth El Youth Community bakers are ready to go! Order delicious hamentashen for yourself and your friends. All proceeds go to Tikun Olam, USY's Tzedakah Fund.
Deadline to order: March 8th.

\$12 per dozen, in six great flavors.

Orders can be picked up at the south entrance of the synagogue at the Purim Carnival on March 17, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm unless other arrangements are made. For more information or to make special pick-up arrangements, call Marah Altenberg at (847) 432-2040 or email her at maltenberg@nssbethel.org.

_____ Apricot

_____ Cherry

_____ Raspberry

_____ Chocolate

_____ Poppy Seed

_____ Strawberry

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Camp Scholarships Now Available!

The Beth El Scholarship Fund announces that scholarship aid is available for families whose children will attend Ramah Day Camp, Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, or other approved Jewish

camps. Please call Elise Kline in the synagogue office at 847-432-8900 x210 for an application and further information. All applications must be received no later than March 1, 2019.



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themed "bookshelves" going forward.

2. Holidays at Home Handouts - Too often we have to search through books to find the blessings and instructions for what to do and say at holiday dinners: Rosh HaShanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Shabbat, etc. If and when we find it, it's usually small black-and-white text. To enhance our holiday experience, Abby designed a handout with all the blessings - in Hebrew, translation, and transliteration - to go with my original instructions and interpretations in a fun, colorful design. Best of all, anyone can download this from the website and print off copies for use at home.

Or forward them to somebody else.

Check them out here: <https://www.nssbethel.org/worship/holidays-at-home/>

3. Holidays at Home Table Talks - How does a holiday dinner host begin a conversation about that holiday? Enter the Holiday Table Talk. Colorful and beautifully designed, they prop up on the tables to give participants something to read and think about during the meal. They each feature an original holiday summary, a short thought from the clergy, and discussion questions for both kids and adults. Place these on the table to make an ordinary meal extraordinary. Again, these are easy to download or for-

ward and print multiple copies for home use using the same link as the handouts.

This is our first venture into the exciting world of digital learning. We plan to add new content regularly, so check back often. Don't worry, we'll continue to host in-person classes as well.

Life is vastly different today from a generation ago. While Beth El's commitment to education remains unwavering, our medium is evolving in the form of the digital library. Give it a try wherever and whenever you'd like, even in your pajamas.

Passover

Supplement – 2019/5779

Forbidden Foods

The following foods are forbidden to Ashkenazic Jews during Pesach: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers; cereals, coffee substitutes derived from cereals; wheat, barley, oats, rice, dry peas, dry beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. (Sephardic Jews have some different practices.)

Permitted Foods

Requiring no kosher l'Pesach label, the following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, and fresh vegetables (except peas and beans, although string beans are permitted on Pesach).

The following foods are permitted if certified for Pesach use by Rabbinical authority (have a kosher l'Pesach label): matzah, matzah flour, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits and vegetables, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortening, vinegar. Wines and liquors are permitted if certified by a Rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use.

Dishes and Utensils

Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions: silverware made entirely of metal if used during the year may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. Metal pots and pans used



for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach. They must first be thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between their cleaning and immersion in boiling water.

Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used for Passover. Earthenware, enamelware and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used. Fine translucent chinaware if not used for a year is permitted if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking glasses. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach or putting them

through a dishwasher. A dishwashing machine may be used for Passover after a thorough scouring, non-use for 24 hours and running a complete cycle. Authorities disagree whether a new tray is necessary.

The stove is prepared by a thorough scrubbing and cleansing of all parts, then turning on the ovens and all burners full-flame for one half hour. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned, then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. Microwave ovens should be cleaned, and then a cup of water placed inside. The oven should be turned on until the water disappears.

A microwave that has a browning element cannot be kashered. In all the above cases the appliance cannot be used for 24 hours prior to kashering.

If the parts of electrical appliances that come into contact with Hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way. If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered.

Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up or covered and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

If you have specific questions, please contact our rabbis.

Detach and send to: Mark Stadler, NSS Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

I, (please print name) _____

hereby authorize Rabbi Michael Schwab to act as my agent to sell Hametz that may be in my possession wherever it may be at home, place of business or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.

My home address is: _____

My office address is: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I enclosed \$_____ for Maot Chitim (list amount)

Bedikat Hametz

(The Search For and Burning of Leaven)

On the evening of **Thursday, April 18**, the Search for Leaven, *bedikat hametz*, is conducted. This is a ritual that symbolizes the final cleaning of the house of all hametz. It is customary to place pieces of bread in various rooms around the house before the search begins – remember how many pieces there are and where they are hidden! The search is conducted with a candle for light and a feather and wooden spoon to collect the hametz. The hametz, feather and wooden spoon should be put in a bag and set aside to be burnt in the morning.

In the morning – this year on **Friday, April 19** – after eating our last meal of hametz, add any remains from breakfast to the bag of hametz from the previous night, and burn them outside the home. This is the final act of removal of hametz from our homes. Hametz should be burned by 11:30 a.m.

The appropriate prayers for the search for and destruction of hametz are found at the beginning of every Haggadah.

Mechirat Hametz *(Sale of Hametz)*

In addition to the thorough cleaning of the house before Pesach, we are commanded to completely free ourselves of leavened products. Anything made from wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt, which had a chance to leaven (rise or ferment), must be destroyed. Today a simple but meaningful tradition is followed:

- Each Jewish home must be cleaned before Pesach.
- The Rabbi contractually arranges for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew so that it will, technically, be out of Jewish possession during Pesach.
- At the end of Pesach, everything in your stored-up area will be repurchased for your immediate use.

Please see Mark Stadler or use the form below to sell your Hametz. Please contact Mark no later than **Thursday, April 18**. A voluntary contribution should be made upon selling Hametz. All gifts will be added to our Maot Chitim fund.

Maot Chitim *(Portions of Wheat)*. It is traditional for Jews who have been blessed by the Almighty to make sure that their less fortunate brethren have all that is necessary to celebrate a joyous Pesach. Special funds for this purpose, known as Maot Chitim, are collected in synagogues throughout the world. Beth El participates in this activity. If you would like to make a contribution to the Maot Chitim fund, please mail it directly to the synagogue, or bring it in personally, and earmark it accordingly. These funds will be distributed to the Greater Chicago Maot Chitim and other institutions that provide Pesach food to the less fortunate.

Maot Chitim Delivery

Please plan to participate with the Greater Chicago Maot Chitim in the delivery of packages on **Sunday, April 14**, 9:00 am to 10:30 am. For more details and directions, go to www.maotchitim.org.

Siyyum Bechorim *(Fast of the Firstborn)*

At the Minyan service **Friday, April 19** at 6:45 a.m. the ceremony of *siyyum bechorim* will take place in the Field Family Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Michael Schwab. It is customary for the first-born male to fast on the day preceding Passover. In place of the fast, however, tradition developed the practice of concluding a portion of study of a Rabbinic text after which celebration and feasting takes place. The *siyyum bechorim* ceremony is the means of obviating the need for a fast. We encourage all first-born males to attend.

PESACH SERVICE TIMES

Friday, April 19 – Erev Pesach/ Fast of the Firstborn/Pesach 1st Seder

6:45 am Morning Minyan/Siyyum
Bechorim

 6:15 pm Mincha / Ma'ariv
7:17 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 20 – Pesach First Day/2nd Seder

8:50 am Festival Service

 7:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:22 pm Candle Lighting

Sunday, April 21 – Pesach Second Day

8:50 am Festival Service

7:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:25 pm Yom Tov Ends

Monday, April 22 – Pesach Third Day

7:00 am Morning Minyan

7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, April 23 – Pesach Fourth Day

7:00 am Morning Minyan

7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, April 24 – Pesach Fifth Day


7:00 am Morning Minyan

7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, April 25 – Pesach Sixth Day/Erev Pesach Seventh Day


7:00 am Morning Minyan

7:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

 7:25 pm Candle Lighting

Friday, April 26 – Pesach Seventh Day

8:50 am Festival Service

 7:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:26 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 27 – Pesach Eighth Day/Yizkor

8:50 am Festival Service

7:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:30 pm Yom Tov Ends

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In honor of the birth of Andy and Ken Saffir's granddaughter - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Rebecca and Brian Jacobson**

In honor of Bryna Kurtz on her Simchat Torah honor as Kallat Bereshit - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Felissa Kreindler's daughter Hannah's marriage to Matt Opad - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Kim Ephraim on her Simchat Torah honor of Kol Ne'Arim - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Margaret and Alan Silberman's 50th wedding anniversary - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Michael Salberg being named Men's Club Keeper of the Flame - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Alyse and Adam Hersh**

In honor of Rabbi Kurtz and his well deserved retirement
- **Cara Becker**
- **Samuel and Marilyn Greenberg**
- **Tamara and Earl Norman**

In honor of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
- **Daniel and Honey Bronson**
- **Leonard and Rachel Ferber**
- **Jennifer and Stewart Flink**
- **Daniel and Wendy Kahn**
- **Mel and Sandy Wasserman**

In honor of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz as part of Beth El's 70th anniversary celebration - **Richard and Sharon Schwab**

In honor of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz for all of their contributions - **Michael and Sheila Small**

In honor of Richard Schlosberg on his Simchat Torah honor as Hatan Torah - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of Richard Schlosberg, Kim Ephraim and Bryna Kurtz on their Simchat Torah honors - **Sally Aaron**

In honor of Sam and Irene Shanes' wedding anniversary and joint birthdays - **Erica M. Gruen**

In honor of Sawyer Goldsmith receiving Keshet's Hacham Lev award - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the baby naming of our great granddaughter Juliet Blair Helberg - **Mal and Ruth Kaufman**

In honor of the birth of Aaron and Ellen Krumbein's granddaughter - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Ben and Mary Channon's son - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Jeff and Mindy Gordon's first grandchild - **Burton Cohen**

In honor of the birth of Jeff and Mindy Gordon's grandson - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the marriage of Andrew and Laurie Hochberg's son Danny to Jamie Levin - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of NSS Beth El's Gala honoring Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz - **Stephanie and Michael Smerling**

In honor of the 70th anniversary of NSS Beth El and Rabbi Kurtz's retirement - **Debora and Michael Pinzur**

In honor of the wedding of Rachel Kesner and Jacob Katz - **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner
- **Richard and DeeDee Berkowitz**
- **June Back Frydman**
- **Mark, Ellen and Rachel Kardon**
- **Sue and Ric Newman**
- **Roger and Diane Stein**
- **Karen Weiss**

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

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

In memory of Ann Bernstein, beloved mother - **Irwin and Sheri Mandel**

In memory of Anna Hirschfeld, beloved grandmother - **Marc and Brenda Wilkow**

In memory of Barbara Sporn, beloved sister - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

In memory of Bernard Abels, beloved father - **Roger and Ronnie Wilk**

In memory of David Baitcher, beloved son-in-law - **Ira and Deborah Rosenberg**

In memory of David Lewittes, beloved father of Avi Lewittes - **Benjamin and Andrea Leshem**

In memory of Dina Field, beloved mother - **Phillip and Sandra Cooper**

In memory of Dorothy and Benjamin H. Schneider, beloved mother and father - **Charlotte Tayne Avraham**

In memory of Dr. Lester D. Kaplin, beloved father - **Alan and Marcia Kaplin**

In memory of Dr. Zayne Wilk, beloved brother - **Roger and Ronnie Wilk**

In memory of Edith H. and Sidney Weiss, beloved mother and father, on the occasion of Yizkor - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Edna Aizenberg, beloved mother of Gabriel Aizenberg - **Benjamin and Andrea Leshem**

In memory of Elaine Reisin, beloved mother of Marsha Levin and Richard Reisin
- **Robert and Iris Center**
- **Paul and Michelle Pessis**

In memory of Esther and Harry Shlensky, beloved mother and father - **Melvin and Lenore Blum**

In memory of Ethel Karson, beloved mother - **Sally Aaron**

In memory of Eva Hofman, beloved mother - **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

In memory of Evelyn Pomerantz, beloved sister - **Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast**

In memory of Fay Forester, beloved mother of Scott Forester - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Frank Gula, beloved uncle - **Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz**

In memory of George B. Dunn, beloved father - **Wallace and Joan Dunn**

In memory of Gertrude Goodman and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Gerald Goodman**

In memory of Gertrude Goodman, beloved wife of Gerald Goodman and beloved sister of Mildred Lidov - **Fred and Corinne Lane**

In memory of Goldie Vishny, beloved mother - **Elaine Reisin**

In memory of Herman Chudacoff, beloved father - **Donald and Lois Chudacoff**

In memory of Hyman Landow, beloved father - **Racquel Hochwert**

In memory of Ignacio Fried, beloved father - **Sari Salinas**

In memory of Isidor Mandel, beloved father - **Irwin and Sheri Mandel**

In memory of Jack Karson, beloved father - **Sally Aaron**

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

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

In memory of Lila Grossman, beloved sister - **Sally Aaron**

In memory of Lily Rosenberg, beloved mother - **Ira and Deborah Rosenberg**

In memory of Louis Kaplan, beloved father - **Wallace and Joan Dunn**

In memory of Marshall Ruderman, beloved father - **Robert and Carol Ruderman**

In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father of Wendi Ezgur
- **Cara Becker**
- **Shari and Stephen Cohen**
- **Ronald and Eileen Goldberg**
- **Richard, Karen, Michelle and Matthew Reisin**
- **Karen Weiss**
- **Steven and Marsha Levin**

In memory of Maxine Simon, beloved mother of Eve Biller, Rabbi Ora Schnitzer and Dr. Avrom Simon - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Merwin Rosenberg, beloved father - **Jerome and Mary Kaltman**

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In memory of Phyllis Kind, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Jonathan and Leslie Kind**

In memory of Reuben R. Stein, beloved father - **Alan and Marcia Kaplan**

In memory of Richard Janger, beloved husband of Lois Janger - **Benjamin and Andrea Leshem**

In memory of Robert Lerner, beloved father of Nancy Lerner - **Karen Weiss**

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In memory of Sidney Feitelberg, beloved brother - **Philip and Doreen Feitelberg**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky
- **June Back Frydman**
- **Bob and Loren Silvers**
- **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Sylvia Lavin, beloved mother - **Ira and Deborah Rosenberg**

In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith
- **Sue Cohen**
- **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Willard Aaron, beloved husband - **Sally Aaron**

In memory of William J. Howard, beloved husband - **Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast**

In memory of Marcia Witzel and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Steven Witzel**

With appreciation for all Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz have done for Beth El and our Jewish world - **Tami Warshawsky**

With appreciation to Jane Pickus for hosting Rabbi Kurtz's Talmud class - **Millie and Bob Weber**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz
- **Wayne and Linda Goldstein**
- **Steven and Jill Hoffman**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for his help and guidance at Joyce Levin's dedication - **Steven and Marsha Levin**

Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund

In honor of Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Rebecca and Brian Jacobson**

In honor of Betty Rozenfeld's 95th birthday - **Sherwyn and Irvina Warren**

In honor of Mort Steinberg. Yasher Koach on your wonderful book, "Tradition by the Lake" - **Debora and Michael Pinzur**

In honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Alyse and Adam Hersh**

In honor of Olivia becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Thomas and Terri Gordon**

In honor of Rabbi Michael and Erica Schwab and their friendship and constant example for the community - **Mimi and Marc Yoskowitz**

In honor of Rabbi Schwab - **Edith Kaye**

In honor of Reese's baby naming and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **William and Cheryl Nitekman**

In honor of the birth of Barbara and David Lansing's grandson - **Roberta and Robert Goldman**

In honor of the marriage of our granddaughter Alyssa Lapin to Sam Koppel - **Philip and Phyllis Lapin**

In honor of the upcoming wedding of Hannah Kessler, daughter of Susie and Steve Kessler to Nick Warther - **Rebecca A Fivel**

In honor of the wedding of Rachel Kesner to Jacob Katz - **Robyn and Adam Berman**

In memory of Alfred Feller, beloved husband, father and grandfather - **Annette Feller**

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In memory of Art Weinstein, beloved friend - **Philip and Phyllis Lapin**

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In memory of Blanche Levy, beloved mother - **Judith Miller**

In memory of Diane Terr, beloved aunt - **Arthur and Lynn Cohen**

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In memory of Ellen Maiman Bookman, beloved sister and aunt - **Linda and Steven Feinstein**

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In memory of Gene Igolka, beloved father - **Ellen and Steven Lasin**

In memory of Gertrude Goodman, beloved wife of Gerald Goodman and beloved sister of Mildred Lidov - **Debora and Michael Pinzur**

In memory of Gilbert Levy, beloved father - **Adrian and Linda Winick**

In memory of Herbert T. Gross, beloved husband - **Alice Gross**

In memory of Howard Hirschfield, beloved father of David Hirschfield and beloved grandfather of Jack Hirschfield - **Carol and Michael Rosenberg**

In memory of Jack Hoffman, beloved husband - **Selma Hoffman**

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In memory of Josephine Birnbaum, beloved grandmother - **Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum**

In memory of Josephine Birnbaum, beloved mother - **Leonard Birnbaum**

In memory of Judy Oberman, beloved sister of Josh Leavitt
- **Brad and Marcie Pickard**
- **Paul and Vicki Morton and Family**

In memory of Leona Kalson Wilk, beloved mother - **Roger and Ronnie Wilk**

In memory of Lillian Winick, beloved mother - **Adrian and Linda Winick**

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In memory of Mae G. Cohen, beloved mother - **Arthur and Lynn Cohen**

In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Michael and Wendi Ezgur**

In memory of Martin Spieler, beloved husband - **Anita Spieler**

In memory of Marvin Freeman, beloved friend - **Philip and Phyllis Lapin**

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- **Ellen and Steven Lasin**
- **Jennifer and Alan Levine**

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In memory of Newton Truger, beloved father - **David and Julie Baum**

In memory of Rabbi Yehoshua and Edna Aizenberg, beloved parents of Gabi Aizenberg - **Jody and Danny Weiss**

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In memory of Seymour Lichter, beloved husband of Betty Lichter, and beloved father of Cindy Herman, Sue Levine and Pamela Redfield - **Paul and Vicki Morton and Family**

In memory of Sheldon H. Roodman, beloved husband - **Diane Roodman**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky
- **Lionel Kramer**
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- **Herbert Rosen**
- **Shael and Myrna Siegel**

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In memory of Sylvia Maiman, beloved mother and grandmother - **Linda and Steven Feinstein**

In memory of Taube Wainstein, beloved cousin - **Philip and Doreen Feitelberg**

In memory of Zelig Sered, beloved father - **Melvin and Hedy Sered**

With appreciation for the High Holiday services - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

With appreciation for the misheberach - **Joseph and Susan Adler**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab
- **Matthew and Cynthia Arenson**
- **Bruce and Lauri Zessar**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab and happy Hanukkah from the Gesher students - **Brian and Rebecca Jacobson**

Hazzan Tisser Discretionary Fund

In honor of Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - **Rebecca and Brian Jacobson**

In honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - **Alyse and Adam Hersh**

In honor of the birth of Brian and Jan Channon's grandson - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Steve and Merle Tovian's granddaughter - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the marriage of Rachel Kesner to Jacob Katz - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Allen Weber, beloved son - **Bob and Millie Weber**

In memory of Elaine and Bernard Reisin, beloved parents of Marsha Levin and Richard Reisin - **Wayne and Linda Goldstein**

In memory of Gertrude Goodman, beloved wife of Gerald Goodman and beloved sister of Mildred Lidov - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Livia Chana Spira, beloved grandmother of Hazzan Ben Tisser
- **Robert Berger**
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- **Robert and Beth Footlik**
- **Leonard and Rochelle Foxman**
- **Ronald and Eileen Goldberg**
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- **Daniel and Lori Gross**
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- **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**
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In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - **Michael and Wendi Ezgur**

In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father of Wendi Ezgur - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

With appreciation to Hazzan Tisser for all the beautiful music he has brought to our congregation - **Karen Weiss**

With appreciation to Hazzan Tisser for his participation in the wedding of Rachel and Jacob Katz - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

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With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman and Happy Hanukkah from the Gesher students - **Brian and Rebecca Jacobson**

Ba'al Korei Fund

In honor of Betty Rozenfeld's 95th birthday - **Robert and Beth Footlik**

In honor of Bryna Kurtz's honor as Kallat Bereshit - **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky

- **Robert and Beth Footlik**
- **Gary and Merle Kaufman**
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In honor of Alan and Margaret Silberman's 50th wedding anniversary
- **Burton Cohen**
- **Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman**

In honor of Betty Rozenfeld's 95th birthday
- **Rabbi Burton Cohen**
- **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Jeff and Beth Kopin's granddaughter, Noa Shayna - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Myra Kopin's great granddaughter, Noa Shayna - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Louis Feigelson - **The Levitan Family**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **David Shapiro and Lori Stark**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab in honor of Erez Derman's Brit Milah - **Ari and Talia Derman**

Capital Improvement Fund

In honor of Ari Jacobson becoming a Bar Mitzvah - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

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In honor of Jeff Baden's graduation from Spertus - **David and Sallye Mason**

In honor of Pearl and Joel Kagan, Steve and Wendy Abrams and Jenna and David Smiley for their leadership for the Gala weekend
- **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner
- **Annette and Jerry Blumberg**
- **The Gordon/Hirsch Family**
- **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Abraham Mioni, beloved father-in-law - **Joan Holland**

In memory of Frances Landsman, beloved mother - **Lois Moss**

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In memory of Livia Chana Spira, beloved grandmother of Hazzan Ben Tisser - **Annette and Jerry Blumberg**

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In memory of Max Joseph Katz, beloved brother of Jake Katz - **Bobbie and Len Tenner**

In memory of Pauline Pinkus, beloved mother of Ann Dee Holland and beloved grandmother of Jori Leeb and Lindy Resnick - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

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

In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith - **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In honor of Jeff Kopin - **James Cohn**

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In memory of Lena Rabinowitz, beloved mother - **Frances and Joel Rabinowitz**

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In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Edward and Paulette Margulies**
- **Frances and Joel Rabinowitz**

In memory of Rabbi Sam Frait - **Joel and Frances Rabinowitz**

In memory of Sally Stiefel, beloved wife of Richard Stiefel
- **Edward and Paulette Margulies**
- **Frances and Joel Rabinowitz**

In memory of Seymour Lichter, beloved husband of Betty Lichter, and beloved father of Cindy Herman, Sue Levine and Pamela Redfield - **Nathaniel and Lana Grey**

In memory of Seymour Rothman, beloved brother - **Frances and Joel Rabinowitz**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky
- **William and Jane Behrmann**
- **Edward and Paulette Margulies**

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In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith - **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**

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In honor of Betty Rozenfeld's 95th birthday - **Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf**

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- **James Carlson**
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- **Gail and William Neiman**
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In memory of Marilyn Diamond, beloved mother - **Dennis and Amy Pessis**

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In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky
- **Tracey and Anton Hendler**
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With appreciation to Kim Ephraim - **Claire Bruetman**

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In memory of Florence Cohen, beloved mother - **Mark and Marla Cohen**

In memory of Max Stark, beloved father - **Natalie Weinstein**

In memory of Maxine Simon, beloved mother of Eve Biller, Rabbi Ora Schnitzer and Dr. Avrom Simon - **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Pearle and Phil Cohen, beloved mother and father - **Janet Cohen**

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

In memory of Sylvia Szwajger, beloved mother - **Lyle and Alicia Schachter**

In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith - **Jackie and Michael Melinger**

With appreciation to Bryna Kurtz for just being you - **Donna Becker**

With appreciation to Pam and Richard Schlosberg for all you are and all you do - **Donna Becker**

With appreciation to Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz for everything you both have done for NSSBE - **Dena, David, Gabriella and Danielle Cooperman**

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With appreciation to Annette and Jerry Blumberg for their Sukkot hospitality - **Scott and Gwen Heyman**

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In honor of Rabbi Kurtz for his leadership, support and commitment to honoring memory - **Monise Neumann**

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In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Michael and Wendi Ezgur**

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In memory of Rabbi Abraham J. Mesch, beloved father - **Nissah Mattenson**

In memory of Sally Stiefel, beloved wife of Richard Stiefel

- **Ira and Elise Frost**
- **Robert and Maxine Greenstein**

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In honor of the bris of Elliott Samuel Gordon and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Jeffrey and Mindy Gordon**

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In honor of the bris of Elliott Samuel Gordon and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Jeffrey and Mindy Gordon**

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In honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Mark Stadler - **Alyse and Adam Hersh**

In honor of the birth of Barbara and David Lansing's grandson Samuel - **Robert and Beth Footlik**

In memory of Alex Turner, beloved father - **Amos and Edith Turner**

In memory of Arthur I. Ramek, beloved brother - **Joyce Pollack**

In memory of Bert Derdiger, beloved father - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Charles Brown - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Dudley Derdiger, beloved brother - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Fanny Gertz, beloved mother - **William and Sharon Gertz**

In memory of Henrietta Derdiger, beloved mother - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Jean Sechan, beloved aunt - **Pearl Zaid**

In memory of Judith Harrison Leonard, beloved sister - **Harriet Bernbaum**

In memory of Keren-Or Bernbaum, beloved daughter - **Harriet Bernbaum**

In memory of Leo Farbman, beloved father - **Mark and Laura Lieberman**

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

In memory of Lois Janger - **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

In memory of Maurice Bloomberg, beloved father - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Maxine Simon, beloved mother of Eve Biller, Rabbi Ora Schnitzer and Dr. Avrom Simon

- **Mark and Babette Daskin**
- **Patricia Shapiro**

In memory of Mildred Derdiger Gross, beloved sister - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Minna Derdiger, beloved step-mother - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Mollie and William Schwartz, beloved mother-in-law and father-in-law and beloved grandparents - **Toby Schwartz**

In memory of Morris Hertz, beloved father - **Sonja Shiner**

In memory of Ruth Dolansky, beloved mother and grandmother - **Sanford and Glenda Mason**

In memory of Sidney Shapiro, beloved husband of Muriel Shapiro - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

In memory of Tillie Bloomberg, beloved mother - **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**

Music Fund

In honor of the wedding of Rachel Kesner and Jacob Katz - **Steven and Wendy Abrams**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner - **Steven and Wendy Abrams**

In memory of Lois Janger - **Lawrence and Abby Block**

In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father of Wendi Ezgur - **Jackie and Mike Melinger**

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Lawrence and Abby Block**

In memory of Sally Stiefel, beloved wife of Richard Stiefel and beloved grandmother and friend - **Lawrence and Abby Block**

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

In honor of the birth of Larry and Abby Block's great-grandson and Jeff and Mindy Gordon's grandson, Elliott Samuel Gordon - **Sonja Shiner**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner

- **Joel and Pearl Kagan**

- **Ronald and Kathy Sonenthal**

- **Rachel Ventura, Sandy Ebner, Shirley**

Hendler, Florence Mayer, LaDonna

Rotman, Joe Sarnott, Howard Ventura,

Lila Weisman

- **Richard Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin**

In memory of Alfred Stern, beloved brother - **Arnold and Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Belle and Henry Mann, beloved mother and father - **Sheldon and Nancy Mann**

In memory of Dr. Gregory Moss, beloved husband - **Lois Moss**

In memory of Mae Becker, beloved mother and grandmother - **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

In memory of Max Zar, beloved father - **Leon and Wendy Zar**

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Robert Berger**
- **Jerry and Bonnie Lebovitz**

In memory of Sally Stiefel, beloved wife of Richard Stiefel - **Robert Berger**

In memory of Selma Stern, beloved mother - **Arnold and Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Amy Zisook and David Rosen**

In memory of Sylvia Tavian, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother - **The Tuler Family**

With appreciation to Annette and Jerry Blumberg for their Sukkot hospitality - **Rhoda Levine**

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

In honor of Mort Steinberg, author of Beth El's history, "Tradition by the Lake" - **David and Karen Benson**

In honor of the birth of Ira and Deborah Rosenberg's granddaughter - **Marc and Nan Fine**

In honor of the wedding of Rachel Kesner to Jacob Katz - **Marc and Nan Fine**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner - **Marc and Nan Fine**

Prayer Book Fund

In honor of Bert Hamilton's 95th birthday - **Melvin and Hedy Sered**

In honor of Len and Bobbie Tenner on their special birthdays - **Shoshana Friedman**

In honor of Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz, for all of their contributions. They make everything better - **Howard and Mindy Bain**

In honor of the birth of Keith and Cheryl Weitzman's grandson Jake - **Mark and Nina Gaines**

In memory of Aaron M. Dlugie, beloved father - **David and Joyce Dlugie**

In memory of Barbara Sachse, beloved mother of Lynn Schrayner - **Joseph and Tina Wolf**

In memory of Howard Wittenberg, beloved husband - **Iris Wittenberg**

In memory of Lois Janger - **Allene Frost**

In memory of Martin Melinger, beloved father - **Michael and Jacqueline Melinger**

In memory of Marty Marsh, beloved father of Gary Marsh - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

In memory of Max Wittenberg, beloved father-in-law - **Iris Wittenberg**

In memory of Morton L. Weinberg - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

In memory of Rabbi Yehoshua Aizenberg, beloved parents of Gabi Aizenberg - **Gary and Merle Kaufman**

In memory of Pearl Weber, beloved mother - **Bob and Millie Weber**

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - **Nancy Shapiro**

In memory of Sally Stiefel, beloved wife of Richard Stiefel - **Allene Frost**

In memory of Shane Zien Wolf and Felix Hans Wolf, beloved mother and father - **Mark and Julia Gerstein**

In memory of Sidney A. Miller, beloved father-in-law - **Judith Miller**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Barb D'Aversa - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Tony Hilvers - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

In honor of Bert Hamilton's 95th birthday - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg**

In honor of Bryna Kurtz's Kallat Bereshit honor - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg**

In honor of Kim Ephraim's Kol Ne'Arim honor - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg**

In honor of Richard Schlosberg's Hatan Torah honor - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg**

In memory of Nancy Whitman, beloved sister - **Jack and Barbara Blumberg**

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Endowment Fund

In honor of Irene and Samuel Shanes' wedding anniversary and Samuel's special birthday - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Sarah Small's birthday - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Donald Kanter, he will be greatly missed - **Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen**

Social Action Fund

In memory of David Rubenstein, beloved brother of Lee Rubenstein - **Robert and Beth Footlik**

Special Security Fund

With appreciation

- **Joe and Susan Adler**

- **Sam and Rietje Becker**

- **Myron and Susan Block**
- **Adam and Lindsay Cohen**
- **Elliott and Dana Cohen**
- **Lee and Jessica Cohen**
- **David and Allie Davidson**
- **Stanton and Carole Derdiger**
- **David and Jill Friedman**
- **Ira and Elise Frost**
- **Adi and Leah Gidron**
- **Jordan and Stephanie Goldstein**
- **Jared and Jordana Greenberg**
- **Arnold and Nina Harris**
- **Andrew and Jeri Henoch**
- **Jordan and Julia Klein**
- **Marc and Jamie Klein**
- **Mitchell and Karen Kopin**
- **Ellen Lavin**
- **Dean and Paige Lurie**
- **Brian and Renee Mandelbaum**
- **Jordan and Melissa Mazzetta**
- **Modestus Bauer Foundation**
- **Dan and Nikki Newman**
- **Kerry and Hillary Peck**
- **Dennis and Amy Pessis**
- **David and Haley Pivnick**
- **Reid and Natalie Poll**
- **Daniel and Jennifer Rosen**
- **Ira and Deborah Rosenberg**
- **Mally Rutkoff**
- **Sari Salinas**
- **Brad and Lesley Sarnoff**
- **Ronald Sharlach**
- **Sally Schechter**
- **Howard and Lynne Schechter**
- **Skip and Lynn Schrayner**
- **Matt and Samantha Sears**
- **Brian and Tamara Silver**
- **Stephen and Judy Smiley**
- **Joel and Alissa Unruch**
- **Adam and Deborah Winick**

Staff Recognition Fund

In honor of the NSS Beth El Staff - **Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen**

In memory of Aaron Kesner, beloved father of Michael Kesner - **Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen**

In memory of Marvin Glick, beloved father of Wendi Ezgur - **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**

In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith - **Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz**

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

In honor of the birth of Jeff and Beth Kopin's granddaughter, Noa - **Ellen and Philip Glass**

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

Mazel Tov to:

Abby and Lawrence Block on the birth of their great-grandson, Elliott Samuel Gordon

Shirley and Bernard Bornstein on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary

Mary and Benjamin Channon on the birth of their son, Mayer

Cheryl and Carey Cooper on the marriage of their son, Nathan, to Ariel Slabotsky

Sara and Steve Coven on the marriage of their daughter, Shoshana to Joshua Ostrow

Carol and Gordon Derman on the birth of their grandson, Rafael Noah Derman

Rebecca and Benjamin Derman on the birth of their son, Rafael Noah

Doreen Feitelberg on the occasion of her special birthday

David Feldman and Lori Wisper on the marriage of their son, Max, to Bari Ralskoff

Rabbi Alex Freedman and his wife Laura on the birth of their son



Matthew and Shoshana Gordon on the birth of their son, Elliott Samuel

Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon on the birth of their grandson, Elliott Samuel Gordon

Bert Hamilton on the occasion of his 95th birthday

Laurie and Andrew Hochberg on the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Jamie Levin

Sue and Larry Hochberg on the marriage of their grandson, Daniel Hochberg, to Jamie Levin

Ruth and Mal Kaufman on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Juliet Blair Helberg

Franci and Michael Kind on the birth of their niece, Juliet Blair Helberg

Leslie and Jonathan Kind on the birth of their granddaughter, Juliet Blair Helberg

Sheldon Lavin on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Sarina Marissa Freedman

Deborah and Ira Rosenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarina Marissa Freedman

Merle and Sheldon Rosenfeld on the marriage of their granddaughter, Shoshana Coven, to Joshua Ostrow

Betty Rozenfeld on the occasion of her 95th birthday

Andrea and Kenneth Saffir on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Rae Saffir

Dr. David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer in honor of Rabbi Ora Simon Schnitzer's Bat Mitzvah anniversary

Irene and Samuel Shanes on the occasion of their 54th wedding anniversary and Samuel's special birthday

Margaret and Alan Silberman on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

Mira and Darryl Temkin on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Harold Temkin

Cheryl and Keith Weitzman on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Leo Weitzman

Welcome to Our New Members:

Jake and Rachel Katz

Jay Lerner

Jorde and Helene Nathan and their children, Chase, Reeve and Sophie

Carlene Rubin

Ari Silver and his children, Eli and Emma

Condolences to:

Fran Alpert on the loss of her sister, Phyllis Schramm

Gabriel Aizenberg on the loss of his father, Rabbi Yehoshua Aizenberg

Andy Brown on the loss of his mother, Barbara Brown

Wendi Ezgur on the loss of her father, Marvin Glick

Shoshana Friedman on the loss of her sister, Phyllis Schramm

Josh Leavitt on the loss of his sister, Judith Oberman

Marsha Levin on the loss of her mother, Elaine Reisin

Amy Gerstein on the loss of her father Michael Holzman Laupheimer

Gerald Goodman on the loss of his wife, Gertrude M. Goodman



David Hirschfield on the loss of his father, Howard B. Hirschfield

Jack Hirschfield on the loss of his grandfather, Howard B. Hirschfield

Jake Katz on the loss of his brother, Max Joseph Katz

Bradley Levin on the loss of his mother, Shirley Hausner Levin

Mildred Lidov on the loss of her sister, Gertrude M. Goodman

Richard Reisin on the loss of his mother, Elaine Reisin

Batya Retsky on the loss of her husband, Sidney Retsky

Dr. Joel Retsky on the loss of his father, Sidney Retsky

Levi and Lexie Rosenthal on the loss of their

mother, Cantor Jodi Rosenthal

Martin Rosenthal on the loss of his wife, Cantor Jodi Rosenthal

Lee Rubenstein on the loss of his brother, David Rubenstein

Richard Stiefel on the loss of his wife, Sally Stiefel

Hazzan Benjamin Tisser on the loss of his grandmother, Livia Chana Spira

IN MEMORIAM:

Gertrude M. Goodman

Howard B. Hirschfield

Lois L. Janger

Marshall A. Okmin

Elaine Reisin

Sidney Retsky

Cantor Jodi Rosenthal

Sally Stiefel

Marcia Witzel

Kiddush Sponsors:

Igor Ayzman

Carey and Cheryl Cooper

Steve and Sara Coven

Bradley and Eve Feinberg

Philip and Doreen Feitelberg

David Feldman and Lori Wisper

Ari and Judy Golson

Andrea Goldstein

Eric Goldstein



Jim and Debbie Hamilton

Rabbi William Hamilton and

Debbie Block

Andrew and Laurie

Hochberg

Brian and Rebecca Jacobson

Jonathan and Leslie Kind

Leslie Leeb

NSS Beth El Sisterhood

NSS Beth El Men's Club

Helen Plavnik

David and Susie Seldst

Dr. David and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer

Samuel and Irene Shanes

Alan and Margaret Silberman

Daniel and Jamie Struck

Darryl and Mira Temkin

Betty Rozenfeld

Social Action

Be Part of Mitzvah Day!

By Mary Channon, Social Action Chair

On Sunday, February 10, join your fellow Beth El congregants again this year to support the surrounding community. Everyone is welcome! Projects available for both individuals and families. Takes only 30 minutes to complete!

Here are the projects for this year's Mitzvah Day:

Bring your dog to Brentwood Rehabilitation Center, 3705 Deerfield Rd, Riverwoods

Spread joy to the residents of Brentwood by bringing your dog to visit and cuddle. Dogs must be current with their immunizations, on a leash and good with people and other dogs.

For more information contact Fran Pine: fjpine@comcast.net or Minde Korman: trumom15@aol.com

Brown bags for Night Ministry

Help pack lunches for Night Ministry Pantry that provides for residents in need.

For more information contact Rocky Rubinoff: rochelle.rubinoff@gmail.com

Project Linus

Project Linus provides a sense of security and warmth to children in need by donating blankets. Come to Beth El to make a blanket.

For more information contact Laurie Hochberg: dochoch@comcast.net

Welcome Home - Starter kits for newly housed homeless

We are teaming up with EZRA to distribute kits to new apartment renters. These apartment dwellers are former homeless chosen by EZRA. The Welcome Home project provides "Kitchen" or "Clean Home" starter kits. Please choose from one or both kits.

Kitchen kit includes: Spices, Cooking Utensil set, and Kitchen Towels.

Clean Home kit includes: Cleaning Supplies, Mop/Broom, and Bucket.

For more information contact Janice Aronoff: janicearonoff@comcast.net or Jill Bernstein: jillbernstein@gmail.com

Troop Support - Hero Box

Families will be sponsoring the Army unit of one of our congregants' sons who is being deployed in the Middle East. The boxes you create are being sent directly to their unit. Each family will spend \$30 per box and can send 1 or more boxes, whatever fits your budget! Kids will have a chance to create a meaningful note or drawing for the soldier receiving the donated box.

Mitzvah Day 2019



Sunday, February 10
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

This is an opportunity for your family to show your support for those that put their lives on the line for our country.

For more information contact: Jan Channon janchannonflowers@gmail.com

NSS Beth El Used Book Sale

Join us on Sunday, February 10th to help with library's used book sale.

For more information contact Rachel Kamin: rkamin@nssbethel.org.

Pre-registration required for all activities.

<https://www.nssbethel.org/event/social-action-mitzvah-day/>

or go directly to this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9uvx7kx>



Volunteer at Uptown Cafe

We are looking for volunteers to serve dinner at JUF Uptown Cafe, 909 W. Wilson Ave, Chicago, IL January through March. Must be age 12+ to participate.

Contact Rocky at rochelle.rubinoff@gmail.com to sign up. Available dates:

Tuesday, February 26

Tuesday, March 26

Todah Rabbah

Todah Rabah continued from page 23

In memory of Livia Chana Spira, beloved grandmother of Hazzan Ben Tisser - Ellen and Philip Glass

In memory of Phyllis Kind, beloved mother of Dr. Jonathan Kind and beloved grandmother of Michael Kind - Ellen and Philip Glass

Tzedakah/Pushke Fund

In memory of Phyllis Schramm, beloved sister of Fran Alpert and Shoshana Friedman - Laurence and Corinne Baskin

With appreciation to Victor Levitan for leading Minyan at our Shiva - Linsey and Tim Cohen

With appreciation - Arlene and Jeffrey Levin

Youth Community Fund

In honor of the birth of Mayer Bernard, son of Ben and Mary Channon - Arielle and Victor Levitan

In honor of Tyler Kallish, son of Marc and Roz Kallish, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Andrew and Gail Brown

In memory of Evelyn Schleicher, beloved mother of Leslie Oshin - Arielle and Victor Levitan

In memory of Rachel Wirth, beloved mother of Alexis Stoltze - Arielle and Victor Levitan

In memory of Toby Horowitz, beloved mother of Stacy Goldsmith

- Andrew and Gail Brown
- Dena and David Cooperman
- The Gordon/Hirsch Family
- The Hahamy Family
- Arielle and Victor Levitan
- Brad and Marcie Pickard
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Michelle Wasserman and David Smith and Family


February 2019

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February Events Calendar

Friday, February 01, 2019

 Used Book Sale
4:55 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 02, 2019

8:50 am Shabbat Services
12:30 pm Post-Kiddush Lecture
Dr. Joshua Kulp
4:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:00 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, February 03, 2019

Used Book Sale
8:30 am JFMC/WLCJ World Wide Wrap
12:00 pm Family Book Club

Monday, February 04, 2019

Used Book Sale
6:00 pm Energy Healing with the
Kabbalah
11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
Rabbi Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational
Hebrew

Wednesday, February 06, 2019 -

Rosh Hodesh Adar 1

Used Book Sale
7:00 am Morning Minyan
6:45 pm Men's Club Caveman Dinner

Thursday, February 07, 2019

Used Book Sale
10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
Hebrew Class
7:45 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, February 08, 2019

 Used Book Sale
4:59 pm Candle Lighting
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the
Lake Reception
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the
Lake Service

Saturday, February 09, 2019

Bar Mitzvah - Nathan Gidron

8:50 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Beit Midrash Minyan
4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:04 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Used Book Sale - Bargain Bag Sale
11:00 am Social Action Mitzvah Day

Monday, February 11, 2019

6:00 pm Energy Healing with the
Kabbalah


Tuesday, February 12, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi
Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational
Hebrew
7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
Neighbor Class begins

Thursday, February 14, 2019

6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
Hebrew Class

Friday, February 15, 2019

 5:03 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 16, 2019

8:50 am Shabbat Services
12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund
Book Club
5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:08 pm Shabbat Ends

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
Rabbi Schwab

6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational
Hebrew
7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
Neighbor Class

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

5:30 pm Pre-School Shema PJ Party
7:45 pm Wine and Wisdom Class

Thursday, February 21, 2019

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
3:00 pm Afternoon @ the Movies
6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
Hebrew Class

Friday, February 22, 2019

 5:12 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:00 pm Men's Club Congregational
Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Men's Club Shabbat
8:50 am Shabbat Services
5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:17 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:30 am Men's Club/Sisterhood Blood
Drive

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 pm US Holocaust Museum Event

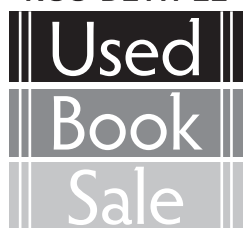
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi
Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational
Hebrew
7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
Neighbor Class

Thursday, February 28, 2019

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
Hebrew Class

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ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Friday, February 1 - Sunday, February 10

All hardcovers \$2; paperbacks \$1. Cash and
checks accepted.

BARGAIN BAG SALE

Sunday, February 10 - 9:00 am - Noon

Whatever you can fit into a brown paper
grocery bag is yours for only \$5! Bags will
be provided or bring your own.

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Friday, March 01, 2019
 5:21 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 02, 2019
 8:50 am Shabbat Services
 USY Shabbat
 Mincha Bat Mitzvah - Madison Herz
 5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 6:26 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, March 03, 2019
 11:00 am Nefesh Mountain Concert
 4:00 pm Men's Club Man and Youth
 of the Year Dinner - Off Site

Monday, March 04, 2019
 9:00 am Youth Day Off Program

Tuesday, March 05, 2019
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
 Rabbi Schwab
 6:15 pm Intermediate
 Conversational Hebrew
 7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
 Neighbor Class

**Thursday, March 07, 2019 -
 Rosh Hodesh Adar II**
 7:00 am Morning Minyan
 10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
 Hebrew Class
 6:45 pm Challah Bake Event

**Friday, March 08, 2019 -
 Rosh Hodesh Adar II**
 7:00 am Morning Minyan
 5:29 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 09, 2019

Bar Mitzvah - Simon Levitan
 8:50 am Shabbat Services
 5:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 6:34 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, March 10, 2019
 2:00 am DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
 TIME BEGINS

Monday, March 11, 2019

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
 Rabbi Schwab
 6:45 pm Men's Club/Youth Group
 Candle Packing
 6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational
 Hebrew
 7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
 Neighbor Class

Thursday, March 14, 2019
 10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 6:15 pm Advanced Conversational
 Hebrew Class
 7:45 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2019
 6:15 pm Bet Shabbat Service
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 6:38 pm Candle Lighting
 7:00 pm BET Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, March 16, 2019
 8:50 am Shabbat Services
 Sisterhood Shabbat
 6:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:43 pm Shabbat Ends
 8:00 pm Sisterhood Men's Club
 Game Night

Sunday, March 17, 2019
 11:00 am Purim Carnival

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
 Rabbi Schwab

March Events Calendar

6:15 pm Intermediate Conversation
 Hebrew
 7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
 Neighbor Class

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019 -
 Fast of Esther/Erev Purim**
 (see box below for details)

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - Purim
 (see box below for details)

Friday, March 22, 2019
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 6:45 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, March 23, 2019
 8:50 am Shabbat Services
 6:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:50 pm Shabbat Ends

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class -
 Rabbi Schwab
 7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian
 Neighbor Class

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
 7:15 am Morning Minyan
 7:30 am Morning Breakfast
 9:00 am Spring Break - No Schools
 4:00 pm Religious School Class
 7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 29, 2019
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 6:53 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, March 30, 2019
 8:50 am Shabbat Services
 6:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 7:58 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, March 31, 2019
 7:45 pm Sisterhood presents -
 Fred Zimmerman, mentalist



PURIM TIMES

**Wednesday, March 20 - Fast of
 Esther / Megillah Reading**

4:45 pm Families with Young Children
 Purim Celebration

5:30 pm Families with Young Children
 entertainment and dinner

6:30 pm Congregational Megillah
 Reading with live music

8:00 pm Purim Seudah with Klezmer
 music

Thursday, March 21 - Purim

6:30 am Shacharit and Megillah Reading
7:30 pm Evening Minyan

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Tuesday, April 02, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew
7:45 pm Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor Class

Thursday, April 04, 2019

6:15 pm Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class
7:45 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 05, 2019

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15 pm Gimmel Shabbat Service
7:01 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 06, 2019 - Rosh Hodesh Nisan

8:50 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Beit Midrash Minyan
12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club
6:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:06 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, April 07, 2019

6:00 pm JUF Dessert Event

Tuesday, April 09, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:00 pm Shalom Club
Chocolate Seder

Thursday, April 11, 2019

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
6:15 pm Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class

Friday, April 12, 2019

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Service
7:08 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Bat Mitzvah - Addysen Gross
8:50 am Shabbat Services
12:30 pm Post-Kiddush Lecture
7:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:13 pm Shabbat Ends

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew

Thursday, April 18, 2019

6:15 pm Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class
7:45 pm Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 19, 2019 - Erev Passover/1st Seder

6:45 am Morning Minyan
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:17 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 1st Day of Passover/2nd Seder

8:50 am Festival Services
6:15 pm Passover Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:22 pm Candle Lighting

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - 2nd Day of Passover

8:50 am Festival Services
7:15 pm Passover Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:25 pm Yom Tov Ends

Monday, April 22, 2019 - 3rd Day of Passover

7:00 am Morning Minyan

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 4th Day of Passover

7:00 am Morning Minyan

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 5th Day of Passover

7:00 am Morning Minyan

Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 6th Day of Passover/Erev of 7th Day of Passover

7:00 am Morning Minyan
7:15 pm Passover Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:25 pm Candle Lighting

Friday, April 26, 2019 - 7th Day of Passover

8:50 am Festival Services
7:15 pm Passover Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:26 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 8th Day of Passover/Yizkor

8:50 am Shabbat Services
7:15 pm Passover Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:30 pm Yom Tov Ends

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class - Rabbi Schwab
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew



Passover April 19 - 27

For Passover Supplement with Hametz sales form and service times, please turn to pages 14-15 of this Bulletin.

More Recent Happenings at Beth El



Thanksgiving Mitzvah Day



Evening @ the Movies - Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas



Grandparent Shabbat



Grandparent Shabbat



Artist's Beit Midrash Opening Reception



Beth El Staff Celebrates Year End

On December 10, our Beth El Staff gathered for a last-day-of-Hanukkah celebration. We shared a delicious lunch, entertainment from "Magic Jeff" Baden, a gift card exchange and gelt! Together we toasted a wonderful 70th anniversary year that brought some new faces to the table and several new changes to the building. We are looking forward to 2019 and all of the exciting programs, events and additions that will be happening this year!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Staff Recognition Fund, which helped make this celebration possible!



STAFF PHOTO: front row from left to right Rabbi Alex Freedman, Avram Pachter. Second row from left to right: Abe Rotbart, Jeff Dreifuss, Mark Stadler, Rachel Kamin, Judy Berkeley, Alicia Gejman, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz. Back row from left to right: John Patrascu, Abby Lasky, Kory Goldenberg, Rabbi Michael Schwab, Ali Drumm, Marcie Eskin, Lennie Kay, Ava Nussbaum, Michele Friedland, Elise Kline, Marah Altenberg, Jeff Baden.

February/March/April Events at a Glance

Friday, Feb 1-10

Annual Beth El Used Book Sale

Shop the Used Book Sale during regular synagogue hours. All hardcovers \$2; paperbacks \$1. Cash and checks accepted. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up, staff, and close down the Used Book Sale. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902 if you are able to help. Middle school and high school volunteers are welcome!



Sunday, February 10

**9:00 am - noon
Bargain Bag Sale**

Whatever books you can fit into a brown paper grocery bag are yours for only \$5! Bags will be provided or bring your own.

Sunday, February 3

**8:45 am
World Wide Wrap**

Conservative Jews around the world will celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin at their morning minyan. "World Wide Wrap" is co-sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Minyan starts promptly at 8:45 and Torah study will follow in the Zell. Contact Jori Brajer at jbrajer@gmail.com with questions.



Wednesday, February 6

Men's Club Caveman Dinner

Please join us for our Annual Caveman Dinner featuring lots of meat, finger food and napkins but no silverware! Great scotch and other drinks. Appetizers and drinks at 6:45, with dinner following minyan. Contact Aaron Krumbein at akrumbein@sbcglobal.net with questions.



Friday, February 8

6:15 pm

Social Action Shabbat Dinner

Join us for a special Social Action Shabbat Dinner to kick off our Mitzvah Day Weekend. RSVP online or contact Elise Kline at ekline@nssbethel.org.



Saturday, February 9

9:15 am

Beit Midrash Minyan

Members of our community gather for a parallel, lay-led traditional service in the Sager Beit Hamidrash. To participate contact Richard Small at rwsma@me.com.

Sunday, February 10

**11:00 am
Mitzvah Day**

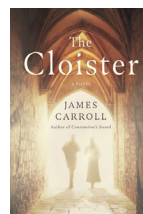
Join your fellow Beth El congregants again this year to support the surrounding community. Everyone is welcome! Projects available for both individuals and families. Takes only 30 minutes to complete! **See page 25 for more details.** Contact Mary Channon at mary.channon@yahoo.com or at (847) 722-9142 for more information.



Saturday, February 16

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club with James Carroll

Award-winning and bestselling author James Carroll, a distinguished scholar in residence at Suffolk University and a columnist for The Boston Globe, will discuss his newest novel, *The Cloister*, with the Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club. All are welcome. Contact Rachel Kamin at



rkamin@nssbethel.org or

(847) 926-7902 for more information.

Wednesday, February 20

5:00 pm

Pre-School Shema Pajama Party

Wear your jammies, bring your sleeping bag and your favorite teddy. Get comfortable and you'll be ready, to hear some wonderful stories! Pizza dinner, snacks, treats, and a special Shema with Rabbi Schwab! Siblings are welcome!

Friday, February 22 -

Sunday, February 24

Men's Club Shabbat Dinner and Weekend

Join Men's Club for a wonderful weekend starting with Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday morning the Men's Club will lead services, followed by a deli kiddush lunch for everyone! The weekend will wrap up with a special Bagels For Your Brains program Sunday morning. Contact Jeffrey Goldsmith at Jeffrey.Goldsmith@corbinadvisors.com for more information.



Sunday, February 24

9:00 am

Men's Club/Sisterhood LifeSource Blood Drive

Support Beth El's annual blood drive by Donating blood from 8:30-12:30 in the Blumberg. For more information contact Ron Goldberg at rgoldberg@wgntv.com.



Monday, February 25

7:00 pm

US Holocaust Museum Event

Join us as filmmaker Steven Pressman (*50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus*), returns for a panel discussion about the many Museum collections donated by individuals rescued by the Krauses as children. Free and open to the public. Reservations are required. RSVP online at

www.ushmm.org/events/50-children-chicago-2019 or by contacting the Museum's Midwest Regional Office at (855) 218-6836.

**Thursday, February 28
3:00 pm**

Afternoon at the Movies: *Itzhak*



An enchanting documentary about a young man who struggled to be taken seriously as a music student when schools saw only his disability. A portrait of musical virtuosity seamlessly enclosed

in warmth, humor, and above all, love. A wine & cheese reception, featuring violinist Miriam Friedman, will follow. Open to the community, free of charge. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902.

Saturday, March 2

8:50 am

USY Shabbat

Our BEANS USYers will be leading Beth El Shabbat morning services. BEANS USY President Sawyer Goldsmith will deliver the d'var torah.

Sunday, March 3

11:00 am

**Nefesh Mountain
Blue Grass
Concert and BBQ**

A concert for kids from 3 to 103! Concert is free and open to the entire community with a BBQ lunch afterwards: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. RSVP to Ana Igornov at aigornov@nssbethel.org or call (847) 432-8900.



Sunday, March 3

5:30 pm

**FJMC Man and Youth of
the Year Dinner**

The NSS Beth El Men's Club invites the entire congrega-



tion to come celebrate our Man of the Year, Gordon Schwartz and our Youth of the Year, Sawyer Goldsmith. Registration for the event can be found at <https://midwestregionfjmc.myshopify.com/>. See page 9 for more info.

**Thursday, March 7
6:45 pm**

Challah Bake



Challah baking, light fare, drinks and socializing. \$25 per baker. Proceeds benefit the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School. RSVP at: <https://www.nssbethel.org/event/challah-bake-2019/>

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm

**Yom Hashoah Candle
Packing**



Join USY and the Men's Club as we pack Yom Hashoah candles to send out to the congregation. This is a great event for the whole family. There is a job for everyone! Contact Matt Pestine at mpestine@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, March 16

8:50 am

Sisterhood Shabbat

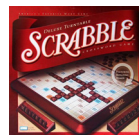
Sisterhood members will lead Shabbat morning services.

Saturday, March 16

8:00 pm

Board Game Night

Bring your favorite board game, card game or Mahj card, and your entire family for a Men's Club/Sisterhood night of fun. Light desserts and drinks provided for \$10 donation. Contact Jori Brajer at jbajer@gmail.com for more information.



**Purim Celebration
and Events**

See back page for listing of Purim events.

Sunday, March 31

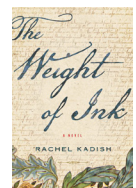
7:45pm

**Sisterhood Presents Fred
Zimmerman, Chicago Mentalist**

The entire adult community is invited to enjoy an evening of mind-bending psychic phenomena! Watch your email for details.

Saturday, April 6

**12:30pm (after Shabbat Kiddush)
Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club:
The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish**



An ailing historian with a fondness for Jewish history reviews 17th century documents discovered during a renovation in London, and learns the story of an anonymous scribe working for a blind rabbi just before the onslaught of the plague. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902 for more information.

Sunday, April 7

7:15 pm

Annual JUF Dessert Reception

Keynote speaker will be Ambassador Dennis Ross, a scholar and diplomat with more than two decades of experience in Middle East and Soviet policy and who had the distinction of working with four US presidents and five Israeli Prime Ministers. For more information and/or RSVP to Sandi Kaplan at sandikaplan@juf.org or call (312) 444-2841.



Thursday, May 2

Yom Hashoah Program

This year's Yom Hashoah commemoration program starts after minyan. Please join us for this powerful evening as we commemorate and remember. Contact Dan Gross at grossd@gmail.com for more information.

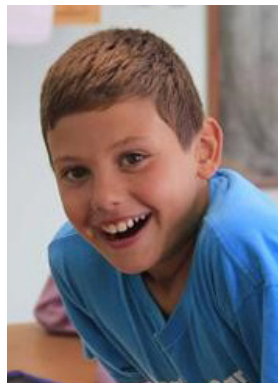
Mazel Tov to Our Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



Bar Mitzvah
 Nathan Gidron,
 son of Leah and
 Dr. Adi Gidron
Shabbat, February 9



Mincha Bat Mitzvah
 Madison Herz,
 daughter of
 Jennifer and Josh Herz
Shabbat, March 2



Bar Mitzvah
 Simon Levitan,
 son of Drs. Arielle and
 Victor Levitan
Shabbat, March 9



Bat Mitzvah
 Addysen Gross,
 daughter of Lori and
 Daniel Gross
Shabbat, April 13

TO THE

BETH EL PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Purim is Coming!

Sunday, March 17 – Purim Carnival

11:00 am Young Families & HUGS

11:30 am Everyone

Wednesday, March 20 – Fast of Esther / Megillah Reading

4:45 pm Families with Young Children Purim Celebration

5:30 pm Families with Young Children entertainment and dinner

6:30 pm Congregational Megillah Reading with live music

8:00 pm Purim Seudah with Klezmer music

Thursday, March 21 – Purim

6:30 am Shacharit and Megillah Reading

7:30 pm Evening Minyan

- games
- costumes
- inflatables
- food
- prizes
- FUN!

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