



Come Learn With Us This Summer!

By Rabbi Michael Schwab

I believe that human beings have an innate thirst for knowledge. We constantly seek out wisdom and information as well as often find ourselves on a quest for self-improvement. Judaism, as a religion, culture and world-view embraces this aspect of human nature. We, as a people, prize knowledge and encourage fellow Jews to engage in learning. As our tradition states in different ways: there are many important mitzvot (commandments) but the mitzvah of learning exceeds them all! In fact, in a famous Talmudic passage the rabbis ask, what is more important, learning or action? The answer, employing typical rabbinic ingenuity, is "learning – because it leads to action." In other words, learning is a foundational value for us as Jews – it is at the source of everything and guides the way we behave in the world.



Luckily summer is the perfect time to find opportunities to live the great Jewish value of learning. The holiday of Shavuot kicks off summertime with a celebration of Revelation and Torah. On this holiday we commemorate the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai. We do so by holding a Tikkun Layl Shavuot, which is essentially an all-night Torah marathon. We begin studying the evening Shavuot starts and we continue through the night until morning. For

those of us who participate each year it is a very special and spiritual experience. We examine the rich texts of our wise tradition to delve into meaningful topics that affect how we see life and the way in which we navigate the world. The Tikkun on Shavuot is a great celebration of Torah, Judaism and learning. This year please join us Saturday night June 8th for as much as you can of the Beth El Tikkun. See our website or speak to Ali Drumm for more information.

In addition, there are wonderful year-round learning opportunities at Beth El and in the larger community. For example, this summer we are featuring, *The Stories We Tell: Narrative in the Torah and in Art* on Thursday mornings, a mini-course with Spertus, *The Immigrant Jewish Experience in America: Shtetl to Ghetto and Beyond* on Thursday

evenings, and Rabbi Freedman's class on *The Zionist Ideas* on various dates in May and June. In the fall our program extends even wider to include various classes on Jewish text (e.g., Talmud and Midrash), Hebrew, and a variety of topics in Jewish thought, literature and history. We also have book groups with author events as well as educational film screenings. We are growing a digital library of educational videos, as well, which you can find on our website. Further, we began a new

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Coming to Fruition

By Richard Zelin, NSS Beth El President



With my term as President coming to a close in mid-May, I have been reflecting on the past couple of years and what we have been able to accomplish together. Indeed, all of the major initiatives that have recently been undertaken – the clergy transition, the 70th anniversary programming, the Capital Campaign, the Gala weekend, and so forth – have been designed to help lay a solid foundation to enable us to take advantage of some creative new opportunities to resist the powerful assimilatory forces and other challenges that we face in the current climate in American Jewish life. To put it in a more positive way, they are critical building blocks to creating a strong, vibrant, participatory and traditionally oriented synagogue that becomes the home – both spiritually and otherwise – not only to 60 somethings like me, but also to young Jewish families and individuals now and well into the future. I am thrilled about the clergy and lay leadership now in place and am confident this will happen. I look forward with excitement to looking back and seeing this come to fruition.

Indeed, for those of you continuing to be engaged in the life of the synagogue, the next couple of years will be a fascinating and exciting time to be involved. You will have an opportunity to give further shape and dimension to the foundation that has been laid for this amazing and extraordinary place. There are a number of areas that deserve special attention, including especially membership engagement and recruitment, as well as exploring ways of enhancing our services and educational programming to ensure that they are inspiring, meaningful and enlivening.

In the meantime, this is my last Bulletin article as President. Thank you for joining me on this incredible journey. Notwithstanding the additional grey hair and occasional sleepless nights, it has been a truly extraordinary, rewarding and enriching experience. Whether you realize it or not, the past two years have been a pivotal time for Beth El and your continued participation and involvement during this time have helped make a real difference.

Recent Happenings at Beth El



Used Book Sale



Men's Club Caveman Dinner



Mitzvah Day



Shema Pajama Party

Shabbat & Holiday Schedule

Daily Service

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

Clergy:

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 (Grossinger
Brickman) through May 11.

10:30 am Tot Shabbat

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

Please note:

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

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



May

Friday, May 3

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:32 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, May 4

Parashat Achrei Mot
8:50 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Beit Midrash Minyan
7:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:37 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, May 10

6:15 pm Gesher Service
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:39 pm Candle Lighting



Saturday, May 11

Parashat Kedoshim
8:50 am Shabbat Services
Blessing Our Babies
7:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:44 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, May 17

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:47 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, May 18

Parashat Emor
Ba'al Korei Institute Shabbat
8:50 am Shabbat Services
10:45 am Teen Nosh & Drash
7:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:52 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, May 24

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:53 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, May 25

Parashat Behar
8:50 am Shabbat Services
7:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:58 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, May 31

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:59 pm Candle Lighting

June

Saturday, June 1

Parashat Bechukotai
8:50 am Shabbat Services
7:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:04 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 7

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:04 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 8

Erev Shavuot
Parashat Bamidbar
8:00 pm Mincha
8:05 pm Yom Tov
Candle Lighting
8:30 pm Seudah Shlisheet
9:00 pm Ma'ariv
9:20 pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot

Sunday, June 9

Shavuot 1st Day
12:00 am Al night study sessions
4:30 am Sunrise Service
8:50 am Festival Service
8:00 pm Mincha

Monday, June 10

Shavuot 2nd Day
8:50 am Festival Service
8:00 pm Mincha
9:12 pm Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends



Friday, June 21

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:10 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 22

Parashat Beha'alotcha
Ritual Committee Shabbat
9:00 am Summer Shabbat
Services begin
8:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:15 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 28

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:11 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 29

Parashat Sh'lach
9:00 am Shabbat Services
8:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:16 pm Shabbat Ends

July

Friday, July 5

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:10 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 6

Parashat Korach
9:00 am Shabbat Services
8:00 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:15 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 12

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:07 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 13

Parashat Chukat
9:00 am Shabbat Services
8:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:12 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 19

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:02 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 20

Parashat Balak
9:00 am Shabbat Services
7:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:07 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 26

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:56 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 27

Parashat Pinchas
9:00 am Shabbat Services
7:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:01 pm Shabbat Ends



Notes from Hazzan Tisser



Over the past few weeks I took the opportunity to clean out the house, something I do each spring before I get deep into the pre-Pesach cleaning. This year was a bit different as I not only worked hard to adopt a new method of organizing the house, but I went back through those boxes many of us have in the basement containing our oldest memories and keepsakes. I had so much fun going back and reflecting on the earlier years of my childhood – the photographs, awards, souvenirs from travels, and journals. And then I came across an old *I Love Lucy* keepsake.

When I was a little boy, I would watch literally hours a week of *I Love Lucy* with my dad. I was

always very connected to Jewish music, but I had a secret dream of one day being Ricky Ricardo – performing with a big band, making people smile, and giving folks a sound track to which they could dance.

Dreams are so important. We have always been a people of dreams and of aspirations. At certain points in our history we have fought to achieve our dreams, and at other times through simply being at the right place at the right time we have seen them come to fruition.

Later this summer I am excited to present another fun

evening of great music, food and dancing **“A Night at the Copacabana,”** when we will enjoy a trip back in time to one of New York’s greatest night clubs of the 1940s for dinner and dancing, just like the “good old days”! The music committee has been hard at work on next year’s program, and I am so grateful to them for affording us all what will surely be a memorable evening...and for me, an evening in which one of my childhood dreams will be fulfilled! Sid Engel returns to

conduct his fantastic big band for dancing and the show, and Chef Laura Frankel will present a beautiful Latin buffet dinner... all with a stunning backdrop as day turns to evening over Lake Michigan. Get your tuxes

pressed, and watch your emails and the next bulletin for more information – this is a night not to be missed!

Finally, as summer comes and we perhaps have a little more time on our hands, I pray that we all have the opportunity to reflect on the beautiful moments of our lives, to re-visit old dreams...and perhaps to find a way to make them come true. (For the tips I used on organizing with gratitude, I suggest reading *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, by Marie Kondo)

Have a wonderful summer!



Recent Happenings at Beth El



Nefesh Mountain Concert



What you Want, When you Want It

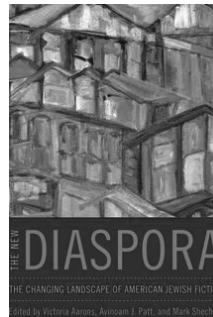
By Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education



Life gets busy. As Rabbi Tarfon says in Pirkei Avot Ch. 2, "The day is short and the work is much!" A great blessing of the modern era is the ability to participate in the media culture on your own time - on demand! You can watch your favorite show, take an online class, and research your next vacation from the comfort of your home and in your pajamas. We believe that you should be able to learn what you want to know, when you want to know it, with the people you want to learn from, and our vibrant adult education offerings (with over 30 classes and almost 400 individual students and growing) should be available to you on your own time.

We are pleased to roll out our Adult Education On Demand offerings- in addition to our brochure of traditional-style courses, we also offer a program where you can organize

your own class. Get a minimum of 5 fellow students together and pick the time and place. The teachers will travel or you can meet in the synagogue. This can be your personal havurah or book club or just a group of friends who want to get together and learn! You can choose from our pre-determined topics or work with the adult education department to find a teacher on a topic you'd like to study. Our first round of On Demand classes includes *Short Stories from The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction* with Rachel Kamin, An "Unorthodox" Class on the Tablet Magazine Podcast



"UnOrthodox" with Rachel Kamin, *Girls In Trouble*, an exploration of women in the Bible with Ali Drumm, and *Tough Questions Jews Ask* with Rabbi Alex Freedman.

We have already started our first On Demand adult education class, and I hope that the freedom and flexibility of this model will continue to offer our community the kind of learning that works best for them. Contact me at adrumm@nssbethel.org to begin to set up your learning sessions.

Two New Friday Night Shabbat Experiences!

By Rabbi Alex Freedman and Program VP Pamela Schlosberg

Friday night services at Beth El are about to be even better. Rinat Shabbat is the name for a recurring Friday night Minyan that emphasizes music, communal singing, spirituality, and community. While services will be clergy-led, this Minyan will be significantly enhanced by the Davening Team, a group of congregants who volunteer to take the lead in singing.

Rinat Shabbat Beginning May 3

Rinat Shabbat (Hebrew for "Joy of Shabbat") will sound different: it will introduce musical instruments to the Kabbalat Shabbat service to enhance our davening. However, the instruments will be secondary to the community's singing. Some tunes will be familiar, while we will also introduce new beautiful melodies that include many Niggunim

(tunes instead of words). Clergy will offer nuggets of spiritual wisdom.

Rinat Shabbat will look different too: it will occur in the Blumberg Auditorium by the vast windows, so we can fully appreciate Shabbat's setting sun. Additionally, we will arrange the seats differently to be more inclusive and conducive to communal davening.

Josh Warshawsky led such a service in January (without musical instruments) that drew 80 people and fantastic reviews. We are thrilled that he will return to lead another musical service on Friday May 3rd at 6 pm. This time he will use musical accompaniment. Please join us on May 3rd and then May 31st for the next musical service. We plan to offer this Rinat Shabbat on a recurring basis.

While musical instruments will be

new to Kabbalat Shabbat at Beth El, be assured that they will not be used on Shabbat itself. They will be put away before Shabbat formally begins. They won't be used for Ma'ariv or for weeks when Shabbat begins before Minyan time.

Please check out the Rinat Shabbat experience. Those interested in taking the next step are welcome to be part of our Davening Team, a group of congregants who will take the lead in singing. Please contact Rabbi Schwab if you're interested.

New and Improved Shabbat on the Lake

The gift of Shabbat. How do you define it? A time of rest, a change from the ordinary, a time to be with family and friends? The prophet Isaiah (58:13-14) asks the Jewish people to proclaim Shabbat a "delight" because this will lead

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Toddle on Over ... the 2-year-olds are Visiting the Library!

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



Each month, the 3 & 4-year-old classes in our Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School visit the Pinsof Children's Reading Room for songs and stories. They each check out a book, and they return them! Last year, preschoolers checked out 980 books, returning 99% of them!

This year, the teachers presented me with a new challenge: the 2-year-old classes will also visit the library. Developmentally there's a big difference between 2-year-olds and 3 & 4-year-olds. The 2's respond best to rhythmic and rhyming language as well as chants and songs. In the fall, we sang simple Sukkot songs and paired the cumulative rhyming book, *The Sukkah that I Built* by Rochel Vorst with the repetitive *The Busy Little Squirrel* by Nancy Tafuri. Repetitious books, familiar pictures, and simple

stories with predictable plots also work best. We used hand-motions to act out the creation story with *In the Beginning* by Steve Turner. A dinosaur-themed storytime was the perfect way to celebrate Hanukkah with *Dinosaur on Hanukkah* by Diane Rauchwerger and *How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah* by Jane Yolen. We all wore a dinosaur hat, and marched to Laurie Berkner's song "We Are the Dinosaurs."

Reading to an active group can be



a challenge, but interactive books require the reader to physically engage with the story without forcing children to sit still. That's why *Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson was ideal for Tu B'Shevat. They also loved *Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin, who joyously illustrates the Jewish teaching, "Who is rich? One who is satisfied with whatever he has." No matter what messes Pete steps in, he keeps movin' & groovin' because life is all good! *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* also paired perfectly with the Yiddish folktale *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Sims Taback and the musical version by Sharon, Lois & Bram, "I Had an Old Coat."

It has been so fun to have the 2's visit the Library. Their curiosity, attentiveness, and engagement with Jewish stories and values continues to amaze and inspire me!

Pre-School

Rooted in Our Past...

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



The Pre-School at Beth El was established in 1948 and the teachers would not only teach the children, but also drive them to and from school on a bus.

Growing with the community...

In 1990 with a generous endowment from the Steinberg Family, our school became The Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School. And, our school grew to four classrooms and 60 children! Our youngest children came to school in the morning and our oldest children came to school in the afternoon.

Branching out to greet the future...

Today, we have 10 classrooms and 13 different class offerings! Our school creates a beautiful balance by honoring our Jewish traditions and teachings while implementing the latest early childhood philosophies.

We offer a Lunch and Enrichment program that provides an opportunity for our children to enjoy an extended day of active, academic and artistic classes that engage both their minds and bodies. There are more than 20 enrichment class options for the children to choose from!

Our Parent Auxiliary organizes some of the amazing programs we offer here at the Pre-School. They work tirelessly on the Take Shabbat Home Program, Family Outreach, the Tu B'Shevat Extravaganza and many more. They support the school by coordinating the Hanukkah Gift Drive, the Art After Dark fundraiser and the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to Lindsay Stein Cohen, Allie Davidson and Stephanie Goldstein, Parent Auxiliary chairs,

for their incredible leadership and work with our parent community this year.

Our logo...

We are pleased to announce that we have developed a new logo for our school and a logo for the Beth El Summer Camp. Our logos will represent us in the community and help us market our growing and thriving program.

An image of a tree will tell our story of being rooted in our past...growing with the community... and branching out to greet the future.



The Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

Vision 70 Campaign Draws to a Successful Conclusion

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director



Vision 70 Campaign

Our Vision 70 Campaign is officially closed. I am thrilled to share with you that the outpouring of support this Campaign generated from our entire congregation was unprecedented. Because of your generosity, we not only met but surpassed all three of our goals to:

- Endow the Rabbinic Chair in honor of Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz at \$1.8 million
- Establish a Physical Accessibility and Disability Inclusion Fund at \$2.5 million
- Raise over \$600,000 to create a Family Engagement Fund and Center

On behalf of Karen Kesner, Larry Pachter and myself, we are most grateful.

The Vision 70 Campaign was about raising endowment funds. An endowment gift is permanently invested, not spent for current operations or capital projects. An endowment supports initiatives in perpetuity, with a portion of the endowment's value used annually as the donor specifies or as the board chooses. We are always happy to have a conversation about an endowment gift to fund a new or favorite program.

In addition, we were also delighted to receive several capital project gifts that will allow us to enhance our physical building. Some projects have been completed, some are currently under construction, and others will begin construction in the coming weeks and months.

Be sure to join us at Beth El's annual meeting on **Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm** when we will announce the total amount raised in the Vision 70 Campaign. We will be unveiling the Rabbinic Chair, celebrating the Campaign and touring the construction progress of our newly dedicated Capital spaces. Appetizers and champagne will be served! Look for your invitation coming soon.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,
Stuart Hochwert, Vice President, Finance

A New Commitment to Membership

Along with continuing my Development responsibilities, I am excited to be taking on the role of Membership Director. Since assuming this role, I have already had the privilege and honor of welcoming several new members into our Beth El family.



On behalf of the Membership Committee, we hope you had a wonderful Passover holiday and enjoyed your greeting cards!

This fall, our congregation's database will be changing to Shul Cloud, a cloud-based synagogue management software system that will give

all of you, our members, on-line access to your own personal accounts. You will be able to update your records, access a calendar with event management and registration, and pay your bills on-line. Shul Cloud is mobile-friendly and will work on your iPhone, androids, tablets. Be on the lookout for details coming soon.

Our congregation has also come together in spirit and celebration at so many recent community-wide events, including:

- The Third Annual Challah Bake, where over 160 members came together for a wonderful community-wide experience;
- The post-Kiddush Panel Discussion on anti-Semitism with Congressman Brad Schneider and AJC's Daniel Elbaum drew 150 members;
- The JUF Dairy Dessert Reception with Ambassador Dennis Ross brought out another 200 members;
- A week of Purim programming, when over 800 members participated in our Family Purim Celebra-

tion, Megillah Reading and Adult "Zoodah."

Calling all new parents and grandparents! We invite you to come and celebrate the addition to your family at our **Blessing Our Babies** event on **Saturday, May 11th**. Each family will receive a small gift. Afterwards we will celebrate with song and cake!

Are you interested in learning to play Mahjongg, Canasta or Bridge at Beth El? Perhaps you have other interests such as wine tastings, cooking experiences, book clubs or movie groups? I am available to serve as your personal Beth El concierge. Just give me a call, and I will do my best to connect you to others with similar interests.

In addition, if you are interested in serving on the membership committee to help us engage current and new members, please contact me at jberkeley@nssbethel.org or at (847) 432-0703. We would love to have you join us!

Sisterhood continues to capture the imaginations of the Women of Beth El! Over the past few months, Sisterhood has provided opportunities for our women to be involved in activities in a variety of areas – **educational** (Torah Fund book club and other TF classes; 93 *Queen* documentary – the story of the first all-female emergency medical corps in NYC), **community service** (annual synagogue blood drive), **inspirational** (documentary about the life of Itzhak Perlman, followed by live classical music), **religious** (Sisterhood Shabbat) and **recreational** (kosher wine tasting, games night, Fred Zimmerman, The Chicago Mentalist).

For Pesach, we are appreciative of the tremendous support we received for our unique fundraiser – the sale of Israeli, kosher l’Pesach matzot, each imprinted

with a full-color holiday-related design. We sold out!

Continuing Sisterhood initiatives are collections for Mathilde’s Mentionables of feminine hygiene products and new or gently used bras for women and growing girls living in local women’s shelters, the sale of Jewel cards and our fabulous gift shop, which continues to be the “go to” store for everything Judaica. All profits from the sales of Jewel cards and from our gift shop go toward supporting various projects and programs within our synagogue.

One event coming up soon co-sponsored with Men’s Club is a talk by Roberta Bernstein and Judy Holstein, who will discuss their fascinating book, *Somewhere*

in Europe: The World War II Letters of Sam Lesner. Sam Lesner (their father) was a well-respected and long-time columnist for the *Chicago Daily News*. Join us after morning minyan on Sunday, May 5, for a light breakfast at 9:30 am, followed at 10:00 am by this presentation, which promises to be very engaging. Included in the book are references to our very own Channon family, long-time family friends of the Lesner clan.

Over the next few months, we will continue to provide other programming that will enlighten, educate, motivate and “tickle the fancy” of the Women of Beth El. Watch your emails for details on upcoming events.

We continue to seek the involvement in our activities, in one fashion or another, of all the adult women of our congregation. If you’d like to become more involved with Sisterhood, please contact either of us at kbweiss1023@gmail.com or jeisen246@gmail.com.

We look forward to everyone’s more active participation!



Sisterhood Gift Shop - The Art of Gift Giving

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

This is a simcha, or celebration, time of year —graduations, weddings, B’nai Mitzvah, anniversaries, and with it the search is on for the perfect gift.

Here are some tips we found for meaningful gift-giving:

Ask about Interests. The best gift will be loved and remembered. Find out something about the recipient’s interests, passions, habits, lifestyle. One who appreciates the work of artisans may prefer a unique necklace, vase, or watch crafted by an Israeli artist, while a foodie would love a great cookbook by Chef Laura Frankel.

Match the Gift to the Personality. Trendsetters may enjoy different gifts

than traditionalists. A friend who enjoys traveling might like portable Shabbat candle holders, the perfect hostess might welcome a serving dish from Quest, while your friend who loves to open her home for Shabbat might appreciate new Judaica for her table — you get the idea.

Watch for Hints about Taste. Modern, traditional, simple, colorful? One person may prefer the vibrancy of an Emanuel kiddush cup while another the intricacies of a Metalace picture frame, or a handcrafted wooden mezuzah.

Parents of a Baby or Gifts for Children. New parents might welcome a personalized receiving blanket or baby’s kiddush

cup, while others with older children would love a gift of a book with a Jewish theme, like the holidays.

We have solutions for your gift giving; fresh ideas for every occasion. So gather your information and come to the gift shop where we will help you find that perfect gift.

Profits help support NSS Beth El Religious Schools.

HOURS: May/ June: Sundays, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm; Tuesdays, 8:00 am to noon. We are always open by appointment. Call: Diane, 847-571-5629; Sulie, 847-558-3389 or Pam 847-433-7546.

Men's Club

Men's Club Corner

By Marc Richards, Men's Club President

Spring is here and Summer is not too far away. Men's Club is going strong.

On May 1, we have our annual Yom Hashoah Memorial service presentation, featuring the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous and Joshua Pickard, recipient of the Men's Club stipend for his youth trip to the camps in Poland. **On May 5**, we have a special presentation (co-sponsored with Sisterhood) about World War II told by letters from a Jewish GI from Chicago, Sam Lesner, presented by his daughters. **On May 11**, we have our Kiddush Club returning for a deli lunch. **On May 25**, our volunteers are assisting with the Lieberman Center Shabbat services. And it is not too late to sign up for softball as substitutes are always needed to cover for those on vacation or injured. If you are interested in softball, please contact Michael Salberg at (847) 903-1491 or at mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net.

Our Men's Club is here for you. Please let us know what we can do for you, for the synagogue, or for our community.

Perhaps there is something not offered by other groups in our synagogue community that Men's Club uniquely can help fulfill. You can contact us anytime with your suggestions at our email hotline: nssbethelmensclub@gmail.com.



We are here to serve. As explained during my D'var Torah at Men's Club Shabbat weekend:

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks has written numerous articles on leadership. In one article, he concludes with the thought: "To lead is to serve. The greater your success, the harder you have to work to remember that you are there to serve others; they

are not there to serve you."

Part of the mission of the Men's Club is to help the youth of our community. For example, we serve latkes to the school kids on Hanukkah. We help run the hot dog stand at the Purim carnival. Proceeds from donations to our Yom HaShoah candle program help subsidize educational youth group trips that our teens take to visit the Holocaust camps and Israel in the summer.

And so this summer the Men's Club will be hard at work planning our schedule, hopefully filled with new events suggested by you. As a reminder, to be a member is as easy as checking off the box on your synagogue dues statement, or simply going to the shul website to sign-up: <https://www.nssbethel.org/community/mens-club/memberships/>. We look forward to you joining us and joining our events, and making this your Men's Club.

Men's Club Man and Youth of the Year a Great Success!

By Dan Gross, Men's Club Vice President

The joyous Midwest Region Men's Club Man and Youth of the Year dinner award ceremony was held in March at Congregation Anshe Emet in Chicago. NSS Beth El was well represented! Many of our club members and friends and clergy attended the event to honor the award winners from our congregation, along with hundreds from other synagogues in

the region honoring their winners. This year we honored Gordon Schwartz as our Man of the Year and Sawyer Goldsmith as our Youth of the Year. Gordon has been an unflinching supporter and unsung hero of the Men's Club for many years, and is currently serving as the Treasurer for the club. Sawyer has been very active with the synagogue youth

group, currently serving as President of BEANS USY, and as Religion Education Vice-President of the USY International Board. Congratulations to the honorees and to the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for hosting such a successful event!



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us to delight in God. It's actually a Mitzvah to enjoy Shabbat!

As you just read, we have added our **Rinat Shabbat** service to occur on periodic Friday nights. To extend this spirit of community, we also are enhancing our "Shabbat on the Lake" experience.

Inspired with this first initiative,

we want to invite you to celebrate the joy of welcoming Shabbat and celebrating community with an extraordinary pre-Shabbat event: **Shabbat on the Lake: a lo Español**, to be held on June 21.

This unique pre-Shabbat cocktail hour with a Spanish theme will begin at 5:30 pm and feature hot and cold tapas, sangria, song,

music and fun.

Babysitting will be provided for children. They'll also enjoy a kid-friendly buffet and special programming.

Afterwards, we'll all come together for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service and great Ruach (spirit). We hope we'll see you there!

Gathering Important Insights from Our Synagogue

By Lisa Rosenkranz, Strategic Planning Chair

All strong organizations engage in planning for the future and NSS Beth El believes in the importance of this work. Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the survey that was recently sent to you. This is an important element of our effort to plan for our future.

This planning process began with an in-depth data collection on our community and other synagogues as well as understanding trends in the Conservative movement. The survey was created to collect insights from our members as well as non-members. We engaged a consultant to help us with this important work.

Our next step is to conduct focus groups with various segments of our community. This will enable us to gain further insights and perspectives.

We look forward to communicating the results of our efforts as we proceed with this process. Again, we appreciate the time and thoughtfulness that you put into your survey responses. If anyone has additional



thoughts or feedback that you would like to provide, please contact Jeff Baden, Executive Director at jbaden@nssbethel.org; Rabbi Michael Schwab at mschwab@nssbethel.org or Lisa Rosenkranz, Strategic Planning Chair at l.rosenkranz@comcast.net.

Bikkur Cholim Committee Will Make Visits to Members in Need

Beth El was there for you when you really needed it. This remains a top goal, and we're excited to announce an initiative to reach it: the Bikkur Cholim Committee.

Consider somebody who is ill. Unfortunately sickness leaves a person physically inhibited, emotionally drained, and sometimes alone. The Beth El clergy are committed to visiting congregants in the hospital, nursing home, and rehabilitation facilities. It's their way of saying, "Your community is by your side in this tough time."

The Bikkur Cholim Committee is a group of congregants who likewise want to help fellow members during difficult times. While clergy will continue to visit sick congregants,

this committee will supplement their efforts. Committee members will reach out to sick congregants and, if they'd like, will visit them wherever they may be.

The next step is providing a one-time training session to interested volunteers who would like to learn how to visit with a congregant. Rabbi Freedman will conduct the training session on **Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 am**. The session, entitled "Best practices for visiting someone who is sick," will cover the Jewish perspective on visiting the



sick, confidentiality, and answer questions on how to best provide a meaningful visit. The training is open to all congregants.

The committee needs your help with the last step. It can only provide help if they know who needs them, so please contact the clergy if you

know of a congregant who may benefit from a sick visit (with their permission). All communications are discrete and strictly confidential. If you have any questions regarding the training session, please contact committee chairs Dina Lisssoos at (847) 772 - 4634 or Barbara Hochwert at (847) 922 - 8402.

My Family Story Showcases Family Values

By Dr. Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education



For the last seven years our sixth-grade students have participated in the My Family Story initiative sponsored by Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People. This year, we joined 190 institutions, and more than 20,000 students from over 25 countries in this endeavor. The excitement of this project starts in September as families are introduced to the project, and continues throughout the year.

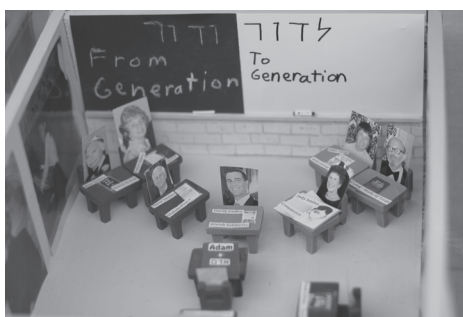
The family research is broken into six lessons, where students learn to discover their genealogy going back three generations or more. Students work to create a display that represents the core of their family values, along with research material to support the stories of the different generations. This includes maps, certificates, objects, interviews with loved ones, or listening to stories about family members who are no longer alive. The students prepare an artistic display to be exhibited at Beth El.

Three local judges weigh in according to criteria set by the Beit Hatfutsot Museum, choosing the best two project displays. The two winning entries are then sent through video to Israel, and will be submitted to the International Competition in memory of Manuel Hirsch Grosskopf. In the event that one of our students wins on the international level (which has already happened five times since

2012), that student wins a trip to Israel and joins the My Family Story annual event at the Museum in Tel Aviv; his/her project will be displayed in an international exhibition at the museum throughout the summer.



Winning project by Hannah Ayzman



Runner-up project by Adam Smiley

We are proud of our past winners: Noah Braverman (2013), Jason Garfinkel (2015), Lila Golson (2016), David Ayzman (2017), and Noah Hersh (2018). These students were granted a trip to Israel and attended the Awards Ceremony at the Beit Hatfutsot Museum. Our parents and students enjoy working on this project as they learn and discover the interesting stories about their

families. All of this year's projects are on display in the Rissman Kol Ami Museum, and will be until the middle of May.

As this bulletin was going to the press we received word from Beit Hatfutsot that Hannah Ayzman's project, 36 Kinder, is one of the selected displays of the My Family Story 2019 International Competition in Memory of Manuel Hirsch Grosskopf. Mazal Tov Hannah!

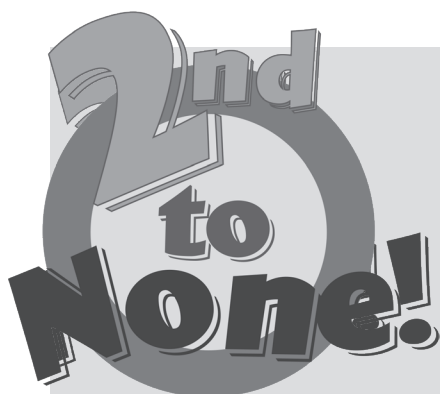
Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Mazal Tov to the following Jack and Mildren Cohen Religious School Seventh Grade Students: Rachel Feiger, Nathan Gidron, Barak Goldstein, Olivia Gordon, Ethan Grafman, Ad-dysen Gross, Noah Hersh, Madison Herz, Ari Jacobson, Jared Kamin, Daniel Klein, Meredith Lederer, Estelle Rosenblatt, and Max Rosner.

Mazal Tov to the following Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Graduates: Alexis Aronin, Jordan Behn, Gabriel Hamburg, and Sara Richards.

Mazal Tov to the following Solomon Schechter Day School Eighth Grade Students: Gabriella Ditkowsky and Rachael Zacks.

Mazal Tov to the following Rochelle Zell Jewish High School Seniors: Sawyer Goldsmith, Henry Hoffman, Noah Shanes, and Brian Silverstein.



For a second consecutive year we are planning to offer **free tuition for our Second to None program**. This special offer commemorates the lives of Lois & Howard Hirschfield through the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School, in the interest of introducing religious educa-

tion at an early age. This year's Bet class (second grade) included 27 children. If you have a child going into second grade or you know of someone who has a child going into second grade, please contact Alicia Gejman at agejman@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900, ext. 227.

Introducing “Teen Nosh and Drash”

By Marah Altenberg, Youth Community Director

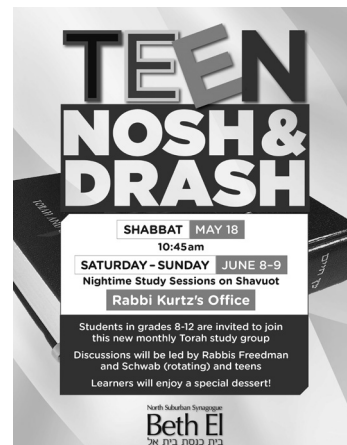


The Beth El Youth Department is launching a new learning program once a month on Shabbat mornings for students in grades 8 – 12. The program is called “Teen Nosh and Drash,” and will meet in Rabbi Kurtz’s office each time from 10:45 -11:45 am. “This is an exciting initiative,” said Rabbi Alex Freedman, “as nothing like this has been done on Shabbat mornings in quite some time for the teens.”

This program will give our teens the exclusive chance to meet with the Beth El clergy in a smaller environment to discuss topics of the day, Torah study, Jewish policy issues, Israel topics and much more. Rabbi Schwab and Rabbi Freedman plan to rotate teaching each month and we also are giving our teens the opportunity to come up with a topic and teach it during this session. The youth department is hoping to attract more teens to come on Shabbat morning to have discussions and study sessions and dig into some topics that they are inter-

ested in. This is a great opportunity for teens to get to know the clergy better and build their own relationship with them. Beth El offers a myriad of services for the younger youth but felt there needed to be something out there for our teens as they are entering high school and are becoming more aware of the discussion around more adult-driven topics.

Teens who are interested in teaching a topic are welcome to email Youth Community Director Marah Altenberg at maltenberg@nssbeth-el.org, with their ideas for topics and their pitches to teach a particular lesson on their own. The clergy is willing to work with any teen on their idea and help them create a cohesive study session. Any teen interested in learning more about Jewish topics is encouraged to try out this learning venue. We will also be serving a fun snack at each session. You don’t want to miss out on that!



Our first session was taught by Rabbi Freedman on April 13. BEANS USY President Sawyer Goldsmith also taught a lesson for part of the session. The next Teen Nosh and Drash will be held on May 18 at 10:45 am. The last Teen Nosh and Drash for this school year will be held in the middle of the night as part of our all-night study sessions on Shavuot, Saturday, June 8 to Sunday, June 9. Stay tuned for the Shavuot study session schedule to be publicized. We can’t wait to hear suggestions from our teens for our upcoming topics. Don’t be shy. We want to hear from you!



Eleven BEANS USYers attended the CHUSY regional Spring Kinnus Convention April 5-7 at the Great Wolf Lodge Hotel and Water Park in Gurnee.



BEANS USY President Sawyer Goldsmith was the co-chairperson for the CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention. The theme for the weekend was “Chusflix.”

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By Rabbi Michael Schwab

initiative called Classes On Demand, where students can choose from a selection of prepared learning or get their group together and request a course they want and a time they can be attend. Finally, we are also bless-

ed to be part of a thriving Jewish community here in Chicago and the BJE, Spertus and other educational institutions also provide additional learning opportunities. As our tradition states in Proverbs, “[The Torah] is a Tree of Life for

them that hold fast to it and all those who participate [in Torah] are happy.” This summer and beyond I implore you to embrace the gift of Torah! We look forward to learning with you at Beth El in the future!

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In honor of Daniel Nast Jr. on his 100th birthday - **Sandra Becker**

In honor of Herman Wexler's 95th birthday - **Karen Weiss**

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In honor of the marriage of Shoshana Coven to Josh Ostrow - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the wedding of Ashley Kara Abramowicz to Joshua Brent Gibbs and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Barry and Laurel Abramowicz**

In memory of Abe I. Yaffe, beloved father - **Dolly Nast and Daniel Nast Jr.**

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In memory of Edith Hymanson Weiss, beloved mother, on her 19th yahrzeit - **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Eli Field, beloved father - **Phillip and Sandra Cooper**

In memory of Ezra Kaplan - **James Kaplan**

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In memory of Ludwig Blum, beloved father - **Melvin and Lenore Blum**

In memory of Marcia Witzel - **Paul and Michelle Pessis**

In memory of Mary Bellows, beloved mother - **Diane Bellows**

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In memory of Mendel Wilkow, beloved grandfather - **Marc and Brenda Wilkow**

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- **Karen Weiss**

In memory of Norman Chudacoff, beloved brother - **Donald and Lois Chudacoff**

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In memory of Sidney Retsky and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Batya Retsky**

In memory of Stuart Greenberger, beloved husband - **Rivia Greenberger**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Larry Pachter - **June Back Frydman**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - **Karen and Richard Reisin**

With appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for all of his help - **Steven and Marsha Levin**

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In honor of Madison Herz, daughter of Josh and Jennifer Herz, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah - **Earl and Rochelle Rubinfoff**

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In honor of Simon Levitan, son of Drs. Arielle and Victor Levitan, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Barbara and Stuart Hochwert's grandson, Lucas Max Newman - **Richard Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin**

In honor of the birth of Debbie and Steve Graham's grandson - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the birth of Ken and Andy Saffir's granddaughter - **Marc and Nan Fine**

In honor of the birth of Lois Lourie and Michael Gurtman's grandson, Mark Ross Gurtman - **Richard Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin**

In honor of the birth of Lucas Max Newman, grandchild of Stuart and Barbara Hochwert - **Karen Weiss**

In honor of the engagement of Allan and Hilary Greenberg's daughter Joanna to Beni Glikberg - **Marc and Nan Fine**

In honor of the engagement of Debbie Kaltman, daughter of Jerome and Mary Kaltman - **Richard Zelin and Judith Hirsch-Zelin**

In honor of the marriage of Hannah Kessler, daughter of Susie and Steve Kessler, to Nick Warther - **Judy and David Fivel**

In honor of the marriage of our son Matthew Doppelt to Anne Houser Rosenblatt - **Robert and Ellen Doppelt**

In memory of Alice Genis, beloved sister - **Amos and Edith Turner**

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- **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**
- **Lisa and Jeff Trotter**

In memory of Barbara Glick, beloved mother of Wendi Ezgur - **Cara Becker**

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

In memory of Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks - **Annette and Jerry Blumberg**

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

In memory of Lillian Landow, beloved mother - **Racquel Hochwert**

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff - **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**

In memory of Michael Holzman Laupheimer, beloved father of Amy Gerstein - **Marcy Padorr**

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams

- **Robert and Beth Footlik**
- **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**

In memory of Sally Levin Lerner, beloved mother - **Marcy and Kenneth Levin**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Gerald and Annette Blumberg**

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th

wedding anniversary - **Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen**

In honor of Nessia Frank on the occasion of her birthday - **Ben, Wendy, Leah, Shoshana and Dalya Frank**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig

- **Dr. and Mrs. Brian Albert**
- **Murray Brown**
- **Rabbi Betsy and Scott Forester**
- **Ralph and Jeannie Golbman**
- **Robert and Roberta Goldman**
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- **Steven and Dana Lavin**

In memory of Samuel Gross, beloved father of Richard Gross and beloved grandfather of Erica Schwab - **Nancy and Maury Fertig**

Gamze House Beautification Endowment Fund

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Fund

In honor of Bobbie and Len Tenner's special birthdays - **Stuart and Marianne Taussig**

In honor of Darryl Temkin's 70th birthday and Allison Temkin Weinberg's 40th birthday - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Herman Wexler's 95th birthday - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Len and Bobbie Tenner's special birthdays - **Fern Baker**

In honor of the birth of Barbara and Stuart Hochwert's grandson, Lucas Max Newman - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks - **Debbie and Steve Graham**

In memory of Dr. Osvaldo Rubinstein - **Judith Sarnat**

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff

- **Judith Sarnat**
- **Sandy Starkman, Larry Pachter, Avram, Uri and Hollen**

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - **Leslie and Michael Mattenson**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Larry Pachter

- **Carole and Sidney Brandwein**
- **Robert and Beth Footlik**
- **Jerome and Mary Kaltman**

Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund

In memory of Leonard Weitz, beloved husband of Lynn Weitz - **Wendy Pollack**

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-in-Residence Program Fund

In memory of Fanny Schwartzberg, beloved grandmother - **David and Karen Benson**

Israel General Scholarship Endowment Fund

In memory of Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks - **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - **Rachel and Alan Russo**

In memory of Rabbi Yehoshua Aizenberg, beloved father of Gabriel Aizenberg - **Ben and Andrea Leshem**

In memory of Sidney Retsky, beloved husband of Batya Retsky and beloved father of Dr. Joel Retsky - **Ben and Andrea Leshem**

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - **Howard Turner**

In memory of Benjamin Wasserman, beloved grandfather - **Robert and Loree Wasserman**

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - **Brad and Marcie Pickard**

In memory of Morton Shiner, beloved father - **Stuart and Debbie Shiner**

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

In memory of Rose Sher, beloved great-grandmother - **Michael and Sara Sher**

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

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jack and Barbara Blumberg - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**

In honor of the birth of our grandson, Lev Irving Ritter - **David and Karen Benson**

In memory of Dr. Kasriel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**

In memory of June Rieur Kleban, beloved mother of Marcie Eskin - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**

In memory of Rebecca Ellen Benson, beloved daughter - **David and Karen Benson**

In memory of Samuel Gross, beloved father of Richard Gross and beloved grandfather of Erica Schwab - **Morton and Miriam Steinberg**

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

In honor of Josh Pickard, son of Brad and Marcie Pickard, on his graduation from New Trier High School - **Donald and Joyce Joseph**

In honor of Sylvia Miller, daughter of Adam Miller and Michelle Gooze-Miller, on her graduation from New Trier High School - **Donald and Joyce Joseph**

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - **Elaine Gray Loseff**

In memory of Dr. Kasriel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks

- **Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein**

- **Andrew and Gail Brown**

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Barry and Gayle Shapiro**

- **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Ephraim Goldstein, beloved father - **Michael Goldstein**

In memory of Eugene Siskel, beloved brother - **Elaine Gray Loseff**

In memory of June Rieur Kleban, beloved mother of Marcie Eskin

- **Pam and Richard Schlosberg**

- **Steven and Frances Shapiro**

In memory of Martin Brown, beloved father - **Michael and Sara Sher**

In memory of Pearl B. Segall, beloved mother of Terri Lipsitz - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

In memory of Sanford G. Rossen, beloved father - **Elliot and Anne Rossen**

In memory of Sheldon Gray, beloved brother - **Elaine Gray Loseff**

In memory of Yetta Stark, beloved mother - **Natalie Weinstein**

**Judith A. Heyman Israel
Scholarship Endowment Fund**

In honor of the engagement of Scott and Gwen Heyman's daughter Jordan to Aaron Glaser - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff - **Scott and Gwen Heyman**

In memory of Michael Holzman Laupheimer, beloved father of Amy Gerstein - **Scott and Gwen Heyman**

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig - **Scott and Gwen Heyman**

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

In memory of Carol Farber, beloved wife and mother - **Myrna Kopin**

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - **Myrna Kopin**

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig - **Myrna Kopin**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Susan Ament - **Myrna Kopin**

**Kurtz Family Youth Endowment
Fund**

In memory of Daniel Kaufman, beloved grandfather of Avi Kaufman - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th wedding anniversary - **Bob and Millie Weber**

In memory of Dr. Kasriel "Kasey" Steinhardt, beloved husband of Joyce Steinhardt and beloved father of Cheryl Banks - **Elise and Ira Frost**

In memory of June Rieur Kleban, beloved mother of Marcie Eskin

- **Nessia Frank**

- **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

- **Sulie Holt**

- **Abby Lasky**

- **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

- **Frank and Ruth Stern**

- **Bob and Millie Weber**

In memory of Marsha Witzel - **Arnold and Hilda Reingold**

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of the birth of Andy and Ken Saffir's granddaughter, Hazel Rae Saffir - **Wendy and Danny Kahn**

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

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - **Mindy and Jeff Gordon**

Minyan Service Fund

In memory of Abe Frydman, beloved father-in-law - **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - **Kim Frankenthal**

In memory of Barbara Glick, beloved mother of Wendi Esgur - **Shari and Stephen Cohen**

In memory of Belle Lasin, beloved mother - **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

In memory of Dr. Edward Goldberg, beloved husband - **Sheila Goldberg**

In memory of Elaine Reisin, beloved mother of Marsha Levin and Richard Reisin - **The Halpern Family**

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

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

In memory of Harry H. Bernbaum, beloved husband - **Harriet Bernbaum**

In memory of Hortense Rubinoff, beloved mother - **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

In memory of Ida Pollack, beloved mother-in-law - **Joyce Pollack**

In memory of Jack Epstein, beloved father - **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

In memory of Joyce Greenberg, beloved sister - **Mark and Laura Lieberman**

In memory of Judith Weiner, beloved wife of Lawrence Weiner - **Harris and Sharon Goldenberg**

In memory of Lillian Leiderman, beloved mother - **Michael and Hermine Leiderman**

In memory of Louis Bernbaum, beloved father-in-law - **Harriet Bernbaum**

In memory of Morton Shiner, beloved husband - **Sonja Shiner**

In memory of Nancy E. Snyder, beloved daughter - **Helen Snyder**

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig

- Susan and Joseph Ament
- Kim and Stuart Frankenthal

In memory of Rachel Frydman, beloved mother-in-law - June Back Frydman

In memory of Robert C. Kramer, beloved father of Bernard Kramer - Karen and Ron Krefman

In memory of Robert Kupchick, beloved husband - Ruth Kupchick

In memory of Rose Ramek, beloved mother - Joyce Pollack

In memory of Roy H. Millenson, beloved father - Michael and Susan Millenson

In memory of Shirley Hausner Levin, beloved mother of Bradley Levin - Marlene and Seth Halpern

In memory of Terry Goldenberg, beloved mother - Bruce and Gail Greenspahn

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

In honor of Madison Herz, daughter of Josh and Jennifer Herz, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Robin and Michael Iser

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig - Audrey and Ira Wise

Music Fund

In honor of Doreen Feitelberg's special birthday - Madeleine and David Solomon

In honor of the birth of Barbara and Stuart Hochwert's grandson, Lucas Max Newman - Andrew and Gail Brown

In memory of Barbara and Marvin Glick, beloved mother and father of Wendi Ezgur - Randy and Karen Winters

In memory of Barbara Glick, beloved mother of Wendi Ezgur - Jackie and Michael Melinger

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - Gail and Andrew Brown

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Dr. Steve and Linda Feinstein for all of their love and support - Henry Saylor Marks

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th wedding anniversary

- Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum
- Alan and Zora Eiringer
- Bertram Hamilton

In honor of Simon Levitan, son of Drs. Arielle and Victor Levitan, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Stephen and Judy Berkeley

In honor of the birth of Karen and Mitch Kopin's grandchild - Samuel Boxerman and Debra Vodenos

In honor of the birth of Lucas Max Newman, grandchild of Stuart and Barbara Hochwert - Stephen and Judy Berkeley

In memory of Jack Landsman, beloved father - Lois Moss

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff - Jim and Sue Kach

In memory of Michael Holzman Laupheimer, beloved father of Amy Gerstein - Jeff and Melanie Michael and Family

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - Bertram Hamilton

In memory of Norman Matthew, beloved husband - Linda Matthew

In memory of Rabbi William Fertig, beloved father of Maury Fertig - Jack and Harriett Fertig

In memory of Robert C. Kramer, beloved father of Bernard Kramer - David Rosen and Amy Zisook

In memory of Samuel Lasky, beloved father - David and Janice Lasky

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

In honor of Debby Rosenberg on the occasion of her 65th birthday. - Judy and Steve Smiley

In honor of Jackie Melinger for making the world a better place - Ruthie Rosenberg

In honor of the birth of Oren Freedman, son of Rabbi Alex and Laura Freedman - Morton and Miriam Steinberg

With appreciation to Cheryl and Carey Cooper for a perfect weekend in Scottsdale - Yael Bendat-Appell and Aviva Levine-Jacobs

Prayer Book Fund

In honor of Bobbie and Len Tenner's special birthdays

- Ronald and Paula Domskey
- Burt and Carole Schmarak

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th wedding anniversary

- Michael Levin and Gigi Cohen
- Betty Ann Levin

In honor of the birth of Oren Freedman, son of Rabbi Alex and Laura Freedman - Madeleine and David Solomon

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - Ira and Elise Frost and Family

In memory of Dorothy Magad, beloved mother - Irwin and Linda Magad

In memory of Eva Wittenberg, beloved mother-in-law - Iris Wittenberg

In memory of Florence Behrstock, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

In memory of Hal Shapiro, beloved husband - Nancy Shapiro

In memory of Irving Fegenhols, beloved father - Iris Wittenberg

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff

- Joseph and Susan Ament
- Fred and Linda Rosenberg

In memory of Rabbi Yehoshua Aizenberg, beloved father of Gabriel Aizenberg - Steven and Frances Shapiro

In memory of Robert C. Kramer, beloved father of Bernard Kramer - Andrew and Gail Brown

In memory of Rosalyn Fegenhols, beloved mother - Iris Wittenberg

In memory of Samuel Gross, beloved father of Richard Gross and beloved grandfather of Erica Schwab - David and Barbara Lansing and Family

In memory of Sidney Fraelick, beloved cousin - Marvin and Renee Bearak

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

- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Cheryl and Keith Weitzman

In memory of Sylvia and Albert Wishnick, beloved mother and father - Adrienne Eckerling

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

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th wedding anniversary - Mandy and John Lewis

In honor of Merle and Steve Tovian for all their kindness - June Back Frydman

In memory of Maita Sadoff, beloved mother of Michael Sadoff - Laurence and Corinne Baskin

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

In honor of Jack and Barbara Blumberg's 60th wedding anniversary - Gerry Kaplan

Sally and Willard Aaron Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

With appreciation - Sally Aaron

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Mazel Tov to:

Larry Becker on the birth of his great-grandson, Lucas Max Newman

Barbara and Jack Blumberg on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary

Sara and Steve Coven on the birth of their grandson

Julia and Mark Gerstein on the marriage of their daughter, Allison, to Ryan Sherling

Debbie and Steve Grahman on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Hannah Brown

Lois Lourie and Michael Gurtman on the birth of their grandson, Mark Ross Gurtman and on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary

Gwen and Scott Heyman on the engagement of their daughter, Jordan, to Aaron Glaser

Racquel Hochwert on the birth of her great-grandson, Lucas Max Newman

Barbara and Stuart Hochwert on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Max Newman

The Mattenson family on the engagement of Avi Mattenson, grandson of Nissah Mattenson z"l, to Hana Kohl

Michelle and Josh Newman on the birth of their son, Lucas Max Newman

Debora and Michael Pinzur on the marriage of their son, Noah Aaron, to Devra Beth Jacobs



Darryl Temkin on the occasion of his 70th birthday

Herman Wexler on the occasion of his 95th birthday

Welcome to Our New Members:

Adrienne and Steven Naumann

Ryan Sherling and Allison Gerstein

Marcy and Marc Simon and their children Daniel, Matthew and David

Sheila and Michael Small and their children Aliza, Rachel and Arielle

Tami and Reuben Warshawsky and their children Joshua and Daniel

Condolences to:

Wendy Abrams on the loss of her father, Mitchell Chukerman

Abra Alscher on the loss of her mother, Nissah Mattenson

Cheryl Banks on the loss of her father, Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt

Marcie Eskin on the loss of her mother, June Kleban

Wendi Ezgur on the loss of her mother, Barbara Glick

Maury Fertig on the loss of his father, Rabbi William Fertig

Marc Fine on the loss of his mother, Birdie Fine

Richard Gross on the loss of his father, Samuel Gross

Seth Halpern on the loss of his father, Marvin N. Halpern

Bert Hamilton on the loss of his brother, Herbert Hamilton

Wendy Kleper on the loss of her brother, Dennis Kleper

Bernard S. Kramer on the loss of his father, Robert C. Kramer

Terri Lipsitz on the loss of her mother, Pearl B. Segall

Jodi Moll on the loss of her mother, Glenda Zweifler

Michael Sadoff on the loss of his mother, Maita Sadoff

Erica Schwab on the loss of her grandfather, Samuel Gross

Robin Small on the loss of her mother, Nissah Mattenson

Joyce Steinhardt on the loss of her husband, Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt



IN MEMORIAM:

Gerald "Jerry" Lapins

Nissah Mattenson

Dr. Kasiel "Kasey" Steinhardt

Barbara Wyatt

Kiddush Sponsors:

Ben, JoAnne, Paul Blumberg and the grandchildren of Jack and Barbara Blumberg

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Jewish Cuisine is Complicated!

By Laura Frankel, Director of Hospitality & Catering



I have been cooking "Jewish" food for most of my career. I have owned three kosher restaurants and run numerous kitchens around the country specializing in kosher food. I am lucky as I found what I truly love to do. I surround myself with ingredients and cut them into interesting shapes. My job allows me to play with knives and fire! So I cut, chop and char my ingredients. I season the food to reflect whatever mood I am in. And, then I feed that food to people. No two days are ever the same and I am never bored.

My work is contemplative. I take food very personally. To me food is always local, personal, territorial and seasonal. It is my language of love. I tell my audience how I feel about them not with my words, but with my food that I serve.

When I tell people I am a chef they are always excited. All the very best people love to eat and will quickly become very rhapsodic about their favorite dishes. When I talk about my favorite cuisine, most folks are

confused when I talk about my specialty of Jewish Cuisine.

Jewish Cuisine is complicated. Rooted in religious law, influenced by geography, economics, agriculture, war times and neighboring non-Jewish communities, Jewish food is a thorny topic.

The distinctive styles of Jewish cuisine are Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi, Persian, Yemenite, Indian and Latin-American. There are also dishes from Jewish communities from Ethiopia to Central Asia. A relatively new and popular cuisine is emerging from Israel that is a modern "melting pot" reflecting the communities and ingredients in Israel and the diaspora.

Jewish Cuisine has influenced food in every country and many foods around the globe. Some examples include Rice a Roni (influenced by a Jewish-Iberian version of paella) to Fish and Chips (Portuguese Marranos brought the dish to London in the 1700's) and many regional American dishes like Hoppin John

(from a Sephardic dish called Lubia) to the East coast Deli's. Jewish food is so influential you can hardly find a grocery store that doesn't carry bagels, pickles, and the ever growing "mountain" of hummus brands and flavors. One of my favorite kitchen gadgets and the inspiration for my second cookbook, *Jewish Slow Cooker Recipes*, was invented by a Lithuanian Jew who wanted to recreate his mother's cholent recipe. I love Jewish food and have become an expert on Jewish food history. It is fascinating and constantly being updated with new foods and products.

My favorite approach to food is to look forward and backward at the same time. I like to look at classic Jewish dishes and update them with modern ingredients. I love to take a dish and give it a contemporary twist. I look at food through a different lense and try to keep the classics relevant with modern and global ingredients. *See back cover for Laura's recipe for Cacio e Pepe Kugel!*

Todah Rabbah

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Sarah and Henry Stiebel Solomon Schechter Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Michael and Sheila Small's 30th wedding anniversary - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of Simon Levitan, son of Arielle and Victor Levitan, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of the marriage of Shoshana Coven to Josh Ostrow - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Sherman Family Camp Ramah Scholarship Endowment Fund

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Larry Pachter - Jonathan and Francine Sherman

Sisterhood College Connection Endowment Fund

In memory of Nissah Mattenson, beloved mother of Abra Alscher and Robin Small - Brad and Marcie Pickard

Social Action Fund

In honor of Avra Shapiro as guest speaker at NSS Beth El Social Action Dinner - Andrew and Gail Brown

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - Dan and Honey Bronson

Staff Recognition Fund

In memory of Barbara Brown, beloved mother of Andrew Brown - Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of June Rieur Kleban, beloved mother of Marcie Eskin

- Cheryl and Ted Banks
- Stephen and Judy Berkeley

- June Back Frydman
- Donald and Joyce Joseph
- Debra Kravitz
- James Nyeste and Marla Hand
- Brad and Marcie Pickard
- Pam and Richard Schlosberg

With appreciation - Andrew and Gail Brown

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

In memory of Mitchell Chukerman, beloved father of Wendy Abrams - Ellen and Philip Glass

Youth Community Fund

In memory of Kenny Rudin - Dr. Gary and Merle Kaufman

In memory of Samuel Gross, beloved father of Richard Gross and beloved grandfather of Erica Schwab - Steven and Frances Shapiro

More Recent Happenings at Beth El



Afternoon @ the Movies: *Itzhak*



Cohen Religious School Chugim



Challah Bake



Purim Carnival



Purim Carnival



Purim Celebrations



JUF Dessert with Dennis Ross



CE Class - Wine & Wisdom



Pre-School 3's & 4's Seder

May/June/July Events at a Glance

Friday, May 3

5:00 pm

Jeans and Jammies Summer Camp Send-Off

Join us for a Shabbat songfest with special guest Josh Warshawsky to get us in the camp spirit. Includes PJ Library Take Table, singing, activities and free children's dinner. RSVP to Ali Drumm at adrumm@nssbethel.org.



Friday, May 3

5:30 pm

Rinat Shabbat with Josh Warshawsky

We will begin with special appetizers followed by our new Rinat Shabbat: a joyous (Rina) Shabbat service with vibrant and spiritually engaging prayer. RSVP to Elise Kline at ekline@nssbethel.org.

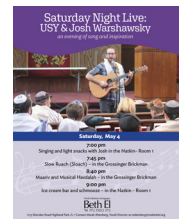


Saturday, May 4

7:00 pm

Saturday Night Live: USY & Josh Warshawsky

USY will join Josh Warshawsky for snacks, a slow Ruach, Kabbalat Shabbat and an ice cream bar. RSVP to Marah Altenberg at maltenberg@nssbethel.org.



Sunday, May 5

9:30 am

Somewhere in Europe: The World War II Letters of Sam Lesner

Co-sponsored by NSS Beth El Sisterhood and Men's Club. Hear Sam's daughters recount his struggle



to defeat the Nazis and treat wounded soldiers. Learn about Lesner's long career as a newspaper nightlife and movie critic. Includes light breakfast.

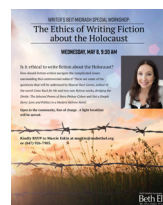
RSVP to Jori Brajer at jbrajer@gmail.com.

Wednesday, May 8

9:30 am

Writer's Beit Midrash Special Workshop: The Ethics of Writing Fiction about the Holocaust

Author Sharon Hart-Green will discuss how fiction writers should navigate the complicated themes surrounding writing about the Holocaust. Open to the community, free of charge. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7903.



Thursday, May 9

7:00 pm

NSS Beth El's 2018-19 Annual Meeting

Join us as we honor the outgoing Board/Executive Board and celebrate the incoming 2019-2020 slate, the success of the Vision 70 Campaign, the conclusion of NSS Beth El's 70th year, and Israel's 70th Anniversary in conjunction with Yom Ha'atzmaut. We will inaugurate The Senior Rabbinic Chair in honor of Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz with music, champagne, appetizers and dessert. RSVP to Judy Berkeley at jberkeley@nssbethel.org.

Saturday, May 11

12:30 pm

Deli Kiddush

Join Men's Club for a Kiddush Club deli lunch. Stick around – everybody is welcome. \$12 for individuals or \$25 per family. RSVP by May 9th to Steve Coven at scoven613@gmail.com. Send a check to Beth El Men's Club indicating it



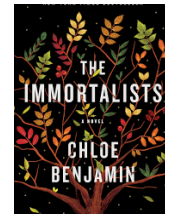
is for the May 11 Kiddush Club Lunch or drop one off at the Beth El Office.

Saturday, May 11

12:30 pm

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Join us for a discussion of *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores.



Tuesday, May 14

7:00 pm

Artist Reception - Israel Impressions: Photography by Paul Margolis

Working in the streets, market places and homes with his quiet, discreet Leica camera and black and white film, documentary and fine art photographer Paul Margolis documents modern Israel with photographs representing slices of day-to-day life in Israel. The exhibit will be on display in the Rissman Kol Ami Collection from May 10 – June 11. RSVP to Marcie Eskin for the Artist Reception at meskin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7903.



Wednesdays, May 15 & 29

9:30 am

Writer's Beit Midrash

The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash will continue to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or (847) 926-7902 for the summer meeting schedule.

Thursdays: May 30; June 6, 20 and 27; July 11 and 18, 9:30 am

The Stories We Tell: Narrative in the Torah and in Art Artists Beit Midrash

Students explore Jewish sources thematically (no Hebrew knowledge required) in six sessions taught by master educator Dr. Jane Shapiro and artist-educator Judith Joseph. Artists of all skill levels and working with any type of media – sculpture, oils, watercolors, photographs, fabrics, poetry, music, theater and dance – are invited. Spring Trimester Fee



Sunday, June 2 10:00 am

Frankel Memorial Lecture with Dr. Barry Wimpfheimer

Rabbinic Stories Are Not About Morals

Should we read the Talmud if we want to know how to behave? Scholars have explored Talmud as literature, stories that search for a moral. Dr. Wimpfheimer will explore a different mode for understanding rabbinic tales with us. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org.



Thursdays, June 13, 20, 27 7:45 pm

Spertus Mini Course: The Immigrant Jewish Experience in America

Join historian Dr. Tony Michels to explore the odyssey of Jewish immigrants to America. Dr. Michels is a professor of American Jewish history at University of Wisconsin-Madison and Director of UW's Center for Jewish Studies. \$60 for NSSBE members; Purchase tickets at spertus.edu.



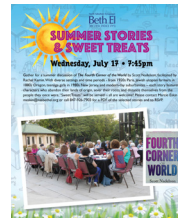
Friday, June 21 5:30 pm Shabbat on the Lake: a lo Español

We invite you to celebrate the joy of welcoming Shabbat and celebrating community with this unique pre-Shabbat event. A cocktail hour with a Spanish theme will feature hot and cold tapas, sangria, song, music and fun. Babysitting available. More details to come.



Wednesday, July 17 7:45 pm Summer Stories & Sweet Treats

Gather for a summer discussion of *The Fourth Corner of the World* by Scott Nadelson. Each story features characters from diverse settings and time periods. "Sweet Treats" will be served! Contact Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or call (847) 926-7903 for a PDF of the selected stories and to RSVP.



Saturday, June 8 - Monday, June 10

Tikkun Layl Shavuot/Shavuot

The Rabbi Philip Lipis Memorial Lecture with Rabbi Dr. Noah Bickart



Rabbi Dr. Noah Bickart is currently a visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish and Interreligious Studies at John Carroll University. Previously, he was the Hilda and Jacob Blaustein Post Doctoral Associate in the Program of Jewish Studies at Yale University and assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Saturday night June 8

8:00 pm Mincha
8:05 pm Yom Tov candle lighting
8:30 pm Seudah Shlisheet
\$18 per person. RSVP to Marcie Eskin by Monday, June 3 at meskin@nssbethel.org or go online to register
9:00 pm Ma'ariv
9:20 pm Rabbi Philip Lipis Memorial Lectures with Rabbi Dr. Noah Bickart

Sunday, June 9

12:00 am All night study sessions
4:30 am Sunrise Festival Service
8:50 am Festival Service
8:00 pm Mincha

Monday, June 10

8:50 am Festival Service including a d'var Torah from Rabbi Dr. Noah Bickart
8:00 pm Mincha
9:12 pm Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends

Mazel Tov to Our Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



Bat Mitzvah
 Meredith Lederer,
 daughter of Amy and James Lederer
Shabbat, May 4



Bar Mitzvah
 Jared Kamin,
 son of Rachel and Michael Kamin
Shabbat, May 25



Bar Mitzvah
 Max Rosner,
 son of Tamara and Kevin Rosner
Shabbat, June 8

Cacio e Pepe Kugel by Chef Laura Frankel

- 1 pound dried spaghetti
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea or kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper (Don't skimp here)
- Pinch crushed red chilies (optional)
- 3/4 cup finely grated parmesan cheese
- 3 cups grated Swiss cheese
- 3 cups grated mozzarella, or a similar semisoft cheese



*Chef Laura Frankel, Hospitality
& Catering Director at NSSBE*



1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the spaghetti just until it's very al dente. Do not cook until completely tender.
2. Preheat the oven to 425°F. Butter a 9-inch spring form pan. Wrap the bottom very securely in one large sheet of aluminum foil. Set the pan on a rimmed baking sheet lined with foil.
3. When the pasta is done, drain it well and let cool slightly.
4. In the pot, whisk together the milk, eggs, salt, black and red peppers. Set 1/2 cup of each of the Swiss and mozzarella cheeses aside. Stir the rest of the grated cheese, as well as the parmesan, into the milk and egg mixture.
5. Stir the slightly cooled spaghetti into the milk and cheese until it is completely combined.
6. Transfer the mixture to the prepared spring form pan. Smooth the top so it's relatively even and sprinkle the reserved grated cheese over the top.
7. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the cake feels just set in the center and is slightly bubbling around the edges. Turn on the broiler and brown the top of the torte on the upper-third rack of the oven until well-browned. Remove from oven and run a knife around the inside of the cake pan to loosen the pie from the sides. Let rest about 10 minutes then release and remove the sides of the pan. Serve while still warm, cut into wedges.

Also see Laura's article on Jewish Cuisine on page 20!