



Hanukkah: Light Your Candle and Dedicate Yourself Anew

From the desk of Michael Schwab

In modern America, Hanukkah is often characterized by the giving of gifts. Our children and grandchildren eagerly anticipate the presents they will receive each night as the family gathers to light the candles. However, as many of you know, the idea of gift giving on Hanukkah is a relatively recent addition to the observance of the holiday. This tradition came into existence

primarily in response to the practice of our Christian neighbors, who began to celebrate Christmas by giving presents to their children.

Yet, despite the modern origin of this custom, on some level, Hanukkah has always been about gifts, though not in a material sense. Consequently, the true essence of Hanukkah goes well beyond the exchange of tangible items, beyond the historical military victory of the Maccabees, and even beyond the traditional observance of kindling the Hanukkah lights as a way of commemorating the great miracle of the oil. The true gift of Hanukkah actually lies in its profound spiritual essence which has the power to be transformative for each and every Jew.

The Hebrew word, "Hanukkah", actually means "dedication." This is because, after the victory of the Maccabees, the Jewish people were able to redeem the holy Temple, which the Hasmonean Greeks had desecrated and used to store their livestock. In a ceremony that began with the rekindling of the lamps of the sanctuary, the leaders of Israel dedicated the

In other words, the gift given to us on the holiday of Hanukkah is embodied in its ability to inspire us, today, to dedicate ourselves to a higher purpose in a way that is relevant to each of our current situations.



Temple to the service of God once again.

However, this deed was much more than the physical dedication of a building. This act of dedication had great spiritual and symbolic

meaning signifying the re-dedication of the Jewish people to their Judaism and to their core values. The mere fact that the rabbis simply refer to this holiday as the holiday of "dedication," without specifying exactly to what, allows the spiritual power of such a dedication to transcend any specific historical event and allows the holiday to take on multiple meanings. In other words, the gift given to us on the

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Shabbat Schedule See calendars on pages 22-24 for times.

Daily Service

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh Mornings,
7:00 am

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

Every Shabbat

**10:30 am Junior
Congregation**
Services for students in
2nd - 6th grade
(Starts September 8)

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

November

November 3
Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Chayei Sarah
Torah: Genesis 23:1 – 25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 – 1:31

November 10
Parashat Toldot
Torah: Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 – 2:7

November 17
Parashat Vayetzei
Torah: Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 – 14:10

November 24
Parashat Vayishlach
Torah: Genesis 32:4 – 36:43
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 – 1:21

Friday, November 30
4:15 pm Candle Lighting

December

December 1
Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Vayeshev
Torah: Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8

December 8
Rosh Hodesh Tevet
6th Day of Hanukkah/7th Candle
Parashat Miketz
Torah: Genesis 41:1 – 44:17
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

December 15
Parashat Vayigash
Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 37:28

December 22
PParashat Vayechi
Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:56
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 2:12

December 29
Parashat Shemot
Torah: Exodus 1:1 – 6:1
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13; 29:22 – 29:23

January

January 5
Birchat HaHodesh
Parashat Vaera
Torah: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21
5:18 pm Shabbat Ends

January 12
Parashat Bo
Torah: Exodus 10:1 – 13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 46:28
5:25 pm Shabbat Ends

January 19
Shabbat Shira
Parashat Beshalach
Torah: Exodus 13:17 – 17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4 – 5:31
5:33 pm Shabbat Ends

January 26
Parashat Yitro
Torah: Exodus 18:1 – 20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6; 9:5 – 9:6
5:41 pm Shabbat Ends

Recent Happenings at Beth El



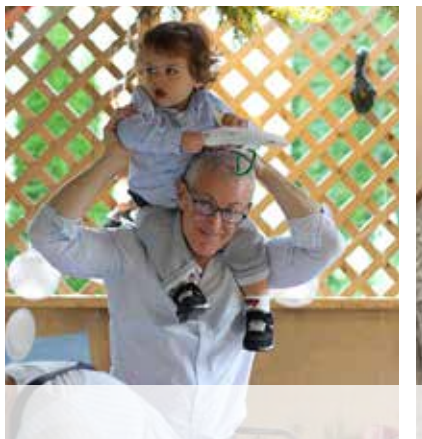
Israeli Scouts



Shabbat on the Lake



Sukkot Decorating Party



Steinberg Pre-School Reunion

Reflecting on 5778

By Richard Zelin, NSS Beth El President



When I was first approached about becoming President, I was told that it would only be a couple more meetings a month. I knew better, but little did I fully appreciate then that I would be embarking upon – and engaged in – a journey of such profound historical significance to Beth El. In fact, much of consequence has happened over the past year.

Since becoming President my hair has gotten much grayer, but otherwise it has been an especially meaningful and remarkable endeavor. Indeed, it has not only deepened my knowledge of Judaism and Jewish practice, but also enabled me to viscerally appreciate the significance – and essence of – community, something not only highly valued in our tradition, but also needed more than ever in our increasingly atomized, disconnected and troubling world. In particular, I have been genuinely moved and touched by all those I have closely worked with, as well as by the warmth and affection exhibited by members of the synagogue at large.

Besides the personal rewards, the last year or so has been a critical and exciting time for the synagogue institutionally. Aside from the leadership transition, a number of other significant things have been accomplished. The first is the overwhelming success of the ongoing 70th anniversary celebrations, which have generated lots of goodwill among members of the congregation.

Since last year's High Holidays, an exceptional array of programs and activities have taken place, but there's one other that especially stands out to me. And that's an insightful lecture by Dr. Zev Eleff about the historical development of the Conservative movement in the Chicago area, where I learned that Beth El played a leading role in promoting a more traditional brand of Conservative Judaism in our community. This gave me a deeper understanding of the context within which the synagogue was founded and the importance of carrying on that legacy in the future.

In addition to the warm feelings created by the 70th anniversary events, I am delighted to inform you that the synagogue's Capital Campaign, which is Chaired by Karen Kesner, with Stuart Hochwert and Larry Pachter as Co-chairs, is off to a tremendous start. To date, nearly \$5 million has been raised to support three major initiatives or pillars: 1) a senior Rabbinic Chair in honor of Rabbi Kurtz; 2) a Physical Accessibility and Disability Inclusion Fund; and 3) a Family Engagement Fund and Center. For example, the recent renovation of the Field Family Sanctuary – it looks great, doesn't it? – was made possible thanks to an extremely generous gift from the grandchildren of Eli and Dina Field and the Field Family Foundation. I am also thrilled to announce that the Zell family has made a very generous pledge to renovate the South Wing of the synagogue. This transformational project will include the remodeling of the Zell activity room, the addition of a multi-purpose room for parents and toddlers, and the installment of a three-floor elevator to provide handicapped accessibility to that area of the building, among other things. If you have already contributed to the Capital Campaign, many thanks for your generous support. If not, I would I would be very grateful if you would consider doing so.

I would also strongly encourage you to join us for Beth El's special Gala weekend on November 2-4, beginning with a congregational Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, followed by an extended Kiddush the next day, and culminating with a fun and festive dinner honoring Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz on the occasion of the synagogue's 70th anniversary, along with the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel. Special thanks and appreciation goes to the Co-chairs of the weekend's activities for their able leadership and hard work: Pearl and Joel Kagan; Wendy and Steve Abrams; and Jenna and David Smiley. These celebratory events are not to be missed, so I very much look forward to seeing you there.

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Men's Club Candidate Town Hall



Sokol Hebrew High School Students



I sincerely hope that you enjoyed (and have recovered from) the rush of Tishrei holidays, and are now enjoying a nice, quiet, Marcheshvan! As I saw many of you in the days and weeks following the chagim, I was often greeted with, "You must be so glad that Yom Kippur is over! – now you can rest!" But that's not the case at all; now is when all of the hard work begins! We have an incredibly exciting year coming up at Beth El, and I hope you'll take advantage of the many programmatic, educational and volunteer opportunities available, which will surely enhance your connection to our beloved community.

don't want to miss this!! We will Light the 1st Candle of Chanukkah with the Schechter Day School Choir and SELAH: A Choir for Adults with Special Needs (under the direction of our friend Cantor Steve Stoehr). Don't worry – we'll end by 5:30PM so you can enjoy the first night of Chanukah with your families! Purchase your tickets at <http://bwaybethel.bpt.me>, or call Ana in the synagogue office.

In January, we will welcome a hometown hero – **Josh Warshawsky** – for a weekend of music and prayer. For those of you who are less familiar, Josh is a nationally renowned songwriter-songleader who grew up just down the road at Moriah, and who was very involved with Ramah Wisconsin. He is currently a Rabbinical student at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and through his musical talents and deep study will bring us not only opportunities to sing and rejoice together, but as well opportunities for study and reflection. Watch for more details as we get closer!

Finally, on Sunday March 3rd at 11AM we are hosting **Nefesh Mountain**, a Jewish bluegrass group that brings original songs with great messages, for a program we're calling Bluegrass & BBQ! This concert is FREE for the whole community, and we hope you'll mark your calendars to join us!

There is so much going on. Each year, we continue to build on the wonderful programs of years past. I would be remiss, then, if I didn't use some of this space to thank and congratulate my colleague and friend, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, on thirty years of leadership and vision that has paved the way for everything we do, and will continue to do. I pray that he and Bryna find fulfillment in their new journey, and that they be blessed with good health, nachas from their family, and many more years of service to the world-wide Jewish community.



In the coming months, music will once again "take the stage" at Beth El. On Sunday, December 2nd at 4PM, we welcome my dear friend Magda Fishman to the stage for **Broadway on the Bimah!** Magda began her career as a young girl in Israel, singing the great American songbook in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. After a successful career in the IDF Bands she was brought to America by Mary Rodgers (the widow of Richard Rodgers) to be a Broadway star. However, she found her love for Jewish music to be incredibly deep, so she became very

involved with the Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre in New York, and completed Cantorial school at JTS just a few years before I. She currently serves as Cantor at Beth El in Stamford, CT. Magda has sold out such venues as Town Hall and Jazz@Lincoln Center in New York – you

Recent Happenings at Beth El



Cohen Religious School start of school year



New Chaverim class

My Take Away? Take-Out Shabbat!

By Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education



The dryer broke. One of the kids is sick and the other has to be pushed to do their reading comprehension homework. You're past deadline on a work project and your spouse is out of town. Whatever your particular busy 21st century week looks like, Friday night is coming. We want to be like God in the creation story - reflecting back on the work week and feeling that it's good, and teaching our families about the value of rest. We want to provide family meals and invite guests and enact the values we spend our hard earned money to day school and religious school tuition to support. Getting Shabbat dinner to happen in a traditional manner - warm savory chicken soup, fresh homemade challah, candles lit, guests and extended family singing songs and prayers- can feel like an overwhelming task that many of us aren't up to doing.

For some of us, the answer is a shortcut- my sister is a proponent of what she calls "Take-Out Shabbat." With the busy jobs that she and her husband do, Friday night home-cooked meals aren't going to happen on a regular basis. Her solution is to make sure that the table is set, the candles are lit, the blessings are said- and not stress out about who made the dinner. When I was growing up, Shabbat dinners were often hosted by my retired Bubbe, freeing up my mom to worry about all the other things that went into raising a family at the end of the week. I feel that this is definitely an area, even for those of us without local family, where a synagogue community is very important. Having people who host each other and make Shabbat for each other is wonderful, though not always offered or feasible. There is no one-size-fits-all solu-

tion. In our family, we have found that we have benefited from trying out different ways of getting Shabbat to happen.

On Friday December 14, we are offering a special **Shabbat Experience for Families with Young Children in 1st grade and younger.**

For the cost of \$25/family, we will have a teaching traditional Shabbat dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Let us help you make Shabbat for your family and give you tips and tricks that make Shabbat more manageable for families with young children at home. And then the next week, maybe reach out to a family you've been meaning to connect with and see if you can get together for Shabbat!

My Door is Always Open!

By Kory Goldenberg, Pre-School Director



Shalom, my name is Kory Goldenberg. It is my absolute honor and joy to have been chosen as the new Director of the Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School. From the moment I stepped in the building back in the Spring I could feel the sense of community that is Beth El. I am so grateful for the warm welcome that I have received from the families, teachers and Beth El family at large. Todah – thank you!

Now, it is my turn to provide a warm welcome to the children and families that pass through our doors each day. I want to embrace the incredible teachers and this Pre-School's rich history while bringing exciting new ideas into the mix.

Welcoming the children into our building each morning is my favorite part of each school day. When I stand at the front door, I am greet-

ed with the smiling, eager faces of children ready for learning and play. Each morning I cherish the time to interact, even if briefly, with their families.

Please know that my office door is always open. I look forward to working together in an effort to provide meaningful and mindful learning and play for the children in our Pre-School community. I look forward to working with our teachers to provide an enriching and nurturing environment in which they can grow.

As fall begins we welcome in 5779, I am thrilled to share some of the great things happening here at the Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School.

We are so excited to announce that we are going to be building our new "Outdoor Classroom". We are working with Site Design Group and are

in the design stage. We are all looking forward to share the designs as soon as they are ready.

If you happen to be in the building any Friday morning, please be on the lookout for the t-shirts our teachers are proudly wearing. Our beloved teacher, Renee Kahn, had the wonderful idea for our teachers to spread the Jewish message "Nedivut- generosity" that kindness matters. It is something that we teach each day through our actions and by modeling. So, each Friday as the Pre-School celebrates Shabbat, we do so with shirts that read, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead! A year filled with kindness, meaningful play and enriched learning.

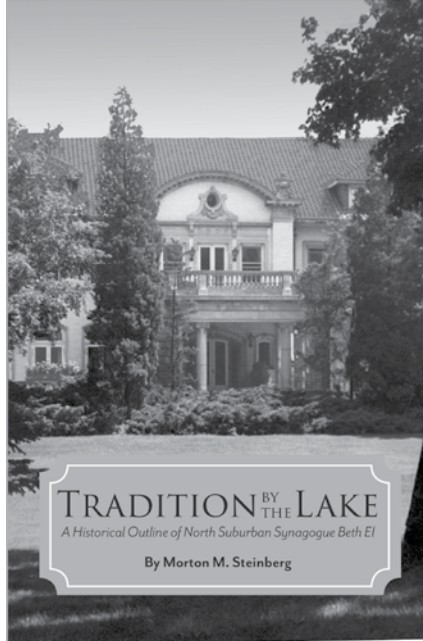
A Beth El History Book in Honor of Our 70th Anniversary

By Rachel Kamin, Gray Cultural and Learning Center Director



Right around the time of the 65th anniversary of Beth El, Mort Steinberg began to formally organize the synagogue's archives. Gathering various boxes, file folders, photographs, and artifacts scattered all over the building – from hidden away closets upstairs to the depths of our massive basement, from the safe under the stairs in the library to the staff and clergy offices – Mort came to Beth El every week to work on the Archives. We emptied out the VHS closet in the Kaye Reading Room and created a dedicated space for these treasures. We purchased acid-free archival folders, boxes, and supplies, and Mort got to work sorting, labeling, identifying, and organizing. Mort also gave some presentations about the history of the Price Mansion and the beginnings of Beth El to various synagogue groups and Jerry Blumberg led "behind the scenes" tours of the building. Congregants were fascinated and had lots of questions. It became apparent that we needed to update and formalize Beth El's history, first drafted by Helen Weisel and Leonard Birnbaum, into a published book.

Tradition by the Lake: A Historical Outline of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El by Mort Steinberg will be published in November 2018 in time for our gala celebration honoring Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz



and the 70th anniversary of Beth El. With over 200 pages of text and more than 70 photographs and archival documents, *Tradition by the Lake* details the founding and growth of Beth El into one of the leading Conservative congregations in the United States. The book relates the challenges, difficulties and conflicts encountered throughout the synagogue's history, but also describes its amazing accomplishments, achievements and successes.

Mort has dedicated countless hours to this project and we cannot thank him enough for creating this amazing resource for our community. Additionally, this project would not have been possible without the help and support of Rabbi Kurtz, Marcie Eskin, Abby Lasky, and Jonathan Fields along with all of the lay leaders (past and present), congregants, and staff members who shared their memories, expertise, files, and photographs with us. If you didn't pick up a copy of *Tradition by the Lake* at the gala dinner, you can purchase it for \$18 from our Sisterhood Gift Shop or online from amazon.com. The

story of how our synagogue grew from small parlor meetings in Glencoe during and after World War II to a community of over 1,100 families, and sparked the growth of an extended Jewish presence on Chicago's North Shore, is a story that we can all be proud of!

First Impressions

by Rabbi Alex Freedman



You only get one chance to make a first impression, and Beth El has certainly made a good one. I write this on the day after Yom Kippur, with the High Holidays fresh in mind.

I really enjoyed my High Holidays with you (and the awesome weather - for the most part). I so appreciate your being very welcoming to me and my family again and again. You are friendly and encouraging. You ask interesting questions and take traditions seriously, both of which I admire.

I am impressed that so many congregants lead the services - the davenning, Torah reading, sermons in the summer. Your commitment to ensuring twice-daily Minyan is strong (though we can always use more Neshamas). You are very active in the larger Jewish and general communities too.

In short, I was excited when I joined this congregation over the summer. And having been a part of it for a few months, I'm thrilled to be here. This is a place where I want my kids to grow up learn-

ing and loving being Jewish. Thanks for making it so.



The Cohen/Hirschfield Families Make Education a Priority

By Judy Berkeley, Director of Development



This article is dedicated to Bernice and Benjamin Cohen and the entire Cohen and Hirschfield families, who have dedicated so much of their lives enriching the lives of our children through their commitment to Jewish education at NSS Beth El.

This year, the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El has the honor and privilege of being the recipient of a groundbreaking new Fund, the Lois & Howard Hirschfield Incentive Fund.

This generous gift, given by Bernice and Benjamin Cohen, is singlehandedly providing free tuition for the Bet Class for three years. It honors the memory of Benjamin's late sister Lois, and his brother-in-law, Howard Hirschfield.

Called *Second To None*, this program offers the opportunity for families to be introduced to religious education at an early age. It taps into a second grader's natural sense of curiosity, enthusiasm and excitement for learning, by allowing them to experience the joy of

learning a new language, Jewish traditions and rituals, and the basics of reading Torah.

The Fund has already increased enrollment in the Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School at NSS Beth El this year by 33%. We have 27 children enrolled in this program, versus eighteen last year.

Because of this gift, NSS Beth El's Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School is now able to attract families who would have otherwise selected to participate in different Hebrew school programs. More importantly, families feel special that we have targeted this age group by offering the financial assistance to start their children early on the road to a solid Jewish education.



Nothing like this program has ever been offered in any synagogue on the North Shore of Chicago before, and this groundbreaking gift has already made a difference in the lives of so many families. We cannot thank Bernice and Benjamin Cohen enough for their continued generosity and support of Jewish education at NSS Beth El.

- Classes meet Sundays, 9 am – noon, and either Tuesday or Wednesday 4-6 pm
- No tuition for one year
- No synagogue membership fee required
- Value of \$1,200
- This offer extends for the calendar years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
- Come check us out! Spots will fill up quickly!

For more information, or to register for next year, contact Cohen Religious School Director, Alicia Gejman, at agejman@nssbethel.org or call (847) 432- 8900 Ext. 227. www.nssbethel.org/learn/cohen-religious-school/

Be a Part of NSS Beth El Vision @ 70 Campaign



During the High Holidays, our President Richard Zelin mentioned that we have embarked on a Campaign; The Vision @70 Campaign.

We're off to a great start, and we're reaching out to all members at this time, to ask for your help in order for us to achieve our goal.

With your participation, we're looking at this Campaign being a complete success.

Pillar I is to Endow the Senior Rabbinic Chair in honor of Vernon H. Kurtz in recognition of his years of service to our community. This Endowment is unrestricted and will support our budget in perpetuity.

Pillar II is the Physical Accessibility and Disability Fund. We have had enormous success with this

pillar – so much so that it is already fully funded.

Pillar III is to create a Fund for Transformative and Compelling Innovative Programs and services for all age ranges of congregants and families, to create a strong feeling of belonging and community.

We'd also be more than happy to come speak with you at any time. In addition, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us.

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Beth El Sisterhood - Something for Everyone

Karen Weiss, Sisterhood President and Jodi Eisenstadt Executive VP

The Sisterhood of NSS Beth El continues its mission to serve the women of Beth El through a varied array of programming and educational and chesed opportunities. We "feed the Jewish soul" in many areas:

Community -

On Thursday evening, November 15, Sisterhood and Men's Club will jointly host another sure-to-be-loads-of-fun Open Mike Night at The Shed in Highland Park. Special guest musical artist this year will be our very own Rabbi Vernon Kurtz! And, for a touch of Tikkun Olam, all attendees will be asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Chanukah Toy Drive of the Chicago Chesed Fund. You'll find more information on this event in the Men's Club section of this bulletin.

Tikkun Olam/Education - Sisterhood will present Carol Ruderman, Executive Director of SHALVA and long-time Beth El member, on Sunday morning, December 16, following morning minyan. SHALVA is a local organization that supports Jewish women experiencing and healing from domestic abuse, through counseling, supportive services and community education. Men are also encouraged to attend.



SHALVA

Jewish Culture

- Join us at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights on Sunday, January 13, for a 3:00 p.m. performance by Listen Up! A Cappella. Perfect for all members of the family! Check out the group at www.jewishsong.com. Ticket ordering details will be available soon but anyone interested in attending can email nss-bethelsisterhood@gmail.com for more information.



Fun - Sisterhood and Men's Club will host a night of Brain Bash Trivia on Saturday evening, January 19. Watch for details!

Ongoing Sisterhood Projects

Jewish Education - Sisterhood is a proud supporter of Torah Fund through direct donations as well as through a number of Jewish education classes, taught by Beth El clergy and professional staff members. A single annual donation covers as many classes as "students" (women and men) wish to attend. Information about Torah Fund is available at www.nssbethel.org (COMMUNITY/Sisterhood/Torah Fund) and you can find a



complete list of Torah Fund classes under LEARN/Continuing Education/Continuing Education brochure.

Tikkun Olam - As an on-going social action project ("Mathilde's Mentionables" - in honor of Mathilde Schechter, Women's League's founder), we are collecting bras and feminine hygiene products that will be turned over to *I Support the Girls* for donation to girls and women living in shelters or who are victims of natural disasters. A collection bin is located in the vestibule in the center entrance to the synagogue, near the administrative offices. To arrange for a pickup from your home, call Sue Cohen at 773-459-8291 or email her at suecohen585@comcast.net.



Feed Your Stomach as Well as Your Soul

- Another way in which we raise funds that we donate back to Beth El is through the year-round sale of Jewel gift cards. These cards (available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations) can be purchased at face value in the Gift Shop during store hours and in the synagogue office during weekday office hours. You use the cards like cash; they never expire and Sisterhood makes 5% on all sales.



2018 - 2019 Torah Fund Campaign

by Mary Ellen Bowers, Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair



As an invested congregant and Sisterhood member, I call your attention to this year's Torah Fund campaign: **Atid** (אֲתִיד), which means 'future'.

Do you wonder about the 'future' of Conservative/Masorti Jewish Education? Do you wonder what the 'future' holds for the women and men currently attending our 5 Jewish institutions of higher learning? Do you wonder about the 'future' education of your children, great grandchildren and succeeding generations? Torah Fund

directly supports the 'future' rabbis, cantors, and educators of our community. Sisterhood has proudly supported Torah Fund for decades by offering Torah Fund classes at Beth El. The suggested minimum donation to participate in any or all Torah Fund classes is **\$54.00**.

Please consider a donation to this year's Torah Fund Campaign. As a Jew, there is no **higher rate of return** on your investment, than a donation to Torah Fund.

All donations must be received by December 5, 2018 in order for 2018 tax donation receipts to be provided to the donor.

Benefactor donations of \$180 and above will receive this year's beautiful Torah Fund pin designed by Eytan Brandes. Contact Mary Ellen Bowers (eyerishmar@comcast.net or 847-910-1080) for more information. The Jewish 'future' is now and it needs **your** support!

Get Ready...Get Set... Hanukkah Starts December 2

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

This time of year everything is in hyper-drive. And just when you thought that your schedule is stretched as thin as it possibly can be, here comes Hanukkah— right after Thanksgiving!

Take a collective deep breath, because if you're looking for great items and one-stop, stress-free shopping, simply think, Sisterhood Gift Shop!

We have unique items from our New York trip for your gift giving, from board games, superhero card games, dreidels that spin and light up, to stickers and floor puzzles. For your youngest celebrants, we have baby bibs, holiday board books, and book sets. Wonderful whimsical children's menorahs featuring trains, sweet princesses, sports, and fun emojis



themes are sure to add smiles with every candle that's lit.

To add to your tradition, we have stunning menorahs and candles with bright new colors and designs. There are latke platters and trays as well as a wide array

of bowls for your signature applesauce. It's all here just waiting for you!

Through November our menorahs are discounted 20% and our children's menorahs are 10% off.

We're open: Sundays, 9:00am-1:00pm; Tuesdays, 8:30am-noon, and always by appointment.

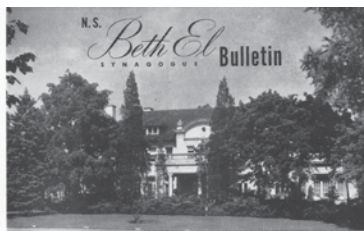
Save time. When you're next at Beth El, plan to stop by. Call us - Sulie Holt: 847-558-3389; Diane Levin: 847-571-5629; or Pam Schlosberg: 847-433-7546, and we will meet you!

We always appreciate your support. Proceeds from your purchases gift our Beth El Religious School Programs.

Beth El History Corner

By Morton Steinberg

A special edition of the Beth El Bulletin promoting the synagogue's First Annual Dinner Dance. This was the first major fundraising campaign undertaken jointly by the congregation, the Sisterhood and the Men's Club. The goal was to raise, primarily through the sale of advertisements for an Ad Book, \$40,000 to complete and equip the new school building. Co-chairs of the Dinner Dance were Charles Podolsky, Saul Pohn and Jack Borkan, who promised that the event would "surpass all other organizational festivities of the 1952 and 1953 North Shore social season." The dinner dance was held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, the first Chicago hotel to maintain a kosher kitchen. The dedication of the new school building took place in September, 1953. Pictured speaking at the dinner dance is Harold Blumberg, president of Beth El, later to be known as "Mr. Beth El."



An early meeting of the Beth El Sisterhood with Beth El's Cantor Stanley Martin. The meeting most likely occurred in the early 1950s. It took place in the living room of the Price Estate, now the Maxwell Abbell Library. Visible behind the cantor is the mantel above the fireplace still located in the Library. Cantor Martin served the congregation from 1949 to 1953, when he left to work in the insurance business. NOTE: If you can identify any of the fifteen women who appear in this photograph, please contact Rachel Kamin, Director of the Joseph and Mae Gray Learning Center at Beth El.



To read more fascinating stories about the history of Beth El, look for Mort Steinberg's soon to be released book: *"Tradition by the Lake"*



Men's Club Gears up for 5779

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

End of Season Softball Recap

The N.S.S Beth EL Men's Club softball teams finished another fun season in the 12 team Synagogue 12-inch softball league. The league, which was founded and run by club member Michael Salberg, just finished its 6th season with over 200 players from synagogues in Northbrook, Highland Park, Glencoe, Vernon Hills, Long Grove, Buffalo Grove and Wilmette participating.



This year the league is making a donation to Keshet, a local organization that supports children with disabilities.

The Beth El Men's Club had

2 teams in the league for the 6th year in a row. Players participating from Beth EL include:

Michael (The Commish) Salberg, Jeffery (Silky) Goldsmith, Richard (The Professor) Small, Oren (Little Aparicio) Spungen, Victor (Doc) Levitan, Steve (King Kong) Kolmin, Bob (Arietta) Doppelt, Jerimiah (Crazy) Diamond, Jordy (Baby Face) Grey, Mike (The Javelin) Kamen, Gary (The Ref) Potishman, Josh (World) Atlas, Avram (The Chef) Pachter, Brett (Boomer) Abrams, Ron (Stretch) Hahamy, Jeff (Yogi) Leon, Pere (The Singer) Berkowitz, Daniel (Lefty) Ripes, and Noah (Swiftly) Weininger.

The league, which starts in early spring and last through the summer is always looking for new members. If you are interested in playing, please contact Michael Salberg at mbsalberg@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Steak and Scotch Dinner was the Toast of the Town!

The Men's Club has kicked off the season with their signature, Steak & Scotch night. The event was a huge success in every sense with most attendees ever! The crowd included everyone from 20 something single guys to 60 something

married guys, as well as a 90 something, great-grandfather of 9!

This year we grilled Oz rib eye steaks on the bone and they were amazing!!! Our expert grill master, Aaron Krumbein, assisted by his loyal sous chef Jeffrey Goldsmith, did a fantastic job. Once again our in-house catering, Circle of Life, took care of all the rest.



The event was not only about guys getting together to have a great time eating and drinking, it is also a chance for us to get together as a community, spend time with friends, and make new ones. As always, this event is also about giving back to our community and giving tzedakah. The generosity of our members allows to help send kids to Jewish summer camp, enhance our music programs, support kids traveling to Poland & Israel to learn about the holocaust and help fund Maot Chitim.

If you missed the event, don't fret because you can join us at our winter signature event, The Caveman Dinner which will be held on February 6th. Keep up to date on all Men's Club events by subscribing to our newsletter. If you are not receiving the newsletter and want to get sign up contact Dan Gross at grossd@gmail.com. If you are not yet a Men's Club member and want to be or want to learn more about what we do, please email our club President Marc Richards at mrichards@brinksgilson.com.

Keeper of the flame Sunday, November 11

Each year, Men's Club honors a long standing member of our club who has had a lasting impact and works to keep

our mission alive and strong. This year, NSS Beth El Men's Club is celebrating the 10th anniversary of awarding the Keeper of the



Flame honor to one of our members – Michael Salberg. Michael and his family have been members of Beth El for nearly thirty years. He is a past president of the men's club. Over the years, Michael has taken the reigns of several programs including the political candidate town halls that occur each election year. Five years ago Michael started a synagogue men's club softball league which now has 12 synagogue teams participating from throughout the Northern suburbs. The league has raised several thousand dollars for The Friendship Circle, Keshet and American Friends Center for Disabled Israeli Athletes.

Previous winner of this award include many familiar and well loved members such as Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, Jeffrey Goldsmith, Ernie Smolen, z"l, Richard (Dick) Blair, z"l, Bruno Fischer, z"l, Aaron Krumbein, Darryl Temkin, Phil Feitelberg, Joe Adler and Ron Goldberg. Please join us for brunch on Sunday, November 11 at 10:00AM to continue this important tradition and celebrate Michael and his contributions to NSS Beth El.

Men's Club Lox box event and fund-raiser

Each year, as Chanukah approaches, Men's Club offers an opportunity to have a Sunday brunch lox box delivered to your door or we can deliver it to a local address of your choosing. The lox box is filled with a delicious brunch that serves 4-6 people and includes bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, trimmings, some surprises and other goodies. All proceeds from the lox boxes are donated to the synagogue. Please use the order form on next page.

Beth El Men's Club 2018 Lox Box Fundraiser

Give or Get a Great Chanukah-time Lox Box Delivered from the Men's Club on **Sunday, December 2nd**. Proceeds benefit NSS Beth El.

Option 1: Order a Men's Club lox box that is filled with breakfast that serves 4-6 people including bagels, cream cheese, lox, tomato, fruit, juice, dessert, other trimmings, some other surprises, and other goodies. Deliveries will take place on Sunday, December 2nd.

Option 2: Order a Hunger Lox Box to support the shul and Maot Chitim. When you order a hunger lox box, we do not deliver you a lox box. Instead, we split the donation between the shul and Maot Chitim to help stamp out Hunger!

Option 3: Order both a Lox Box and a Hunger Lox Box.



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Indicate number of each kind of lox box order here: ____ **Regular Lox Box** ____ **Hunger Lox Box** (Donation only to the shul and Maot Chitim) Send this form and a check for \$33 per box payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club to:

(Early-Bird orders received by Sept. 30, 2018 are only \$28.00 per box)

Note: Local deliveries are free; if you want to deliver to outside of the Northshore, contact us.

Own a business? Buy a lox box and we will insert your business card or one page flyer into all the boxes.

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Contact us for details! NSS Beth El Men's Club - NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com

Reflecting on 5778, President's Message *continued from page3*

All of these positive efforts – the 70th anniversary programming, the Capital Campaign, the Gala weekend and so on – have been designed to help lay a solid foundation for Beth El's continued success. To put it another 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 confident this will happen and look forward with excitement to looking back and seeing this come to fruition.

Torah Study is Equivalent to ALL Other Mitzvot

By Dr. Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education



I have yet to meet a parent for whom education is not important. Jewish parents, in particular, understand that learning is ingrained in our tradition and should be transferred from one generation to the next. The hallmark of the three Beth El schools is based on the teachings of the Jewish tradition and on modern educational principles, which are based on traditional Jewish methods. In other words, "What" is being taught is as important as "How" we teach it. The following are a few nuggets of the guiding principles of the educational philosophy applied at the Beth El schools.

The written word is at the heart of our tradition, based on the study of Torah and other Jewish texts. In contrast to the in vogue "visual world," - ours - is a Written tradition. We teach Words of Torah to the young and old, in large and small groups, at first in the vernacular, and then in Hebrew. Since no individual is exempt from the obligation to study, our schools are committed to providing flexible and suitable accommodations for the modern Jewish family. Our schedule is flexible; we offer classes every day of the week as well as summer programs. In addition, we celebrate Shabbat with a weekly service and observe all Jewish holidays. Jewish tra-

dition cherishes individual differences stressing that every child should be taught according to his/her own ability. This principle has informed our offerings; we provide individual and small group classes for children with different learning styles, as well as classes for parents, and parents' professional support.



We encourage students' curiosity by providing multi-modal teaching styles. We place the student at-the center, recognizing that each student is unique and learns differently. We acknowledge that students learn best when they are engaged and understand the relevance of what they learn to daily life. Our schools apply the broader concept of playing for it is one of-the best avenues to solidify and review learning. The schools are fortunate to have state-of-the-art-tech-

nology to accompany the learning as we strive to stay up-to-date with technological advances.

The Beth El schools are vibrant hubs for Jewish learning and discovery. Parents' requests and their wish to maintain the habits of life-long learning led us to open several classes for children and parents alike. The schools' success hinges on the learners continued growth as we apply the Wisdom of our tradition to our daily lives.

Join Us for This Special Program about Jewish Genetics

GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
with Author Bonnie Rochman and the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:00 PM - APPETIZER RECEPTION
7:45 PM - PROGRAM BEGINS

How are genetic technologies shaping the Jewish community? From screening to beat Tay-Sachs to shielding ourselves from cancer, genetic technologies are changing the way we think about inherited disease - and inspiring ethical, legal and social debates about the decisions we make to protect our health and the health of future generations. Bonnie Rochman, award-winning author of *The Gene Machine*, and genetic counselor Rebecca Wang, MS, CGC, will explore the relationship between a new frontier of genetic technologies and our families and community at large.

Please note: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El holds a minyan nightly from 7:30 to 7:45 pm. All are welcome to attend this optional minyan.

For more information or to register, contact Sarah Goldberg at SarahGoldberg@juf.org

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The Gene Machine with Author Bonnie Rochman: A Community Discussion

Date: Thursday, November 8

Time: 7 pm - Registration and appetizer reception, 7:45 pm - Program begins

Location: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

Register: juf.org/Rochman-Suburbs

Cost: \$10. Additional cost for optional advance book purchase.

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Questions? Contact Sarah Goldberg at SarahGoldberg@juf.org or 312-357-4994.

Youth Community Has a Busy Fall

By Marah Altenberg, Youth Community Director



Our Beth El Youth Community has been extremely active these last few months with many exciting programs and holiday events. It has been wonderful meeting all different ages of our youth community, and I look forward to meeting many, more as the year progresses.

Our USY chapter is really gaining steam and we have been attracting many new teens to our events. Following our opening miniature golf event in August, we had a fantastic trip to the Crosstown Classic with 36 students joining us to watch an exciting game



between the Cubs and White Sox. The Cubs prevailed, but all Chicago fans had a great time cheering on their favorite team. We also had an incredible Sushi in the Sukkah event with 15 teens learning how to make sushi and eating the fruits of their labor. Rabbi Freedman

stopped by to talk about Sukkot and get to know some of our fabulous teens. USY is doing a great job raising money for Tikun Olam. They raised almost \$600 at their annual car wash.

In November our USYers will attend the Gala for Rabbi Kurtz and run the coat check to raise money for Tikun Olam. Our USYers are now signing up to attend Chusy's fall convention, **Chusyfest, being held at Camp Chi from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11.** We hope to see some new 9th to 12th grade faces at our annual USY retreat. Fun activities include a visit to a water park in the Wisconsin Dells, an incredible Shabbat experience with friends, and much more. We will also have a great **Lounge Night Nov. 7** to get pumped up for Chusyfest's Big 11 weekend. The biggest, biggest thing you do not want to miss will be **BEANS USY's annual Turkey Dance on Nov. 21.** Look for our new theme announcement and a great evening of activities, dancing with a DJ and catching up with friends from around the Chicago area.

Kadima (our 6th -8th graders) is also starting to get busy. We had our kick off Kadima Kampfire event



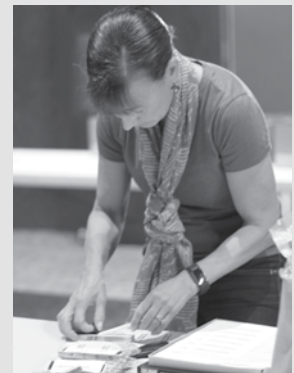
in Beth El's beautiful backyard. We had about 15 middle schoolers come to our campfire, where we made s'mores, played some campfire songs and some games and had a great time. On October 21 Kadima had an event at a pumpkin farm including hayrides and other fall activities. Members from Congregation Beth Shalom's Kadima group joined in the fun.

Shalom Club (3rd to 5th graders) had a fabulous luncheon following Junior Congregation. Our M&M Club members enjoyed seeing holiday skits put on by our USY teens.

Our Youth Community offers activities for all ages and we look forward to getting your children involved. Please check your email and the BEANS USY facebook page for more information on upcoming events. Email Marah at maltenberg@nssbethel.org for more information.

College Connection Volunteers Pack Special Boxes for College Students

Thank You to all of our volunteers who came to help pack our first round of boxes for College Connection. The Sisterhood-sponsored project sent out more than 100 boxes to Beth El youth away at college and the military. The boxes contained tumblers, book lights, Starbucks gift cards, mezuzahs for our freshmen and lots more goodies. If you have a college-aged child or grandchild or a child in the military please sign them up for College Connection care packages if you have not done so already. You can contact **Marah Altenberg, Youth Community Director, maltenberg@nssbethel.org** for details.



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- **Allene Frost**
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Join Our Ba'al Korei Institute and Learn to Chant Torah

By Richard Schlosberg

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is one of the conservative congregations in North America where the entire Torah is read annually. Many congregations follow the practice of reading on a triennial cycle. There are examples where the entire Torah is read annually by a professional, a single or perhaps a very small group of congregants. Beth El has a different, and we think a more inclusive approach. Enter the Ba'al Korei Institute, founded in October, 1999. Our website states that "The Ba'al Korei Institute (BKI) is a signature Synagogue program whose mission is to encourage persons of all ages to learn to chant Torah and to regularly use that skill" Ba'al Korei is a colloquial form of baal keriah, literally, "master of reading". Since its establishment, hundreds of congregants (teens and adults) have participated in the program. Currently approximately one hundred fifty of our members have read Torah from the bimah at least twice in the past year and are thus certified as members in good standing.

Our congregation celebrates a variety of achievements of participants from initial entry as a member upon reading a second time to a variety of awards for teens and adults based on total accomplishment. It is indeed noteworthy that we have a group of twenty three congregants who over the course of their Torah readings at NSSBE have read at least one thousand verses of Torah. Some are truly



Ba'al Korei - masters of reading. In alphabetic order your fellow congregants in this group are: **Karen Bieber, Bruce Cowans, Jeff Gordon, Michael Katz, Jeff Kopin, Bryna Kurtz, Marilyn Lewis,**

Michael Millenson, Larry Pachter, Gregory Pestine, Nathan Pickus (z"l), Richard Rabinowitz, Kenneth Saffir, Richard Schlosberg, Maureen Sechan*, Caryn Sedloff, Barry Shapiro*, David Shapiro, Robin Shartiag, Harry Solomon, Sandy Starkman, Merle Tovian and the founder of the BKI, Howard Turner. Eight have read 1000 or more verses, eight 2,000 or more, three 3,000 or more, three 4,000 or more and one more than 7,000!

Reading from the Torah is a skill and requires study and practice - but it is most rewarding. Both the Hazzan and your congregational colleagues are happy to help you on the journey to improving your Torah reading skills, to becoming a member of the BKI and to gain great satisfaction from your achievements. We are very proud of our on-going congregational based Torah reading. Join us and give it a try!

*These readers have moved away from Illinois.

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holiday of Hanukkah is embodied in its ability to inspire us, today, to dedicate ourselves to a higher purpose in a way that is relevant to each of our current situations. Hanukkah, therefore, is a personal opportunity for us each to re-kindle our individual flames and to inspire us to live up to our ideals.

In religious terms, Hanukkah thus gives Jews a chance to renew our faith and to renew our commitment to Jewish life. Thus, ironically, during a holiday whose practice was so influenced by the surrounding Christian culture, we are actually supposed to think about how we can integrate our Judaism more deeply into our lives. Hanukkah prompts us to ask ourselves: Can we renew our dedication to following Jewish law and tradition? Can we renew our dedication to fulfilling the mitzvah of helping others in need? Can we renew our dedication to supporting and loving our family? Can we renew

our dedication to building our community? Can we renew our dedication to caring for our people? On Hanukkah we get a chance to take stock of what values we have been actively fulfilling and we get a chance to assess how successful we have been with the personal resolutions that we may have made during the High Holidays only a few months ago.

We at Beth El have multiple opportunities to dedicate ourselves to something very special and close to home -- the celebration of our synagogue's 70th birthday and the great service of Rabbi Kurtz to our community. Like the Temple was in the time of the Maccabees, the synagogue is of primary importance to the survival of the Jewish people. It is a center for Jewish learning, Jewish religious practice and Jewish community. It has proven to be a gateway organization to so many other aspects of Jewish life and the fact is that almost every oth-

er major Jewish organization is turning more and more to synagogues to help them support their causes. Successful synagogues are key to the future success of the Jewish people. Further, like the Temple, the symbolic power of the synagogue cannot be underestimated. Strong synagogues give Judaism the real and symbolic foundation Judaism needs to survive and thrive. Therefore, this Hanukkah, in the spirit of the holiday I encourage each of you to renew your dedication to the vitality of the Jewish people at large and, in addition, I encourage you to dedicate yourself to the celebration of the vitality of our congregation in particular as we celebrate an important milestone in the life of our community. Join us for the Gala weekend Nov. 2-4, make a meaningful donation and help us celebrate Hanukkah at our family party and congregational concert! Hag Hanukkah Sameah - Have a Wonderful and uplifting Hanukkah!



Social Action Opportunities

by Mary Channon, Social Action Chair

Family to Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

Sunday November 18th
9:00am - Noon

This annual social action project requires at least 100 families to donate and create baskets containing Thanksgiving food items that will benefit families at a local school in Waukegan.

Year after year our NSSBE Community comes together in force to truly embody the Thanksgiving spirit by donating and creating these baskets. If you haven't participated in the past, we hope you will join us this year!

Simply shop for specific meal items and bring to Beth El to package the basket along with 100 other families! Social Action supplies the gift wrap.

Additional volunteers needed to deliver the baskets to Waukegan during and immediately following the event.

Look for more information on our website and synagogue emails - including registration and shopping list.

Questions? Able to help with deliveries? Email Fran Pine at



fjpine@comcast.net

Annual Winter Coat Drive

November 11 - December 2
Coat sorting on Dec 2 at 10:00 am

We will be collecting clean, lightly-used warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots. FOR ALL AGES and SIZES - preschool through adult.

Collection bins will be in the school and main office entrances. Items will be distributed to needy recipients at the Chicago Chesed Fund in Lincolnwood and throughout other Lake County organizations.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver donated items on December 2nd. To volunteer or for more information: **call Mira Temkin at 847-433-2109 or miratemkin@gmail.com.**

Please note we are only accepting the items listed above for this drive.

Family to Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project Shopping List



MARKET LIST

- Aluminum heavy duty disposable turkey roaster pan.
It will be used instead of box
- \$20 gift certificate to Jewel (towards turkey)
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce or apple sauce
- 2 large boxes/bags of stuffing or beans
- 4 cans of vegetables: corn, peas, beans
- 2 large cans of sweet potatoes or fresh sweet potatoes
- 1 pre-packaged dessert or raisins, dried apricots, dates
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 small bag of rice or pasta
- 1 bag of baby carrots
- bag of oranges or apples

food does not need to be kosher
no glass please

We will be also collecting EXTRA groceries for Moraine Township Pantry.
For any questions, contact
Ana Igornov 847-432-8900 x.222



Volunteer at Uptown Cafe

We are still looking for volunteers to serve dinner at JUF Uptown Cafe, 909 W Wilson Ave, Chicago, IL in November and December.

Must be age 12+ to participate.

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

Available dates:

Tuesday, November 20th

Tuesday, December 18th

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November Events Calendar

Thursday, November 1

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 11:00 am It's Good to be the King: Book of Samuel Class
 6:15 pm Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class

Friday, November 2

5:25 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
 7:00 pm Congregational Shabbat dinner honoring Rabbi Vernon & Bryna Kurtz

Saturday, November 3

8:50 am Shabbat Service with Scholar-in-Residence Guest Rabbi David Golinkin
 12:30 pm Post Kiddush Lecture featuring Rabbi David Golinkin
 5:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 6:29 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, November 4

2:00 am Daylight Savings Time Ends
 9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class
 5:00 pm Beth El Gala honoring Rabbi Vernon & Bryna Kurtz

Monday, November 5

7:45 pm Kabbalah and Healing Class

Tuesday, November 6

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
 6:15 pm Int. Conv. Hebrew Class
 8:00 pm Rabbi Akiva: His Life and Legacy Class

Wednesday, November 7

6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
 8:00 pm Ezra, Nahemiah & the Return from Exile Class

Thursday, November 8

Rosh Hodesh Kislev
 7:00 am Morning Minyan

4:16 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 10

Bar Mitzvah - Avi Jacobson
 8:50 am Shabbat Service
 4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:21 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, November 11

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 10:00 am Men's Club Keeper of the Flame Award Brunch
 11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
 6:15 pm Int. Conv. Hebrew Class
 7:45 pm Gil Troy Lecture

Wednesday, November 14

9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash
 6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
 8:00 pm Ezra, Nahemiah & the Return from Exile Class

Thursday, November 15

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 11:00 am It's Good to be the King: Book of Samuel Class
 8:00 pm Men's Club and Sisterhood Open Mic Night

Friday, November 16

4:09 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, November 17

Bar Mitzvah - Levi Golson
 8:50 am Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Aviv Ezra
 12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club
 4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:14 pm Shabbat Ends

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 11:00 am It's Good to be the King: Book of Samuel Class
 6:15 pm Adv. Conv. Hebrew Class
 7:45 pm Jewish Genetics Lecture

Friday, November 9

Rosh Hodesh Kislev
 7:00 am Morning Minyan

Sunday, November 18

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 10:00 am Social Action Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project
 11:00 am Crssrds of Jewish History Class

Monday, November 19

7:00 pm Spertus One Book

Tuesday, November 20

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
 6:15 pm Int. Conv. Hebrew Class

Wednesday, November 21

8:00 pm Youth Community Turkey Dance

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day
 8:45 am Morning Minyan
 7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, November 23

4:04 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 24

Bar Mitzvah - David Ayzman
 8:50 am Shabbat Service
 4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:09 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, November 25

11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Tuesday, November 27

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
 11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
 6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew Class
 7:45 pm Judaism: Parts Unknown

Wednesday, November 28

9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash
 6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
 8:00 pm Ezra, Nahemiah & the Return from Exile Class

Thursday, November 29

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 6:00 pm Artist's Beit Midrash Museum Reception
 7:45 pm Board of Directors Meeting
 8:00 pm Learn to Chant Torah Class

Friday, November 30

3:54 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

2018 DECEMBER

December Events Calendar

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Saturday, December 1

8:50 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
4:59 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, December 2 Hanukah 1st Candle

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
10:00 am Winter Coat Drive Sorting
11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class
7:00 pm Beth El Concert – Broadway on the Bimah

Monday, December 3

1st Day of Hanukkah/2nd Candle
7:00 am Morning Minyan
7:45 pm Kabbalah and Healing Class

Tuesday, December 4 2nd Day of Hanukkah/3rd Candle

7:00 am Morning Minyan
10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew Class
7:45 pm Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat Lecture
8:00 pm Judaism: Parts Unknown Class

Wednesday, December 5 3rd Day of Hanukkah/4th Candle

7:00 am Morning Minyan
6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
5:00 pm Annual Hanukkah Paty
7:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:30 pm USY Lounge Night

Thursday, December 6 4th Day of Hanukkah/5th Candle

7:00 am Morning Minyan
10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
6:15 pm Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class
7:45 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, December 7 5th Day of Hanukkah/6th Candle

7:00 am Morning Minyan
3:59 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 8 Rosh Hodesh Tevet/6th Day of Hanukkah/7th Candle

Bat Mitzvah – Mia Feinberg
8:50 am Shabbat Service
9:15 am Beit Midrash Minyan
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:14 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, December 9 Rosh Hodesh Tevet/7th Day of Hanukkah/8th Candle

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Monday, December 10 8th Day of Hanukkah

7:00 am Morning Minyan
1:00 pm Jewish Chair Yoga

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew Class
8:00 pm Judaism: Parts Unknown Class

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash
6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
8:00 pm Ezra, Nahemiah & the Return from Exile Class

Thursday, December 13

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class

Friday, December 14

4:00 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Young Family Shabbat Dinner
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 15

8:50 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:05 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, December 16

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
10:00 am Sisterhood Program on Shalva
11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Monday, December 17

1:00 pm Jewish Chair Yoga
6:00 pm Non-Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 am Conservative Judaism Class
11:00 am Weekly Wisdom Class
6:15 pm Intermediate Conversational Hebrew Class
8:00 pm Judaism: Parts Unknown Class

Wednesday, December 19

6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
8:00 pm Ezra, Nahemiah & the Return from Exile Class

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

4:02 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23

5:00 pm CLC Movie Event

Wednesday, December 25

8:45 am Morning Minyan
7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, December 28

4:06 pm Candle Lighting
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 29

8:50 am Shabbat Services
4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:11 pm Shabbat Ends

2019 JANUARY

January Events Calendar

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Saturday, January 12

8:50 am Shabbat Service
 12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club
 4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:00 pm Young Family Program
 5:25 pm Shabbat Ends
 7:00 pm USY Second City Outing

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash
 6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew
 7:45 pm Wine and Wisdom Class

Thursday, January 24

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

Friday, January 25

4:36 pm Candle Lighting
 5:00 pm Jeans and Jammies
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 26

8:50 am Shabbat Service
 4:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:41 pm Shabbat Ends
 7:00 pm Family Programming Event

Sunday, January 27

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 30

6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew Class

Thursday, January 31

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew Class
 6:30 pm Used Book Sale Set Up & Pizza Party

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day

8:45 am Morning Minyan
 7:30 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

8:50 am Shabbat Service
 4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:18 pm Shabbat Ends

Monday, January 7

Rosh Hodesh Shevat

7:00 am Morning Minyan

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 am Writer's Beit Midrash
 6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew

Thursday, January 10

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

Friday, January 11

4:20 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
 7:00 pm Day School Dinner Event

Sunday, January 13

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

6:15 pm Advance Conversational Hebrew

Thursday, January 17

10:00 am Conversational Hebrew Class
 7:45 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, January 18

4:28 pm Candle Lighting
 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 19

8:50 am Shabbat Service
 4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
 5:33 pm Shabbat Ends
 7:30 pm Men's Club/Sisterhood Brain Bash Trivia

Sunday, January 20

9:15 am Hebrew Literacy Class
 11:00 am Crossroads of Jewish History Class

Monday, December 17

Tu B'Shevat

7:00 am Morning Minyan



B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations



Bar Mitzvah
Ari Jacobson,
son of Rebecca and Brian
Jacobson
Shabbat, November 10



Bar Mitzvah
Levi Golson,
son of Judy and Ari Golson
Shabbat, November 17



Bar Mitzvah
David Ayzman,
son of Helen Plavnik and
Igor Ayzman
Shabbat, November 24



Bar Mitzvah
Mia Feinberg,
daughter of Eve and
Bradley Feinberg
Shabbat, December 8

It's All in the Beth El Family

Congratulations:

Laurel and Barry Abramowicz on the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Jenna, to Seth Michael Pawlow

Jill and Irwin Bernstein on the birth of their grandson

Gail and Andrew Brown on the marriage of their daughter, Eliza, to Danya Lagos

Rena and Sonny Cohen on the birth of their grandson, Kittner Vincent Straus

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

Carol and Gordon Derman on the birth of their grandson

Talia and Aryeh Derman on the birth of their son

Ellen and Robert Doppelt on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary

Ellen and Robert Doppelt on the marriage of their son, Matthew, to Anne Rosenblatt

Judy and Dr. Gerald Farby on the marriage of their son, David, to Samantha Mor

Harry Feiger on the marriage of his granddaughter, Eliza Brown, to Danya Lagos

Nan and Marc Fine on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary

Krystyna and Arnold Kamen on the birth of their grandson, Jacob David Kamen

Cynthia and Joseph Kaplan on the marriage of their son, Ben to Kirby Jacobs

Karen and Michael Kesner on the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Jacob Katz

Susan and Steven Kessler on the engagement of their daughter, Hannah, to Nicholas Warther

Ellen and Aaron Krumbein on the birth of their grandson, Michal Rina Siegal

Dr. Eliezer Krumbein on the birth of his great-grandson, Michal Rina Siegal

Linda and Jerry Lebovitz on the birth of

their granddaughter

Marsha and Steven Levin on the birth of their grandson

Paulette and Edward Margulies on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

Gary Poteshman on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Becky and David Propen on the birth of their daughter, Noa Isabel

Elaine Reisin on the birth of her great-grandson

Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary

Marlene and Lee Rubenstein on the birth of their grandsons, Shilo Rafael and Blake Fox Rubenstein

Madeline Solomon on the occasion of her special birthday

Merle and Steve Tovian on the birth of their granddaughter

Kiddush Sponsors:

Tomer Amram

Nathan and Wendy Braverman

Robert and Barbara Brown

Robert and Ellen Doppelt

Kim Ephraim

Gerald and Judy Farby

Harry Feiger

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Thomas and Terry Gordon

Jim and Debbie Hamilton

Rabbi William Hamilton and Debbie Block

Rozlyn and Marc Kallish

Joseph and Cynthia Kaplan

Michael and Karen Kesner

Benjamin and Michelle Klein

Bryna Kurtz

Michelle Leon

Edward and Paulette Margulies

Ilya Mikelson

Adi and Kim Mor

North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood

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Drs. Adam Posner and Romy Block-Posner

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Talia Schlamowitz

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Steven and Frances Shapiro

Mayer Steibel and Cara

Madansky-Steibel

It's All in the Beth El Family continued on the back cover

November/December/January Events at a Glance

**Wednesdays, November 7, 14
and December 12, 9
7:45 pm**

Ezra, Nehemiah and the Return from Exile

The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell the story of the return from the first exile in ancient Babylo-



nia. They contain the foundational ideas for our modern sense of Jewish identity. Living after the modern return from the second exile we will explore the meaning of Jewish existence in light of these texts from the early Second Temple period. Trimester Fee: Fall

**Sunday, November 11
10:00**

Keeper of the flame

Join the NSS Beth El Men's Club for the annual Keeper of the Flame



Brunch honoring Michael Salberg. See the registration flyer included in this bulletin to register. Question can be directed to Aaron Krumbein at akrumbein@sbcglobal.net.

**Tuesday, November 13
7:45**

Gil Troy

The American Zionist Movement presents: *Zionism: Our Connection to Israel@70* Featuring Prof. Gil Troy, Historian and author of newly released *The Zionist Ideas*.

**Thursday, November 15
7:00PM**

Open Mic Night

The Shed 1480 Old Deerfield Rd. Highland Park



Men's club and Sisterhood are excited to co-host Open Mic Night once again this year. With a special appearance by Rabbi Kurtz! Bring the

whole family and consider bringing an unwrapped toy to support the Chicago Chesed Fund's Chanukah Toy Drive! Contact Mike Ezgur at mezgur@gmail.com with questions.

**Wednesdays, November 14 & 28,
December 12 and January 9 & 23
9:30am**

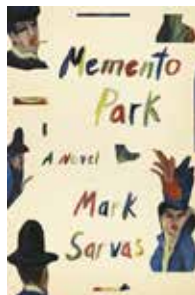
Writer's Beit Midrash

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

**Saturday, November 17
12:30pm**

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club: Memento Park by Mark Sarvas

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is proud to participate in the Spertus Institute One Book, One Community Program. Set in Los Angeles, New York, and Budapest (with a short stop in Chicago), *Memento Park*



begins with an unexpected call from the Australian consulate. Thus protagonist Matt Santos learns of a valuable painting believed to have been looted from his family during World War II. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847/926-7902 for more information.

**Monday, November 19
7:00 pm**

Spertus One Book, One Community Author Event at the Highland Park Public Library

Join Rachel Kamin to meet Mark Sarvas, author of *Memento Park*, the 2018 Spertus One Book, One Community selection, at the Highland Park Public Library. Registrations suggested; register at:

mementopk_highlandpk.eventbrite.com.

**Tuesdays, November 27,
December 11 & 18
7:45 pm**

Judaism: Parts Unknown Rabbi Michael Schwab

Take an extraordinary journey through some of Judaism's most challenging topics and engage with Rabbi Schwab in engrossing conversation about our shared heritage. See how Judaism has really become an "encyclopedia of human variety, ingenuity, adaptation, survival and aspiration" where views evolve and change.

**Thursday, November 29
6:00 pm**

Artist's Beit Midrash Museum Reception

Join the Rissman Kol Ami Collection and the participants from this year's Artists Beit Midrash for a reception in celebration of the exhibit, *Of the Body, In the Body: Torah and Art*.



**Sunday, December 2
Lox Box Delivery**

If you placed an order for a lox box, they will be delivered today! Contact the Men's Club at nssbethelmenclub@gmail.com with questions.



**Sunday, December 2
4:00 pm
Broadway from the Bimah**

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of music! Our headliner is Magda Fishman, who began her career in Israel, singing



the great American songbook in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. After a successful career in the IDF Bands she came to America to be a Broadway star. However, she found her love for Jewish music and completed Cantorial school at JTS. We will Light the 1st Candle of Chanukkah with the Schechter Day School Choir and SELAH: A Choir for Adults with Special Needs along with Cantor Steve Stoehr.

Wednesday, December 5 Hanukkah Party



Join us for this annual celebration of Hanukkah which includes DJ and dancing, games, songs, and of course latkes! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

December 14 6:00 p.m. Families with Young Children Shabbat Dinner

Program for families with children in 1st grade and younger. Cost \$25/family, Contact Maracie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org

Sunday, December 23 5:30pm Evening @ the Movies: *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas*

This offbeat, irreverent musical documentary (filmed almost entirely in a Chinese



restaurant!) tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, Jay Livingston, Ray Evans, Gloria Shayne Baker and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to Christianity's most musical holiday. A kosher Chinese buffet dinner will be served! \$18/person. RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7903.

Saturday, January 12 12:30pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club: *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo

In three novellas, Nevo explores the interconnected lives of the residents of an upper middle-class Tel Aviv apartment building. New members welcome! Copies of the book are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores.



Saturday, January 19 7:00PM Sisterhood & Men's Club Brian Bash Trivia Night

Brain Bash Trivia is a live interactive trivia game where the questions are fun for all ages about stuff you know and stuff you didn't realize you knew and maybe a few things you'll learn. Contact Jori Brajer at jbrajer@gmail.com with questions.



Friday, January 12 5:30 pm Super Havdalah Playdate

Program for families with children in 1st grade and younger. Free children's dinner. Feel free to come in SuperHero Pajamas.

Friday, January 25 5:00 pm Jeans and Jammies Tu B'Shevat in the Forest with Josh Warshawsky and PJ Library

A special weekend of music and prayer with Josh Warshawsky. Josh is a nationally renowned songwriter-songleader who



grew up just down the road at Moriah, and who was very involved with Ramah Wisconsin.

Thursday, January 31 6:00-7:30 pm Used Book Sale Pre-Sale Pizza Party

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

Sunday, February 3 12:00 pm Family Book Club: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will co-host a special Family Book Club with members of the Beth El Youth Community to discuss this award-winning children's book and participate in a SKYPE conversation with the author. All 4th-7th graders and adult readers of all ages are encouraged to attend!



Save the date: The NSS Beth El Annual Used Book Sale will be February 1-10, 2019. Due to storage issues, we cannot accept donations before January 1st. Please plan to drop off your donations between January 1-31, 2019. Donations received before January 1 may be discarded.

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It's All in the Beth El Family

Welcome to Our New Members:

Chana Anderson
Elizabeth Bail
Michael Berks and Lisa Cooper
Ryan and Sydney Bloom
Samantha Bronner
Matthew and Katherine Doscher and their children, Gabriel and Noah
David and Francine Ephraim and their children, Naomi and Samuel
Penina Frankel
Jonathan and Rebecca Glick and their children, Abigail and Olivia
Beth Glover
Jonathan Holt and Mia Levy and their children, Dana and Nora

Scott and Sara King and their children, Chase and Grayson
Lewis and Monica Kornberg
Bradley and Sherry Levin and their children, David and Alex
Jeremy Levy
Dana Mason
Eric Mason
Rachel Mason
Frank and Denise Phillips and their children, Gina and Jason
Martin and Cindy Pinsky
Brad Schneider and Julie Dann
Mark and Jodie Silberman and their children, Abigail and Emily
Lawrence Silverman
Jorge and Beth Singman and their

children, Jonah, Leah and Noah
Neil Slater
Sarah Small
Anna Solomon
Alison Solow
David Solow
David and Yvette Stone and their children Lily, Ori and Sari
Martin and Jennifer Wasserman and their children, Micah and Noah Wasserman
Jessica Weber
Stephanie Weber
Daniel and Danielle Weiss
Irving and Hedy Weiss

Condolences To:

Barbara Bank on the loss of her father, Robert Chatz
Eve Biller on the loss of her mother, Maxine Simon
Stephanie Blumberg on the loss of her grandmother, Mona Dubin
Scott Forester on the loss of his mother, Fay Forester
Stacy Goldsmith on the loss of her mother, Toby Horowitz
Keith Gray on the loss of his grandmother, June G. Flax
Shari Gray on the loss of her mother, June G. Flax
Alison Helberg on the loss of her grandmother, Phyllis Kind
Cindy Herman on the loss of her father, Seymour Lichter
Ann Dee Holland on the loss of her mother, Pauline Pinkus
Brad Holland and fiancé Elana Harris on the loss of their grandmother, Pauline Pinkus

Edith Kaye on the loss of her sister, Evelyn Heller
Michael Kesner on the loss of his father, Aaron Kesner
Dr. Jonathan Kind on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Kind
Michael Kind on the loss of his grandmother, Phyllis Kind
Arlene Kronthal on the loss of her mother, Anita F. Lapping
Jori and Daniel Leeb on the loss of their grandmother, Pauline Pinkus
Nancy Lerner on the loss of her father, Robert Lerner
Marsha Levin on the loss of her father, Bernard J. Reisin
Sue Levine on the loss of her father, Seymour Lichter
Avi Lewittes on the loss of his father, David Lewittes
Betty Lichter on the loss of her husband, Seymour Lichter
Leslie Oshin on the loss of her mother, Evelyn Schleicher

Pamela Redfield on the loss of her father, Seymour Lichter
Elaine Reisin on the loss of her husband, Bernard J. Reisin
Richard Reisin on the loss of his father, Bernard J. Reisin
Lindy and Aaron Resnick on the loss of their grandmother, Pauline Pinkus
Ronald Sharlach on the loss of his son, Zvi Fisher-Dan
Rabbi Ora Schnitzer on the loss of her mother, Maxine Simon
Sidney Shapiro on the loss of her husband, Sidney Shapiro
Dr. Avrom Simon on the loss of his mother, Maxine Simon
Alexis Wirth on the loss of her mother, Rachel Stoltze
IN MEMORIAM:
Seymour Lichter
Bernard J. Reisin
Sidney Shapiro
Maxine Simon

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