



Judaism's Gift of Hope and Renewal

By Rabbi Michael Schwab

As summer draws to a close, the holiday of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, draws near. Thinking of this important day usually stirs within us solemn images of prayer, contrition, hunger and introspection. The day parallels the task; atonement is hard and important work.

Yet, Yom Kippur carries with it an additional, more subtle aspect, that nonetheless is critical to fully understanding its essence. Viewed in the context of the entire season, and the holidays that surround it, its customs take on new meaning and along with its solemnity communicate the uplifting message of everlasting hope and refreshing renewal.

We start with Yom Kippur's antecedent, Rosh Hashanah. What we call the New Year is not labeled as such in the Torah. In fact, the Torah says little about this holiday other than that it is the holiday of sounding the blasts of the shofar. What is even more strange is that the Torah identifies the month that both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fall, as the seventh month. This is actually the furthest point from the start of the Biblical year, which is the first of the month of Nisan in the Spring. How can we have a new year in the seventh month? What is the significance of our tradition's designation of Rosh Hashanah as such?

First, it is clear that for Yom Kippur to succeed in its purpose, it cannot, as Douglas Aronin wrote, "appear suddenly and alone, without giving us an opportunity to prepare for it. Teshuvah is a lengthy process and a difficult one. The more opportunity to reflect . . . the greater the

likelihood that we will be successful." Thus, the Shofar of Rosh Hashanah prepares us for the incredibly important work of Yom Kippur.

And this call to preparation is not done in the context of doom and gloom. In fact, the attitude of our tradition is that we relish this opportunity and celebrate it. Therefore, Rosh Hashanah is sweet, upbeat and joyous. We are grateful that soon we will have the opportunity to start again

– to be renewed. Hope is palpable on Rosh Hashanah because of the power of Yom Kippur.

What is more, there is an important lesson embedded in the fact that Rosh Hashanah falls a full six months after the beginning of the Biblical new year. As Arnonin writes, "By

placing the season of teshuva in the seventh month – as far as possible from the chronological beginning of the year – the Torah reminds us that it is our teshuva, not the calendar, that has the capacity to provide us with that fresh start. However mired we are in the patterns of our lives, however overwhelmed by the seemingly insurmountable task of self-improvement, we have the capacity – especially in this season but ultimately in any season – to begin our return to God. 'Return us, O Lord, to yourself, and let us return. Renew our days as of old.'" (Lamentations 5:21) Yom Kippur may be a single day but the ability to renew ourselves is embedded in the philosophy of our tradition and can be done at any time. This is the ultimate message of hope.

On Yom Kippur itself, many see our customs as actually enacting death, by denying ourselves normal human pleasures. But as Rabbi Irving

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A New Year, A New Outlook

By Stuart Hochwert, NSS Beth El President



On behalf of the Board of Directors and everyone at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, I want to begin by wishing you a happy and healthy New Year. I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and that you are finding your connection to Judaism and to our congregation a source of comfort during these challenging times. The High Holidays are a time for both celebration and introspection, a combination I find especially significant as I reflect on some of our milestones and blessings.

I can hardly believe it has been one year since last Rosh Hashanah when we held services via Livestream. And as I write this in the early summer, it is exciting that we plan to worship in-person and continue to offer Livestream. We are fortunate to have clergy, staff and lay leaders who care so much about our synagogue, its members, and the community to which we belong.

We have so many activities every day of the week at Beth El. Closing the building and reopening carefully never stopped us from gathering, worshiping, learning, and having fun together. Just like Netflix, Hulu, and Disney, we offer non-stop comedy, drama, mystery and more in-person, on your phone, computer, and tablet.

This past year we embarked on a strategic plan to guide the synagogue for the next three to five years. We talked with a cross section of people who provided input and comments. And we surveyed our entire membership. We are in the final stage of review and prioritizing goals, and we have already begun to implement some parts of the action plan. You will hear more about our plans this Fall.

Let me remind everyone that finances are never a barrier at NSS Beth El. Due to generous donors, we can accommodate everyone without regard to their financial status. Simply put, if you cannot afford full dues please reach out confidentially to our Executive Director, Jeff Baden. We value you for your presence and what you bring to the community.

Finally, we could always use more of your time, skills, and enthusiasm. If you are already one of our Volunteer Heroes, thank you for your time and energy. If you have been sitting on the sidelines, we have many ways to get involved, both big and small. I invite you reach out to me and learn how you can help make a difference in our community this year. Let us 'do good' and build the future of Beth El together.

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Recent Happenings at Beth El



Writer's Beit Midrash



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club



Pre-School End of Summer Party



Pride Shabbat



CLC Reception in Honor of Rachel Kamin



Shabbat Schedule

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

www.nssbethel.org/about/nssbehome/

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

Clergy:

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



Please note:

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

Zoom links can be found at
<https://www.nssbethel.org/about/nssbehome/>

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

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



September

Friday, September 3

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:03 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 4

Parashat Nitzavim
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:02 pm Shabbat Ends
8:02 pm Ma'ariv
8:20 pm Havdalah

Friday, September 10

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:50 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 11

Shabbat Shuvah
Parashat Vayeilech
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:50 pm Shabbat Ends
7:50 pm Ma'ariv
8:10 pm Havdalah

Friday, September 17

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:38 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 18

Parashat Ha'Azinu
9:00 am Shabbat Service
Mincha?
7:37 pm Shabbat Ends
7:37 pm Ma'ariv
7:55 pm Havdalah

Friday, September 24

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:26 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 25

Hol Hamoed Sukkot
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:25 pm Shabbat Ends
7:25 pm Ma'ariv
7:45 pm Havdalah

October

Please Note: we are returning to in-person Havdalah as part of in-person Shabbat Mincha beginning in October.

October Friday, October 1

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:14 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, October 2

Parashat Bereshit
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:15 pm Mincha
7:12 pm Shabbat Ends
7:12 pm Ma'ariv

Friday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 9

Parashat Noach
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:00 pm Mincha
7:01 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 15

5:50 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 16

Parashat Lech-Lecha
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:45 pm Mincha
6:50 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 22

5:40 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 23

Parashat Vayera
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:30 pm Mincha
6:39 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 29

5:30 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 30

Parashat Chayei Sara
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:30 pm Mincha
6:30 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

November

Friday, November 5

5:21 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 6

Parashat Toldot
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:15 pm Mincha
6:22 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 12

4:14 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 13

Parashat Vayetzei
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:15 pm Mincha
5:16 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 19

4:08 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 20

Parashat Vayishlach
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha
5:11 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 26

4:03 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 27

Parashat Vayeshev
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha
5:08 pm Ma'ariv / Shabbat Ends

Please Note: for a complete schedule of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Festival Services, please turn to **page 12**.

Music

Chazon HaChazzan (The Cantor's Vision)

By Hazzan Jacob Sandler



You might already know this, but at NSS Beth El, people introduce themselves first with their name, and second with how many years they've been a member. It's a subtle idiosyncrasy, but I find it quite endearing. It demonstrates how deeply committed this community is to its roots, and suggests an ethos that one should aspire to be active here as long as possible. In a place that has such a strong grip on its past, and a deep affection for its present, I can only imagine the care with which this synagogue will build its future. In my short time here, I have not only heard, but seen how this kehillah is a second home for so many.

So with that, allow me to introduce myself! I am Hazzan Jacob Sandler, and I've been at Beth El for just over a month. In that time, I've gotten to know the clergy, staff and many lay-leaders here. I've been welcomed with such enthusiasm in the form of kind words, lots of food, many fist bumps and elbow-handshakes, some friendly advice and the open invitation to help smooth the transition. I'm beyond grateful. And to the many folks I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to it!

When it comes to prayer, I pride myself on versatility. The High Holy days beg for the ancient and nostalgic, while Shabbat demands creativity so that our weekly celebration does not fall into monotony. Sukkot calls for our utmost joy, and Tisha B'Av depends on our deepest sorrow. Purim thrives in levity and silliness, while Yom HaShoah seeks somber sincerity. A good Hazzan must give voice to all of it.

Beyond the bima, I hope to serve as an educator of all ages. I look forward to spending time with the Religious school, preschool, B'nai Mitzvah students as well as those involved with continuing education. I'm also hoping to bring engaging musical programming to Beth El, and look forward to working with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky when he visits throughout the year.

I am honored to serve as your new Hazzan and look forward to getting to know the entire community over the coming years. If you're interested in knowing more about me, I direct you to the clergy bios on the website and my recent interview with Marlene Halpern. And if you'd like me to know a little more about you, reach out and let's connect!

Recent Happenings at Beth El



Archiving Party to Identify past members



Sisterhood Night at Ravinia



Our Education Team

By Ali Drumm, Director of Congregational Learning



We are very excited about the new structure of our education department and the incredible professionals that have been hired for these critical roles. We are confident that this strong team of educators is going to guide our community at NSSBE to new heights of learning. We look forward to a year of productive collaboration and collegial support. Though most of you have followed along with the different draft versions of our structure, now that everything has fallen into place, we wanted to take this opportunity to review all of our education departments and the portfolios of our colleagues.

- **Rachel Kamin** will now be responsible for the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center and its programming which includes the library, the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum, and cultural programs in our community, as well as the Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Department, our adult education program. Rachel's talents as a librarian will still be present

in our school programs and available to support youth programming with book clubs, author events, and special holiday programming. Rachel's new title is **Director of Lifelong Learning**.

- **Sarah Topal** will now be responsible for the Youth Community, engaging our children grades 2-12, as well as our Young Family Programming, supporting our children in first grade and younger as they and their families begin to experience all that the Jewish community has to offer and begin to form friendships in the Beth El community. In addition, Sarah is engaged as a teacher in our Steinberg Pre-School and will be able to serve in many ways as a bridge for the preschool and synagogue programming. Sarah's new title is **Director of Youth and Family Engagement**.

- We are thrilled to welcome **Anna Besser** as the new **Director of the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School**. Anna's guidance will continue our strong school program and work

closely with our team to build connections and transitions through the other programming in our education departments and synagogue. The Cohen Religious School will continue to be supported administratively by Anne Loshbough and Rayna Forman.

- **Kory Goldenberg, as the Director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School, and Michele Friedland, as her Assistant Pre-School Director**, will be continuing their amazing and innovative work as the leaders of our Pre-School. They both have been incredible this year as we explored new models of pandemic preschool education and they guided us to a successful reopening of the school and camp. Kory and Michele will also continue their work in helping our Pre-School families become integrated into the larger programming and educational world at Beth El.

- In my portfolio as the Director of Congregational Learning, **Ali Drumm** will

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Mit a hartsikn dank – Heartfelt thanks from Yiddish Book Center

By Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning



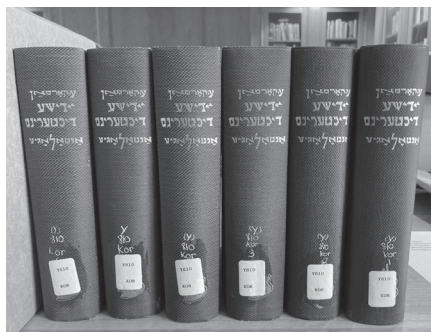
We recently did some "spring cleaning" and made the decision to donate our collection of 146 Yiddish books from the Abbell Library to the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA.

These books hadn't been touched in many years and it just didn't make sense for us to keep them at Beth El. Bibliographer David Mazower considers our donation a "Yiddish book miracle!" We had six pristine copies of Ezra Korman's rare 1920s anthology of Yiddish women; only 1500 of these books were ever published!

Other gems included an oversize Bergen Belsen post-1945 album and Zelig Heller's 1926 poetry collection

illustrated by Todros Geller. The Yiddish Book Center is so thrilled with our donation that they offered to do a private program for Beth El on Wednesday evening, October 20 (see page 26 for details) with the Center's founder and president Aaron Lansky.

We are so proud that these rare and precious treasures will now be accessible free online, distributed to college classrooms and libraries around the world, and preserved for future generations of researchers and scholars. If you have Yiddish books that you are interested in donating, go to www.yiddishbook-center.org.



Religious School



New Beginnings

By Anna Besser, Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Director

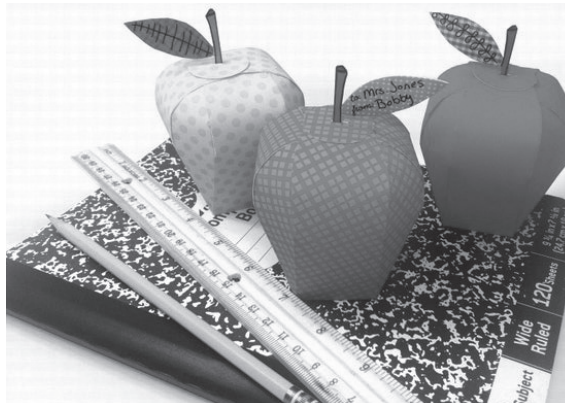
Hatchala Chadasha, a new beginning, is a time for reflection. A time for imagination and innovation. Just as we left Egypt and entered Eretz Yisrael, my new beginning as the Director of the Cohen Religious School reminds me of the blessing of starting anew, of appreciating new experiences, growing and learning with a new community and engaging in diverse opportunities.

In Judaism, we have numerous occasions for new beginnings – from the four New Years to Rosh Hodesh, the new month, to the cyclical reading of the Torah beginning with Bereshit. New beginnings provide opportunities for introspection and transformation. We can change our behaviors, our destiny, our personality.

New beginnings teach us that each of us is precious, brought into this world to add something unique. We are all created in G-d's image, *B'Tzelem Eloheim*. We have the power to create the world as we would want it.

In Jewish education we celebrate beginnings with sweetness. It is

customary for students to be given a taste of honey on their first day of school to symbolize a sweet year of learning. On Rosh HaShanah we greet each other with the saying, *Shana Tova U'm'tukah*, a Happy and Sweet New Year. To emphasize the point we dip apples and challah in honey to internalize that sweetness.



This year Rosh Hashanah coincides with the beginning of the school year. Let us all be alert to the wonders of beginnings throughout our lives and our children's lives. May it be filled with health and happiness, and many sweet beginnings for you and your family.

Shanah Tovah U'm'tukah

Shabbat is Awesome at NSS Beth El's Junior Congregation

By Hazzan Barbara Barnett, Ritual Director

Ritual Director



There is something extraordinary about Shabbat morning, sitting in the NSS backyard overlooking Lake Michigan and singing, praying and studying with children and families. Watching third graders take the first steps toward being Torah readers as they chant their first (or sixth graders their twentieth) verse of Torah, smiling as our youngest Junior Congregation members lead the Sh'ma for the very first time as their families kvell. Minting brand new *Ashrei* and *Shir Hakavod* leaders as they take their first steps toward leading prayers on the "big" bima. Then seeing Junior Congregation participants make an effortless leap to becoming b'nai mitzvah—amazing!

These are the pleasures of NSS Beth El's Junior Congregation. And it has been my privilege to lead it each week and experience these things at close hand!

During the pandemic, Junior Con-

gregation moved from the Grossinger-Brickman to Zoom, where we continued in modified fashion to meet each Shabbat. How wonderful it was to finally be able to come together in person in the synagogue backyard and greet each other in person.

All of this is to invite you to come join us. We're here each Shabbat morning at 10:30 am. You can drop off your second through sixth grader or stay with them and participate as a family (your choice). As weather permits, we will be in the backyard near the teahouse. When it's raining, we'll be in the Zell Activity Center. Come fall, it is our hope to hold Junior Congregation in the Sager Beit Midrash. Of course, all COVID protocols will be in place to ensure a safe environment for all!

Each year, Junior Congregation has a theme, and participants earn incentive awards: the more they come

the bigger prizes they earn. Children earn a sticker for each attendance. This year our theme is "Shabbat is Awesome," playing off the great song from the *Lego Movie* – and all prizes will have a Lego theme, with the culminating award for twenty attendances being a very special Lego experience. (Did someone say Lego-Land?)



If your child would like to read Torah at Junior Congregation, contact me with a date or two and we'll make it happen! (BBarnett@nssbethel.org)

Please reach out to me as well with any questions! Can't wait to see you at Junior Congregation!

Membership & Development



New Faces in Development

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director

As we enter this New Year of 2021-2022/5782, we have so much good news to report from the Development Department!

Jackie Melinger has taken over as VP of Fundraising and Development. **Kim Ephraim** (former VP) will continue on as a committee member. Additionally, we have four new members who have joined our committee: Jerry Blumberg, Lisa Rosenkranz and Tina Wolf. They bring their experience and expertise to our already talented and seasoned group of development specialists. We are so happy to have them!

As we begin this fiscal year, we have already secured eleven new and enhanced level Bonim donors which

starts the year off with an additional \$40,805 above last year's revenue.

Save the Date

Bonim Donors (currently at a record number of 58, nearly double the amount of just a year ago!) and **Ner Tamid Members** (our legacy donors, currently at 70 members), please be on the lookout for information and invitations to our donor recognition event to be held on **Sunday, October 17th**. For those of you who would like information about joining Bonim and/or Ner Tamid prior to our event, please contact jberkeley@nssbethel.org or (312) 720-0045. We'd love to have you!

More exciting news to share:

We have installed new donor boards for both our annual Chesed and Bonim donors and also our Vision 70 Campaign donors. Please come check them out in the lobby right outside the sanctuary when you are in the building for the High Holidays!

Pre-School



Picture This

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

Children walking, jumping and dancing down our hallway...

Backpacks on...

Filled with excitement for their school day to start!

We don't take this for granted any more...

Parents holding their children's hands...

Chatting with other parents after they have said goodbye to their children for the morning...

Building friendships new and old...

We don't take this for granted anymore...

Teachers putting the finishing touches on their classrooms...

Ready to get to know their new class of children...

And do what they do best, provide THE BEST Jewish Early Childhood education possible!

Our community is back and ready to connect.

We are here to support our families, our children and our teachers...

As we all begin a new year filled with hope, learning, growth and play.

With our new Early Childhood consultant, our children, parents and teaching staff will get the support they need to move past the trauma of the past year and enter a post pandemic world.

So, as we bring in 5782, we do so with joy...

The apples and honey have never tasted so sweet!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!

We are still accepting registrations and would love to give you or someone you know who may be interested a tour of our school. Please call 847-432-2830 to schedule your tour!



Navigating Back Together in the Youth Community

By Sarah Topal, Director of Youth and Family Engagement



The start of the school year is a chance for kids and teens to reunite, show off new skills they have learned and developed over the summer, and prepare for a year of learning, growing, and fun. This year in particular, we hope that all of that happens, as well as form new friendships and connections with others in our community.



As I begin my second year, this is a new opportunity to meet our youth (hopefully in person!), strengthen friendships between them, and help each child and teen find their own path and meaning here at Beth El.

Calendars have been created for children (and families) of all ages and the Youth Lounge is ready to become a place to meet and connect, complete with games, new A/V equipment and room for everyone to sit and relax. Above all, a focus on relationships and forming new connections is the theme of the semester.

In expanding my role to include families with young children, the fall semester is full of events geared towards helping families meet one another, welcoming children into this warm community, and helping each family feel a part of this growing cohort.

We are all navigating what it means to be back together, and my goal is to help each child and teen find their own path in the Jewish community. I invite each family, child, and teen to challenge themselves and sign up for one program or event and work to make a new friend, find a new connection with an old friend, and feel like they are part of a community. From one-on-one check-ins, showcasing musical skills, taking on leadership roles, it is my hope that there is something for everyone. I am excited to welcome everyone back in to our programs and create new memories!

For an updated calendar of events, check your email for age-based program calendars for the year!

- **August 20-22:** Programs for kids of all ages
- **September 9:** 2nd-5th grade Kickoff Event (12-1:30 pm)
- **September 23:** 6th-8th grade Sukkot Event
- **September 23:** 9th-12th grade Sukkot Event
- **September 24:** Jeans & Jammies (5 pm)
- **October 9:** 9th-12th grade Lounge Night (7-8 pm in the Youth Lounge)
- **October 24:** 6th-8th grade program (12-1:30 pm)
- **November 7:** 2nd-5th grade Event (12-1:30 pm)
- **November 12-14th:** CHUSYFest

Know someone who might be interested in a hot chocolate or ice cream wellness check? Email Sarah at stopal@nssbethel.org

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By Rabbi Michael Schwab

Greenberg writes, "It is not a morbid experience, however, because this encounter with death is in the service of life. The true goal is a new appreciation of life. To know how fragile the shell of life is, is to learn to handle it with true grace and delicacy. Only one who realizes the vulnerability of loved ones can treasure every moment with them. The encounter with death turns the individual toward life."

This is why the tone of the Days of Awe is basically hopeful, even joyful. This is why the liturgy bursts with life. "Remember us for life, King who loves life; write us in the book of life, for your sake, Lord of Life." As Greenberg continues, "This holiday season seeks nothing

less than the removal of sin and the renewal of love." As our liturgy states, "For I do not desire the death of the wicked, but that he turn from his paths—and live." To turn is to be reborn. At the conclusion of Yom Kippur we see ourselves as nothing less than forgiven, pure and at one with God. This is surely something to celebrate!

And then come the days of the delirious joy of Sukkot, with its celebration of harvest, of life-giving water, and of the produce of the field. As Greenberg writes, "the days of Sukkot are the response to the denial and self-criticism of the High Holy Days. The two periods together give one the capacity to live through triumph and tragedy, aware that this, too, shall

pass. Life in all its bewildering and uncontrollable variety becomes possible."

Thus, as we enter into this incredibly powerful holiday season, the structure of our holidays implores us to immerse ourselves in the important work of Teshuvah, to reconnect with the essence of life, and to change for the better. What is more, we are encouraged to do so with a heart filled with hope and with our mind filled with gratitude for the opportunity for life-giving renewal - to be granted the ability to move forward with blessing no matter what has happened in the past. *Shanah Tova U'metukah!* May this be a year filled with hope, renewal and joy!

On the Bimah

By Marla Hand, Curator, Rissman Kol Ami Collection

The ark doors, Eternal light (ner tamid), and menorah on Beth El's Bimah were created by Yehuda Ludwig Wolpert, known as the father of modern Judaica. Models for these works, generously donated to the Rissman Kol Ami Collection by the family of Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum z"l, bond the Birnbaums' 60-year legacy of service (1955-2015) to the Beth El Bimah.

In 1966, Wolpert's designs were unanimously accepted by the Beth El Board of Directors. Len worked closely with Wolpert, often traveling to the artist's New York studio and foundry to collaborate with him and ensure installation for the 1967 High Holy days.

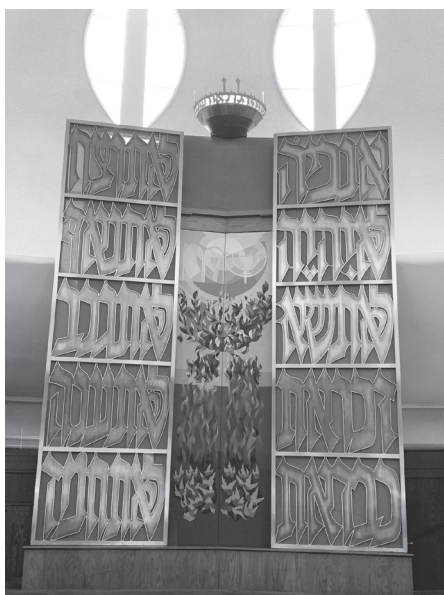
An Israeli American, Yehuda Ludwig Wolpert (1900-1981) was the son of an

Orthodox rabbi. After studying metal-work in his native Germany, he emigrated to Palestine in 1933 and taught at the New Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem. He came to New York in 1956, having been invited to establish the Tobe Pascher Workshop for Jewish ceremonial objects at the Jewish Museum.

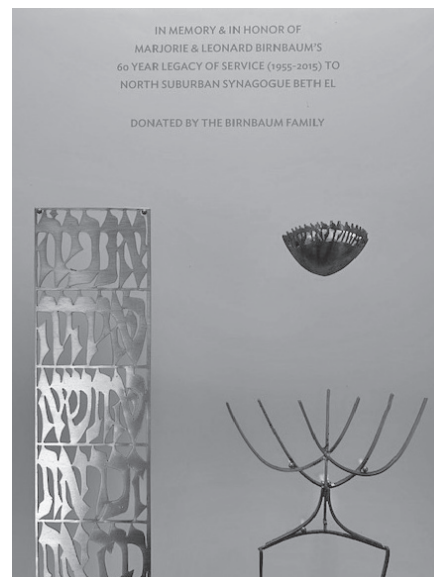


עולם – כי יקוק יהיה־לך לאור עולם – For the LORD shall be a light to you forever. Here, flame-tipped letters dance before the ever-present light.

The menorah on the Bimah recalls the one that stood at the Temple in Jerusalem. As described in Exodus 25:31-37, it was gold with six branches, three on each side. Its base, shaft, and seven cups formed one piece that gave off light. The light of Wolpert's fluid menorah, made of polished bronze arms capped with shallow cups, reflects off the cantilever above. The menorah seems to embrace our clergy seated below. For years, our logo and letterhead, designed by Len Birnbaum, showcased this iconic menorah, a symbol of Beth El's enduring spirit.



Wolpert introduced Hebrew text as the main aesthetic for his art. He worked in a variety of typography styles as seen on our Bimah. The gates for the Aron Kodesh – the holy ark – record the Ten Commandments in bold, rounded Hebrew letters joined one to the next. When the ark is opened, the holy words **הי הוא האלהים** – G-d is G-d – rendered in Wolpert's attenuated style on the back wall form a stepped pyramid with the sacred abbreviation for G-d at the top. A bronze hemisphere forms the ner tamid, the Eternal light symbolizing G-d's presence in our lives. A verse from Isaiah 60:20 adorns the rim:



President's Message continued from page 2

By Stuart Hochwert

It is a privilege to serve as your congregational president. I am proud to be part of such a warm, welcoming, and inclusive community, one that honors and cherishes our past and continues to embrace the future. Please know that your input and feedback is always welcome at president@nssbethel.org

And for all of us, our families, the State of Israel and for the Jewish people everywhere, a very happy, healthy, and sweet New Year. To good health, comfort, healing and peace for you and your loved ones.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu,
Stuart Hochwert, President





As we enter the High Holy Day season of 5782, I am confident that you join me in praying for a world that can put the pandemic firmly in the rearview mirror and look ahead to a brighter and healthier future for us all.

Sisterhood has, even during our darkest period, attempted to help our community “see the light.” As soon as the world “shut down,” we at Sisterhood immediately created a full calendar of thought-provoking and fun online programming.

Our Zoom attendance usually surpassed what we might have expected in person, offering the opportunity for those who wouldn’t have otherwise been able to be involved, whether due to distance or infirmity, to join us as both participants and presenters.

I am so proud that Sisterhood,

throughout this time, has also continued its long history of chesed projects by donating a substantial number of Jewel-Osco gift cards to our fellow congregants in need through the work of Beth El’s vibrant Hazak Committee. We also made impressive contributions, as we have consistently done for more than 30 years, to the ARK in order to benefit

those in the greater Jewish community who are experiencing food insecurity.

As Sisterhood looks ahead, we are excited to anticipate more in-person programming, but will continue to offer a remote option for some events and meetings, as we’ve seen how this capability has allowed us to be more inclusive and to reach a wider audience.



I am blessed to share the leadership of Sisterhood with my board, a cohort of dynamic, enthusiastic, capable and dedicated women of all ages. Taking our inspiration from our past leaders (and with Pam Schlosberg as our Region president!), I’m confident that we will, together, shepherd the proud legacy of our congregation’s Sisterhood into the future.

Sisterhood Gift Shop - Yes, it is Good

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

Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk’notecha Yisrael

“How goodly are your tents O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!”



You can feel the pure joy of this beautiful phrase from the prayer, Mah Tovu, traditionally said as we enter the synagogue. It expresses our deep appreciation and gratitude for our peaceful dwelling place

and for entering a Jewish space. More than brick and mortar, a Jewish space is widely defined. It can be a beit midrash (place of study), it’s a Jewish home during Shabbat dinner or lunch, or a gathering for a simcha; it’s where there’s a unique, Jewish significance.

How perfectly MahTovu reflects our gratitude today as we’re able to enter a Jewish space: attending Shabbat services at Beth El, opening our home to welcome family and friends for Shabbat dinner, attending weddings and B’nai Mitzvah and sharing the joy of *s’machot*, life’s celebrations.

These many blessings now are doubled because we finally can share this joy with community, *b’yachad*, together. That’s the thread – community, the sense of belonging that binds us together.

With this renewed spirit, there’s a unique excitement as the holidays approach, each rich with traditions we cherish,

from blowing the shofar, dipping apples and honey, and enjoying a meal in the sukkah to lighting the menorah. Beautifying these mitzvot, *hiddur mitzvot*, seems more appropriate than ever since it heightens the joy of each observance. In this spirit, the Gift Shop has beautiful new Judaica to brighten your holiday, enhance your celebrations, and create new memories for you and your loved ones. We have meticulously crafted Shabbat candlesticks, challah boards, challah covers, candles, and wonderful children’s items to reinforce the beautiful message of each tradition.

It’s with a renewed spirit and simply, with great joy, that we’re ready to help you enhance your observances in the months ahead and even plan events with registries. We’re here for you. Simply call - Sulie: 847/558-3389; Pam: 847/433-7546.

Men's Club Corner

By Dan Gross, Men's Club President

Shanah Tovah,

As we look forward to the new year, the Men's Club, led by our new president, Dan Gross, is invigorated and raring to go. We have a packed schedule of events beginning with the return of Steak and Scotch on August 26th and continuing with the Keeper of the Flame. During Chanukah, we will once again be selling lox boxes or you can purchase a Hunger Box anytime during the year. This winter we will host Men's Club Shabbat, World Wide Wrap and the Caveman Dinner. In partnership with the Sisterhood, we plan to have in-person game and trivia night programs.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members and invite you to join in the events and look forward to reconnecting with friends that we haven't seen in a while. If you are interested in finding out more about the Men's Club or have program ideas, please contact Dan Gross at grossd@gmail.com or Jori

Brajer at jbrajer@gmail.com.

Men's Club Lox Box Event and Fundraiser

Order your Lox Box by November 29th
Delivery on December 5th

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 shul. Last year we introduced another way to support the shul and Maot Chitim without buying a lox box. If you are interested in participating, but do not want an actual lox box delivered, consider ordering a Hunger Box. When you order a Hunger Box, your donation is split between

Maot Chitim and the shul.

Lastly, we also have a great option for business owners. Buy a lox box and we will put your business card or one-page flyer in all the boxes we deliver! This is a great way to share information about your business with members of the shul. Contact us at nssbethelclub@gmail.com for more details. Help us support the shul and Maot Chitim at the same time!

Save the Date:

To help kick off the new year, Men's Club will host one of its most popular events on August 26th, Steak and Scotch. If you have been thinking about learning more about Men's Club and meeting many of the active members, this is the event for you to attend. All men are welcome, you do not need to be a current member of Men's Club.

NSSBE Website Has All the Answers You Are Seeking!

The screenshot shows the NSSBE website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Reminders', 'Popular', 'Dashboard', 'WordPress', 'Porchtrail', 'Google Sheets', 'Analytics', 'Careers', and 'Over...asota County'. Below the navigation bar, there's a banner with a COVID-19 policy notice. The main content area features four circular icons with text below them: 'LIVE STREAMING' (Access this page to view Livestream Shabbat morning services, festivals, holidays and special events), 'NSSBE@HOME' (Access Zoom links to daily worship services, Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service and programs), 'High Holiday Information' (For complete schedule and how to implement High Holiday Information), and 'Caring Community' (See how you can support our community throughout our Season of Mitzvot). Below these icons is a section titled 'Upcoming Events' with three event cards: 'Pancakepalooza: Eat, Greet and Schmooze' (15 August 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm), 'Men's Club Steak and Scotch Night' (26 August 2021, 6:42 pm - 9:00 pm), and 'Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake Reception' (27 August 2021, 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm). At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Recent Happenings' and 'View Full Calendar'.

Have you been to our website recently? Our homepage makes it easy for you to navigate to all the information you might need **RIGHT NOW!**

Click here to go directly to our latest **COVID-19 updates**.

Click here for **Livestreaming** (services and events)

Click here for **daily Minyan times**, links and daily calendar classes and events.

Click here for all **High Holiday Information** including service schedule, Holidays at Home, Table Talk, and more.

Click here to learn about our **Caring Community** and how you can support it.

Look here to see **Upcoming Events**, get all the details and add them to your calendar.

Click here to photos of **Recent Events** that happened at Beth El.

High Holiday and Festival Service Schedule 5782

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6:00 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

6:57 pm – Candlelighting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - ROSH HASHANAH 1

8:15 am – Shacharit Service

9:15 am – Outdoor Preschool Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:15 am – Outdoor Junior Congregation Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:15 am – Indoor Drop Off Children's Services
(both NSSBE and HPHS locations)

6:00 pm – Neighborhood Shofar Blowing/Tashlich

6:45 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

7:56 pm – Candlelighting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - ROSH HASHANAH 2

8:15 am – Shacharit Service

9:15 am – Outdoor Preschool Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:15 am – Outdoor Junior Congregation Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:15 am – Indoor Drop Off Children's Services
(NSSBE Location only)

6:45 pm – Mincha

7:50 pm – Ma'ariv (holiday ends 7:55 pm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDREI

6:15 pm – Mincha

6:30 pm – Kol Nidrei

6:42 pm – Candlelighting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - YOM KIPPUR

9:00 am – Shacharit Service with Yizkor

9:45 am – Outdoor Preschool Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:45 am – Outdoor Junior Congregation Family Service
(NSSBE Backyard)

10:45 am – Indoor Drop Off Children's Services
(both NSSBE and HPHS locations)

5:30 pm – Mincha

6:00 pm – Outdoor Young Family Neilah
(NSSBE Backyard)

6:30 pm – Neilah

7:41 pm – Holiday ends

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - EREV SUKKOT

6:30 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

6:33 pm – Candlelighting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - SUKKOT 1

9:00 am – Festival Service

10:30 am – Junior Congregation

11:00 am – Tot Sukkot Pray and Play

6:30 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

7:31 pm – Candlelighting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - SUKKOT 2

9:00 am – Festival Service

7:25 pm – Ma'ariv (holiday ends 7:30 pm)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - HOSHANA RABA/ EREV SHMINI ATZERET

6:15 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

6:21 pm – Candlelighting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - SHMINI ATZERET/ LEYL SIMCHAT TORAH

9:00 am – Festival Service with Yizkor

6:15 pm – Mincha

6:30 pm – Young Family Simchat Torah Celebration

7:15 pm – Ma'ariv/Hakafot/Dancing with the Torahs

7:18 pm – Candlelighting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - SIMCHAT TORAH

9:00 am – Festival Service

10:00 am – Hakafot Service w/Special Honors

10:30 am – Junior Congregation

10:45 am – Tot Simchat Torah Pray and Play

6:15 pm – Mincha

7:15 pm – Ma'ariv (holiday ends 7:18 pm)

Sukkah Swap at NSSBE

One of the *mitzvot* of the holiday of Sukkot is to “dwell” in a sukkah. You don’t need to have one of your own to fulfill this mitzvah, but putting up a sukkah will enrich your celebration of this beautiful holiday, as well as inviting others into your sukkah to share a meal or a cup of tea (or coffee).

This year, we are trying to match up those with a sukkah who aren’t using them, with those who want one. Do you have a sukkah you no longer need? If so, maybe someone else in the congregation would like to borrow it?

If you either have or want a sukkah, Contact Sandy Starkman at starsky613@gmail.com or 847-432-4280 and she will help match you up.



Sukkot is Coming!

Time to Order your Lulav/Etrog and Schach



Orders are due by **August 25, 2021**. Late orders will not be accepted. Return Check by September 17 to front office:

NSS Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035 attn: Hazzan Barnett. Please make checks payable to NSS Beth El.

_____ set(s) of Lulav/Etrog @ \$65.00 per set

_____ bunches of Schach @ \$22.00 per bunch

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Pickup ONLY September 19, from 9 am.-2 pm. Contact Hazzan Barnett with questions at bbarnett@nssbethel.org . If you’d like to
To Order Online, go to: <https://nssbe.shulcloud.com/form/lulav-etrog-schach-order-form>

Holidays

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ROSH HASHANAH **YT**

Tuesday, September 7 & Wednesday, September 8

WHAT IS IT?

New year, anniversary of the creation of Adam & Eve, Day of Judgment

RITUALS:

Shofar; Tashlich; eat apples and honey



YOM KIPPUR **YT YZ**

Thursday, September 16

WHAT IS IT?

Holiest day of the year, Day of Atonement, Book of Life sealed

RITUALS:

Major fast day; services all day



SUKKOT **YT** Yom Tov (first two days)

Tuesday, September 21 – Monday, September 27

WHAT IS IT?

Festive day. Commemorates how ancestors were sheltered as they traveled from Egypt to Israel.

RITUALS:

Eat in Sukkah; Lulav and Etrog



SHEMINI ATZERET **YT YZ**

Tuesday, September 28

RITUALS:

Yom Tov after Sukkot

SIMCHAT TORAH **YT**

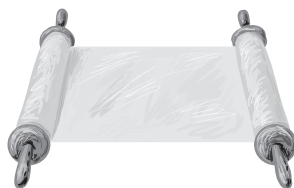
Wednesday, September 29

WHAT IS IT?

Finish reading the Torah and begin again.

RITUALS:

Dance with the Torahs



CHANUKAH

Monday, November 29 – Monday, December 6

WHAT IS IT?

Rededication of the Temple after Maccabees defeated the Greek Army. Miracle of oil lasting 8 nights.

RITUALS:

Light the Hanukiya; eat Latkes/Sufganiyot; play dreidel



TU B'SHVAT

Monday, January 17, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Beginning of "new year" for trees

RITUALS:

Eat fruit connected to Israel



PURIM

Thursday, March 17, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Saving of Jews from Haman by Esther

RITUALS:

Reading Megillat Esther; carnival; eat hamentashen; wear costumes



YT YOM TOV (NO WORK)

YZ YIZKOR SERVICE

ALL HOLIDAYS BEGIN AFTER SUNSET THE DAY BEFORE

PASSOVER **YT YZ** Yom Tov (first two and last two days); Yizkor (last day)

Saturday, April 16, 2022 – Saturday, April 23, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Saving of Jews from slavery in Egypt

RITUALS:

Seders; eat Matza; don't eat Hametz



YOM HASHOAH

Thursday, April 28, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Holocaust Remembrance Day

RITUALS:

Memorial service

YOM HAZIKARON

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Israel Memorial Day

RITUALS:

Memorial service

YOM HAATZMAUT

Thursday, May 5, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Israel Independence Day

RITUALS:

Celebrate Israel's independence



LAG B'OMER

Thursday, May 19, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Festive. Celebrating the anniversary of the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar.

RITUALS:

Bonfires, haircuts, weddings



YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Sunday, May 29, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Jerusalem Day

RITUALS:

Celebrate Jerusalem

SHAVUOT **YT YZ** Yizkor (second day)

Sunday, June 5-6, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai (10 Commandments)

RITUALS:

Torah study (all-night); eat dairy



3 WEEKS

Saturday, July 16, 2022 – Sunday, August 7, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

The "Three Weeks" and Tisha B'Av are designated as a time of mourning over the destruction of the Holy Temple and the Galut (exile).

RITUALS:

Semi-mourning: no weddings, etc.

TISHA B'AV

Sunday, August 7, 2022

WHAT IS IT?

Mourning of the destruction of the Temple

RITUALS:

Major fast day; reading Megillat Eich

Neighborhood Shofar and Tashlich Service, a New Holiday Favorite

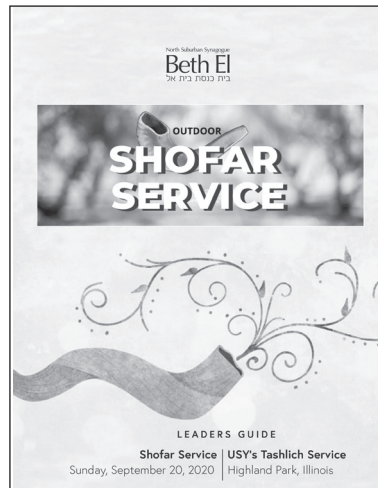
By Marla Grossberg, Ritual Vice President

The High Holiday season is my favorite time of year; it's a time for family gatherings, reflection, gratitude, and renewal. I look forward to the rituals around the Holidays, from apples and honey to breaking the fast with fresh-squeezed OJ to building a sukkah and everything in between.

One of the rituals I especially enjoy, which also happens to be a mitzvah, is hearing the sound of the Shofar. Last year, we weren't able to perform this mitzvah in shul so we pivoted to Neighborhood Shofar Services. We had such positive feedback about the service and requests to do it again, that we have decided to go ahead and repeat them this year!

The program will be similar to last year in that we will have a Shofar and Tashlich service in neighborhoods around Highland Park. There will be three sites, one of which is the Synagogue.

As many of you may know, our teens have led a special Tashlich service at the synagogue for many years; this will continue this year and will be incredibly special. Site leaders will conduct



Tashlich at the other two sites (at press time, the other two sites are to be de-

termined). At the Synagogue only, after Tashlich, we will daven Mincha.

Tashlich means "cast away," and it is a ceremony observed on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, in which sins are symbolically cast away into a natural body of water. The term and custom are derived from a verse in the Book of Micah, "He will take us back in love; He will cover up our iniquities, You will hurl all our sins Into the depths of the sea." It's a meaningful, cleansing way to start the New Year and head into Yom Kippur. The teens have done such a lovely job putting together the Tashlich service for us; I hope you'll join us this year for our Neighborhood Shofar and Tashlich services which begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, September 7.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best for a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

The Back-to-Shul Challenge

By Michael L. Millenson, Chair, Team Torah

Let's do something no shul has ever done before.

As Covid restrictions recede and we gather again in person, we are launching "The Back-to-Shul Challenge: Everybody Reads Torah!" Our audaciously ambitious goal is for 100 members of the Beth El family to read from the Torah during the coming Jewish year.

"Everybody" means just that. If you're a teen and last read Torah at your bar or bat mitzvah – we want and need you. If you're older, and it's been years (or decades) since you last read – we want and need you. If you're the adult child of a Beth El member – come on in. You're family!

Participation will be easy. If you need a



refresher course, a recording, a helping hand – we're here, online and in person. If you'd like to learn to read – we'll help.

We also want this to be fun and social. Choose some easy readings on a Shabbat or holiday morning for you and family or friends. Or gather a group of three to rattle off a few verses each

on a Shabbat afternoon in a 20-minute Mincha service. Or arise early on a Monday and Thursday morning for a short reading and have friends/family video you or live Tweet! Not to mention the 4:45 am sunrise service on Shavuot.

After you read, place a sticker with your name on it on our poster counting up to 100. You'll also be entered into a lottery for the chance help inscribe the new Torah the shul is writing.

With the enthusiastic backing of the clergy and shul leaders, this initiative from Team Torah (formerly known as the Baal Korei Institute) is an integral part of our back-to-shul celebration. We look forward to your joining us to make 100 (120?) a once-in-a-lifetime reality.

Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund

In honor of Ari Schwab's graduation - **Ira and Debbi Rosenberg**

In honor of Gerald and Judy Farby's 50th wedding anniversary - **Saralyn and Ed Richard**

In honor of Mitchell Posner becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Adam, Romy, Ari, Mitchell and Daniel Posner**

In honor of Phyllis Shalowitz on her 90th birthday - **Deborah Boxerman**

In honor of Samantha Harris, granddaughter of Patti Shapiro, being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah - **Sharon and Harris Goldenberg**

In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mark and Nina Gaines - **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

In honor of the baby naming of our great-granddaughter, Chloe Paige Helberg - **Ruth and Mal Kaufman**

In honor of the baby naming of Stella Rose Zucker and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Cheryl and Keith Weitzman**

In honor of the installation of Stuart Hochwert as our new NSSBE President - **Mark and Julia Gerstein**

In memory of Barbara McDonagh, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for all his support - **Anne McDonagh and Family**

In memory of Barbara McDonagh, beloved mother of Anne McDonagh (David Fishbaum) and beloved grandmother of Daniel and Benjamin Fishbaum

- **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

- **Michael and Anita Katz**

- **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

In memory of Bernard Reisin, beloved father and grandfather - **Richard and Karen Reisin**

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

- **Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein**

- **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

- **David Schwartz and Renee Hirsch**

- **Benton and Sara Strauss**

In memory of Carl Levine, beloved fiancée - **Adrienne Garland**

In memory of Cynthia Spigelman Rosenblatt, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Mitchell and Marcy Dolins**

In memory of Cynthia Spigelman Rosenblatt, beloved mother of Marcy (Mitchell) Dolins and beloved grandmother - **Elizabeth and David Copeland**

In memory of Dr. Harold Rubin Dreebin, beloved husband - **Reva Dreebin and Family**

In memory of Dr. Ronald Massarik, beloved husband of Marline Massarik, beloved father and beloved grandfather

- **June Back Frydman**

- **Joyce and Donald Joseph**

In memory of Dr. Ronald Massarik, beloved husband, father and grandfather and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Marline Massarik and Family**

In memory of Eleanore C. Breier, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab

- **Joan and William Brodsky**

In memory of Elias Friedman, beloved father - **Philip and Phyllis Lapin**

In memory of Frieda Rosen, beloved mother - **Leonard and Rochelle Foxman**

In memory of Herbert S. Friedman, beloved brother - **Philip and Phyllis Lapin**

In memory of Jacob Sosniak, beloved father of Irene (Gary) Savine and Ruth Sosniak, beloved husband of Florence Sosniak and beloved grandfather

- **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

- **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

- **Julie Isaacson**

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

In memory of Lee Salberg and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his great compassion and guidance during our time of need - **Michael Salberg and Family**

In memory of Lee Salberg, beloved father of Michael (Barbara) Salberg, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather - **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

In memory of Lorayne Rose, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Mitchell and Edie Kreiter**

In memory of Marla Dawn Sklar, beloved daughter - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

In memory of Marshall Baum and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **The Baum Family**

In memory of Martyl Reinsdorf, beloved mother of Jonathan (Holly) Reinsdorf and beloved grandmother of Jack and Isaac

- **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

- **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

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

- **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

- **Barbara and Stuart Hochwert**

In memory of Morris Vishny, beloved grandfather - **Richard and Karen Reisin**

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

In memory of Paul C. Lang - **Stephen and Judy Smiley**

In memory of Ray Lewis, beloved husband of Marilyn Lewis, beloved father and beloved grandfather - **Ron and Eileen Goldberg**

In memory of Rochelle Dlugie, beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab

- **David and Joyce Dlugie**

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

- **Anton and Tracey Hendler**

- **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**

- **Michael and Terri Lipsitz**

- **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

In memory of Shirley Bernstein and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his support - **Irwin and Jill Bernstein**

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

In memory of Suzanne Dreebin Wilensky, beloved daughter - **Reva Dreebin and Family**

In memory of Ursula Moses, beloved sister of Ruth Kupchick - **Mildred Lidov**

In memory of Ursula Moses, beloved sister, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - **Ruth Kupchick and Family**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Dr. Arthur Pober - **Marvin and Sara Siegel**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab

- **Andrew and Gail Brown**

- **Judith Lavin**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for being there for us these last 8 months - **Marvin Zessar**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his help and support for the launch of "A Season of Mitzvot" - **The Social Action Committee**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his support on our smachot - **Jonathan and Francine Sherman**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for marrying us - **Victoria Schaffer and Gregory Vainstock**

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for officiating at Courtney's and Zach's wedding - **Jill and Mitchell Kalter**

Rabbi Freedman Discretionary Fund

In honor of Mitchell Posner becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman - **Adam, Romy, Ari, Mitchell and Daniel Posner**

In memory of Barbara McDonagh, beloved mother and grandmother and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for all his support - **Anne McDonagh and Family**

In memory of Ray Lewis, beloved husband of Marilyn Lewis, beloved father and beloved grandfather - **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Rose Feitelberg, beloved mother - **Philip and Doreen Feitelberg**

Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Fran Rabinowitz - **Sheldon and Merle Rosenfeld**

Hazzan Sandler Discretionary Fund

In honor of Hazzan Sandler coming to NSS Beth El - **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

Hazzan Tisser Discretionary Fund

In honor of Mitchell Posner becoming a bar mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Tisser - **Adam, Romy, Ari, Mitchell and Daniel Posner**

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In memory of Barbara McDonagh, beloved mother of Anne McDonagh (David Fishbaum) and beloved grandmother of Daniel and Benjamin Fishbaum - **Adina Gwartzman and Neil Wyant**

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

Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund

In honor of Darryl Temkin, our newest trustee - **Andrew and Gail Brown**

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Beth El History Corner

By Mort Steinberg, Author of *Tradition by the Lake: A Historical Outline of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El*



The “cornerstone” ceremony for Beth El’s new school building took place on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1952. The festivities were organized by congregant William Balkin and featured an engraved slab of Jerusalem stone, imported from Israel for the occasion, being positioned amid the building’s first bricks.

That plaque is still in its original location next to the school’s office. The ceremony included speeches by Beth El’s Rabbi Philip L. Lipis, Rabbi Edgar Siskin of North Shore Congregation

Israel in Glencoe, and various other dignitaries.

However, one of the prominent participants in the ceremony cannot be identified. He is standing to the left of president Harold Blumberg in this photograph.

Beth El has a long tradition of educating its children in the observance of Jewish ritual. Over the years it also has published such observances in community publications such as the Highland Park News and the Highland Park Landmark, both of which are no longer published.

This publicity photograph from the Beth El archives, taken in the late 1950s or early 1960s, clearly was intended to publicize the holiday of Hanukkah.

Two teachers from the Beth El religious school pose with three students as they demonstrate lighting the candles of the Hanukkah. One teacher points to what appears to be a siddur which would contain the appropriate *brachot* for the occasion. The teachers and students stand on

the bimah located on the stage in what would later be dedicated as the Blumberg Auditorium. Since the Field Family Sanctuary had not yet been constructed, they stand in front of the *aron kodesh* which at that time was the primary ark used during Shabbat and Festival services. The teachers and the students are unidentified.

If you recognize anyone in either of these photos, please let us know their



identities by contacting Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org. Successful respondents will be acknowledged in the next bulletin.

Our Education Team continued from page 5

By Ali Drumm, Director of Congregational Learning

direct and support this amazing educational team by facilitating collaboration, cooperation and coordination through the entire educational department. As well, I will help set strategic goals and make sure the vision of the synagogue finds expression in the implementation of those goals in the everyday life of the educational initiatives of the departments. In addition, I will supervise our Children’s High Holiday Services and run our Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Jewish

Teen Project directly. Rachel and I will be directly supported by **Marcie Eskin**, whose evolving role will be Education Coordinator/Librarian.

We can’t wait to see what’s next for this incredible team of educators and look forward to our collaborations between departments and across cohorts. If you have questions about the education structure, please reach out me!



(adrumm@nssbethel.org) I look forward to learning with you and moving our community of learning from strength to strength.

Membership Committee Update

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director, Dana Atlas, VP Membership

We are so pleased to report that, under the leadership of our new VP of Membership Dana Atlas, the following seven members have joined our membership committee:

Allie Davidson, Maryl Dayan, Jefford Humes, Marcie Pickard, Becky Schechter, Dawn Sidney and Allison Zabelin!

We have so much momentum and excitement happening with the following programs we are planning:

- Sukkah Walk

Sub-committee is composed of: Jonathan Glick, Arielle Levitan, Irene Savine, Becky Schechter and Sandy Starkman

- New Members Event

Sunday, November 14th

- College Connections Program

under the leadership of Beth Bernat, Dena Cooperman, Maryl Dayan & Lisa Fishbein

- Small Groups

We have created a whole host of interest groups that range from walking, cooking to dog-lovers! Be on the look-out for emails asking you to let us know what hobbies you are interested in and we look forward to getting like-minded people and families together for "small groups" that will be fun, rewarding and bonding experiences for all!

If you are interested in helping us with any of these programs/initiatives and/or have additional ideas about enhancing members' experiences, please contact Dana or Judy!

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We welcome the following new members to our Beth El family!

Mara & Joshua Berman and their children
Peri & Kara
Rebecca Garrett
Allyson & Samuel Goldman
Karen & Hal Sider
Ilana & Adam Spector and their children
Harvey, Elliot and Maxwell
Shira Steinberg and her children Naama & Leor
Ruth & Mitchell Taxy

Welcome new Steinberg Pre-School Family members

Rietje & Sam Becker and their children Minnie, Arthur & Charlotte
Carole & Danny Dolgin and their children Lola & Chase
Bonnie & Ben Fine and their child Teddy
Melany & Samuel Gurtman and their children Mark & Ida
Michelle Kallick and her daughter Hailey
Lisa & Gabriel Korach and their child Raphael
Aliza & Jared Matthew and their child Shane

Social Action - Throughout the Pandemic Year

By Terri Gordon, Chair, Social Action

Chesed, or acts of loving kindness, were demonstrated over and over again by Beth El members throughout the pandemic. Here is a brief recap of the events organized and carried out by our dedicated Social Action Committee this past year:

November of 2020 Thanksgiving Mitzvah Day

- 131 baskets and \$1,150 worth of Jewel Gift Cards delivered to Glenwood School in Waukegan.
- \$2,000 donated to the ARK
- \$2,000 donated to the Moraine Township Food Pantry

Season of Mitzvot Kick-off 2021

- 36 bikes donated to Working Bikes
- a full van of electronics collected for Blue Star Recycling
- Numerous bags of personal hygiene items donated to the ARK
- 20 families donated groceries for "Porch Project" for COOL Pantry in Waukegan

Gratitude Generation Collections (pictured right)

- 39 Bye Bye Boredom Bags (summer toys and games)
- 18 Gratitude Gift Bags (birthday supply kits)

Funds Raised for Surfside Florida Condominium Victims

- \$4,298.00 for Jewish Federation of Greater Miami

Pancakepalooza (happening at press time)

- Collecting toothbrushes for Gratitude Generation for distribution at the Northern Illinois Foodbank
- Rachel Kantrowitz Memorial Toy and Baby Equipment Drive

As you arrive for the High Holidays this year, glance at the new banners on the poles in our parking lot. Each represents a tenet of our congregation: prayer, learning, community, and acts of loving kindness (or *chesed*).



With these collections and donations, we have made an important impact on our local community as well as those beyond it. Helping others who are struggling and in need, is an ongoing commitment of our Social Action Committee. We endeavor to engage the participation of everyone in our congregation. Thank you to all those who have stepped up. We hope we can continue to count on your "acts of loving kindness" in the year to come.

If you would like to become part of the Social Action Committee at Beth El, contact me at **14tgordon@gmail.com**.

Mazel Tov to:

Hazzan Barbara and Phillip Barnett on their 40th wedding anniversary

Abby and Larry Block on the birth of their great-grandson, Erza Benjamin Gordon

Eileen and Dr. Paul Goldstein the birth of their grandson, Brody Zev Ross

Gerald Goodman on the occasion of his 100th Birthday

Mindy Block Gordon and Jeffrey Gordon on the birth of their grandson, Erza Benjamin Gordon

Maxine and Dr. Robert Greenstein on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

Marlene and Seth Halpern on the engagement of their daughter, Emily, to Mitchell Caminer

Betsy and Michael Katz on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

Beth and Jeff Kopin on the birth of their granddaughter

Eli Krumbein on the occasion of his 95th birthday

Debra and Adam Natenshon on the occasion their 18th wedding anniversary

Jackie Pinsler Levine and Jay Levine on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary

Frances Rabinowitz on the occasion of her 91st birthday

Joel Rabinowitz on the occasion of his 96th birthday

Allison Zabelin and Misha Reznik on the birth of their son

Lisa Rosenkranz on the occasion of her birthday

Lindsey Goldstein Ross and David Ross and Mikaela on the birth of their son and brother, Brody Zev Ross

Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff on the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Ricky Bortz

Gary Savine on the occasion of his 50th birthday

Ina Schaffer on the occasion of her 75th birthday

Victoria Schaffer and Greg Vainstock on the occasion of their wedding

Katie and Spenser Solis on the birth of their child, Shai Solis

Mayer Stiebel on the occasion of his 90th birthday

Barbara Stern on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Meira Gavriella Stern, and on the graduations of her grandsons, Amir Braun and Micha Stern

Cindy and Dr. Ned Zallik on the marriage of their son, Ethan, to Dr. Leslie Cohen

Condolences to:

Fran Alpert on the loss of her husband, Bernard "Bernie" Alpert

Joan (Bill) Brodsky on the loss of her mother, Eleanore C. Breier

Andrew (Gail) Brown on the loss of his father, Roger Brown

Joey Brown, Maddi Brown and Eliza (Danya) Lagos-Brown on the loss of their grandfather, Roger Brown

Elizabeth and David Copeland on the loss of their daughter, Rebecca Copeland

Marcy (Mitchell) Dolins on the loss of her mother, Cynthia Spigelman Rosenblatt

Melissa Dolins on the loss of her grandmother, Cynthia Spigelman Rosenblatt

Joseph (Shirley) Drellich on the loss of his sister, Harriett Sax

Jake and Ben Ephraim on the loss of their grandmother, Susan Rizman

Kim (Eric) Ephraim on the loss of her mother, Susan Rizman

Dan (Lori) Gross on the loss of his mother, Millis Gross

Addy and Trevor Gross on the loss of their grandmother, Millis Gross

Sarah (Jason) Kozin and Jonathan Copeland on the loss of their sister, Rebecca Copeland

Edythe (Mitchell) Kreiter on the loss of her mother, Lorayne Rose

Marilyn Lewis on the loss of her husband, Raymond "Ray" Lewis

Hilda Stern Reingold on the loss of her husband, Arnold Reingold

Jack and Isaac Reinsdorf on the loss of their grandmother, Martyl Reinsdorf

Jonathan (Holly) Reinsdorf on the loss of his mother, Martyl Reinsdorf

Irene (Gary) Savine on the loss of her father, Jacob Sosniak

The family of Leah "Toby" Schwartz

Benjamin (Heather) Sher, Rachel Sher, Rebecca (Chad) Richman and Maia Sher on the loss of their grandmother, Helen Romer Brown

Sara (Michael) Sher on the loss her mother, Helen Romer Brown

IN MEMORIAM:

Bernard "Bernie" Alpert

Raymond "Ray" Lewis

Arnold Reingold

Leah "Toby" Schwartz

Kiddush Sponsors:

David and Amy Baynash, Avi, Ezra, Hillel, and Leora
Ellen and Robert Doppelt

Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon
Marlene and Seth Halpern
Lisa and Jeff Rosenkranz

Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff
Irene and Gary Savine

Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Bat Mitzvah

Lauren Smiley
daughter of Jenna and
David Smiley

Shabbat, September 4



Bar Mitzvah

Leo Sher
son of Heather and
Benjamin Sher

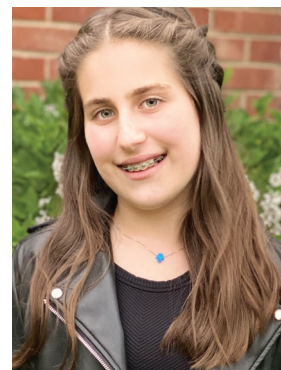
Shabbat, September 25



Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Natenshon
son of Debra and Adam
Natenshon

Shabbat, October 2



Bat Mitzvah

Blake Atlas
daughter of Dana and
Josh Atlas

Shabbat, October 9



Bar Mitzvah

Austin Blumberg
son of Stephanie and Ryan
Blumberg

Shabbat, October 16



Bat Mitzvah

Aidan Stoltze
daughter of Alexis and
Barry Stoltze

Shabbat, October 30



Bar Mitzvah

Sam Stoltze
son of Alexis and
Barry Stoltze

Shabbat, October 30



Bar Mitzvah

Mason Jacobson
son of Rebecca and
Brian Jacobson

Shabbat, November 13



Bar Mitzvah

Jack Reinsdorf
son of Holly and
Jonathan Reinsdorf

Shabbat, November 20



September/October/November Events at a Glance

Tuesday, September 21

12:30 pm

NSSBE Sukkah Walk

The Sukkah Walk is back after a Covid hiatus. We will visit sukkot walking distance from the shul belonging to our very own NSSBE members and enjoy some light fare. Please save the date, more information to follow.

Tuesday, September 28

6:30 pm

Young Family/Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

We invite families and kids of all ages to join us as we celebrate the holiday with sweet treats for all. For our young families, we will celebrate in the afternoon, and everyone else is invited to join following the Simchat Torah festivities!

Wednesdays, October 6 & 20

and November 3

9:30 am

Writer's Beit Midrash

All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, cama-

radierie, and critique every other Wednesday morning in the Abbell Library. Contact Rachel at rkamin@nssbethel.org for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

Saturday, October 16

12:30 pm (after Shabbat Kiddush) Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club



With a record number of 95 participants, the pandemic did not stop the Sisterhood Torah Fund

Book Club from having a wonderful year filled with stimulating conversation and interesting author talks on Zoom. But we will return to our in-person Shabbat discussions in the New Year (next book to be announced soon!). New members welcome! Contact rkamin@nssbethel.org for the book selections, calendar, and to be added to the mailing list.

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 pm

Treasures from the Shul

The Yiddish Book Center has rescued well



over a million books in its 42-year history. Join Center founder and MacArthur Fellow Aaron Lansky and Bibliographer David Mazower

as they discuss six boxes of Yiddish books donated recently by NSSBE. They'll highlight some of the unexpected treasures – including pristine copies of an anthology of Yiddish women poets published in Chicago in 1928 – and ask why Yiddish books continue to inspire readers of all ages. Watch your e-mail for the Zoom link and more details.

Thursdays, October 21 & November 18

12:00 pm

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Michael Schwab

Grab your lunch and join Rabbi Schwab on Zoom from the comfort of your own home or office for study sessions centered on the ethical issues of our lives. Relying on source material from



Ancient Echoes: The Art of Dikla Laor and the Antiquities Collection of Fran and Bernie Alpert Through October 31, 2021



In her "Women in the Bible" series, Israeli artist Dikla Laor uses photography to capture powerful Biblical women in the very places they once lived. The staged scenes are inspired by the art of the Renaissance, timeless myths, and classical literature. Her collection of full color photographs depicting the women of the Book of Genesis will be paired with antiquities from the Collection of Fran and Bernie Alpert in the Rissman Kol Ami Collection.



Fran and Bernie Alpert founded Archaeological Seminars in Jerusalem. Long time members of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, they donated an important collection of archaeological artifacts – pottery, lamps, bowls, flasks, and jugs dating from as early as 2300 BCE – to the Rissman Kol Ami Collection. This unique coupling of contemporary and ancient Israeli art pays homage to beloved Bernie z"l, an archaeologist, adventurer, and Jewish advocate. This new exhibit will be on display in the sanctuary rotunda through the high holidays.

biblical and rabbinic texts, we will discuss the ethical principles and interpretations of Jewish law over the centuries and how to apply these ideas to everyday challenges. All are welcome; no charge. Contact meskin@nssbethel.org to register.

Sunday, October 24

5:00 pm

Keeper of the Flame Dinner



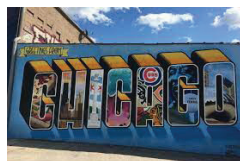
Each year the Men's Club honors a member that has lived the

mission of the Men's club. Keep your eyes open for this year's honoree and how to sign up for the dinner.

Tuesday, October 26

7:45 pm

Chicago's Newest Murals - Communities, Celebrities and Whimsical Characters



Beth El Sisterhood presents Beth Sair, a passionate historian and retired educator, who will guide us through an in-person

PowerPoint tour of some of Chicagoland's newest public murals, sharing unique details about the city's history and its murals' creators.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

1:00 pm

Wine & Cheese Museum Reception: Art @ the Heart of Social Justice

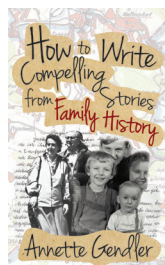
Join the Rissman Kol Ami Collection and the participants from this year's Artists Beit Midrash for a special reception in honor of the exhibit *Art @ the Heart of Social Justice*, on display November 5, 2021 - January 9, 2022. *Art @ the Heart of Social Justice* is an exhibition of paintings, prints, collage, new media, ceramic art, sculpture, fiber art, photography and poetry that resulted from the Artists Beit Midrash, a course of text study and art discussion co-taught by Judith Joseph and Dr. Jane Shapiro. Open to the community, free of charge. RSVP to meskin@nssbethel.org.

Wednesday, November 17

10:00am-12:00 pm

Special Writer's Beit Midrash Workshop: How to Write Compelling Stories from Family History with Annette Gendler

Do you have a box of family letters, documents, photos, mementos you would love to "do something with?" Discover where to start to convert your heirlooms and oral anecdotes into engaging prose that will bring your ancestry to life. All are welcome; no charge. Contact meskin@nssbethel.org to register.



Monday, November 29 - Orders Due Sunday, December 5 - Delivery Men's Club Lox Box Event and Fundraiser

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 shul.



JCC Chicago Film Festival

NSS Beth El is excited to co-sponsor *The New Jew*, at the JCC Chicago Film Festival beginning September 17 via streaming. Starring popular Israeli comedian Guri Alfi, *The New Jew* is a funny and insightful four-episode TV documentary series showcasing the cultural and political influence of the Jewish community in the United States, the variety of alternative models it offers for living a rich Jewish life and the rifts in relations between them and the State of Israel. Watch your e-mail for more information.



Used Book Sale Save the Date!

The NSS Beth El Used Book Sale will be February 25-March 6, 2022. Due to storage issues, we cannot accept donations before February 1. Please plan to drop off your donations between February 1-24, 2022. Donations received before February 1 may be discarded.

Josh Warshawsky Returns September 24-25 October 22-23 November 12-13



We are thrilled to host Rabbi Josh Warshawsky monthly for Shabbat this upcoming year. Approximately once a month, he

will join us to enhance our community's Shabbat in different ways. He will spend time with our youth and our adults. He will lead services from the Bimah as well as singing at Kiddush. His roles will vary from month to month, but every visit will highlight his unique musical talents, Jewish knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Rinat Shabbat Returns Friday, October 8 Friday, November 5

We are excited to bring back the joy of Rinat Shabbat. These monthly Friday night services began a few



years ago to great fanfare. Though the pandemic paused these spiritual and musical services, we can't wait to resume them safely. Each service is preceded by a pre-Shabbat reception and features musical instruments (before Shabbat only) that enhance our davening and joy.

The Cure for Kitchen Fatigue

By Chef Laura Frankel, Catering Director, Circle of Life



Cooking at home, every single day for over one year, has resulted in several revelations for me.

Revelation 1 - I never thought I would dread making dinner. I love cooking and always make

a fairly complex dinner even after cooking at work all day. At a certain point, I couldn't take it anymore. I ran out of menus and flavor profiles. I really wished someone would come up with a new vegetable or protein.

Revelation 2 - sometimes a new piece of kitchen equipment can change your game and reinvigorate you. Enter my new/old love affair with my mortar and pestle. I have a gorgeous Italian marble and olive wood set that became more of an art object instead of tool.

One day, I walked past it and my old friend caught my eye.

Revelation 3 - No one is inventing any new produce or new proteins any time soon so I needed to come up with a way to make the everyday foods taste delicious again. I also need to make cooking fun for myself again.

When I am bored and can't think of staring down yet another pile of broccoli or green beans, I look to one of my favorite herb green sauces to enliven and lighten things up.

Raw and Green sauces are common around

the world. Think PESTO! Most cuisines have an herb-based sauce that is fresh, bright and versatile.

Raw and Green sauces present endless possibilities. By adding citrus juices, chilies, pickled capers or anchovies, the character of fresh herbs changes and the sauce becomes exciting, vibrant and alive. You can quickly travel the world (at dinner time) by making different sauces and serving them over your favorite foods.

Drizzling a raw and green sauce over cooked vegetables, or pouring one over chicken, beef or fish adds bright-punchy flavors. Marinating food in green sauces invigorates flavors and



makes dinner exciting, again.

Food processor versus Mortar and Pestle

While these sauces can be made easily in a blender or food processor, I prefer to make them by hand in a mortar and pestle.

There is something very personal and romantic when you make food by hand. It is very satisfying to crush spices and leaves by hand. You can smell and taste as you go. Simply dropping ingredients into a machine, while efficient, is impersonal and causes you to lose touch with your food.

A food processor tears and shreds ingredients which can result in oily and broken sauces. A mortar and pestle crushes the individual cells of herbs and spices which results in a creamy textured sauce. Think of creamy pesto versus oily pesto! Every sauce made in a mortar and pestle will be brightly flavored and emerald green. Sauces made in a food processor are dull flavored and often the color is equally dull.

Chimichurri

I think this is the sauce most people think of as a go-to Green Herb sauce. Chimichurri is as common as ketchup in Argentina. Tangy-herby and with a punch of heat, this sauce is perfect over steaks and vegetables. But don't stop there. Chimichurri is a great marinade and perfect for fish and grilled vegetables. Tossed with warm rice or pasta, chimichurri takes plain and simple and turns it into a WOW.

- 1/2 cup minced yellow onion
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon finely grated or minced garlic
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 cup red wine vinegar

1. Pulse or crush onion, parsley, garlic, pepper, pepper flakes, evoo and vinegar until a loose paste forms.
2. Store, covered, in the fridge for up to 5 days.

To see four more Green Sauce recipes from Chef Laura, go to

www.nssbethel.org/circleoflife