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Making Our Prayer Space Even More Beautiful

By Rabbi Alex Freedman

My favorite space in our synagogue is the Sager Beit Midrash. The floor-to-ceiling windows that flank the Ark flood the room with natural light and gift us the sight of a beautiful Lake Michigan. Every weekday morning when we gather in that room to pray, even as I and others rub the sleep from our eyes, beholding God's beautiful natural world is a wonderful way to start the day. The view truly inspires my davening.

But this prayer space is beautiful on the inside as well, and it just became even more so. The synagogue has taken a few steps this spring to adorn it with art and Mitzvot. First, as you enter the room for weekday services morning or night, you will notice a brand new Mezuzah on the doorpost. Designed by artist Amy Reichert, the lovely Mezuzah perfectly matches the gold leaf motif found on the Ark and Bimah. It's the perfect artistic complement. We thank Marla and Terry Grossberg and family for their generous support.



And when you walk inside, you will notice two new plaques on the Bimah. The first is a board with the day's ritual notes. Gold cards will indicate what the week's Torah portion is, as well as any special prayers to be recited that day. For example, on Rosh Hodesh, there are a number of extras to add to

the service to celebrate the new month, like Hallel and Yaale VYavo. These visual cues will be an artistic reminder of every day's importance and ritual instructions.

The second plaque is a board dedicated to counting each day of the Omer, the seven week period from the second night of Passover to Shavuot. The numbers will enable everyone to remember what day we are on, as well as to enhance the Mitzvah of counting the Omer.



We thank the Mitzvah613 campaign for these funds, and we use this special opportunity to highlight the dedication of two unique people who devoted themselves to our synagogue and, more specifically, to the Sager Beit Midrash itself. Mark Stadler and Hazzan Barbara Barnett are well known to us as our previous two ritual directors who were both talented and dedicated to our community; they were instrumental in running the daily Minyan in the Sager. It is most appropriate that their names should always be adorned in the space that they helped maintain.

On Sunday, April 2nd, the synagogue held a dedication ceremony for these three additions to the Sager. Both Mark Stadler and Hazzan Barnett joined us virtually over Zoom, which was most special. Even though the dedication is in the past, these three enhancements to the Sager Beit Midrash will greet our community as we enter the room for prayer for generations to come. These external enhancements will elevate our community's prayer once more.





Thank You for the Honor to Serve as Your President

By Stuart Hochwert, NSS Beth El President

Over 75 years ago a small group of people had a vision for a conservative synagogue in the North Shore. And through decades of hard work from our clergy, staff and lay leaders, NSS Beth El has grown to become one of the leading conservative synagogues in North America. It is truly special to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our thriving congregation.

I am sure every year at Beth El since our founding we have faced unique challenges. And these past two years have been no exception. History will of course look at these past few years and put these challenges into historical perspectives. From Covid to the War in Ukraine to inflation, the economy, and July 4th in Highland Park, all of us have been tested.

And yet, Beth El has met the challenges. Our nearly 3000 members have enjoyed an increased array of programs and services. We continue to enhance security and improve our educational technology and curriculum. All while balancing our budget and increasing our endowment for future generations. A big thank you to you — our members — for supporting us financially. We cannot succeed without your incredible support.

Our Mitzvah 613 campaign is wrapping up the first phase of our project. Soon we will welcome a new Torah, a Torah that we can say 'I helped write'. Our second phase will be the continuation of the plans to renovate our school wing. More details coming soon.

As you know both Beth El and Israel are turning 75! So, let's celebrate with a trip to Israel. Rabbi Michael Schwab will be leading this trip. We are starting our trip on October 17th in Israel with an optional extension to Eilat and Petra on October 24th. If you would like more information please visit the website or call the office and we can e-mail you a trip brochure.

For me, these past two years have been both challenging and immensely rewarding and enjoyable. I have been blessed with our incredible Clergy Team. Hazzan Jacob Sandler joined us two years ago and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg joined us a year ago. They join Rabbi Michael Schwab who is celebrating his 18th year with us and Rabbi Alex Freedman who is celebrating his 5th year with us. Mazel Tov and thank you all. Our clergy team is really our 'Fab Four'! It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with each of you.

And a thank you to our amazing staff that work so hard. They handle it all from A-Z with grace, professionalism and a smile. I am amazed with all they do for us.

We are sad that Jeff Baden our Executive Director is leaving us in June. His wife Rabbi Ilana Baden accepted a wonderful opportunity at Temple Sinai in Las Vegas, NV. as their senior Rabbi. In fact, I was privileged to speak with the Temple Sinai board president as they were looking to create a new Executive Director position. We discussed key attributes of a great Executive Director and how well Jeff has served Beth El. After a careful review Temple Sinai recently offered Jeff their new position of Executive Director. From strength to strength — we wish the Baden family well.

Finally, our lay leaders who give and give of their time and help plan and execute so many programs that benefit both Beth El and the wider community in Cook and Lake Counties. Your time commitment and wisdom are much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

I want to thank our two immediate past presidents Richard Zelin and Ron Goldberg. You have always been there to answer my questions and to provide guidance. We are fortunate that our past presidents are so active and involved.

Marla Grossberg is our incoming President of the Board of Directors. I will soon begin my role as the immediate past-president and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees — so I plan to be very involved. Marla has been extremely active at Beth El for many years, most recently as our Vice President of Ritual. I am looking forward to working with her and know she will do great work.

We are a strong Jewish community. We learn together, pray together and we are there to celebrate simchas and comfort when there is illness or a loss. I am Beth El Proud!

Thank you so much for the honor to serve as your President. Wishing everyone all the best.

Shabbat Schedule

All of the following Shabbat services meet in person and on livestream.

<https://livestream.nssbethel.org>

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

Clergy:

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

Every Shabbat

10:30am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd – 6th grade (Sager Beit HaMidrash).

11:00am Tot Shabbat

Year round services for families with children 1st grade and younger (Horwitz–Hoffman Youth Lounge).

Please note:

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

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

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

June

Friday, June 2

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:03 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 3

Parashat Naso
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:10 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:14 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 9

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:08 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 10

Parashat Behaalotecha
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:15 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:19 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 16

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:11 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 17

Parashat Shlach Lecha
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:23 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 23

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:13 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 24

Parashat Korach
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:24 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, June 30

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:13 pm Candle Lighting

July

Saturday, July 1

Parashat Chukat–Balak
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:24 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 7

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:11 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 8

Parashat Pinchas
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:20 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:21 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 14

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:08 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 15

Parashat Matot–Masei
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:15 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:17 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 21

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8:03 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 22

Shabbat Hazon
Parashat Devarim
9:00 am Shabbat Service
8:00 pm Mincha Service
9:10 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:10 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, July 28

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:56 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, July 29

Shabbat Nachamu
Parashat Vaetchanan
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:45 pm Mincha Service
9:00 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
9:02 pm Shabbat Ends

August

Friday, August 4

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:48 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, August 5

Parashat Ekev
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:45 pm Mincha Service
8:50 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
8:53 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, August 11

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:39 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, August 12

Parashat Reeh
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:30 pm Mincha Service
8:40 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
8:43 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, August 18

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:29 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, August 19

Parashat Shoftim
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:15 pm Mincha Service
8:30 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
8:31 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, August 25

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:18 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, August 26

Parashat Ki Tetse
9:00 am Shabbat Service
7:15 pm Mincha Service
8:15 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
8:19 pm Shabbat Ends



Shalom Chaverim!

By Marla Grossberg, NSS Beth El President



Shalom Chaverim!

What an honor and privilege it is to be writing this column from the President's corner. I'm thrilled, proud, and grateful to serve as the next President of NSSBE, joining the ranks of the many esteemed men and women who came before me.

I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself; I grew up in Lincolnwood at LJC with Rabbi Lehrfield. I attended Miami of Ohio (Marketing) and Northwestern (Masters in Advertising); professionally, I started at Teenage Research Unlimited in Northbrook, spent 18 years at Kraft Foods in the consumer insights and strategy group, consulted on my own, and now work for the Milwaukee Brewers. Personally, I've been married to Terry for nearly 32 years and we have two grown children, Emily who is a field news producer for Scripps and Danny who just graduated from law school. We spent our early years at Northbrook Community Synagogue (AYSH) where I was active on the Board before moving to our Jewish and spiritual home at NSSBE in 2006. I've been active

here on the youth commission, social action, and Ritual Committee, most recently serving as its VP. We simply love it at Beth El.

I thank Pearl Kagan and the full Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting together a fantastic Executive Committee, and putting their faith in me to lead the Congregation. Thank you, Stuart Hochwert, for being a perfect role model and guiding me through the transition to this role with a strong yet gentle hand. Todah rabah to Rabbi Schwab for your support and partnership. Thank you to the Beth El family for welcoming me into this role with such a warm embrace. And, many thanks to my husband, Terry, and children, Emily and Danny, for your support as I take on this role. I feel so blessed!

As I onboard this summer, I'd love to hear from you, my fellow members, about what's on your mind regarding Beth El. You can email me at president@nssbethel.org or call the office.

Wishing you a warm, happy, peaceful summer!

Recent Happenings at NSS Beth El



Challah Event



Mitzvah Day





B'nai Mitzvah: Before and After

By Hazzan Jacob Sandler



A lot of effort goes into planning and preparing for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. As the school year ends and kids go off to camp, I've been reflecting on that process and I want to share some ideas about how to make this occasion even more meaningful. While I know not everyone reading this has B'nai Mitzvah-age children, I imagine you will soon (be they your own kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews). Feel free to share this with anyone to whom it may be relevant or interesting.

We assign our B'nai Mitzvah dates at the end of the 4th grade year. Then the next big step is an orientation at the beginning of 6th grade. So naturally, a question arises: what should we be doing in the meantime?

Here are two ideas:

Come to Shabbat Services! The vast majority of our B'nai Mitzvah services are on Shabbat morning, so why not get a sneak peek? The kids can enjoy our Jr. Congregation with Hazzan Greenberg, and parents can become more familiar with the flow of the service. If you're less familiar, I know it can be intimidating or just long. However, the more you attend, the more you absorb just by osmosis.

Once you have a date, you can also sign up for adult cantillation classes as they're offered. Learning how to read Torah and chant the tropes has a lot of benefits. Even if you don't feel ready to take on a reading, you'll be better equipped to support your child's studying at home. If you do feel ready to take on a reading, you demonstrate and model the value of learning these skills, can share in the accomplishments on the big day, and earn a pretty delicious Team Torah sugar cookie!

Reading torah, or simply attending Shabbat morning both go a long way to instill that the B'nai Mitzvah

isn't just a preteen project, but an expression of Jewish identity as a core value.

I'm always trying to communicate to the students that the B'nai Mitzvah is really just the beginning of their Jewish adult life. I hope more and more of them will return to be involved in Jewish life at the synagogue and out in the world. It's a few more years before they get active in a college Hillel, but there are lots of ways to stay involved.



They could sign up to learn a new haftarah or come back to read Torah again. Stay tuned to hear some of the exciting ways Team Torah hopes to recognize frequent teen readers, including some tangible gifts they can earn. They could also continue their learning with a new skill such as learning to daven, or read from other Megillot like Esther or Eicha. And there are many ways to be involved off the bimah as well. I see teens serving in our Cohen Religious School as madrichim. I'd love to see all our post-B'nai Mitzvah become active in BEANS USY or the CHUSY region. And if there's another interest they want to bring to shul, I'm always excited to make Beth El a space to showcase our future leaders in creative ways.


BUDDIES PROGRAM

Make our new members feel welcome and appreciated!



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Become involved! 



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A Beautiful Lament

By Hazzan Jenna Greenberg, Ritual Director



Ah summer! To quote my middle son: “The best time of the year: no school, vacation, relaxation, it’s amazing!”

Routines change and many aspects of life quiet down. While this is the case, summertime on the Jewish calendar provides us time to prepare for the year to come.

While there are few holidays and the liturgical cycle is relatively quiet, these months give us an opportunity both to refresh and to renew ourselves. Perhaps there are skills and projects that our summer schedules allow for more so than the other 9 months of the year do.

What are your goals for the summer? What do you hope to achieve in these final months of 5783? I may not be able to help you learn how to fly an airplane (although I do have a cantor friend who doubles as a pilot!), ride a horse (I tried this as a teenager), or scuba dive (I learned many years ago in the Red Sea)...but I would like to offer a special learning opportunity to you:

With the observance of Tisha b’Av, which this year begins Wednesday night July 26 and ends Thursday night July 27th, we mark this saddest day of the Jewish year with a 25-hour fast and the ritual chanting of the book of Lamentations. As mournful as the cantillation melodies are for

Megillat Eicha, they also ring hauntingly beautiful with a tinge of hope mixed into these simple notes. If you have ever been to a Tisha b’Av service and heard these tropes, you can understand the ironic beauty of the music layered onto Eicha, possibly the most sorrowful text in the entire TaNaKh.

I share this with the intention of offering you the opportunity to study the cantillation for Eicha with me during the early weeks of summer. There are five chapters, four of which are chanted to this lamenting melody. Perhaps you’d like to learn *lishma*, simply for the sake of following along during our Tisha b’Av service. But maybe you’d like to put these new skills to use and chant a few verses of one of the chapters at either the evening or morning services when we chant this text.

If you are interested in learning Eicha with me, please reach out and we will either set up individual times or create a group class during the summer. I look forward to hearing from you and to having the opportunity to study together: jgreenberg@nssbethel.org.

Tisha B'Av Services



WEDNESDAY July 26

8:16 pm Fast Begins
8:00 pm Mincha (outdoors/Zoom)
8:15 pm Ma'ariv/Megillat Eicha/Kinot readings
(outdoors/Zoom)

THURSDAY July 27

8:51 pm Fast ends
7:30 am Shacharit/Eicha (in person/Zoom)
1:45 pm Mincha (in person/Zoom)
8:50 pm Ma'ariv (in person/Zoom)



Ritually Speaking

By Ben Channon, Vice President of Ritual



My name is Ben Channon. My wife Mary (former VP of Education) and I joined Beth El approximately 9 years ago. We followed my Aunt Jan and Uncle Brian who have been active members for over 30 years. You will frequently find us at services or other programming with our two boys (Jack and Mayer).

I am humbled to be the current VP of Ritual for NSSBE. It is an honor to be able to partner with an amazing group of clergy and lay leaders in the direction of ritual observance for our community for the next two years. If someone were to just meet me today, they might logically think that I am someone who was always versed in ritual or grew up in a very ritually observant family. That is not my reality.

I have grown in my ritual observance through my involvement at Beth El. I am grateful to our

clergy, the ritual committee, and members of our community for helping me on this journey. I would not be where I am ritually without the welcoming members of our community who helped educate me and encouraged me to ask questions without embarrassment.

Fortunately, the informal program that helped has been formalized as the Beth El Buddy program. While the program has been primarily focused on new members, I encourage those who have curiosity regarding ritual observance, to reach out to that committee or a member of the Ritual Committee.

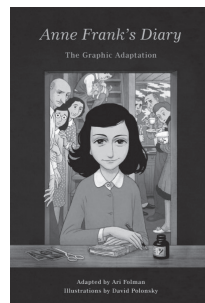
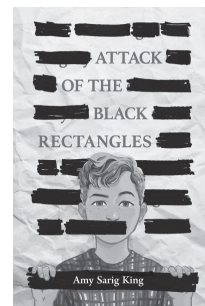
How do we teach the Shoah?

By Ali Drumm, Director of Congregational Learning



I am writing this on Yom HaShoah and the Shoah has been on my mind lately as I've been reading children's Holocaust literature with my kids. First I explored *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen with because it was my first introduction to the Holocaust. Then we read *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by Amy Sarig King which provided an excellent follow up and talked about censorship in schools (where they censored *The Devil's Arithmetic*!) Just as we were finishing that book, I got an email letting me know that my alma mater high school was removing the graphic adaptation of Anne Frank's diary from its library. As an educator, a Jew, a parent and an American citizen I am heartbroken about the recent uptick of censorship and book banning taking place in schools. Part of the action I took was to understand more about the book and more about Anne Frank's diary in general — understanding that the most popular version published excludes many of her original and her own edited sections, and even the most “definitive” version does not include all of her diary. This is such an important piece of learning— exploring what you know and what you've yet to understand. Part of the action I know I need to take is to renew my commitment to education, to literacy, to critical thinking and to assisting our community with exploration and analysis. I stand with the Association of Jewish Libraries who wrote about their concern for book challenges and book removals and shared that “the banning of books is antithetical to the functioning of a healthy, free and democratic society.”

Our fantastic librarian, Rachel Kamin, and her colleagues wrote a list of middle grade and young adult books that serve as an introduction to Holocaust literature for our children. Please take advantage of our important human and library resources to continue to develop an understanding of this tragic part of our human history, and honor what would have been Anne Frank's 94th birthday this summer.



A Generous Gift Restores a Beth El Gem

By Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning and Marla Hand, Rissman Kol Ami Museum Chair



Rachel Kamin



Marla Hand

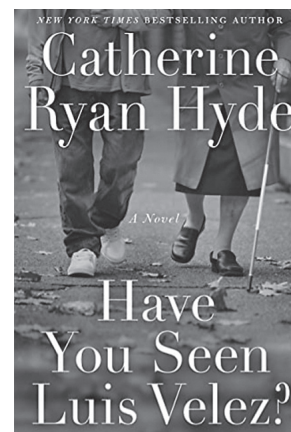
This 18th Century Italian silk *parochet* (ark curtain) was part of a large collection of Judaica donated to Beth El by Badona and Maurice Spertus in 1962. At 7½ feet tall by 5 feet wide, it depicts the Tablets of the Ten Commandments bursting through clouds in a spectacular, visionary scene on a mountain top. The Tablets, and perhaps other sections, were originally embroidered with gold and silver metallic thread purportedly looted by the Nazis during World War II. A Hebrew inscription along the bottom confirms it was commissioned in memory of a noteworthy congregant: “In the year 1755, a donation of the brothers, the sons of the departed Abraham ben Malach [Angelo in Italian], may he abide in Eden.”

By the late 1980s, the *parochet* was lovingly sewn to a canvas backing by Myrna Schwartz z”l. It hung in the Choos Alcove until the rotunda renovation in 2016. In 2022, under the leadership and guidance of Marla Hand, the *parochet* was appraised by Sharon Liberman Mintz, Judaica Consultant for Sotheby’s, New York, and extensively restored by Frank Connet of Textile Restoration, Inc., Chicago, who removed tulle (netting) to reveal delicate detail, cleaned the brocades, reattached the metallic fringe, and protected it with a clear acrylic vitrine. The *parochet* has now returned to the Choos Alcove where an information panel will be installed soon. We gratefully acknowledge the generous gift from the Stephen Levin Family in memory of Diane Levin for the restoration of this exceptional and historic *parochet*.



18th Century Italian silk
parochet (ark curtain)

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club



Have You Seen Luis Velez?
by Catherine Ryan Hyde
In-person Discussion
Saturday, June 10, 12:30pm

Two strangers — one a lonely boy and the other a Holocaust survivor — develop an unlikely friendship while trying to track down the survivor’s missing caretaker.

Participants are encouraged to make a minimum annual donation of \$54 to the Torah Fund Campaign. Copies of the book are available in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center and from public libraries, as well as from local and online booksellers. The Book Club will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for more details. Questions? Contact Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902.



For more information about Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education courses please contact Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902.

Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education

Continuing Education courses at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El offer a wonderful chance to deepen your understanding of Jewish thought, culture, and identity. Visit the Continuing Education page on the Beth El website and watch your email for registration information. We hope you will join us this summer!



“For Lo, the Winter is Past”: Celebrate Summer with a Song of Songs Inspired Paper-Cutting Workshop Monday, June 5, 1:00-3:00 pm

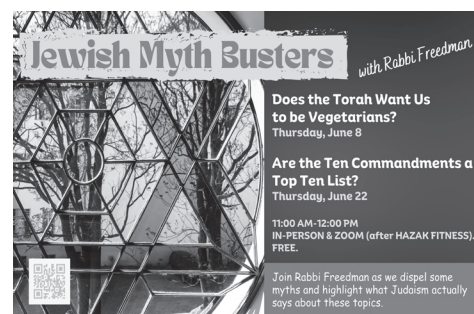
Dr. Jane Shapiro and Artist Judith Joseph will offer a free one session Artists’ Beit Midrash inspired by the beautiful poetry of Song of Songs. We will look at text, then learn traditional Jewish paper-cutting techniques. All tools and materials will be supplied; no experience necessary. RSVP to Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org.

Jewish Myth Busters with Rabbi Alex Freedman Thursdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

June 8: Does the Torah Want Us to be Vegetarians?

June 22: Are the Ten Commandments a Top Ten List?

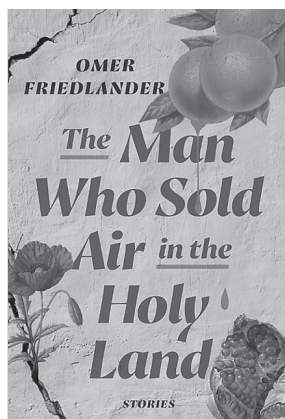
Much has been said about key Jewish ideas and beliefs, not all of them true. Join Rabbi Freedman to dispel some myths and highlight what Judaism actually says about these topics. Class will meet in person (immediately following the HAZAK Fitness Class) and on Zoom. There is no charge to attend but please register online to receive the handouts and class updates.



Writer’s Beit Midrash

**Wednesdays, 9:30 am, June 14 & 28,
July 12 & 26 and August 9 & 23, 2023**

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. Class will meet in-person. FREE. Questions? Contact Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847/926-7902.



Summer Stories with Rachel Kamin Tuesdays, 1:00 -2:00 pm and/or 8:00-9:00 pm in-person and/or on Zoom July 11 & 25 and August 1 & 8, 2023

The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land announces the arrival of a natural-born storyteller of immense talent. Warm, poignant, delightfully whimsical, Omer Friedlander’s stories take you to the narrow limestone alleyways of Jerusalem, the desolate beauty of the Negev Desert, and the sprawling orange groves of Jaffa, with characters that spring to vivid life. Join us this summer to discuss this gorgeously immersive and imaginative short story collection, winner of the Association of Jewish Libraries Fiction Award. Fee: \$60/members; \$120/guests includes a hardcover copy of the book.

Breaking Jewish News & Views with Carl Schrag Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 am, July 19-August 9, 2023

This weekly discussion-based class zooms in on local, national, and global news through a distinctly Jewish lens. Carl Schrag, who was the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, brings a journalist’s probing questions to every topic. Class will meet on Zoom. Quarter Fee: \$60/members; \$120/guests.

Turning Learning into Action

By Anna Besser, Director of The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School



We marvel at how children gain new skills every day. They have a knack for seeing the world with fresh eyes. Each new experience — in and out of the classroom — grows their repertoire of knowledge and skills. Teachers, friends, classmates, and parents can and do teach us. In Pirkei Avot, we learn,

בן זומא אומר: איזהו חכם, הלומד מכל אדם
Ben Zoma said: “Who is wise? One who learns from every person.”

“Mee-kol adam”, can also be translated as learning from the entire person. What a difference it would be if we let our actions, not just our words, speak to others.

This year CRS has made actionable changes that affect our students’ learning. We shifted to a value-based curriculum that creates relevancy between student’s secular life and Jewish traditions. We also shifted to Tefillah-based Hebrew that focus on synagogue skills. We introduced Moving Traditions to our 6th grade families. This program addresses the social and emotional challenges of today’s pre-teens and explores this rite of passage as a life cycle

transition to becoming a teen. We collaborated with HAZAK for intergenerational programs, social action engagement opportunities and weaved day school and CRS students together in programs throughout the year.

As we continue to learn from every person and every experience, CRS celebrates its accomplishments as well. We celebrate our Zayin class, who have completed the first phase of their Jewish studies. We hope they will continue to be part of the NSS Beth El family and further their Jewish education. We celebrate our Gimmel class who received their very own siddurim. And lastly, we welcomed students to Taste of CRS to experience what we can offer.

CRS continues to focus on learning from the entire person. We explore middot (values) in the classrooms and challenge our students and school community to put them into practice. We strive for our students to be Jews who understand the importance of learning — from everyone and the entire person. We must remember, teach, continue to learn, and put middot in action.

Connecting with Our Kids throughout the Summer

By Sarah Topal, Director of Youth and Family Engagement



Summertime for many families means trips, adventures outside, and camp! Many of our kids head off to camp for the summer where they play sports, swim in lakes and pools, make unforgettable memories and friends, and have experiences that carry them through the year. This year, we asked our families to share with us where their kids would be at camp this summer. We are sending them “snail mail” (because who doesn’t love receiving mail at camp?!) and stickers to decorate water bottles and more. Our clergy are heading out on the road to visit many of our kids and gatherings have been planned at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and other locations to bring our NSSBE campers together.

For our little ones who are not quite old enough for camp, we’re excited to bring back our “Playground Playdates”. For a few Sundays throughout the summer (June–August), families with kids under the age of 5 are invited to join members of the Education team (and some teen and tween helpers) out on the NSSBE playground for a chance to run around, eat snacks, enjoy some bubbles, and give

parents the opportunity to meet (and reunite) with each other.

Summer is a chance for our kids to recharge, throw themselves into new experiences, return to their “second home”, learn about themselves, make new friends and so much more. And when they return, we’ll be ready with new opportunities and activities!



Want us to send your child mail this summer? It’s not too late!

Visit us at: nssbe.shulcloud.com/form/youth-summer-camp-2023.html

Want to join our playground playdates?

Register here: nssbe.shulcloud.com/form/yfp-playground-playdates.html

Reflections and New Beginnings

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



For more information about enrollment in camp this summer please contact the Steinberg Preschool at 847-432-2830.

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Assistant Director

It is hard to believe we are approaching the final weeks of the 2022–2023 Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool School Year. Our families have trusted us when making the decision to choose Jewish preschool for their children and we feel immensely grateful that the walls of the Steinberg Preschool are continuing to grow daily. Each year at this time, we find ourselves reflecting on how much our children have learned and grown, and on the impact that our outstanding teachers have had on shaping the lives of our students. Each day, our teachers help find connections in learning to our Jewish values and help children relate their experiences to Judaism. Our teachers work hard to make their classrooms filled with Jewish customs and traditions that were set out before us by our ancestors, as we believe it is our responsibility to help raise the next generation of Jewish leaders. We feel confident that our exceptional group of four-year-old students are ready to continue their journeys into the world as we prepare honor them along with their families at our final Shabbat dinner. They have a strong Jewish foundation set, and we cannot wait to see what is in store for each one of them on they navigate the next steps in their Jewish education. We hope they keep all of the memories of their time at the Steinberg Preschool deep in their hearts and come back to visit often. We will greatly miss seeing their happy smiles in the halls and are so proud of all that they have accomplished

throughout their years with us. As a special gift to our four-year-old families from the Cohn Religious School, each child will receive \$100 gift certificate to be applied towards their CRS education. We want to extend a heartfelt “Kol Hakavod!” to our four-year-old students and wish them a successful transition into kindergarten. “L’hitaot”— until we see you again!

The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool programming continues all summer long as we prepare to welcome our campers into the building for eight weeks of summer-time fun in the sun! We are excited to have many new faces join our program for Summer Camp and into the fall for the 2023–2024 School Year. Our program continues to grow and we are overjoyed that so many families continue to choose the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool as the first step in their children’s Jewish education.



Our Arayot class set up a Falafel stand for Yom Ha' atzmaut.

Steinberg Pre-School Registration Now Open!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR: THE PAUL S. & SYLVIA STEINBERG PRE-SCHOOL

We offer programs for children 5 months through Pre-K.
We would love to welcome you and your family to our Steinberg Pre-School community!

Please go to: <https://www.steinbergpreschool.org>
for more information about our programs.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Kory Goldenberg at kgoldenberg@nssbethel.org or
Staci Rosenberg at srosenberg@nssbethel.org,
or call **847-432-2830**



Welcome to Our New VP of Membership

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director



I am so excited to welcome Irene Savine as our new VP of Membership! Here's a little bit about her, her beautiful family and goals as membership VP:

"My family and I moved to Highland Park in 2010. We have been members of NSS Beth El for the past decade, no doubt due, in part, to the fact that the membership VP of Beth El happened to live across the street.

When I sent my kids to Hebrew school, I soon made involvement a priority. With the help of our fantastic clergy (past and present) and staff, I learned to read Torah, joined a few active committees and helped out with some very special events that led to making friends and great memories.



I've been part of the Membership committee for at least five years. If there's one thing I've learned it's that synagogue membership means something different to each member. As a committee, our job is to make connections for members to our regular programs, spiritual life and many special events so that their investment

in our community is a rewarding and renewing one. I hope to help us continue to find innovative ways to make our mission happen and meet many more of our members along the way. We're a robust, fun group and I hope, if you're a newer member reading this or a member looking to enhance your involvement, you'll consider joining us to see what you will discover."

Here's our College Connections form for next year; for those of you who have kids going to college, all you have to do is click on this QR code to fill out this form for them so they can receive packages throughout the year from our committee of dedicated parents.

SCAN ME



We welcome the following four new member families to the Steinberg Pre-School and to our NSS Beth El Family!

- Shana & Jon Greenberg and their children Charlie (3) and William (0)
- Laura & Noah Helfand and their daughter Hailey (2)
- Tracy & Eric Lynn and their son Riley
- Quincy & Michael Nadel and their son Kaden (2)

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Irene Savine, VP Membership
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Welcome to Our New VP of Development & Fundraising

By Judy Berkeley, Membership & Development Director

It's not too early to make your Chesed and Kol Nidre Appeal pledges! Just click on the link and you will see that Chesed Dues is the first drop-down option and Kol Nidre is the second.

SCAN ME



I am so pleased and excited to introduce our new VP of Development and Fundraising, Dr. Audra Kaplan:

Dr. Audra Kaplan and her husband, Alan Spellberg, have been active members of NSS Beth El since they moved to Highland Park in 1997, joining Audra's parents, Marlene and Howard Kaplan (z"l), who joined Beth El in the 1980s due in great part to their friendship with Rabbi William Lebeau. Audra and Alan met in USY and have remained committed to Conservative Judaism ever since. Their four children, Leah, Joey, Helen, and Nathan, all attended Steinberg Preschool, Solomon Schechter Day School, Camp Ramah Darom and were leaders in BEANS and Regional USY. Audra and Alan are proud B'Yachad members, and Audra has served on Beth El's Executive Board as VP of Administration, chaired the Youth Commission and the Disability Inclusion and Accessibility Task Force, and has been a member of several committees including House, Ritual, and Preschool. Professionally, Audra is a Clinical

Psychologist and has worked at several Jewish Non-Profit Organizations, including JCFS, Ramah Darom and Keshet. Audra is a lifelong learner and is currently in Spertus's Executive Masters in Jewish Professional Studies.

As Vice President of Development, Audra is looking forward to deepening relationships within our congregation and continuing to strengthen Beth El and the greater Jewish community.

Our **Chesed Dues Program** helps those who cannot afford full dues remain part of our community, by those of us who can afford to do so to pay more than our fair share to help them out. And our Kol Nidre Appeal Campaign is what keeps our doors open 24/7/365 to support all of our programs and services. We couldn't do it without you, thank you all so very much!!

As I anticipate concluding five years as president of our Sisterhood (as I write this, we're undergoing the parliamentary process of selecting my successor) and excitedly look forward to all that our new leadership will bring with it, I'd like to reflect briefly on my time in this position.

Being Sisterhood president has allowed me to reinforce the deep connection I have always felt with our congregation and its members and has brought to the forefront of my mind the importance that Sisterhood has always held for this community. Each year on Sisterhood Shabbat, as I hear our rabbi speak from the bimah about what Sisterhood means to Beth El, my pride in the accomplishments of our women — both past and present — is overwhelming.

I'm in awe at the dedication of the women of Beth El, throughout the generations, to upholding our Jewish traditions and am so thankful that they continue to reach out to others to join them in that noble pursuit. I marvel at the extraordinary talents of the many Beth El women who graciously share their Judaic wisdom with our community, engaging us all in striving, on an ongoing basis, for increased commitment to our heritage. I'm so appreciative, on behalf of our hard-working Sisterhood board members, of the positive feedback I've received from so many members of our congregation, as they thank me for all that Sisterhood provides for our congregation. Over these five years, I've experienced the delight of interacting with women (and men) I might not have gotten to

know otherwise, and that has accrued both to my personal benefit and, I can only hope, to the benefit of Sisterhood and the synagogue.

It has been an honor to serve as president of the Sisterhood of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. I'm so thankful to all the board members who've worked with me, as well as all the women of NSSBE, for their friendship, support and commitment to our mission over these past years, and I'm eager to witness, as your continued partner, all that we, together, will accomplish in the future.



Milk and Cookies pre-Chanukah program in Melissa Halperin's home.

Meet our New Director of Marketing and Communications, Shari Imbo



Please join us in welcoming Shari Imbo to NSS Beth El. She comes to us with a portfolio of work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Lurie Children's Hospital, the City of Chicago, Dominican University, and CJE SeniorLife. In addition to her Communications background, her artistic contributions include art for the Chicago Jazz Festival, Latino Film Festival, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago League of Theaters, and created murals for the Chicago Transit Authority (at the State and Lake "L" station), and the Chicago Public Schools.

Shari and her husband, Dovid, live in Chicago, while their daughter Aliza is currently living in Israel and is attending a learning program. In her time outside of work, Shari plays percussion in a band, enjoys meeting up for lunch or coffee, and has a special love for creating beautiful photographic family portraits. You can visit her at: www.shariimbophotography.com.

Shari is excited to join our wonderful Beth El community, and to continue to bring our amazing programs and services to the North Shore and beyond.

This is Not Your Father's Men's Club

By Michael Salberg



Man of the Year Caveman

What do you think of when you think of our NSSBE Men's Club? Scotch at Kiddush? Steak and Scotch? Deli Kiddush? Caveman Dinner or maybe softball? While the Men's Club certainly enjoys a good time and hosting a l'chaim (or two) from time to time, that is not our primary focus. Our focus is and always has been service to NSSBE and the larger Jewish community.

The less visible contributions of the Men's Club include packing and mailing Yom Hashoah candles for the entire congregation, providing stipends to students traveling to Poland and Israel, providing Chanukah treats to the Sunday school, and partnering with the sisterhood in the sponsorship of educational programs and the organization of the Beth El wide blood drive. We look at ourselves as a service organization within the larger NSSBE community, supporting the direction of NSSBE; we feel responsible for supporting congregants in need, and love to celebrate with the congregation at every opportunity. Several of the members of the Men's Club board also participate in lay leadership, the Board of Directors, and the Executive board. We are also involved in supporting Maot Chitim, an agency focused on providing food to those in need so that they may be able to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Passover with dignity. These are just a few of the ways that the Men's Club is happy to support our community.

As you begin to think about your membership for next year, please consider joining (or renewing your membership to) the Men's Club. We would be happy to have you as a member. You will be helping an organization that provides additional service to NSSBE and the larger Jewish population. If you like what we do, we are always looking for additional board members to become more involved. New participants at the leadership level is critical for sustaining the work that Men's Club does into the future. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at mensclub@nssbe.org.

HAZAK

HAZAK Caring Community

By Mary Ellen Bowers and Jackie Melinger, Co-Chairs HAZAK Caring Community

The HAZAK Caring Community has been busy planning these upcoming programs for our members:

Our Core, Balance & Stability classes led by Gina Hanusa, Certified Senior Fitness Specialist, are quite popular. Join us for upcoming classes on June 8, 22, July 13, August 3 and 17 at 10:00 am. Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to have fun! RSVP required: HAZAK@nssbethel.org

Rabbi Yaacov Dvorin, staff chaplain for Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care will make a presentation on June 4 at 10:30 am in the Zell. The topic is "Unraveling the Misunderstandings About Hospice Care". Men's Club will co-sponsor and provide a complimentary breakfast. RSVP required: HAZAK@nssbethel.org.

HAZAK is co-sponsoring Shabbat on the Lake with the Dinners Committee on June 9. Services begin at 6:00 pm under the tent. A Beth El Generational picnic will be held indoors at 7:00 pm. We will honor Executive Director, Jeff Baden, during this event.

Generations Shabbat in conjunction with Blessing Our Babies will take place June 10. Shabbat services will include guest speaker Mike Karsen and his topic on genealogy.

HAZAK will host a Summer Reading Round Up, facilitated by Rachel Kamin, CLE and Rena Citrin on June 15th. A free lunch under the tent (weather permitting) will be provided for HAZAK members. We will adjourn to the Blumberg to discuss new and noteworthy Jewish books to add to our summer reading list. RSVP required: HAZAK@nssbethel.org. This program is sponsored by the Diane and Leonard Sherman Family Foundation.

Our Bikkur Cholim committee is happy to visit members in their homes or rehab/nursing facilities. If anyone would like to receive a friendly visit, please contact the HAZAK Caring Community at HAZAK@nssbethel.org. If anyone would like to volunteer to make visits, contact HAZAK as well.

June/July/August Events at a Glance

JUNE

Learn How to Lead Shacharit with Hazzan Jacob Sandler

Thursdays, June 1 and 8, 10:00 am

Hazak Presents: Rabbi Jacob Devorim

Sunday, June 4, 10:30 am

Beans Youth Award Ceremony

Sunday, June 4, 11:00 am

Summer Playground Playdates

Sunday, June 4, 9:00-10:15 am

Artist Beit Midrash Paper-Cutting Workshop

Monday, June 5, 1:00 pm

Talmud Class with Rabbi Schwab

Tuesday, June 6, 8:30 am

Breaking Jewish News & Views with Carl Schrag

Wednesday, June 7, 9:45 am

Hazak - Core, Balance and Stability in the Blumberg

Thursday, June 8 and June 22, 10:00 am

Jewish Myth Busters with Rabbi Alex Freedman

Thursday, June 8 and June 22, 11:00 am

Shabbat on the Lake, Honoring Jeff Baden

Friday, June 9, 7:00 pm

Blessing our Babies Generations Shabbat

Saturday, June 10, During Services

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, June 10, 12:30 pm

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club Zoom Author Event with Catherine Ryan Hyde

Monday, June 12, 8:00 pm

Zoom author event

Monday, June 12, 8:00 pm

Writer's Beit Midrash

Wednesday, June 14 - August 23, 9:30 am

Hazak Event

Wednesday, June 14 - August 23, 11:30 am

Men's Club and Sisterhood Blood Drive

Sunday, June 18, 7:00 am

Israel 201: A Night with Joel Chasnoff

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm

Sisterhood Insallation

Sunday, June 25, 3:00 pm

JULY

Summer Stories

Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25, 1:00 pm

Hazak: Core, Balance and Stability

Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 am

Summer Playground Playdates

Sunday, July 16, 9:00-10:15 am

Breaking Jewish News & Views With Carl Schrag

Wednesdays, July 19 - August 9, 9:45 am ZOOM

AUGUST

Shabbat on The Lake, Mitzvah613 Donor Dinner

Friday, August 13, 5:00 pm

Shabbat on The Lake

Friday, August 18, 6:00 pm

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Saturday, June 10
12:30 pm

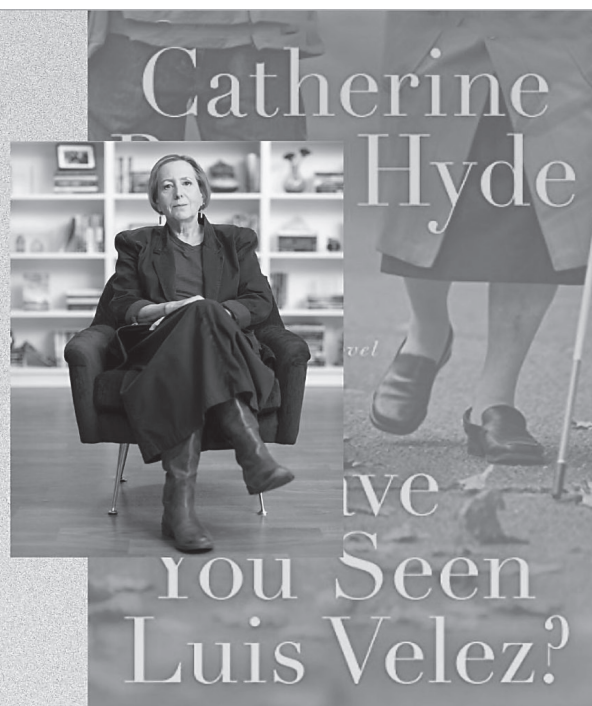
BOOK DISCUSSION

Have You Seen Luis Velez?

Join Rachel Kamin for an in-person discussion
after Shabbat Kiddush.



Meet the Author
Monday, June 12 at 8:00 pm
Log in for a Zoom conversation with
Catherine Ryan Hyde.



It's All in the Beth El Family

Mazel Tov to:

Barry and Laurel Abramowicz

On the birth of their granddaughter,
Kendall Mara Pawlow

Jori Brajer

On his birthday Aliyah

Jan and Brian Channon

On the birth of their grandson,
Theodore Cooper Channon

Linda Clark

On her 71st birthday

Ellen and Robert Doppelt

On the engagement of their daughter,
Dani Doppelt to Corey Levin

Rob Freeman

On his big birthday

Nina and Mark Gaines

On the birth of their granddaughter,
Tamara Meg Friedman

Rachel Greenbaum

On her 85th birthday

Brian Jacobson

On his 50th birthday

Joyce and Don Joseph

On the birth of their granddaughter,
June Sophie Joseph

Arnie Kamen

On his 90th birthday

Michael and Karen Kesner

On the birth of their grandson,
Jackson Lee Katz

Beth Shapiro Kopin

On her 65th birthday

Michael Levin

On his 70th birthday

Brad Pickard

On his big birthday

Rocky and Earl Rubinoff

On the engagement of their daughter,
Jackie to Harry Orenstein

Darryl Temkin

On the 61st anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Condolences to:

Shirley Bornstein and Family

On the passing of Bernard Bornstein

Gail Brown and Family

On the passing of her father,
Harry Feiger

The Family of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen

On his passing

Lizzy Cohen and Family

On the passing of her father,
Jo D Isaacson

Terri Cohen and Family

On the passing of her sister,
Robin Guiden

Calvin Eisenberg

On the passing of his brother,
Sheldon Eisenberg

David Fishbaum and Family

On the passing of his father,
Morris Fishbaum

Barry Gross and Family

On the passing of mother,
Alice Gross

The Hahamy, Salberg and Navon Families

On the passing of Benny Hahamy

Franci Kind and Family

On the passing of her father,
Gary Elkins

Jane Mordini and Family

On the passing of her mother,
Susan Solmor

Fran, Richard, Arthur and David Rabinowitz

On the passing of their husband and father,
Joel Rabinowitz

Rochelle Rubinoff and Family

On the passing of her brother,
Louis Newman

Brad Schneider and Family

On the passing of his father,
Frank Schneider

Samuel Shanes

On the passing of his wife, Irene Shanes

IN MEMORIAM:

Bernard Bornstein

Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen

Alice Gross

Joel Rabinowitz

Irene Shanes



Rabbi Freedman and Rabbi Schwab visit Northwestern Beth El students. Pictured: David Leshem, Rabbi Freedman, Rabbi Schwab, Elizabeth (Betsy) and Carly Winick and Ellie Goldsmith.

Kiddush Co-Sponsors:

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Gigi Cohen and Michael Levin

Greenbaum/Applebaum Families

Rebecca and Brian Jacobson

Gerry Kaplan

Beth Shapiro Kopin and Ben Kopin

NSS Beth El Sisterhood

NSS Beth El Men's Club

Marcie and Brad Pickard

Irene and Gary Savine

Erica and Rabbi Michael Schwab

Miriam and Mort Steinberg

Youth Commission

Danielle and Brian Weinstein

Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund

In honor of David Shapiro – Richard and June Gross

In honor of Golda Rosenberg's Purim Collection – Marissa and Jonathan Rosenberg

In honor of Jonah and Coral's B'nai Mitzvah – Vered Henkin and Jeremy Kaufman

In honor of Michael Gurtman's birthday – Stuart and Barbara Hochwert

In honor of Noa and Miri Schwab, daughters of Erica and Rabbi Michael Schwab, on becoming B'not Mitzvah

– Barbara Berger
– Larry and Abby Block
– Lenore Blum
– Andrew and Gail Brown
– Adrienne Eckerling
– David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh
– Mark and Nina Gaines and Family
– Anton and Tracey Hendler
– Chuck Kahalnik
– Daniel and Wendy Kahn
– Michael and Betsy Katz
– Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin
– Lionel Kramer
– Jay and Karyn Lerner
– David Rosenbloom and Ruth Lion
– Robert and Rhoda Rothman
– Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
– Sheldon Solow and Shelley Kreiter Solow
– Charles and Amy Spungen
– Millie Weber
– Pearl Zaid

In honor of Noa Minkus becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Michael and Laura Minkus

In honor of the baby naming of our granddaughter Sloane Dot (Rachel Devorah) Bradley, daughter of Todd Bradley and Michelle Horwitz Bradley, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Donald and Suzanne Horwitz

In honor of the birth of our grandson Theodore Cooper Channon and with appreciation of Bit Milah – Brian and Jan Channon

In honor of the birth of our grandson, Seth Matthew Casper – Jay and Mindy Sterns

In memory of Abraham Lapin, beloved father-in-law – Phyllis Lapin

In memory of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen, beloved father of Jack (Nancy) Cohen, Michael (Julie) Cohen, Bruce (Lisa) Cohen and Julie (Ken) Podziba, beloved grandfather and friend – Stuart and Barbara Hochwert

In memory of Benny Hahamy, beloved father of Ron (Debby) Hahamy, Barbara (Michael) Salberg and David (Iris) Navon and beloved grandfather – Ron and Eileen Goldberg

In memory of Bernard Bornstein, beloved husband of Shirley Bornstein, beloved father of Scott (Ruth) Bornstein, Bruce, Ira, Ian and Mitchell Bornstein, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– Sue Cohen
– Anton and Tracey Hendler
– Jonathan and Leslie Kind

In memory of Celia Lapin, beloved mother-in-law – Phyllis Lapin

In memory of Edmond Newton Zisook, beloved husband of Lois Zisook, beloved father of Amy Zisook (David Rosen) and Ellen (Scott) Goldsher, beloved grandmother and brother
– Bruce and Gail Greenspahn

– Stuart and Barbara Hochwert

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather

– Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
– Jonathan and Leslie Kind
– Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

In memory of Gary Elkins, beloved father of Franci (Michael) Kind, Jeremy (Hillary) Elkins, Adam (Rivki) Elkins and Molly (Rabbi Aaron) Katz, beloved husband of Abby Elkins, beloved grandfather, son and brother – Stuart and Barbara Hochwert

In memory of Goldie Dunn, beloved mother – Wallace and Joan Dunn

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father, and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – The Feiger and Brown Families

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother
– Anton and Tracey Hendler
– Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
– David Rosenbloom and Ruth Lion

In memory of Irving Kushner, beloved father – Mark and Susan Pollack

In memory of Jennie Reisin, beloved grandmother – Richard and Karen Reisin

In memory of Joan Epstein, beloved mother – Dr. Jerome and Mary Kaltman

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Fran Rabinowitz and Family

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– Ron and Eileen Goldberg
– Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
– Michael and Betsy Katz
– Benjamin and Andrea Leshem
– Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz
– Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
– Karen Weiss

In memory of Jordan Wainstein, beloved cousin – Philip and Doreen Feitelberg

In memory of Joseph Rosen, beloved father – Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

In memory of Judith Sidney, beloved mother of Dawn Sidney (Gordon Schwartz) and beloved grandmother
– Ron and Eileen Goldberg
– Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
– Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

In memory of Leonard Birnbaum's yahrzeit – Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum

In memory of Lillian Friedman, beloved mother – Phyllis Lapin

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather
– Carey and Cheryl Cooper
– David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh
– Susie and Mark Pollack

In memory of Michael Wainstein, beloved cousin – Philip and Doreen Feitelberg

In memory of Morris Fishbaum, beloved father of David Fishbaum (Anne McDonagh) and beloved grandfather
– Lee and Margaret Cohn
– Michael and Lynn Froy

– Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

In memory of Orli Sheffey, beloved daughter – Steven and Timna Sheffey

In memory of Rabbi Arnold Goodman – Herb Rosen

In memory of Rochelle Baum, beloved mother of Marci (Keith) Shapiro, beloved sister and grandmother – Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

In memory of Ruth Abrams, beloved mother – Robert and Sharon Abrams

In memory of Sarah Bichunsky, beloved mother – Philip and Doreen Feitelberg

In memory of Sarah Leah Small, beloved mother of Michael (Sheila) Small and beloved grandmother – Susie Krasnow

In memory of Sol Lerner, beloved father – Jay and Karyn Lerner

In memory of Susan Solmor, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Jane Mordini and Family

In memory of Yael Oesterreicher-Zmora, beloved sister of Joe (Susan) Adler – June Back Frydman

With appreciation for Rabbi Schwab's support and guidance during the recent loss of my brother, Louis Newman – Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab during the Shiva for my beloved father, Morris Fishbaum – David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh

With appreciation – Jeremy and Jill Smiley

Rabbi Freedman Discretionary Fund

In honor of Adam Seidenberg's engagement – Cindy Shekhtman

In honor of Noa Minkus becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman – Michael and Laura Minkus

In memory of Amos Turner, beloved husband of Edith Turner, beloved father of Helene Turner, Nancy (David) Jacobson and David (Cristina) Turner, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– Ira and Elise Frost

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather – Ira and Elise Frost

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother – David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh

In memory of Irene Shanes, beloved wife of Samuel Shanes, beloved mother of Jonathan Shanes, Robert (Katya) Shanes, Jacob Shanes, Joshua (Elisheva) Shanes and Daniel (Diane) Shanes and beloved grandmother – Michael and Betsy Katz

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– Michael and Debora Pinzur
– Sheldon and Merle Rosenfeld
– Cindy Shekhtman

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather – David Rosenbloom and Ruth Lion

In memory of Ludwig Blum, beloved father-in-law – Lenore Blum

In memory of Max Smiley, beloved father – Stephen and Judy Smiley

In memory of Melvin Blum, beloved husband –
Lenore Blum

In memory of Roma Kaltman, beloved mother –
Dr. Jerome and Mary Kaltman

In memory of Ruth Geiderman and with appreciation
to Rabbi Freedman – **Family of Ruth Geiderman**

In memory of Sandy Rubin and with appreciation to
Rabbi Freedman – **Gary Rubin**

In memory of Sarah Stella Schwartz, beloved mother of
Merle (Dr. Steven) Tovian and beloved grandmother –
David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh

In memory of Yael Oesterreicher-Zmora, beloved
sister and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman –
Joseph and Susan Adler

Wishing a compete and speedy recovery to Pearl Zaid –
June Back Frydman

With appreciation for Rabbi Freedman's support and
guidance during the recent loss of my brother, Louis
Newman – **Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff**

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Shiva for my beloved father, Morris Fishbaum –
David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh

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care with the Rubins – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

Hazzan Sandler Discretionary Fund

In honor of Noa Minkus becoming a Bat Mitzvah
and with appreciation to Hazzan Sandler – **Michael
and Laura Minkus**

In memory of Sidney Epstein, beloved step-father
– **Dr. Jerome and Mary Kaltman**

With appreciation for the Shul Sisters concert –
Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine

With appreciation to Hazzan Sandler – **Jerry and
Annette Blumberg**

With appreciation to Hazzan Sandler for Shabbat
Shirah – **Michael and Karen Kesner**

Hazzan Greenberg Discretionary Fund

In honor of Elior Ginsberg, son of Hazzan Jenna
Greenberg and Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg on
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
– **Stuart and Barbara Hochwert**
– **Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine**

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In memory of Alan Sporn, beloved brother-in-law
– **Gary and Debbie Lindon**

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

In memory of Benjamin Simon Applebaum –
Stephen and Lily Applebaum

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

In memory of Irene Shanes, beloved wife of Samuel
Shanes, beloved mother of Jonathan Shanes,
Robert (Katya) Shanes, Jacob Shanes, Joshua
(Elisheva) Shanes and Daniel (Diane) Shanes and
beloved grandmother – **Sue Cohen**

In memory of Jack Westheimer – **Gary and Debbie
Lindon**

In memory of Marianne Hofman – **Gary and Debbie
Lindon**

In memory of Rose Eckerling, beloved mother-in-
law – **Adrienne Eckerling**

In memory of Zena Wise, beloved mother of Bryna

(Rabbi Vernon) Kurtz, beloved grandmother and
beloved great-grandmother

– **Stan and Carole Derdiger**
– **David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh**
– **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**
– **Fran and Steve Shapiro**
– **Karen Weiss**

Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail
(Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and
Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-
grandfather and beloved brother

– **Ira and Elise Frost**
– **June Back Frydman**
– **Michael and Karen Kesner**
– **Len and Bobbie Tenner**
– **Karen Weiss**

Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Education Endowment Fund

In memory of Amos Turner, beloved husband of
Edith Turner, beloved father of Helene Turner,
Nancy (David) Jacobson and David (Cristina)
Turner, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– **June Back Frydman**

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In memory of Ben Drachler, beloved father –
A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

In memory of David Scott Drachler, beloved son –
A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

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In memory of Sheldon Eisenberg, beloved brother of
Cal Eisenberg – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

In honor of Nessia Frank – **Benjamin and Wendy Frank**

In memory of Irene Shanes, beloved wife of Samuel
Shanes, beloved mother of Jonathan Shanes,
Robert (Katya) Shanes, Jacob Shanes, Joshua
(Elisheva) Shanes and Daniel (Diane) Shanes and
beloved grandmother – **Ed and Paulette Margulies**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of
Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria
Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz
and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved
grandfather and great-grandfather – **Julie Ofman**

In memory of Susan Solmor, beloved mother of
Jane (Mark) Mordini, Mark (Deborah) Solmor,
Beth (Steve) Becker and beloved grandmother –
Ed and Paulette Margulies

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Dr. Jerome and Mary Kaltman

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– **Robert Berger**
– **Gerald and Judy Farby**

– **Michael and Susan Millenson**
– **Beth Sanchez**
– **Alexi Vahlkamp**

In memory of Carole Hochman – **Gary and Merle
Kaufman**

In memory of Gary Elkins, beloved father of Franci
(Michael) Kind, Jeremy (Hillary) Elkins, Adam
(Rivki) Elkins and Molly (Rabbi Aaron) Katz, beloved
husband of Abby Elkins, beloved grandfather, son and
brother – **Len and Bobbie Tenner**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of
Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria
Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz
and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved
grandfather and great-grandfather
– **Shael and Myrna Siegel**
– **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**
– **Bob and Len Tenner**

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Donna Becker

Glass Family Music Endowment Fund

In honor of Miri Schwab, daughter of Erica and
Rabbi Michael Schwab, on becoming a B'not
Mitzvah – **Philip and Ellen Glass**

In honor of Noa Schwab, daughter of Erica and Rabbi
Michael Schwab, on becoming a B'not Mitzvah –
Philip and Ellen Glass

In memory of Burton Chudacoff, beloved brother of
Donald (Lois) Chudacoff – **Philip and Ellen Glass**

Hazak Fund

In honor of the birth of Elise and Ira Frost's
grandson, Cooper Miller Frost – **Daniel and Honey
Bronson**

In memory of Edmond Newton Zisook, beloved
husband of Lois Zisook, beloved father of Amy
Zisook (David Rosen) and Ellen (Scott) Goldsher,
beloved grandmother and brother – **Daniel and
Honey Bronson**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of
Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria
Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz
and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved
grandfather and great-grandfather

– **Eliezer Krumbein**
– **Michael and Jackie Melinger**

In memory of Judith Sidney, beloved mother of
Dawn Sidney (Gordon Schwartz) and beloved
grandmother – **Randall and Karen Winters**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of
Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father
and grandfather
– **Jerry and Annette Blumberg**
– **Barb Pollack**

In memory of Sally Levin Lerner, beloved mother –
Ken and Marcy Levin

In memory of Susan Solmor, beloved mother of
Jane (Mark) Mordini, Mark (Deborah) Solmor,
Beth (Steve) Becker and beloved grandmother –
Len and Bobbie Tenner

With appreciation for the Passover bag – **Barbara
Freeman**

With appreciation to Hazak – **Phyllis Shalowitz**

In memory of Sally Levin Lerner, beloved mother –
Ken and Marcy Levin

In memory of Susan Solmor, beloved mother of Jane (Mark) Mordini, Mark (Deborah) Solmor, Beth (Steve) Becker and beloved grandmother –
Len and Bobbie Tenner

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Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge Endowment Fund

In honor of Barbara Hoffman's 80th birthday

– Donna Erlichman
– Larry and Linda Fisher
– Joel and Karen Goldberg
– Wendy Honig
– Essie Horwitz
– Sidney Markowitz
– Julie Ofman
– Stephanie Slover
– Dawn Steirn
– Sharon Yaged

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather –
Stephen and Carol Weiss

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-In-Residence Endowment Fund

In memory of Rebecca Ellen Benson, our beloved daughter –
David and Karen Benson

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Endowment Fund

In memory of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen, beloved father of Jack (Nancy) Cohen, Michael (Julie) Cohen, Bruce (Lisa) Cohen and Julie (Ken) Podziba, beloved grandfather and friend

– Shari Albert
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– Jacqueline Parmacek
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– John Rokacz and Susan Lichtenstein
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– Millie Weber
– Diane Witt

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In honor of Anna Besser for her tireless dedication, superb administrative skills and creative approach to Jewish Education –
David Shapiro and Lori Stark

In honor of David Hirschfield's 75th birthday –
Bill and Gail Neiman

In honor of Michael Gurtman's birthday –
Joe and Carol Atkin

In honor of Sabrina Marshall's Bat Mitzvah –
David and Pamela Hirschfield

In honor of the Challah Bake –
Rachel Powers

In memory of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen, beloved father of Jack (Nancy) Cohen, Michael (Julie) Cohen, Bruce (Lisa) Cohen and Julie (Ken) Podziba, beloved grandfather and friend
– David and Pamela Hirschfield
– Susan Wexler Mazzoni
– Dr. Michael and Carol Rosenberg
– Bill Ruttenberg and Gwen Callans
– Aimee Trissel

In memory of Burt Reiter's sister –
David and Pamela Hirschfield

In memory of Edmond Newton Zisook, beloved husband of Lois Zisook, beloved father of Amy Zisook (David Rosen) and Ellen (Scott) Goldsher, beloved grandmother and brother –
Steven and Wendy Abrams

In memory of Jack Hirschfield, beloved brother –
David and Pamela Hirschfield

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather –
Steve and Wendy Abrams

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubino, beloved husband, father and grandfather –
Colman and Julie Kraff

In memory of Neil Levinson –
David and Pamela Hirschfield

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– Steve and Wendy Abrams
– Gerald and Annette Blumberg
– Andrew and Gail Brown
– First National Assets Management
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– Marc and Luba Levine
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In memory of Benjamin "Buddy" Cohen, beloved father of Jack (Nancy) Cohen, Michael (Julie) Cohen, Bruce (Lisa) Cohen and Julie (Ken) Podziba, beloved grandfather and friend
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– Harold Gross
– Ken and Marcy Levin
– Gerald Nudo
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Lee Janger

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Steven and Fran Shapiro

In memory of Morris Fishbaum, beloved father of David Fishbaum (Anne McDonagh) and beloved grandfather –
Steven and Fran Shapiro

With appreciation to Rachel Kamin –
Ellen Cole

Kopin Family Children's T'filot Endowment Fund

In honor of the birth of Elise and Ira Frost's grandson, Cooper Miller Frost –
Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

In memory of Zena Wise, beloved mother of Bryna (Rabbi Vernon) Kurtz, beloved grandmother and beloved great-grandmother –
June Back Frydman

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– **Sandra Becker**
– **Sandy Raizes**

In memory of Judith Sidney, beloved mother of Dawn Sidney (Gordon Schwartz) and beloved grandmother – **Brian and Leslye Whittman**

In memory of Sarah Leah Small, beloved mother of Michael (Sheila) Small and beloved grandmother – **Daniel and Wendy Kahn**

With appreciation – **Sherry Knazan**

Minyan Service Fund

In honor of Dr. Jacob Sosniak – **Gary and Irene Savine**

In honor of Rachel Greenbaum's 85th birthday – **Z. Samuel and Judith Bernstein**

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

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

In memory of Bradley Chaimson, beloved husband of Amy Chaimson, beloved father of Simon, Evan and Leo Chaimson, beloved son, son-in law and brother – **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather – **Gabriel and Deborah Aizenberg**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– **Andrew and Gail Brown**
– **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather
– **Irwin and Jill Bernstein**
– **Karim Pakraven**

In memory of Nathan Talman, beloved grandfather – **Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum**

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

In memory of Reuben Stein, beloved father – **Alan and Marcia Kaplin**

In memory of Sarah Leah Small, beloved mother of Michael (Sheila) Small and beloved grandmother – **Gabriel and Deborah Aizenberg**

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Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Endowment Fund

With appreciation – **Ronnie Jo Sokol**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Ronnie Jo Sokol**

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

In honor of Rachel Greenbaum's 85th birthday – **Bob and Beth Footlik**

Music Fund

In honor of Brian Jacobson's 50th birthday

– **Jori and Leah Brajer**
– **Michael and Karen Kesner**

In honor of the Shul Sisters concert – **Rona Wolf**

In memory of Cyrell Stolar-Dick, who sang in the choir for many years – **Glenn and Carrie Stolar**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Larry and Abby Block**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather
– **Bill and Ellen Dupuy**
– **Lynn Weitz**

In memory of Marcia Witzel, beloved friend – **June Back Frydman**

NSS Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

In honor of Zachary Brajer, son of Leah and Jori Brajer, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Bernard Bornstein, beloved husband of Shirley Bornstein, beloved father of Scott (Ruth) Bornstein, Bruce, Ira, Ian and Mitchell Bornstein, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Lori Ruskin**

In memory of Bradley Chaimson, beloved husband of Amy Chaimson, beloved father of Simon, Evan and Leo Chaimson, beloved son, son-in law and brother – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of David Grossberg, beloved father – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Eddie Friedman, beloved uncle – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Morris Fishbaum, beloved father of David Fishbaum (Anne McDonagh) and beloved grandfather – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Nettie Zerkowitz, beloved grandmother – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

In memory of Philip Zerkowitz, beloved grandfather – **Terry and Marla Grossberg**

NSS Beth El Men's Club Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Barry Kravitz, Man of the Year – **Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin**

In memory of all of our family murdered in the Shoah – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Gail and Ted Chernof, beloved parents – **Mark and Marla Cohen**

In memory of Simon and Florence Cohen, beloved parents – **Mark and Marla Cohen**

In memory of Yael Oesterreicher-Zmora, beloved sister of Joe (Susan) Adler – **Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine**

With appreciation for the candle and Yom Hashoah

– **Michael and Karen Kesner**

With appreciation – **Marc and Devorah Richards**

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In memory of Diane Levin, beloved wife – **Stephen Levin**

With appreciation to Karen Weiss for her kindness – **Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers**

With appreciation to Karen Weiss' leadership of Sisterhood this year – **David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh**

With appreciation to Sisterhood for regularly hosting Kiddush luncheon – **David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh**

With appreciation to the Sisterhood for leading Shabbat services in January – **David Fishbaum and Anne McDonagh**

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Barbara Hoffman's 80th birthday – **Robert and Stephanie Soderberg**

In honor of Betty Levin – **Mitchell Levin**

In honor of David Smith's 50th birthday – **Eve Smith**

In honor of Jacob Levin – **Mitchell Levin**

In honor of Rachel Greenbaum's 85th birthday

– **Bob and Trudy Balogh and Family**
– **Louis and Loretta Becker**
– **Jane Colman**

In honor of the wonderful bridal shower and hosts Sara Coven, Beth Gray, Susan Eistenstadt, Barbara Freeman, Rachel Gray-Raff, Lori Stark and Rivka Zell – **Robert and Marcy Freeman**

In memory of Bernard Bornstein, beloved husband of Shirley Bornstein, beloved father of Scott (Ruth) Bornstein, Bruce, Ira, Ian and Mitchell Bornstein, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather
– **Barbara Dickler**

– **Alexander Domanskis**
– **Adrienne Eckerling**
– **Bonnie Garnon**
– **Michael and Karen Kesner**
– **Marvin Wenger**

In memory of Chuck Sonnenborn – **Bruce and Lauri Zessar**

In memory of Edmond Newton Zisook, beloved husband of Lois Zisook, beloved father of Amy Zisook (David Rosen) and Ellen (Scott) Goldsher, beloved grandmother and brother – **David Brown**

In memory of Esther Lauter, beloved sister – **Pearl Zaid**

In memory of Evelyn Goldman, beloved mother – **Judith Sommerfeld**

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather
– **Daniel McGill**
– **Susan Taylor**

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother – **Ira and Debbie Rosenberg**

In memory of Howard Turner, beloved father and grandfather – **Laurel Tyler**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz

and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather

– **Keith and Barbara Bank**
– **Sue Cohen**
– **Steven and Karen Grey**
– **Karen and Michael Kesner**
– **Mitchell and Karen Kopin**
– **Rachel Kraft and Family**
– **Larry Silverman**

In memory of Judith Sidney, beloved mother of Dawn Sidney (Gordon Schwartz) and beloved grandmother – **James and Alyne Rolfe**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather
– **Ira and Debbi Rosenberg**
– **Debbi Rosenberg and Marcia, Mimi, Kim, Stacy, Stacy, Robin, Deena, Gwen, Renee, Cori and Rinna**
– **Mitchell and Karen Kopin**
– **Fran and Steve Shapiro**

In memory of Louis Shulman, beloved father – **Alvin Shulman**

In memory of Marvin Bernstein, beloved husband of Adriane Bernstein – **Ambassador and Terry Branstad**

In memory of Robert Kupchick, beloved husband – **Ruth Kupchick**

In memory of Sarah Ehlrich, beloved mother – **Pearl Zaid**

In memory of Sarah Leah Small, beloved mother of Michael (Sheila) Small and beloved grandmother – **Fran and Steve Shapiro**

In memory of Sheldon Eisenberg, beloved brother of Cal Eisenberg – **David Rosen and Amy Zisook**

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– **Mal and Ruth Kaufman**
– **Maryanna Tye**

In memory of Bradley Chaimson, beloved husband of Amy Chaimson, beloved father of Simon, Evan and Leo Chaimson, beloved son, son-in law and brother

– **Colman and Julie Kraff**
– **Sheldon Solow and Shelley Kreiter Solow**

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather – **Michael Gurtman and Lois Lourie**

In memory of Gary Elkins, beloved father of Franci (Michael) Kind, Jeremy (Hillary) Elkins, Adam (Rivki) Elkins and Molly (Rabbi Aaron) Katz, beloved husband of Abby Elkins, beloved grandfather, son and brother – **Mal and Ruth Kaufman**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather

– **Andrew and Gail Brown**
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– **Andrea and Sandy Weber**

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Prayer Book Fund

In honor of Michael Levin's 70th birthday – **Larry and Fern Roseman**

In memory of Albert and Sylvia Wishnick, beloved parents – **Adrienne Eckerling**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather

– **Marion Berlin**
– **Andrew and Gail Brown**
– **Jane Pickus**

In memory of Sheldon Eisenberg, beloved brother of Cal Eisenberg – **Adrienne Eckerling**

In memory of Zena Wise, beloved mother of Bryna (Rabbi Vernon) Kurtz, beloved grandmother and beloved great-grandmother – **Jane Pickus**

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Solomon Schechter Endowment Fund

In honor of Kerena and Avram Kraft's 85th birthdays – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In honor of Rachel Greenbaum's 85th birthday – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

In memory of Gary Elkins, beloved father of Franci (Michael) Kind, Jeremy (Hillary) Elkins, Adam (Rivki) Elkins and Molly (Rabbi Aaron) Katz, beloved husband of Abby Elkins, beloved grandfather, son and brother – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

Sherman Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Jonathan and Francine Sherman**

Social Action Fund

In honor of Bonnie Lipton becoming a great-grandmother – **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Frank Schneider, beloved father of Brad (Julie Dann) Schneider, beloved husband and grandfather

– **Andrew and Gail Brown**
– **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother – **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Judith Sidney, beloved mother of Dawn Sidney (Gordon Schwartz) and beloved grandmother – **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

In memory of Louis Newman, beloved brother of Rocky (Earl) Rubinoff, beloved husband, father and grandfather – **Matt Pestine and Jamie Glass-Pestine**

In memory of Morris Fishbaum, beloved father of David Fishbaum (Anne McDonagh) and beloved grandfather – **Richard and Pam Schlosberg**

Solomon Schechter Endowment Fund

In memory of Irene Shanes, beloved wife of Samuel Shanes, beloved mother of Jonathan Shanes, Robert (Katya) Shanes, Jacob Shanes, Joshua (Elisheva) Shanes and Daniel (Diane) Shanes and beloved grandmother – **Ken and Marcy Levin**

Staff Recognition Fund

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother – **Feiger and Brown Families**

In memory of Mildred Starkman, Sidney Starkman, Annette Berg and Richard Berg for Yizkor – **Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter**

Team Torah Fund

In honor of Elior Ginsberg, son of Hazzan Jenna Greenberg and Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg on becoming a Bar Mitzvah – **June Back Frydman**

In memory of Susan Solmor, beloved mother of Jane (Mark) Mordini, Mark (Deborah) Solmor, Beth (Steve) Becker and beloved grandmother – **Gerald and Adrienne Lasin**

Tzedakah/Pushke Fund

In honor of Rob Freeman's "big" birthday – **Rob and Marcy Freeman**

In memory of Anna Pathman, beloved aunt – **Millie Weber**

In memory of Benny Hahamy, beloved father of Ron (Debby) Hahamy, Barbara (Michael) Salberg and David (Iris) Navon and beloved grandfather – **Millie Weber**

In memory of Gary Elkins, beloved father of Franci (Michael) Kind, Jeremy (Hillary) Elkins, Adam (Rivki) Elkins and Molly (Rabbi Aaron) Katz, beloved husband of Abby Elkins, beloved grandfather, son and brother – **Millie Weber**

In memory of Harry Feiger, beloved father of Gail (Andrew) Brown, Jonathan (Nancy) Feiger and Robert (Alyson) Feiger, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved brother – **Jonathan Brown**

In memory of Joel Rabinowitz, beloved husband of Fran Rabinowitz, beloved father of Arthur (Maria Ponsillo) Rabinowitz, Richard (Lori) Rabinowitz and David (Randie) Rabinowitz, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather

– **Deborah Nathan**
– **Mike and Barbara Palatnik**
– **Avrom Simon**
– **Michael and Stephanie Smerling**

In memory of Mariasse Kurchitzer, beloved grandmother – **Millie Weber**

Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah Student



Bat Mitzvah

Dalia Heftman

דליה רחל

daughter of

Michele and Jeffery Heftman

Shabbat, August 26



Thank you Beth El

It's with grateful hearts that we thank you, our Beth El Community, for the support you gave to our Mitzvah Day 2023. This year's Mitzvah Day was our most successful to date!

Together we created and donated:

- 20 Fleece blankets for the *Linus Project*.
- Beth El Preschool Families collected materials and created 61 School Supply Kits for *Families Helping Families*.
- 30 Bags of Supplies (towels, toys, food and blankets) were collected for the *Furry Friends Collection* for distribution to animal shelters.
- 60 members prepared bags and bags of plarn (made from plastic bags) to weave into seats for the homeless for *Gratitude Generation*.
- The Cohen Religious School students designed 20 sets of matzah trays, matzah covers and decorative loving plaques for gifting to *HAZAK* and *Gidwitz Place*.
- 75 boxes of cereal were collected for *PORCH* and 12 members signed up to provide food for *PORCH's* monthly food pickup.
- 35 boxes of crackers were collected for *Moraine Township Food Pantry*.
- 50 arts and craft bags were packed up for the *Highwood Library*.
- Our community donated over a dozen bikes to *Working Bikes*.
- 200+ hearts were created with the help of *Art Impact Project*, and later, these warm wishes were displayed in Beth El.

Wait there's more!

- Coffee, Kippot and challah coverings were sold to support the *Jewish Community of Uganda*.
- Members signed up to help the *The Refugee Resettlement Program* and the *JUF Tov Awareness for Good Deeds Day*.

Thank you, Beth El, for your caring, generous hearts!
The Social Action Committee



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Or Ma'ariv tonight?

I can!

Me, too!

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Thank you, Chef Laura Frankel

By Pam Schlosberg, Chair, Marketing and Communications Committee

Thank you, Laura, for three years of *Savory and Delicious!* As Director of our Hospitality and Catering, you brought your renowned culinary experience and skills to everything you prepared for us and for our guests. Through *Circle of Life Catering*, we enjoyed a wide range of creative cuisines from Shabbat Dinners with a twist on the traditional fare, to dinners introducing foods from around the world. We delighted in Kabbalat Shabbatot with amazing Hors d'Oeuvres that provided a savory way for our community to relax and enter Shabbat. And you didn't forget our children along the way creating healthy snacks for them to enjoy whether at events or during their school day.



In our COVID isolation you were there for us, providing extraordinary Shabbat Dinners, Rosh Hashanah Dinners, and Pesach Seders that could be ordered and picked up at our Beth El door. You also helped make it possible for many of our HAZAK members to be the recipients of these as well.

During our isolation, you virtually invited us into your kitchen every week to enjoy easy, breezy cooking classes always encouraging us to give them a try with our families. We did, and the recipes were excellent!

Once we could meet again in person, you were a featured Chef for the *Knead a Night*, our *challah baking program*, providing step-by-step guidelines



on how to bake that perfect challah! Additionally, you provided kiddushim for Beth El as well as for Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbatot. And lest we forget, there were also Cave Man Dinners and Scotch & Steak Dinners. You carefully prepared countless special events to ensure that awesome **Wow Factor** was there for us and for our guests... and so much more.

Thank you for so many delicious memories. Thank you for caring that everything we requested was the best. Thank you for all you gave to Beth El. We wish you continued success in whatever road you choose going forward.



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