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Happy New Year 5786
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Yom Kippur: A Season of Return and Renewal

By Rabbi Michael Schwab



As summer ends and Yom Kippur approaches, many picture solemn prayers, fasting, and deep introspection. Atonement is indeed serious, transformative work. Yet, in the flow of our holiday season, Yom Kippur also carries a subtler, uplifting

message: hope and renewal.

The journey begins with Rosh Hashanah. Though called the “New Year,” the Torah identifies it as the first day of the seventh month — not the first. Why start a “new year” halfway through? As Douglas Aronin notes, placing the season of teshuvah (repentance) far from the calendar’s start teaches that renewal doesn’t depend on a date — it’s always possible.

The shofar of Rosh Hashanah awakens us, joyfully preparing us for Yom Kippur’s inner work.

Yom Kippur itself strips away life’s pleasures, almost enacting death. But as Rabbi Irving Greenberg teaches, this is “in the service of life.” Confronting life’s fragility deepens our gratitude for every moment. The day ends with us feeling forgiven, renewed, and at one with God—a cause for joy as much as awe. In fact, for a time in Jewish history Yom Kippur was discussed as an overtly joyous holiday for this very reason!

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Then comes Sukkot, bursting with harvest celebration and the reminder that life is both precious and ever-changing. We gather together for festival meals with family and friends for seven days to increase our joy. Together, these holidays guide us through honest self-reflection and a process of atonement which leads us into a season of gratitude, joy, and hope.

This rhythm of our tradition — awakening, returning, rejoicing — reminds us that change is always possible. No matter the challenges or missteps of the past year, we can begin again, fortified by the love of our community, the strength of our faith, and the eternal invitation to return to God.

I look forward to joining you on this journey again this year during the *Yamim Noraim* (the Days of Awe), which we refer to as the High Holidays. May this year bring each of us the courage to change, the grace to forgive, and the wisdom to celebrate our blessings. *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!*





High Holiday and Festival Service Schedule 5786

Selichot

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 pm – Mincha
7:45 pm – Ma'ariv/Havdalah
7:46 pm – Shabbat Ends
9:30 pm – Dessert Reception and Selichot Program with Rabbi Ethan Tucker
11:00 pm – Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv (NSSBE only)
6:29 pm – Candlelighting

Rosh Hashanah – Day 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 am – Shacharit Service (NSSBE/Ravinia)
10:15 am – Jr. Congregation Family Service (Grossinger–Brickman)
10:15 am – Drop Off for Children's Services (NSSBE/Ravinia)
4:45 pm – Preschool Family Service (NSSBE only)
5:45 pm – Tashlich
6:30 pm – Mincha
7:25 pm – Ma'ariv
7:27 pm – Candlelighting

Rosh Hashanah – Day 2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 am – Shacharit Service (NSSBE only)
10:15 am – Drop Off for Children's Services (NSSBE only)
6:30 pm – Mincha
7:25 pm – Ma'ariv
7:26 pm – Holiday Ends

Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:45 pm – Mincha (NSSBE/Ravinia)
6:00 pm – Kol Nidre Service (NSSBE/Ravinia)
6:14 pm – Candlelighting

Yom Kippur

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 am – Preschool Family Service (NSSBE only)
9:00 am – Shacharit Service with Yizkor (NSSBE/Ravinia)
10:45 am – Jr. Congregation Family Service (Grossinger–Brickman)
10:45 am – Drop Off for Children's Services (NSSBE/Ravinia)
4:45 pm – Mincha (NSSBE only)
6:00 pm – Neilah (NSSBE only)
7:12 pm – Ma'ariv/Holiday Ends
7:25 pm – Final Shofar Blowing

Erev Sukkot

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:05 pm – Candlelighting
6:15 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv

Sukkot – Day 1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 am – Festival Service
10:30 am – Jr. Congregation
11:00 am – Tot Sukkot
12:00 pm – Sukkah Walk
6:00 pm – Mincha
7:00 pm – Ma'ariv
7:03 pm – Candlelighting

Sukkot – Day 2

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 am – Festival Service
10:30 am – Jr. Congregation
11:00 am – Tot Sukkot
6:00 pm – Mincha
7:00 pm – Ma'ariv
7:02 pm – Holiday Ends

Hoshana Rabbah/Erev Shmini Atzeret

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 am – Hoshana Rabbah Morning Service
5:45 pm – Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:54 pm – Candlelighting

Shmini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 am – Festival Service with Yizkor
10:30 am – Jr. Congregation
11:00 am – Tot Shmini Atzeret
6:00 pm – Mincha
6:30 pm – Young Family Simchat Torah Celebration
6:45 pm – Ma'ariv/Hakafot/Simchat Torah Celebration
6:52 pm – Candlelighting

Simchat Torah

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 am – Festival Service
10:00 am – Hakafot Service with Special Honors
10:45 am – Tot Simchat Torah/Jr. Congregation
5:45 pm – Mincha
6:50 pm – Ma'ariv
6:51 pm – Holiday Ends

HIGH HOLIDAY BOOT CAMP

Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 pm



September 2

For Adults with Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman

Wrapping Ourselves in What We Value: Spiritual Preparation for the High Holidays



September 9

For Parents & Grandparents with Max Handelman

Explore strategies and resources for engaging young children in the concrete symbols and rituals of the holidays.



September 16

For Teens & Parents with Rabbi Miriam Lichtenberg

Exploring our partnership with God to repair the world and reflect on our actions

These FREE sessions will meet in person at Beth El, after evening Minyan, and on Zoom. Register online or contact Marcie at meskin@nssbethel.org.

Change of Seasons

By Larry Pachter, New President of Beth El | president@nssbethel.org



At the time you read this, lay led summer will be coming to an end. Students are returning to classrooms, temperatures (hopefully) are starting to cool, days are getting shorter and routines are shifting. However, as I write this, temperatures remain around 90 degrees and summer is in full force. With that said, you might have been surprised to see the level of activity in and around Beth El during this “slow” season. Sisterhood, Men’s Club, HAZAK and Continuing Education have been running programs for all interests. Our clergy, staff and lay leaders are busy making plans for the High Holidays, including our new location for our

parallel services at Ravinia. Our lay led services on Shabbat offered a less formal setting for members to pray and lead prayers, and mark milestone events like anniversaries, birthdays and graduations with the community.

The start of school marks a significant pickup in the pace of activity here at Beth El. Thanks to all of our professional educators for making such a smooth transition for our students with the start of the new school year. I also want to thank all of our volunteer leaders, from the new executive committee, our Board of Directors and Board of Trustees and each of you who serve on a committee — Beth El wouldn’t be the same without you.

On behalf of all of our volunteers and staff, I hope that you have a peaceful and productive New Year. *L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.*

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Zichronot: Who is Remembering What On Rosh Hashanah?

By Hazzan Jacob Sandler | jsandler@nssbethel.org



Rosh Hashanah Musaf has three special sections. The middle one is called *Zichronot* and draws our attention to one of the biblical names of the holiday: Yom HaZikaron. Though this is different from Israel's memorial day, it is our Jewish day of remembering. But who is remembering? And what are they remembering?

As we formally begin the process of teshuvah we are called to remember God and our values, and return to doing good in the world. We are to recall as much as we can about how we behaved in the past year so that we can effectively atone and do better in the year to come. Perhaps we are called to remember each other and the impact our actions have on those around us, near and far.

However, this section of the service is made up of verses from the Torah, the Psalms and the Prophets. The verses included in our *mahzor* suggest it is God who does the remembering on Rosh Hashanah. God is remembering Noah, the animals that were on the ark during the flood, and the covenants with our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and even the land. God is remembering the covenantal relationship with us and with the whole world (the Noahide pact), in order to comfort us with lovingkindness. God is remembering all of us — and our potential to co-create the world of God's own dreams. May God remember us favorably for a good and sweet new year!

L'Shanah Tovah!



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

Scan the QR code below to view additional Service times and dates



September

Friday, September 5

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:59 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 6

Parashat Ki Teitzei
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:45 pm Mincha Service
7:55 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
7:59 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, September 12

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:47 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 13

Parashat Ki Tavo
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:30 pm Mincha Service
7:45 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
7:46 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, September 19

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:35 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 20

Parashat Nitzavim
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:30 pm Mincha Service
7:30 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
7:33 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, September 26

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:22 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 27

Shabbat Shuva
Parashat Vayeilech
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:15 pm Mincha Service
7:20 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
7:21 pm Shabbat Ends

October

Friday, October 3

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:10 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, October 4

Parashat Ha'Azinu
9:00 am Shabbat Service
6:00 pm Mincha Service
7:05 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
7:09 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 10

5:58 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 11

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:45 pm Mincha Service
6:55 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
6:57 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 17

5:47 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 18

Parashat Bereshit
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:45 pm Mincha Service
6:45 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
6:47 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 24

5:37 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 25

Parashat Noach
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:30 pm Mincha Service
6:35 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
6:37 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, October 31

5:27 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

November

Saturday, November 1

Parashat Lech Lecha
9:00 am Shabbat Service
5:15 pm Mincha Service
6:25 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
6:28 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 7

4:19 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 8

Parashat Vayera
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:15 pm Mincha Service
5:20 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
5:20 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 14

4:12 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 15

Parashat Chayei Sara
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha Service
5:10 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
5:14 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 21

Rosh Chodesh Kislev
4:06 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 22

Parashat Toldot
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha Service
5:10 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
5:10 pm Shabbat Ends

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

Parashat Vayetzei
9:00 am Shabbat Service
4:00 pm Mincha Service
5:05 pm Ma'ariv Service/Havdalah
5:07 pm Shabbat Ends

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For any of you who have read from our NEW SEFER TORAH over these past two years, you know how rewarding it is to read from a scroll that our congregation helped to write! Our Mitzvah613 Torah is beautiful, lightweight, and very easy to read from. I would encourage anyone with a comfort in chanting Torah to pick a portion that works for your schedule.

And if you are not yet a member of torahreaders.net, a special website for signing up to read Torah, it is very easy to join!

If you can read Hebrew and you'd like to work on your Torah chanting skills, please reach out as I'd be happy to help you on that holy journey! And if you are an adult who did not have your Bar or Bat Mitzvah when you were a teenager, please consider joining our Adult B'nai Mitzvah program. Beginning on Tuesday, October 28 and culminating with our second day Shavuot service on Saturday, May 23, learning to chant Torah will be a huge component of this special program!

Enriching our children's *Ahavat Torah*, love of Torah, I will launch the third year of our Junior Team Torah classes, bringing the skill of Torah trope to our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Putting this new skill to use in our Junior Congregation services, reading Torah will give them confidence in the years leading up to their B'nai Mitzvah, making them all the more ready for that special lifecycle moment!

And speaking of reading Torah, we are pleased to announce our Team Torah 5786 slogan: “Gimme a Chai FIVE!” In the 1st 5782 Back-to-Shul Challenge, Beth El significantly surpassed its original goal of having 100 unique Torah readers with 161 adults and 36 young readers in Junior Congregation. In our 2nd year, 5783 brought us 148 unique adult readers and 27 kids. In 5784, our 3rd year of this project, we reached 210 adult readers plus our 36 Junior Congregation readers! In 5785, the 4th year of this program, we have already surpassed 150 adult readers, with 46 Junior Congregation readers, and the year isn't even over yet (at the time of my writing this article). You are invited to join us in our fifth iteration of our Torah reading program as we kick off 5786...we might just give you a “Chai FIVE!”

While all adults and children reading Torah for the first time each Jewish year earn a Team Torah cookie, **we are proud to announce a new twist on our Torah reading incentive program for our NSS Beth El teenagers!** In addition to the annual cookie, they have the opportunity to receive the following cumulative gifts throughout their middle and high school years:

- a Team Torah Shabbat IOU followed by an \$18 gift card after reading 3 times
- a yad prior to reading for the 5th time
- a tikkun after reading 7 times to use for future Torah study throughout the rest of their adult lives.

Please reach out to me with any questions, and I hope you all have the opportunity to read Torah at Beth El in this new year! *Shanah Tovah!*

RITUAL

By Ben Channon, VP Ritual | b_channon@yahoo.com



May his memory be for a blessing.

This is a common phrase said to someone after they have an *El Malei Rachamim* (memorial prayer) stated after a Torah reading during a weekday service or Shabbat Mincha. It is commonly done either on a Yahrzeit or during the week leading up to a Yahrzeit. This is topical for me as I write this article on the 10th of Av, the 28th Yahrzeit for my grandfather Jack Olefsky. As I was thinking about him and what my memories of him consist of, I put it together that I have been saying Kaddish for him for a period more than twice the time that he was alive during my lifetime. He passed away a few weeks before my Bar Mitzvah. I can keep him in my thoughts by attending minyan and saying Kaddish for him. This conjures up all sorts of memories and thoughts as I remember not only the circumstances around his death but also memories of his life.

It is common for memories to fade in time as we move through life, specifically for a grandparent or other distant relative. Given the opportunity to say Kaddish and have a memorial prayer stated in his honor reinstates those memories. I encourage you to take the opportunity to have a memorial prayer stated for a loved one that has unfortunately passed away at a minyan. I expect that, like me, it will invoke feelings and memories that you have otherwise not considered. If you have questions about minyan times or the *El Malei Rachamim* prayer, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our clergy team or the Ritual Committee.

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

SHAVUOT II 5786 SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

Embark on a meaningful journey of learning and growth, culminating in a community B'nai Mitzvah celebration on Shavuot II.

YEARLONG COURSE BEGINS:
Tuesday, October 28 | 11:00 AM (in person, weekly)

A beginning level of Hebrew is required

Interested? Contact Hazzan Jenna Greenberg at jgreenberg@nssbethel.org



Junior TEAM TORAH

"LITTLE LEAGUE" EDITION



*Interested in learning how to read Torah?
Then this is the class for you!*

We invite 4th-6th Graders to participate in a unique Torah-reading Enrichment class. CRS and Day School students are both welcome to join Hazzan Greenberg on Sundays at noon to learn Torah trope.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER



CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

By Aliza Drumm, Director of Congregational Learning | adrumm@nssbethel.org



Welcome Maxine Handelman & Ellie Goldsmith

Leading the Way in Young Family Programming at Beth El

We are thrilled to introduce two incredible leaders who will guide and enrich our Young Family Programming at Beth El.

Maxine Handelman, our new Director of Young Family Programming, is a nationally respected Jewish educator and award-winning storyteller. Passionate about creating meaningful pathways into Jewish life for families with young children, Max is a 2020 recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for Jewish educators. She holds dual master's degrees in Jewish Education and Early Childhood Education and previously served as the Early Childhood Education Specialist at USCJ for 13 years. Max is also the author of three books, including *Jewish Every Day: The Complete Handbook for Early Childhood Teachers*. She lives near Wrigley Field with her husband, Jacob, and their two daughters.

Ellie Goldsmith, our new Assistant Director, brings a deep and lifelong connection to Beth El. Born and raised in Highland Park, Ellie is a proud graduate of NSS Beth El Preschool



Left to right: Maxine Handelman and Ellie Goldsmith

and Hebrew School, and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah right here at Beth El. A Tot Shabbat leader and former preschool camp counselor, Ellie combines her passion for working with children with a strong professional background — she holds a degree in Computer Science from Northwestern and currently works as a software engineer at Microsoft.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Max and Ellie to their new roles. You can reach out to them at mhandelman@nssbethel.org and at egoldsmith@nssbethel.org.

THE STEINBERG PRESCHOOL

By Kory Goldenberg, Director of the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Preschool | kgoldenberg@nssbethel.org



Building Our Future Together: A Year of Growth and New Beginnings

We are excited to begin a new school year filled with fresh energy, smiling faces, and joyful anticipation. Construction continues to be underway on a transformational

building project at Beth El and in the Steinberg Preschool. This renovation represents a powerful investment in our future — not just in bricks and mortar, but in the values, community, and learning that define who we are. Our preschool is honored to be part of this exciting chapter in our synagogue's story. The improvements will bring enhanced spaces for connection, creativity, improved security and education that will benefit our students and families for years to come.

Our classrooms have received beautiful updates to support hands-on learning, collaboration and creative play. We are also

thrilled to share that we have a wonderfully updated preschool kitchen. This thoughtfully designed space will help allow our students to engage in meaningful cooking and sensory experiences that help support early learning and Jewish values. Whether we're baking challah for Shabbat, exploring tastes of our holidays, or serving Zelda's lunches, this space will help to create a hub of creativity and connection for our students and teachers.

This school year, as we talk with our students about change, growth, and what it means to build something together, we'll be living those values in real time. What a meaningful opportunity for our children to witness a community investing in its future — and to feel a part of it.

Thank you for being our partners in this journey. We are so excited for the year ahead — a year of joyful learning, deep connection, and a front-row seat to the building of something truly special. We can't wait to build the future — together.



Weaving Israel into the Fabric of Jewish Learning

As we approach Rosh Hashanah — the start of a new year both spiritually and educationally — we are presented with a meaningful opportunity to reimagine how we teach about Israel. Rather than treating Israel as a standalone subject,

CRS is committed to weaving Israel education organically into the rhythms of Jewish life and learning. Our goal is to nurture an authentic, enduring connection to the Land, People, and State of Israel — one rooted in personal relevance and enriched through experience.

This year, we are deepening our commitment to making Israel a living, evolving part of our students' Jewish identities.

Through key entry points such as *Chagim* (Holidays), Torah, *Middot* (values), Arts & Culture, Innovation, and Diversity, students will encounter Israel as a vibrant and essential part of Jewish life. From exploring holiday traditions and biblical connections to engaging with Israeli music, technology, and multicultural society, students will see Israel not as a distant concept, but as a dynamic part of their own story.

This integrated approach fosters curiosity, empathy, and critical thinking, helping students build a personal and meaningful relationship with Israel. As we begin the new year, we reaffirm our dedication to preparing compassionate, informed, and engaged members of the global Jewish community — deeply connected to Israel in ways that are both lasting and real.

Beth El Event Showcase: Zayin Siyum





YOUTH COMMUNITY

By Stacy La Mell, Director of Youth Community | slamell@nssbethel.org



Fall Youth Programs: Building Jewish Pride, Leadership, and Community

As we head into a new year, our Youth Community Programs are more than just a calendar of events — they're a commitment to giving our children the tools they need to meet this moment

as proud, engaged young Jews.

We're kicking off the season with our **Teen Leadership Board Meeting on August 17 (2:00 – 3:00 pm in the Youth Lounge)**, followed by the return of our popular **Teen BEANS Dessert Hop on September 14**, a sweet start to the year. **On Tuesday,**

September 23, teens will help lead Tashlich on the first day of Rosh Hashanah — an empowering opportunity to step into ritual leadership.

October brings more connection and celebration with **Sushi in the Sukkah on October 9** — middle schoolers from **5:30–6:45 pm** and high schoolers from **7:00–9:00 pm**. We're also excited to launch a **new childcare and school break program for grades 2–12**, starting with **Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13)** and **Veterans Day (November 11)**. Programs will include on-site activities and off-site adventures.

These programs aim to create sacred, joyful, and resilient spaces — where our kids can grow, lead, and walk proudly in the world as Jews. We're not just building events; we're building a generation.

Beth El Event Showcase: End of the Year Bash





DEVELOPMENT

By Jacob Markey, Director of Development | jmarkey@nssbethel.org



“Just as my ancestors planted for me, I too am planting for my descendants.”

(Talmud, Taanit 23a)

The Ner Tamid Society is Beth El's legacy giving society.

By including Beth El in your will or estate plans, you strengthen the synagogue and ensure that your legacy remains for generations to come. Below, Karen and Michael Kesner share why they joined Ner Tamid Society.

Why did you decide to join Ner Tamid Society and leave a legacy gift specifically to Beth El?

First and foremost, we wanted our children and grandchildren to understand how important Beth El was to us. We greatly benefited from being members of Beth El. It has allowed us to develop lifelong relationships with other members, strengthen our Jewish identities and ties to Israel, celebrate and mourn numerous life cycle events with family and friends, educate our children, and serve as a place to study and worship.



Karen and Michael Kesner

What have been the benefits to you for joining Ner Tamid Society?

The benefit is knowing that Beth El will remain a vibrant community for generations to come.

Why is it important for congregants to join Ner Tamid Society?

One of the greatest gifts we can bestow to future generations is to have a strong and flourishing Beth El available to them. The Ner Tamid Society is dedicated to ensuring that future.

How easy was the process of joining Ner Tamid Society?

It is very easy to join and update our estate documents to leave a gift to Beth El.

For more information about Ner Tamid Society or to join, please contact Jacob Markey, Beth El's Director of Development, at jmarkey@nssbethel.org.



Beth El Event Showcase: Annual Event – David Broza Concert





MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

By Hillary Wenk, Director of Engagement | hwenk@nssbethel.org



Reflections from a Synagogue Engagement Director During the High Holidays

As the Engagement Director at a synagogue, I'm often asked what I do. The truth is — it changes daily. But during the High Holidays it is to create meaningful connections with the congregants I have yet to meet and embrace the ones who have made me feel a part of Beth El in short order. It is about encouraging sacred moments where people feel welcome and look forward to coming back for the next service or program.

This year is a departure from how our family normally celebrates High Holidays. I won't be sitting in the sanctuary knowing what page we are on or having them ask when

services are over. I will be greeting members with a warm smile, directing them to their seats, pointing to the restroom or offering a kind word to parents who need a quiet place for their child. In other words, I will be engaging with our beautiful Beth El *mishpaha*.

I look forward to finding meaning in this new role, to hear a familiar melody from the back of the sanctuary, to welcome a new member who walks in nervously and leaves smiling, to have volunteers stepping up, teens holding doors, or a toddler offering an enthusiastic "*Shanah Tovah!*" This is how I will pray and soak up more of what makes the Beth El community so wonderful.

While it is a busy time for staff, it is also a time to reflect on all the good things we've shared in the previous year and how we will proceed in the new year with a fresh perspective.

שנה טובה ומתוקה *Shanah Tovah U'Metuka*.

SELICHOT PROGRAM

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: Rabbi Ethan Tucker

Friday, September 12

6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Services
Rabbi Tucker will deliver the D'var Torah

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am - Shabbat Service
Sermon: "And You Shall Write These Words Well Explained- Recovering Judaism's Mission to the World"
12:30 pm - Post-Kiddush Conversation:
"Is Judaism for Everyone? Or Just the Jewish People?"
6:30 pm - Shabbat Mincha Study Session led by Rabbi Tucker followed by Seudah Shlishit, Ma'ariv & Havdalah
9:30 pm - Dessert Reception and Pre- Selichot Program:
"Learning to Forget in a Season of Remembrance"
11:00 pm - Selichot Service

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am - Breakfast
10:00 am - Learning Session:
"The Torah of Relationships: Pluralism, Integrity and Community"



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Rabbi Ethan Tucker, President and Rosh Yeshiva of Hadar, will be our guest scholar for Shabbat. He will also lead a pre-Selichot program, a Sunday morning learning session, and share from his forthcoming book *Pluralism, Integrity, and Community: The Torah of Relationships*.

12-14

SEPTEMBER 2025

Questions? Contact Lori Solomon at lsolomon@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7900



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A Reading List for Reflection and Resolve

Two years after the devastating attacks of October 7, we honor the memory of those lost, the resilience of the survivors and heroes, and the continued struggle to make sense of an event that shook the Jewish world. We have added books to our Abbell Library collection that offer a range of responses: personal testimonies, historical and political analysis, and reflections rooted in Jewish tradition.

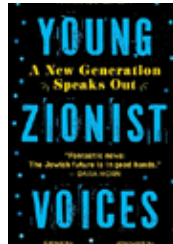
These books can help us remember what happened, understand its implications, and imagine how we can move forward. Visit the Beth El Library to check one out.



One Day in October
BY YAIR AGMON
Introduces forty real-life Israeli heroes in their own words. See also *Stand-Up Nation* by Aviva Klompas and *October 7* by Tal Chaika.



For Such a Time as This
BY ELLIOT J. COSGROVE
Drawing on the rich trove of Jewish history and tradition, one of today's most influential Conservative rabbis helps make sense of this fraught and trying time.



Young Zionist Voices
BY DAVID HAZONY
A collection of essays by next-generation thought leaders offering new visions for the Jewish future.



Israel Alone
BY BERNARD-HENRI LÉVY
A passionate account of the loneliness of Israel and the tragedy of October 7.



The Gates of Gaza
BY AMIR TIBON
Drawing on Israeli and Palestinian sources and interviews with police officers and soldiers, Tibon offers an unsparing but ultimately hopeful view of the conflict and its global reverberations.



To Resist the Academic Intifada
BY GIL TROY
In these letters to his students, Professor Troy pushes back against the growing despair regarding America and the assault on Zionism, Israel, and the Jews.



10/7
BY LEE YARON
The definitive account of the 10/7 attacks through the stories of its victims and the communities they called home.

Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

Join Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, for lively book discussions and author events. New participants are always welcome!



Fagin the Thief by Allison Epstein
Saturday, October 25, 12:30 pm
Long before *Oliver Twist*, Jacob Fagin carves out a life in 19th-century London's underworld, forming a found family of thieves, including Bill Sikes and the Artful Dodger, until a botched heist forces him to confront his morals. Meet the author in person at Beth El on Tuesday evening, October 28!



By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult
Saturday, December 6, 12:30 pm
Across centuries two women - one a modern playwright and the other her Elizabethan ancestor - each fight societal expectations to have their voices heard on the stage in a world that silences female playwrights.

Participants are encouraged to make a minimum donation of \$54 to the Torah Fund Campaign. The Book Club will continue in February, March & May 2026. Questions? Contact Rachel at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902.

Beth El Event Showcase: Fanny Goldstein Merit Award Celebration



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 as part of a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community of lifelong learners. Join us for these Fall 5786 classes:



◀ Scan the QR code to register.



Windows on Teshuvah with Rabbi Michael Schwab, Rabbi Alex Freedman & Hazzan Jacob Sandler

Thursdays, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
August 21; September 4 & 11



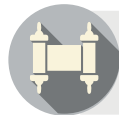
Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Michael Schwab

Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
August 28 and December 4



Talmud
with Rabbi Michael Schwab

Tuesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 am
September 2–16; October 21 – December 16



High Holiday Boot Camp with Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman, Max Handelman & Rabbi Miriam Lichtenberg

Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 pm
September 2, 9 & 16



Writer's Beit Midrash

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 am
Sept. 3 & 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 5 & 19 and Dec. 3 & 17



Café Ivrit: Intermediate Conversational Hebrew
with Pnina Arsers

Tuesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 pm
Sept. 9 & 16; Oct. 21 – Dec. 9



Introduction to Conversational Hebrew II
with Pnina Arsers

Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 pm
Sept. 10 & 17; Oct. 22 – Dec. 10



Breaking Jewish News and Views
with Carl Schrag

Wednesdays, 9:45 – 11:00 am
October 22 – December 17



Sicha B'Ivrit: Advanced Conversational Hebrew with Shlomit Hoch

Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 23 – December 18



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
with Hazzan Jenna Greenberg

Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
October 28, 2025 – May 19, 2026



What Jews Should Know about Christian Scripture with Rabbi Steven Bob

Thursdays, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
October 30 – November 20



Entering The Land of Canaan
with Rabbi Dr. Vernon Kurtz
Sponsored by the Schechter Institute

Sundays, 10:30 – 11:45 am
November 2, 2025 – January 25, 2026

Visit the Continuing Education page on the Beth El website at www.nssbethel.org for more information and to register. Questions? Contact Rachel Kamin, Director of Lifelong Learning, at rkamin@nssbethel.org or at 847-926-7902.

Make A Difference in the Lives of Our Seniors

Our congregation thrives on caring for one another, and the HAZAK Caring Community embodies this spirit by supporting our senior members. These cherished individuals offer a wealth of wisdom, but often face challenges like daily tasks, transportation or isolation. HAZAK volunteers provide vital assistance and companionship, ensuring our seniors feel valued and connected.

As volunteer Sherry Levin shares, “Volunteering with Hazak allows me to honor the wisdom and life experiences of our seniors. It’s also a wonderful way to strengthen the bonds between generations. Through shared stories, traditions, and care, we help ensure they feel valued, connected, and cherished within our community.”

Judy Farby adds, “Volunteering for Hazak has been a meaningful experience. It started with checking in on a few ladies during Covid and it blossomed into a warm relationship with each of them. The smiles I received when dropping off Purim packages, truly warmed my heart.”

We have many opportunities for you to help, including:

- Drive members to Beth El services and programs, or appointments in the community.
- Deliver Shabbat or Yom Tov meals.
- Visit members in their homes or senior living community
- Attend some of the HAZAK programs.
- Join the HAZAK Committee and help plan programs.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can contribute and help brighten the lives of seniors, contact us at: Mary Ellen Bowers Goldsmith, eyerishmar@comcast.net, or Jackie Melinger, jackiemelinger@gmail.com.

THE RABBI IRVING AND AMY FRANKEL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Friday, November 7 – Sunday, November 9, 2025

A WEEKEND WITH ETHAN SCHWARTZ, PH.D. Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Villanova University



Register online or contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7902.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rinat Shabbat

D'var Torah: “A Closer Look at the Most Boring Part of a Jam-Packed Parsha”

5:30 pm – Refreshments

6:00 pm – Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 am Services

Sermon: “Abraham, Isaac, and Us: On Raising Jewish Children while Antisemitism Surges”

12:30 pm Post-Kiddush Lecture:

“How God Became the King of Kings: Ancient Israel’s Encounter with Empire”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

2:00 pm – The Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture:

“Jewish-Christian Relations since October 7th: What’s Happening and Why It Matters”

MEN'S CLUB CORNER

By Aaron Krumbein, Men's Club President | akrumbein@sbcglobal.net



North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club 2025 Softball Team

A Men's Club for All Men

Shanah Tovah! The Beth El Men's Club is looking forward to a wonderful year ahead featuring programs for men of all ages.

Our mission is to create a space where men can connect, celebrate, and grow together through events that balance fun, tradition, and community. This year, the Men's Club is focusing on fostering meaningful connections while ensuring there's something for everyone. Whether you're looking to enjoy a casual evening or engage in unique experiences, we have plenty to offer.

The year will commence with our traditional Steak and Scotch event, followed by our annual Sukkot NFL watch party. In collaboration with Sisterhood, we will co-host a Hannukah celebration in December, an evening of Ballroom Dancing in January, and a fun filled night of karaoke in February. For men with young children, please watch for our Mom's Afternoon Off programs, which offer enjoyable activities for children and special men in their lives. Additionally, the monthly Bagel for Your Brain's series will continue to feature guest speakers on a range of compelling subjects, and we will host blood drives throughout the year in partnership with the Sisterhood.

Join us at a Men's Club event this year for connection, good times, and great food. For more information, contact club president Aaron Krumbein at akrumbein@sbcglobal.net.

Beth El Event Showcase: Caveman Dinner



From the Archives: Beth El's Senior Rabbis By Morton Steinberg

This is the fourth in a series of mini-biographies of the individuals who have served as senior rabbi at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.



William H. Lebeau (1978–1987)

Rabbi William Harry Lebeau was born in 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was raised in Akron in a non-religious home but during high school was active in United Synagogue Youth and was elected president of Central Region USY. In 1955 Lebeau enrolled as a pre-dental student at the University of Akron. Fulfilling an assignment in a

philosophy course, he came upon the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel, which sparked his interest in Judaism. Convinced by one of his best friends to learn more about Judaism by spending the summer of 1957 at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, he applied for a job on its staff. Due to his lack of knowledge of Hebrew, he was hired as a waiter, but he studied Hebrew daily and after four weeks he was offered the position of junior counselor. Ramah was transformative for the 19-year-old young man. He soon transferred to New York University earning his BA degree in 1959. He then enrolled in the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary earning a master's degree in Jewish Studies in 1962 and receiving ordination in 1964. In 1962 Lebeau married Beverly Aronson of Indianapolis and together they raised a family of five children: Bob, Alisa, Adena, Yosefa and Aryeh.

Lebeau began his rabbinic career as a chaplain in the United States Navy based in San Diego. In 1966 he took the pulpit at the North Shore Jewish Center in Port Jefferson, New York, where over the next thirteen years he grew the congregation from 50 to over 750 families. In 1977 Beth El was seeking a new senior rabbi, and Lebeau, with the encouragement of the Chancellor of the Seminary, applied for the position. On June 1, 1978, Beth El's board of directors unanimously approved the recommendation of the Rabbinic Search Committee to bring Lebeau to Beth El. The rabbi began his tenure at Beth El in August 1978. He and his family were warmly welcomed by the congregation, and he hoped to help heal the wounds still lingering in the community following the departure of his predecessor, Rabbi Samuel Dresner. Lebeau's sensitivity, compassion, warm sense of humor yet serious positions on Jewish practices and education quickly earned him the respect, admiration and friendship of the congregation.

During Lebeau's first few years at the synagogue, he analyzed the functioning of the synagogue and envisioned the needs for its future growth. In 1983 he presented two papers to the board of directors, and on Rosh Hashanah

spoke directly to Beth El's membership, of the need for a readjustment in the use of the synagogue's facilities and the expansion of its programs. Although meeting some initial resistance from a small number of individuals, Lebeau worked diligently with the extended lay leadership of the synagogue to explain and clarify his concepts. These efforts resulted in a formal plan to utilize the first floor of the Price Mansion as a new Cultural and Learning Center and for the construction of a new administrative wing and a multi-purpose hall and the expansion of the school building. He also emphasized the importance of the development of an intensive youth community program, which built upon the popular Vav Classes for Bar and Bat Mitzvah children and their parents, a program he had introduced in previous years. By 1987 the plan had been fully implemented; his vision had become a reality and the synagogue was revitalized.

Rabbi Lebeau considered his tenure at Beth El as one of the most rewarding and professionally satisfying periods of his career. Thus, it was with great reluctance that he informed the congregation in the spring of 1987 that he had been called to New York by the Chancellor of the Seminary to serve as Vice-Chancellor and Dean of its rabbinical school. Following a gala tribute dinner in December of that year, the Lebeaus left Beth El and moved to New York City, leaving a profound legacy at the congregation he had served for ten years.



Groundbreaking for the construction of the Posen Rabbinic and Administrative wing in 1986.

Honoring a Historic Milestone: 75 Years Since Our First Bat Mitzvah at Beth El

Saturday, November 1, 2025



In 1950, Beverly Joyce Rubenstein, daughter of Louis and Beatrice Rubenstein, became the first Bat Mitzvah at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. The service took place on Friday night, October 20, 1950, led by visiting Rabbi Philip L. Lipis — who would later become Beth El's rabbi — and Cantor Stanley Martin.

Beverly's legacy continued through her daughters: in 1968, Deborah Renée Zeloof became the first second-generation Bat Mitzvah at Beth El, and in 1970, Leslee Joy celebrated her Bat Mitzvah by chanting the same haftarah portion as her mother.

On Saturday, November 1, Beverly will be honored with an Aliyah in recognition of the **75th anniversary** of this milestone moment in Beth El's history.

Join us in celebrating this meaningful chapter in our congregational story!



Top: Bat Mitzvah of Beverly Joyce Rubenstein with Rabbi Lipis and Cantor Martin. Bottom: Beverly receiving a certificate from Rabbi Lipis.

Lebeau performed his new duties at the Seminary with distinction, also serving as Chairman of the Department of Professional Skills and guiding many other components of the Conservative movement. As dean he expanded enrollment in the rabbinical school, enhanced its curriculum to emphasize spiritual development and studies in Israel, and through his teaching influenced a new generation of Conservative clergy. Calling on his personal experience, he “taught Beth El” to his students, emphasizing the importance of partnering with the lay leadership of the synagogue. He also found time to fulfill one of his personal dreams by becoming a certified race car driver and competing in automobile races. Following his retirement from the Seminary faculty in 2007, he served the Rabbinical Assembly for fifteen years as Senior Consultant for Rabbinic and Institutional Leadership. Today he and Beverly reside on the Upper West Side of New York, where he consults upon a volunteer basis with rabbis who seek his advice and wisdom.



Top: Dedication of the new Sefer Torah concluding the 1980 Torah writing project.

Bottom: Rabbi Lebeau was a guest star in the synagogue's 1984 production of “Katz.”



It's All in the Beth El Family

Mazel Tov to:

Harvey Barnett On his 82nd birthday	Julia Faust, daughter of Marcie and Derek Faust On becoming Bat Mitzvah	Aaron Krumbein On the 52nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah	Alyssa Retsky, daughter of Basia and Joel Retsky, and Michael Grey, son of Amy and Marton Grey On their marriage
Steven and Carol Beckerman On the baby naming of their granddaughter, Adeline Jo Beckerman	Zach Ferig, son of Nancy and Maury Fertig, and Ali Urman, daughter of Laurie and Brain Urman On their wedding	Stacy LaMell On the 39th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah	Lisa and Jef Rosenkranz On the engagement of their son Ben, to Emily Simanskis
JoAnne Blumberg On her 63rd birthday and 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah	Marcy and Rob Freeman On their 35th wedding anniversary	Debra and Arnold Landis On the birth of their grandson, Nathaniel Boaz Derdiger	Hazzan Jacob Sandler On his JUF's 36 Under 36
Mary Ellen Bowers and Larry Goldsmith On the birth of their granddaughter, Maeve Doyle Wulff	Ellie Goldsmith On her graduation from Northwestern University	Sheryl Lipnick On her adult Bat Mitzvah	Ari Schwab, son of Erica and Rabbi Michael Schwab As he leaves for West Point Academy
Adrian Burack, son of Dina Luke and Alan Burack On becoming a Bar Mitzvah	Marla Grossberg On the past 2 years of her presidency at Beth El	Steven Lipnick, son of Sheryl and Stuart Linick On becoming a Bar Mitzvah	Fran Sherman On the 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah
Jan and Brian Channon On the birth of their grandson, Akiva Meir Miller and on the birth of their granddaughter, Aurora Rosemarie Channon	Carly Humes On her 47th birthday	Daniela Magnifico On her marriage to Pinchas Badra	Fran and Jon Sherman On their 40th wedding anniversary
Sarah and Daniel Channon On the birth of their daughter, Aurora Rosemarie Channon	Rebecca Jacobson On the 40th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah	Hannah Maletsky, daughter of Heidi Sachs and Richard Maletsky On becoming a Bat Mitzvah	Myrna and Shael (z"l) Siegel On their 67th wedding anniversary
Gabi Daihes, son of Kristen and Oron Daihes On becoming a Bar Mitzvah	Jared Kamin On the 4th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah	Ed Matthew On the anniversary of his 56th Bar Mitzvah	Marvin and Sara Siegel On their 60th wedding anniversary
Rebecca and Corey Derdiger On the birth of their son, Nathaniel Boaz Derdiger	Gerry Kaplan On the engagement of her grandson, Jake Lisssoos, to Morgan Cutler	Anne McDonagh and David Fishbaum On the engagement of their son, Daniel, to Lexi Heller, daughter of Suzie and David Heller	Melissa and Marc Spellman On the birth of their granddaughter, Bettie Roz Spellman
Cindy and Lowell Derdiger On the birth of their grandson, Nathaniel Boaz Derdiger	Betsy and Michael Katz On their 60th wedding anniversary	Rachel and Zachary Miller On the birth of their son, Akiva Meir Miller	Barbara Stern On the birth of her grandson, Eliyahu Yaakov Kolom
Ali Drumm On her 46th birthday and 33rd anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah	Audra Kaplan On her 58th birthday	Sam Minkus, son of Laura and Michael Mikus On becoming a Bar Mitzvah	Brandon Weiss, son of Racheal and Jeremy Weiss On becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Mark Edelstein On his 70th birthday	Gerry Kaplan On the birth of her great-grandson, Aron Yechiel Boaz Friedman	Debra and Adam Natenshon On their 22nd wedding anniversary	Allison Zabelin and Misha Reznik On the baby naming of their daughter, Elizabeth Zoe Zabelin
	Renee Klein On her 82nd birthday	Richard and Lori Rabinowitz On the birth of their grandson, Dean Asher Rabinowitz	Asher Zallik, son of Cindy and Ned Zallik and Zoe Sinton, daughter of Wendi Arnstein and Scott Sinton On their wedding

Condolences to:

Jeff Aronin On the passing of his mother, Sandra Aronin	Ira Frost and Skip Frost On the passing of their mother, Allene "Eenie" Frost	Marlene Kaplan On the passing of her sister, Ilene Strauss	Myrna Siegel On the passing of her husband, Shael Siegel
Abby Block On the passing of her brother, Alan Balter	Jonathan Glick On the passing of his mother, Ann Glick	Stuart Kupfer On the passing of his father, Donald Kupfer	IN MEMORIAM: Abraham de Leeuwe Allene "Eenie" Frost David Hoffman Shael Siegel
Margaret Cohn On the passing of her mother, Michelle Faith Kaufman	Barbara Hoffman, Brian Hoffman and Lisa Fishbein On the passing of their husband and father, David Hoffman	Michelle Leon On the passing of her mother, Renee Rivka Hoover	
The Family of Abraham de Leeuwe On his passing	Jill Hoffman On the passing of her father, Larry Lebovitz	Lynne Schroyer On the passing of her father, Charles Sachse	

Kiddush Co-Sponsors:

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Rabbi Schwab Discretionary Fund

In honor of Ari Schwab for his excellent session at Tikkun Layl Shavuot – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In honor of Brandon Weiss, our grandson, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Stephen and Carol Weiss

In honor of Golda Rosenberg's graduation from the Steinberg Preschool and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Jonathan and Marissa Rosenberg

In honor of Hannah Maletsky, daughter of Rinna and Eric Maletsky, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah – Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff

In honor of Larry Pachter becoming President of NSS Beth El – Elliot Pachter and Naomi Weckstein

In honor of Pamela and Michael's wedding and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Stuart and Barbara Hochwert

In honor of Rabbi Schwab's Talmud class – Matt and Jamie Pestine

In honor of the birth of our grandchildren, Zeke Berk and Beatrice Kraff and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Colman and Julie Kraff

In honor of Zeke Daniel Berk's baby naming and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – Jared and Arielle Berk

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his guidance and thoughtfulness – Ira and Elise Frost and Family

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab – The Frost Family

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

- Steve and Wendy Abrams
- Randall and Elyse Block
- Ron and Eileen Goldberg
- Andy and Laurie Hochberg
- Michael and Judy Smith

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister

- Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- Stuart and Barbara Hochwert
- Michael and Susan Millenson
- Karen Weiss

In memory of Anita Brenner, beloved sister – Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

In memory of Arthur Hersh Chapman, beloved father of Laurie (Andrew) Hochberg, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather

- Ira and Elise Frost
- Ron and Eileen Goldberg
- Rochelle and Earl Rubinoff

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather

- Michael and Betsy Katz
- Karen Weiss

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

In memory of Harry Bichunsky and Isaac Feitelberg, beloved fathers – Philip and Doreen Feitelberg

In memory of Hugh Block, beloved brother of Lawrence Block

- Michael and Betsy Katz
- Mark and Susan Pollack

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

In memory of Merle Friedman on her first yahrzeit – Brian and Michelle Rubin

In memory of Mike Rosen, beloved brother – Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

In memory of Morris and Shirley Foxman, beloved father and mother – Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

In memory of Nathaniel Grey, beloved husband of Lana Grey, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather – Ron and Eileen Goldberg

In memory of Pearl and Phil Kahalnik, beloved mother and father – Chuck Kahalnik

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab

- Jeffrey and Lisa Aronin
- Brian and Leslye Whittman

With appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for the service and stone unveiling for our mother, Merle Zerkowitz – Brian and Michelle Rubin

With appreciation

- Anonymous
- Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum

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In honor of the baby naming of our granddaughter Rebecca Ruffman and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman – Richard and Nadine Woldenberg

In honor of the brit milah of our son, Nathaniel Boaz – Corey and Rebecca Dardiger

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In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Mark and Laura Lieberman

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

In memory of Irwin Magad and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman – The Magad Family

In memory of Jerry Lebovitz and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for leading a beautiful memorial service – Steven and Jill Hoffman

In memory of Susan Shackman, beloved daughter, and with appreciation to Rabbi Freedman – Bruce Shackman

With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman

- Sally Aaron
- Brian and Leslye Whittman

With appreciation to Rabbi Freedman for letting us participate in Shabbat Services and officiating the baby naming for Romi – Ari and Linda Silverman

Rabbi Kurtz Discretionary Fund

In memory of Benjamin Simon Applebaum, beloved son – Lily and Stephen Applebaum and Family

In memory of Louis and Helen Sprung, beloved father and mother – Cindy Shekhtman

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With appreciation – Misha Reznik and Allison Zabelin

Hazzan Greenberg Discretionary Fund

In honor of Ranon Ginsberg, son of Hazzan Jenna Greenberg and Rabbi Josh Ginsberg, on his graduation from Ida Crown Jewish Academy

- Matt and Jamie Pestine
- Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Jerry Lebovitz and with appreciation to Hazzan Greenberg for her love and support – Steven and Jill Hoffman

In memory of Michael Paul Gale, beloved brother of Diane Roodman – Bob and Beth Footlik

With appreciation to Hazzan Greenberg for the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Maletsky – Richard Maletsky and Heidi Sachs

Andrew and Gail Brown Technology Endowment Fund

In honor of Andrew Brown on Father's Day – Joey Brown, Eliza Lagos-Brown, Maddi Brown, Danya Lagos-Brown, Bluma Lagos-Brown, and Rafaela Lagos-Brown

In honor of Larry Pachter becoming President of NSS Beth El – Andrew and Gail Brown

With appreciation to Marla Grossberg for a terrific two years as President – Andrew and Gail Brown

Ben and Marion Drachler Education Endowment Fund

In memory of Marion Drachler, beloved mother
– Ferne Avery
– A. Michael and Nancy Drachler

In memory of Stephen Avery, beloved husband –
Ferne Avery

Calvin and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Fund

In memory of Danny Zakon – Calvin Eisenberg
In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Calvin Eisenberg

In memory of Lana Eisenberg, beloved wife –
Calvin Eisenberg

In memory of Lorraine Shepard – Calvin Eisenberg

In memory of Richard Price – Calvin Eisenberg

Camp Ramah General Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of the birth of Fran Rabinowitz's great-grandson, Dean Asher Rabinowitz – Len and Bobbie Tenner

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Peggy Kaz

With appreciation to Arthur Rabinowitz and Maria Ponsillo for their kindness to family and friends of Nathaniel Grey, z"l – Rachell Eisenberg

Capital Improvement Fund

In honor of Edith Turner lighting a candle on Yom HaShoah – Helene Turner

In honor of Marla Grossberg serving as President of NSS Beth El for the past 2 years – Rabbi Benjamin and Rachel Azriel

In memory of Charles Freeman, beloved father – Robert and Marcy Freeman

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather – Rod and Marilyn Slutzky

Family Engagement Fund

In memory of Lawrence Field, beloved father – Rachel Field

With appreciation for Shabbat services and kiddush – Miriam Pomeranz

Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Fund

In honor of Kim Ephraim on her installation as Vice President of Administration at NSS Beth El – David and Francie Ephraim

In honor of Larry Pachter becoming President of NSS Beth El – David and Francie Ephraim

In honor of Larry Pachter's commitment to the future of NSS Beth El as President – Rabbi Benjamin and Rachel Azriel

In honor of Marcie Eskin on her Fanny Goldstein Merit Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries

– Babette Levy and Mark Daskin
– Nancy Thomadson

In honor of Marla Grossberg serving as President of NSS Beth El for the past 2 years – David and Francie Ephraim

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

– Stan and Carole Derdiger
– Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
– Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin
– Richard and Lois Werner

In memory of Donald Kupfer, beloved father of Stuart (Linda) Kupfer, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Mark Daskin and Babette Levy

In memory of Donna Kwall Smith, beloved sister of Jeffry Kwall – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather

– Daniel and Honey Bronson
– Gary and Merle Kaufman
– Jane Pickus

In memory of Jerry Lebovich, beloved father of Jill (Steven) Hoffman, beloved husband, grandfather and brother – Gary and Merle Kaufman

HAZAK Fund

In honor of Irwin and Jill Bernstein's 45th wedding anniversary – Daniel and Honey Bronson

In honor of Larry Pachter becoming President of NSS Beth El – Mel and Sandy Wasserman

In honor of the engagement of Ben Lampert, son of Mark and Susie Lampert, to Lauren – Bonnie Lipton

In honor of the marriage of Aaron Cohn, son of Lee and Margaret Cohn, to Ellie – Bonnie Lipton

In honor of the wedding of Basia and Joel Retsky's daughter Alyssa, to Michael Grey – Gerry Kaplan

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

– Jerry and Annette Blumberg
– Caryn Garber
– Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers
– Ken and Marcy Levin
– Matt and Jamie Pestine

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister – Len and Bobbie Tenner

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather – Ken and Marcy Levin

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Michael and Jackie Melinger

In memory of David Rozenzweig, beloved father – Michael and Jackie Melinger

In memory of Donald Kupfer, beloved father of Stuart (Linda) Kupfer, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather

– Patricia Shapiro
– Rod and Marilyn Slutzky
– Gloria Taussig

In memory of Eugene M. Levin, beloved brother – Ken and Marcy Levin

In memory of Grace Rifken, beloved mother of Abby Isaacson – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Hugh Block, beloved brother of Lawrence Block – Joseph and Harriet Resnick

In memory of Ida Stern Cohen, beloved aunt – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Joseph Ament, beloved husband of Susan Ament, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Louise Bloch Stern – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Martha Stern Green, beloved mother – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Michelle Faith Kaufman, beloved mother of Margaret (Lee) Cohn, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers

With appreciation for the Technion Talk – Steven Andes

With appreciation to Hazak

– Anonymous
– Annette Faust Feller
– Helene Turner

With appreciation to Michael Levin – Elise Kline

Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund

With appreciation – Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge Maintenance Endowment Fund

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother

– Susan Ament and Family
– Laurence and Corinne Baskin
– Zachary Batey on Behalf of NVR/Ryan Homes
– Hermine Bergerman
– Minda and Mickey Bernberg
– Claudia Brown
– Abraham DeLeeuwe, z"l and Helen Witt
– Jeremiah Diamond
– Shelley and Eddie Diamond
– David and Francie Ephraim
– Maury and Nancy Fertig
– Caryn Garber
– Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers
– Friends of Barbara Hoffman and Family
– Henry Hollander/Margie DuBrow
– Lee Janger and Family
– Gerry Kaplan
– Michael and Betsy Katz
– Peggy and Sid Kaz
– Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin
– David and Barbara Lansing
– Gerald and Adrienne Lasin
– Ken and Marcy Levin
– Paulette Margulies
– Sy and Miffie Nagorsky
– Jeffrey and Harriet Nemetz
– Arthur Rabinowitz and Maria Ponsillo
– Richard and Karen Reisin
– Lindsay Rotter
– Kenneth and Meryl Rubin
– Shari Scheck
– Skip and Lynn Schrayner
– Patricia Shapiro
– Lawrence Silverman
– Ronnie Jo Sokol
– Mort and Miriam Steinberg
– Gloria Taussig and Family
– Lynne and Alan Weiss
– Stephen and Carol Weiss
– Michael Zaransky

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-in-Residence Endowment Fund

With appreciation – David and Karen Benson

Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Myrna Siegel's 89th birthday and Shael (z"l) and Myrna Siegel's 67th wedding anniversary – Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers

In honor of Yinam and Ayelet Cohen and Family – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

In honor of Brandon Weiss, son of Racheal and Jeremy Weiss, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah – Patricia Shapiro

In honor of Julia Faust, daughter of Marcie and Derek Faust, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah – Patricia Shapiro

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister – Steve and Wendy Abrams

In memory of Dr. Jeffrey Waitzman – North Shore Compassionate Care

In memory of Lawrence Gray, beloved father of Keith and Mathew Gray – Justin and Kara Green

Janger Family Havurot Endowment Fund

In memory of Richard Janger on his yahrzeit – Lee Janger

Jean T. and Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In honor of Larry Block's 90th birthday – Mort and Miriam Steinberg

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund

In honor of Ali Drumm for her excellent presentation at Tikkun Layl Shavuot – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In honor of Alvin Bayliss' 80th birthday – Carol Erde

In honor of Anya Viner reading Torah for her mother's birthday – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In honor of Joan Harelik's 83rd birthday – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In honor of Marcie Eskin on her Fanny Goldstein Merit Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries
– Anonymous
– Gerry Kaplan
– Richard and Pam Schlosberg

In honor of Rachel Kamin for her planning and overseeing Tikkun Layl Shavuot – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother
– Theodore and Cheryl Banks
– Daniel and Wendy Kahn
– Michael and Barbara Salberg

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather – David and Brenda Jackson

With appreciation to Larry Pachter for his support and counsel for Rachel and I as we purchased our home – Rabbi Benjamin and Rachel Azriel

Kopin Family Children's T'filot Endowment Fund

In honor of Shael (z"l) and Myrna Siegel's 67th wedding anniversary
– Mitchell and Karen Kopin
– Myrna Kopin

In honor of Myrna Siegel's 89th birthday – Myrna Kopin

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Mitchell and Karen Kopin

In memory of Professor Raymond Eisenstadt, beloved father – Robert and Marcy Freeman

LGBTQIA+ Fund

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Marilyn Hollander

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

In honor of Julia Faust, daughter of Marcie and Derek Faust, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of Marcie Eskin on her Fanny Goldstein Merit Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries

– Laurence and Corinne Baskin
– Sheila Cahnman
– Leon and Leslie Fox
– Mark and Nina Gaines
– Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers
– Daniel and Wendy Kahn
– Matt and Jamie Pestine
– Patricia Shapiro
– Millie Weber
– Hillary and Brian Wenk

In honor of Rachel Kamin – Janice R. Levine

In honor of Ruth and Ed Copeland – Elyn Robinson

In honor of the synagogue library programs and services – Brad and Marcie Pickard

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother
– Robert Berger
– Mark and Shelly Chester
– Hilda Reingold

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather – Benjamin Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Debra Rade

In memory of Emil Ruhstaedt, beloved uncle – Hilda Reingold

MERCAZ Fund

In honor of Fran Rabinowitz on her 95th birthday – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In memory of Alan Balter, beloved brother of Abby (Larry) Block – Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff

In memory of Buddy Block and Alan Balter, beloved uncles – Deborah Cowans

In memory of Hugh Block, beloved brother of Lawrence Block – Gerry Kaplan

Minyan Fund

In memory of Annette Kaplin, beloved mother – Alan and Marcia Kaplin

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband – Paulette Margulies

In memory of Zelda Margolis, beloved mother – Keith and Cheryl Weitzman

In memory of Harold D. Ewen – Joshua Ewen

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Ronnie Jo Sokol

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schrayner and beloved grandfather – Ronnie Jo Sokol

In memory of Nathaniel Grey, beloved husband of Lana Grey, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather – Ronnie Jo Sokol

Music Fund

In memory of Alan Balter, beloved brother of Abby (Larry) Block
– Gerry Kaplan
– Matt and Jamie Pestine

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Barry Paul

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Lawrence and Abby Block

NSS Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

In honor of Noam Kagan, grandson of Pearl and Joel Kagan, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah – Len and Bobbie Tenner

In memory of Alan Balter, beloved brother of Abby (Larry) Block – Paulette Margulies

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Dr. David Schnitzer and Rabbi Ora Schnitzer

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Andy and Laurie Hochberg

NSS Beth El Sisterhood Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Lori Stark and Karen Weiss as Sisterhood presidents – Brad and Marcie Pickard

In honor of Lori Stark as a fantastic Sisterhood president – Steven and Frances Shapiro

In honor of Stephen Levin's 70th birthday – Robert and Ellen Doppelt

NSS Beth El Sisterhood Special Gifts Fund (continued)

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

- Laurence and Corinne Baskin
- Daniel and Honey Bronson
- Rabbi Charles and Deborah Dobrusin
- Scott and Becky Forester
- North Shore Compassionate Care
- Michael and Debora Pinzur
- Rod and Marilyn Slutzky
- Madeleine Solomon
- Len and Bobbie Tenner
- Millie Weber

With appreciation to Sisterhood for recognizing the birth of our granddaughter, Maeve Doyle Wulff – Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers

NSS Beth El Special Gifts Fund

In honor of Bobbi Kwall – Barbara Miller

In honor of Dr. Alvin Bayliss's 80th birthday – Roberta Kessler and Susan Stromberg

In honor of Julia Faust, daughter of Marcie and Derek Faust, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah – Richard and Joan Shapiro

In honor of Marvin and Sara Siegel's 60th wedding anniversary

- Joe and Carol Atkin
- David and Janice Goldsmith
- Phyllis Gottlieb

In honor of Steve Levin's 70th birthday – Mark and Nina Gaines

In honor of the congregation celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary with us – Robert and Marcy Freeman

In honor of the marriage of Alyssa and Michael Grey – Stephen and Carol Weiss

In memory of Alan Balter, beloved brother of Abby (Larry) Block – Nancy Thomadson

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

- Bob, Sarah and the JFS Team
- Colin Bonnett
- Susan Haubenstock
- Charles and Robin Kafenshtok
- Joanie Leopold
- Ira and Debbi Rosenberg
- Steven and Frances Shapiro
- Janet Solot
- Katie Thacher
- Michael Tobin

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister

- CSA Partners (Cyrus Subwalla)
- Julie Isaacson
- Jeff and Lisa Rosenkranz

In memory of Ann Glick, beloved mother of Jonathan (Riffe) Glick, and beloved grandmother – Team Incucap

In memory of Charles Sachse, beloved father of Lynn (Skip) Schray and beloved grandfather – Ira and Debbi Rosenberg

In memory of Charlotte Lindon, beloved mother – Gary and Debbie Lindon

In memory of Donald Kupfer, beloved father of Stuart (Linda) Kupfer, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather

- Judy Schraiber
- Steven and Frances Shapiro

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather

- Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- Mary Annexstad
- Andrew LoPilato and Meaghan O'Keeffe
- Dr. Richard and Janet Mintzer
- Meaghan O'Keeffe
- Edward and Jill Randell
- Kathy Sackheim and Ed Brown
- Donald and Linda Stewart
- Stephen and Carol Weiss
- Nanette Wollack

In memory of Eugene Behrstock, beloved father – Neil and Adrienne Aaronson

In memory of H. Alan and Rose Ander, beloved parents and Clara and Lewis Kolesky, beloved grandparents – Ronnie and Carol Jesselson

In memory of Lynne Silberman, beloved sister – Sheldon and Nancy Mann

In memory of Michelle Faith Kaufman, beloved mother of Margaret (Lee) Cohn, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Julie Goldberg

In memory of Nathan Regenstein, beloved father – Sheldon and Nancy Mann

In memory of Robert Versman – Linda Jean Versman

In memory of Rosalind Gurvey, beloved mother – Alan and Marcia Kaplin

With appreciation and gratitude for the shiva for Michelle Faith Kaufman, beloved mother – Margaret and Lee Cohn and Family

With appreciation – Anonymous

Prayer Book Fund

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

- Alvin and Elinor Bayliss
- Beth El Sisterhood

In memory of David Hoffman, beloved husband of Barbara Hoffman, beloved father of Brian (Melanie) Hoffman, Lisa (Todd) Fishbein, Devorah Sarah, beloved grandfather and brother – Marty and Sherry Krawitz

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Stuart Margolis

In memory of Sanford Eckerling, beloved husband – Adrienne Eckerling

Ritual Refurbishment Endowment Fund

In honor of Myrna Siegel's 89th birthday – Barbara Blumberg

In honor of Shael (z"l) and Myrna Siegel's 67th wedding anniversary – Barbara Blumberg

In memory of Beverly Feiges, beloved wife, mother and grandmother – Barbara Blumberg

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Rachel Kraft

Sarah and Henry Stiebel Solomon Schechter Endowment Fund

In honor of the birth of Jan and Brian Channon's grandchildren, Aurora Rose Channon and Akiva Meir Miller – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In honor of the birth of Levi Stanley Small, grandson of Rick and Janice Small – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

With appreciation to Al Winick – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

Sherman Family Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In honor of the graduation of Ari, Noa and Miri Schwab from Rochelle Zell and Solomon Shechter – Sandy Starkman and Larry Pachter

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister – Jonathan and Francine Sherman

Staff Recognition Fund

In honor of Daniela Magnifico and Pedro Badra's wedding – Rabbi Benjamin and Rachel Azriel

In honor of Joel Africk's time and dedication to NSS Beth El – Rabbi Benjamin and Rachel Azriel

In honor of Marcie Eskin on her Fanny Goldstein Merit Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries – Paulette Margulies

In honor of Rabbi Ben Azriel as our new executive director – Anonymous

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost and with appreciation to Michelle Fetea – Ira and Elise Frost and Family

With appreciation to all the staff members of NSS Beth El for the warm welcome we have received upon joining – Michael and Linda Hoffenberg

Tzedakah/Pushke Fund

In honor of Arthur Rabinowitz and Maria Ponsillo – Karen Grey, Steve, Donna and Harold

In honor of Larry Block's 90th birthday – Joseph and Harriet Resnick

In honor of Sam Minkus, son of Laura and Michael Minkus, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah – Elaine Spielberg

In honor of Susie Lampert for her excellent session at Tikkun Layl Shavuot – Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch

In memory of Alan Balter, beloved brother of Abby (Larry) Block – Richard and Judy Zelin

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

- Arlene Erlbach
- Robin Fried
- Bruce Werner

In memory of Andrea "Andy" Saffir, beloved wife of Ken Saffir, beloved mother, grandmother and sister – Millie Weber

In memory of Donald Kupfer, beloved father of Stuart (Linda) Kupfer, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Richard and Judy Zelin

In memory of Edward Margulies, beloved husband of Paulette Margulies, beloved father and grandfather – Men Enjoying Leisure (MEL)

In memory of Joseph Ament, beloved husband of Susan Ament, beloved grandfather and great-grandfather

- Avrom Simon
- Millie Weber

In memory of Sidney Pachter, beloved husband of Sylvia Pachter, beloved father of Larry Pachter (Sandy Starkman), beloved grandfather and great-grandfather – Millie Weber

Willard and Sally Arnold Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

In honor of Karen Weiss' kindness – Larry Goldsmith and Mary Ellen Bowers

In honor of Shael (z"l) and Myrna Siegel's 67th wedding anniversary and Myrna's 89th birthday – Sally Aaron

In memory of loved ones on Yizkor (Pesach) – Sally Aaron

In memory of loved ones on Yizkor (Shavuot) – Sally Aaron

Youth Community Fund

In memory of Allene "Eenie" Frost, beloved mother of Ira (Elise) Frost, Skip Frost and Bonnie Spangler, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother – Robert and Marcy Freeman



Beth El Event Showcase: Annual Meeting





Social Action Committee

By Marlene Halpern | socialaction@nssbethel.org

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Mark your calendars and join SAC to do a little good one mitzvah at a time!

The ARK's High Holiday Food Drive

Pack the Pantry for The ARK during the high holiday season. Please consider donating kosher food, personal care products, and household essentials to support the greater Jewish Chicagoland community. Stay tuned for exact dates and donation list.

Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Beth El members of all ages are invited to join us to make Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Donated food baskets will benefit families from Glenwood School in Waukegan and Moraine Township Food Pantry. More information to follow in the coming months.

Coat Drive

Annual coat drive takes place during the late Fall to benefit Chicago Chesed Fund. Stay tuned for exact dates and donation items.

Annual Mitzvah Day

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join your Beth El family and friends for a day dedicated to giving, doing, and getting so much more in return! We will partner with local organizations to make fleece blankets for children at local hospitals, care packages for the elderly, food collections for our local food pantry, and many other collection efforts and craft projects to choose from.

We are always looking for new ideas to help others in our community or the greater Chicagoland community. Interested in joining the Social Action Committee? We'd love to have you join us! Email Marlene Halpern at socialaction@nssbethel.org.

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We're excited to welcome you all back to the Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop where you can find everything that you need for the upcoming High Holidays (& some things that you didn't know you need, but definitely do).

The Sisterhood Gift Shop provides goods and services to make Beth El members' synagogue and home worship even more beautiful and meaningful. It's also a really fun and interesting place to visit when you want to shop and schmooze at the same time. When you visit, you will find:

- hostess gifts of all kinds; serving pieces, candle holders & more
- apple & honey dishes, plates & servers
- kiddush cups
- candles; we have candles of many colors for both Shabbat & Havdalah
- books for tots, kids & grown-ups
- women's head-coverings
- tallitot & kipot for males & females, including Bar & Bat Mitzvah
- exquisite serving pieces, jewelry, mezuzahs and kosher klafs

We will provide gift boxes, when available, for your purchases, and happily wrap them as well; at no added cost — good to know, right? We are open on Sundays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm whenever Sunday School classes are in session and by special appointment.

Contact Judy Hirsch at 847-962-8121 or judyhirsch724@gmail.com or Sulie Holt at 847-558-3389 or suliekaroholt@gmail.com. We will be happy to meet you at the Gift Shop.

Please remember that the dollars that you spend at your synagogue gift shop goes to help support Beth El. We all hope to see you at the Sisterhood Gift Shop! Please stop by to say “hi”!





SISTERHOOD

By Jamie Pestine and Elizabeth Ury, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

A Year of Renewal Begins

Renewal is a recurring theme in the Tanakh — seen in the renewal of the moon for Rosh Chodesh, the covenant, the seventh day of creation as a renewal of spirit, and of course, Rosh Hashanah, a time of deep reflection and new beginnings. With that spirit, we — Jamie Pestine and I, Elizabeth Ury — are honored and excited to begin this new year as co-presidents of Sisterhood.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to Lori Stark and the previous board for their dedication, vision, and commitment to building a vibrant, welcoming community. Their work laid the foundation for what we hope will be a year infused with both continuity and fresh inspiration.

As we look ahead, our focus is on sharing the strength of our Sisterhood beyond the walls of NSSBE. This year, we are committed to weaving the values of Tikkun Olam into our programs — whether that means food and clothing drives, volunteer initiatives, or creating spaces for meaningful connection and action.

We invite you to join us in this journey of renewal — through building new relationships, strengthening our existing bonds, and reaching out to the larger community. Together, we can create a sense of purpose while celebrating all that makes our NSSBE Sisterhood so special.

Our dedicated board, along with Jamie and me, looks forward to welcoming you into a year of inspired programming, heartfelt connection, and meaningful impact.

Beth El Event Showcase: Sisterhood Installation



Got Yarn?

In 2024, Sisterhood supported a Got Yarn? initiative to knit winter caps for IDF soldiers. More than 20 synagogue members (and their friends) participated by knitting 72 hats, which were personally delivered by Beth El members to the Michael Levin Lone Soldier Center in Jerusalem.

This year, Got Yarn? is making chemo beanies to donate to Sharsheret, a Jewish not-for-profit that provides personalized support, assistance and genetic counseling on breast or ovarian cancer. In March, we delivered 21 chemo beanies to the organization. The group is also working on winter hats and scarves and has over 12 items for Beth El's next Winter Coat Drive. We continue to receive beautifully created items from our generous knitters and crocheters.

For details on how you can create a chemo beanie or a winter cap or scarf, please visit the link on the synagogue web site (Community > Sisterhood > GOT YARN?). If you have any questions, or would like to donate yarn (either new or from unfinished projects), please email Leslie Fox at FoxLL@att.net, and for more information about Sharsheret, visit <https://sharsheret.org>.



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● Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



BAT MITZVAH
Annie Block
daughter of
Sara and Gregory Block
Shabbat, September 6



BAT MITZVAH
Noa Deutch
daughter of
Jen and Todd Deutch
Shabbat afternoon, September 6



BAR MITZVAH
Noah Weil
son of
Sarah and Jason Weil
Shabbat, September 13



BAR MITZVAH
Benjamin Gruby
son of
Lindsey and Michael Gruby
Shabbat, September 20



BAR & BAT MITZVAH
George & Lena Whittman
son and daughter of
Leslye and Brian Whittman
Shabbat, October 4



BAR MITZVAH
Miles Atlas
son of
Dana and Josh Atlas
Shabbat, October 25



BAT MITZVAH
Eleanor Arnold
daughter of
Sally and Paul Arnold
Shabbat, November 1



BAT MITZVAH
Emily Silberman
daughter of
Jodie and Mark Silberman
Shabbat, November 8



BAT MITZVAH
Leah Levine
daughter of
Luba and Marc Levine
Shabbat, November 15



BAR MITZVAH
Benjamin Henoch
son of
Jeri and Andrew Henoch
Shabbat, November 22

SUKKOT *is coming!!*

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MONDAY, September 21 by 5:00 pm
- Pick up will be on:
SUNDAY, October 5 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Questions? Contact Hazzan Jenna Greenberg at jgreenberg@nssbethel.org

Upcoming Sukkot & Simchat Torah Events at Beth El!

Tuesday, October 7 after Services
Sukkah Walk

Thursday, October 9 at 5:00 pm
6th-12th Grade Sushi in the Sukkah

Friday, October 10 at 7:00 pm
Congregational Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 12 at 6:00 pm
Men's Club Pizza in the Hut

Monday, October 13 at 10:00 am
HAZAK Hoshana Rabah Breakfast & Program

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm
Young Family Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm
Youth Simchat Torah Ice Cream Party

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HOLIDAY BEGINS EVENING BEFORE



YOM TOV (NO WORK)



YIZKOR SERVICE

ROSH HASHANAH B YT

Tuesday, September 23 – Wednesday, September 24
New Year, creation of Adam & Eve, Day of Judgment.

YOM KIPPUR B YT YZ

Thursday, October 2
Holiest day of the year, Day of Atonement, Book of Life sealed.

SUKKOT B YT

Yom Tov (first two days)
Tuesday, October 7 – Monday, October 13
Commemorates how ancestors were sheltered as they traveled from Egypt to Israel.

SHEMINI ATZERET B YT YZ

Tuesday, October 14
Yom Tov after Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH B YT

Wednesday, October 15
Finish the reading of the Torah.

CHANUKAH B

First Night: Sunday, December 14 –
Monday, December 22
Rededication of the temple after defeated Greek Army.
Miracle of oil lasting 8 nights.

TU B'SHEVAT B

Monday, February 2
Beginning of "new year" for trees.

PURIM B

Tuesday, March 3
Saving of Jews from Haman by Esther.

PASSOVER YT YZ

Yom Tov (first two/last two days); Yizkor (last day)
First Seder: Wednesday, April 1 – Thursday, April 9
Saving of Jews from slavery in Egypt.

YOM HASHOAH B

Tuesday, April 14
Holocaust Remembrance Day.

YOM HAZIKARON B

Tuesday, April 21
Israel Memorial Day.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT B

Wednesday, April 22
Israel Independence Day.

LAG B'OMER B

Tuesday, May 5
Celebrating the anniversary of the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar. It also commemorates the end of a plague that raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM B

Friday, May 15
Jerusalem Day

SHAVUOT B YT YZ

Yizkor (second day)
Friday, May 22 – Saturday, May 23
Giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai (10 Commandments)

3 WEEKS

Thursday, July 2 – Thursday, July 23
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).

TISHA B'AV B

Thursday, July 23
Mourning of the destruction of the Temple.

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During the High Holidays, we reflect on what it means to belong to something greater than ourselves.

Beth El is a welcoming sanctuary that offers connection and meaning for all who enter. Built on a 75+ year legacy, our synagogue unites the community in prayer and celebration, mourning and remembrance, and engagement and care. It is where each person learns values to guide them throughout their lives and finds opportunities to engage their Jewish identity.

Beth El depends on the care and generosity of those who find shelter here. By supporting our Kol Nidre appeal, you show that Beth El matters. Every contribution is vital.

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