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Sharing Session – Our Synagogue Vision

During last year's survey, we listened to you. You told us that we need to create and communicate the vision and mission of our synagogue and now is your chance to join us on this important journey. Please join us at one of four sharing sessions:

- Tuesday, December 2nd from 5-6pm

We want to hear from you – what do you see as the vision and mission of Congregation Beth Shalom as we head into our next 40 years.

Please register for one or more sessions by calling the synagogue office or going to <http://vols.pt/jpzsZr>. Or, email esigale@comcast.net for more information.

From the editor

The mystics (Isaac Luria) tell the story of the creation of the Universe. To make way for the universe, God contracts all of the divine holiness (light) into a vessel. Eventually the vessel is no longer able to contain all of that holiness and it shatters sending shards of light (holiness) across the universe. Tikun Olam (Repairing the world) is the gathering of these lost sparks to make the world complete or in a permanent state of Shalom.

So where do we find these sparks and how do we gather them? Perhaps there is a clue this month as we celebrate Hanukah, the Festival of Lights.

The miracle of Hanukah was not simply that a menorah stayed lit for eight days. The real miracle was that a vastly outnumbered army restored Judaism to a public practice. The Maccabees saved us from assimilation. They allowed us to come out from hiding to renew our search for those holy sparks.

Hanukah, perhaps due to its proximity to Christmas has become quite commercialized. Our lights have been co-opted by the beautiful displays that non-Jews put on their homes and in the streets during the holiday season. As a people, we have once again traded the quest for divine sparks for the safety of assimilation. The Maccabees saved us once but now they are gone. It's up to us to rekindle and rededicate ourselves to our mission. The temptations of materialism that bombard us this holiday season are the best place to start seeking those sparks. Perhaps if we can find a way to find meaning and purpose in this season, we will be better positioned to seek it the rest of the year.

This month's Kehilat haKodesh focuses on seeking divine light. How can we take back the season and use it to foster a good, well-meaning life.

Brad Kolar, Editor

Kehilat haKadosh, December, 2014



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Welcome new members!

Matthew and Kim Gilbert and their children: Tyler, Sydney and Mya

Mazel Tov!

Stan and Beryl Gershenson, on the birth of their two new grandchildren.

Emma Lauren, born October 5th. daughter of Linda and Dan Gershenson.

James Harvey, born November 18, son Valerie Kahn and Josh Gershenson and brother Max.



From The Desk Of The Rabbi

There is a discussion in the Talmud between the disciples of the sage, Hillel, and the disciples of the sage, Shammai, as to how to properly light the Chanukah candles. The disciples of Hillel state that one should start

with one candle on the first night of Chanukah, and add an additional candle each night of the holiday. At the end of the holiday, one would have a Menorah ablaze with light. The sages of Shammai argued that one should start with eight candles on the first night of Chanukah, and remove a candle each night of the holiday. At the end of the holiday, one would have a Menorah with a single lit candle.

The disciples of Shammai were on firm ground in their reasoning. The very first Chanukah was celebrated by the Maccabees as a rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Maccabees had wanted to get the Temple ready in time to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot. However, they were not able to prepare the Temple in time to offer all of the sacrifices necessary for the proper celebration of the Sukkot festival. It was not until the month of Kislev, our December, that all was in order for worship. By then, the time to celebrate Sukkot had long since passed. But the Maccabees were a persistent group of people. They had to be. After all, the small army they led had defeated the mighty Antiochus Epiphanies, and they were not about to let technicalities ruin their Sukkot celebration. If the Temple had not been ready in time to celebrate Sukkot, they would celebrate Sukkot when the Temple was ready.

Sukkot is a seven day holiday, with Shemini Atzeret following a day later. The eight days of celebration corresponds to the eight days of Chanukah. So, in a sense, Chanukah is a reminder of the single time in our history when Sukkot, a fall holiday, was celebrated in the

winter. According to the Torah, Sukkot is to be celebrated with the sacrifice of 70 bulls over the course of the holiday. Thirteen bulls were sacrificed the first day of Sukkot, twelve the second day of Sukkot, eleven the third day, and so forth, until seven bulls were sacrificed on the seventh day of Sukkot. The disciples of Shammai reasoned that just as the number of bulls that are sacrificed decrease each day of the holiday, so, the number of candles on the Menorah should decrease each day of Chanukah!

The disciples of Hillel may have admired the historical reasoning of the disciples of Shammai, but they were unable to abide by the result. They maintained that the Menorah was a symbol of light, of knowledge, of joy in the world. The candles of the Menorah must burn brighter each night, they reasoned, to symbolize the hope that light would someday illuminate even the darkest corners of their world.

There are still too many people in our world trying to decrease the light. May the kindling of the Menorah remind us that it is our task as Jews to increase light in the world, and to continue to be, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, “A light unto the nations”.

Genetic Education and Screening Program

The Center for Jewish Genetics is offering an education, counseling and subsidized carrier screening program via live webinar, from the convenience of your own home! Through the Center’s new webinar format, you will have two opportunities a month to participate in the program. The Center is proud to offer an expanded panel of more than nineteen disorders, including Tay-Sachs disease, Gaucher disease and Cystic Fibrosis. Pre-registration is required and will take about five minutes; please visit www.jewishgenetics.org/register to sign up and learn more.

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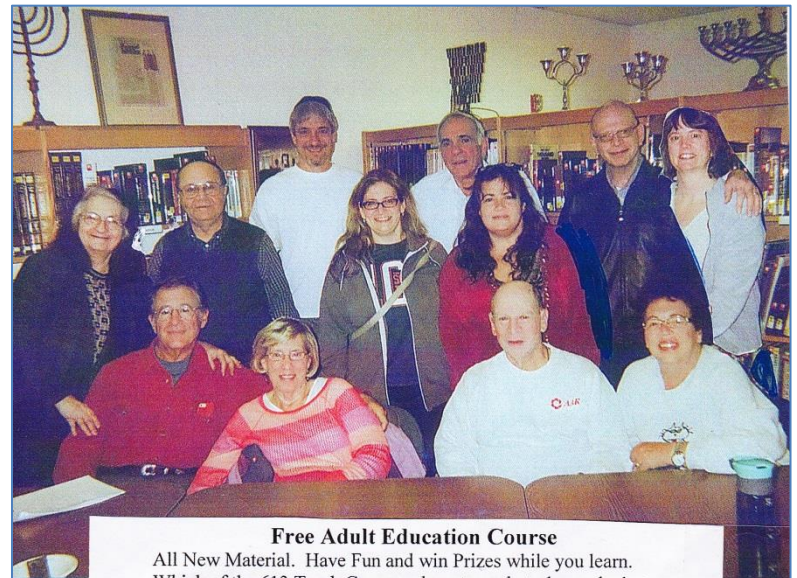
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Sunday May 10 DEPARTURE

- Departure from Chicago

Monday May 11 BRUCHIM HABA'AIM-WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- Arrival at Ben Gurion airport in the late afternoon
- We proceed to the port of Old Jaffa for an opening program where *olim* and pilgrims entered the Holy Land for centuries
- Welcome dinner in Tel Aviv's Yemenite Quarter

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday May 12 COSMOPOLITAN TEL AVIV

- On the way to the new multi-media Rabin Museum stop at Rabin Square to pay respects and view the famous graffiti written there. Then take in the Rabin Museum which traces the life of the former Prime Minister with the history of the State of Israel.
- Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair in the Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood.
- Study session with one of Israel's finest teachers, Dr. Rachel Korazim. Using texts and the pictures on the walls of her home in Jaffa, she takes us on a tour of "A Tale of Two Cities—Contrasting Zionist Narratives."
- Enjoy dinner at Kapiche Café, where the wait staff are deaf.

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, May 13 THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

- "InnovatioNation-Why Israel is a hi-tech dynamo" with Assaf Luxembourg
- Travel north along the Mediterranean Coast to the Crusader-era port city of Acco.
- Explore the Knights' Halls and discuss the impact of the Crusades on Jewish Europe and the Holy Land
- Visit the Underground Prisoners' Museum
- Continue to Haifa
- Check-in and dinner at the hotel
- Evening: Program with Dubi Hayyun, a Conservative Rabbi and Emir Sharif, an Ahmadi Imam who meet weekly to study religious texts together.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Haifa

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Thursday, May 14 EXILE AND RETURN

- Atlit Detention Camp. See the audio/visual presentation on a restored ship like the ones use in the Aliyah Bet, bring Jewish refugees to Eretz Yisrael.
- Lunch stop (on own) in the charming pioneering town of Zichron Yaakov and take in the Tishbie Winery.
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Explore the vibrant Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable market with a "Shuk Bites" tasting card
- Check-in at hotel
- Dinner and evening at leisure

Overnight: Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

Friday, May 15 THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

- Begin the day at the Haas Promenade, overlooking the Old City.
- Descend to the City of David to see the latest excavations.
- Walk through a newly discovered tunnel from the Second Temple Period which leads to Robinson's Arch
- Explore the Southern Wall Excavations to gain a better understanding of the role of pilgrimage in ancient times
- Lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and Cardo
- Return to hotel to prepare for shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the egalitarian Ezrat Yisrael prayer section of the Kotel (or at local synagogue)
- Festive shabbat dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

Shabbat, May 16 A JERUSALEM SHABBAT

- Free morning or optional "shul hopping" on your own—exploring a variety of synagogues representing different ethnic and liturgical traditions.
- Lunch and afternoon at leisure.
- (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).
- Optional walking tour of Mishkenot Sha'ananim (with the poetry of Yehuda Amichai)
- We reconvene in the afternoon for a light Suedah Shlshit (third small meal towards the end of Shabbat)
- Group Havdalah
- Dinner on own in Mamilla
- Evening: Tower of David "Night Spectacular" sound & light show

Overnight: Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

Sunday, May 17 SHOAH TO TEKUMAH

- Walk down the Mt. of Olives, taking in the stunning view of the Old City, the famous trees, churches, and desert views. Take in Bethany, the Gardens of Gethsemane, the Russian

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Orthodox Church of Maria Magdalene, and the tomb of Absalom. View King David's escape route during the rebellion of his son Absalom.

- Lunch break on Emek Rephaim, the heart of the German Colony, where we view some of the Templar houses (lunch on your own).
- We learn and remember at Yad Vashem including visits to the historical museum, Children's Memorial, Sculpture garden, and the Valley of the Lost Communities.
- Dinner and evening at leisure

Overnight: Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

Monday May 18 **LOWEST POINT ON EARTH**

- Early morning departure for Ein Gedi where we hike Nahal David to the waterfall.
- Explore the ancient fortress of Masada, where Jewish rebels chose to live after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
- Lunch (on own) at the Masada Visitor's Center
- Then float in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, at a private beach.
- Drive south along the Arava Valley to the resort city of Eilat on the shores of the Red Sea
- Check-in at hotel
- Dinner and evening at leisure

Overnight: Rimonim, Eilat

Tuesday May 19 **PETRA**

- Pick-up: approximately 7:30 am from your hotel in Eilat
- Transfer to the Arava Border Crossing.
- After all border-formalities, drive up to the "Desert Highway" and then to the "Rose Red City" - Petra.
- Enter the ancient city through the famous "Siq" - a narrow natural gorge that ensured the secrecy of the entrance to Petra. At once, the valley of Petra opens up and the famous "Khazane" ("Treasury") can be seen.
- Visit the most famous monuments, carved in the red Sandstone, and eat lunch nearby before returning to your bus (total walking distance is from 6-8 kilometers).
- After a short tour of Aqaba, reach the Arava Border and return to Eilat (approximately 6:30 pm at the hotel)
- Dinner and evening at leisure

Overnight: Rimonim, Eilat

Wednesday May 20 **THE NEGEV**

- Depart Eilat for the Arava Valley.
- Jewish ecology program at Kibbutz Lotan
- Continue to Maktesh Ramon (the Ramon Crater) and the town of Mitzpeh Ramon
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Visit the new Ramon Visitor's center dedicated to the memory of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon
- Program with the "Asher Ruach Bo" mechina (pre-army prep program) which prepares teens at risk to serve in the IDF
- Check-in and dinner at the hotel

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- Evening: Star gazing in the desert.

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpeh Ramon

Thursday May 21 **MAKING THE DESERT BLOOM**

- Exciting jeep ride in the Ramon Crater (or option to spend the morning by the pool)
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Cross the Negev to Moshav Talmei Yosef to visit the "The Salad Trail". Learn about Israeli desert agriculture as you pick and eat delicious veggies
- Continue to the center of the country
- Summary and conclusion session
- Farewell dinner
- Transfer to airport for departing flight

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A Note from the Cantor

I remember when I began studying to become a Cantor, I thought I had a pretty good understanding of Torah. I didn't realize that since the Torah was 'published' around 2,000 years ago, the sacred Jewish conversation continued. I learned that the Judaism we practice is not fundamentalist Torah Judaism,

rather it's the ongoing Halacha found in the Talmud, Mishnah and Jewish commentaries to this day. Hanukah is a perfect example of the evolving conversation.

We know that Hanukah, the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, was the result of a guerrilla war fought against the Syrian/Hellenist/Greeks. The story is not found in the Torah. Rather, Maccabees I and II are found in the New Testament. Judah Maccabee and his brothers redeemed the temple. Within a short period of time, their descendants adopted the worst traits of Hellenism. Five hundred years after fighting against the excesses of Hellenist Greeks, commentators decided that we needed a miracle for the Festival of Lights to supplant the disappointing Hashmonean dynasty. We needed to put God into Hanukah. Why was the miracle of that small cruse of oil that lasted eight days invented (or remembered) in the fifth century C.E.?

According to the Babylonian Talmud from the 5th century we have four answers:

1. The practical perspective is that Hanukah is the 25th day of Hebrew month of Kislev and last 8 days (because we missed celebrating Sukot during the revolution against the Hellenist Greeks)
2. The historical perspective is that Hanukah marks the defilement of the Temple by the Hellenist and the Maccabees who conquered them.

3. The spiritual perspective is the miracle of the pure oil that lasted eight days.
4. The emotional perspective is the joyous observance of the holiday chanting Hallel, psalms of praise and acknowledgement of God's wonders.

Our editor, Brad Kolar, asks us how we can reclaim the holy light in the Festival of Lights. What will ignite our spiritual life and spark a new sense of wonder in our lives and in our relationships? I suggest that we utilize the answers found in the Talmud. Find a practical, safe place for your menorah. Be ready with blessings and music. Know your history, the history of our people and the history of your family. Talk about the challenges and victories your family faced. Share the source of your spiritual strength. Each day we offer one hundred blessings in our daily prayers. What are the blessings you share? And finally, share the joyous moments.

Khag Urim Sameakh, חג אורים שמח Happy Hanukah,

Cantor Hasha Musha Perman

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Mitzvah Project Help Needed

Please join me in knitting and crocheting scarves to be given to participants and helpers in the 2015 Special Olympics Games for the State of Indiana. We can get together to knit and crochet or you can do this project on your own. Scarves will be given to the participants and to those who will be helping them. In previous years, Red Heart Yarn has sponsored this project. They have gone on to sponsor other projects. Individual states are still requesting help. Since some of us sent our scarves to Indiana last year, they contacted me asking for our help again this year. The colors this year are royal blue, bright red and bright yellow. The scarves must have all three colors. You can use any brand yarn you want but it must be washable. There are many free patterns online. Every scarf made, brings incredible pride to each athlete. If you have any questions or need more patterns, please call me at 630-961-1818.

Barb Bernstein

Community Chanukah Candle Lighting

Bring your Chanukiyot to the Social Hall before the 8 pm Friday services on December 19, the fourth night of Chanukah. We will have a joyous community lighting of the candles before moving to the Sanctuary for the worship service



Religious School News

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has begun. People have begun to frantically rush around, trying to snap up bargains, crossing things off their lists, hurrying to purchase all the presents they need to finish off their shopping lists. How can we as parents

“dematerialize” this season for our children? After all, we know that presents aren’t what are important! How do we get this across to them? We can show them by example that giving to and helping other is what is important. We can talk to them about helping those who don’t have the means to celebrate the way they do and as a family, come up with ideas of how to help people out. Perhaps you can visit a nursing home and bring light to the eyes of those who have no one to visit them or help deliver food for Meals on Wheels or help out in local food pantries. Local PADS shelters are always looking for people to help out for one evening or morning. This may be a perfect opportunity to develop a family tradition of doing something different each night, a theme that your family has chosen, after you light the Hanukkah candles. There are so many ways we can bring light to the lives of others and give our children the idea that this season is not just about gifts. Please encourage them to see that they themselves can be gifts to others.

Thank you to everyone that made Israel Day such a success. Our teachers and students worked very hard to come up with the topics and examples that each grade presented. Their enthusiasm was unbounding. Thanks to our amazing VP Education Karen Zatz, Co-Chairs of the Religious School Committee Fran Kraemer and Kim Sharon and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make sure everything was ready so Israel Day was ready when the doors opened on November 23. It was amazing to see all the parents and students working together so diligently and having so much fun!

Our tzedakah in December will purchase gift baskets for an IDF unit in Israel. We are so thankful that these soldiers are there to defend Israel and we want to do something to show them we care. On December 7, students will be making Hanukkah cards to send to this IDF unit to go with the gift baskets. After winter break, we will receive a video of the soldiers receiving the baskets and their messages to us. That should be a very exciting for our students. Our Jewish value for the month is Manhigut, leadership. Just as the Maccabees showed leadership for Jews long ago, we teach our children how to be the leaders of the future now. We teach them to stand up for what is important to them and to the community. Everyone is a leader.

Our fifth grade classes will help lead services on Friday, December 12 at 8:00 PM. I’m sure they would love to see you there. Our sixth graders have been learning how to chant Torah under the leadership of music teacher Jessica Tobacman and will be chanting Torah on Shabbat morning, December 20 at 10:00 AM. We are very proud of the skills they have attained. Next semester they will learn how to chant Haftarah trope.

As winter approaches, the school committee asks that you be extra cautious and slow down as you drive through the parking lot.. On Religious School days, hundreds of people are on the property and we all need to observe the safety rules. I’d like to remind you of our school closing policy. If either Naperville School Districts 203 or 204 cancel their after school activities on Tuesdays, we will cancel Religious school classes that day. We also post our closings on Emergency School Closings (www.emergencyclosings.org) which announces the closing on all major TV and radio programs and will run along the bottom of all non-cable TV shows. The synagogue will make every effort to contact you by email and phone also. If you are able to help make phone calls for your child’s classroom, please contact your child’s teacher or Barb Bernstein to offer your help. It would be most appreciated.

Winter break begins on Sunday, December 21 and continues through Sunday, December 4. Classes resume on Tuesday, December 6.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach-Happy Hanukkah!



Library news

Chanukah's Divine Light in the CBS Library

by Carol Medor for the CBS Library Committee

The theme for this month's Newsletter is seeking divine light at Chanukah and taking back the season, using it to foster a good, well-meaning life. Not surprisingly, this subject has been discussed in works by various Jewish authors, many of which are available in the Congregation Beth Shalom Library.

One of these is Chanukah: Eight Nights of Light; Eight Gifts for the Soul by Shimon Apisdorf. The back cover quotes the Introduction, saying "The goal of this book is to peel away the outer layers of Chanukah, the wrapping paper if you will, and reveal a profoundly rich, spiritual core to the holiday. Chanukah is about the awesome subtleness of life. It's about how little things can make a profound difference, about discovering the soul in the flame, the soul in everyday life and the power of the soul in Jewish history." Amazon.com gives the book 5 stars and reports that "This book enables you to: 1.) Transform your relationship to Chanukah by clearly explaining the history, themes, traditions and prayers of the

holiday; and 2.) Transform your family experience into a shared adventure of discovery, learning and connection to a rich heritage."

Another volume one might choose is First Steps to a New Jewish Spirit by Reb Zalman M. Schachter-Shalomi (z"l) with Donald Gropman. GoodReads.com says "This extraordinary spiritual handbook is a compassionate call to reconnect with your spiritual roots and nourish your relationship with God. Breaking free from ways of Jewish worship that no longer inspire, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi ... guides you through practical exercises for enriching the most important aspects of everyday life ... and empowers you with contemporary ways to satisfy your modern spiritual hunger."

Also, remember to celebrate Chanukah with works, such as The Great Latke Hamantasch Debate, edited by Ruth Fredman Cerner ("Every November at the University of Chicago, the best minds in the world consider the question that ranks ... as one of the most enduring of human history: latke or hamantash? ... What began as an informal gathering is now an institution that has been replicated on campuses nationwide. Highly absurd yet deeply serious, the annual debate is an opportunity for both ethnic celebration and academic farce."-Amazon.com) and the many books for young readers, including The Burning Light by Betsy Ramsay, in which two young Israelis are thrown back in time to the Maccabee rebellion, highlighting the meanings behind the festival of Chanukah.

These and many other books, available in the CBS Library, can help in one's quest for divine light and in taking back this season for a better, more meaningful life.

Darshei Shalom (formerly DSP) Greeter Program Needs Volunteers

The title DSP has been recently changed to reflect the warm and welcoming way we greet arrivals at CBS, an approach which also helps keep our building and the people within it as safe and secure

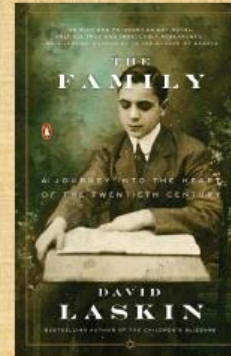
as possible. Darshei Shalom translates as Greeters or Communicators, and more literally Seekers of Peace and Wholeness. Each participating individual is a Darshan (as versus the previous DSP designation). Since CBS is the House of Shalom, Darshei Shalom has a very specific tie to our congregation.

Serving as a Darshan means you represent CBS as our greeter...our communicator...and our preacher of peace and wholeness. What a mitzvah, how great an honor! Preparation involves viewing a twelve minute video at your convenience. Please consider volunteering to be a Darshan when you get the call!

Eighth Grade Trip To Israel

Announcement Text: Ta-am Yisrael, "A Taste of Israel" is an 8th Grade Israel experience open to all 8th graders in the Chicagoland area. It is a program sponsored by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. We have three 8th graders signed up for the trip already, and are looking for more who would like to go. Further information

<https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=12709>
[8](#) or speak to Rabbi Rudolph.



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From 2:00-3:30 PM
In our Social Hall

The Family is a well-researched, compelling story of courage in the face of adversity and innovation in times of necessity. In it, Laskin reveals how knowledge about the past can help us understand and appreciate the present. [Read more here.](#)

Mr. Laskin will share the experience of writing his fascinating memoir, answer questions and sign books. Refreshments follow the program. There is no cost to attend. Congregation Etz Chaim is located at
1710 South Highland
Lombard, IL 60148

To RSVP please call the synagogue office at 630.627.3912, contact cec.lifelonglearning@congetzchaim.org, or contact the Spertus Institute, spertus.edu/TheFamily to RSVP and for a free Reader's Guide and information about related events.

ENGAGING ISRAEL



Exploring your Values about Israel through Text, Video and Discussion

Join a conversation about Israel rooted in Jewish values and ideas. Going deeper than the political issues of the day, we discuss the meaning that Israel can have in our lives and what we envision for the future of the Jewish State. What is my connection to Israel? What place does Israel have in my Jewish identity? How can Israeli sovereignty and power enrich Jewish life? What values should a Jewish, democratic state embody? What can Israel offer the world? The program includes video lectures by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, video dialogues between Rabbi Hartman and other scholars and experts, and lively text discussions led by a diverse CBS faculty team.

“The iEngage program integrated Jewish values with the reality of Israel today in a way deeply meaningful to me as a Jew.” “The program allowed me to deepen my engagement with the issues and opportunities facing Israel by applying Jewish values and studying with other congregants in a supportive atmosphere.” CBS members who participated in the program

Topics include: Religion and Peoplehood; Sovereignty and Identity; Power and Powerlessness; War and Occupation; Morality on the Battlefield; Jewish and Democratic State; Religious Pluralism and Human Rights; Values Nation

CBS Faculty Team: Al Barshefsky, Irwin Gaines, Zena Goldenberg, Raye Isenberg, Sheli Isenberg, Bernie Newman, Mali Sharon, Marc Swetlitz, and Harold Winston.

Choose the Sunday or Monday program schedule:

Monday Program: 7pm-8:30pm; Oct 20; Nov 3, 17; Dec 1, 15; Jan 5, 26; Feb 9; Mar 9, 23

Sunday Program: 11am-12:30pm; Oct 12, 26; Nov 9, 23; Dec 7; Jan 11; Feb 15, 22; Mar 1, 15

Please register by October 5

Location: Congregation Beth Shalom, 772 W. Fifth Avenue, Naperville

Fee: No cost and Sourcebook available on loan; or, \$20 to buy Sourcebook (decide after program starts)

To register: call the CBS Office at 630-961-1818 or email office772@napershalom.org

Provide the following: Name, Email, Phone Number, Choice of Sunday or Monday Program

Class size limited to 12; reservations held in order received

[Click here to download a flyer.](#) For more information, contact Sheli Isenberg and Al Barshefsky at EngageIsraelInfo@napershalom.org.



In the Wink of an Eye

I had a little dreidel, I made it out of clay

But it was not auto-mated, so the kids they wouldn't play.

It only had one level, where was the

fun in that?

Like cooking up a latke, and leaving out the fat.

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, you are so out of date,

On the list of kids' toys, you simply do not rate.

The rabbis got together, this problem for to solve,

"We have to make it modern," this was their resolve.

"It has to work on iPad, on tablet and on phone,

Otherwise it will perish in museums all alone."

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, you have spun so long,

But if we are not careful, you'll be relegated to this song.

The rabbis were frustrated, til one gave his head a slap,

What he told the others, they greeted with a clap.

Like the dreidel they stopped spinning, it fell into their lap

"The answer is so simple: We just need a clever app."

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, you're as modern as can be,

We can play you anywhere, even on our TV,

The children flocked together, to play this brand new game,

Life for the little dreidel, would never be the same!

Save the Dates
Annual CBS Chanukah Fair
Sunday mornings December 8th
and 15th





Employees, Employers, Entrepreneurs...
855-INFO-JVS

One-stop, toll-free access to services to help people of all backgrounds and abilities work their way through life:

- Career counseling
- Job skills and customized job training
- Job placement
- Small business development
- Credit building
- Access to capital
- and more

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**Career Moves
 at JVS Chicago**

Career Counseling and Coaching

Get your Career Moving

Career Moves is a comprehensive career development center. No matter where you are in your career path or job search, we can help.

Career Moves is for

- Executives and experienced professionals
- Career changers and re-launchers
- Recent college graduates and young adults
- Skilled workers of all ages
- Those who have been displaced, outsourced or downsized

Improve your search strategies

- Identify transferable skills toward a new career path
- Create a career action plan
- Develop, expand and leverage your network
- Craft a relevant and impactful resume
- Turn an interview into an offer

Get help finding your next job

- One-on-one career counseling and coaching
- Success Series Workshops on personal branding, using social media for your job search, networking and more
- Events and programs with expert speakers and panelists





Renewal of Spirit

There seems to be some confusion about the role of mitzvot in Jewish life. Often called commandments, they are more like instructions. While many exhibit qualities of loving-kindness, others do not.

Some of them, like the ones that admonish us not to steal or murder, seem to be the basics of human behavior if people are to get along with each other in families, tribes or communities. Some are the foundations of an ethical system based on fairness and trust, such as don't put a stumbling block in front of a blind person, or use false weights in measuring out something that someone else is buying from you.

Some mitzvot seem to make little or no sense at all, although they've been discussed for several thousand years. Kashrut is perhaps the most well-known of these. How, exactly, did chicken get to be a meat, or did cheese burgers get made off limits.

The mitzvah to be holy because God is holy may make a kind of sense, but what exactly does that mean?

Then there are the questions about why to do any of them. In Jewish tradition it is important not only that we don't steal, but that we refrain from stealing because we are observing a mitzvah. The Torah is explicit (see Deuteronomy) that observing mitzvot is a way to curry God's favor. But that is not so straight forward either, even if you believe that God will somehow be pleased with you if you are obedient.

What if you are as scrupulous about observance as possible, but damage important relationships because their idea of scrupulosity is not the same as yours? Or, what if you are observant without any consideration of your intent, so that the observance becomes

rote? Or what if you simply don't believe that there is a Deity who cares one way or the other what you do, but you do believe that leading a Jewish life is important to you, and mitzvot are part of being Jewish? These questions are not new and there are no absolutely correct answers without someone to argue otherwise. The following is my take on what mitzvot are and why to do them:

I think the mitzvot are possibly divinely inspired from God's Own Self or from our own higher wisdom that each of us possesses. Some, like don't steal and don't murder, may actually be genetically embedded. Any community needs some ethical guidelines in order to build the trust necessary to work or live together. The non-logical or non-practical mitzvot are a mystery and ultimately meant to be so.

All of the mitzvot, no matter how they got on the list, are spiritual practices. To be a mitzvah and not just a good idea, we need to remember that the instruction ultimately emanates from a higher source of wisdom than that which occupies our ordinary consciousness.

I used to wonder why I should observe a mitzvah if I did not believe in a God who gave dictation? The answer is in the Torah when it says that good will come to those who observe the commandments and ill to those who don't. I don't believe the literalness of some of the lists of good and ill in Deuteronomy, but I do know that making an effort to live a holy, godly life has positive payoff, and ignoring that intention can lead to feelings of being stranded in a meaningless life.

To be a spiritual practice means that the practice helps me to open my heart to take in more and more of what is so much more than I am; and to ignore the practice doesn't do much for opening my heart.

Mitzvot are tools to help us find and have more joy in our lives. Try some to see what I mean.

JUF Right Start Grant

Families who are sending the first child in their family to a Jewish preschool are eligible for the JUF Right Start grant. This grant is not based on need. It provides vouchers toward tuition in the following amounts:

- \$500 for a child who attends 2 days per week
- \$1,000 for a child who attends 3 days per week
- \$1,500 for a child who attends 4 days per week

Please go to the following link for more information on the generous program: <http://www.juf.org/rightstart/default.aspx>

A very special community is born with every class that starts out together in our preschool. The children form bonds that are based in caring, kindness and sharing as they learn and grow together. Please come and visit one of our classrooms to see this wonderful program in action. I am happy to answer any questions you may have at barb.bernstein@napershalom.org. The Gan Yeladim ELC is licensed by DCFS. We look forward to welcoming your child into the Gan Family!

Facilitators Needed for New Adult Class!

CBS will be offering a new adult education class from the Hartman Institute in the fall of 2015--"The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People." Right now we are seeking people to be facilitators for this new course. Interested? If so, an information session for potential facilitators will be held on Monday evening, December 8, at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Lounge of CBS. Please RSVP to the CBS office at office772@napershalom.org, or 630-961-1818. For more information, contact Raye Isenberg (630-355-9571), Bernie Newman (630-357-4544) or Harold Winston (630-335-4895).



Glenbard Parent Series

November & December 2014

GPS GLENBARD PARENT SERIES

Navigating Healthy Families

Just added special event!

Laurence Steinberg Ph.D.
"Age of Opportunity: Lessons from the New Science of Adolescence"

Tuesday, November 4
12 P.M.
Glenbard South



Steven Prinz, MD & Fatima Ali, MD
"Really Understanding Eating Disorders"

Wednesday, November 12
12 P.M.
CCSD District #93 Admin. Center

Sian Beilock Ph. D.
"CHOKE: Performance in School:
Attitudes, Anxieties, and Motivation"

CASE Extended Workshop:
Thursday, December 4
8 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Glenbard South
*Requires registration at
www.casedupage.com

Thursday, December 4
7 P.M.
Glenbard South



Katie Davis, Ph.D.
"The App Generation: How Today's Young
Navigate Identity, Imagination, and Intimacy in a
Digital World"

Wednesday, November 19
12 P.M. to 2 P.M.
District #15 Marquardt Administration Center

7:00 P.M.
Glenbard West



GPS Spanish Series:
Academia De Liderazgo: Student-Parent Leadership Academy
Wednesday, November 8 & Wednesday, December 3
Students: 5 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. (English)
Parents: 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Spanish)
Glenbard East

Families United for Students Excellence (FUSE): African-American Parent Committee
Greg Baker & Raquel Wilson Ph.D.
"Parent Partnerships for Lifelong Success" and Holiday Gathering
Wednesday, December 10
7 P.M.
Glenbard North

For more information, visit: <http://glenbard87.org/sitepages/parents-students/cares/cares?plugin=RWD&Templates=RWD>

Israeli Dance Group

COME JOIN US:

When: Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:45, with a catch up session by request at 6:15.

Where: The CBS social hall (space permitting; sometimes we meet in the lobby).

Next few classes: January 28th, February 4, 11, 18 and 25th. We meet every Monday unless otherwise announced.

Open to the public - For security reasons we ask that anyone new to the group call the synagogue office once, and give your name and telephone number to Dorothy at the synagogue office number below:

Congregation Beth Shalom
772 West 5th Avenue Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 961-1818

Please note that the synagogue office is only open until 2:00 on Mondays so please be sure to call early in the day.

Group leaders: Diane (dtoby@comcast.net) and Brian (bhtoby@comcast.net). Partner Dance Consultant: Jeff Subeck

REMEMBER:

- All ages, genders, and religions are welcome to come our friendly, flexible, and easygoing group.
- You don't have to be Israeli or Jewish to love Israeli dance-- you just have to move to--- and hopefully be moved by--- beautiful Israeli music.

- We are sympathetic to sports injuries and help people make accommodations to the dances as best we can, but please: be sure to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes (sneakers).
- The fee is free for synagogue members; \$1.00 donation appreciated.
- Non-members fee is \$1.00

CURRENT NEWS AND UPDATES:

- We now have a 6:30 "catch-up" class for people who have never done Israeli dance and want to learn the basic steps before joining our group. This class is also an opportunity for our regular dancers to catch up on dances they missed. We require that people call or email us the Sunday before the class, if they want us to come at 6:30--so far, people have been using the time.
- Our class had a Chanukah party and a New Years party, and enjoyed the food, singing, prayers, shmoozing, and dancing!
- On January 1st, one of our newest members accompanied us to the Milwaukee Israeli dance group's New Years dance party, at their JCC in Milwaukee. We had a blast, and we were proud of our new student, who joined right in!
- We continue to focus on partner skills and safe dancing, thanks to our partner dance consultant Jeff Subeck. We are proud to be the only Israeli dance group in Illinois that rotates partners so that no one is without a partner.

ParnossahWorksChicago: A New Employment Website for Personalized Job Assistance

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) announces the launch of ParnossahWorksChicago.org, a new free job search website accessible by Chicago area job seekers and employers. A unique job

posting board, ParnossahWorksChicago.org caters to local jobs at all professional levels, offering a wide range of resumes and open positions to ensure a productive and mutually beneficial search. Unlike any other job posting website, qualified candidates are screened by an experienced, highly trained JVS career counselor.

The website offers an alternative to large, overwhelming job boards, with JVS staff providing confidential services to both candidates and employers to attain a strong match. The job posting board gives individuals access to job opportunities and employment assistance, while offering a venue for employers to find pre-screened candidates to fill their open positions. The site, free to both employees and employers, is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation's J-HELP Initiative. Additional features include: job search tools and strategies, relevant resources, a calendar listing topical workshops and special events and opportunities to sign up for job campaign services.

Originally developed by F E G S Health and Human Services System in New York to serve unemployed and underemployed Jews in their area, ParnossahWorks is operating successfully in Detroit,

Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Toronto, Minneapolis and Atlanta. "With everyone from senior executives, middle managers, to young professionals and recent college graduates being affected by the current economic turmoil, this is an opportunity for members of the Jewish community to connect and help one another," said Rose Dessau, Supervisor, JVS Employment Services.

In addition to ParnossahWorks, JVS provides job campaign assistance through the Jewish Employment Network (JEN) offering networking opportunities, career counseling and cutting-edge job search strategies for people looking to be competitive in a tough market. JVS career counselors provide support and help keep clients motivated and on track throughout the job search process. Evening roundtables, ongoing groups and targeted workshops along with a client list-serve complement individual sessions with a counselor. The Jewish Employment Network is a partnership of Jewish Vocational Service, the Chicago Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and affiliated congregations.



Jewish Employment Network

Job Seekers experience many hopes and challenges in the job market. If you have been recently downsized or are thinking of changing careers, the Jewish Employment Network offers numerous options to assist you with your career goals: career counseling, job search strategies, networking opportunities, and access to monthly round tables and support groups.

For more information
go to www.jvschicago.org
Or call
Joyce Bogolub, JVS Career Counselor
at 630-889-0548

For more information on ParnossahWorksChicago.org call 312-673-3437 or e-mail parnossahworks@jvschicago.org.

Ongoing Programs and Activities

CBS Cemetery:

Congregation Beth Shalom owns a section in the Naperville Cemetery containing a number of gravesites.

Prices as of October 15, 2014 1 are:

Members: \$1,500 per gravesite

Nonmembers: \$2,000 per gravesite

Copies of the Congregation Cemetery Regulations are available from the Congregation office or Mark Greenberg/Gene Parker, Chairs of the Cemetery Committee.

For information on site selection and purchase, please contact Gene Parker (630 357 5047) or Mark Greenberg (630 579 8157).

Calling all torah chanters: “The Bible should be read in public, and made understood to its hearers in musical and sweet tones—and those who read the Torah without tune, show disregard for it, and its vital values and laws.” (The Talmud, 1st Century C.E.). Calling all post-Bar or Bat Mitzvah Teens who would like to inspire the younger Bnai Mitzvah students and keep their Torah Trope skills sharp! Calling all Adults who once chanted Torah and have run out of “lein” excuses! Did you know that we chant Torah at every Shabbat morning service? The Torah was meant to be sung, and we sing it! Join our growing “Legion of Leiners.” We will help you brush up your skills, give you plenty of time to prepare, and provide you with a portion to learn and chant that is manageable for you. Remember: You don’t have to be a Maven to do a Mitzvah! Your honor awaits! Contact Bernie Newman at (630) 357-4544 or banewman22@aol.com

CBS Collegiate Connection

We would like to stay connected with your student at college, and remind them that we at CBS are still thinking of them. In the past we have sent a few encouraging notes a year, as well as a small gift. Please pass on your student’s address at college to Melanie Greenberg at greenberg.melanie@gmail.com.

ELC Cubbies: Please Note: The cubbies in front of the Early Learning Center (ELC) preschool classroom are for ELC use ONLY! Please do not place anything in these cubbies. All materials that you wish to distribute such as flyers for upcoming events, etc., must be pre-approved by ELC Director Barb Bernstein. Barb can be contacted at 630.961.1818 or at morah2345@gmail.com. Any materials found in the cubbies that have not been approved will be removed and immediately discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior Congregation: If you are looking for an easy and fun way to celebrate Shabbat and learn Shabbat morning prayers, then come and check out Junior Congregation.

This student- led service (with adult supervision) allows children the opportunity to be the gabbi, lead prayers in English or Hebrew, and take a part in “Sedra Scenes” performances - great practice in public speaking and preparation for Bnei Mitzvot. This service is targeted for children who can read English and are beginning to learn Hebrew. Students in first grade and above may attend without an adult, though adults are welcome, space permitting.

Junior Congregation begins at 10:30 a.m. in the youth lounge and lasts approximately one hour, followed by Kiddish. Please pick up your child no later than 12:00 p.m. as the synagogue closes after services. Please let us know if you’d be interested in hosting a Kiddish for this service.

Please contact Eileen Gelblat (630-355-7916 or eileen@gelblat.org) or Nadene Eisner (deme5678@gmail.com) for more information.

Library: The library is open when the synagogue is open.

Monday and Friday: 9-2,
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9-5,
Sundays When Religious School is in Session

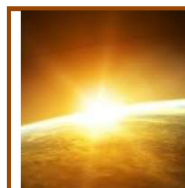
For more information about our library, volunteering your time your time or writing book reviews, please call Gerry Mendelsohn at 630-416-2195

Lunchtime study group: Join us for our lively and popular weekly lunchtime adult study group, on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the youth lounge of the Congregation, led by our Rabbi, Marc Rudolph. The subjects of study are traditional Jewish texts (in English).

Whether you can come regularly or only drop-in occasionally, join us for the energizing discussions and the joy of learning. You don't need to have been present from the beginning of this topic to join-in whenever you can.

Bernie Newman 630-357-4544 or banewman22@aol.com.

Monthly Meditation: The Sages used to meditate an hour before services to prepare themselves for prayer. On the fourth Friday of the month you can do the same at 7:15 pm in the Library, with Jewish Meditation Teacher Yonah Klem. Yonah will give a brief teaching and then we will meditate about 20 minutes. Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome.



*Join us in 2014
for our continuing
InterFaith Community Dialogue*

Monthly Sunday Sessions, 2pm – 4pm

A rotating meeting venue across participating congregations
~ All faiths are warmly welcomed ~

Join our living conversation, as we explore topics across our human experience. Dive into history, sacred texts, and modern commentaries. Share your perspective, learn from your neighbors, and explore your own tradition. Help us to break down the mysteries between us by using this face-to-face dialogue to build relationship, community, connection, and familiarity for a more peaceful world.

Mark your calendars – topics subject to change; monthly venues to be announced by email

- Jan 12 –The Role of Spirituality in Economics and Consumption
- Feb 9 –An overview of Catholic Diversity- Franciscans, Jesuits, Benedictines, Dominicans, and more
- Mar 9 –An Introduction to the Heart of Islam
- Apr 13 –The Exodus Story, using the book: Let Us Break Bread Together: A Passover Haggadah For Christians, by Rabbi Rami Shapiro and Pastor Michael Smith (please buy the book and bring your copy to the session)
- May 18 –The Practice of Ritual Fasting Across Traditions
- Jun 8 –Freedom and The Law
- Sept 14 - tbd
- Oct 12 –Dependence and Gratitude
- Nov 9 - 2nd Annual Interfaith Music Feast
- Dec 14 - planning session for 2015

**Join the conversation, by sending email to
community@napershalom.org**



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CBS Communication Guidelines and Deadlines

Communication is a funny thing. Some people tell us they get too much, while others tell us they don't get enough. Some people say they "tune out" because the same information is repeated everywhere while others say that they waste their time searching for what they need. To improve our effectiveness, we are focusing each major form of communication from CBS. However, we need your help. It is important that you at least skim the various communications from CBS. That will ensure that you are kept up-to-date on what is happening in and around our community. For your reference, we have included a table summarizing our communication tools and submission deadlines.

| | Frequency | Purpose | Submission Deadline | Submit to |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Web-site | Ongoing | General information about CBS, Oneg sign up, donation and building information, emergency announcements, ELC/Religious school closings, and most up-to-date calendar. | On-going | websiteinfo@napershalom.org |
| Digest/ Announcements | Weekly Thursday/ Friday | Events coming in the next two weeks , "Save the date" notifications for major events. | Wednesday of the week that announcement is to be read | announcements@napershalom.org |
| Special digests | Once or twice per month | Time-sensitive or urgent matters such as Shiva information, special meetings, and other notifications | As needed – note: the digest is the primary weekly vehicle. Special Digests will be saved for exceptional events (at the discretion of the office manager or VP Member Services) so that we do not bombard members with too many emails. | sprousa@napershalom.org |
| Newsletter | Monthly | Human interest stories about Congregation Beth Shalom members. General information about upcoming (more than one month away) programs. Monthly calendar. | The 25 th of the preceding month (e.g., March 25 th for submissions for April). This is a firm cut-off date. | newsletter@napershalom.org |

For stories in the digest and newsletter, please just send unformatted text. If you would like to include a picture, send a jpg, png, or bitmap. Advertisements should also be jpg, png, or bitmap. On-going CBS events are no longer called out in advertisements but rather appear on the "On-going programs and services" page. We hope that these guidelines will better help you get the information you need without too much redundancy or confusion.

Calendar of Key Events in December

Mon Dec 1

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

7:00pm – 8:30pm:CBS iEngage Class

7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

Tue Dec 2

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

4:30pm – 6:15pm:Religious School - Grade 3 - 6

5:00pm – 6:00pm:Synagogue Vision Discussion

Wed Dec 3

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Thu Dec 4

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

11:30am – 12:30pm:Thursday Study Group - CBS Library

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

7:00pm – 8:00pm:Read Hebrew America

Fri Dec 5

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

6:30pm – 7:00pm:Family Service

8:00pm – 9:00pm:Shabbat Service

Sat Dec 6

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library

10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary

10:30am – 11:30am:Junior Congregation

4:15pm – 5:15pm:Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Dec 7

8:30am:Java Nagila

8:30am – 10:25am:Religious School - PreK-4

8:30am – 12:30pm:Chanukah Fair

9:00am – 10:00am:Adult Education Course in Library - Dr. Davis

9:00am – 11:00am:Weekend of Twinning

10:45am – 12:45pm:Religious School - Grades 5-10

11:00am – 12:30pm:CBS iEngage Class - Library

12:45pm – 2:45pm:Shevet Achim Grades 7-8

12:45pm – 2:45pm:Rosh Hodesh (Gr 6-8)

Mon Dec 8

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

Tue Dec 9

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

4:30pm – 6:15pm:Religious School - Grade 3 - 6

7:00pm – 10:00pm:CBS Board Mtg This event has invited guests.

Wed Dec 10

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Thu Dec 11

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

11:30am – 12:30pm:Thursday Study Group - CBS Library

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

7:00pm – 8:00pm:Read Hebrew America

Fri Dec 12

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

8:00pm – 9:00pm:5th Grade Participation

8:00pm – 9:00pm:Shabbat Service

8:00pm – 9:00pm:Birthday/Anniversary Celebration

Sat Dec 13

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library

10:00am – 11:00am:Tot Shabbat

10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary

4:15pm – 5:15pm:Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Dec 14

8:30am – 10:25am:Religious School - PreK-4

8:30am – 12:30pm:Chanukah Fair

10:45am – 12:45pm:Religious School - Grades 5-10

Mon Dec 15

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

7:00pm – 8:30pm:CBS iEngage Class

7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

8:00pm – 9:00pm:Synagogue Vision Discussion (Greenberg Home)

Tue Dec 16

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 4:30pm – 6:15pm:Religious School - Grade 3 - 6
 6:15pm – 7:45pm:Hanukkah Dinner

Wed Dec 17

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Sat Dec 13

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library
 10:00am – 11:00am:Tot Shabbat
 10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary
 4:15pm – 5:15pm:Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Dec 14

8:30am – 10:25am:Religious School - PreK-4
 8:30am – 12:30pm:Chanukah Fair
 10:45am – 12:45pm:Religious School - Grades 5-10

Mon Dec 15

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class
 7:00pm – 8:30pm:CBS iEngage Class
 7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)
 8:00pm – 9:00pm:Synagogue Vision Discussion (Greenberg Home)

Tue Dec 16

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 4:30pm – 6:15pm:Religious School - Grade 3 - 6
 6:15pm – 7:45pm:Hanukkah Dinner

Wed Dec 17

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Thu Dec 18

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears
 11:30am – 12:30pm:Thursday Study Group - CBS Library
 11:30am – 12:45pm:ELC Hanukkah Luncheon
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 7:00pm – 8:00pm:Read Hebrew America

Fri Dec 19, 2014

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 8:00pm – 9:00pm:Shabbat Service

Sat Dec 20, 2014

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library
 10:00am – 12:00pm:6th Grade Chanting Torah
 10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary
 4:15pm – 5:15pm:Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Dec 21, 2014

8:00am:No Religious School
 4:00pm – 6:30pm:Kibbutz Katan Hanukkah Party

Mon Dec 22, 2014

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break
 7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

Tue Dec 23, 2014

7:30am – 8:30am:Rosh Chodesh Service
 9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break
 9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 4:30pm:No Religious School
 7:30pm – 8:30pm:Avodah Committee Meeting

Wed Dec 24, 2014

All day:Christmas Eve
 9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Thu Dec 25, 2014

All day:Christmas Day
 9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break
 9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears
 11:30am – 12:30pm:Thursday Study Group - CBS Library
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Fri Dec 26, 2014

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break
 12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class
 7:15pm – 7:45pm:Monthly Meditation - Congregation Beth Shalom Library
 8:00pm – 9:00pm:Shabbat Service

Sat Dec 27, 2014

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library
 10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary
 4:30pm – 5:30pm:Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Dec 28, 2014

8:00am:No Religious School

Mon Dec 29, 2014

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break

7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

Tue Dec 30, 2014

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

4:30pm:No Religious School

Wed Dec 31, 2014

All day:New Year's Eve

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Thu Jan 1, 2015

All day:New Year's Day

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

11:30am – 12:30pm:Thursday Study Group - CBS Library

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

Fri Jan 2, 2015

9:00am:No ELC - Winter Break

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

8:00pm – 9:00pm:Shabbat Service

Sat Jan 3, 2015

9:00am – 10:00am:Torah Study - CBS Library

10:00am – 12:00pm:Shabbat Worship - Sanctuary

8:15pm – 9:15pm:NO Mincha/Havdalah

Sun Jan 4, 2015

8:00am:No Religious School

Mon Jan 5, 2015

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

7:00pm – 8:30pm:CBS iEngage Class

7:00pm – 8:45pm:Israeli Dance at CBS (click here for important registration information) - For security reasons, new members must call the synagogue and register prior to 2:00 on the day of the event (630-961-1818)

Tue Jan 6, 2015

9:00am – 11:30am:Honey Bears - Honey Bears

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

4:30pm – 6:15pm:Religious School - Grade 3 - 6

Wed Jan 7, 2015

9:00am – 11:30am:Alef Class

12:15pm – 3:45pm:Bet Class

For the most up-to-date information, see

www.napershalom.org. If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please check with Sue Prousa to ensure that the building/room is available.

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mort Hartman in memory of Grace Hartman
Herb and Adrienne Golinkin in memory of Alexander Hoffman
Sima Petri with thanks to Rabbi Rudolph
Sharon Glass

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Jan & Don Strauss & Lynda &
David Stern & Family in memory of Irngard Mendel Strauss
Barbara Nicker Bernstein in memory of Rosalyn Nicker

JEKABPILS FUND

Barb and Chuck Lipkin in memory of Jerome Roberts
Ira and Susan Rubin and Family in memory of Jerome Roberts
Middy Fierro in memory of Donatle Aponte Laureant
Terrie Stainman in memory of Anne Stainman
Susan and Michael Remson in memory of Ben and Ida Kotick
Ed Bronson and Eileen Gelblat in memory of Jerome Roberts

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Armand Vigder in memory of Heinirich Vigder

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED FUND

Terrie Stainman in memory of Anne Stainman

GENERAL FUND

Carol and Jack Medor in memory of Jerome Roberts
Loretta Farra with hopes that husband's upcoming test results
come out with a good result
Richard and Ruth Edelman in memory of Roy Anderson
Richard and Ruth Edelman in memory of Verlie Anderson
Mali Sharon in memory of Sylvia Fine
Alice Sklar in memory of Abraham Winetsky

ONEG SUPPLIES FUND

The Glen Family in memory of Jeanne Brill

Tree of Life

Our Tree of Life is located in the sanctuary on the south wall of the sanctuary.

It is available for inscriptions marking the life events of congregation members. The following are the minimum donations for items on the tree:

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| Small leaf | 10 Chai | \$180 |
| Medium leaf | 20 Chai | \$360 |
| Large leaf | 30 Chai | \$540 |
| Stone | 150 Chai | \$2700 |

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Yahrzeit Plaques

Our memorial alcove is located in the sanctuary.

Memorial (Yahrzeit) Plaques may be dedicated as a lasting memorial to a departed loved one.

The minimum donation for a plaque is 10 Chai (\$180)

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Name of donor _____

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In Memory



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Dec. 5 & 6

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| Ami Shilton | Elizabeth Levitt | 6-Dec-14 | Kislev 14, 5775 |
| Anne Stainman* | Terrie Stainman | 7-Dec-14 | Kislev 15, 5775 |
| Lawrence Stein | Geoffrey Stein | 7-Dec-14 | Kislev 15, 5775 |
| Rosalyn Nicker | Barbara Nicker Bernstein | 8-Dec-14 | Kislev 16, 5775 |
| Roy Anderson | Ruth Ann Edelman | 9-Dec-14 | Kislev 17, 5775 |
| Grace Hartman | Morton Hartman | 9-Dec-14 | Kislev 17, 5775 |
| Fannie Holtzman | Jill Holtzman Larson | 9-Dec-14 | Kislev 17, 5775 |
| Alfred Rubin* | Steve Rubin | 9-Dec-14 | Kislev 17, 5775 |
| Ephraim Isenberg | Sheldon and Raye Isenberg | | 10-Dec-14 |
| | Kislev 18, 5775 | | |
| Mary Ovadia* | Michael Schwartz | 11-Dec-14 | Kislev 19, 5775 |
| Frances Bell | Eileen Landau | 12-Dec-14 | Kislev 20, 5775 |
| Frances Bell | Susan Landau-Van Dyke | 12-Dec-14 | Kislev 20, 5775 |
| Walter Gruchala | Walter Gruchala | 12-Dec-14 | Kislev 20, 5775 |
| Sylvia Woolf Morss* | Sue Morss | 12-Dec-14 | Kislev 20, 5775 |

Dec. 12 & 13

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| Donatille Aponete Laureano | Middy Fierro | 13-Dec-14 | Kislev 21, 5775 |
| Ben Kotick* | Susan and Michael Remson | | 14-Dec-14 |
| | Kislev 22, 5775 | | |
| Charlotte Solomon | Charles Solomon | 14-Dec-14 | Kislev 22, 5775 |
| Henry Wasserman | Jill Holtzman Larson | 14-Dec-14 | Kislev 22, 5775 |
| Ida Kotick* | Susan and Michael Remson | | 15-Dec-14 |
| | Kislev 23, 5775 | | |
| Leonard Lazar | Aaron Lazar | 15-Dec-14 | Kislev 23, 5775 |
| Charles Mandell | Stephanie Mathews | 15-Dec-14 | Kislev 23, 5775 |
| Sherwin Rochlis | Steve Rochlis | 15-Dec-14 | Kislev 23, 5775 |
| Helen Levine* | Pete Levine | 16-Dec-14 | Kislev 24, 5775 |
| Lisa Shack | Jennifer Weiner | 16-Dec-14 | Kislev 24, 5775 |
| Irving Sherr* | Sandy Goldenson | 17-Dec-14 | Kislev 25, 5775 |
| Milton Farber | Beth Farber | 18-Dec-14 | Kislev 26, 5775 |
| Milton Perman* | Cantor Hasha Musha Perman | | 18-Dec-14 |
| | Kislev 26, 5775 | | |
| Adele Rosenthal* | Heather Fee | 18-Dec-14 | Kislev 26, 5775 |
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| Joshua Lifschitz | Miriam Iwrey | 19-Dec-14 | Kislev 27, 5775 |
| Richard Unger | Elizabeth Levitt | 19-Dec-14 | Kislev 27, 5775 |

Dec. 19 & 20

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| Bernard Decent | Ross Decent | 20-Dec-14 | Kislev 28, 5775 |
| Edward Karlins* | Russ Karlins | 20-Dec-14 | Kislev 28, 5775 |
| Jacob Pies | Diane Toby | 21-Dec-14 | Kislev 29, 5775 |
| Henrietta Shapiro | Jeffrey Shapiro | 21-Dec-14 | Kislev 29, 5775 |
| Mortimer Goodstein | Jeffrey Shapiro | 24-Dec-14 | Tevet 2, 5775 |
| Betty Wolff* | Thomas Wolff | 24-Dec-14 | Tevet 2, 5775 |
| Jeanne Brill | Julie Glen | 25-Dec-14 | Tevet 3, 5775 |
| Jeanne Brill | Jan Hymen | 25-Dec-14 | Tevet 3, 5775 |
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| Abraham Winetsky | Norman Golinkin | 25-Dec-14 | Tevet 3, 5775 |
| Abraham Winetsky | Selena Rochlis | 25-Dec-14 | Tevet 3, 5775 |
| Abraham Winetsky | Alice Sklar | 25-Dec-14 | Tevet 3, 5775 |

Dec. 26 & 27

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| William Levine* | Robin Bauman | 27-Dec-14 | Tevet 5, 5775 |
| Larry Petri | Sima Petri | 27-Dec-14 | Tevet 5, 5775 |
| Martin Weininger | Esther Galat | 27-Dec-14 | Tevet 5, 5775 |
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| Eleanor Simon | Nita Barshefsky | 28-Dec-14 | Tevet 6, 5775 |
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| Doba Chernobrov* | Aizik Chernobrov | 30-Dec-14 | Tevet 8, 5775 |
| Abraham Golinkin* | Herbert Golinkin | 31-Dec-14 | Tevet 9, 5775 |
| Abraham Golinkin* | Norman Golinkin | 31-Dec-14 | Tevet 9, 5775 |
| Abraham Golinkin* | Selena Rochlis | 31-Dec-14 | Tevet 9, 5775 |
| Nancy Shlensky Jacobson | Carol Keeth | 31-Dec-14 | Tevet 9, 5775 |
| Ethel Rochlis | Steve Rochlis | 1-Jan-15 | Tevet 10, 5775 |
| Jack Skolnick | Elaine Fisher | 1-Jan-15 | Tevet 10, 5775 |
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| Seymour Miller* | Deborah Friedman | 2-Jan-15 | Tevet 11, 5775 |
| Naomi Rubin* | Steve Rubin | 2-Jan-15 | Tevet 11, 5775 |

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