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The Bulletin

A Perspective By Rabbi Steven S. Mason

"The Possibilities"



Rabbi
Steven S. Mason

Hard to believe that only a week before the publication of this *Bulletin*, Cantor Goldstein was in the midst of chanting Kol Nidre – that haunting prayer about vows and promises that some scholars believe originated in a time of persecution when survival required Jews to make promises that they neither wanted to keep nor could keep.

Only a week ago, we confessed our sins – from deceit to malicious gossip to slander to xenophobia to disrespect for others. At that time we beseeched the Holy One: "*Slach lanu, mchal lanu, kaper lanu*, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement". Only days ago, we remembered that for sins between us and the Eternal, Yom Kippur would atone, but we would need to attend to the those in our lives from whom we might seek forgiveness. And of course, as the Torah puts it, *v'initem et nafshoteihem*, and you will afflict yourselves (Lev 23:27) - it seems that only yesterday was a day for self-affliction in the form of fasting.

Now, with a brief passing of only five days, a transformation is in order. The words of the Torah describe this best: "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month there shall be a feast of booths (*chag hasukkot*) to the Eternal....You shall observe the festival seven days...on the first day you shall take the product of the hadar trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook – *u'samachtem lifnay Adonai Eloheychem*, And you will rejoice before the Lord your God seven days...

Now there is a commandment. Despite the economy, the question of Iran, the war in Afghanistan - no matter what your own mood might be, the commandment is clear, "You will rejoice."

How can this be possible with Yom Kippur so close and conditions often so trying? One sage suggests that our ancestors heard the commandments about the rejoicing of Sukkot while still in the wilderness, far away from the verdant land flowing with milk and honey. They heard it at a dark and hopeless moment. As they trudged through the bleak and colorless desert on a journey that seemed to have no end, they learned all about the lulav and the etrog they would find when they finally arrived in the land. There they would celebrate with the four species symbolizing, among other things, a country full of fruit trees, shade trees by rivers, lots of green and sustenance. We might imagine that the lulav and etrog, with their bright green and yellow provided a stark contrast to the barren desert. If the immediate horizon looked bleak and dusty and gray, the future –symbolized by the lulav and the etrog presented great possibilities for fulfillment, growth, security, nourishment and peace.

Therefore, they would rejoice in the possibilities they would realize if they persevered on the journey. And so might we, as we offer thanks for the harvest, the blessing of freedom, the prospects (near and remote) for peace and the countless opportunities we have.

Time passes quickly from Yom Kippur to Sukkot, but not so quickly that with the promise of the lulav in hand we cannot affirm that we know what is good and what the Holy One requires of us as we proceed into this new year. Fresh from the soul searching and contemplation of the Days of Awe, we turn out to rejoice this Sukkot for all of the promise we can realize as the year now unfolds – if we but do justice, love mercy and walk humbly...Hard to believe – but it is already Sukkot!

Chag Sameach.

Upcoming Events...

Friday, October 2

5:00 pm Shabbat Yeladim
Sukkot Service
5:30 pm Pizza in the Hut
6:15 pm L'dor Vador Sukkot
Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 3

9:15 am Sukkot Morning Service

Sunday, October 4

9:15 am Bronstein Forum
with author Rich Cohen

Tuesday, October 6

11:30 am Women at the Table

Friday, October 9

6:15 pm Simchat Torah
Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 10

9:15 am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat
Torah Service, Yizkor

Sunday, October 11

3:00 pm Sternberg Program
featuring The Lincoln Trio

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 am Adult Mitzvah Corps

Thursday, October 22

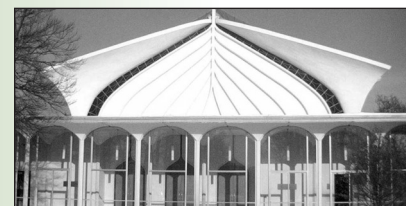
7:00 pm Lilith Salon

Sunday, October 25

2:00 pm Sisterhood Afternoon
of Games with SHALVA

Wednesday, October 28

6:30 pm Sisterhood Program
"Listening is an Act of Love"



Shabbat Services

Friday, October 2

5:00 pm Shabbat Yeladim Sukkot Service
6:15 pm L'dor Vador Sukkot
Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 3

9:15 am Sukkot Morning Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion
Lev. 23:33-44
Haftarah – Zechariah 14:7-9,16-21

Bar Mitzvah

Simon Foster Gunzburg
son of Lilli-ann and Michael Gunzburg

Friday, October 9

6:15 pm Simchat Torah Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 10

9:15 am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat
Torah Service, Yizkor
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion
Deut. 33:1-34:12 and Gen. 1:1-2:3
Haftarah – Joshua 1:1-18

B'nai Mitzvah

Brooke Carolyn Davis

daughter of Darlene and Kenneth Davis

Alex Kenneth Goodman

son of Nancy and Scott Goodman

5:00 pm Mincha Service
Bat Mitzvah

Sarah Beth Newberger

daughter of Lori Shelnitz-Newberger
and Scott Newberger

Friday, October 16

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 17

9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion Bereshit
Gen.1:1-6:8
Haftarah – Isaiah 42:5-43:11

Bar Mitzvah

Elijah Jacob Newman

son of Lorri and David Newman

5:00 pm Mincha Service
B'nai Mitzvah

Brandon Andrew Foreman

Jeremy Alex Foreman

sons of Dana Dishman Foreman
and Michael Foreman

Friday, October 23

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 24

9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
Torah Portion Noach
Gen. 6:9-11:32
Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-55:5

5:00 pm Mincha Service
Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Landon Hara

son of Christine Hara-Friedman
and Lorne Hara

Friday, October 30

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 31

9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion Lech L'cha
Gen. 12:1-17:27
Haftarah - Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Bar Mitzvah

Noah Ellis Guthman

son of Shana and David Guthman

In Memoriam

The congregation extends its heartfelt
condolences to the families of:

Daniel Altman

Douglas Altman

Steven Altman

cousins of Debora (Richard) Kotz

Dr. E. Richard Blonsky

husband of Susan Blonsky
father of Sue (Steven) Kaplan

Abe Cohen

father of Charlotte (Robert) Don

Dorothy Herzberg

sister of Florence (Bernard) Schatzman

James D. Jacobson

brother of Karen (Dr. David) Jaimovich

Arthur Oscar Kohn

father of William (Karen) Kohn

Harold Lando

nephew of William and Ruthie Katz

Hannah Nitka

mother of Benjamin (Hilary) Nitka

Melvin Olshansky

husband of Roberta Olshansky

Celine Thomas

aunt of Lauri (Cantor David) Goldstein

Gloria Wald

aunt of Sheldon (Dale) Silverman

Friday Evening Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

September 4:

Marcine and Arthur Weiner in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and the 30th
Wedding Anniversary of **Debra and Neil Weiner**

September 11:

Linda and Peter Karmin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Charles Hecht Karmin**

October 3:

Lilli and Michael Gunzburg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Simon Foster Gunzburg**

October 9:

Darlene and Ken Davis in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Brooke Carolyn Davis**
Norma Newberger in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter **Sarah Beth Newberger**

October 16:

Jessica Kremer and Nathan Feder in honor of their wedding

The Newmans in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Elijah Jacob Newman**

October 30:

Shana and David Guthmann in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Noah Ellis Guthman**



In honor of
the Bat Mitzvah of
Amy Yastrow
September 26, 2009
8 Tishri 5770

Michelle and Peter Yastrow



Judith M.
Wexler

President's Message

At this time of year, there is a tremendous amount going on at NSCI, with our recently completed construction, the beginning of religious school and preschool classes, the start of youth group activities, and of course, the High Holy Days. Therefore, I thought I would take this opportunity to express appreciation for our staff, who works so diligently behind the scenes, so that our many and varied programs can take place. I can't imagine that any of our members don't know our incredibly talented Executive Director, Serane Blatt. Serane wears many, many hats, including those involving oversight of human resources, budget and finances, membership, staff development, building supervision and operations, construction, programming, administration of worship services, public relations, dues collection, marketing, and development. And she does all of that with a smiling face!

Serane oversees a number of other extremely able staff members. The congregation could not survive without all of these people, and this month, I want to introduce you to them. First, everyone should know Laura Powers, our Communications Coordinator, who works tirelessly to ensure that the congregation's communications are accurate, interesting and timely. She sends out our weekly Shabbat emails, prepares our Shabbat announcement brochures, maintains the website, puts together our public relations and marketing materials, provides administrative support to the Executive Director, maintains the congregation's databases, provides fundraising support, takes care of inventory and ordering of supplies, puts together the Book of Remembrance, and prepares our monthly *Bulletins*.

Second, you should also be acquainted with Roy Ruiz, our Controller, who is extraordinarily talented. Roy is in charge of preparing and overseeing all of the congregation's financial reports and accounting matters, handling health insurance and other human resource issues, taking care of electronics and office equipment, including computer systems and the phone system, and liaising with the Treasurer and the Chairs of the Finance and

Budget Committee, Endowment Trust Committee and Investment Management Committee.

Third, those of you who have planned events at our building already know Jacki Sundheim, our Events Coordinator. Jacki oversees and coordinates the entire NSCI calendar, and she is the one to contact when you are preparing for a baby naming, anniversary celebration, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or any other occasion in the building. She is here to help out and is an expert at making it a less stressful experience.

Fourth, when you call the NSCI offices, you are most likely greeted by the friendly voice of Marla Green, our Receptionist. If she is on break, you may be speaking with Bayla Schimmel or Lisa Goosmann, our efficient and extremely helpful Rabbinic and Cantorial Secretaries, or with Holly Zimmerman, our Bookkeeper. And when you call the offices of the Goodman Center for Jewish Education, you are greeted by the welcoming voice of Jenya Edelberg, the school's skilled Administrative Assistant.

Finally, our unbelievably energetic maintenance staff, overseen by our Maintenance Supervisor Alfredo Lopez, works without rest to make certain that our facilities are always ready for whatever we have planned. Their responsibilities include setting up and taking down tables and chairs numerous times in any given day and converting rooms between a myriad of uses, addressing countless building issues which arise every day, and cleanup, both indoor and outdoor. Our maintenance staff, in addition to Alfredo, includes Freddy Diaz, Raphael Bautista, Efrain Patino and Genady Cherner. In addition, Carmella Jimenez is the smiling face you see as she works on food and beverage setups for the various events which take place every week in our building.

When you are around, please take the time to thank these staff members for all that they do—we truly could not operate without their hard work and their sense of responsibility toward our congregation.

Jewish Learning Through Travel

NSCI Family Mission to Israel

Next NSCI-JUF Family Trip to Israel Leaves in June...

The next North Shore Congregation Israel-JUF Family Trip to Israel will depart on June 13, 2010 and return on June 24. Join Patty and Rabbi Steven Mason for this once in a lifetime experience in travel, learning, and connection to Judaism. In the course of the trip, *bnai mitzvah* of our congregation will be called to the Torah in Jerusalem, parents, children and grandparents will be able to stand together at the Western Wall, participants will enjoy the energy of Tel Aviv as it enters its 101st year of existence and much more from the ancient to the ultra modern. And we shall visit projects sponsored by our community through the JUF that welcome new immigrants to Israel and help others help themselves expressing the truest sense of *tzedakah*.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity send an email to Bayla in Rabbi Mason's study at baylas@nsci.org or call 847/835-0724, ext 643.



Mark Your Calendars Now!!

February 2, 2010 Is College Night

Navigating the Transformation from High School to College: A Conversation for 11th and 12th Grade Students and their Parents

Part of the "Every Family Faces It" Series.

Sponsored by NSCI's Brotherhood and the Youth Committee.



CHAI Happenings!

Chai @ NSCI Celebrating Jewish Family Life Together
opportunities for families with young children
and by families with young children



Chai @ NSCI beach beautifiers on Mitzvah Day!

September with Chai at NSCI...

Beach Beautification: Perhaps the messiest and most difficult Mitzvah Day Project was the Chai @ NSCI Beach Cleanup at NSCI's own beach. In just over two and a half hours, we were able to transform our beach into a beautiful and peaceful lakefront. The space will be used for Shabbat services, Youth Group activities, and more memorable events for our congregants in years to come. With the help of all the kids, we painted colorful rocks to brighten the area, while the women and men tirelessly cleared away debris and foliage in order to make room for more beach front seating. All the while, another group spent the morning digging and lugging down bricks and cinder block in order to build an amazing new fire pit. Everyone's teamwork and spirit was in full force and made for a productive day. To top it off, we celebrated our hard work by roasting marshmallows for S'mores, as we sat around talking with old and newly found friends!!! Thank you to all who participated. We could not have done it without each and every one of you.

-Angie Weinberg

The Chai @ NSCI beach cleanup and beautification was headed up by Mike Rosenthal, Greg Weissman, Angie Weinberg and Robin Gould. Mike and Greg began the beach clean-up efforts in

early summer; they and those who helped them made it possible for us to hold our three successful Shabbat at the NSCI Beach celebrations this summer. We are grateful to you all!

Kickoff Picnic: Sunday, September 13th Chai greeted all of our religious school students and their families as we kicked off the school year. Thanks to Lisa Kritz & Jen Elbaum, we picnicked by the playground with donuts and pizza depending on your session. Parents and children got to talk, play, run around and celebrate a glorious day!

Coming up on the Chai @ NSCI fall calendar:

Friday, October 3: Sukkot begins! Join us for Pizza in the Hut, tot or school-age family services. Bring back your re-useable (decorated?!) grocery bag (or 2 or 3!) filled with kosher, nonperishable food items to feed hungry Jews in Chicago. Thanks to Julia Fording & Susan Mehlman and children for our food display and signage!

Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 pm – Chai @ NSCI Fall Open Meeting: Bring your ideas, your desire to become involved and/or your initiative to make cool things happen for NSCI families! Tell us you're coming (or ask any questions): Lisa Kritz (lkritz@ilmaternal.org) or Rabbi Lisa Greene (rabbigreene@nsci.org).

Saturday, November 14, 3:30-5 pm – Campfire & Havdalah on the NSCI Beach!!! Bring a sweatshirt, a flashlight and a desire for family fun! Watch for more information by email and on the school and synagogue website. Questions? Gloria Reisner, greisner64@comcast.net or Lacy Kaufmann, lacyck@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 am – Soup kitchen lunch-making for preschool age children and adults. Contact Marilyn Perlman if you are coming: marilynperlman@comcast.net.

Wednesday, November 18, 4-7 pm – Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Cooking & Serving. Advance sign-up a must; contact Karen Silbar, k-search@comcast.net.

Saturday, December 5, 3-5 pm – Chanukah Mystery Event. More info coming. Promises to be fun for children and adults alike!

All year round: Mitzvah Meals (cooking and delivering a helping hand, a yummy dinner) & Welcome Buckets (delivering buckets to new NSCI members). Interested in helping with either? Contact Ilyce Zoloto (izoloto@stretch-n-grow.com) for Mitzvah Meals and Deborah Coven (coven4@msn.com) regarding buckets.

Gates of Learning Preschool



Shalom!
School has started and the children are happy to be at

Gates of Learning with their friends. They have been talking about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and all the things they know about the holidays. The Arayot (lions in Hebrew - the 4-year-olds) made delicious apple crisp while talking about apples and celebrating a sweet new year. All of our classrooms are busy with activities and the children have done a great job of starting to learn the routines and rules of their class.

Calling all Toddlers!!!!

Gates of Learning Preschool has a class for you!

Our Shabbat Shalom parent/toddler class, for children 15-24 months (by September 1), meets Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 am. The children will be introduced to simple art projects, songs, and stories in a warm Jewish setting. Shabbat will be celebrated in class. If you are interested in this or other NSCI Gates of Learning Preschool classes, please contact Ellen Grossman, Preschool Director, at elleng@nscl.org or 847/835-0724 ext 637.

SUKKOT

Our Sukkot Yeladim Service is Friday, October 2 at 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Pizza in the Hut Sukkah dinner and 6:15 pm is our school-age Family Service & Tzedakah Food Collection. Come and join us for this very fun Shabbat.

Goodman Center for Jewish Education

From our Educational Director:



Rabbi Judith
Spicehandler

As of this writing, the first day of school is just around the corner, with Rosh Hashanah in hot pursuit. When you read this we will be celebrating Sukkot. It is the same every year. School opening and the fall holidays coincide in a burst of activity and expectation. Right about now I feel a deep longing to see the children filling the hallways and the classrooms - stopping by to say hello, and looking impossibly older than they did in May when we said goodbye. Can they really change so much in a few short months? Their enthusiasm and hope for the new year is refreshing and contagious and right now, with all the stress of preparing for the year to come, as well as, this year, also moving into our new offices, I particularly appreciate the boost of energy they carry with them wherever they go. I do love the students! This year they will be entering our school through the new school entrance by our beautiful new offices, and passing by the Partners in Mitzvah Mural displaying photos of our students engaged in feeding the hungry. What a wonderful way to start the year! We are so grateful for the improvements in our facility: the beautiful Tross Family Education Center, the Rosenthal Family Gathering Place and the Beverly Gross School Office.

Over the summer I did a lot of thinking about how we, as educators, express that love. My teachers and I attended a wonderful workshop by Dr. Zohar Raviv (sponsored by the CFJE) who reminded us that the words of our students are as important to the health of the Jewish future as the words of the great thinkers of the past. How can we help our students to appreciate this important truth? This year we will be focusing on highlighting our students' work, with the help of modern technology (Wikis for each grade level, the school website, Facebook, etc.) We plan to convey to them that not only their energy, but also their voices matter.

Our mission in the school is to give our students the tools and the experiences that will allow them to blossom into Jewish adults who continue to learn and grow as Jews throughout their lives, and who put their learning into positive action that will both contribute to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and strengthen the Jewish community.

I invite all, parents, teachers, students, and members of the North Shore Congregation community, to join us in this holy work. Happy New Year!



Ann Weisberg, Rabbi Spicehandler and Jody Weinberg

GO GREEN!

At NSCI, we are reducing our paper consumption at every level. Please provide us with your email address so that we may communicate with you electronically. Also, please let us know if you would like to receive your monthly *Bulletin* electronically. Email laurap@nscl.org or call Laura Powers at the synagogue office at 847/835-0724, ext. 629.

Mitzvah Knitting

Our knitting group has become a community. Two of our "coaches", Caryl Sclove and Barbara Gately have inspired us with new ideas, patterns and embellishments for each project. We'll be meeting on **Wednesday, October 7** from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Iris Gottlieb - 847/835-2445, got1222@aol.com.

Build a Habitat for Humanity House with Glencoe Interfaith Builders

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT CHANCE TO
MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!**

NSCI's Habitat for Humanity Build Day!

Each congregation in Glencoe Interfaith Builders has a date reserved for their own congregation to build – ours is October 18. Spots must be reserved in advance and space is limited, so sign up ASAP! This is a great opportunity to make a real difference! Questions? Contact Rabbi Wendi Geffen. Sign up directly at www.GIB4habitat.org.

When: **Sunday, October 18, 2009**
Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ages: 16+
Location: Carter Crossing:
12th St and Washington Park, Waukegan

Adult Mitzvah Corps

Join our Adult Mitzvah Corps and help different Jewish charitable organizations on weekdays once a month. Open to adult men and women congregants, you are welcome to join us every time or once in a while.

On **Wednesday, October 14**, we will be shopping for coats for needy Jewish Child & Family Services' clients at Target, 2241 Willow Rd., Glenview from 10:00 am - noon. JCFS receives the money from grants and donations; we do the shopping!

If you would like to help shop, please contact NSCI member Tracey Meyers at 847/242-1234.

The Hungry and The Homeless

*(the need is greater than
ever to reach out)*

YOU CAN HELP...

Volunteer for the FEED THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Feed the Homeless Program prepares, delivers
and serves 750 meals on Sundays from September to June.

Your participation and donations

are what makes this program possible!

When a meal is served at the shelters these words

are often heard "God Bless".

If you would like to volunteer, please call Lisa Goosmann

at the synagogue office, 847/835-0724, ext. 627.

You will then be put on a volunteer mailing list and

receive further information.

"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat"



Helping Hands of Chesed

Have you known someone who would have appreciated a meal or a ride during a family illness, crisis or other time of need? Helping Hands of Chesed is an exciting group dedicated to reaching out to our fellow congregants during such times.

Helping Hands of Chesed continues to seek volunteers who will be contacted occasionally throughout the year to provide assistance to members of our NSCI community. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this mitzvah, please contact one of our co-chairs: Amy Kaufman akaddj@aol.com or Caroline Pfeffer pfefferfamily@comcast.net.

MITZVAH DAY 2009

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This year's Mitzvah Day was a great success! Hundreds of congregants joined hands on Sunday, September 6th to make a big difference all around our community!

Some of the great accomplishments included:

- Preparing hundreds of bag meals for area homeless shelters
- Recording 15 books on tape for autistic children
- Beautifying our own NSCI beach and creating a fire-pit
- Packing 150 iPacks filled with toiletries for the homeless
- Making 50 "Build an Animal" toys for homeless children
- Making 25 fleece blankets for area shelters
- Preparing and serving lunch for ARK clients
- Packing the school supplies for the entire 700 student population of the Jordan Community School
- Knitting Chemo Caps
- We also had a successful Blood Drive

And the list goes on and on.



Operation Backpack

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day a great success! Keep your eyes open this Fall for NSCI's Tikkun Olam brochure that will have detailed information of great opportunities to make a difference throughout the year!

If you made a Magen David Adom Tzedakah Box on Mitzvah Day, please note that the address on the bottom of the box is incorrect. The correct address is:

**3175 Commercial Ave., Suite 101
Northbrook IL 60062**



Building stuffed animals for children in need



Dennis Heskell, Rabbi Geffen and Ann Weisberg

Dennis Heskell's Mitzvah Day 2009 Speech - September 6, 2009

As we spend this month of Elul preparing for our High Holy Days during this period of bleak economic conditions, it is valuable to remember one of the Torah's most famous phrases that we read at the beginning of this month of preparation:

Justice, justice shall you pursue that you may thrive and occupy the land The Lord your God is giving you.

While the first 'Justice' probably applies to a fair and law based society, the second *Tzedakah*, applies more to us on this day. We know *Tzedakah* as righteousness or even charity. It is doing what we know in our hearts to be correct. To me, righteousness is doing God's work with joy. It is for us, for our community, and for *tikkun olam* that we follow this mandate. For me, this can be as basic as buying food to donate in the bags provided by our sponsors. A dinner for those in need is purchased at the same time as I do our weekly grocery shopping. This action follows the Torah's dictates and transforms the activity to beyond that of a simple chore.

Today, all of us together helping others is righteous. Not for those helped but for each of us. It is a way to express gratitude for all we have.

Do good with joy together. Enjoy this wonderful day and opportunity.



Past-presidents: John Colman, Gene Jacobs, Lorelei Rosenthal, David Grossberg, Barbara Borden and Rob Olian; Current President: Judy Wexler

A historical moment took place at a Mitzvah Day. The ribbon was cut and the Tross Family Education Center, the Goodman Terrace and Amphitheatre were dedicated along with the named classrooms, offices, entry ways and religious school offices.

MITZVAH DAY 2009



Archives Video Shoot of Louise Cohen



Rabbi Mason speaks at the Dedication

From the Archives:

Mitzvah Day, September 6 was an extremely productive day for the Ruthie and Bill Katz Archives. We were able to interview 11 people for our "Memories," project. This project began in 2007 on Mitzvah Day. The Archives Committee is doing video taped interviews of NSCI members or past members. We are recording their memories of their life at the synagogue. This oral history project is being done in honor of the synagogue's 90th anniversary in 2010.

There was another day of recording, previous to Mitzvah Day, for members whose association with the congregation has spanned 50 to 89 years. We accomplished six more interviews that day. Special thanks goes to Rabbi Herbert Bronstein and Tamar Bronstein for all of the time they gave us to record their memories. Moreover, we especially thank Rabbi Bronstein who gave a wonderful description of the creation and meaning of the Perlman Sanctuary.

An oral history project like this one is not meant to be viewed as a feature film. The footage is meant to be used by researchers, create a multi media interactive show on the web or in a kiosk. The recordings will be put together in one manner or another. What is critical is that we work on the production of these interviews. Many of the people we have interviewed are among the oldest members of this congregation, or former members, who possess the richest and most valuable memories of the last 89 years of North Shore Congregation Israel. The Archives Committee would like to thank those of you who have participated this year in the "Memories," project. This year's interviews are the best yet.

October is Archives month in the country and we would like you to participate in this annual event. You can help the Archives Committee in several ways. First, we are trying to locate Confirmation programs and photographs. We know many of you cherish these items and most likely do not want to

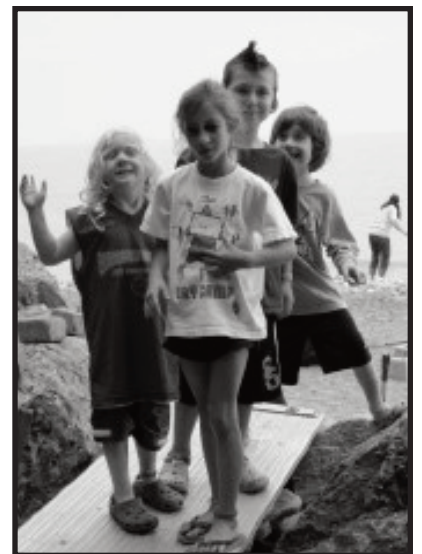
part with them. However, if you can loan them to us so that we can professionally scan them, we would be grateful. Here is what we are looking for in programs: 1943, 53, 55, 59, 70, 73, 74, 77, 80, 87, 90, 97, 98, 2000-2008. We have most of the photographs. However, many of them are in extremely poor condition due to the over exposure to light. Photographs we need to copy are: 1974, 77, 78 through 91.

You can participate in other ways during October's Archive Month. If you were a congregational president, Men's Club/Brotherhood or Sisterhood President or in charge of the Youth Group or any other activities, we would be so grateful to have your notebooks or papers for the time you were in a leadership role. It is also a good opportunity to clean out your house of any old *Bulletins*, programs, or any other documentation that you no longer want to keep. If you do make a donation, please be sure to leave your name and address with the donation so that we can thank you and ask any follow-up questions that we may have.

Finally, there is one more way you can help the Archives Committee. If you were confirmed at NSCI from 1931-2008, we would like you to help us identify your confirmation photograph. We will provide you with a digital image or show you in person the image along with the program. We follow a procedure for identifying your classmates and a form that we use. You can fill out the form on your computer, if you have Excel, or by hand. Please contact: Merle Branner at archives@nsci.org or 847/835-0724, Ext. 675.

Visit our website
at www.nsci.org

MITZVAH DAY FUN!



Beach Clean-up



Canned Food Land Game at Mitzvah Day

Two Great New Opportunities: Jerusalem Learning Comes to Glencoe!

Come and Learn with Donniel Hartman – live and in person! Our friends at Congregation Aitz Hayim have invited us to come and study with them when Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, co-director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and a true master teacher visits over Shabbat, October 16 and 17, 2009. More details will follow – please watch your email.

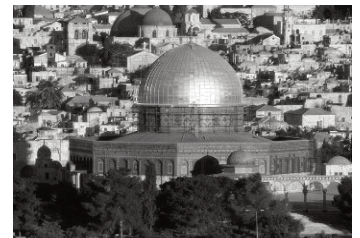
Beginning in November: "Leadership and Crisis – Jewish Resources and Responses" a series of eight lectures with Hartman Institute Faculty – world class scholars and renowned teachers.

Each 2.5 hour session will begin with a guided havruta study of texts on the subject of that day's lecture followed by a specially made DVD lecture itself presented by one of the Shalom Hartman Institute's world class scholars. A discussion facilitated by Rabbi Mason will conclude the day's learning. Each participant will receive a set of study texts, supplementary readings and Havruta Study Guides, a one-year subscription to Shalom Hartman Institute's *Havruta Journal*, and access to additional web-based resources for lay leadership study, including private links to lectures on tailored website.

Lectures and Dates

All sessions are on Sunday, beginning at 8:45 am in the Family Room
"Leadership and Crisis – Jewish Resources and Responses"

1. November 8: Donniel Hartman: Introduction to the Series: Jewish Responses to Crisis
2. December 6: Micah Goodman: The Crisis of Destruction: The Biblical Prophet Jeremiah
3. January 10: Micah Goodman: Personal Crisis and Theological Audacity: The Book of Job
4. January 24: Micah Goodman: The Sages of the Talmud and the Crisis of Authority
5. February 7: Melila Hellner-Eshed: Individual and Collective Responses to Crisis: Zohar & Hasidism
6. February 21: Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi: God After Auschwitz: Jewish Theological Responses
7. March 14: Donniel Hartman: Response to Crisis: Reestablishing Moral Awareness
8. April 11: Donniel Hartman: Moving Beyond Crisis: Reclaiming the Primacy of Ethics



Faculty

Donniel Hartman, Co-Director of Shalom Hartman Institute and an ordained rabbi, has a doctorate in Jewish philosophy from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a Master of Arts in political philosophy from New York University, and a Master of Arts in religion from Temple University. Donniel is the founder of some of the most extensive education, training and enrichment programs for educators and rabbis in Israel and North America.

He is the author of *The Boundaries of Judaism* and the co-editor of a new anthology, *Judaism and the Challenges of Modern Life*, both published by Continuum Press. Donniel is the co-author of *Spheres of Jewish Identity*, a new core curriculum in Jewish philosophy for secular Israeli high schools.

Melila Hellner-Eshed has a doctorate in Jewish mysticism from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Melila teaches mysticism at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Conservative Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem, and Hebrew Union College. A central figure in the Israeli renaissance of Jewish textual study, Melila directs a beit midrash for "Revivim," The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's honors teacher training program Melila is active in the Israeli-Palestinian Sulha Peace Project. Her book, *A River Issues from Eden: On the Language of Mystical Experience in the Zohar*, was recently published in Hebrew and is scheduled to be published in English.

Micah Goodman has a doctorate from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Jewish thought. Micah teaches at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and lectures throughout Israel on contemporary Judaism and Israeli culture. He directs the Israeli Academy of Leadership, Ein Prat. Micah has published articles in a number of journals on the philosophy of Maimonides and Nahmanides, and is currently writing about the thought of Rabbi Nachman Krochmal.

Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi is Director of Shalom Hartman Institute's Center for Lay Leadership Education, a member of the Institute faculty and a research fellow. Ordained at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York nearly 15 years ago, Rachel is completing a doctorate in modern Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Rachel also teaches liturgy and modern Jewish thought at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and serves as a scholar-in-residence in communities throughout North America. She is a Wexner Foundation Graduate Fellow alumna and has served on the faculties of CLAL, the Wexner Heritage Foundation and the Skirball Center. Rachel has authored a number of articles and is co-author of two books: *Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days* and *Striving Toward Virtue: A Contemporary Guide to Jewish Ethical Behavior*. For 12 years Rachel served as rabbi of Congregation Shirat HaYam on Nantucket Island during summers and the High Holy Days. She and her husband, Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi, live in Tzur Hadassah, outside Jerusalem.

For more information or register for the study and lecture series call Bayla at 847/835-0724 or email baylas@nsci.org. There is no tuition. While there will be continuity from session to session, participants may attend as many of the classes as possible.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events You Won't Want to Miss!!

Sunday, October 18 - Board Meeting
10:00 am

Come and discover the inner workings of Sisterhood by joining us for a board meeting. This dynamic group of women will welcome you with open arms and amaze you with all of the work they accomplish on behalf of the synagogue and community. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Peggy Rubenstein at 847/835-5538.

Thursday, October 22 – Lilith Salon #1
7:00 pm

It's our third year of this fabulous program. Subscribe to *Lilith* magazine, read selected articles and then come to a member's home to discuss issues, thoughts and ideas raised from the literature. Refreshments are served along with the camaraderie. To join please contact Flo London 847/780-4067 or Jacqueline Marcus 847/433-4007. The first meeting will be held at the home of Zena Kaufman, 315 Sheridan Rd. Highland Park.

Sunday, October 25
Afternoon of Games with Shalva
2:00-5:00 pm

It's playtime for adults! Whether you like Maj, Scrabble, or cards, we'll have games galore at this community outreach program. You bring the games, we provide the tables, snacks, and door prizes. Cost: \$36 each. Call Amy Litner at 847/267-1340 for more information.

Wednesday, October 28

"Listening is an Act of Love" 7:00 pm

The Articulit Theatre performers will share their edited versions of insightful, touching memories based on excerpts from the Story Corps Project publication, "Listening is An Act of Love." All who attend will empathize, be moved, and perhaps even be reminded of their own unique stories based on the themes of home, family, work, journey, history, and struggle. For more information, contact Judy Falk at 847/266-8960.

*All programs, with the exception of
the Lilith Salon, will take place at NSCI.*



NSCI Sisterhood Plans 10th Annual Women's Seder

Plans are already underway for the 10th Annual Women's Seder, to be held Monday, March 15, 2010. Ten years ago, a grassroots group of NSCI women visionaries created this multi-generational seder for participants to share what they loved about Passover, coupled with new insights that could be integrated into their own seders.

Won't you join us in planning this memorable event? We're looking for volunteers for the following committees: invitations, music, ritual objects, wine, catering, publicity, tzedekah/educational exhibits, decorations, and reservations. We're also looking for former committee members, stories, and photos to recount the rich history of our nine previous womens' seders.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Jacqueline Marcus, 2009-2010 Women's Seder Chair, at 847/433-4007, or email fitfoodpro@aol.com.

SHALVA and the Sisterhood of NSCI present BYOG (Bring Your Own Game Day)

We'll provide the table and refreshments

You Provide Your Favorite Game

Sunday, October 25, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Bring your friends and your:

- Cards
- Maj Jongg sets
- Rummy Cube
- Bunko

Send checks (\$36 per player) by October 18 to NSCI, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 Attn: Games

Single players and groups welcome.
For questions, call Amy at 847/267-1340.

New Holocaust Museum A Gem

Sisterhood sponsored a wonderful outing to the new Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie on August 6. We had a rather large group which split into three to take the docent-led tours. One group was fortunate enough to include NSCI's own Lore Kirchheimer, who is a survivor. Another group had the pleasure of having sisterhood member Penny Herbst as their docent, while the third group was treated to passionate stories by their docent Helen Weisman, a child of survivors. Most attendees agreed that we are lucky to have such a resource in our own backyard and they would return for another visit on their own. Due to the popularity of this event, Sisterhood will offer another outing on a weekend date in the spring. Watch upcoming NSCI *Bulletins* for details.

Women's Wellness Series to Kick Off with Heart Health

The Sisterhood will begin its much anticipated Women's Wellness series on November 11 at 7:00 pm with a presentation from WomenHeart, an organization that educates and advocates on behalf of American women living with or at risk of heart disease. Come to NSCI and listen to three heart patients, (diagnosed at a young age) share their stories and learn how you can make changes in your life to minimize the risk of heart disease – the #1 killer of women. Each attendee will receive an information bag with tons of useful advice and be treated to heart healthy refreshments. Don't forget to bring your questions!

Please RSVP to either Amy Litner 847/267-1340 or Iris Gottlieb 847/835-2445 by November 4. There is no charge for this event.

The Women's Wellness series at NSCI seeks to educate women of all ages about both physical and emotional health issues. If you have a topic or a speaker that you can recommend, please share them with Iris or Amy at the phone numbers listed above.

NSCI Lilith Salons Kick Off Third Year



NSCI Lilith Salons are interactive, friendly get-togethers where members discuss the issues, ideas, and thoughts raised by the articles in *Lilith* magazine, noted as "independent, Jewish, and feminist." Salons are held four times annually at members' homes where refreshments are served alongside camaraderie. NSCI Lilith Salons for 2009-10 will be held on October 22, January 28, April 8 and June 3.

The first NSCI Lilith Salon is at the home of Zena Kaufman, 315 Sheridan Road, Highland Park 847/780-4062, goldbeadz@comcast.net. Articles for discussion include *Feminist Funerals*, which examines the existential power of these rituals; *1919: At the Connecticut Shore*, a story of race and reconciliation; and *My Father's Reckless Abandonment*, which deals with the death of a father who was incommunicado for decades. To join the NSCI Lilith Salons, or for more information, please contact Flo London at 847/780-4067, flondon@comcast.net; or Jacqueline Marcus at 847/433-4007, fitfoodpro@aol.com.

Save the Date for the 4th Annual Sisterhood Retreat February 26, 2010

Please join us for the 4th Annual Sisterhood retreat on February 26, 2010. Once again, we will welcome Shabbat together, have our traditional cosmo pajama party, explore spiritual topics, and walk away refreshed, having made new friends and renewing existing friendships.

Our Retreat takes place at the elegant Northbrook Sheraton starting Friday at sundown and concluding the next evening. It may be cold outside, but the warmth of Sisterhood will chase away the winter chill.

Registration information will be available in an NSCI *Bulletin* later in the fall.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

**join us as
NSCI Sisterhood presents the**

**ARTICULIT READERS THEATRE'S
dramatized reading of selections from...**

"Listening Is an Act of Love" A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps Project

Home and Family...Work and Dedication...Journeys...History and Struggle...Fire and Water

About ARTICULIT READERS THEATRE: formed in 2006 by talented, well trained and experienced theatrical performers – all women – who do dramatized readings.

About the STORYCORPS PROJECT: began in 2003 by Dave Isay. Everyday people were given the opportunity to record memories of special moments in their lives at STORY BOOTHS around the country. These stories continue to be heard on National Public Radio, and excerpts can now be enjoyed in his book *Listening Is an Act of Love*.

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan, Glencoe**

Coffee and dessert served at 6:30 pm, performance at 7:00 pm
RESERVE YOUR TICKETS EARLY! This event is open to all.
\$18 before October 27 - \$20 at the door

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to NSCI Sisterhood.

Mail to: NSCI Sisterhood, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022

For questions, call Iris at 847/835-2445.

KOLLEL Adult Learning at North Shore Congregation Israel

Bronstein Forum

Sunday Morning October 4, 9:15 am

Featuring Rich Cohn, Glencoe-NSCI native speaking on his new, controversial book, reviewed with praise in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune and Jerusalem Post: *ISRAEL IS REAL*.

Women at the Table

Tuesday, October 6

Gather round the table with us as we bring women's voices and perspectives to Torah with the new *Torah: A Women's Commentary* and with the insights of our personal experiences.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am at an NSCI member's home or at the synagogue. Bring your lunch, and we'll have coffee and something sweet. On October 6, our next gathering, we will meet at NSCI in the sukkah. Our subsequent sessions are: November 3 and December 1.

Once we know you are coming we will get you directions; contact Rabbi Greene. If you can't make this month but would like to be on our email list for future sessions, please contact Rabbi Greene, rabbigreene@nsci.org.

A Closer Look at our Prayers

Monday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm

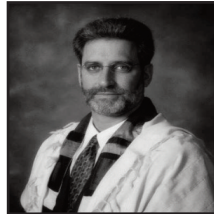
Judy Weiss, Instructor

For those who are interested in a deeper understanding of our service, this class is for you. The class presumes Hebrew reading ability and is open to all. We will study the Shabbat and daily services through exploration of the concepts and themes of the prayers. We will continue to practice reading the prayers in Hebrew to strengthen reading fluency. Other topics of prayer and holidays will reflect the consensus of the members of the class. Judy Weiss is our Assistant Director of Religious Education. She is a warm, wise and knowledgeable teacher of adults and youth.

Education Scholar Series with Rabbi Marc J. Belgrad

**"Morality and Messianism:
The Challenging
Thought of Steven S. Schwarzschild"**
Monday nights, 7:30 pm
October 19, 26 and November 2, 9

Why be Jewish? What does it mean to be a



Rabbi Marc J. Belgrad

Jew, to live a Jewish life? What is the importance of Jewish life in the modern world?

These questions are some of the prime questions of modern, American Jewish life. That is where Jewish philosophers enter. They understand these challenges and frame thoughtful, reasoned responses to them as they keep Judaism alive for another generation. Please call the synagogue office if you plan to attend.

The Nachman Family Adult Education Series was conceived by Roslind (z"l) and Dr. Adolph Nachman as an opportunity to bring exciting outside scholars to teach at NSCI in our Kollel program for adult learners. The Nachmans generously provided the resources and, importantly, gave us a key criterion: they must be an excellent teacher. Tze ulmad - go and study.

Derech Chayim

Mishkan T'fila - Considering Worship
Mondays at 6:30 pm
starting October 26

A weekly consideration of questions of prayer, utilizing *Mishkan T'fila* and its multiple interpretations of the rubrics of Jewish prayer as our guide, as well as other sources. We'll spend time not only with the plain meaning of traditional Jewish prayers and ancient and modern interpretations of them, but also with questions about prayer such as: Prayer and the individual and community – is there a difference and are both types necessary? Is prayer a natural human response to stress, to gratitude, to challenge, to triumph? Who hears prayer? Where do we direct our prayer? Why fixed prayer? Rabbi Mason will facilitate the discussion.

Mid-day Mondays at NSCI

Join the rabbis and cantor for a great new series mid-day on Mondays. Starting on October 12, the Mid-day Mondays begins at 11:30 am with "The Special of the Month" with Cantor Goldstein, Rabbi Greene, and Rabbi Geffen. The menu might include music, current events, literature, the arts....come, and see for yourself.

After a break for BYOL (Bring your own lunch, we'll provide the coffee), Rabbi Mason's Bible Class will meet from 1:00-2:00 pm. This ongoing class will conclude the book of Judges and open the book of Kings this fall. (Texts are provided and newcomers are always welcome)

Mid-Day Mondays will meet in the Carol Boehm Life Long Learning Room in the Tross Family Education Center. Sign up today for one or both classes by calling Bayla at 847/835-0724, ext 643 or by email at baylas@nsci.org. Here is the schedule:

Mid-day Mondays at NSCI The Menu

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Special of the Month
with Cantor Goldstein,
Rabbi Greene and Rabbi Geffen
12:30 - 1:00 pm: BYOL and coffee
1:00 - 2:00 pm Bible Class
with Rabbi Mason

Special of the Month and Bible Class
Fall Calendar:
October 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14

Downtown Study Group

**The First Wednesday of the Month
beginning in November**

Take a mid-day break for lunch and a journey into the world of Jewish texts with Rabbi Mason. Sometimes the subject is a biblical passage, sometimes it is a response to a current event. All texts are presented in English. Whatever the subject, it is a welcome change of pace. All are welcome. To register, call Bayla at 847/835-0724.

If you have questions about any of these educational opportunities, please call the synagogue office at 847/835-0724.

The Nachman Family Adult

NEW ON MONDAYS!

SHABBAT B'QUE THANKS!



Thank You to the Shabbat B'Que Committee members for all their help In making Shabbat B'Que a warm, welcoming night for so many of our congregation families and newcomers:

Robin Gould

Gigi Zorn

Paige Farber

Jody Weinberg

Lynn Madorsky

Julie Miller

Elaine Wexler

Ann Weisberg

Maya Spitz

We appreciate all your hard work!

In addition, thank you to all the NSCI families who attended Shabbat B' Que!

Carol Wolfe & Diane Moore



The Marilyn and Robert
Mitchell Sternberg
Cultural Enrichment Fund of
North Shore Congregation Israel
presents

The Lincoln Trio

Sunday, October 11, 2009
at 3:00 pm

Please call the synagogue office
if you plan to attend.

Adults ... Families ... Kids ...

No matter what your age or interest, you'll have

GREAT TIMES THIS FALL AT OSRUI!

October 16-19, 2009

Chagigat Hilulim II

Chagigah - the world renowned Midwest Israeli folk dance weekend, and Hilulim - one of the best Israeli folk dance camps on the East Coast, are joining forces this year to recreate that incredible experience from 2004. Celebrate Chagigah's Chai (18th) Year with our outstanding faculty: Ofer Alfasi, Gadi Bitton, Yaron Carmel, Shmulik Gov-Ari and special guest Victor Gabbay!!

October 23-25, 2009

Mother & Daughter Kallah

This immensely popular program is for mothers, grandmothers, and aunts and the girls they love age 5-12. Sample all that the camp has to offer ... hiking, hayrides, campfires, our challenging low ropes course, and a chance to explore your artistic side. Register soon - this program fills quickly!

October 25, 2009

Prospective Camper Visiting Day

If your child wants to join us next summer for the first time, spend the day at camp and get a taste of all that OSRUI has to offer! For additional information, email osrui@urj.org

New!! October 30-31, 2009

ShabbaTot!!

A special program for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and the tots they love age 2-6 with Ellen and Peter Allard, award-winning performers and educators specializing in music for young children. Join us for Shabbat activities, music, and fun, all geared to your little ones. The program begins with Friday night dinner and ends late Shabbat afternoon.

For more information or to register:

847/239-6984

osruiprograms@urj.org

Registration for Summer 2010 Begins October 1st!

www.osrui.org

**URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin**

We want to keep in touch with our college students!

Please call Lisa Goosmann at the synagogue office at 847/835-0724 or email her at lgoosmann@nscl.org with your child's college information: name, school, mailing address, email, phone, expected graduation date.



PARTNERS IN MITZVAH (SHITUF MITZVAH) HUNGER PROJECT

**HOW CAN YOU JOIN US TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

**PLEASE PARTNER WITH US IN
OUR ONGOING COMMUNITY
EFFORT TO COMBAT HUNGER**

SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES:

THE PARTNERS IN MITZVAH PHOTOMONTAGE

Beginning on Mitzvah Day and continuing throughout the school- year we will be "growing" a photo mural of members of our community involved in combating hunger in a variety of synagogue sponsored programs. Our goal is to capture the image of every student in our school becoming a partner in Mitzvah. So do something to make the world a better place, and make sure you take a picture. Then bring it in to add to the mural.

PARTNERS IN MITZVAH FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Making bag lunches for homeless shelters - programs for families with children of all ages.

October 4 (10:00 - 11:00 AM)

November 8 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

February 21 (11:00 AM - Noon)

March 14 (11:00 AM - Noon)

THE FEED THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

Prepares, delivers and serves 750 meals to Cook and Lake County shelters on Sundays, September to June. Contact the synagogue office to volunteer and/or donate.

THE CHAVERIM PARTNERS IN MITZVAH BIRTHDAY HUNGER MITZVAH PROJECT

A special project for our kindergarten and first grade students who will be celebrating their birthdays by doing mitzvot and sharing their stories with the community.

CHAI @ NSCI AT THE BETH EMET FOOD KITCHEN

November 17, 11:30 am, making lunches for the Beth Emet Food Kitchen

November 18, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, cooking and serving at the Beth Emet Food Kitchen (advanced sign-up required)

January 12, 11:30 am, making lunches for the Beth Emet Food Kitchen

February 24, 4:00 - 7:00 pm cooking and serving at the Beth Emet Food Kitchen (advanced sign-up required)

TAG AT THE ARK

An opportunity for our sixth graders and their families to put their pre-b'nai mitzvah studies about mitzvot into practice.

EIGHTH GRADE MITZVAH CORPS

A year devoted to understanding urban poverty and hands-on projects to alleviate the problem.

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, Nov. 20 - Sunday, Nov. 22

The Danny Siegel Shabbaton:

The Big Partners in Mitzvah

(Shituf Mitzvah) Community Event

co-sponsored by

NSCI Sisterhood and Brotherhood

November 20:

- Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Danny Siegel
- The Hunger Shabbat Dinner (including an original skit by our high school students)

November 21:

- Shabbat Morning Minyan with Danny Siegel
- Youth group Havdallah with Danny

November 22:

- Sunday family presentation by Danny Siegel and the students of North Shore Congregation Israel
- Goodman Center for Jewish Education in the Tross Family Education Center

Danny Siegel is a world famous writer and motivational speaker. He has been called "the world's greatest expert on microphilanthropy", "the feeling person's thinker", and "the pied piper of tzedakah". Danny has a B.S. in Comparative Literature from Columbia University's School of General Studies, and a Bachelor's and Master's of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was a recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for Exceptional Jewish Educators in 1993.

Hey! What are you going to do to celebrate Sukkot this year?

How about joining your NSCI friends for... Pizza in the Hut!

Join us for a special Sukkot pizza dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 2. We'll shake the lulav and etrog, eat together, and even dance a little! Also, all proceeds from this dinner will help to support the TYG's trip to the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC! Please call the synagogue office @ 847/835-0724 to RSVP. Cost is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (10 and under).

Sukkot Yeladim services are right beforehand at 5:00 pm

L'dor Vador services follow dinner at 6:15 pm

Can't wait to see you there!



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Please feel free to call the Synagogue office at 847/835-0724 to advise the Rabbis and Cantor when you, a relative or a friend is hospitalized in any hospital in the metropolitan area. In so doing, you will become a partner in the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim.

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