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A Shehechyanu Year for Us All

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haOlam,
she'hechyanu, v'kimanu, v'higyanu la'zman hazeh.*
Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the Universe,
You give us life; You sustain us; You have allowed us to arrive at this moment.



JEWISH TRADITION teaches that one can offer the *Shehechyanu* upon any occasion in which one is taking part for the first time in a particular year. Given this past year's incredible constriction and restraint, we feel confident that the new year of 5782 will offer no shortage of opportunities to invoke this very blessing: that first hug of a loved one or friend, a handshake with an acquaintance, that first gathering *panim el panim*—truly face to face, no less that first dinner inside a restaurant, that first stadium filled with fans for a sporting event or a concert. So too for us at NSCI—that first return to a Shabbat service or class in person, that first volunteer opportunity to serve a meal to the hungry, that first chance to look that NSCI friend in the eye standing in the sanctuary or introduce yourself to someone at the Oneg Shabbat that you've never met before. Just imagine the feeling of what coming back together on the High Holy Days will feel like. Waiting to pull into the parking lot on Rosh Hashanah or Kol Nidre—even that will be a *Shehechyanu* moment like never before! Who knew we'd be excited and grateful for that!

As we step into this new phase of our reopening journey, God-willing, in safety, good health, and blessing, we are excited, but anxious too. Although much of what we will re-open is not new per se, each of us actually is new, now shaped and reshaped by the pandemic. To be sure, each of us will set our own pace for what a return to the new normal will be. We may have all gone into lockdown

together, but we will emerge into our re-opened world one at a time: some quickly, others not so fast.

So how might we regain our collective footing as a community given the wide variance of experience, perspective, and comfort levels we possess?

Consider a Chasidic teaching interpreting the Torah's notion that each of us is created in the Divine image. Because we are created from the same image, but each of us is fully unique, the commentary deduces that each and every person themselves literally constitutes one part of the Divine. Thus if one person is missing, God is no longer whole. It is this same orientation that led the Talmud to equate saving a single life with saving the world in full, as well as the converse.

If this holds true for a individual in relationship to God, then how much more so for a person in relationship to their fellow human beings? Thus the commentary offers its most profound statement: **an individual cannot be whole alone.** All of our individual unique value which no one else can possess means nothing if we do not understand ourselves as necessary to the fate of something beyond ourselves. Just as God is diminished if a person is missing, the community of which they are a part is as well. This offers us the key ingredient to the recipe for any sacred community: that the state of being open isn't just about hours of operation and the lights being on. It is about truly being open—with respect and inclusion for each and every person—in a way that enables each person's uniqueness to be honored and included for the sake of the larger whole. This means there has to be a way to hold and tolerate a diversity of views, understandings, and circumstances.

In the coming year, each of us will have the choice how to confront this

diversity when we see it. We can be judgemental, or we can be kind. We can focus on what we want to or are permitted to do, or we can be inclusive and default to what makes those around us feel safe and comfortable. In a community in which everyone counts, each community member is responsible for seeing to that community's state of openness. As an example, our community is made up of many children who do not yet have access to the vaccine. Each of us then is responsible for creating an environment in which everyone, in particular our children, can be safe and able to share their gifts, without which we would all be diminished. On a different note, most of us will have the opportunity in the coming year to choose whether to stay behind our screens or choose to walk through our doors to engage together in person. It is not that the virtual world can't be a facilitator of community, but we want you to know (and we say this with love) there is no way to create a fully sacred, holy connection that does not involve the sacred power of looking into the face of another person, eye to eye, with no filter between you. Real encounter cannot happen when one, both, or all parties have a mute button.

Every person matters immensely, incalculably to this community. Your presence here matters. The pull of convenience is strong, perhaps stronger than ever, but it will never yield the sense of meaning, fulfillment and purpose that comes with giving of oneself, one's time, one's gifts to the larger community together, in real time and place. So when you are ready, when it is safe for you, come back. We can't wait to welcome you to share in what, we pray, will be a most wonderful *Shehechyanu* year for us all.

With Blessing,

Rabbi Ryan Daniels
Rabbi Wendi Geffen
Cantor David Goldstein
Rabbi Lisa Greene

NSCI is Not Re-Opening; NSCI Never Closed



DEAR FRIENDS,

Every one of us has asked similar questions since March of 2020.

When will places re-open? When can we see one another at NSCI?

I would assert that NSCI has never been more open. Open to creative, flexible, and respectful ways to connect, learn, worship, celebrate and, unfortunately, mourn. The fact that NSCI continued to effectively serve our congregants throughout the pandemic reflects the preparedness and adaptability of the entire organization.

Even the scientists and medical professionals portrayed in Michael Lewis' recent book *Premonition* could not predict the pandemic or its vast impact inflicted on commerce, education, and social interaction. Similarly, during February/March of 2020, NSCI's clergy and staff had no idea what the next 15 months would look like. One fact was vital to our success. NSCI's team possessed the skills, discipline, insight, and resources to comprehensively respond to a dangerously unpredictable and fluid situation. Based on a concise principle—continue to serve our congregants and community while

protecting the safety of all involved—a path was pursued. As obstacles arose, the course changed. However, the principles remained constant and served as guide, to answer very complicated questions.

Something very notable occurred as NSCI maneuvered through the past 15 months. I draw upon the following analogy when reflecting on how congregants, clergy and staff adapted during this time. When the human body is injured or loses some function, another body part or system compensates for the reduced capacity elsewhere. As an example, if one's sight is diminished, senses of smell and hearing often become more acute. Emotionally, NSCI responded in a similar way to the limited ability to meet in person. Congregants, clergy, and staff found ways to communicate and connect even though we could not always sit in the same room. Certainly, motivations may have been different from person-to-person. However, one common element persists—the need and desire to maintain and build relationships. Based on the notable increase in participation across age groups in multiple activities, I would offer that the quantity of relationships has increased since March 2020. One step further, overcoming

physical limitations has strengthened the quality of many relationships.

In many ways, our community is closer and better connected today. The physical barriers proved to be surmountable. Emotional and spiritual connectivity flourished and NSCI remained open. We should attribute this openness to the preparedness of clergy and staff along with the skills, talent, generosity, and adaptability of our congregants. I look forward to working with the NSCI community to build meaningful relationships with open doors and open minds.

With Gratitude,

Jeff Echt
president@nsci.org

NSCI'S ANNUAL MEETING

1. 2021 Kehillah Award winners Jennifer Quinn, Michele Gorski, Andy Absler, Gary Noskin, and Lois Davis with NSCI Trustee Ann Weisberg.
2. Rabbis Geffen and Daniels bless our new NSCI Board of Trustees at Shabbat Services.
3. 2020 Gala Co-Chairs Pam Faulkner and Laurie Lieberman present Rabbi Geffen with a mezuzah in celebration of her 19 years at NSCI.



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Bittersweet Reflections on the Seasons of the Pandemic

BY SUSAN ISAACSON

LIKE MOST PEOPLE, I feel the excitement of activities and places opening up after Covid restrictions and the rejuvenation born in springtime. We returned home from our winter stay in California to the lushness of green grass and leaves and an abundance of flowering bushes in our neighborhood - all of which are uplifting and bring a sense of optimism. We also returned to family and friends that are fully vaccinated! For the first time in a year and a half, I was able to give my eighty eight year old Mom a tight hug, visit with our collegiate daughters without masks and even attend in-person graduation.

So, why do I also find this moment so bittersweet? I was able to investigate this phenomena in the most recent installment of Rabbi Geffen's *The Mindful or Mindless Life* series on Zoom. This was an unexpected gift and lifeline to NSCI for me while wintering in California. It also enriched the learning experience by making the program available to a broader group of participants.

In the latest mindfulness session this Spring, we studied the concept of liminality, the state of being on a threshold of change, particularly relevant to this period of reopening out of the

pandemic. These transitory times are often the most challenging for me, filled with anticipatory anxiety. However, in class, we were offered an invitation to reframe liminal periods as an opportunity for personal growth—to mindfully consider what we will take with us and what we will leave behind as we move forward. As I reflected on this, I realized that although painful—we grieved for lost loved ones and for those who were ill or suffering—a lot of good had come from this period of restriction and isolation that I would like to carry forward.

First and foremost, it allowed me to slow down, to contemplate and appreciate what was most important to me. Without as many distractions, I was able to be more present on a daily basis. I focused on my family and closest friends and made sure to stay connected from afar. I took regular long walks outdoors in nature, cultivating a sense of awe and connection to something much greater than myself. In my best moments, I felt suspended and held by the clouds and blossoming canyons that surrounded me.

I became more habitually generous, appreciating the essential workers who packed up groceries so I didn't have to risk going into stores, and tipping the restaurant workers a little more when ordering take out from our favorite



restaurants. I was more forthright and honest with my own vulnerabilities and became more empathetic towards the concerns of others.

I developed a deep sense of gratitude for the countless organizations that devoted resource and invention to pivot and sustain educational opportunities during the pandemic. This allowed me to continue learning and stay connected to classmates at NSCI and the OROT Center for New Jewish Learning. And, I was able to grow my photographic practice in virtual workshops that connected me to mentors and other artists around the world.

So what do I wish to take with me? Slowing down, tighter hugs, expressing gratitude, greater empathy and generosity, cultivation of a sense of awe and continued growth and learning. These liminal moments of heightened awareness are a microcosm for life in general, and I take forward with me the aspiration to live each day more present and with more intent. So, now I ask you to consider, what will you take with you and what will you leave behind? ■



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Imagine the Possible

NSCI is a community of thousands of people in which we strive for each person to feel like the community was created for them. The *Imagine the Possible* Campaign furthers that potential for engagement — building a congregation where everyone is able to find their place as an individual, a couple, a family, and within the community.

The funds we are raising will transform how we gather, connect, and use our spaces so we can help each person find “their place” at NSCI, be inspired to act, and feel they fully belong in the community.

Those who have donated so far have helped us raise \$9,570,000 to achieve 75% of our fundraising goal. They joined us to imagine and make possible what the long-term future could look like at NSCI, where each person is able to experience more of what matters to them.

Our Campaign priorities yet to be fulfilled include:

- Secure Reception Area and Main Entrance Portal — to allow for safe, welcoming, and monitored access
- Frank Memorial Hall — transforming it into a warm, welcoming, flexible space to allow for meaningful connections with peers and the NSCI clergy
- Rebecca K. Crown Hall — improving the interior and exterior space to enhance our ability to come together to learn, serve, and celebrate
- Office Renovation — creating the environment for greater clergy and staff connection, allowing for enhanced collaboration and efficiency in communication
- Endowment — providing the funding that enables current and future generations to experience the meaningful connections that come from involvement with NSCI

These changes will greatly improve our physical space for our overarching goal: Create a place where it's possible to connect to the things that matter. A place for community, learning, and

service in a way that's meaningful to each person. Where each congregant doesn't just belong, we belong to something larger than ourselves, with a shared meaning and purpose.

Take a moment to imagine your future at NSCI. Where do you see yourself? What are you doing? Who are you with? Chances are, you see yourself with people you know and enjoy, doing something that matters to all of you, and that makes you feel comfortable, included, fulfilled, inspired. Connected to each other and to the community.

More than 160 donors have invested in this vision to bring it to life. You probably know some or many of them. Their names are below; you can also read more about two of them in depth and why they are participating. We are so very thankful to them and to all donors to come. We also are deeply thankful for the wide participation we have for supporting and growing the campaign.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved and make all that we imagine possible. Please contact Todd Braman, Executive Director toddb@nsci.org for more information. ■



“NSCI is my home, the place where I can fully express my passion for worship, learning, and social justice. I came to Judaism later in life and so I have a different perspective as to the importance of the synagogue. This is the place where I see children develop their Jewish identity, young people find a safe space to ask the hard questions of life, where we provide food and shelter to those in need and where all the milestones of our lives are celebrated. I am most grateful to my NSCI family for the support they have provided to me on my Jewish journey.”

—Susan Longo, Heritage Circle Co-Chair

“Since my oldest (who is 15) started Gates of Learning preschool when he was two, NSCI has been a constant in our lives. Through preschool, religious school, life cycle events, and a pandemic, NSCI has been the common thread that has provided structure and security for my family. When I lost my grandmother five days before my son’s Bar Mitzvah, not only were the clergy calling and checking in regularly, but they made sure that her memory was so beautifully included in the service, as they so delicately and appropriately comforted our family who was both celebrating and mourning. NSCI, to me, means stability...and, by supporting the “Imagine the Possible” campaign, I know that NSCI will be here for our community no matter what we may be facing.”

—Rachel Stein, Heritage Circle Co-Chair



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Child of Julie & Jason Sachman
Sibling of Lavi
Grandchild of Sheryl & Marty Sachman
and Ellen & Larry Paskar

Cameron Beau Kornblatt **BORN ON APRIL 8, 2021**

Child of Lindsey & Scott Kornblatt
Sibling of Leo & Emery
Grandchild of Cheryl & Richard Kornblatt
and Lynne & Michael Kornblatt
Great Grand child of Carol & Murray
Weiner, Charlotte Agron and Annette
Kornblatt

Romi Malka Itzhak **BORN MAY 11, 2021**

Child of Stacey & Elkana Itzhak
Grandchild of Sue & Steve Kaplan and
Michal Itzhak
Great grandchild of Hazel Kaplan,
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Charles John Lieber **BORN ON JUNE 3, 2021**

Child of Jessica & Jimmy Lieber
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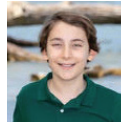
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Samuel Ben-Yoseph **AUGUST 12**



Charlie Cohen
AUGUST 21



Cooper Cohen
AUGUST 21

Julia Strashko **AUGUST 21**

NEWLYWEDS

Olivia Wax & David Lewin **MARRIED ON MAY 1, 2021**

Robert Trossman & Liz Sturt **MARRIED ON MAY 15, 2021**

Adam Ruben & Dana Fiszbein **MARRIED ON MAY 16, 2021**

Allie Wiczorek & Kevin Thompson **MARRIED ON MAY 30, 2021**



Alla Aver & Steve Pelitsky
MARRIED ON JUNE 4, 2021

Kayla Johnson & Peter Rosen **MARRIED ON JUNE 26, 2021**



Rabbi Greene with Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class of 2021/5781

Rabbi Greene and Judy Weiss with
Ann DuBois, Lindsay Emalfarb,
Stephanie Glazer Ettelson,
Julie Gordon, Jodi Kahn,
Alison Pearson, and Deborah Shapiro.
Not pictured: Tom Victor

We would love to share your good news! Is there a new baby or wedding in your family? Please email Susan Ellenby, susane@nscl.org so that we can share your simchas/celebration in an issue of *The Bulletin*.

SING SONG SHABBAT AT NSCI!



SATURDAYS, JULY 17, 24, 31
**10:30-11:15 AM ON OUR
BACK LAWN**

Looking to get out of the house with the newest members of your family? Join us for Sing Song Shabbat at NSCI! Come sing with Rabbi Daniels & our talented song leaders. For little ones age birth-3 years with an adult.

**Cost is \$60 for the 3 week session
July 17, 24 & 31. Register at:**
<https://bit.ly/singsongjuly>

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and Andrew Gensburg
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and Tracy Hartlieb
Great Uncle of Leah Sundheim and
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Grandfather of Brad (Dena) Swidler
Great Grandfather of Emmy and Jori

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Father of Neal (Debbie) Wasserman
Grandfather of Refael and Shaina



ARE YOU PREPARED? Pre-arranging burial is part of sensible estate planning. As an NSCI congregant, you are entitled to purchase from a selection of burial spaces at Shalom Memorial Park at a substantial discount. If you are interested in planning ahead or learning more about the congregational plots, please contact Micah Singerman at Shalom Memorial Park at 847.255.3520. Be sure to mention that you are a congregant of NSCI.

Support

As a caring community, we strive to meet the growing needs of our NSCI family.
Visit www.nsci.org/support for a full list of resources available to you.

HANDS OF CHESSED



Chesed is Hebrew for kindness. Hands of Chessed is a group of NSCI volunteers who want to help you during a difficult time. If you're dealing with illness, divorce, mourning or other challenges, let us drop off dinner and the warmth of our NSCI community, contactless!

If we can help you, or if you want to join our team to spread kindness, please tell Rabbi Greene, rabbigreene@nsci.org. Hands of Chessed is led by Leslie Rosen & Amy Kaufman.

NAVIGATING THE VACCINE?

NSCI is a Lake County Community Health Ambassador. Looking for basic information on vaccine registration portals? Check out our website for up-to-date information in your area.

Please visit www.nsci.org/covid19.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Are you in need of emergency financial support due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Generous contributions from our congregants and JUF have made it possible for NSCI to provide one-time, confidential micro-grants to congregants who find themselves in need of emergency funds for housing issues, medical support, and food. In addition, we can help congregants find longer-term support for ongoing, systemic challenges.

To apply for a confidential grant, please fill out the form at www.nsci.org/support and one of our clergy or executive director will get back to you as soon as possible.

FREE COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NSCI CONGREGANTS

NSCI is partnering with Jewish Child and Family Services in the coming year. Elizabeth Ury, LNHA and JCFS Chicago Director of Jewish Community Engagement will be available to work with individuals who are looking for resources to help with life events such as divorce, aging issues, mental health and parenting.

Please email ElizabethUry@JCFS.org. This service is free to NSCI members. Additionally, you can call 855-ASK-JCFS (855-275-5237) or email ask@jcfs.org to access their other available resources including online grief support groups, counseling, Response Center programs.

IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF SUPPORT, EMOTIONAL OR TANGIBLE

Please visit our website www.nsci.org/support to learn about the various ways that we can assist you or your family and to request support. Your confidential information will go to the NSCI Clergy and we will follow up when appropriate.

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS

As a caring community, we strive to meet the growing needs of our NSCI Family.

Please visit our website for information on how to access the following support groups www.nsci.org/support.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Virtual Meetings
- Al-Anon Electronic Meetings
- Alateen Chat Meetings
- Families Anonymous Virtual Meetings
- JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically dependent, and Significant others) a peer-led support group for Jews in addiction recovery, offering space for all Jews in addiction recovery.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:00 PM AT NSCI

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, contact Mark at 847-738-1919 or email mopeters21@gmail.com.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM AT NSCI

For family members impacted by a loved one's addiction.

For information on Families Anonymous (FA) meetings, contact Margot at 847-738-0306 or email mkpeters81@aol.com.

Did you know we have an archive of conversations on our Hub of Support page on our website?

Visit [nsci.org/support](http://www.nsci.org/support) to find conversations about:

- Balancing caring for elder family and self care
- Parenting during a pandemic
- Healthcare professionals on the frontlines
- NSCI/JUF communal resources for support to our congregants during the COVID-19

Teen & Young Adult

DEAR NSCI TEENS AND FAMILIES,

What was supposed to be two weeks off of school has turned into a confusing, frustrating and at times liberating year and a half. As we enter summer, and hopefully an end to this tough chapter, it's important to take time to reflect and honor the amazing achievements that have emerged despite the circumstances. We've missed so much, but because of the enthusiasm, leadership, dedication and chutzpah of our Teens@NSCI community, this year hasn't been bad, not bad at all.

In fact, it was awesome! From sidewalk chalk and giant sized Candyland in the parking lot to drag queens and hot sauce shenanigans over zoom, we've had a super fun year filled with deep, meaningful and spiritual connections. Don't believe me? Ask the teens!

"I know that I can be my myself no

matter what and there will be very little to no judgement... There's never been a time where I can't share my identity... I learn so much about Judaism and the values that aren't discussed as much." —Kennedy Glinn, 8th Grade

"Being part of such an amazing community has allowed me to connect with my Judaism in a way that will be with me everywhere I go." —Liza Tack, Senior

More than fun, our teens took over. In these next pages you'll see how Teens@NSCI conquered the Chicagoland Jewish community and took our congregation by storm. Today Chicago, tomorrow the world.

We (the staff at NSCI) are all so grateful for what we have seen our teens accomplish and cannot wait to see how they will continue to grow in the future. Because, if this is how they're starting



out, there has to be something awesome down the road!

Best,
Mady Frischer
Youth Engagement Coordinator

Teen Leaders

Leading in Our Congregation and Community

2020-2021 MACHONIK LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

In response to changes in The Goodman Center, our Machoniks had to learn how to be classroom leaders in a new way. To foster increased communication between school and staff we welcomed a team of strong Machonik leaders to meet monthly and met with our community. We want to thank the following teens for their service and hope they continue to continue to lead in our congregation.

Adi Berman
Brandon Boehm
Lainey Cohen

Hannah Dalinka
Eli Fording
Katherine McKeag

Noa Polish
Liza Tack
Alexie Zejer

Abbie Zoloto
Jake Zoloto

SONGLEADERS

Our NSCI songleaders are the stars of our Goodman Center staff!
These teens have stepped up to teach, lead, and bring joy to our religious school students.

Hannah Dalinka

Eli Fording

Asher Rigler

Alexis Tack

Alexie Zejer

NFTY 678 AMBASSADORS

For the past several years, NFTY has honored ambitious and driven middle school leaders by naming them NFTY 678 Ambassadors. We're thrilled to have 4 NSCI middle schoolers in this program this year.

Nora Gladstone

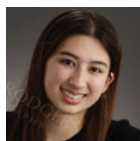
Teddy Jack

Eli Levin

Talia Polish

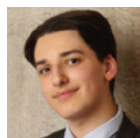
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2021 FIEDLER FELLOWS



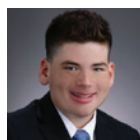
Talia Nguyen

Talia is graduating this spring from Highland Park High School where she was a member of the math team and a tutor. While you might recognize her from her stellar years as a machonik, Talia is also everyone's favorite smiling face at the Little French Guy in Highland Park, where she works. "I loved being a part of operation backpack each year," Talia remembers, "It felt like we were really making a difference for the school." We're wishing Talia the best of luck as she moves on to the University of Illinois in the fall.



Asher Rigler

"From the time I was an infant, all I've known has been an enthusiastic welcoming attitude [at NSCI]. I will remember NSCI as a home, and a place where I can learn, teach, and feel safe and happy." Asher likes to joke that he's been in the youth group since he was a baby, and we're so sad to see that he has completed his Teens@NSCI journey! Asher has been one of our stand out song leaders and youth group board members during his high school years. When he's not at NSCI (which is rare) you can find Asher performing improv with his Deerfield High School's improv group, Theatrix, fixing and reselling vintage video games, and of course playing guitar. Mazel tov on your graduation, Asher!



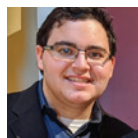
Sam Sollinger

We're going to miss Sam so much next year! When asked what he'd remember most about NSCI after he graduates, Sam said "[I'll remember] Patti Mason helping me with my anxiety when I was little and blowing the shofar at High Holiday services for the entire congregation." You might recognize Sam as a mighty shofar blower, a former member of our youth group board or machoniking in our religious school. At HPHS Sam is in the jazz band, marching band, and the chess team! We're so proud of Sam and can't wait to see what he will accomplish.



Liza Tack

Liza is graduating from Highland Park High School this spring and heading to Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. During her time in high school, Liza co-founded the North Shore chapter of March For Our Lives, was a co-president of the Highland Park debate team and was awarded with the NCWIT award for aspirations in computer science. When asked what she will remember most fondly about her years at NSCI, Liza said "I will remember the connections I have made with the students I have been a machonik for, the amazing staff I have met along the way, and the other teenagers a part of NSCI. Being part of such an amazing community has allowed me to connect with my Judaism in a way that will be with me everywhere I go."



Nathan Weisskopf

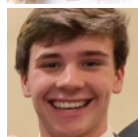
We're so sad to have yet another amazing musical leader graduating this year. Nathan Weisskopf could almost always be found somewhere in the building editing arrangements and practicing tunes for services. Nathan has given so much to our congregation through his songleading, Selah participation, and as a youth board member. NSCI is a special place for Nathan, where he loved to be. "The support and experiences shaped me and I cherish the relationships I built with both faculty, students and my Sellah friends—that is what I will remember most about my time at NSCI" says Nathan. We're so proud of you Nathan and can't wait to see what the future has in store for you!

ILENE H. HERST YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD



Noa Polish and Eli Fording

The Ilene H. Herst Youth Leadership Award is given to a high school junior who has demonstrated strong leadership skills and embodies the values on which our sacred community was founded. This award was named in memory of Ilene Herst, long-time beloved



Executive Director at NSCI, recognized by her colleagues around the country as a consummate professional and caring Jewish leader.

Both Noa and Eli have been fixtures in our monthly high school class, youth group programming and Selah youth prayer leaders.

Noa is also a public forum debater, tuba player, and leader of her school's community service club. She is committed to seeking out untold narratives and finds meaning within her synagogue, Diller, and Rosh Chodesh communities. This year Noa was selected as one of Chicago Federation's 18 Under 18 honorees.

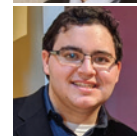
Eli is a rising Senior at New Trier High School where he is a sports star! He formerly rowed with the New Trier crew team and is now running track.

JUNE BILD PINSOFF MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

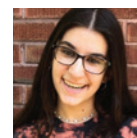


Asher Rigler and Nathan Weisskopf

June Bild Pinsoff was a long time member and supporter of NSCI. As a former dancer, she was compelled to give to artistic causes which included making it possible to create recordings of the Holy Days at NSCI, dance companies, the CSO, and Ravinia. In her honor, we present a scholarship to a graduating senior at NSCI who has displayed a consistent desire to give of their musical gifts to the temple community.



JCFS CHICAGO AND RESPONSE FOR TEENS EXTRAORDINARY ADOLESCENT



Hannah Dalinka

Mazel Tov to Hannah Dalinka for being a finalist for the 2021 Extraordinary Adolescent Award Finalist by JCFS Chicago and Response for Teens. Teens were nominated for remarkable achievement in academics, athletics, visual or performing arts, leadership, community involvement, and/or overcoming obstacles.

Adult Learning & Programs

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH?

We will soon begin a new Adult B'nei Mitzvah class of adults interested in this journey of learning and community. Of our 120 or so adults, age 28-95, who have already been called to the Torah, all can attest to the power of the learning and experience. You, too, can join that proud list of esteemed adults! The Adult B'nei Mitzvah classes meet two hours a week on Monday evenings. One hour is Hebrew learning with the goal of reading prayer and Torah. The other hour is about God, prayer, holidays, history, and more. At the conclusion of the two-year program, students lead a service together and are called to read from the Torah.

To learn more, please contact Rabbi Greene: 847-835-0724 or email rabbigreene@nsci.org.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS: PARTY ON THE PATIO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
1:30 PM

Featuring Cafe Entertainer, Johnny Burnett. Refreshments will be served.

To register, call the NSCI office at 847-835-0724, or go to <https://bit.ly/scjuly2021>.

POST KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT FEATURING MARTA AND ANI AZNAVOORIAN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
8:00 PM IN PERLMAN SANCTUARY

Join us for a unique and powerful evening with the Aznavoorian sisters performing some of the most celebrated works for cello and piano, including selections of Armenian music by Komitas, Khachaturian, Piatigorsky, and Debussy. A light supper will be provided to those who attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service, which begins at 6:15 pm. This free concert has been graciously sponsored by Jim Stone and Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker.

To register, visit: nsci.org/form/post-kabbalat-shabbat-concert-august-2021.html

Programming for Elul

Re-New Your Life in Elul: Each year, as the High Holy Days draw near, Jewish tradition invites us to use Elul, the final month of the Hebrew calendar year, as an opportunity to reflect on our past, discern what we want to leave behind and what we want to carry with us, and begin to imagine a new and renewed future. Our learning offerings for Elul this year provide a diverse selection of offerings designed to support those interested in taking up the renewal invitation.

Register for Elul programming at nsci.org/form/elulprogramming2021

STUDY OF MAIMONIDES' MISHNEH TORAH, HILCHOT TESHUVAH

MONDAYS, AUGUST 9, 16, 23
1:00-2:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

In the 12th Century, Moses Maimonides literally wrote the book on Teshuvah. Join Rabbi Geffen to study this brief but transformative compendium to discover how such ancient wisdom serves as fitting guidance to better ourselves and our relationships still today.

THE MINDFUL OR MINDLESS LIFE: RE-NEWING OUR SELVES

FRIDAYS, AUGUST 20, 27, SEPTEMBER 3, 10
12:00-1:00 PM VIA ZOOM

With Alan Lew's *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared* as our guide, participants will explore how the deep wisdom of High Holy Days invites us to improve ourselves, our relationships and our world. Sessions will include study, discussion and meditation. No experience necessary. Participants are encouraged to acquire a copy of the book and read Chapters 1-4 in advance of the first session.

THE MUSIC OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

MONDAYS, AUGUST 16, 23
7:00-8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Join Cantor Goldstein in preparation for the Holy Days through our rich musical traditions. We'll explore the prayers that are unique to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in a variety of musical settings; Melodies that are sure to inspire and evoke memories of holidays past!

SHOFAR CORPS

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 17, 24, 31
7:00-8:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Calling all adults and youth (grade 4 and older) to help herald in 5782 on NSCI's Shofar Corps! No experience required. Shofars are available for purchase in the Judaica Shop; we also have a limited number available to borrow.

Contact Sarah at sarahd@nsci.org with questions.

READING THE WORDS, FINDING OUR OWN

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 17, 24
7:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Rabbi Greene & Neil Rigler will bring us to poetry & texts of the Days of Awe and their themes. We'll read, delve in, and write our own words. Bring an open mind & heart. No writing experience necessary.

TURNING POINTS: A NEW LOOK AT SELICHOT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
8:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Don't miss this new, interactive experience inspired by "The Moth" storyslam and podcast. As we approach the High Holy Day season, Jewish tradition invites us into awareness of the direction of our lives. On this year's Selichot evening, NSCIs will share their moments of awakening during the Pandemic as inspiration for us all to reflect on the same for ourselves.

EXPLORING ELUL WITH MUSIC AND MIDRASH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
7:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Step into Elul with Rabbi Ryan Daniels and Alan Goodis. Explore themes of the High Holy Days through sacred song, contemporary music and Jewish teachings in an effort to expand our understanding and offer new doorways into the Days of Awe.

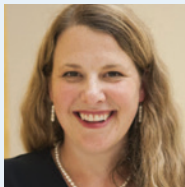
HOPE FOR THE HOLY DAYS

Watch for information on a reflective conversation with our JCFS partners on our feelings about turning and returning to our NSCI home for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as we emerge from COVID-era holidays marked through our screens.

High Holy Days

Exciting news about the High Holy Days

BY RABBI WENDI GEFFEN



IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that in just two months, the new year of 5782 will be upon us. With gratitude to the hundreds of you who responded to our High Holy Day survey, we are excited to share that, for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we plan to offer both in-person worship for any congregants who so desire, as well as virtual access for all. This multi-access path will enable us to meet the wide range of our community's health realities, needs and comfort levels as inclusively and meaningfully as possible. Details about specific services, times, registration, health and safety protocols, and more will be available in the High Holy Day catalogue scheduled to arrive in your mailbox at the beginning of August. As has been our practice since the onset of the Pandemic, we will follow CDC and Restore Illinois guidelines, along with the advice of our congregational COVID-19 advisory team. We appreciate your patience and understanding as our entire team of clergy, staff and lay leaders strives to provide the best possible experience for the entirety of our community. Most importantly, we look forward to bidding 5781 farewell and stepping forward into 5782 with hope for healing, blessing, and the promise of a new tomorrow. ■



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 6

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Tuesday, September 7

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Wednesday, September 8

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Wednesday, September 15

Yom Kippur: Thursday, September 16

USHER FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Being an Usher is a great way to help create a warm, welcoming environment for our congregants and guests. It's also a fun way to meet new people and contribute to the overall success of NSCI's High Holy Days.

To sign up: nsci.org/usherhhd2021

Tikkun Olam

THANK YOU FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS!

For 6 years, NSCI has partnered with Family Promise Chicago North Shore, an Evanston-based coalition of interfaith houses of worship that care for and house families who are experiencing homelessness. Many thanks to this year's volunteers who provided breakfast, lunch and dinner to our Family Promise guests, as well as thoughtful gifts and support for the two weeks that our guests were sleeping over at NSCI.

OPERATION BACKPACK 2021

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

For more than 20 years NSCI has provided 500+ students from Chicago's Jordan Community School with all of the school supplies they need to thrive in the classroom each year. In recent years, we have also helped bring Jordan's students to mind-opening opportunities at the Field Museum,

Lyric Opera, Shedd Aquarium, and other nearby cultural landmarks.

For more information about Operation Backpack, including how you and your family can participate this year, visit nsci.org/operationbackpack.

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Volunteer to provide meals to food insecure individuals at the Beth Emet Soup kitchen. You can package meals onsite, prepare food or prepare food at home and deliver to the soup kitchen.

To sign up or ask questions, email Brooke Hazan, our NSCI Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Liaison, at brookeabramson@yahoo.com. Advance signup is necessary and space is limited.

8TH-12TH GRADER + PARENT SOUTHEAST CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7-
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**
(NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE JULY 6)

Journey with Rabbis Daniels to America's Deep South! Visit the Rosa Parks Museum, Voter Rights Museum, Edmund Pettus Bridge, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice & The Legacy Museum, Freedom Park, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and The Names Project—AIDS Memorial Quilt. Learn about the struggles of African Americans in the 1950s-60s, discover how the Jewish community helped to shape the Civil Rights Movement, and meet American heroes who participated in the Movement and remain committed to pursuing justice today.

Interested? Email Sarah Duffin for more information: sarahd@nsci.org

Women of NSCI

WOMEN OF NSCI'S Judaica Gift Shop

GRAND REOPENING!!!

**JUST IN TIME FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS,
WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16**

**HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM,
AND BY APPOINTMENT**

*On Sunday, September 12, we will return to a 5 day a week schedule.
Rosh Hashanah begins Monday, September 6.*

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ORDER YOUR GIFT OF HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



Send a jar of kosher clover honey by July 7 to get free shipping. Orders placed by August 6 are scheduled to be shipped on August 18 and are guaranteed to arrive in time for the holiday. This is a fundraiser for the Women of NSCI.

To place an order, go to www.honeyfromtheheart.org/NCI. For more information or help with ordering, contact Beth Tross at iagal1@comcast.net.

WNSCI WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Details to follow.

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Look Back at Our History: Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Rabbi and Senior Scholar

BY ELLEN (KATZ) BLOCK

"NSCI is blessed with a history of incredible clergy. I am regularly humbled every time I think of the legacy that came before me. To that end, Rabbi Bronstein stands out both as a scholar but more importantly as a rabbi who cared and still cares deeply about people bringing Judaism into their lives actively and meaningfully, no matter the age. He left an indelible imprint on many generations of our NSCI family, one that still endures today—a true blessing."

—Rabbi Wendi Geffen, May 2021

"In my 22 years at NSCI I've learned so much from the rich traditions, liturgy and relationships that Rabbi Bronstein created during his tenure, and by his dedication to our community even in his retirement."

—Rabbi Lisa Greene, May 2021

FOLLOWING THE scholarly and imposing presence of Rabbi Edgar Siskin was going to present a challenge to any rabbinical candidate for NSCI. In spring of 1972, teams were dispatched by the NSCI Board of Trustees to visit and screen various applicants; thus, Bill Katz and Bob Hess found themselves in Rochester, New York, where the rabbi of 15 years, Herbert Bronstein, was leading his congregants at B'rith Kodesh. Noticing two unfamiliar faces among the attendees at the service, Rabbi Bronstein approached them afterwards, had a conversation, and, subsequently, agreed to visit North Shore Congregation Israel to consider the position of Rabbi at that well-known and respected congregation. Fortunately for us, the visit became a permanent position and NSCI acquired as rabbi another towering intellect, a prestigious leader of the Reform movement, a shaper of its liturgy, and... a Shakespeare

scholar of some renown. In our Board minutes, it was reported that Rabbi Robert Samuels, a former Assistant Rabbi of our congregation, considered Rabbi Bronstein to be one of the outstanding men of this generation and said it would be most fortunate for NSCI if he were to become its rabbi. A similar reaction was reported from a conversation with the superintendent of the Board of Jewish Education. The year was 1972; Rabbi Bronstein was 42 years old.

Although candidates for the position of Rabbi at NSCI were not supposed to give a sermon, Rabbi Bronstein was invited "to say a few words" to the exceptionally large crowd who attended the Friday night service when he visited. Having absolutely no idea that there had been a schism in the congregation connected to Rabbi Siskin's retirement and successor, Rabbi Bronstein spoke about what a rabbi and a congregation should be. He emphasized three ideas—community, program, and a sense of sanctity—that one opens doors through one's personal life to the realm of the sacred—holy relationships, holy places, and holy times. It was just what the congregation needed to hear.

When Rabbi Bronstein first arrived at NSCI, he did not receive a very warm welcome from Rabbi Siskin. Yet, over the years, Rabbi Bronstein and NSCI's former Assistant Rabbi Harold Kudan, who by then had become Rabbi of Am Shalom at NSCI's former building in Glencoe, became congenial colleagues. Their sons, David Kudan and Danny Bronstein, became particularly good friends; both "boys" are now rabbis, as is Rabbi Bronstein's daughter, Deborah.

Herbert Bronstein was born on March 1, 1930 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the middle child and second son of Morris and Lillian



(nee Weisberg) Bronstein. His upbringing and education were centered around Cincinnati. He attended Avondale Public School, Waller Hills High School (a private college prep school) and the University of Cincinnati where, in 1952, he earned a B.A in history and, in 1953, a master's degree, both times with high honors. He did graduate work at the University of Chicago for a year and then entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati where he earned a bachelor's degree in Hebrew Letters in 1954, again with the highest distinction and, subsequently, a master's degree in Hebrew Letters with high honors in 1956. Clearly, NSCI was getting a scholar!

Rabbi Bronstein's father, Morris, was a traditional and knowledgeable Jew who had come to the United States at the age of 15 or 16. His own education was at the "gymnasium" in Russia where he had a "heavy duty" Jewish upbringing, as Rabbi Bronstein described it. The family always had books in their home and joined a conservative congregation when they arrived in Cincinnati. Rabbi Bronstein cites two major influences on his decision to become a rabbi. One was Emanuel Geron who became education director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the lay arm of the Jewish Reform movement; the other was Rabbi Eliezer Silver, a powerful, charismatic figure who was President of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada and among American Jewry's foremost religious leaders. ■

For the full article go to [NSCI.org/archives](https://www.nsci.org/archives).

July 2021 ■ Tammuz/Av 5781

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				1	2 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Goodman Terrace or Large Sanctuary, depending on weather *■●	3 9:30 am Shabbat Minyan Service in Perlman Sanctuary *■
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* in person at NSCI ♦ on Zoom ■ on Streamspot ● on Facebook

August 2021 ■ Av/Elul 5781

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BIKUR CHOLIM (VISITING THE SICK)

In an effort to fulfill the mitzvah, Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick), our rabbis and cantor visit members who are hospitalized in the metropolitan area. This has become increasingly difficult, as hospitals cannot contact synagogues or churches when members are hospitalized.

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 doing so, you will become a partner in the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim.



**Join us for NSCI's beautiful and
inspirational outdoor Friday evening**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

**6:15–7:15 PM THROUGH LABOR DAY
ON THE LILLIAN AND LARRY GOODMAN TERRACE**

**Special Picnic Shabbat on July 30 at 5:30 PM followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat Services on the back lawn**

*Services will be moved to the Large Sanctuary in case of inclement weather.
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