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The Guest Who Doesn't Show Up

BY RABBI LISA S. GREENE



OUR MOST beloved Passover guest is the guest who never comes! If Elijah were our aunt, uncle, cousin or friend, he

would have long ago been removed from our seder rolls as the person who clearly did not want to be there. We would have given his seat up to the friend, in-law or neighbor who had nowhere to go. We would have long ago kvetched away about his lack of etiquette and ripped up his place card.

But he's not, and we don't. Elijah the prophet remains the seder guest for whom we wait year after year, the harbinger of hope for whom we open the door at the end of our seders, year after year. We greet him with song, open the door with a flourish, and some of us even pull pranks like dressing up like we think he might.

But why? Why do we, so often rational, logical, cynical and the rest, hold onto the possibility that this man may show up? We haven't. We may look skeptically to the doorway, but we haven't written this part of the seder off as *naarishkeit* as my grandfather Morris would say dismissively in Yiddish, as foolishness.

Before we answer that question, a bit of history. Elijah the Prophet—aka *Eliahu Hanavi*—in TaNaKh is a principled, angry, idolatry-challenging, miracle-making prophet who we read about in the Books of Kings. Later texts point out instances of him visiting pious, righteous folks in distress. In the Book of the prophet Malachi, we learn that Elijah will be the harbinger of the Messiah, and he will “reconcile parents with children and children with their parents.”

Elijah enters our Jewish liturgy and ritual around the time of the Crusades,

a time when our people needed hope and, like other most terrifying times in our history, looked to a Messiah or messianic time, a time when our world would be free from the tragedy and trauma that faced them. Today we find Elijah welcomed at the end of Shabbat, a holiday that is to be a foretaste of the Messianic time. We find Elijah at a bris; we place the newborn infant on Elijah's chair, symbolizing the potential in this newborn child to repair our world. And those of us who look to egalitarian ritual will also place our baby girls on Elijah's chair. And, of course, we open the door for Elijah at the seder, around the time as we utter the hopeful words, *l'shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim*—next year in Jerusalem!

And a bit of reflection on the here and now. Who would have thought that we would be approaching our second Passover to be held amidst masks, social distancing and government guidelines? It is difficult to imagine, and, for many of us, an exhausting, even saddening reality as we think about seders held alone at home, without loved ones or held over Zoom or FaceTime without the accompanying smells and hugs of a family and friend gathering. But, Passover will come, and we will celebrate in these new ways and in the best ways that we can.

And that's precisely why we still open the door and invite Elijah into our seder. Why we keep opening the door for him and singing to him, year after year. Elijah represents hope and potential. Elijah allows us to look to a better time. And, though we may not think of it this way, Elijah speaks to our partnership in the repair of our world. We get up and open the door. We sing to invite him in. Throughout the year, we do the difficult work of our world to make it better. We do not passively wait for him to appear.

And, despite any sadness, weariness or frustration, we don't cancel the seder. As

...we turn to the symbols and practices of Passover and find new meaning, depending on our experiences and our time. Each year we see something new.

my teacher and scholar of the Haggadah, Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman explained years ago, “The seder has the same existential clout as any good theater...It's not like you won't go to see ‘Hamlet’ again because you've already seen it. You go through the same lines but you always see something different, something new.”

Indeed we are commanded in the Mishnah to see ourselves, in every generation, as if we personally have left Egypt. One way to interpret that statement is that we turn to the symbols and practices of Passover and find new meaning, depending on our experiences and our time. Each year we see something new.

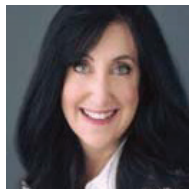
The contemporary speaker and author of *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why it Matters*, Priya Parker, has written extensively about gatherings while we are apart. Writing about gatherings that are threatened, she says, “We need to pause and ask...What is the core of this ceremony? What is essential?”

And so we must approach our Passover seder this year, asking ourselves: What is the core of this ritual? What is essential? We will likely streamline or simplify for online seders or solo gatherings. But, wherever we are, we can open the door for Elijah, and open ourselves to hope and potential. ■

1. <https://www.nytimes.com/1990/04/04/garden/the-scene-a-family-table-the-script-a-tale-of-freedom.html>

2. <https://mailchi.mp/priyaparker/newsletter-9474494?e=d733bb79a6>

RE-Imagining the Possible



DEAR FRIENDS,

When we imagined the possible for the NSCI Centennial, we never imagined what 2020 would bring. The paradigm shifted dramatically with the pandemic. As our centennial year comes to a close this June, our leadership is re-invigorated to re-imagine the possible with intentional, deep work in two distinct yet related areas: Strategic Visioning and “Imagine the Possible: The Campaign for our Centennial” (ITP). Both are fueled by the question that initially triggered the campaign:

What does a 21st century synagogue such as NSCI need to remain relevant, financially viable, and pacesetter?

Now, that question emerges as crucial, once again, as we consider how to serve the congregation in light of the many challenges and new needs/trends that emerged in the past year. Necessarily,

fundraising for the campaign has been on hiatus since last March while we focused on how to support our community. As we look forward to the time when we can venture into a post-pandemic world, we want to share with you what we know and how we are planning for the future. We know that our congregation remains dynamic. Engagement and volunteerism are at an all-time high. We know we want to continue to support, elevate, and broaden our community into greater participation and be on track as a vibrant, forward-thinking synagogue for current and future congregants.

We also know that our congregation is ahead of the curve, especially with meeting 75% of our total campaign goal—with components that remain nourishing for NSCI. There is more to do! We are considering how to address and incorporate the new ways congregants engage with us and one another. It is essential that we integrate current realities

and project future needs for possibly refining the campaign. Clearly, security is a primary concern and more important than ever. Technology, streaming, and audio-visual tools have become part of the new normal and are here to stay. We are rethinking the best plan to maximize engagement in our iconic building. Given our experience of the last year, how do we enhance and secure our space? Due diligence is underway. We believe we can re-imagine the ITP campaign with new energy and opportunities for building exciting possibilities for our future.

Thank you very much to our early donors for imagining the possible. We look forward to inviting all who belong to our community to re-imagine and step into the next vision for NSCI. Each of us has a vital role in this campaign for achieving goals for our congregation. We look forward to sharing more information in the weeks and months ahead. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in any aspect of our endeavors for this campaign. We will be rolling out ways for you to join us!

Wishing you and your loved ones good health and peace—happy Passover,

Marilyn Perlman
president@nscl.org

Sustaining the Synagogue

\$5.6 MILLION GOAL (Complete)



New Gallery, Central Entrance & Office Renovation:

\$3.8 MILLION GOAL (\$2,806,035 Committed)



Rebecca K. Crown Hall Renovation and Programs:

\$2.125 MILLION GOAL (\$780,000 Committed)



Endowment:

\$1 MILLION GOAL (\$350,000 Committed)



Strategic Visioning Update

NSCI LEADERSHIP is energized and finishing the design process for generating a new strategic vision. We are taking detailed stock of NSCI in the here and now. With due diligence, innovative thinking, and the willingness to find the sweet spots for meeting our highly diverse congregation, we are exploring some tough questions:

- How do we engage our community?
- What is the sustainable revenue model?
- What is the model for how youth/families want to engage in their religious education?
- What does “affiliation” with NSCI mean and what can it mean in the future? How do we intentionally

- define who is “affiliated” with NSCI?
- What is the professional and governance structure that will best support our strategic outcomes?

We will be creating opportunities for you to join in this journey. ■

Mission Moment

AFTER MORE than fifteen years in the city, we made the move to the suburbs shortly before the pandemic started. One of our biggest questions was how to get our children, and us, integrated into our new life. We wanted to join a shul both in our area and with a wide geographic boundary of families. I (Heather) serve as a part-time cantor at a wonderful shul, but it is not in our area. We needed a spiritual home in a place where we could develop friendships with our neighbors and our children with their schoolmates.

We met with clergy and members at NSCI and then the pandemic hit. It would have been easy to pause our shul search until after the pandemic. Like many of you, the juggling act of being working parents increased exponentially as we navigated Zoom school and life in general. The pandemic has created a sense of isolation for all of us and our relationships felt more fragmented because we could not get together in person. My husband, Bob, is a real estate developer for medical and retail. In addition to my work as a cantor, I teach entrepreneurship and innovation at Northwestern and am on faculty at the Lyric Opera. We have three children, Alicia (15), Adam (11), and Ava (7). Pre-pandemic, it would have been

so much easier to get integrated into our new community. But during this pandemic, it is more important than ever to get integrated into the community.

As we were navigating this challenging time, My husband and I zoomed in for an NSCI Friday night Shabbat service. It felt like Rabbi Geffen was speaking directly to us. She spoke about being present and the moments of joy that can be still found even during incredibly challenging times. Cantor Goldstein works with our children on Sunday morning, and has been such a warm and welcoming presence to us all. Dr. Goodman has made considerable efforts making sure that our children are thriving and developing other relationships with children at NSCI. We are so impressed with the clergy and staff at NSCI and are so happy to be a part of this fantastic community.

During this pandemic time, our children are carefully watching us to learn

how to navigate a crisis. We didn't want to model to them that we handle crises by dis-engaging and closing the door on our community until things get better. Bob and I want to show them that things get better by engaging and being with our community. We are so glad that we joined NSCI.

Thank you to each of you for being a part of NSCI. It has provided a grounding and home for our family and we are immensely grateful.

Warmly,
Bob, Heather, Alicia, Adam & Ava Aranyi



Board of Trustees: Open Call for Nominations

BY MICAH SINGERMAN



ANOTHER way we encourage our congregants to be stakeholders at NSCI is the gratification of volunteering and joining leadership. The nominating process for our 2021–22 Board of

Trustees is underway. I am pleased to be chairing this year's Nominating Committee. The NSCI Board is a dynamic group of dedicated congregants who serve the highest aims of our congregation with a diverse range of talents, skills, ages and interests. Please visit nsci.org/bot2021 to nominate yourself or others **by 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 14** and find information

about serving on the Board of Trustees. Nominees will be interviewed either by conference call or Zoom meeting by members of the Committee. Should you have any questions or wish to speak about a nomination, please contact Micah Singerman, Nominating Committee Chair, at MicahSingerman@hotmail.com. ■

Sacred Partnership

**BY ONNIE SCHEYER, CHAIR,
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & TODD
BRAMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

ONE YEAR AGO we were ordered to shelter at home, cut off from so many of the familiar ways that kept us connected as a community. The challenges we faced seemed almost insurmountable. What we knew for certain was that as people began to isolate, NSCI needed to respond by providing more connection, more support, more services, and more comfort in ways we hadn't yet imagined. Somehow, all this needed to be done with significantly reduced income from dues, rentals, school enrollment, and High Holy Days passes.

It was a very real challenge. We could be as innovative and nimble as

possible, but without the right financial investment, many of our aspirations would not come to fruition.

In this context we launched the Annual Appeal. You responded with generosity and graciousness, proving yet again that "together" is the only way we stay strong as a community. Directly because of your support, we were able to:

- Purchase new video and sound equipment to produce High Holy Days and Shabbat services that, while not in person, feel familiar and connected.
- Upgrade our air filtration system and acquire disinfecting equipment similar to what's used in hospitals and on airplanes so that the limited in-person activities we have been able to provide are safe for our

congregants, clergy, and staff.

- Offset the dues of our congregants whose businesses have been most impacted by the economic downturn—allowing them to retain their connection as members in their greatest time of need.
- Increase scholarships to Religious School students who honored the commitment to the continuity of their Jewish education.
- Partner with JCFS to provide congregants with resources to help with life events such as divorce, aging issues, mental health and parenting.

And so much more. Because of you, we are here, we are strong, we are NSCI. ■

Our deepest thanks to the following who have made an investment in our community by contributing to this year's Annual Appeal (as of January 29). If you'd like to support our efforts, visit www.nsci.org/give.

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Marcus
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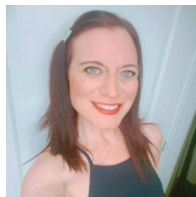
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Beverly & Ira Schulman
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Joyce Chams-Spitz &
Jimmy Spitz
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Cristy & Mitch Steinberg
Judi Stern
Marlene & Sheldon
Stillman
Sandra & Dick Stoken
Jim Stone
Joan Stone
Julie & Loren Stone
Karla & Neil Stone
Cynthia Martin & Stuart
Swibel
Marilyn & Dick Swoiskin
Bobette Takiff
Ilyce Glink Tamkin
Barbie & Bruce Taylor
Judith & Saul Thomashow
Andy & Steve Tick
Bonnie & Richard Tolan
Blythe Trilling
Shirley Tross
Marilyn & Michael Vender
April & Tom Victor
Jody & Dean Weinberg
Lynne & David Weinberg
Marcine & Art Weiner
Ann & Chuck Weisberg
Beth Richman & Gene
Weisskopf
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WNSCI Judaica Shop
Nicki & Jim Woldenberg
Carol & Abbott Wolfe
Lois Wolff
Nancy Zadek
Laurie & Don Zimelis
Lee & Holly Zimmerman
Sherri (z"l) & Todd Zirlin
Jeffrey Zivin

Welcome to our newest staff members!



Joel Miller
Director of
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joelm@nsi.org



Ami Immergluck
Administrative
Assistant for
Development
ami@nsi.org



Lina Ostrov
Bookkeeper
linao@nsi.org

Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!

Simon Ethan Waxman

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Child of Tory & Michael Waxman
Sibling of Abigail Esther Waxman
Grandchild of Jean Fink, Diane & Gary
Waxman, Bob Hooker
Great Grandchild of Selma Fink, Marilyn
Gilbert, Sue & Ed Waxman, Bob Hooker Sr.



Marjorie Marilyn Brill,

Eve Marguerite Brill

BORN ON OCTOBER 10, 2020

Children of Allison Tick Brill & David Brill
Siblings of Melvin Oscar Brill
Grandchildren of Andrea & Steven Tick and
Susan & Alan Brill



Estelle Maxine Emalfarb

BORN ON NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Child of Lindsay & Scott Emalfarb
Sibling of Elexis & Levi
Grandchild of Geri & Hal Emalfarb, Jo
Symkowiak and Mark Symkowiak

Jesse Quinn Glass

BORN DECEMBER 11, 2020

Child of Melissa & Joey Glass
Grandchild of Randi & Bruce Glass, Judith
Barnes-Cochran and Steve Cochran
Great-grandchild of Eileen Friedman and
Carol Glass

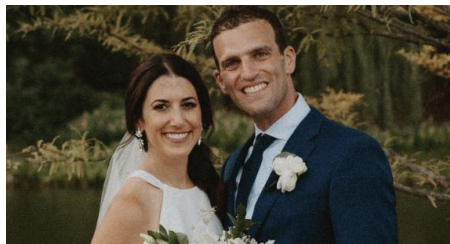


Poppy Stella Mason

BORN ON DECEMBER 22, 2020

Child of Carly & Danny Mason
Grandchild of Patty & Rabbi Steve Mason
and Cindy & Jonathan Geer

NEWLYWEDS



Michelle Goldberg & Jon Weil

AUGUST 23, 2020

Mara Rothschild & Richard Bernstein

DECEMBER 20, 2020

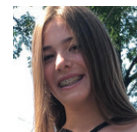
Cynthia Martin & Stuart Swibel

DECEMBER 31, 2020

B'NEI MITZVAH

Bradyn Waxman

MARCH 6, 2021



Talia Shapiro

MARCH 13, 2021



Ben Friedman

MARCH 20, 2021



Cassidy Kulberg

APRIL 10, 2021



Gwyneth Wilner

APRIL 17, 2021



Anna Colton

APRIL 24, 2021

We would love to share your good

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

**A proud mazel tov to
Michelle Scheinkopf and
Judy Wexler, NSCI and
national Jewish leaders.**

Judy has been named a Vice President and Michelle an Executive Committee Member-at-Large of the Women of Reform Judaism North America (WRJ) 2021-24 Executive Committee. Judy, Michelle, you lead with wisdom, insight and passion!

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Ronald G. Domont

Brother of Larry (Sally) Domont
Uncle of Andrew (Maggie) Domont and
Zack (Ivy) Domont
Great Uncle of Nell, Beck, Gwen, Theo, Bea,
and Sutton

Bennett Fishbain

Father of Barbara (Allen) Chandler
Grandfather of Jennifer McKeag
Great Grandfather of Rachel and Katherine

Stephen D. Flaxman

Husband of Louise Flaxman
Father of Amanda and Joshua

Ira Friedman

Husband of Eileen Friedman
Stepfather of Randi (Bruce) Glass
Grandfather of Joey (Melissa) Glass and
Dani Glass
Great Grandfather of Jesse

Mark Irwin Horwitz

Son of Arlene and Wayne Horwitz
Husband of Michelle Horwitz

Frances Kiem

Mother of Joshua (Susan) Kiem, Leslie (Dr.
Norman) Gollub, Lincoln (Dr. Gail Bonner)
Kiem, and Liz (Jeff) Shaffer
Grandmother of Madeline, Abigail,
Jacqueline, Max, Jory, and Lily
Great Grandmother of Sam

Sandra "Sandi" Leavitt

Sister of Ellen (Stuart) Goldin
Aunt of Jackie Goldin and Brian (Emily)
Goldin
Great Aunt of Jake Morganstein and Lily
Goldin

Ken Leonard

Father of Stephen (Deena) Leonard
Grandfather of Sarah and Jacob

David Levin

Husband of Judy Levin
Father of Michael (Barbara) Levin and Gail
Levin
Grandfather of Elan and Benjamin

Richard "Rich" Levin

Father of Jan Glick
Grandfather of Brandon (Carrie) Glick
Great Grandfather of Carter and Avery
Glick

Selma Menkes

Mother of Bruce (Judy Wexler) Menkes
Grandmother of Lena and Margo

Lilyan Muraff

Mother of Laura Muraff, Barry Muraff,
and James (life partner Dorie Isaacson)
Muraff
Grandmother of Jeremy (Sarah Schanz)
Iloulion, Rebecca Iloulion, Bryn Muraff,
and Drew Muraff

Joan "Babe" O'Hara

Mother of Steve (Lori) O'Hara
Grandmother of Jamie O'Hara (Max)
Aronson and Rachel (fiancé Thomas
McLaughlin, III) O'Hara

Edgar Rose

Companion of Inge Rothschild
Father of Linda (Randy) Duke and Susan
(Hugh) Pinkus
Grandfather of Diane (Tim Abbott) Duke,
Elliot Pinkus, Lisa (Shane) Lamb, and
Donald Pinkus
Great Grandfather of Jay, Ella, and Nesia

Diann Horwich Rosenberg

Wife of Dr. Marvin Rosenberg
Mother of Lee (Ann) Horwich, Steve (Karen
Kafkis) Horwich, Jim (Lisa) Horwich, and
the late Marci (Robert) Wilcher (z"l)
Grandmother of Jenna, Melanie, Jordan,
Madison, Samuel, Katherine, Trey, and
Sydney
Great Grandmother of Bryant and Jackson

Richard E. Saslow

Father of Ron (Ellen) Saslow
Grandfather of Joseph, Charles, and Daniel

Etta Mae Scherr

Mother of Janet (Andre) Lerman
Grandmother of Milton (Jessica) Lerman
and Michelle (Sam McCandlish) Lerman

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Grandfather of Jillian and Jared

Avery J. Stone

Husband of Patricia Stone
Father of Jodi (Tom Matthews) Stone and
Marc Stone
Grandfather of Aaron Rubens, Leslie
(Sebastian) Stevens, and Andrea Rubens

Pearl B. Upton

Mother of Marilee Upton-Spatz (Larry
Spatz) and Douglas (Laura) Upton
Grandmother of Skippy Mesirow, Ashley
(Dr. Ben) Belavsky, Allison (Ben) Hughes,
Ariel Upton, Linzy Spatz, Adora (Tony)
Sauer, and Lea (Gavin) Fine
Great Grandmother of Lee, Ben, Jaden,
Bode, and Jakey

Karl Weiss

Father of Alan (Lynne) Weiss
Grandfather of Rachel and Elliot

Max Wolfe

Father of Abbott (Carol) Wolfe
Grandfather of Drew (Brittany), Ricky, and
Sarah
Great Grandfather of Asher

YOM HASHOAH CONVERSATION WITH SHELDON LAZARUS OF AUSCHWITZ UNTOLD: IN COLOUR

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

6:00-7:00 PM ON STREAMSPOT/FACEBOOK

Recent surveys reveal a stunning two-thirds of millennials do not know what Auschwitz is. Join Rabbi Geffen in conversation with Sheldon Lazarus, executive producer of the internationally acclaimed film *Auschwitz Untold: In Color* to explore how we might continue to educate and compel the next generations to never forget.

To watch the film in advance, email sarahd@nsoci.org for a free link and password.

Tikkun Olam

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
LATE AFTERNOON

Sign up to pack meals at Beth Emet (masked & distant) or to prepare food at home & drop off at the soup kitchen.

Interested? Contact Debbie Heywood, debbieh@nsci.org. She'll connect you to Karri Rosenthal, our NSCI Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Liaison. Space is limited.

17: NSCI'S REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In February, NSCI partnered with RefugeeOne to resettle a third refugee family, furnishing their apartment and providing food, clothing and other necessities to help them

acclimate to life here in Chicago.

For more about this community mitzvah project, including regular updates about the family, visit nsci.org/17.

ANIMAL TREATS & TOYS COLLECTION FOR PAWS CHICAGO

Support PAWS Chicago in its work to help homeless pets. Purchase supplies from their Wishlist and have them sent directly to PAWS Chicago!

Donations can also be dropped off at NSCI's Administrative office outer lobby during regular business hours (Mon-Thurs, 9am-5pm and Fri, 9am-4pm).

Call ahead to let us know you're coming: 847-835-0724.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SANDWICHES FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY!



From January through May, NSCI congregants have signed up to make 1,250 sandwiches for The Night Ministry, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing essential services to Chicago's food insecure and transient population. Thank you to everyone who signed up for this community mitzvah project, modeling our sacred obligation as Jews to feed the hungry.

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.

HEALING SERVICE WITH CANTOR GOLDSTEIN

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 3, 17, 31, APRIL 7, 21
8:00-8:30 PM

Join Cantor Goldstein for a quiet and contemplative Healing Service. Whether seeking support in navigating the circumstances in which we or our loved ones find themselves, together we can create a quiet, gentle time for prayer, meditation, and song that focuses on healing and wholeness.

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

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 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.

We're Moving in this Direction for Jewish Learning

IN ADDITION to ALL being on Zoom, what do these have in common?

- 5th/6th graders organize an online Mitzvah Fair for our Chanukah celebration raising money to serve 70 meals to a Covid hospital, purchase an animal for a family in Africa to become self-sufficient, provide stuffed animals for children undergoing cancer therapy, and more.
- 7 parents lead a challah bake for nearly 50 families, sharing this way of preparing for Shabbat
- 3 parents are designing and leading "Batter Together"—a series of cooking experiences surrounding celebrating Jewish holidays and Shabbat. Families made sufganiyot, Sephardic tradition of jelly doughnuts for Chanukah, matzah balls and noodle kugel, hamantaschen for Purim and Passover eats and treats.
- 3 parents lead PJs and Pancakes with a Purpose where 25 families each decorate a pancake to educate others about different charitable

organizations. And 2 of our 7th graders, representing work done in their classroom, teach the children about donating "with dignity," a hallmark of Cradles to Crayons.

Answer: Relevance, Empowerment, and Connections

Relevance, Empowerment, and Connectedness are three key outcomes in the Goodman Center for Jewish Education new mission statement as we "Shift the Paradigm."

We are engaged in a 3-year process sponsored by JUF to be a place of learning and innovation.

Knowledge of Jewish life, past and present, our traditions, values, culture, and history, is the driver to seek relevance and empowerment for our families.

Relevance: learners designing meaningful Jewish lives today, propelling them on their lifetime journey

Empowerment: each family exploring and expressing Judaism in their lives, in the classroom, congregation, at home,



\$20,000 JUF for Innovating: 9 Pilot Projects

We received a grant of \$20,000 from JUF for our now nine pilot projects for the 2020-21 school year.

and in the greater community

Connectedness: relationships among children and families, creating networks of support, learning, and celebration

We are having a lot of fun doing all of this too.

We are in the midst of developing prototypes, new innovations for 2021/22, and testing them out with our students and parents.

Stay tuned as we continue on this path of knowledge of Jewish life propelling us to relevance, empowerment, and connectedness. ■

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

SUN, MARCH 21-SUN, APRIL 4:
No School

SUN, MAY 2:
Last Day of School

Know someone new to the area or is there a new baby in your family? Please contact Susan Ellenby, susane@nsci.org for information on programs and resources.

TOT SHABBAT

FRIDAYS, MARCH 26 & APRIL 23
5:00-5:30 PM ON FACEBOOK LIVE
AND STREAM SPOT

Join NSCI clergy and songleader Alan Goodis as we welcome in Shabbat with our young friends and their parents and grandparents. Songs, stories and a puppet or two will help us experience the magic of Shabbat.

KARAV IS COMING!



APRIL 9-11

Save the date and get pumped because Covid can't stop another weekend of Teens @ NSCI fun. We're excited to offer another weekend of virtual learning, laughs and as always a GREAT TIME!

If you're a teen interested in helping us plan the weekend email mady@nsci.org.

Adult Learning & Programs

As we prepare for Yom Ha'Shoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut, we study with a great scholar and accessible teacher, Professor Paul Liptz. He will join us the day before each observance, to deepen our learning and meaning for both of these holidays.



PAUL LIPTZ, a social historian, taught on the Tel Aviv University faculty for 40 years, taught graduate students at the Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem for 25 years, and taught officers and non-commissioned officers in the Israeli army. Professor Liptz's main interests are History of the Yishuv [Pre-State], the Modern State of Israel and Arab Women and Nationalism in the Middle East, and he taught modern Jewish history, Israeli society and the contemporary Middle East to Reform and Conservative rabbinic, cantorial and education students. Paul is an engaging teacher and has taught NSCI groups in Glencoe and in Israel. Paul was born in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and came as a volunteer to Israel one day before the Six Day War on June 4, 1967. He stayed in Israel, married Brenda and they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE SHOAH: LIFE IN POLAND TODAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
12:00 PM ON ZOOM

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE, ITS DECLARATIONS & DREAMS, ITS REALITIES NOW

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
12:00 PM ON ZOOM

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

STUDY THE TALMUD WITH RABBI GEFEN

MONDAYS (NO CLASS MARCH 22)
1:00-2:00 PM

Join Rabbi Geffen as we continue the study of the Tractate Brachot, the section of the Talmud responsible for establishing what, when, how, and why Jews pray the way we do.

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

JEWS IN SPORTS: MORE THAN JUST A PAMPHLET WITH ED SHERMAN AND RABBI DANIELS

TUESDAYS, MARCH 2 & 9
7:00 PM

Join long-time sportswriter and author, Ed Sherman for an inside look at Jews in sports, sharing the inspiring stories of perseverance in overcoming extreme challenges in the pursuit of greatness.

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

CLERGY IN CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 10, 24, APRIL 28
NOON ON FACEBOOK/STREAMSPOT

Join Rabbis Daniels, Geffen, Greene, and Cantor Goldstein as they discuss compelling topics of our time.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Let's connect for lively conversation, camaraderie and entertainment. We open the Zoom room 10 minutes early to give everyone a chance to say hello.

Contact Susan Ellenby, susane@nsci.org with any questions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
1:00 PM ON ZOOM

Jay Sorkin presents: Anti-semitism in American Films

Sign up at bit.ly/scmarch21.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 PM ON ZOOM

Professor David Chack presents: From Shtetl to Celluloid: the Impact of Jews on Hollywood

Sign up at bit.ly/scapril21.

OPENING THE HEART: BECOMING A JEWISH GRANDPARENT

APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, MAY 4
4:00-5:15 PM

Taught by Jane Shapiro of Orot. This class is offered as a partnership between NSCI, jBaby Chicago, Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning, and the Jewish Grandparents Network. Grandparents of all types of Jewish families are welcomed and encouraged. In this class, we will explore the journey of Jewish grandparenthood.

\$50 class fee. Sign up: www.juf.org/jbabychicago/j_class.aspx?cid=567

THE MINDFUL OR MINDLESS LIFE WITH RABBI GEFEN

FRIDAYS, APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30
12:00-1:00 PM

Join Rabbi Geffen in exploration of ancient Jewish spiritual teachings that can strengthen our capacity to live with awareness, generosity and compassion even amidst the most uncertain of times. Sessions will include study, discussion and meditation.

No experience necessary. Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE WITH RABBI DANIELS

TUESDAYS, APRIL 13, 20, 27
12:00-1:00 PM

As Jews we dream, pray, and strive for peace, but what would true peace really look and feel like? Join Rabbi Daniels to explore the concept of Shalom ("Peace") in Jewish tradition, and come together with others to commit to pursuing peace for all people.

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

Music

SHIR CHADASH

**MONDAYS, MARCH 1, 15, 29,
APRIL 12, 26**
7:00-8:30 PM

Join Shir Chadash VIRTUALLY and meet friends who love to sing or play a musical instrument. Shir Chadash provides a rich harmony to enhance our worship experience and help create sacred moments during Shabbat, celebrations and commemorations! Our repertoire includes a variety of traditional and new genres. We also perform during concerts throughout the year, so come join Cantor Goldstein and Paul Vander Weele.

Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

JEWISH JAMMERS

MONDAYS, MARCH 8, 22, APRIL 5, 19
7:00-8:30 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI*

Gather together with Cantor Goldstein for an in-person, socially-distanced jam session at NSCI! Bring your guitar, bass, harmonica, or other instrument and a piece of music to play with the group (we'll provide the drums).

Masks must be worn at all times while inside the synagogue. This program is open to congregants and is only for musicians; there will be no audience. Please email Sarah at sarahd@nsci.org to register.

**As conditions allow; This program may be cancelled at any time.*

HOLY CHANTERS

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 10, 24,
APRIL 14, 28**
6:00-7:00 PM

Learn to chant Torah & Haftarah with Cantor Goldstein. Gain a practical knowledge of cantillation that will allow you to successfully chant. We will focus on Torah and Haftarah (time permitting). In order to keep your skills current you will become a part of a group that will offer your chanting of Torah for our Shabbat morning community.

Please note this program is virtual. Sign up at nsci.org/virtual.

Women of NSCI



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The first seder is Saturday, March 27. Are you ready? We have an exciting collection of Judaica, jewelry and gift ideas, and are available to assist you via remote shopping or by appointment (as current restrictions permit). Please note, we're accepting cash or checks only until the building and shop fully reopen.

*Contact us at 847-835-4009
or giftshopnsci@gmail.com.*

Please register for each at [NSCI.org/wnsci](https://nsci.org/wnsci).

GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAYS, MARCH 7 & APRIL 11
9:00-10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

BOOK GROUP

TUESDAYS, MARCH 9 & APRIL 13
1:00-3:00 PM VIA ZOOM

March book: *The Lost Family*
by Jenna Blum; April book: *My
Mother's Son* by David Hersberg

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE & RACE ISSUES

MONDAY, MARCH 22
7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Following up on the WRJ event, Rabbi Greene and Judy Wexler will lead a discussion on the powerful film, *Belly of the Beast*, aimed at activism about critical issues relating to reproductive justice and race. Please join us, regardless of whether you attended the February 21 event or watched the film.

PRE-SHABBAT SCHMOOZE

FRIDAYS, MARCH 26 & APRIL 23
5:30-6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH MERLE BRANNER

MONDAY, APRIL 14
8:00-9:00 PM VIA ZOOM



Thank you to those of you who joined us for our February WNSCI Retreat over Zoom! A true partnership of creativity & community, lifting our learning and ourselves on eagles' wings! Retreat #14, Zoom retreat #1.

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Our Early Senior Rabbis

BY MERLE A. BRANNER &
ELLEN (KATZ) BLOCK

NSCI BEGAN as the North Shore Branch of Sinai congregation with 46 founding families who had connections with Temple Sinai on the south side of Chicago. Rabbi Emil Hirsch, born in Luxemburg, the son of a Rabbi and married to a Rabbi's daughter, served as the Rabbi of Temple Sinai for 42 years (1880–1923) and was a mentor and visiting rabbi for our nascent congregation (Block).

Due to illness, Rabbi Hirsch was unable to continue serving our congregation. While visiting rabbis sustained our services and provided guidance, our fledgling congregation sought an identity and leadership which reflected its goals and views at the same time.

Our first permanent rabbi was Louis Arthur Mischkind, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, obtained his elementary and secondary school education in New York, received his B.A. from the University of Cincinnati (where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa) at age 19, and trained as a Rabbi at Hebrew Union College (Branner and Block). Like Rabbi Hirsch, Rabbi Mischkind had grave concerns about the social and economic injustices in society and about the misuse of power. On May 23, 1922, Rabbi Mischkind—not yet our rabbi—addressed our Annual Meeting at the Winnetka Women's Club with a talk entitled “The Function of a Congregation.” The following month, it was proposed that he be engaged as our rabbi (Board of Trustee Minutes, 1922). In May 1923, he came to NSCI, which was then still meeting at the Glencoe Masonic Temple, from Tremont Congregation in the Bronx, New York, where he had resigned his position because temple authorities there refused to allow Mrs. Margaret Sanger, a very controversial figure, to

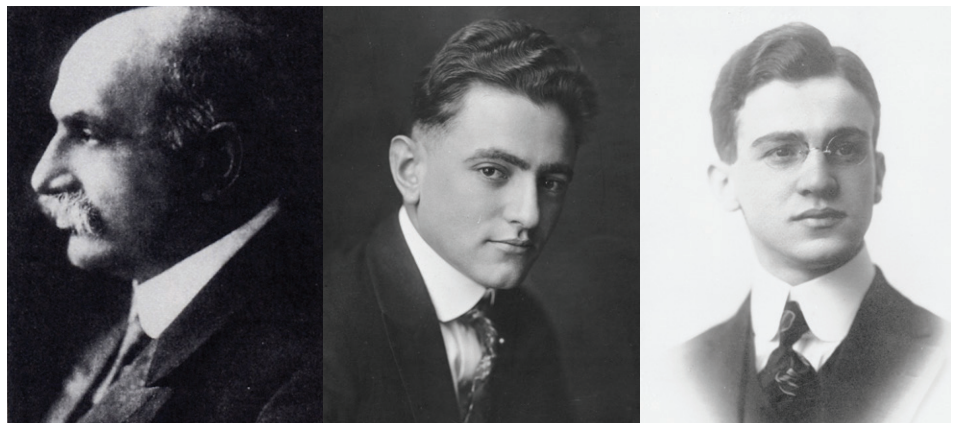
speak about birth control (Hawkins, 2020; Soclof, 2012). After two fruitful but apparently controversial years at NSCI, Rabbi Mischkind was not retained and went to Congregation Beth Emet in Wilmington, Delaware where he became interested in the history of Jewish participation in that community and the state, in general. Although his duration with NSCI was short, he gave structure to our young congregation, implementing regular Friday night services, introducing the use of the Union Prayer Books, and orchestrating viable organization in the religious school. Sadly, Rabbi Mischkind died of meningitis at the young age of 34 after being thrown from a horse (Branner and Block, 2015).

Our next rabbis were Harvey I. Wessel (1925–1927) and Louis Kopald (1928–1931). Our Archives have no substantive information about where Rabbi Wessel came from or how he became known to NSCI, but, during his short time with us, he led the first confirmation class for which our Archives has a program, on May 23, 1926 (Confirmation Program, 1926). Monthly bulletins were instituted and weekly postals were sent to the congregation (Board of Trustee Minutes, 1925). Also, during his tenure, in June of 1926, the name of the congregation was officially changed from North Shore Congregation

to North Shore Congregation Israel (Board of Trustee Minutes, 1926). It was at this time that discussion had begun about purchasing a site at the northwest corner of Vernon and Lincoln Avenues in Glencoe with an eye toward constructing our own building (Board of Trustee Minutes, 1925). It is unclear why Rabbi Wessel did not stay at NSCI. The March 27, 1934 edition of *The Jewish Daily Bulletin*, published in New York, mentions Rabbi Harvey E. Wessel being “elected to serve the congregation of Temple Emanuel” in Duluth, Minnesota, for three years (The Jewish Daily Bulletin, 1934).

Rabbi Louis Joseph Kopald was born in Cracow, Austria in 1885 and emigrated to the United States with his parents at a young age. He received his BA from the University of Cincinnati in 1906, a Master of Arts in 1908 and graduated from Hebrew Union College in 1909. His first congregation was at Temple Israel in Stockton, California, from 1909 to 1912, when he then went to Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York, serving as rabbi there from 1912 to 1926 and Rabbi Emeritus from 1926 to 1928 (Louis Joseph Kopald, n.d.). He came to NSCI in 1928. ■

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



From left: Rabbi Emil Hirsch, Rabbi Louis Arthur Mischkind, Rabbi Harvey I. Wessel

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Passover

THIS YEAR ON ZOOM (AGAIN), NEXT YEAR IN PERSON!

Visit www.nsci.org/passover2021 for Passover resources and a list of events.

Passover Prep

PASSOVER MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY: MAKE SURE JEWS IN NEED HAVE FOOD FOR PASSOVER!

NSCI is partnering with Maot Chitim to make sure that over 15,000 Jews in the Chicagoland area have food for Passover! Due to COVID restrictions, this year we are collecting funds (in \$25 increments) to provide Jewel gift cards for Maot Chitim recipients.

You can donate funds directly at nsci.org/give (under Type, scroll down and select Passover Mitzvah Project so we know where your donation goes) OR drop off Jewel gift cards in increments of \$25 to the synagogue office by March 19.

SHORT FICTION ON PASSOVER WITH RABBI GREENE

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 9, 16, 23
12:00 PM**

Rabbi Greene just discovered a trove of "new" Jewish short fiction! We'll read engaging short stories that lift up themes of Passover. Jump into engaging and lesser known stories, and consider what they bring to this most celebrated of Jewish holidays. After you sign up, Zoom and story links will be shared with time to read before each session.

Sign up: nsci.org/form/nsci-mar-apr-2021-adult-ed-registration.html

SEDER ONLINE, AGAIN?

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 PM**

Join Rabbi Greene for a conversation with practical and thoughtful ideas for your seder. Bring your family's haggadah to this session.

Sign up: nsci.org/form/nsci-mar-apr-2021-adult-ed-registration.html

EASY PASSOVER MAKEOVERS WITH JACQUELINE MARCUS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21
3:00-4:30 PM**

Brought to you by WNSCI. Jacqueline Marcus returns to transform traditional Passover recipes into healthier, and more modern versions. Cook along with Jacqueline if you like or just enjoy the demo. Featured recipes include five simple ingredients or fewer.

Register at www.nsci.org/wnsi by March 12 to get the recipes and shopping list in advance to prepare for your holiday cooking!

Holiday Offerings

NSCI ONLINE SEDER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27
6:00 PM ON STREAMSPOT**

Whether you are home alone or connecting with others on Zoom, join our NSCI Clergy for a virtual Passover seder or view later on demand.

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER EXPERIENCE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28
9:30 AM ON ZOOM**

Join NSCI clergy and fellow congregants for an interactive study session and conversation relating the themes of Passover to our lives today.

Sign up: nsci.org/form/first-day-passover-experience

COMMUNITY RECOVERY SEDER

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28
5:00-6:00 PM ON ZOOM**

This alcohol-free Seder is intended for all who are journeying toward recovery, those in recovery, and their loved ones and allies, to celebrate Passover in a safe way among others who speak the language of recovery.

RSVP: nsci.org/CommunityRecoverySeder

SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE WITH YIZKOR

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3
9:30 AM ON ZOOM**

Sign up: nsci.org/form/shabbat-morning-experience-yizkor.html

