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# Choosing Possibility: How To Remember Differently

By **RABBI WENDI GEFFEN**



## **HOW ACCURATE**

do you believe your memories are? 90%? 95%? In truth, the percentage is likely closer to 15%! One

classic study on the subject\* estimates that *up to 85% of what we remember did not actually happen as we believe it did!* As it turns out, the human brain sets a narrative first, and then applies the facts we “remember” to fit said narrative *afterwards*, often subjugating or even eliminating anything else that doesn’t otherwise fit. This is why two people can experience the exact same thing but remember it completely differently. Over the years, I have met with countless people in places of real conflict with a dear friend or family member, rooted in the fact that both parties experienced the same event, conversation, or situation, but remember it differently. Inevitably, each party sees themselves as the victim and the other as the offender, remembering clear justifications and motives too. These situations prove complicated and difficult to unwind because each *knows* that the other is wrong. Why are they so sure? Because they were there and remember what happened after all, thus leading to intractable, unresolved conflict.

But it does not have to be this way. Consider the well-known story of Joseph and his brothers. Jealous of

their father’s favoring of Joseph, the brothers throw Joseph into a pit, selling him into slavery. Through a series of events, Joseph ultimately ends up second in command in Egypt. Because of his position of power, he reunites with his brothers and beloved father, and saves the Jewish people. Later, Joseph and his brothers journey home to bury their father, and, as a midrash describes, Joseph notices the pit into which his brothers threw him so many years before. Joseph gazes down into it for quite some time. The brothers assume that Joseph is remembering all of the horrible things that they did to him previously, and as a result, they fear that Joseph will seek retribution against them.

**“Here is a deep truth about life and human relationships: we cannot change other people, their memories, or their actions. But we can change our own.”**

But their assumptions are off-base. Joseph does, in fact, recognize the pit and its painful associations, but instead of seeing the pit through a lense of bitterness, he makes a choice to see

it as a source of blessing: without his brothers throwing him into that pit, his incarceration in Egypt would not have happened; he would never have risen to power; he would never have been married to his wife and had his children; and, most importantly, he would not have been able to help his family when famine struck their homeland.

Here is a deep truth about life and human relationships: we cannot change other people, their memories, or their actions. But we can change our own. In particular, we can change what and how we remember should we find ourselves in a situation where we cannot otherwise bridge the divide between ourselves and another about whom we care. Too often, we hold on to our personal victim narratives because we believe they are the only power we still hold, believing that if we release them, we will be giving our power away. This is why letting go of old narratives is so immensely hard to do. If, however, we are able to cultivate the strength to let go of the past, and reframe our remembering towards something transformative that came from the experience, it turns out we do not give up our power, but instead we actually reclaim it. And doing this is utterly in our power to do. ■

\* [http://pages.wustl.edu/files/pages/imce/memory/1995\\_roediger.pdf](http://pages.wustl.edu/files/pages/imce/memory/1995_roediger.pdf)

# Mission Moment

By **ANN WEISBERG**  
Board of Trustees



## WHEN RABBI

Abraham Joshua Heschel returned from Selma in 1965, he famously remarked: "I felt my

legs were praying." Is seeking justice and standing up for civil rights not the greatest prayer of all? American Jews have a long proud history of advocating on behalf of others. Our own history has taught us about the importance of respecting the fundamental rights of all people. Thirty-nine of us, led by Rabbis Daniels and Geffen, recently returned from the NSCI Adult Civil Rights Journey. It was both inspiring and emotionally exhausting.

In Montgomery, the powerful Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum stands on the very ground where human beings, sold as slaves, were warehoused and then auctioned like cattle. The Legacy Museum features a framing titled "From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration,"



*NSCI's Adult Civil Rights Journey participants sang with Civil Rights Movement hero Bishop Calvin Wallace Woods Sr. in Birmingham's Freedom Park*

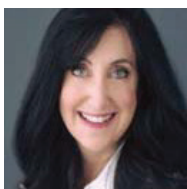
where we saw slavery replaced with Jim Crow, which evolved to an unfair prison system. Just across the road stands The Southern Poverty Law Center, dedicated to fighting hate and seeking justice for society's most vulnerable. Its leaders have body guards to protect them from their many threats.

Before we walked across the iconic Edmund Pettus Bridge, we met Joanne Bland, the youngest to cross that bridge on Bloody Sunday. She was beaten that Sunday, but with her wounds bandaged, she resolved to march again days later in the Successful March to Montgomery. Although she has endured incredible pain and loss, Joanne has continued for over five decades to educate others and

pursue justice. I am struck by her faith in a cause larger than herself, incredible courage, strength and perhaps most difficult, forgiveness.

We also visited churches and temples. Temple Mishkan Israel, a once thriving Selma synagogue now has a membership of four, but it still stands. A congregant who graciously spoke to us related how recently two grandsons of former members returned to have their B'nei Mitzvah in Selma's historic synagogue. They did so because it was a connection to their rich past. This amazing trip connected us to America's painful past, but also instilled hope in the good people who continue to work towards equality and justice today. ■

## President's Letter



**IN AN AGE** when many rely on the internet and electronic means of communication, our bi-monthly

Bulletin has remained a key resource at NSCI. With that in mind, we have worked thoughtfully to improve and align it with our more recent publications. The new look and format of our NSCI Bulletin is the outcome of our intent to hone meaningful content and target essential information.

We've streamlined this publication to make it easier on the eyes—and easier

to find the information you are seeking. The Bulletin leads with mission-driven content laid out more sparsely and organized for news you can use. What you count on referencing remains: information for youth & family, teens, adult learning, music, Tikkun Olam, WNSCI, Brotherhood, our celebrations, recognitions, memorials, upcoming events, and more.

This is the first iteration in a process for elevating how we connect with you, enrich, and inspire you to think, reflect, and participate at our congregation. It will evolve as we consider how to tell our stories, share upcoming events,

acknowledgements, and efficient ways for you to find what interests you most for your calendar.

Many thanks to Todd Braman, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, Lauren Nowak, and Eileen Sharkey Rosenfeld for their work on this worthwhile project.

Please let us know what you think. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Warmly,

Marilyn  
president@nsci.org



North Shore Congregation Israel Invites You To

# One Marvelous Night

*Please join us for our Annual Spring Fundraiser*

IT'S A *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*-THEMED EVENING!

FEATURING COMEDIAN

**Dan Naturman**

**Sunday, June 2**

**6:00 PM** PATRON EVENT IN FRANK MEMORIAL HALL  
Catskills Resort-style fun, specialty cocktails and more!

**7:00 PM** DOORS OPEN  
TO REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL

**7:30 PM** LIVE COMEDY SHOW  
Take a seat and enjoy the performance!  
*Followed by dessert & cocktails*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
**[NSCI.ORG/SPRINGEVENT](https://nsci.org/springevent)**

Questions? Contact Dena Blaustein  
at 847.835.0724 or [denab@nsci.org](mailto:denab@nsci.org).

~ Invitation to follow in late April ~



# Mazel Tov!

## WELCOME!



### 1. Oliver Joel Horovitz

**BORN ON OCTOBER 19, 2018**

child of Sara & Adam Horovitz  
grandchild of Julie & David EtsHokin  
and Batya & Shlomo Horovitz  
great grandchild of Janet EtsHokin  
and Arlue Beheng

### Leila Fresia-Melvoin

**BORN ON JANUARY 5, 2019**

child of Paolo Fresia and Charles Melvoin  
great grandchild of Lois Melvoin

### Oren Gabriel Malki

**BORN ON FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

child of Elizabeth & Jonathan Malki  
sibling of Juliette Keryn Malki  
grandchild of Dr. Sandra & Rabbi Charley  
Levi and Debbie & Elliott Malki

### Sami Ford and Theo Omar El-Sharkawy

**BORN ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

children of Kate & Omar El-Sharkawy  
grandchildren of Onnie & Steven Scheyer  
great grandchildren of Lois & Stuart Scheyer

## UPCOMING B'NEI MITZVAH

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

10:30 AM DAILY MORNING SERVICE

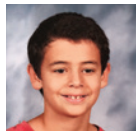


### Riley Waxman

daughter of Jessica  
& David Waxman

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

4:30 PM  
SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE

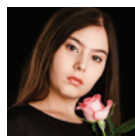


### Gabe Feldman and Hope Feldman

son and daughter of Andrea & Brian Feldman

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



### Caroline Nicole Meyer

daughter of Jacqueline  
& Robert Meyer

4:30 PM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE



### Adam Benjamin Stein

son of Rachel & Mark Stein

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

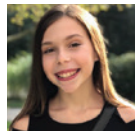


### Isadora Tolpin

daughter of Marina  
& Brett Tolpin

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



### Annabel Alberts

daughter of Beth  
& Joseph Alberts

4:30 PM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE



### Alexa Shelbi Freeman

daughter of Erica  
& Gary Freeman

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

### Shoshana Margolin

daughter of Diane & Richard Margolin

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



### Owen Longo

son of Hillary Krantz  
& Jay Longo  
grandson of Susan Longo

4:30 PM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE



### Chazzie Brooke Grosshandler

daughter of Jen  
& John Grosshandler

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

10:30 AM  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



### Jacob Bloomberg

son of Kimberly  
& David Bloomberg

## NEWLYWEDS



### 2. Tovah Goodman & Dan Razowsky

on their Sunday, October 7 wedding

### 3. Tracey Smolen & Jake Freeman

on their Saturday, October 27 wedding

All families have been invited to submit photos of their child for their upcoming B'nei Mitzvah.

We would love to feature photos of our NSCI births and newlyweds in future Bulletin editions!

Please send your announcements to Susan Ellenby at [susane@nsci.org](mailto:susane@nsci.org).

# We Remember

## THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

### **Rose Berger**

mother of Laurie (Robert) Rosin  
grandmother of Ilana, Tamara,  
and Hannah Rosin

### **Preston "Bud" Bransky**

husband of Zerna Bransky

### **Mitchell Chukerman**

husband of Joan Chukerman  
father of Robert (Stacie) Chukerman  
grandfather of Reid, Ross, and Grant  
Chukerman

### **Doris Cushman**

wife of Aaron Cushman

### **Mark Domanski-Erdman**

former husband of Dr. Dorota  
Domanski-Erdman  
father of Erin, Sarah, and Rachel Erdman

### **Carol Farber**

wife of Art Farber  
mother of Caryn (Harlan) Kahn,  
and Steven (Paige) Farber  
grandmother of Reid and Jocelyn Kahn,  
Laine, Spencer, and Sloane Farber

### **Nancy Fording**

mother of David (Julia) Fording  
grandmother of Eli and Hannah Fording

### **Beverley Glickstein**

mother of Michael (Sheri) Glickstein  
and Lisa (Edward) Whibley

### **Zita Holden**

Aunt of Karen (Robert) Dillon

### **Marvin Eli Jacobs**

husband of Patsy Jacobs  
father of Keith (Juli) Jacobs  
grandfather of Taylor, Noah,  
and Chelsey Jacobs

### **Herbert Loeb**

husband of Joan Loeb  
father of Paul (Jodi) Loeb  
grandfather of Justin, Jillian, and Ryan Loeb

### **Barbara Mantynband**

wife of Martyn Mantynband  
daughter-in-law of Nancy Mantynband  
sister-in-law of Alex and Annie Mantynband

### **Michael J. "Mickey" Shaffer**

father of Jeff (Liz) Shaffer  
and Sam (Eden) Shaffer  
grandfather of Max, Lily, Joey, and Louie

### **Leah Shimelfarb**

mother of Janna (Keith) Berk  
grandmother of Joey, David, and Annie Berk

### **Phyllis Shulman**

mother of Mark Shulman, Robert (Sarah)  
Shulman, and Cynthia Cassidy

### **Barry Swidler**

husband of Karen Swidler  
father of Brad (Dena) Swidler  
and Ronald (Abby) Swidler  
grandfather of Emmy Swidler  
and Louie Swidler

VISIT [NSCI.ORG](https://www.nsci.org) FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO REGISTER.

## Support

*As a caring community, NSCI is a source of support for anyone navigating life's challenges. We offer educational and professional resources for those or their loved ones struggling with addiction or in recovery, so they know they are not alone.*

### **NSCI'S COMMUNITY RECOVERY SEDER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**

This alcohol-free experiential Seder is for all who are journeying toward recovery, and their loved ones and allies, to celebrate Passover in a safe environment.

**\$20/person, includes a catered Passover meal from Real Urban Barbeque. RSVP by April 12: [nsci.org/CommunityRecoverySeder](https://www.nsci.org/CommunityRecoverySeder).**

### **NORTH SHORE ALATEEN MEETING**

**MONDAYS**  
**7:00-8:00 PM**

Alateen meetings are for teens (12-19 years old) who are concerned about a family member's or friend's drinking or drug use.

*For more information, call 312.409.7245.*

### **FAMILIES ANONYMOUS (FA) MEETING**

**TUESDAYS**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**

FA is a Twelve Step Program for people concerned about drug/alcohol abuse and behavioral problems of a relative. Meeting is in Kersten on the first floor of the school wing.

*For more information, call 847.835.0724.*

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) MEETING**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:00-7:00 PM**

Do you struggle with addiction? Do you want or need support? AA is an anonymous Twelve Step Program for people who struggle with alcohol or other substances. Meeting is in the Abe and Vera Cohen Family Room.

*For more information, call 847.835.0724.*

## Community Events & Celebrations

### JUF EVENT



**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

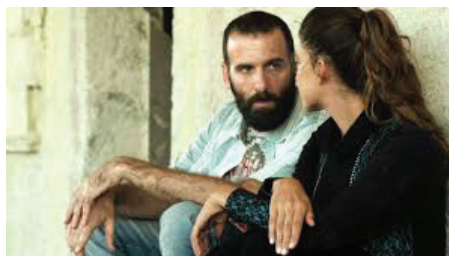
**7:00-9:00 PM**

Annual JUF Dessert Reception featuring guest speaker Abigail Pogrebin, author of, "My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays; One Wondering Jew."

*There is no cost to attend.*

*Please RSVP online at [juf.org/NorthSub](http://juf.org/NorthSub).*

### JNF YOM HAATZMAUT CELEBRATION FEATURING FAUDA STAR BOAZ KONFORTY



**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

**6:00-9:00 PM**

Celebrate 71 years of Israel's Independence with a traditional torch lighting ceremony featuring leaders from across the community.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & CELEBRATION HONORING NEIL RIGLER



**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**6:15 PM**

Join us for a festive Kabbalat Shabbat service, featuring sermons by Rabbi Amanda Greene and Rabbi Allison Tick-Brill and offerings of gratitude to Neil Rigler in recognition of Neil's 26 years of service to the congregation as our Teen Youth Group Advisor. Celebratory buffet to follow.

*Donations in honor of Neil can be made to NSCI. Register at [nsci.org/event/celebrationofneilrigler2019](http://nsci.org/event/celebrationofneilrigler2019).*

## Youth & Family Community

### STROLLERS, STORIES & CELEBRATIONS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

**10:00-10:45 AM, PASSOVER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

**10:00-10:45 AM, ISRAEL**

Join us with your little ones as we explore Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

*Free and open to the community.*

*RSVP to Susan Ellenby at [susane@nsci.org](mailto:susane@nsci.org).*

### SHABBAT ACROSS CHICAGO

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

**5:30-6:45 PM**

Celebrate Shabbat with your little ones ages 8 and under with musician Alisa Rosenthal and a PJ Library story. Stay for matzah ball soup and Passover activities.

*Register at [juf.org/pjshabbat](http://juf.org/pjshabbat) or contact Susan Ellenby at [susane@nsci.org](mailto:susane@nsci.org).*

### KINDNESS HACK: INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO DOING GOOD



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Learn with your children ages 3-7 about helping others.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Deliver Passover food boxes to needy families along the North Shore provided by Maot Chitim. Box pick-up location at NSCI.

*RSVP to Susan Ellenby at [susane@nsci.org](mailto:susane@nsci.org).*

### IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

Family Shabbat featuring 5th & 6th grade & Selah

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

No School

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

Last Sunday of School

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

Last Tuesday of School

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

Last Wednesday of School

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

Youth Celebration Shabbat



# Teen

## REAL LIFE, REAL VOICES CLASS FOR 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS



**MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
6:00-7:30 PM

This month's guest is Judge Ilana Diamond Rovner, who served as the first woman supervisor in the history of the U.S. Attorney's Chicago office as well as the first woman appointed to the US Court of Appeals 7th District. Join us for dinner and to hear her story.

To register, email Jennifer at [jenniferm@nsci.org](mailto:jenniferm@nsci.org).

## ELAINE N. SHERMAN KARAV MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
12:00-2:00 PM

To register, email Neil Rigler at [neilrigler@gmail.com](mailto:neilrigler@gmail.com).

## PACKING FOR COLLEGE?! (SESSION 1)



**MONDAY, APRIL 15**  
6:00-7:30 PM

Seniors: Learn how to engage in Jewish life and how to respond to anti-Semitism on campus. Our guest teacher will be Allison Rosenfeld Schanfield, ADL Associate Regional Director.

To register, email Jennifer at [jenniferm@nsci.org](mailto:jenniferm@nsci.org). Dinner is included. \$20 for 1 session, \$36 for 2.

## PACKING FOR COLLEGE?! (SESSION 2)



**MONDAY, APRIL 29**  
6:00-7:30 PM  
FIEDLER HILLEL AT NORTHWESTERN  
UNIVERSITY, 629 FOSTER ST.,  
EVANSTON

Seniors: Join us to get a firsthand sense of life on campus. We will meet on the Northwestern campus, welcomed by current NW NSCI students and Michael Simon, the Executive Director of the Fiedler Hillel of Northwestern University.

To register, email Jennifer at [jenniferm@nsci.org](mailto:jenniferm@nsci.org). Dinner is included. \$20 for 1 session, \$36 for 2.

## ELAINE N. SHERMAN KARAV RETREAT

**THURSDAY, MAY 2-  
SUNDAY, MAY 5**

For more than 40 years, NSCI teens have been participating in the Elaine N. Sherman Karav Weekend. Open to all high school students, Karav invites participants to explore their identities, create community, and have fun.

To register, contact Neil Rigler at [neilrigler@gmail.com](mailto:neilrigler@gmail.com).

## YOUTH CELEBRATION SHABBAT

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
6:15-7:15 PM

Join us for this celebratory intergenerational Shabbat Service where we thank and bless our NSCI high school graduating seniors. We will also present the Ilene Herst Teen Leadership Award and the June B. Pinsof Memorial Music Scholarship Award to two teens selected for their exemplary contributions to our congregation.



## Karav is Back!

By NEIL RIGLER

**NSCI TEENS** are busy preparing for the big event of the year—a four-day retreat from May 2-5. I asked our teens who have attended the Elaine N. Sherman Karav Retreat to recount their experience. Here is what they described and hope this year will provide:

- Speak your truth—tell your story—be heard
- Gain insight from your peers
- Step out of stress—step into wonder
- Speak up! Sing out!
- Laugh. A lot.
- Deepen your Jewish identity
- Be curious. Ask questions.
- Build friendships

I'm going to let their words represent their story and their weekend—and I'll extend the invitation to all NSCI teens to join them! Everyone who participates helps create the whole experience and can step into a variety of leadership opportunities. Since this is my final Karav, I'm extra dedicated to make it the best it can be for this year's group of teens! ■

# Adult Learning

## THE BERNICE AND SEYMOUR NORDENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND



**FRIDAY, JUNE 7-SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

A Weekend on Abraham Joshua Heschel with Rabbi Michael Marmur, Ph.D. Often referred to as "the most important Jewish thinker of the modern period," Heschel's writing and teaching continues to influence Jewish thought today.

**Friday, June 7, 6:15 pm:**  
Kabbalat Shabbat sermon,  
"In Search of Heschel"

**Saturday, June 8, 10:45 am:**  
Shabbat Brunch and Lecture,  
"A Palace in Time: Heschel's Sabbath"

**Sunday, June 9, 9:15 am:**  
Shavuot Morning Service  
with Yizkor

**Sunday, June 9, 10:45 am:**  
Brotherhood Brunch and Lecture,  
"Heavenly Torah Refracted  
Through History"

## MIDDAY MONDAYS

**MONDAYS, APRIL 1, 8, 15,  
MAY 6, 13 & 20**  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM

**April:** What's Jewish About Jewish Music? with Cantor David Goldstein

**May:** Next Year in Jerusalem with Rabbi Ryan Daniels

## HOLY CHANTERS WITH CANTOR DAVID GOLDSTEIN

**MONDAYS, APRIL 1, 8 & 29**  
6:00-7:00 PM

Chant Haftarah with Cantor David Goldstein. Students in this class have successfully chanted on Shabbat and the holiday services here at NSCI. A basic knowledge of Hebrew is helpful.

*To register, contact Sarah Duffin at [sarahd@nsci.org](mailto:sarahd@nsci.org).*

## STUDY THE TALMUD

**MONDAYS, APRIL 8-MAY 20**  
1:00-2:00 PM

Join Rabbi Geffen for continued study of Tractate B'rachot, the section of the Talmud responsible for establishing what, when, how and why Jews pray the way we do.

*To register, contact [RSVP@nsci.org](mailto:RSVP@nsci.org).*

## LIVING A LIFE OF MEANING—SESSION 2 WITH RABBI WENDI GEFFEN

**WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 17 & 24**  
7:00-8:00 PM

From a Jewish perspective, we can choose to live our lives with meaning and purpose or with despair and cynicism. Join Rabbi Geffen in an exploration of Judaism's most important principles and values, and how their understanding can improve our lives, our relationships, and our world.

## YOM HASHOAH-HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
7:00-9:00 PM

Join us for a special screening of the documentary, "Who Will Write Our History?" which tells of the small band of Warsaw Ghetto Jews determined to preserve evidence of how they lived and what was being done to them by the Nazis.

## COVENANT: A MATTER OF FAITH AND/OR IDENTITY



**MONDAYS, MAY 6, 13 & 20**  
7:00-8:30 PM

Join Rabbi Steven Mason for a close look at Biblical, Talmudic, Medieval and modern Jewish texts that reflect on the questions: Who, how or what a Jew is. All texts will be provided. No previous experience necessary.

*To register, contact [RSVP@nsci.org](mailto:RSVP@nsci.org).*

## THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD: A SHORT BUT ESSENTIAL SURVEY



**MONDAYS, JUNE 10, 17 & 24**  
7:00-8:30 PM

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein will explore the many religions of the world, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Whatever the goal of each religion, they all agree, we must tackle obstacles within us to reach those goals.

*To register, contact [RSVP@nsci.org](mailto:RSVP@nsci.org).*

## Music

### RAVINIA'S STEANS MUSIC INSTITUTE POST-KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT\*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
7:45 PM

Featuring Ravinia's Steans Music Institute Program Director Miriam Fried. A light supper will be served before the performance.

*Admission is free. Please RSVP at:*  
[nsci.org/event/RSMI-April2019](http://nsci.org/event/RSMI-April2019).

### STERNBERG CULTURAL EVENT: PIANIST ERIC HIMY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**  
3:00-5:00 PM

The Marilyn & Robert Mitchell Sternberg Cultural Enrichment Fund presents concert pianist, Eric Himy. Light refreshments will be served.

*Admission is free. Please RSVP at:*  
[nsci.org/event/Sternberg2019](http://nsci.org/event/Sternberg2019).

### MEADOW RIDGE RAMBLERS POST-KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT\*

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**  
7:45 PM

Performance by Meadow Ridge Ramblers featuring Rabbi Steven Mason. A light supper will be served before the performance.

*Admission is free. Please RSVP at:*  
[nsci.org/event/Ramblers2019](http://nsci.org/event/Ramblers2019).

*\* These concerts have been generously sponsored by Jim Stone and Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker*



### OUR GRATITUDE TOWARDS THE ARTISTS AND SPONSORS FOR THE TREMENDOUS BERNSTEIN TRIBUTE CONCERT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

*From left: Harvey Plonsker, Jim Stone, Michelle Areyzaga, soprano, Madeleine Plonsker, Cantor David Goldstein, Celeste Rue, pianist, and Christine Taylor Conda, Director of Ravinia's Reach\*Teach\*Play program*

## Tikkun Olam

### ADULT MITZVAH CORPS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**  
10:00-11:30 AM  
CHICAGO CHESED FUND  
7045 N. RIDGEWAY, LINCOLNWOOD

Help shelve and organize Passover and Purim donations at CCF's huge kosher warehouse. Carpooling is available.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**  
1:00-2:30 PM  
CJE'S ADULT DAY SERVICES  
1015 HOWARD ST., EVANSTON

Bake with clients that have Alzheimer's and other memory related disorders. Carpooling is available.

*If you would like to sign up for either event, please contact Tracey Meyers at 847.242.1234.*

### MAOT CHITIM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
10:00-11:00 AM

NSCI is partnering with Maot Chitim to deliver food boxes to needy families for Passover. Sign up to deliver at [nsci.org/event/maotchitim](http://nsci.org/event/maotchitim). Pick up your boxes, address and delivery instructions at NSCI on April 14.

*Questions? Contact Don Schwartz at*  
[dds3662@yahoo.com](mailto:dds3662@yahoo.com) *or* 312.388.2944

### FEED THE HOMELESS

**SUNDAYS, APRIL 14 & APRIL 28**

Join us to prepare 750 hot and brown-bag meals, then deliver and/or serve at shelters and food pantries in Lake and Cook Counties. Setup begins at 1:00 pm in the Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall and deliveries and meal servers depart NSCI at 3:00 pm.

*To register, contact Dave Rothschild at*  
[FTH@nsci.org](mailto:FTH@nsci.org).

### FAMILY PROMISE AT NSCI

**TZEDAKAH COLLECTION: FAMILY PROMISE HOUSEWARMING BASKETS THROUGH APRIL 28**

Family Promise is dedicated to helping families who are homeless get back on their feet and provide a stable lifestyle for their children. Please visit our website for a list of needed household donations.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9-23**

Help families who are experiencing temporary homelessness to achieve independence. Learn more about Family Promise and how you can help at the Family Promise Volunteer Meeting at NSCI on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.

*Sign up at* [nsci.org/familypromise](http://nsci.org/familypromise).

# Women of NSCI

## WOMEN OF NSCI SHABBAT & INSTALLATION

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**  
6:15 PM

Please join the Women of NSCI in worship and celebration during Shabbat service followed by dinner and installation of the 2019-2020 Board.

*Please RSVP by May 6 at [nsci.org/event/wnscishabbat](http://nsci.org/event/wnscishabbat). This event is free for WNSCI members and \$18 for non-members and guests. Please make checks payable to WNSCI.*

*For more information, please contact Mimi Horowitz at [horowitz.marianne1@gmail.com](mailto:horowitz.marianne1@gmail.com) or Hav Stone at [havstone7@yahoo.com](mailto:havstone7@yahoo.com).*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT METRO CHICAGO AREA DAY AT NSCI



**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

WNSCI is hosting the WRJ Midwest District Chicago Metropolitan Area Day for Chicago area Sisterhoods/ Women's Groups. We are seeking volunteers to help us with set up.

*For more information, please contact Karen Dillon at [kyellendillon@gmail.com](mailto:kyellendillon@gmail.com).*

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF NSCI ANNUAL "NON-EVENT" FUNDRAISER

Your contribution helps to: Support educational, cultural and social programs; operate the best Judaica Shop on the North Shore; provide food for Onegs; award Religious School scholarships; aid OSRUI, URJ's camp in Oconomowoc, WI; and much more!

*For more information, please visit [nsci.org/wnsci](http://nsci.org/wnsci).*



## WOMEN OF NSCI'S Judaica Gift Shop

**UNIQUE JUDAICA, JEWELRY & RITUAL ITEMS**  
*Proceeds support the Women of NSCI and the congregation.*

**SUN 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
**MON, TUES, WED, FRI 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**TUES (when religious school is in session) 4:00-5:30 PM**  
**THUR & HOLIDAYS CLOSED**

The Nominating Committee of the Board of WNSCI is pleased to put forth the following slate of Officers for 2019-2020. We are proud of all those who volunteer their time and resources to support our NSCI community. All members who have paid dues to WNSCI are invited to the meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 pm to vote on the slate as presented. The elected nominees will be installed at the WNSCI Shabbat and dinner on Friday, May 10.

### Executive Committee:

Immediate Past President/WRJ Rep

**Eileen Weil**

TERM: 2019-2020

### Executive:

Co-President

**Fran Morof**

TERM: 2019-2020

Co-President

**Beth Tross**

TERM: 2018-2020

VP Budget & Finance

**Blythe Trilling**

TERM: 2018-2020

Co-VP of Engagement & Program

**Farzi Saed**

TERM: 2018-2020

Co-VP of Engagement & Program

**Mimi Horowitz**

TERM: 2019-2021

VP of Community Service

**Amy Litner**

TERM: 2018-2020

VP of Religious Activities

**Debra Cohen**

TERM: 2019-2021

VP of Resource Development

**Erica Stone**

TERM: 2018-2020

VP Communications

**Jamie Greenebaum**

TERM: 2019-2020

Treasurer

**Helen Heifets**

TERM: 2018-2020

Secretary

**Barbara Mazur**

TERM: 2019-2021

# Brotherhood

## NSCI BROTHERHOOD SOFTBALL SEASON #4

**2019 SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**TECHNY PRAIRIE PARK FIELDS IN NORTHBROOK**

Brotherhood is participating in the Synagogue Softball League. We are looking for players of all levels and ages (18+) to join the NSCI Torahnadoes 12" softball team.

*For more information, contact Merle Brenner at [merleab@me.com](mailto:merleab@me.com) or 847.361.1170.*



## The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

# Our Immigration Stories: Edgar Rose

By ELLEN (KATZ) BLOCK

*We continue to document the stories of our congregants who immigrated to the U.S. The following story about Edgar Rose is compiled from an interview with Merle Branner on February 25, and Edgar's own narrative which he wrote at the request of his children.*

**EDGAR ROSE** was born on September 17, 1926, in Essen, Germany to Max and Irene Rose, who had been born in northern Hungary in what is now Slovakia. Immediately after their wedding in 1918, right after WWI, Max and Rose moved to Essen where Max opened and ran a furniture store. The store was so successful that Edgar and his younger sister, Mirjam (Miriam) were able to have a governess and Max, though he didn't drive, had a car and a chauffeur. The family was part of the larger community, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

In 1933, Hitler had come to power, and Jews began feeling the effects of his campaign against them. Max's store, like many others, was labeled with a sign that said, "This store is owned by a Jew. Germans, do not shop here." When Irene took Edgar for his first day at school, two men in uniform scanned the lists of enrolled children and refused to let them enter. They asked Irene if the family was Jewish. When she replied, "yes," they told her that Jews were not allowed to go to school. That night when Irene related to Max what had transpired, Max immediately realized the family could no longer stay in Germany. He was persistent in terms of what would happen and he had the means to do something about it.



*Left: Edgar before his first day of school, September 1933. The blackboard says, "Mein erster schultag (my first day of school)."*

It took Max some months to make arrangements, but in November, Irene, Edgar and Miriam moved to Czechoslovakia to live with Max's mother in a small town which had no running water or electricity. In order to get the proper papers to leave Germany, Irene and the children had to declare themselves Catholic. Miriam's name was given as Maria. Edgar attended school in the town and quickly learned Slovak, but he was also considered an outsider and identified as a Jew.

Max, meanwhile, stayed behind in Essen, but subsequently got a job in Moravia, Czechoslovakia, which necessitated frequent travel to Turkey. By 1939, the situation in Czechoslovakia worsened and the Germans occupied

the area where the family now lived, once again banning Jewish businesses and confiscating Jewish valuables. Jewish men over the age of 14 were required to report for transport to a "retraining camp." Luckily, Edgar was under age 14 and Max was in Turkey at the time of the order, thus both escaped the edict. Edgar was also quite religious at the time, having received some training from the local rabbi to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. Edgar's narrative for his family describes the way in which he was able to have his Bar Mitzvah in secrecy. ■

*For the full story, please visit [nsci.org/archives](https://nsci.org/archives).*

# April 2019 ■ Adar II/Nisan 5779

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<b>1</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Midday Monday <b>6:00 pm</b> Holy Chanters <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting <b>7:30 pm</b> WNSCI Board Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Adult Mitzvah Corps Chicago Chessed Warehouse <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Strollers, Stories & Celebrations—Passover <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Post Kabbalat Shabbat Service Concert with Ravinia's Steans Institute Touring Ensemble	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat Minyan Service <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee, Bagels and Prayer
<b>7</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Families with Young Children Kindness HACK <b>3:00 pm</b> Marilyn & Robert Mitchell Sternberg Cultural Enrichment Fund of NSCI Presents Eric Himy, Concert Pianist	<b>8</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Midday Monday <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>6:00 pm</b> Holy Chanters <b>7:00 pm</b> Annual JUF Dessert Reception Featuring Guest Speaker Abigail Pogrebin <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Book Group <b>7:00 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>12</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> PJ Library Shabbat Across Chicago <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Selah, April Birthday Blessings, 5th/6th Grade Shabbat <b>7:30 pm</b> TYG Shabbat Dinner	<b>13</b> <b>9:15 pm</b> Shabbat Minyan Service
<b>14</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Maot Chitim Passover Package Delivery Day <b>11:00 am</b> Families with Young Children Kindness HACK <b>1:00 pm</b> Feed the Homeless	<b>15</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Midday Monday <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Living a Life of Meaning	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>19</b> <b>Passover—1st Seder</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service—NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE	<b>20</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Shabbat Passover Service <b>6:00 pm</b> Community Recovery Seder
<b>21</b> <b>Passover</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Living a Life of Meaning	<b>25</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>26</b> <b>Passover</b> <b>Office Closed—Last Day of Passover</b> <b>7:30 am</b> Early Morning Alternative Passover Service <b>9:15 am</b> Passover Morning Service with Yizkor <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Shabbat Minyan Service
<b>28</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Feed the Homeless	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>6:00 pm</b> Holy Chanters <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting				

# May 2019 ■ Nisan/Iyar 5779

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			<b>1</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Yom HaShoah Screening of "Who Will Write Our History"	<b>2</b> Elaine N. Sherman KARAV <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>3</b> Elaine N. Sherman KARAV <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Post-Kabbalat Shabbat concert featuring Meadow Ridge Ramblers	<b>4</b> Elaine N. Sherman KARAV <b>9:15 am</b> Shabbat Minyan Service
<b>5</b> Elaine N. Sherman KARAV <b>10:30 am</b> WNSCI Board Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Midday Monday <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>6:00 pm</b> 2021-2022 B'nei Mitzvah Date Release Ritual <b>7:00 pm</b> Covenant: A Matter of Faith and/or Identity <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Adult Mitzvah Corps CJE's Adult Day Services <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game <b>6:00 pm</b> JNF Yom Haatzmaut Celebration Featuring Fauda Star Boaz Konforty	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Strollers, Stories & Celebrations—Israel <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> WNSCI Shabbat Dinner & Installation	<b>11</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Shabbat Minyan Service
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<b>19</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Feed the Homeless	<b>20</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Midday Monday <b>1:00 pm</b> Study the Talmud <b>7:00 pm</b> Covenant: A Matter of Faith and/or Identity <b>7:00 pm</b> North Shore Alateen Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Family Promise Volunteer Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>24</b> <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Shabbat Minyan Service
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day—Building Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> FA Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	<b>31</b> <b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service Celebration Honoring Neil Rigler	

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## Passover Observance

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

5:00-5:30 PM

Early and abbreviated service  
for first night of Passover

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:15-11:00 AM

Shabbat Passover Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:30-8:30 AM

Early Morning Alternative  
Passover Service with Yizkor

9:15-10:45 AM

Passover Service with Yizkor

## IN CASE OF AN AFTER- HOURS EMERGENCY—

death of a loved one, unexpected  
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please call the synagogue office  
at 847.835.0724 and follow  
the prompts for an emergency.  
One of our staff will call you  
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## Congregational Israel Trip

**MARCH 19-29, 2020**

Save the date to join Rabbi Wendi Geffen for this intergenerational  
congregational trip to Israel planned for Spring Break 2020.

*If you are interested in learning more,  
please email Sarah Duffin at [sarahd@nscl.org](mailto:sarahd@nscl.org).*

