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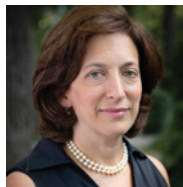
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Take a long walk...

By RABBI LISA GREENE



IT'S THAT TIME

AGAIN. At the end of every religious school year, my father would stand at the closing assembly and give

the students his summer instructions:

Take a long walk.

Read a good book.

Make a new friend.

For nearly a half-century, Dad, aka Rabbi Barry H. Greene, told the students the same thing. In later years he added a fourth piece: **Do a mitzvah**—that is, do something kind for someone else. Countless of those students, now adults spanning decades, hold these words close to their hearts and continue to allow these simple sentences to guide them. My dad learned these basic lines as a rabbinic student from one of his teachers, Rabbi Victor Reichert of Rockdale Temple, Cincinnati. Dad taught them to the rabbis he raised up. We, too, share them with our students.

I gave these summer instructions a few weeks ago on our last Sunday of religious school. So many in our NSCI

community know this wise summer guidance. You've heard me talk about my father and the summer homework, and you do it, telling me this again and again, which warms my heart! As I enter my 25th year as a rabbi, ever aware of just how profound these simple instructions are, and how they guide us whatever our age, I share them as summer approaches:

Take a long walk. Take a walk by yourself or with someone else. No technology, no agenda. Just walk. At the lake, in your neighborhood, in the Forest Preserve, downtown, while traveling. Notice the world around you, allow thoughts to run through your head. Mindfully approach this as an opportunity to just be—not a time to check off an item on the to-do list. Open your eyes and mind. And maybe, just maybe...stop and say this blessing for seeing the wonders of nature:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, oseh maasei v'reishit.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, עושה מעשה בראשית.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who makes the works of creation.

Read a good book. Pick up that escape book you've been meaning to read, or that intense one you keep putting off. Indulge yourself with a brand new book from the bookstore, download it to your electronic device, or go find the one you loved decades ago. Most importantly, give yourself time to read. Yehuda ibn

Tibbon, a 12th-century physician and translator of Hebrew books taught, "Make books your friends." Indeed!

Make a new friend. Kids do it at camp, on the playground, at school. Adults? Do we? This summer, call that person you met a while back. Ring your new neighbor's doorbell. Come to Kabbalat Shabbat services outside on the Lillian & Larry Goodman terrace and talk with someone new at the Oneg Shabbat. You could even reconnect with an old friend. The Talmud teaches that when we haven't seen someone in twelve months or more, we should say a blessing that thanks God for reviving the dead—that is, as if they were reborn. Let friendship be reborn this summer, too.

Do a mitzvah—be kind to someone else. *Pirke Avot* teaches us, "One mitzvah leads to another." While a mitzvah is literally the word for commandment, it connotes an act of kindness. So, start a chain of mitzvot, acts of kindness. Visit someone who is homebound. Bring dinner to one who is ill. Pay a shiva call and be present for the mourners, really present, not worrying about the good gossip on the other side of the rugelach. Go call that relative with whom you've lost touch.

It is that time again. Won't you make this summer homework a tradition for you, too?

Take a long walk.

Read a good book.

Make a new friend.

Do a mitzvah. ■

"...call that person you met a while back. Ring your new neighbor's doorbell. Come to Kabbalat Shabbat services and talk with someone new..."

Mission Moment

By **ROBERT LEVY, M.D.**

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DURING MY

FINAL YEAR of medical school at Northwestern University, I participated in a

rotation through the Maternity Center which provided outpatient OB/GYN care and in-home deliveries for mostly indigent women. The home deliveries took place primarily in tenements and housing projects such as Cabrini-Green and the Robert Taylor Homes. This afforded a profound sociological as well as medical experience.

As I thought back on this experience over the years, one thing that emerged was the parallel between depressed housing conditions and poor nutrition. Because of very limited resources, the diet was directed solely toward hunger

satisfaction rather than good nutrition. This inevitably leads to disadvantages in both health and performance—another crippling effect of extreme poverty.

With time, I discovered the joy and peaceful beauty of gardening and the opportunity to produce not only beauty but also the tangible benefit of food production which can be used to help those less privileged in our society.

The Mitzvah Garden at NSCI helps to fulfill those needs for our immediate community by growing vegetables which we donate to both the Moraine Township Food Pantry and the Ark Northwest. Our crops include: lettuce, kale, arugula, green beans, carrots, summer squash, cucumbers, sweet peppers, tomatoes, and spinach. We plant, harvest, and replant throughout the late spring, summer, and fall. We have a small but wonderful group of dedicated volunteers (more are always welcome) who work as needed on Sundays at 10 am for an hour or two, helping with soil preparation, planting, harvesting, replanting, watering, and delivery. This project would not be possible without them.

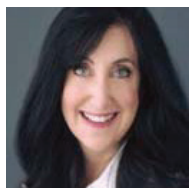
Through the generosity of NSCI and congregants, as well as the invaluable



assistance of the maintenance staff, we have been able to enlarge the growing capability by surrounding the garden with a deer-proof fence. This has resulted in achieving our year's goal of making the garden and its produce fully organic due to the construction and installation of new cedar boxes.

A garden is a place of tranquil serenity and loveliness. There are few things more joyful and satisfying than the planting of a small seed in the soil, nurturing it with sunlight and water, and watching it produce beautiful plants which greatly benefit those in need, and society in general. It elevates and enhances our souls. ■

President's Letter



AS SUMMER

approaches, we wrap up a season full of celebrations at NSCI including the culmination of

religious school and Shabbat evenings honoring our youth, our new and longtime (40+ year) members, and the Women of North Shore Congregation Israel (WNSCI). Our sacred community is thriving and vibrant because of those who commit and participate in our congregation. We have a stunning building, property, programs and so much that brings us pride. However, we know that what ultimately identifies NSCI is

not the building, the grounds, or even our stellar history. Our congregation is what it is today because of the people that make it so. Our clergy, staff, and **you**.

We are so appreciative of the many ways in which you participate at and through NSCI. Whether it's involvement in learning, worship, volunteering, music or any number of other opportunities, it's our diverse community that makes us strong. We strive to continuously evolve so that we remain relevant to the ever-changing needs of our congregation and our greater community. Your voices and participation help inform who we are and why we do what we do.

With all that in mind, we gratefully appreciate your commitment to our sacred community. This includes your annual financial contribution-dues. We recognize that for many, this is one of the major donations you make each year. Your dedication to sustaining our

synagogue community is the backbone of our operations at NSCI. Thank you!

Looking forward, I invite you to mark your calendars for any number of highlights this June including: the Nordenberg Memorial Scholar in Residence weekend June 7–9 featuring Rabbi Michael Marmur, Ph.D., hosting our guests from Family Promise June 9–23, and the ongoing care of our Mitzvah Garden.

I wish you a fantastic summer and hope to see you at one of our Kabbalat Shabbat services outside on the Lillian and Larry Goodman Terrace!

L'Shalom,

Marilyn Perlman

Marilyn
president@nscl.org

North Shore Congregation Israel
INVITES YOU TO OUR
Annual Meeting

Friday, June 14

5:45 PM ANNUAL MEETING

You are invited for wine & hors d'oeuvres in Frank Memorial Hall as we vote in the 2019-2020 Officers & Trustees and present our plans to celebrate next year's Centennial

6:15 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

We will install our new board and bless them as they take on a new year of service

NSCI'S KEHILAH AWARD

will be presented to the 2019 volunteers of the Year

Margot & Mark Peters AND Dana & Jim Silver

RSVP AT **[NSCI.ORG/EVENT/ANNUALMEETING2019](https://nsci.org/event/annualmeeting2019)**

NSCI Nominating Slate 2019-2020

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**Newly Elected **Nominated for Re-Election*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019-2020

Susan Longo, <i>Chair</i>	Debbie Kotz	Jim Silver	Rachel Stein	Ann Weisberg
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Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!



Sadie Isadora Glick

BORN ON MARCH 19, 2019

child of Jessica & Brian Glick
grandchild of Lori & Mike Glick and
Lynn & Warren Silverman
great-grandchild of Iris Anosov, Elaine
Fisher and Dolores Brown



Charlie Marks Rubin

BORN ON MARCH 30, 2019

child of Danielle Himmelman Rubin
& Dave Rubin
grandchild of Kathi Marks & Ron
Himmelman and Elaine & Howard Rubin
great-grandchild of David Himmelman



Jori Blake Swidler

BORN ON APRIL 10, 2019

child of Dena & Brad Swidler
sibling of Emmy Rose
grandchild of Ellen & Stuart Gilman,
Roslyn & Tod Moses and Karen Swidler



Sylvie Brynn Smith

BORN ON APRIL 14, 2019

child of Jamie Siegel & Andrew Smith
grandchild of Susan Solway
& Howard Siegel
and Martha & Fred Smith
great-grandchild of Crawford Smith

Stella Harper Patzik

BORN ON MAY 1, 2019

child of Emily & Benjamin "Benji" Patzik
grandchild of Josi & Rick Rein
and Marla & Alan Patzik

UPCOMING B'NEI MITZVAH

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

10:30 AM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



Julia Fleischer

daughter of Leah Saleh
and Adam Fleischer
(Dr. Kimberly Schaefer)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

4:30 PM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE



Briar Rose Levin

daughter of Melissa
& Scott Levin

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

10:30 AM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



Avery Nora Rosenblatt

daughter of Heather
& Brad Rosenblatt

NEWLYWEDS



Jessica Faus & James Lieber

on their Saturday, May 11 wedding

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@nscl.org.

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Marshall Berke

father of Debbie (Ben) Wilner
grandfather of Carleigh and
Gwyneth Wilner

Leonard “Lenny” Burstyn

husband of Julie Burstyn
father of Noah and Jesse Burstyn

Joyce Himmel

mother of Barbara (Jeff) Mazur
grandmother of Elizabeth (Eric) Levin
and Carrie (Jeremy) Elsberg
great grandmother of Eli & Eitan
Levin and Levi & Raina Elsberg

Lee Karon

mother of Maureen (Scott) Byron

Darren M. Latimer

son of Carole & Ken Latimer
husband of Allison Latimer
father of Natalie, Olivia, and Molly
nephew of Joel (Diane) Jastromb

Ann S. Lenga

mother of Bobbie (Mark) Gutman

Anita M. Lippay

mother of Deborah (Michael) Starkman
grandmother of Elliot and Aaron Starkman

Marcia Melinger

mother of David (Jody) Melinger
grandmother of Sasha & Zachary

Bernice Miska

mother of Marilyn (David) Samson

Thelma Perbohner

mother of Jill (Robert) Moss, grandmother
of Brian (Michelle), Rachel (David) Bouta
and Aaron (Christine) Moss,
great grandmother of Juliet Moss

Stuart Scheyer

husband of Lois Scheyer
father of Steven (Onnie) Scheyer
grandfather of Kate (Omar) El-Sharkawy,
Dr. Andrew (Laura) Scheyer, and
Cody Scheyer
great grandfather of Sami and
Theo El-Sharkawy

Robert “Bob” Shakno

husband of Linda Shakno
father of Deborah (Larry) Coven
and Steven (Carolyn) Shakno
grandfather of Max and Sophia
Coven and David Shakno

Ethel Sommer

grandmother of Rachel (Mark) Stein
great grandmother of Adam
and Jordan Stein

Kingsley Stoken

son of Dick Stoken

Phyllis Tinsley

mother of Abigail (Kenneth) Good
grandmother of Seth Good and
Benjamin (Lana) Good

Shirley E. Wolf

mother of Beth (Ted) Pickus
grandmother of Zach, Dylan,
Noah, and Lily Pickus



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, 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.

**NORTH SHORE
ALATEEN MEETING**

MONDAYS UNTIL JUNE 10

7:00–8:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS STARTING JUNE 19

6:00–7:00 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.

NSCI Community Events & Celebrations

MEET UP FOR SHABBAT DINNER!

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 & JULY 19

AFTER OUR REGULAR
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE
MAX AND BENNY'S
IN NORTHBROOK

RSVP at rsvp@nsci.org with the total number of guests attending. Please note: each individual party is responsible for their own meal cost.

NSCI AT 100! A MULTI-GENERATIONAL ISRAEL TRIP



MARCH 19-29, 2020

Led by Rabbi Wendi Geffen. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime.

Questions? Contact Sarah Duffin at sarahd@nsci.org.

Youth & Family Community

STROLLERS, STORIES & CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

10:00-10:45 AM

Meet local families while exploring Shabbat and summer with hands-on activities.

Best for children age 0-3 years with an adult. Please RSVP to Susan Ellenby at susane@nsci.org.

WELCOME BABY BRUNCH



TUESDAY, JUNE 18 11:00 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 11:00 AM

Bring your baby and socialize over brunch at this free event.

Register for one or both events at nsci.org/BabyBrunch2019.

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

Hebrew and Religious School Enrollment is Now Open!

JUNE 14

Early bird deadline—save \$100 per student Preschool-6th grade!

AUGUST 2

Enrollment deadline for 2019-2020

Music



Our gratitude to **THE MARILYN & ROBERT MITCHELL STERNBERG CULTURAL ENRICHMENT FUND** for sponsoring the amazing performance by concert pianist Eric Himy on April 7, 2019.

From left: Cantor David Goldstein, Marilyn Sternberg, Eric Himy

RAVINIA'S STEANS MUSIC INSTITUTE POST-KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT

FRIDAY, JULY 12 7:45PM

Featuring the touring chamber ensemble. A light supper will be served before the performance. This concert has been generously sponsored by Jim Stone and Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker.

Admission is free. RSVP at nsci.org/event/RSMI-July2019.

My Final Bulletin Article

By NEIL RIGLER



IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE a time when I was not working with Jewish teenagers. Both of my parents served

as president of my childhood synagogue, so I was constantly surrounded by a Jewish community. During high school, I was an active participant in our temple's youth group and in NFTY events, both regionally and nationally. The day after graduation I started working at URJ's Camp Harlam, where I spent eleven summers as a counselor, unit head, and leader of their 6-week summer trip to Israel. When I moved to Chicago after college, I worked at OSRUI for two years and was hired as the youth advisor at North Shore Congregation Israel, where I have been honored to work for the past twenty-six years. I must take a moment to note I was initially hired as a co-youth group advisor, and my co-youth group advisor partner ended up being my wife! The world works in mysterious (or perhaps quite deliberate) ways! During my spare time, I'm an English Teacher at Deerfield High School, where I enjoy the opportunity to work with a wide range of students and worry a bit less about boxes of costumes and ordering pizza.

I was recently honored by Springboard Chicago with their LEAD

award. To me, the different aspects of the LEAD award (Leader, Educator, Advisor, Dugma/Example) are all essential and interwoven components of what it means to be successful with this challenge. However, what they each mean is not so straightforward. For me, being a *leader* means standing on the side while youth group students lead. If I am the one in the front of the room or running an activity, the youth group students will become passive participants instead of growing their skills in communication, organization, or a hundred other areas. As an *educator*, my main roles consist of asking questions and encouraging reflection. After every program, we consider not only what worked and didn't, but also the parts each person plays from brainstorming to social interaction to physical work. Being an *advisor* means being a listener—I learned long ago to be aware of each student's needs, and that everyone carries a heavy backpack. I set a high bar of expectations and work hard to create these high expectations with each student—the strengths and challenges of each student are unique. Lastly, being a *dugma/example* means I must be aware of our goals and the ways in which I model them. If I am not sincere, the students are immediately aware of my insincerity.

If I engage with my Jewish identity in a genuine and meaningful way, I can help be a participant in the important conversations they have about the role Judaism plays in their daily lives and how to explore those questions.

In both my jobs as a teacher and TYG advisor, I am constantly learning from my students. They are the ones who teach me about current ways of thinking and existing, about their ways of navigating our complicated political and social times, and about the galaxy of forces impacting their thoughts and beliefs.

I like to tell people I have the best job in the world; every day is different, and I am present when teens are their most curious. Yet those opportunities coincide with their most vulnerable moments, and times when they challenge and question everything. I embrace that. Those are the moments of growth, and I'm truly honored to have the opportunity to be there and help guide the pathway for the next generation of Jewish leaders. I'm so fortunate to have so many fantastic people to work with at North Shore Congregation Israel, from clergy to staff members to lay leaders. I look forward to finding and embracing new ways of supporting the wonderful work of our synagogue community. ■



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 continue 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:

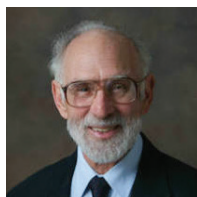
Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor

Sunday, June 9, 10:45 am:

Brotherhood Brunch and
Lecture, “Heavenly Torah
Refracted Through History”

RSVP at nsci.org/nordenberg2019.

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.

STUDY THE TALMUD—SUMMER SESSION

MONDAYS, JUNE 24–JULY 29
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.

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM



Are you an adult thinking about becoming bar/bat mitzvah? The Adult B'nei Mitzvah program at NSCI is a powerful journey of meaning and community. We are starting a new Adult B'nei Mitzvah class in the coming year.

To learn more, please contact Rabbi Greene at rabbigreene@nsci.org or 847.835.0724.

Women of NSCI

WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT AREA DAY & SHABBAT WORSHIP



SATURDAY, JUNE 22
8:15 AM–2:00 PM

WNSCI is hosting the WRJ Midwest District Chicago Metropolitan Area Day for Chicago-area Sisterhoods/Women's Groups.

Please make \$25 checks payable to WRJ Midwest District. The payment will be reimbursed by WNSCI after the event. To learn more, or to register, email Karen Dillon at kyellendillon@gmail.com

WOMEN OF NSCI INSTALLS NEW CO-PRESIDENT, FRAN MOROFF



On Friday night, May 10, WNSCI helped lead Shabbat services followed by a dinner and installation service for its 2019–2020 board. A special thanks to Rabbi Lisa Greene for always championing the Women of NSCI. Check out her powerful Shabbat sermon (on NSCI's Facebook) about women's roles in the Torah from WRJ's The Torah: A Women's Commentary.

From left: Immediate Past President Eileen Weil, and 2019–2020 Co-Presidents Fran Moroff and Beth Tross

Tikkun Olam



FEED THE HOMELESS WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE 750 MEALS THIS YEAR!

We express our gratitude for the volunteers—this could not be done without your ongoing commitment and donations. Thank you!

ADULT MITZVAH CORPS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 20
10:00–11:30 AM

Help shelve food at The ARK food pantry.

THURSDAY, JULY 11
10:00–11:30 AM

Help shelve food at Chicago Chesed Fund warehouse.

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

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN

LUNCH & DESSERT MAKING
TUESDAY, JULY 23
4:30–5:30 PM

We'll make lunches and decorate desserts at NSCI. Each family will be asked to bring items for lunch/dessert making at NSCI.

To sign up, contact Leslie Rosen at leslie.n.rosen@gmail.com.

SERVING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
4:00–7:00 PM

Families will cook and serve at the Beth Emet Soup Kitchen in Evanston. Involves food shopping, cooking, serving, and welcoming Soup Kitchen guests. Children must be 7 or older. Space is limited.

To sign up, contact Karri Rosenthal at karri_rosenthal@yahoo.com.

17: NSCI's Refugee Resettlement Project

By **RABBI RYAN DANIELS**



ON OCTOBER 17, 2018, NSCI welcomed the Mohamad Ayub Family. Annuar (33) fled Burma with her

family when she was very young, and most recently, she has lived with her two children, Norizah (16) and Azizah (13), in Malaysia.

In the weeks before the family's arrival, our community donated housewares and money for furniture, ensuring that Annuar and her daughters would be comfortable when they arrived in their new apartment in Rogers Park. The weekend before, volunteers schlepped carloads of housewares into the city and up flights of stairs to the apartment, sorted boxes of donations, cleaned and organized the closets and kitchen cabinets, caulked the bathtub and scrubbed the toilet & sink. More than decorating the apartment so that it was ready for them, we modeled our sacred obligation as Jews to welcome the stranger.

In November, Norizah and Azizah were enrolled in Chicago Public Schools

and a dedicated team of NSCI volunteers has helped Norizah and Azizah with their homework every Wednesday afternoon. Other volunteers have visited with the family on Sunday afternoons, teaching Annuar important life skills like how to safely use their kitchen appliances and tips for managing the family's finances, practicing conversational English, and treating the family to cultural experiences around the city. One of the family's favorite outings was to ZooLights at the Lincoln Park Zoo and dinner at Lou Malnati's!

17: NSCI's Refugee Resettlement Project was truly a community effort, made possible because of the generosity of so many donors and volunteers who have helped support Annuar and her family on their journey to self-sufficiency here in America. Since the High Holy Days, NSCI has received more than 75 in-kind and cash donations, allowing us to furnish the family's home and provide food and housewares they have used to thrive. More than 20 families signed up for mentor visits with the Mohamad Ayub Family and a separate group of 3 volunteers tutored Norizah and Azizah

each week. So many more have regularly asked about the family, always wishing them well every step along the way.

On behalf of NSCI's Refugee Resettlement Project Task Force—Andy Absler, Michele Gorski, Jenny Quinn, and Ann Weisberg—we thank you for your support of this important community endeavor. The greatest measure of success in co-sponsoring a family is their ability to thrive independently here in America. In this regard, we're proud that our relationship with Annuar and her family has yielded incredible success. None of this would have been possible without your willingness to learn about the international refugee crisis and your generous contributions of time and money.

As we wrap up our formal co-sponsorship relationship with the Mohamad Ayub Family, I'm excited to announce that we have already spoken with RefugeeOne about co-sponsoring a second refugee family this fall, and we plan to share more details with the congregation in the coming months. ■

Sacred Partnership

NSCI LEGACY CIRCLE WILL HONOR ITS MEMBERS AT LEGACY SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JULY 19

NSCI Legacy Circle members will be recognized at the service and are invited to join us for a Festive Oneg afterwards. NSCI Legacy Circle members will receive an invitation in the mail with the details.

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL LEGACY CIRCLE

"As my ancestors planted for me, so I too plant for my children."

—Pirke Avot, Sayings of the Fathers

Iris Anosov	Steven A. LeVine, MD
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Appelbaum	Judith Louis
Stuart & Phyllis	Anne & Mitch Macknin
Applebaum	Miranda & Jed Mandel
Phyllis & Kenneth Bagan	Patrice & Rabbi Steven S. Mason
Debra R. Bauer	Jeff & Barbara Mazur
Barbara & Ronald Borden	Dr. Stuart Meyer in memory of Sandy Meyer
Jane B. Colman	Diane & Jim Moore
John C. Colman	Cathy Nachman
Ludmilla Ross Coven	Leslie Reskin Neilan
Karen & Robert Dillon	Seymour Nordenberg (z"l)
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Glenn L. Felner	Martin & Carole Parker
Gary Friend	Harriette & Ted Perlman
Rabbi Wendi Geffen	Marilyn Perlman
Carole Mark Gingiss	& Harry Epstein
Jody Gingiss	Edgar Rose
Cantor & Mrs. David Goldstein	David Rothschild
Dr. Roberta Louis	& Merle Branner
Goodman	Inge R. Rothschild
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Martin Grusin	Sheryl Cohen Solomon
The Robert E. Herzog Family	Ronald & Kathy Sonenthal
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& Janice A. Kaufman	Beth & Nathan Tross
Lore B. Kirchheimer	Shirley Tross
Adele P. Kleine	April & Thomas Victor
Alyssa & Jeremy Knobel	Dean & Jody Weinberg
Karen Mindlin Kohn	Arthur & Marcine Weiner
& Family	Ann & Chuck Weisberg
Judith K. Kubert	Carol & Abbott Wolfe
Laurie F. Lieberman	Sylvia Wolfson (z"l)

Join the North Shore Congregation Israel Legacy Circle by remembering NSCI in your will or estate plan. Contact Sheryl Cohen Solomon, Director of Development, at 847.835.0724 for more information.

One Fund for Supporting NSCI—the New NSCI Annual Appeal

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL CELEBRATES OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR. As we approach this milestone, there will be many exciting ways to participate and contribute to our Centennial. In order to streamline our communications with you, we are combining *Sustaining Dues* and *Elijah's Table* into one fundraiser called the **NSCI Annual Appeal**.

In the past we have invited all congregants to support NSCI in June/July with a letter asking for your annual dues commitment. At that time, many congregants also made a contribution above and beyond their dues (which we have called *Sustaining Dues*) in order to support our community.

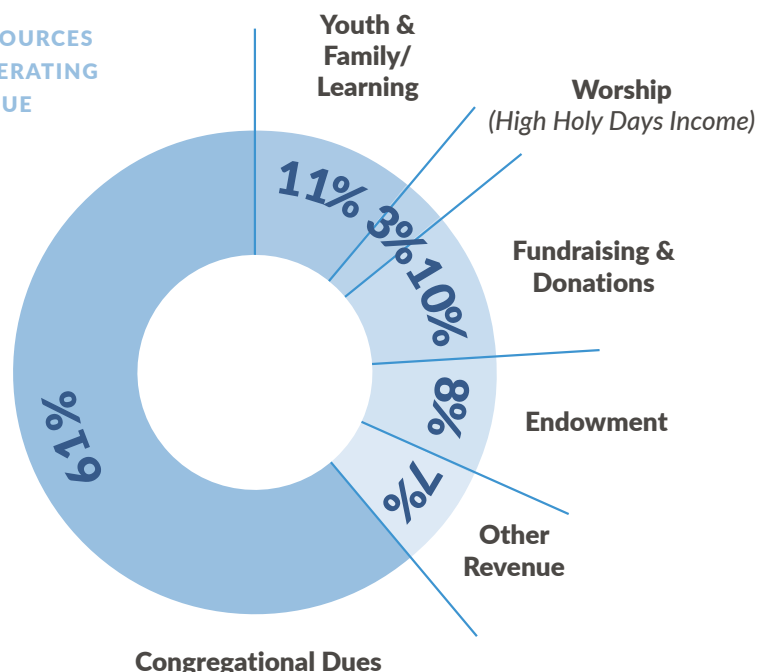
That letter has been followed by our *Elijah's Table* fundraiser in November, which helps us to welcome all families to NSCI regardless of their ability to

pay full dues. Both *Sustaining Dues* and *Elijah's Table* have provided inclusion for all, supporting NSCI's annual budget. The new NSCI Annual Appeal will continue to provide this essential funding.

This year, we will send a letter to all current *Sustaining Dues* and *Elijah's Table* donors explaining the new format. While we gladly accept donations whenever donors wish to make them, we will not be sending a separate letter for *Elijah's Table* in November. This will also be explained to all congregants in the annual dues commitment mailing.

We hope you will find this more convenient and will continue to support NSCI at the levels you have in the past. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Development, Sheryl Cohen Solomon, at 847.835.0724 or sheryls@nsci.org. ■

NSCI SOURCES OF OPERATING REVENUE



The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Our Immigration Stories: Inge Rothschild

By ELLEN (KATZ) BLOCK

We continue to document the stories of our congregants who immigrated to the U.S. The following story about Inge Rothschild is compiled from an interview with Merle Branner on February 25, 2019.



INGE HILDE RAPHAEL ROTHSCHILD

was born on June 8, 1934, in Frankfurt, Germany. Inge's father, Arthur Raphael, was an Orthodox Jew who worked for a shirt company in Frankfurt. Her mother, Reny Götz Raphael, was a receptionist for the same shirt company. Inge's mother was Catholic and converted to Judaism before her marriage. Arthur and Reny could not date publicly because Aryans were forbidden to have contact with Jews. Undeterred, they met in the woods near where they lived. Despite Reny's conversion, Arthur's family sat shiva for their son and only a few relatives kept contact with him and his wife. One, an aunt, had the couple regularly over for Shabbat dinner. Quite incidentally, this aunt lived in the same apartment building as Rabbi Herman Shalman, Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Chicago, who was well regarded as a pioneer of interfaith relationships.

Arthur and Reny lived on the first floor of the same apartment building

Reny's parents and sister occupied. Unlike Arthur's parents' estrangement from the couple, Reny's parents accepted Arthur as a Jew and their daughter's conversion to Judaism.

Hitler came to power in 1933 and the decrees of the Nazi regime affected Jewish life instantly. Jews were only allowed to buy groceries and supplies from other Jews. Reny's cousins, who lived in Heidelberg and grew much of their own food, provided produce for Inge and her parents. Although Reny's parents were Catholic and did not have the same restrictions as Jews, Reny's father was still picked up and beaten by the Gestapo because his daughter was married to a Jew. Reny's parents and sister continued to live in Frankfurt throughout the war.

During a fortuitous visit that Reny, Arthur, and Inge made to relatives of Inge's father, Reny lamented that so many people they knew were leaving Germany because they had sponsors in America, while they did not know anyone who could help them. One of the relatives said, "but there is someone" and told the family that in the 1850s, an American concert violinist had come to perform in Germany, and had met and married a great aunt. The couple had returned to America to live.

In January of 1938, Inge's father wrote to the National Council of Jewish Women and to HIAS in New York explaining that he had a great aunt in Atlanta. They knew the woman's maiden name, Amelia Raphael, and her husband's first name, Alexander.

HIAS quickly found the family in Atlanta. Within three months, Inge and her parents arrived in New York and settled in Atlanta, one of approximately ten Jewish families helped enormously by The Temple, a Reform Synagogue in Atlanta.

Shortly after their arrival to the US, Inge's parents became U.S. citizens,



and Inge was automatically granted citizenship as their child. Her sister, Lillie, was born in Atlanta in 1940. Inge's family acclimated to American life and learned English by listening to the radio in their home. Once they knew English, they no longer spoke German in their house.

Inge's father had no formal education but eventually became head of the shipping department of Dittler Brothers, the largest printing company in the South. Inge's mother, who had trained as a tailor, was a dressmaker and an esteemed seamstress.

Arthur's father died in Germany in 1935. Arthur was able to reconcile with his mother and bring her to Atlanta to live with his family.

Inge attended nursery school at The Temple, driven there by the chauffeur to the Uhry family, the same Uhry's family depicted in "Driving Miss Daisy". Inge associated closely with the few other Jewish students in her public high school. At that time, many people regarded all Germans as Nazis. This caused Inge to walk behind her parents in public in order to not be identified as being German and associated with the Nazis.

Most of Inge's family on her father's side perished during the war. Some of her cousins escaped to New York or Uruguay, yet they remained in touch as much as they could. ■

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

June 2019 ■ Iyar/Sivan 5779

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
2 7:00 pm Spring Event 2019 One Marvelous Night featuring Comedian Dan Naturman	3 7:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	4 7:00 pm FA Meeting	5 6:00 pm AA Meeting	6 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	7 The Bernice and Seymour Nordenberg Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service 10:45 am Shabbat Brunch and Lecture, "A Palace in Time: Heschel's Sabbath"
9 Family Promise 9:15 am Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor 10:45 am Brotherhood Brunch and Lecture, "Heavenly Torah Refracted Through History"	10 Family Promise 7:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting 7:00 pm The Great Religions of the World	11 Family Promise 1:00 pm WNSCI Book Group 7:00 pm FA Meeting	12 Family Promise 6:00 pm AA Meeting	13 Family Promise 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	14 Family Promise 5:45 pm NSCI Annual Meeting 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Meet Up for Shabbat Dinner at Max & Benny's	15 Family Promise 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
16 Family Promise	17 Family Promise 7:00 pm The Great Religions of the World	18 Family Promise 11:00 am Welcome Baby Brunch 7:00 pm FA Meeting 7:30 pm WNSCI Board Meeting	19 Family Promise 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	20 Family Promise 10:00 am Adult Mitzvah Corps at The ARK 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	21 Family Promise 10:00 am Strollers, Stories & Celebrations-Summer 6:15 pm Pride Shabbat Service	22 Family Promise 8:15 am WRJ Midwest District Area Day 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
23 Family Promise	24 1:00 pm Study the Talmud 7:00 pm The Great Religions of the World	25 7:00 pm FA Meeting	26 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	27 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	28 11:00 am Welcome Baby Brunch 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	29 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
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July 2019 ■ Sivan/Tammuz 5779

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 1:00 pm Study the Talmud	2 7:00 pm FA Meeting	3 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	4 4th of July—Building Closed	5 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
7	8 1:00 pm Study the Talmud	9 1:00 pm WNSCI Book Group 7:00 pm FA Meeting	10 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	11 10:00 am Adult Mitzvah Corps at the Chicago Chesed Fund Warehouse 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	12 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:45 pm Ravinia's Steans Music Institute Post-Kabbalat Shabbat Concert	13 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
14	15 1:00 pm Study the Talmud	16 7:00 pm FA Meeting	17 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	18 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	19 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Meet Up for Shabbat Dinner at Max & Benny's	20 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
21	22 1:00 pm Study the Talmud	23 4:30 pm Lunch Packing for Beth Emet Soup Kitchen 7:00 pm FA Meeting	24 4:00 pm Serving at Beth Emet Soup Kitchen 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting	25 1:00 pm WSCI Mah Jongg Game	26 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	27 9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
28	29 1:00 pm Study the Talmud	30 7:00 pm FA Meeting	31 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting			

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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

THE LILLIAN AND LARRY GOODMAN TERRACE
6:15–7:15 PM

JUNE 14 THROUGH LABOR DAY

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