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What Am I a Slave To?

By RABBI RYAN DANIELS



SO OFTEN I hear from both children and adults that their Passover haggadah (the written guide to the Passover

ritual and meal) is not as engaging as they would like, which inspires some to create their own. That same desire to package the Passover narrative in a more accessible way has birthed the creation of many niche haggadot over the years: haggadot for cat lovers, world travelers, and even Star Wars enthusiasts. In fact, in 2015, my brother and I were invited to write the Foreword to a new baseball-themed haggadah!

However, regardless of the thematic lens through which seder attendees engage with Passover, what is most important is that we read the haggadah not simply as a storybook of our ancestor's journey out of Egypt, but rather a tool that encourages each of us to step into the story and wrestle with the holiday's big questions. As we read every year around the Passover table, "In every generation a person is obligated to

"Surely this year we have each navigated our own *mitzrayim*, our own places of struggle, tight control or narrow-mindedness." look at oneself as if they personally had gone out of Egypt." Immersing ourselves in the story connects us to each other and to the larger Passover narrative to which we are all a part, even if we each experience that narrative differently.

The Hebrew word for Egypt is *Mitzrayim*, derived from the phrase *m'tzarim*, meaning "from a narrow" place." Surely this year we have each navigated our own mitzrayim, our own places of struggle, tight control or narrow-mindedness. Perhaps they were the external straits of financial. marital or medical problems, or the more solitary struggles of personal tragedy, mental health or addiction. To heed the call that we are each to see ourselves as if we personally were freed from Egypt requires that we first ask ourselves, "What am I a slave to?" As my teacher, Rabbi Mark Borovitz explains, "All of us humans are enslaved by something. The enslavement may be a job that we don't like, a repetitive theme in our lives, a dependence on material things, a dependence on needing to be right, a psychological problem, or a level of discomfort in our lives that we have learned to accept."

Here at NSCI, we choose to include Rabbi Borovitz's penetrating words in the introduction to the Passover haggadah we created for NSCI's Community Recover Seder—**this year's second-annual seder will be on Thursday, April 9.** This alcohol-free experiential 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 environment among others who speak the language of recovery. We acknowledge that the Passover theme of journeying from enslavement to redemption serves as a bridge to the language of recovery, a journey that individuals make one step at a time, from a place of brokenness and constriction to freedom and possibility. Those who identify in recovery, perhaps working a 12-Step program like Alcoholics Anonymous, are often more practiced at this kind of thinking. And it does take practice.

But if we are really being honest with ourselves, surely there is at least something from which we each desire to be liberated. For attendees of the Community Recovery Seder, it might be to refrain from drugs and alcohol. For others it might be the desire to be freed from unhealthy relationships, unproductive thinking, unsustainable spending or unfulfilling employment. Consider Passover as our opportunity to really wrestle with that which keeps us enslaved, and a reminder that redemption is possible. In fact, the theme of redemption is central to our foundational narrative, present throughout the Torah and repeated by seder-goers each spring. Regardless of how it is packaged in the haggadah we will use, surely it is a message worth taking in again this season.

Centennial Celebrations and Campaign Achievements



IT'S NOW THE YEAR 2020! After years of considering the incredible milestone of North Shore Congregation Israel

marking 100 years since the founding of our congregation, it's finally here. Our Centennial Celebration Co-Chairs Rachel Stein, Jody Weinberg, and Charles Winternitz have given great consideration and care to create a schedule of events this spring that highlight the best of who we are and what we do; offering ways to come together to learn, enjoy, and give back. Many thanks to them, and to Dena Blaustein and Todd Braman for expert staff support. I invite you to take a look at the pullout section that lists these upcoming events in April and May all at a glance. This is just a prelude to a full year of thought-provoking programs and engaging opportunities to showcase the meaning of 2020 for NSCI.

Our celebration of this "big birthday"–100 years–will be highlighted on the weekend of June 5 and 6. We will have a very special Friday Night Shabbat service and reception. On Saturday, our Centennial Gala Co-Chairs Pam Faulkner and Laurie Lieberman along with their committee have an extraordinary night planned that takes us back 100 years to the Roaring '20s, including a tribute to Rabbi Wendi Geffen for her 18 years of service on our NSCI clergy team. Thank you VP, Board of Trustees and Development Chair Carol Wolfe and Development Director Sheryl Cohen Solomon for your oversight and support.

While we are very proud of our legacy and history, the centennial especially compels us to look to the future. I am equally excited about *Imagine the Possible*: The Campaign for Our Centennial because it transforms our financial position and improves the experience of our iconic building beyond measure. The first priority of the possible we have imagined has been achieved! The fundraising goal of \$5,600,000 for "Sustaining the Synagogue" is complete. We are deeply grateful to our early donors and most recent donors for their investment in our campaign. As of February 1. we have raised a total of \$9.215.599 with 151 donations toward our \$12,000,000 goal. About 11% of our congregation has donated so far. Imagine how we can soar to meet our total goal if we could

double, triple participation and beyond.

What's next in the "Imagine the Possible" Campaign? All unrestricted gifts now fulfill the second priority out of four: "A Welcoming Home for **All."** We are working mightily on the fundraising we need to meet this goal that includes 21st century comprehensive security for a mid-20th century building, an expansion of the arcade for a true lobby-a welcoming place to meet, greet, and spend time when entering through a central entrance, and renovated office space. We encourage our congregants to be stakeholders at NSCI. Please join us! Having our congregants participate is as important as the dollars we raise. Visit nsci.org/imagine or contact Sheryl Cohen Solomon, Development Director at sheryls@nsci.org to learn more. I welcome your thoughts, concerns, and questions at president@nsci.org.

I wish each of you and your families a Happy Passover!

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Mission Moment: Bringing Home the Future

By LESLIE HILL HIRSCHFELD



ALTHOUGH I MOVED to the North Shore

with my family nearly seven years ago, I experienced a belated homecoming

this year when we joined NSCI.

I grew up at NSCI. I attended the religious and Hebrew schools, became a Bat Mitzvah, and was confirmed here. Two of my best friends today are women I met in Sunday school.

Now that I am married with a family of my own, I get to experience NSCI anew with my husband and our three children. Some aspects of the congregation remain the same—the warmth, the fellowship, the awe-inspiring lakefront views—and some have changed and will certainly continue to evolve. The theme of NSCI's Centennial Campaign, *Imagine the Possible*, echoes the promise of the future I see for my children here. They are just beginning their Jewish journeys, and we as parents and congregants must help them examine what it means to be Jewish and live that out proudly.

Just last month, my kindergartener and I participated in a special event aimed at helping families dig deeper into Shabbat and create more meaning at home. My enthusiastic six-year-old dove into each activity with his signature gusto, eagerly designing a bookmark, braiding a challah, and remarkably, setting the table for the Shabbat meal. I circulated the room with him, smiling at his enthusiasm and curiosity, and I began to wonder how to incorporate these experiences into our home. How could we inspire the same joy for Shabbat at our house?

After the event, we got to bake our challahs at home. As the dough rose in the oven and our house filled with the delicious fragrance of fresh baked bread, my son's little chest swelled with pride. He had made this challah. Seeing his sense of ownership in this ritual inspired me to bake challah again at home the following week. The experience reminded me of the importance of incorporating new rituals, large and small, to inspire my children's Jewishness.

As I **Imagine the Possible** for my family here at NSCI, I am excited for us all to explore what it means to live Jewishly. This community has enriched my life in countless ways, and I am so happy to be home.

Imagine the Possible: The Campaign for Our Centennial

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$12.000.000



as of February 11, 2020

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Another way we encourage our congregants to be stakeholders at NSCI is the gratification of volunteering and joining leadership. The nominating process for our 2020-21 Board of Trustees is underway with Immediate Past President Jody Weinberg 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/bot2020 to nominate yourself or others and find information about serving on the Board of Trustees.

With Deep Gratitude to the Donors to Imagine the Possible*

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Mazel Tov!

PLEASE JOIN US AS OUR SON

Joshua Duby

AS A BAR MITZVAH

Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:30 am Kiddush luncheon to follow

RSVP by May 1 to NSCI.org/JoshuaBarMitzvah.

In lieu of a gift, please consider a donation to NSCI's Feed the Homeless Fund, Josh's mitzvah project. To participate, go to NSCI. org/FTH or checks can be made out to NSCI with "Feed the Homeless" on the memo line.

Rabbi Wendi Geffen & Scott Duby

WELCOME!



Ronen Liev Mallamud BORN ON DECEMBER 18, 2019

child of Jennifer & Joshua Mallamud sibling of Noah & Aidan Mallamud grandchild of Vered & Danny Haft and Jonathan Mallamud



Aidan Seth Tolan BORN ON DECEMBER 21, 2019

child of Lori & Joshua Tolan grandchild of Bonnie & Richard Tolan and Holly & Harold Katz great-grandchild of Arlene Harris

Sutton Lainey Domont BORN ON JANUARY 1, 2020

child of Ivy & Zack Domont sibling of Beck and Theo grandchild of Sally & Larry Domont and Beth & Dan Greenberger great-grandchild of Shirley Greenberger



Mila Nova Heiken-Borg BORN ON JANUARY 1, 2020

child of Elisa Heiken and Magnus Borg grandchild of Nancy Fishbein Blitz and Anette and Sten Borg great-grandchild of Alene Loeser Fishbein

Rocky Hayes Teven BORN ON JANUARY 8, 2020

child of Jillian & Chad Teven sibling of Alaia Samantha Teven grandchild of Jodi & Paul Loeb and Dayle & Dennis Teven great-grandchild of Joan Loeb

Amalia Yael Near BORN ON JANUARY 9, 2020

child of Erica (Eitana) Kruger Near & Scott Near sibling of Lital Meira and Ayelet Miriam grandchild of Rick Kruger and Judith Kruger and Diane & Bill Near great-grandchild of Sally & Melvin Zuckerman

UPCOMING B'NEI MITZVAH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:30 AM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



Alyssa Stetson Zejer daughter of Tracy Stetson

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 10:30 AM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



Jordan Schaefer daughter of Kim Schaefer & Adam Fleischer

4:30 PM SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE



Eliza Rothman daughter of Stacy & Brian Rothman

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 10:30 AM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE



Zoe Finger daughter of Susan & Jonathan Finger

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 10:30 AM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Jeremy Schwab son of Claire Lieberman & Joel Schwab

NEWLYWEDS

Julie Flanzer & Derek Fish on their December 14, 2019 wedding

Sydney Lichten & Jordan Marks on their January 5, 2020 wedding

MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Lisa Greene was selected as a member of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Clergy Leadership Program, a program of study and mindfulness for a pluralistic cohort of rabbis and cantors.

On May 7, she will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in recognition of her commitment, dedication and service to Judaism and the Jewish people for the past 25 years, 20 of those years here at North Shore Congregation Israel.

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Dr. Jerome Abrahams

father of Barbie (Bruce) Taylor grandfather of Stephanie (Ted), Brett (Naomi), and Ryan great grandfather of Miles, Max, and Alexandra

Michelle Hindin Cohen

wife of Robert Cohen mother of Mara Cohen sister of Susan (Alan) Ellenby aunt of Marissa Ellenby and Jennifer (David) Savitt

Estelle Colan

mother of Shari (Jerry) Noskin grandmother of Gary (Cori Levinson) Noskin and Randi (Russel) Miron great grandmother of Jeremy and Matthew Noskin, Andrew and Leigh Miron

Donald Cooper

father of Beth (Gary) Birnbaum grandfather of Haley and Evan (Dana) Birnbaum

Morton J. Crane

father of Jeffrey D. (Debra) Crane grandfather of Carrie (Andrew) Block great grandfather of Ari and Noa Block

Lloyd Falk

husband of Judy Falk father of Karen Fine, Julie (Tom) Raske, and Nicki (Jim) Woldenberg grandfather of David, Jordan, and Leah Fine, Max, Zak, and Daniel Raske, and Carly, Allie, and Nat Woldenberg

Howard A. Finkle

son of Carole Finkle nephew of Irv Dorfman

Steve Goldstein

husband of Sally Goldstein father of Rachel and Matthew Goldstein

Alice Gorelick mother of Andrea (Ted) Kourafas grandmother of Lindsey Kourafas

Bruce Hainsfurther brother of Tripp (Betty) Hainsfurther uncle of Sara and Adam

Janet Hiton mother of Marci (Bob) Markin grandmother of Emilee, Sam, and Molly

Sylvia Kerpel mother of Martin (Melissa) Kerpel

grandmother of Andrew and Julia

Adele P. Kleine

mother of Susan (Jack) Genicoff and Nancy Kleine (Larry) Kekst grandmother of Jamie (Jeff) Simon, Jason (Tara) Sussman, Carolyn Ross, Allison Ross, Pamela Kekst, Hailey Greenfield, and Dara (Adam) Singer great grandmother of Zachary and Tyler Simon, Jaxon Sussman, Ava Greenfield, Austin and Ellie Singer

Joseph Koenig

father of Ted (Nancy) Koenig grandfather of Michael, Stephanie, David, and Jonathan

Harmon D. Kravitz

father-in-law of Harriet Seitler grandfather of Emma and Jonah Kravitz

Barbara Learner

mother of Richard (Debbie) Learner grandmother of Jordyn and Jeremy Learner

Andrew Livingston

husband of Anne Livingston father of Julie (Jeff) Echt, Karen (Craig) Lewis, and Jennifer (late Ian Adler) Livingston grandfather of Daniel, Alexander,

and Henry Echt, Gaby, Haley, and Maddie Lewis

Erwin Melton

father of Susan (Alan) Sebulsky and Roger (Beverley) Melton grandfather of Allison (AJ) Colbert, David Sebulsky, and the late Sarah Sebulsky

Muriel Miller

mother of Charles (Laura) Miller grandmother of Benjamin (Lisa) Miller, Abbye (Andrew) Marx, and Alec Miller

Robert Quinn

father of Jonathan (Jennifer) Quinn grandfather of Lily and Noah

Bruce Marvin Rosen

stepfather of Karri (Joe) Rosenthal grandfather of Jonah and Livi

Jacqueline (Jackie) Scott

mother of Robert (Karen) Scott grandmother of Ryan (Lizzie) Scott

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husband of Beth Skolnik father of Sharon (Joshua) Perla, Leslie Skolnik (Tom Woloshyn), and Steven Skolnik (Jillian Putman) grandfather Scarlett, Madison, Sammie, and Taylor

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father of David (Lynne) Weinberg and Jack (Sheila) Weinberg grandfather of Julia, Jane, Jon (Lily), Adam (Samantha) and Jason great grandfather of Shaw and Astra

Marshall Weinberg

brother of Sulie (Marc) Grayson

Marty Weiner

brother of Jack (Andi) Weiner and Scott (Carolyn) Weiner uncle of Blair, Zachary, Justin, and Laura

Cheryl Wine

sister of Gerry (Linda) Wine aunt of Josh, Rebecca, and Paul

M. Robert Wolfson

father of Lee (Naomi) Wolfson grandfather of Joshua and Daniel

Marilyn R. Zirn

mother of Jonathan (Lauren) Zirn, Ruth Hillary (Robert) Rosenfeld, and Alison Zirn (Scott Greenberg) grandmother of Juliet, Nico, and Micah Zirn, Hannah (Justin) Loeb, and Jeremy, Eve, and Liza Rosenfeld

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.

LONG-TIME CONGREGANT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER CELEBRATING RABBI HERBERT BRONSTEIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

NEW DATE! FRIDAY, APRIL 17 DURING KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Please join us for Shabbat services followed by a special dinner to celebrate Rabbi Herbert Bronstein's 90th Birthday! This will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and reminisce.

\$36 per person. RSVP at nsci.org/ event/LongTimeCongregantShabbat.

ANNUAL JUF DESSERT RECEPTION FEATURING SARAH HURWITZ

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 7:00 PM

This event will feature guest speaker Sarah Hurwitz, author of Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There).

There is no cost to attend this event. Please RSVP at juf.org/NorthSub.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 11:45 AM-2:00 PM REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL REMEMBERING NORMAN ROCKWELL & THE SATURDAY EVENING POST Register at

NSCI.org/event/marchseniorconnections.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 11:45 AM-2:00 PM REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL A MUSICAL REVUE PERFORMANCE OF SONGS FROM THE '30S TO THE '50S Register at

NSCI.org/event/aprilseniorconnections.

Enrich your life with conversation, camaraderie, lunch, and entertainment.

Invite a friend to join you. \$12.00/person. Register for each date separately. Email Lois Davis at SeniorConnections@nsci.org with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: SHABBAT WALK WITH RABBI WENDI GEFFEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 10:00 AM

Join Rabbi Wendi Geffen and Sierra Club volunteers to experience Shabbat in nature.

Register at nsci.org/event/ShabbatWalk.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF NSCI



SUNDAY, APRIL 19 1:00-3:15 PM

Join us for a docent-led tour of NSCI coupled with a presentation by architect Gunny Harboe, a leading expert in historic preservation. Gunny Harboe will share his thoughts about the importance of modern heritage and sacred spaces in our collective conscience. Presented in cooperation with the Chicago Architecture Center and the Glencoe Historical Society.

Tours have limited capacity and will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register at nsci.org/form/ArchitectureTour.

DEDICATION OF NSCI'S SHOAH TORAH

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 6:15 PM

Join us during our Kabbalat Shabbat service to dedicate NSCI's Shoah Torah. Written c.1850, this Torah was rescued from Bohemia during the Holocaust and hidden for generations throughout Europe.

COMMUNITY RECOVERY SEDER THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:00-7:30 PM

This alcohol-free experiential Seder (Passover ritual meal) is intended for all who are journeying toward recovery, those in recovery, and their loved ones and allies, to celebrate Passover in a safe environment among others who speak the language of recovery. This event is open to the community. All are welcome and attendance is confidential.

\$20/person includes a complete Passover meal with matzo ball soup, brisket, chicken, sides, and dessert. Register at nsci.org/event/ CommunityRecoverySeder.

Support

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS (FA)

TUESDAYS 7:00-9:00 PM KERSTEN, 1ST FLOOR, SCHOOL WING

FA is a Twelve Step Program for people concerned about drug/alcohol abuse and behavioral problems of a relative.

For more information, call 847.835.0724.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)

WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:00 PM ABE & VERA COHEN FAMILY ROOM

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.

For more information, call 847.835.0724.

NORTH SHORE ALATEEN

WEDNESDAYS 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.

NSCI RECEIVES URJ BELIN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY SEDER

Belin Awards offer an opportunity to reward some of the most innovative and inspiring initiatives in Reform congregations. At this year's URJ Biennial, NSCI was recognized for our innovative and inclusive Community Recovery Seder. For more information about how NSCI serves as a hub of support for individuals struggling with addiction and in recovery, as well as for their friends and family, visit nsci.org/support.

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Purim Festival FRIDAY, MARCH 13: 5th & 6th grade Shabbat with Selah MARCH 22-29: No School APRIL 8-15: No School APRIL 17: Selah Shabbat

JBABY CHICAGO NEW PARENTS CONNECT-SUBURBAN EDITION

MONDAYS, MARCH 2-30 10:00-11:00 AM

Connect with other local parents in a comfortable space as you navigate the next chapter in your life. Expert presentation sessions include: creating Jewish meaning in your home; ages & stages of your child; children's speech development; babies & sleep (or not); the changing family dynamics. *This program is made possible by a grant from jBaby Chicago*, *a program of the Jewish United Fund*.

\$25/family. RSVP at juf.org/newparentsconnect.

THE PEACEFUL PARENT PROJECT

TUESDAYS, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 31 APRIL 14, 21 9:30-10:45 AM

Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning presents a six-week "Nurture Yourself, Nurture Your Children" class at NSCI. This immersive experience will support parents' efforts to raise their children in compassionate, spiritually connected, and mindful Jewish families and will utilize Orot's unique approach to integrate text and wisdom with mindfulness-based tools.

There is no cost for this program. Register at orotchicago@gmail.com.

STROLLERS, STORIES & CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6: PURIM FRIDAY, APRIL 3: PASSOVER 10:00-10:45 AM

Celebrate the sweetness of Shabbat with your little ones from birth to age three years at this free, drop-in experience.

For more information or to register, please contact Susan Ellenby at susane@nsci.org.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN CELEBRATE PURIM

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 9:15-10:00 AM

Carnival games, crafts & snacks. Open to the community-no cost. Intended for families with children age 6 and under. Costumes encouraged!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Ellenby at susane@nsci.org or 847.835.0724

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN PASSOVER TOT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 5:30 PM

Join us for a song-filled, Passover themed Shabbat Experience. Musician Todd Kessler will lead us to welcome in the sweetness of Shabbat. Dinner and hands-on activities follow.

The cost is \$20/family. Register at nsci.org/event/PassoverTotShabbat.

HANDS-ON PASSOVER ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON KOHL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Stop by for some Passover fun hosted by NSCI.

Teen & Young Adult

ELAINE N. SHERMAN KARAV RETREAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24-SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Join us for the annual Elaine N. Sherman Karav Retreat up at the beautiful Camp OSRUI in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. We will spend the weekend learning, laughing, snacking and bonding together as a teen community.

All teens 9th–12th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend. \$250 registration fee. RSVP to Mady Frischer at mady@nsci.org.



L'TAKEN 2020: Mady Frischer took NSCI teens to Washington, DC to lobby with The Religious Action Center (RAC). With the RAC, they learned how to take their Jewish values and advocate for issues that they care about. After writing their own speeches, they took their passions to the halls of Congress, presenting to the offices of their elected officials. The NSCI teens were poised, mature, dedicated, and enthusiastic about making change. They even got to meet Senator Tammy Duckworth and Representative Brad Schneider!

Learn more about their journey by following the NSCI teen Instagram @nsci_teens.

Adult Learning

NOW MORE THAN EVER: WHY JUDAISM MATTERS. THE BERNICE & SEYMOUR NORDENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH RABBI RAMI SHAPIRO



FRIDAY, APRIL 3 6:15 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat sermon: "Why Judaism Matters: What We Bring to the Table of Civilizational Change"

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 10:30 AM Brunch and Program: "Judaism as a Religion of Argument and Doubt"

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 9:00 AM

Brotherhood Breakfast and Program: "JudasimNext: Envisioning Judaism for the 24th Century, a Manifesto" preceded by breakfast sponsored by NSCI's Brotherhood.

Program admission is free. Please register at nsci.org/nordenberg2020.

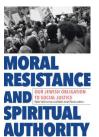
GRANDPARENTS OF INTERFAITH FAMILIES: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Grandparents are a critically important part of Judaism, and they have an important role to play for interfaith couples and families navigating Jewish life. Learn from grandparenting and interfaith family experts Dr. Ruth Nemzoff and InterfaithFamily CEO Jodi Bromberg about best practices, and tools and strategies for effectively engaging the interfaith couples in your midst, as well as developing a greater understanding of the needs and challenges of interfaith couples and families themselves.

RSVP at NSCI.org/event/grandparents.

MORAL RESISTANCE AND SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY WITH RABBI RYAN DANIELS



SATURDAYS, MARCH 14, 21, 28 11:15 AM-12:30 PM (AFTER THE SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN SERVICE)

How would our Sages react to today's most pressing social issues? We will explore Jewish responses to a variety of today's most pressing social justice issues, inspired by the new book, *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice.*

\$36 fee for non-members. RSVP at nsci.org/event/MoralResistance.

STUDY THE TALMUD WITH RABBI WENDI GEFFEN

MONDAYS, APRIL 6-MAY 18 1:00-2:00 PM

Join Rabbi Wendi 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.

\$72 fee for non-members. RSVP nsci.org/event/StudyTheTalmud.

NEW MEMOIR WRITING CLASS WITH CAROLE MARK GINGISS

MONDAYS, APRIL 13, 20, 27 MAY 4, 11, 18 (NO CLASS MAY 25) JUNE 1, 8, 15, 29, JULY 6, 13 9:30-11:00 AM

Now is the time to record your stories for future generations of family and friends! Write your memoir with a gifted teacher who has taught countless students to record key experiences of their lives over the past 25 years. You can write your memoir at home from a suggested syllabus or choose your own topic and read it aloud in the class. Class discussions are confidential.

\$72 for non-members. To register, contact staceys@nsci.org.

DEATH OVER DESSERT WITH RABBI LISA GREENE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 7:00 PM

Let's have a conversation about one of the most important conversations to have, one which Americans tend to not have. We will gather over good dessert (promise!) with folks of who knows how many different ages. Rabbi Greene will facilitate an interactive, insightful, empowered and even uplifting discussion.

\$36 fee for non-members. RSVP by Tuesday, April 21 at nsci.org/event/DeathOverDessert.

REFORM REALLY IS A VERB WITH RABBI STEVEN MASON

MONDAYS, MAY 4, 11, 18 7:00 PM

NSCI: 1920–2020—Reform really is a verb. We will study highlights of the evolution of Reform Jewish thinking and practice over the last one hundred years, a text-based discussion of our history.

RSVP at nsci.org/reform.

10 COMMANDMENTS, 120+ ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH, COUNTLESS BLESSINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Save the date! At our Kabbalat Shabbat service, we will celebrate Shavuot: we will read the Ten Commandments from Torah and bless our NSCI Adult B'nei Mitzvah alumni.

If you were called to the Torah as a b'nei mitzvah as an adult here at NSCI at any time, please email Stacey Shrago at staceys@nsci.org.

HOLY CHANTERS

MONDAYS, MARCH 9, 16, APRIL 13, 20, MAY 11 & 18 6:00-7:00 PM

Learn to chant Torah & Haftarah with Cantor David Goldstein. Holy Chanters will gain a practical knowledge of cantillation that will allow you to successfully chant on Shabbat and holiday services here at NSCI. Basic knowledge of Hebrew is helpful.

\$72 fee for non-members. To register, contact Sarah Duffin at sarahd@nsci.org.

Music



Organists from left: Patrick Godon and Paul Vander Weele perform a duet of "Stars and Stripes Forever" at the Post-Kabbalat Shabbat concert on January 24, 2020.



Concert attendees get a front row seat at NSCI's extraordinary Casavant Freres Organ for the concert on January 24, 2020.

Upcoming Post-Kabbalat Shabbat Concerts

A light supper will be provided to those who attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service, which begins at 6:15 pm. These concerts are free and have been graciously sponsored by Jim Stone and Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker.

THE WOOSTER CHORUS FRIDAY, MARCH 20 7:45 PM

This choral concert by The Wooster Chorus from The College of Wooster in Ohio features one of NSCI's congregants, David Pfeffer.

Register at nsci.org/event/WoosterChorus20.

"2020 STRINGS FROM STEANS"

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 7:45 PM

Ravinia's Steans Music Institute's (RSMI) program celebrating Beethoven's 250th Birthday. Featuring violinist Miriam Fried (RSMI Program Director), violinist Maria loudenitch, violinist Geneva Lewis, violist Tanner Menees, cellist Timotheos Petrin, and pianist Sahun Hong.

Register at nsci.org/event/RSMIStrings20.

"SILENCED VOICES" FRIDAY, APRIL 24 7:45 PM

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the Black Oak Ensemble, featuring violinist Desirée Ruhstrat, cellist David Cunliffe, and violist Aurélien Fort Pederzoli, will perform their deeply personal program dedicated to mid-20th Century Jewish composers, most of whom lost their lives during the Holocaust.

Register at nsci.org/event/BlackOak20.

Music Opportunities

SHABBAT PRAYER-LEADING ENSEMBLES

FRIDAYS 5:15-7:15 PM

NSCI is looking for congregants who are singers and instrumentalists to join us each week to help lead the music in our Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

lf you are interested, please contact Cantor David Goldstein at 847.835.0724, ext 645.

SHIR CHADASH REHEARSALS

MONDAYS, MARCH 9, 16, APRIL 13, 20, MAY 11, 18 7:30-9:00 PM

Join Shir Chadash, NSCI's adult volunteer choir to help lead worship at NSCI. Shir Chadash serves monthly as a collective group of leaders in our congregational Shabbat worship. During our Monday rehearsals, we will explore the music of worship and the meaning and the context of the prayers we sign during our Shabbat Service.

To register, contact Cantor David Goldstein at 847.835.0724, ext 645.

Tikkun Olam







THANK YOU

to all who joined us at our 4th Annual Winter Farmers Market on Sunday, February 2! So many came from near and far, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable farming and economic justice for regional farm families.

ADULT MITVAH CORPS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



THURSDAY, MARCH 5 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Join blind and visually impaired residents at Friedman Place (5527 N. Maplewood in Chicago) for lunch and conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 10:30 AM-1 PM

Help volunteer at The ARK (6450 N. California, Chicago) for their welcome Shabbat luncheon for their clients.

Carpooling is available. To sign up, contact Tracey Meyers at 847.242.1234.

TOILETRIES COLLECTION FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 15-SUNDAY, APRIL 26

We're collecting unused travel & full-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/ brush, mouthwash, feminine hygiene) to donate to The Night Ministry, a Chicagobased organization that works to provide housing, healthcare, and human connection to people who are struggling with poverty or homelessness. Please place donations in the white collection bin located near the Large Sanctuary.

COOKIES FROM THE HEART

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 18 & APRIL 15

2:00-4:00 PM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEAR LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Join us to help prepare homemade cookies for children and their families returning from the hospital.

For more information and to sign up, please email Lois Davis at cookies@nsci.org.

FEED THE HOMELESS

SUNDAYS, MARCH 15 & MAY 3 1:00 PM SET UP IN THE REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL 3:00 PM SERVERS DEPART NSCI

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.

SAVE THE DATE: MITZVAH DAY 2020 SUNDAY, MAY 3 9:15 AM

Participate in any number of drop-in social action activities here at NSCI or RSVP for meaningful service projects happening at NSCI and all around Chicagoland! We'll all begin together in the Large Sanctuary, and activities for all ages and stages will be scheduled throughout the morning and early afternoon.

Learn more at

nsci.org/MitzvahDay2020.

Brotherhood



BROTHERHOOD BOWLING

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 4:00-6:00 PM

PINSTRIPES, 1150 WILLOW ROAD, NORTHBROOK

Join NSCI's Brotherhood for a fun afternoon of bowling, food, and drinks. *All are welcome!* \$18 per person. *RSVP to Gary Friend at gjfriend@aol.com*

Women of NSCI



WNSCI had a wonderful WOMEN'S RETREAT IN LAKE GENEVA on Friday, February 7 through

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WNSCI TRIP: A TASTE OF JEWISH D.C. FRIDAY, MARCH 6-SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The Women of NSCI and Rabbi Lisa Greene travel to Washington DC for a weekend of learning, culture, Shabbat and good company.

For more information, including costs, contact Karen Kohn at kjmkohn@gmail.com.

VASHTI'S BANQUET PURIM CELEBRATION



MONDAY, MARCH 9 6:00-9:00 PM

An evening of fabulous feasting and Purim fun celebrating the beauty & spirit of being a woman! Join us for a buffet dinner and shop at our Artisan Bazaar. Entertainment includes henna art, beading, belly dancing, and more! Creative attirecostumes encouraged! Bring your daughter, mother, sister or friend!

Register at nsci.org/event/vashtisbanquet2020.

WNSCI AT THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH

Join WNSCI for a special afternoon at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. We will tour the NOTORIOUS RBG walking exhibition and attend a conversation with the children of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

\$52 per person. Questions? Email horowitz.marianne1@gmail.com.

WNSCI SHABBAT SERVICE AND FESTIVE ONEG

FRIDAY, MAY 15 6:15 PM

Join us for services followed by a festive oneg reception where we'll celebrate WNSCI's rich history at the synagogue.

MAH JONGG & CANASTA GAME DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 28

For more information, contact Eileen Weil at pinkeweil@yahoo.com or Debra Bauer at debrabauer@gmail.com.





WOMEN OF NSCI'S Judaica Gift Shop

THE FIRST SEDER TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8!

It's time to visit the Judaica Gift Shop for the finest selection of seder plates, haggadot, matzah covers, afikomen and hostess gifts, as well as toys and books for the young and young at heart.

WINTER HOURS:

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

Check out our exciting and ever-changing array of tallitot, ritual items, and jewelry from American and Israeli artisans.

For questions or to make an appointment, call 847.835.4009 or email giftshopnsci@gmail.com.

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death of a loved one, unexpected hospitalization or accident—please call the synagogue office at 847.835.0724 and follow the prompts for an emergency. One of our staff will call you back as soon as possible.

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.



38th World Zionist Congress Elections NOW THROUGH MARCH 11

Israel is a central value for us at NSCI, and as part of the Reform movement, we support a strong, pluralistic Israel, where progressive Judaism and its expression is well-supported and flourishing. Each of us has the opportunity to help assure this reality by voting in the upcoming World Zionist Organization (WZO) election.

All voting will be online and accessible by mobile devices at zionistelection.org. Make sure to stop by the voting stations at NSCI and cast your vote for "ARZA: The Reform Movement." If you have any questions, please contact Susan Longo at sclcpa_75024@yahoo.com.