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Tikkun Olam: Our Faith Calls Upon Us to Act

BY RABBI RYAN DANIELS



IF THE TORAH is our people's particular foundational narrative, then why does Torah begin as it does with

the creation of humanity rather than beginning with Abraham and Sarah, the first Jews? Our Sages answer, as Rabbi Geffen preached on the Shabbat before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, "Torah was not designed to make the world more Jewish, but rather, it was designed to make the world more human." We are reminded from the very beginning that God created all life *b'tzelem Elohim*, "in the Divine image," and we as Jews are commanded to care for all people, both fellow Jews and the wider human family. Throughout the Torah we are reminded 36 times—double *chai*—that our people were once strangers in the land of Egypt, and so we should, therefore, empathize with the most vulnerable among us. We know what it is to wander the wilderness, sleeping in makeshift huts, food insecure and uncertain of the future. Therefore, our faith calls upon us to act.

That is why *tikkun olam*, "repairing the world," and giving generously of our time, effort, and money are among the highest Jewish values, and manifest in everything we do at NSCI. Our congregation has a rich history of social action, responding to emerging injustices and committing to partner with others in the ongoing work of repair. Our strategy is almost always multifaceted, engaging in direct service, advocacy and equally

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as important, nurturing our relationships with community partners because we know that we are better together. For example, consider **17: NSCI's Refugee Resettlement Project**. Building on the congregation's long history of refugee resettlement, we have partnered with RefugeeOne to resettle five families in five years, as well as collaborate with HIAS and the Chicago Jewish Coalition for Refugees (CJCR), working with other Jewish organizations to envision a world where refugees and asylum seekers can live in safety with dignity.

NSCI's Refugee Resettlement Project is but one of our cornerstone community *mitzvah* projects, a new addition among many other long-standing commitments, including:

Operation Backpack: For more than 25 years our congregation has purchased and delivered all of the school supplies that the 500 students at Chicago's Jordan Community Elementary School need to thrive in school each year.

Family to Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project (Thanksgiving Baskets): For over a decade NSCI families have come together the weekend before Thanksgiving to provide 200 Thanksgiving meals to the families of Whittier Elementary School, helping to nurture NSCI's long standing relationship with our neighbors in Waukegan.

Feed the Homeless: For nearly three decades NSCI's Feed the Homeless program has helped to feed thousands of people around Chicago, preparing 1,000 hot and brown-bag meals monthly and delivering and/or serving the meals at shelters and food pantries in Lake and Cook Counties.

Family Promise: For 8 years, NSCI has partnered with Family Promise Chicago North Shore, an Evanston-based coalition of interfaith houses of worship that care for and house families who are experiencing temporary homelessness, transforming our classrooms into bedrooms for two weeks each summer.

Mitzvah Garden: Each spring and summer NSCI volunteers and staff lovingly grow hundreds of pounds of fresh produce that is all donated to the Moraine Township Food Pantry and The Ark Northwest, ensuring our neighbors in need have access to fresh produce to eat.

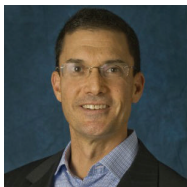
Supporting the Jewish Community in Novgorod-Volynsky, Ukraine: For decades our congregation has been in relationship with the Jewish community of Novograd-Volynsky, Ukraine, not far from Kiev, also sending *tzedakah* to help pay for holiday celebrations as well as in-kind donations of clothing and other essentials throughout the year. As you can imagine, this groups' efforts were particularly impactful this year.

We also volunteer at the **Beth Emet Soup Kitchen** (Evanston), donate food for families at a local Highland Park school (**Weekend Meals**), host regular collections of in-kind donations for The Ark, The Night Ministry, Cradles to Crayons, Bernie's Book Bank, and many more local charities. The list goes on and on. Our impact is far-reaching. And we continue to add projects all the time, including a relatively recent addition called **Tzedakah Table**, an opportunity for *b'nei mitzvah* students and their families to organize pop-up *mitzvah* projects at school dismissal on Sunday mornings throughout the year.

Our Sages taught, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it" (Pirkei Avot 2:16). Therefore, our menu of annual *tikkun olam* programs are wide-reaching so that we can all find at least one opportunity to come together as a community to make a difference and help others. Our projects are intended to be collaborative, a partnership between staff, empowered lay leaders, and congregants of all ages and stages; between NSCI and our community partner-organizations. Together we find inspiration in Judaism's ancient teachings and our obligation as Jews, pursuing justice and the repair of our world. ■

Welcoming Our New Assistant Rabbi

BY JEFF ECHT, PRESIDENT



WE ARE DELIGHTED

to announce that, after an extensive and thorough search for a new Assistant Rabbi, we have

extended an invitation to Jacob Leizman, our first choice candidate. Jacob will join our clergy staff as our Assistant Rabbi on July 1st. Besides his outstanding academic record, wide breadth of experience, and outstanding references, Jacob made a powerful impression on the Search Committee, our clergy team and professional staff, and the many others he met throughout the search process.

Jacob Leizman is “absolutely thrilled and honored to join the NSCI community” this summer. Originally from New Rochelle, NY, and a graduate of CUNY Hunter College, Jacob will conclude five years of study at HUC-JIR in New York this May. He is grateful to have had formative rabbinic experiences

in a variety of settings from New York, to South Carolina, to Israel, in Jewish communities, a hospital, and even a cross-country bus, where he has worked to create accessible and meaningful Jewish experiences for all ages, most recently as the Rabbinic Fellow at the Jewish Community Project of Lower Manhattan. Jacob plays lots of basketball and guitar, bicycles across various bridges in New York (and is excited about flatter terrain in Chicago), and enjoys spending time with his fiancée, BJBE’s newest Assistant Rabbi, Lily Goldstein, and their dog Saul.

Jacob and Lily are very excited to be moving to the North Shore and are looking forward to becoming part of our NSCI family. We, too, are looking forward to their joining our community and are thrilled that Jacob will soon be on our clergy team. We know you will welcome him warmly upon his arrival to NSCI.

We are especially grateful to the members of our Search Committee: Andy Absler, Sam Barnett, Miriam Carlitz,



Jacob Leizman

Ivy Domont, Lisa Erlich, Merens, Diane Moore, Spencer Nguyen, Inge Rothschild, Dana Silver, Sean Weil, & Jack Weinberg.

Stay tuned for updates about Jacob’s arrival and opportunities to meet him! ■

Board of Trustees: Open Call for Nominations

One of the ways we encourage our congregants to be stakeholders at NSCI is the gratification of volunteering and joining leadership. The nominating process for our 2023–24 Board of Trustees is underway. Neil Rigler is pleased to be chairing this year’s Nominating Committee. The NSCI Board is a dynamic group of dedicated congregants who serve the highest aims of our congregation with a diverse range of talents, skills, ages and interests.

Please visit www.bit.ly/BOTApplication23 to nominate yourself or others by 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 and find information about serving on the Board of Trustees. Nominees will be interviewed by members of the Nominating Committee. Should you have any questions or wish to speak about a nomination, please contact Neil Rigler, Nominating Committee Chair, at www.nsci.org/form/BOTNomChairNeil.

A
CELEBRATION
FOR
ALL AGES!

SPRING MITZVAH FAIR

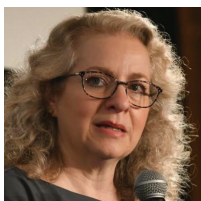
Love Mercy. Act Justly. Walk Humbly.

Micah 6:8

*In honor of Rabbi Ryan Daniels' service to
North Shore Congregation Israel*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

SPECIAL GUESTS



10:00–11:00 AM

Rabbi Mary Zamore

Executive Director,
Women's Rabbinic Network

**CREATING A JUST WORLD:
TZEDAKAH AND JUDAISM'S
GIVING MINDSET**



12:00–12:45 PM

Momma Chef

Cookbook author and
founder of Momma Chef's
Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry

**COOKING FOR CAUSE WITH
KAREN NOCHIMOWSKI**

MITZVAH FAIR

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Family Promise • Feed the Homeless • Grades 5 & 6 Mitzvah Tables

Imagine the Possible Campaign Celebration • Mitzvah Garden Preparation • Operation Backpack

Food for purchase available from socially responsible sources plus free treats on us!

And more!

PLUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.



BENEFITING ORGANIZATIONS



Take action today. Learn how you can participate year-round. **RSVP at nsci.org/mitzvahfair2023**

IMAGINE *the* POSSIBLE

Our Campaign for a Safe, Modern, Flexible Synagogue
Equipped for the 21st Century

Construction Update

BY DEAN WEINBERG, CHAIR,
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION STEERING
COMMITTEE



WITH JANUARY'S
announcement that
we achieved our
campaign goal, the
Imagine the Possible
campaign team

celebrated a job well done. I might even say there was a deep sigh of relief. They could take their foot off the gas and reflect on what is believed to be the most successful capital campaign since North Shore Congregation Israel was constructed.

For the construction steering and subcommittees it meant putting the pedal to the metal. While we have been working on plans, designs, and finishes for well over a year (many years for some of us), knowing we have the funds to implement these plans gave us a new sense of urgency. We no longer are thinking "what if."

Plans for the renovation of Frank Memorial Hall & kitchen and Rebecca K. Crown Hall, the administration office, and restrooms, as well as the new gift shop and conference room are essentially complete and we are tweaking finishes and finalizing furniture selection. We have submitted for a permit with Glencoe, a process that will take 6–8 weeks. Valenti Brothers has been selected as our General Contractor. Having worked on the Tross Family Education Center, they know NSCI and our building well. They are now hard at work bidding sub contractors and refining the project schedule and construction logistics. We are also working with them to get



ENHANCEMENTS WILL:

Improve Security

- Main Entrance with Secure Entry Vestibule in the Arcade
- New Secure Vestibule at Religious School Entrance
- Renovated Office Suite; Elimination of Public Access from Exterior Door

Modernize our Social Halls for Celebrations, Meetings and Gatherings

- Contemporary Decors and Updated Aesthetics
- Relevant Technology Upgrades for the 21st Century

- Improved Acoustics and Noise Reduction
- Warm, Intimate Spaces
- Easily and Rapidly Reconfigurable
- Necessary Repairs

Optimize our Outdoor Spaces

- Stronger Connection between the Indoors and Outdoors
- New Patio Fitted for Tenting; Perfect for Indoor/Outdoor Events

long-lead items ordered to meet our deadlines.

The secure vestibules at the main entrance and school entrance are also underway. We are working with Keyth Security and our door vendor to make sure these entries meet our goal of both securing our space and streamlining access.

Finally, plans for the patio and landscape work are being refined. We expect this work to be complete at the same time as the rest of the project.

Work will begin the last week of April and we should have beautiful, renovated spaces for the High Holy Days in the fall. ■

Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!



Archer Joseph Katz
BORN DECEMBER 7, 2022
 Child of Audrey & Jonathan
 Katz
 Grandchild of Sharon & Robert
 Katz and Ellen & John Binder



Mason Michael McMath
BORN DECEMBER 22, 2022
 Child of Aly & Andrew McMath
 Grandchild of Stacy Bloom,
 Amy & Bruce Bloom and
 Angi & Michael McMath
 Great grandchild of Iris Anosov,
 Barbara Bloom, Shirley Miller,
 Tom Apone

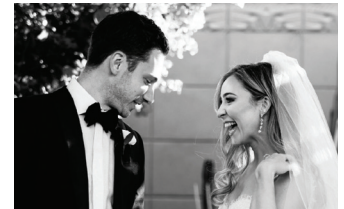


Madeline Ava Wawa
BORN JANUARY 27, 2023
 Child of Jori Zimmerman &
 Chris Wawa
 Sibling of Julian Wawa
 Grandchild of Holly & Lee
 Zimmerman and Carol &
 Charles Wawa
 Great Grandchild of Arlene
 Rosenstock and Laura Wawa

NEWLYWEDS

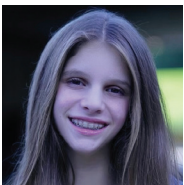


**Isabel Preskill &
 Alex Schwartz**
DECEMBER 3, 2022



**Jordan Mellovitz &
 Sydney Robinson**
DECEMBER 17, 2022

B'NEI MITZVAH



Mia Schiff
MARCH 4, 2023



Madeline Hazan
MARCH 18, 2023



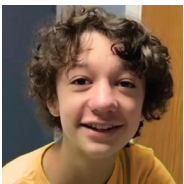
Benjamin Colton
MARCH 30, 2023



Lucie Friedman
APRIL 22, 2023



Chloe Goldberg
APRIL 27, 2023



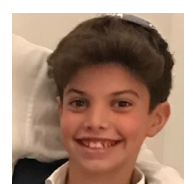
Jacob Singerman
MARCH 4, 2023



Abby Seeman
MARCH 18, 2023



Abbey Schneiderman
APRIL 15, 2023



Oliver Finkel
APRIL 22, 2023



Nathan Erlich
APRIL 29, 2023



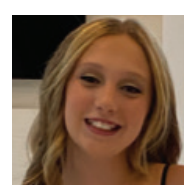
William Rosenberg
MARCH 11, 2023



Sadie Seeman
MARCH 18, 2023



Sophia Boron
APRIL 19, 2023



Alexis Goldberg
APRIL 27, 2023

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Carol Glass

Mother of Bruce (Randi) Glass
Grandmother of Joey (Melissa) & Dani (Shanna)
Great Grandmother of Jesse

David Ingall

Husband of Carol Ingall and the late Edith Ingall, z"l
Father of Tina (Glenn Golden) Ingall, Lewis (Shawn) Ingall, Seth (Kim) Ingall, David (Monique) Hoffman, Cindy (David) Knapp, and Michael Hoffman
Grandfather of Emily, Eric, Drew, Scott, Grayson, Harrison, Reed, and Estella

Frances "Sancy" Markman

Wife of Raymond Markman; Mother of Leslie (Phillip) Stern, Jan (John) Bell, and Tom (Roberta) Markman
Grandmother of Caryn Stern (Zach Alpert), Lauren Stern (Carl Duffield), Justin (Megan) Bell, Jackson (Sarah) Bell, Shalom Aba (Aliza) Markman, Zeesie (Yaacov) Mirman, Rena (David) Skydell, Basia Markman, Eliana (Yochanon) David, Yosef Chaim Markman, and Tova Dena Markman
Great Grandmother of Eytan, Lilah, Jonah, Luke, Wyatt, Ruby, Huvi, Sheina, Eliezer, Aharon, Meir, Malkie, Miriam, Adena, Ita, Zhava, and Rikki

Lois Melvoin

Mother of Rick (Bunny) Melvoin, Jeff (Martha) Melvoin, and Susan Melvoin, z"l
Grandmother of Sarah (Jeff) Bridich, Becca (Mark Acton) Melvoin, Nick (Kim Wintner) Melvoin, Charlie (Paolo Fresia) Melvoin, and Benjamin Martin
Great Grandmother of Ben, Maya, Hunter, Kieran, Leila, and Luca

Giovanni Nason

Father of Danielle (Jeff) Goldman
Grandfather of Lyla and Marissa

Sonya Olex

Mother of Wendy (Ben) Roth and Linda (late Glenn, z"l) Burdeen
Grandmother of Elyn (Victor) Campos, Aaron (partner Courtney Kruger) Burdeen, Morgan (Brian) Goldberg, Brittany (Eric) Eisenberg, and Joseph (Amanda) Roth
Great Grandmother of José (fiancée Natalie Melendez), Emmanuel, Lucas, Gerald, Janie, Zane, Riley, Annabelle, and Penelope
Great Great Grandmother of Emilia

Gwen Packard

Wife of Donald Packard
Mother of Susan Packard and Warren (Dr. Patricia Chang) Packard
Grandmother of Tyler, Justin, Carson, and Elsa

Arthur Pancoe

Father of Mariann Pancoe and Michael (Ellie) Pancoe
Grandfather of Julia, Hannah and Alex (Nina)
Great Grandfather of Zephyr
Brother of Walter Pancoe

David Schulman

Husband of Carol Schulman
Father of Chuck (Jen), Ron (Laura), and Mark (Lisa) Schulman
Grandfather of Max (Katie), Rebecca, Sarah, Dina, Ben, Jack, Sam, and Jenna

Mel Simon

Father of Glenn (Randi) Simon
Grandfather of Aaron (Vanessa) and Shira (Seth)

Helen Solomon

Mother of Joel (Sheryl) Solomon
Grandmother of Robert (Dasha) and Jesse
Great Grandmother of Ari and Jack

Dorothy Starkman

Mother of Michael (Deborah) Starkman and Julie (Richard) Gordon
Grandmother of Elliot Starkman, Aaron Starkman, Amy (William) Franzen, Daniel (Julie) Gordon, and Allyson Gordon
Great Grandmother of Lenny, Maddy, Dylan, and Gordy

Colton "Cole" Ross Wexler

Son of Beth & Michael Wexler
Brother of Camryn & Myles

Benjamin Zacks

Brother of Leonard (Francine) Zacks
Uncle of Danielle Zacks and Rayna (Brian Licciardi) Zacks



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.

Welcome New Congregants

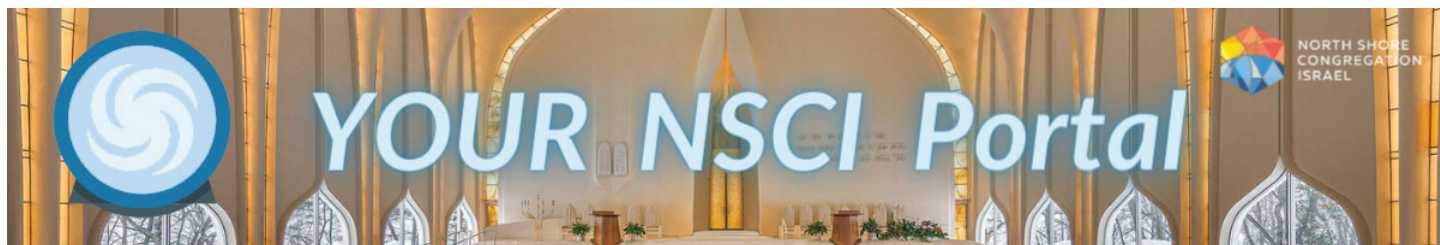
A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING NSCI CONGREGANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

From May–December 2022

Lisa Acker & Peter Friedman
Meredith Kopelman-Aponte &
Rob Aponte
Eileen & Neal Baitcher
Phyllis Baslaal
Marissa & Paul Been
Penny & Ed Berman
Sara & Michael Blumberg
Melanie & Jerry Boyd
Elana & Paul Brock
Bonnie & Gregg Brody
Jessica & Kevin Brown
Barbara Bruno
Dana Cahan & Craig Clarke
Lynda Caisman & Saul Pogofsky
Miriam & Philip Carlitz
Dana & Elliott Cohen
Emily & Thomas Cohen
Karen Courtheoux & Robert Weinstock
Laura & Steve Crandall
Dale & Skip Davison
Nikki Dicks
Mia Drelich
Shirley & Joseph Drelich
Lindsay & Daniel Edelson
Bobbi & Rob Feldgreber

Lori & Jason Fink
Kemper & Todd Florin
Jennifer & Eric Fried
Wylie & Benjamin Garber
Sarah Gilson & Liron Potash
Mary Beth & Robert Goldsmith
Romy & Seth Good
Lindsay & Joseph Greenwood
Dorothy Grunes
Laura & Nate Harres
Sara & Todd Jacobs
Janice & Andrew Kass
Leslie & Richard Korengold
Peggy & David Kubert
Miriam Landau
Ashley & Kenneth Lebovic
Nancy Levi
Emily & Elliot Lieberman
Carly & Jonathan Linton
Natalie & Garrett Lorentz
Stacey & Charles Lucterhand
Meredith Marcus & Matthew Cohen
Amy & David Mauer
Kara & Eric Meizlish
Jennifer & Nathan Miller
Lisa & Benjamin Miller

Reva Nathan & Burt Rubenstein
Carrie & Ron Newman
Sharon & Stephen Palmer
Janice & Howard Parker
Susan Parker & Martin Parker II
Lindsay & David Pessis
Lindsay Plowden
Antoinette Risdon & Joshua Barras
Lori Rosen & Michael Zeinfeld
Lauren & Stephen Samlan
Sara & Ari Scharg
Mary Schreibsten & Michael Fox
Samantha & Matthew Sears
Kelly & Paul Seeman
Nicole & Ben Shamis
Anna & Daniel Simon
Glenn Simon
Janie & Frank Skolnick
Brooke & David Sloane
Cathryn & Rafael Smeyers
Diana Sotelo
Joyce & Gary Stetson
Jamie & Aaron Stronberg
Renee Thaler
Laura & Zachary Tischleder
Ashley & Adam Wexner



NEED HELP LOGGING INTO YOUR NSCI ACCOUNT?

Just follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.nsci.org and click the "Login" button that is located in the upper right corner.
2. Input your email address as your username and enter your password.
3. If you forgot your password, then click forgot password and follow the prompts.
4. Once you are logged in, click the upper right corner on your name and select "My Account". Click on the box that says "Keep me signed into my account".
5. Now you can access the directory and a number of other great resources from the logged in perspective!

Upcoming Holidays



Purim

Purim begins at sundown on Monday, March 6 and ends at sundown on Tuesday, March 7.

PURIM & PAJAMAS TOT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 5:00-6:30 PM

Families with young children will help pack up snack packs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Wear your pajamas or Purim costume and join us for a joyful celebration of Shabbat and Purim! Free and open to all! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please register in advance at www.nsci.org/totpurim2023.

PURIM MITZVAH PROJECT FOR CPAH

MARCH 5-12

As part of NSCI's Purim celebration, please consider assembling packages of much-needed household items for families and individuals who are housed thanks to Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH), a local organization that empowers individuals and families to secure and retain quality housing.

Please purchase only the items listed below, assemble them in either a decorative basket or reusable shopping bag, and bring assembled packages to NSCI's Administrative Office outer lobby during business hours, from March 5-12.

- Rubber Kitchen Gloves
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Sponges
- Flashlight w/Batteries
- Multipurpose Disinfectant Spray or Wipes

Questions? Email Rabbi Ryan Daniels at rabbidaniels@nsci.org.



Passover

Passover begins the evening of Wednesday, April 5 and ends the evening of Wednesday, April 12 for those observing 7 days and Thursday, April 13 for those observing 8 days.

Join us for **Passover Morning**

Experience at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 6 and a **Yizkor Service** on Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am.

Additionally, there are activities for children, families, and adults throughout the week.



Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah VeHaGevurah - Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism - is marked annually on the 27th of Nisan, which falls this year on Monday, April 17 at sundown through Tuesday, April 18.

The holiday reminds us of the horrors that Jews faced: forced labor, starvation, humiliation, torture, and murder in this systemic effort to wipe out an entire population. Additionally, the holiday commemorates the incredible acts of resistance, strength and heroism throughout the Shoah.

We invite you to explore our videos of survivor testimonies and past Yom HaShoah programs, as well as links to Holocaust education and museum resources <https://bit.ly/YomHashoah23>.

This year, we are honored to be the host location for **Violins of Hope: a collection of 70 string instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust** on Thursday April 20; Exhibit opens at 6:15 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Please visit the Music section of this *Bulletin* on page 15 for more information.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Israel at 75

Yom Ha'Atzmaut begins on the evening of Tuesday, April 25 and ends the evening of Wednesday, April 26. This year marks 75 years since the creation of the modern state of Israel in 1948. Check out

our Voices of Israel resources at www.nsci.org/voices-of-israel.

In honor of Israel at 75, NSCI is honored to be one of the North Shore synagogues helping to provide an ambulance to Magen David Adom and the people of Israel. There will be a dedication ceremony in the Fall. In the meantime, you can check out MDA's important work at <https://afmda.org>.

And don't miss this year's **Chicago Israeli Film Festival**, with NSCI hosting the Midwest Premiere of Tal Imbar's "Closed Circuit" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 at the Landmark Cinemas in The Glen, Glenview. Tickets can be purchased <https://israelifilmchi.org>.



Support

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

HANDS OF CHESED, NSCI'S CARING COMMUNITY



Hands of Chesed is a team of NSCI congregant volunteers who bring kindness in the form of flowers, sweets,

groceries, dinner, smiles, written notes and warmth to fellow NSCI congregants who are amidst a tough time—such as illness, divorce, mourning or other challenges.

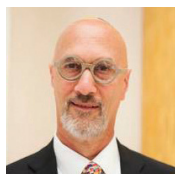
In the past two years, more than 250 acts of kindness have been performed by an incredible team in our NSCI community, Hands of Chesed.

Please join our team. You can bring kindness to others, making new and strengthening existing connections among members of NSCI and bridging the generations. You can also receive kindness. If we can help you with an act of kindness, please tell us that, too. We'd love to bring the warmth of our NSCI community to you.

If we can help you, or if you want to join our team to spread kindness, please tell us. And if you have questions, ask us! Hands of Chesed is led by Leslie Rosen. For more information or to contact Leslie, visit nsci.org/support.

HEALING SERVICES WITH CANTOR GOLDSTEIN ON FACEBOOK

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 8, 22, &
APRIL 19
8:00 PM**



Join Cantor Goldstein for a quiet and contemplative Healing Service. Whether seeking support in navigating the

circumstances in which we or our loved ones find themselves, together we can create a quiet, gentle time for prayer, meditation, and song that focuses on healing and wholeness.

Watch on Facebook (no account necessary): facebook.com/NSCIGlencoe

You can now submit a name to be included in the upcoming service. Submissions will be used as long as they have been received by 11:59 p.m. on the Tuesday (day) before the service. Submit: nsci.org/form/healing-servicesubmissions

FREE COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NSCI CONGREGANTS

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

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

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

**6:00–7:00 PM VIA ZOOM THROUGH
APRIL 12**

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, contact Mark at 847.738.1919 or email mopeters21@gmail.com.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

TUESDAYS

**7:00–8:30 PM VIA ZOOM THROUGH
APRIL 12**

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

For information on Families Anonymous (FA) meetings, contact Margot at 847.738.0306 or email mkpeters81@aol.com.

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

Visit nsci.org/support to find conversations about:

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

A Paradigm Shift in Our Approach to Hebrew

**BY DR. ROBERTA GOODMAN,
EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

WHAT DO POOR CHILDREN in Brazil learning to read Portuguese have in common with children on the North Shore learning to read Hebrew? A lot! I had an epiphany when I first read renowned Brazilian educator Pablo Freire's work.

Impoverished children in Brazil were being taught words that depicted a lifestyle very different from their own. They were not motivated to read because they were unable to relate their experiences to the material. Instead, Freire empowered these children to be literate, participating members of their society by providing reading material that helped them understand their lives and the larger world around them.

So what's the connection? Too often in Jewish education we teach our children to decode Hebrew letters and vowels, something akin to what babies babble—rather than presenting relevant, stimulating, and age appropriate material. Does this approach empower them to participate in Jewish life? There has to be a better way.

How to change this practice in Hebrew education?

For the past few years, several of our teachers and coordinators have joined me in participating in our Federation (JUF) Education Department's "Shifting the Paradigm" initiative, where we learned about the national "Onward Hebrew Movement." Here are some skills we gained to help empower our learners:

1. Make Hebrew part of your life.

Dr. Sarah Binor spoke of infusing Jewish life with Hebrew through words, songs, blessings, prayers, and signs as ways to

foster identity and community. Just think of how influential words like "mitzvah or tzedakah," singing "yom huledet sameach", and saying motzi (blessing over bread) can be to a developing Jewish mind.

2. Teach Hebrew as children learn their first language. In Hebrew Through Movement, part of our preschool through 2nd grade curriculum is having students follow teacher commands in Hebrew. Students quickly learn the prompts to run, spin, jump, put a book on their head, and under the table. First they hear, then they understand, then they begin to speak. Later, they start to read Hebrew words. We help students "go from sound to print" in learning Hebrew.

3. Focus on Jewish Life Vocabulary to introduce the Hebrew letters and vowels. In 3rd grade, the focus is on students learning words that are part of holiday celebrations, Jewish symbols and rituals, and even greetings. I constantly hear teachers reinforcing the letters by asking students which word they know that has the letter "mem," followed by their responses of "mezuzah, mitzvah, and Yom Kippur."

How is this shift in our Hebrew learning approach going?

I am proud to say that our students start their Hebrew studies in preschool, long before they are able to read. Our students are learning Hebrew in several ways that empower them to participate in Jewish life. Our teachers continue to change the Hebrew curriculum, learning and implementing new strategies. We are infusing Jewish life with Hebrew: it's part of our heritage and identity! We are having fun, too. ■

FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCE



FRIDAY, MARCH 17 6:00–7:30 PM

All families with children in grades K–5 are invited to celebrate the end of the week with us—come as you are!

6 p.m. Shabbat blessings; 6:15 p.m. Separate activities for kids and adults; 7 p.m. Family shabbat service

Cost: \$36 per family includes dinner.
Please register at: www.nsci.org/form/family-shabbat-march-2023.html

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



To help young children prepare for Chanukah we created two kits to be used by tots of all ages! Some were shipped to family, others traveled tucked away in a grandparent's suitcase, and many were used across the North Shore. Children used the felt board to experience the story of Chanukah and stickers and wood to make their own menorahs. We are proud that our light reached so many families!

We are always looking to grow our reach and welcome grandparents, aunts and uncles, parents and other caregivers to all of our programming. If you know families with young children have them follow our instagram @nscitots, invite them to our events or email sarah@nsci.org.

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

SUN, MARCH 5: Purim Festival for enrolled students during school

FRI, MARCH 10: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades Family Shabbat Experience

SUN, MARCH 26–SUN, APRIL 2: No School

WED, APRIL 5, SUN, APRIL 9, & WED, APRIL 12: No School

SUN, APRIL 30: Last Sunday of School

TUES, MAY 2 & WED, MAY 3: Last Weekdays of School

Adult Learning & Programs



THE DAVIS FAMILY FORUM*: WHY SO MANY PEOPLE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ANTISEMITISM

A Conversation with Yair Rosenberg

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
7:00–8:30 PM AT NSCI

Yair Rosenberg is an American journalist and a writer at The Atlantic, where he launched his Deep Shtetl newsletter. He was formerly a senior writer at Tablet magazine and is a regular speaker and commentator on antisemitism in the modern era and on strategies to combat abuse on online platforms.

The community program, beginning at 7:00 p.m., is free and open to all. Advance registration is required. Register: bit.ly/ConversationJournalist

*The Davis Family Forum was created in 1996 by Dr. Jack Davis to honor the blessed memory of his wife Rhoda Davis. Originally known as the Rhoda Davis/North Shore Congregation Israel/American Jewish Committee Public Affairs Forum, the lectureship was designed as a collaborative effort between both organizations to further discussion and understanding of crucial public affairs issues facing the Jewish community.

ARE YOU THERE GOD, IT'S ME MARGARET?

A conversation with Rabbi Greene

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
9:00 AM AT NSCI



You read Judy Blume's YA novel how many years ago?! It was published in 1970 and the movie version is coming out April 28, 2023. Yes, Margaret was Jewish.

Pick up this classic book, read it if you can & come jump into a conversation about the book & its characters, and our memories of the book and its era, too! 70's-type snacks will be served.

Please register at www.nsci.org/form/ItsMeMargaret

HERZL ON THE COUCH

MARCH 15
12:30 PM VIA ZOOM



Rabbi Rich Kirschen.

The recent Israeli elections have challenged North American Jews like never before when it comes to

reconciling themselves and the next generation to an Israel they hoped would be a light unto the nations (or at least a Jewish democracy) but a country that in fact seems to be going in a very different direction. Through ancient sources, Israeli literature, and Jewish film this program is an opportunity to compare what connects and yet what divides our Jewish communities in North America and Israel.

Rabbi Rich Kirschen is a Jerusalem-based American Israeli psychotherapist. A keen observer of Israel, Rich lectures both in Israel and abroad, offering a unique perspective into the psychological underpinnings of Israel and Israelis.

Please register at www.nsci.org/event/herzl-on-the-couch

HOT TOPICS: WHAT DOES JUDAISM HAVE TO SAY ABOUT....

SUNDAYS, MARCH 19, APRIL 16, & MAY 21
9:00–10:30 AM AT NSCI

Join Rabbi Geffen to learn what Jewish wisdom has to say about the “hot topics” of our time. These classes focus on the given week's hot topic through the lens of traditional Jewish texts (Torah, Talmud, Post-Halachic Literature and Commentaries.) The classes do not reflect any particular political point of view, nor is their intention to implicitly or explicitly endorse any particular political party or candidate in any way. As such, you may encounter viewpoints from Jewish tradition of which you were previously unaware and/or about which you may find personally challenging.

March 19 (The Right to Bear Arms):

How do the Jewish values of holiness of life and the mitzvah of self-defense, war and peace, and strength and humility relate to the right to bear arms?

April 16 (Freedom of Speech): Is freedom of speech a Jewish value? Does Judaism proffer that there should be limits on such a freedom? And if so, where should the line be drawn?

DATE CHANGE! May 21 (Gender Identity): How do traditional Jewish sacred texts understand gender and gender expression beyond the binary construct of male and female?

Register: bit.ly/HotTopicsJudaism

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
1:00 PM OVER ZOOM

Let's connect for conversation, camaraderie, and entertainment.

Jay Sorkin presents the stories behind Casablanca. Filled with a cast and crew who themselves fled from the Nazis, their stories are as compelling as those we see on the screen.

Register: www.bit.ly/SeniorConnectionsMarch

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NACHMAN SCHOLAR*: RABBI JOSH FEIGELSON, PHD

**TUESDAYS, APRIL 25,
MAY 9, 16, & 23
7:00 PM**

**"Eternal Questions: Studying
the Weekly Torah Portion
Through Jewish Mindfulness"**

Rabbi Feigelson, an innovative teacher and leader, will guide us leading from his brand new book, *Eternal Questions*. Each participant will receive a copy of the book. Whether you've studied Torah, engaged in mindfulness practice or not, join us for an exquisite combination of both.

Rabbi Josh Feigelson, PhD is President & CEO of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the author of *Eternal Questions: Reflections, Conversations, and Jewish Mindfulness Practices for the Weekly Torah Portion* (Ben Yehuda Press 2022). From 2005–2011 he served as the rabbi at Northwestern University, where he also earned a PhD in religious studies. Josh founded the award-winning project Ask Big Questions, and he served as the Dean of Students of the University of Chicago Divinity School. He joined IJS in 2020.

**The Nachman Family Adult Education Series was conceived by Rosalind (z"l) and Dr. Adolph Nachman (z"l) as an opportunity to bring exciting outside scholars to teach adult learners here at NSCI. The Nachmans are eager students of Jewish learning and generously provided the resources and importantly, gave us a key criterion for our scholars: they must be excellent teachers. Tze ulmad—go and study.*

MEMOIR SHABBAT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14
6:15 PM**



For years, groups of adult learners have written their memoirs in Carole Mark Gingiss' inspiring writing classes. On Friday,

April 14, at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, we will feature sharing's from the memoir class, and bless Carole.

WISE AGING 101: LIVING MEANINGFULLY WITH HOPE, JOY & RESILIENCE

**WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 19, 26,
MAY 3, & 10**

1:30–3:00 PM AT NSCI

Rabbi Nina Mizrahi &



Bev Shurman-Lavitt.

Wise Aging 101 offers participants a guided and inspiring

journey through the spiritual terrain of aging, revealing the beauty and wisdom of our inner harvest. Mindfulness practices and compelling discussions nurture hope, joy, and spiritual growth. Open to those new to NSCI's Wise Aging Program.

**To register and for timing, please contact
Debbie Heywood, debbieh@nscl.org,
847.835.0724. Fee: \$144 for NSCI
members, \$168 for non-members.
Scholarship assistance is available for
NSCI members; speak confidentially to
Rabbi Greene. Space in this cohort is
limited.**

Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi, D.H.L., has devoted her rabbinate to stimulating new ways of thinking, inspiring spiritual growth and opening hearts to joy. Bev Shurman Lavitt, LCSW, is a retired clinical social worker, who was in practice as a family therapist and mediator for over 40 years, and is a long-time devotee of mindfulness practice.

GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD

**SPRING SESSION: MONDAYS,
APRIL 10–MAY 22
1:00–2:00 PM IN REBECCA K.
CROWN HALL**

Join Rabbi Geffen as we continue to explore some of the most well-known or important sugiyot (Talmudic discussions) scattered throughout a variety of Talmudic tractates. No experience necessary. Texts will be provided.

Register: bit.ly/GreatestHitsTalmud

CHICAGO FESTIVAL OF ISRAELI CINEMA: NSCI SPONSORING TAL IMBAR'S "CLOSED CIRCUIT"

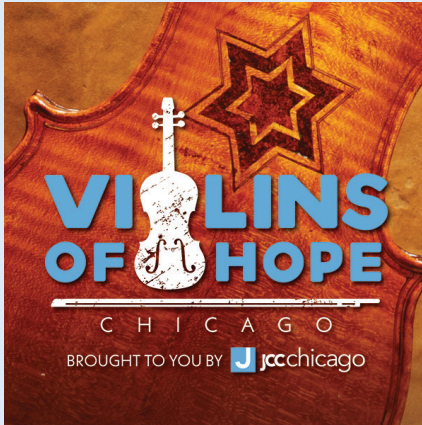
**THURSDAY, MAY 4
7:00 PM AT LANDMARK CINEMAS IN
THE GLEN, GLENVIEW**



*For more information and
to purchase tickets for this
event, please visit: [www.
israelifilmchi.org](http://www.israelifilmchi.org)*

The January/February 2023 edition of *The Bulletin* inaccurately stated "Reformed synagogues" in a description for the URJ Introduction to Judaism class. It should have stated "Reform synagogues." We apologize for this mistake and any confusion it may have caused.

Music



VIOLINS OF HOPE OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION, EXHIBIT, AND CONCERT *In partnership with JCC Chicago*

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

6:15 PM EXHIBIT OPENS, 7:30 PM CONCERT

This program is being presented with generous support from the Zollie and Elaine Frank Music Fund at North Shore Congregation Israel.

Violins of Hope is a collection of 70 string instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust. They have been meticulously restored and many will be played during this concert by violin virtuosos and students. They will be played with a message of hope, resistance, resilience, and unity.

Join us for a special Opening Night performance featuring a private collection of Holocaust era instruments that have been lovingly restored and have been traveling the world.



Through hands-on experiences of performance, learning about their unique stories, and thinking into the future with the powerful knowledge of the ability of the human spirit to overcome hate and evil, we aspire to make a difference for all who experience this amazing project.

For more information about the exhibition, concert, and to register for the evenings events, scan the QR code or visit: <https://jccvoh.eventive.org/schedule/631906c0cd78020062e179a9>

KOL ZIMRAH JEWISH COMMUNITY SINGERS CONCERT



SUNDAY, MARCH 5
4:00–6:30 PM

Kol Zimrah, Jewish Community Singers, will be performing an assortment of exciting and meaningful pieceful, accompanied by Campanella Children's Choir. Certain pieces will be featuring Cantor David Goldstein, Cantor Susan Lewis Friedman, & Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz. With accompaniment and leadership from Cantor Pavel Roytman, Kol Zimrah Music Director, Mariana Kosaya, Campanella Conductor, Margo Schwartz-Newton, Piano, & Steven Greene, Organ.

To register, please visit www.bit.ly/KolZimMarch

POST KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERTS

Featuring Marta Aznavoorian and Janet Sung

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
8:00–10:00 PM

Please join us for another incredible night of melodies. We welcome back the very talented Marta Aznavoorian, on piano and introduce Janet Sung alongside her on the violin. A light supper will be provided to those who attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service which begins at 6:15 p.m. This free concert is generously sponsored by Jim Stone, Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker, and Bobby Takiff.

Please register for the event here: www.nsci.org/form/post-kabbalat-shabbat-concert-Mar2023

SAVE THE DATE Featuring Harpist, Eleanor Kirk

FRIDAY, MAY 12
8:00–10:00 PM

A light supper will be provided to those who attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service which begins at 6:15 p.m. This free concert is generously sponsored by Jim Stone, Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker, and Bobby Takiff.

To register, go to: www.bit.ly/HarpistMay12



Jan. 27 Concert Featuring Duo Mantar

Guitarist Adam Levin and Mandolinist Jacob Reuven, of Duo Mantar were the featured guests of this post Kabbalat Shabbat concert. The January 27th concert was a fantastic evening with music devoted to telling the story of Rachela Zelmanowicz-Olewska, a Jewish mandolin player from Poland who, as a young woman, played in the Auschwitz women's orchestra under the famous violinist and conductor Alma Rose. Rachela's story documents a heroic survival in Auschwitz through the power of her mandolin music. After liberation from Bergen-Belsen, she raised a family in Israel, until she passed away in 1987. This concert showcased her story alongside the untold story of the mandolin during the Holocaust.

Tikkun Olam

FEED THE HOMELESS

SUNDAYS, MARCH 12 & APRIL 23
11:30 AM–2:00 PM

For nearly three decades NSCI's Feed the Homeless program has helped to feed thousands of people around Chicago. Join us one Sunday a month to prepare 750 hot and brown-bag meals for food programs in Lake and Cook Counties.

RSVP to: nsci.org/fth

MAOT CHITIM'S PASSOVER DELIVERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
THE OLD TOYS R US, 1610 DEERFIELD ROAD, HIGHLAND PARK

Provide Chicagoland Jews with Passover meals and other food-related needs. Groups also needed to help with packing on Sunday, March 19 as early as 6 a.m.

To learn more and sign up online, visit maotchitim.org, or contact Maot Chitim at info@maotchitim.org or 847.674.3224.

DONATION INQUIRIES UPDATE

If you have unwanted items that you would like to donate, please contact the synagogue prior to delivering the items. We may not be collecting at the time, but are happy to direct you towards a number of incredible organizations where you can make those donations.

Women of NSCI

For more information or to register for an event, please go to www.nsci.org/wnscli.

BOOK GROUP

TUESDAYS, MARCH 14 & APRIL 11
1:00–3:00 PM VIA ZOOM

March: *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter and Other Roles I've Played* by Tovah Feldshuh

April: *Woman on Fire* by Lisa Barr

Starting in May, the book club will meet in person.

Email wnsci@nsci.org to be added to the book club email contact list.

WNSCI GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
11:00 AM–NOON IN THE FAMILY ROOM AND ON ZOOM
SUNDAY, APRIL 9
9:00–10:00 AM IN THE FAMILY ROOM AND ON ZOOM

Email wnsci@nsci.org for Zoom links.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
7:30–8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Join us for a discussion on the Women of Passover. We will discuss their stories and how we might emulate them in our lives.

Register at bit.ly/CoffeeConvoMarch

CHOCOLATE SEDER

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
7:00–8:30 PM IN REBECCA K. CROWN HALL

Let us be reminded that freedom is sweet. Bring your favorite Passover dessert.

Register at bit.ly/WNSCIChocSeder

Brotherhood



ANNUAL FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
4:00–6:00 PM AT PINSTripES NORTHBROOK

The cost is \$25 for adults, and \$15 for children (any young person who has not been bar/bat mitzvahed). Pizza, appetizers, and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

There is a small possibility of having to either relocate the event to another bowling alley in the Northbrook/Glencoe area, or move the date to 3/26.

For more information, please email us at Brotherhood@nsci.org.

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Clergy Feature: Rabbi Ryan Daniels

BY ELLEN (KATZ) BLOCK

UNLIKE MANY OF US who follow a zig-zag path toward our eventual careers, our beloved Rabbi Ryan Daniels always knew that he wanted to be a rabbi. There may have been brief stints of aspiring to be a pilot or a doctor, but at age seven, he told his parents he wanted to be a rabbi and he never wavered from that desire. Raised in Bayside, NY, Rabbi Daniels grew up with one brother, Jon, ten years older than he, whose lifelong career in major league baseball perhaps impelled young Ryan to be a huge baseball fan as well. The family was active in their synagogue Temple Israel of Jamaica, Queens. His father had been the Temple President, and his mother the Youth Chair and a Sisterhood leader. Rabbi Daniels recalls that as a little kid, he would fall asleep on the front steps of the dais or in the front pew of the synagogue, listening to a man he idolized, Rabbi Ronald Millstein. Coincidentally his son, Rabbi Jordan Millstein, served from 1993 to 1999 as NSCI's Associate Rabbi where he supervised the youth, adult education, and social action programs, responsibilities Rabbi Daniels came to shoulder in the future. Rabbi Daniels is far more than a well-educated and well-versed graduate of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, where he was ordained in 2015.

As a boy, he went to Jewish overnight camp at URJ Eisner Camp in Barrington, MA for 14 years and experienced an immersion in Judaism through song and prayer. First as a camper and later, as a counselor, he interacted with rabbis there who dressed in shorts and played basketball like regular guys, which was quite different from the more formal appearance and demeanor of the rabbis he had previously encountered. This was a significant epiphany for Rabbi Daniels and he feels grateful to have

had role models who were not only scholarly synagogue leaders but also “ordinary guys.”

At college at the University of Buffalo, Rabbi Daniels' rabbinical direction continued to be determined as if by fate. During a class lecture, he noticed a student wearing a North American Federation for Temple Youth Convention t-shirt. He had also been at that Convention, so after class he introduced himself and ended up with an invitation to Rosh Hashanah dinner at her parents' home. That encounter led to a connection to the Education Director at Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo and facilitated Rabbi Daniels' role teaching 7th grade there. Temple Beth Zion is one of the oldest reform synagogues in the United States and, by happenstance, is the synagogue where our own David Goldstein was the Cantor at that time. Nearby, our now Rabbi Emeritus Steve Mason was the Rabbi at Temple Beth Am in Williamsville, NY and, with his wife, Patty, was energetically personalizing and embracing that synagogue's community. Who could have known then that a decade later Rabbi Daniels would be part of Cantor Goldstein's and Rabbi Mason's clergy team at NSCI?

While teaching at Temple Beth Zion, Rabbi Daniels took on an internship at the LGBTQ Center on campus, creating programs and doing advocacy work on behalf of the transgender community. This was a time, he says, when he learned invaluable lessons, deepening his understanding of himself as an ally of those in need of support. In the second semester of his senior year in college, Rabbi Daniels worked for Horizon Health, a leading mental health services provider for people with substance abuse and addictions. Rabbi Daniels worked as an addictions counselor, serving a population about which he had previously known very little. He also encountered people who were recently released from prison and those experiences—with people



who were struggling and now trying to make their way in the world—led to an important and insightful question, “What is it like for people who don't look like me or come from a background like mine?” Rabbi Daniels was determined to stay connected with the T'shuvah community (The Hebrew word for “return” or “repent”) and to have as many diverse experiences as possible from this point forward.

His subsequent employment was indeed varied. He trained camp counselors and worked with campers, as he has so graciously at NSCI, to help build their self-esteem and to live a Jewish-centered life. He was a pastoral visitor at DOROT on the upper West side of NYC, near Columbia University. (Dorot is the Hebrew word for “generations” and is a program that helps socially isolated and homebound individuals receive services which enable them to live more independently.) ■

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

March 2023 ■ Adar/Nisan 5783

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April 2023 ■ Nisan/Iyar 5783

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IN CASE OF AN AFTER- HOURS EMERGENCY—

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.



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