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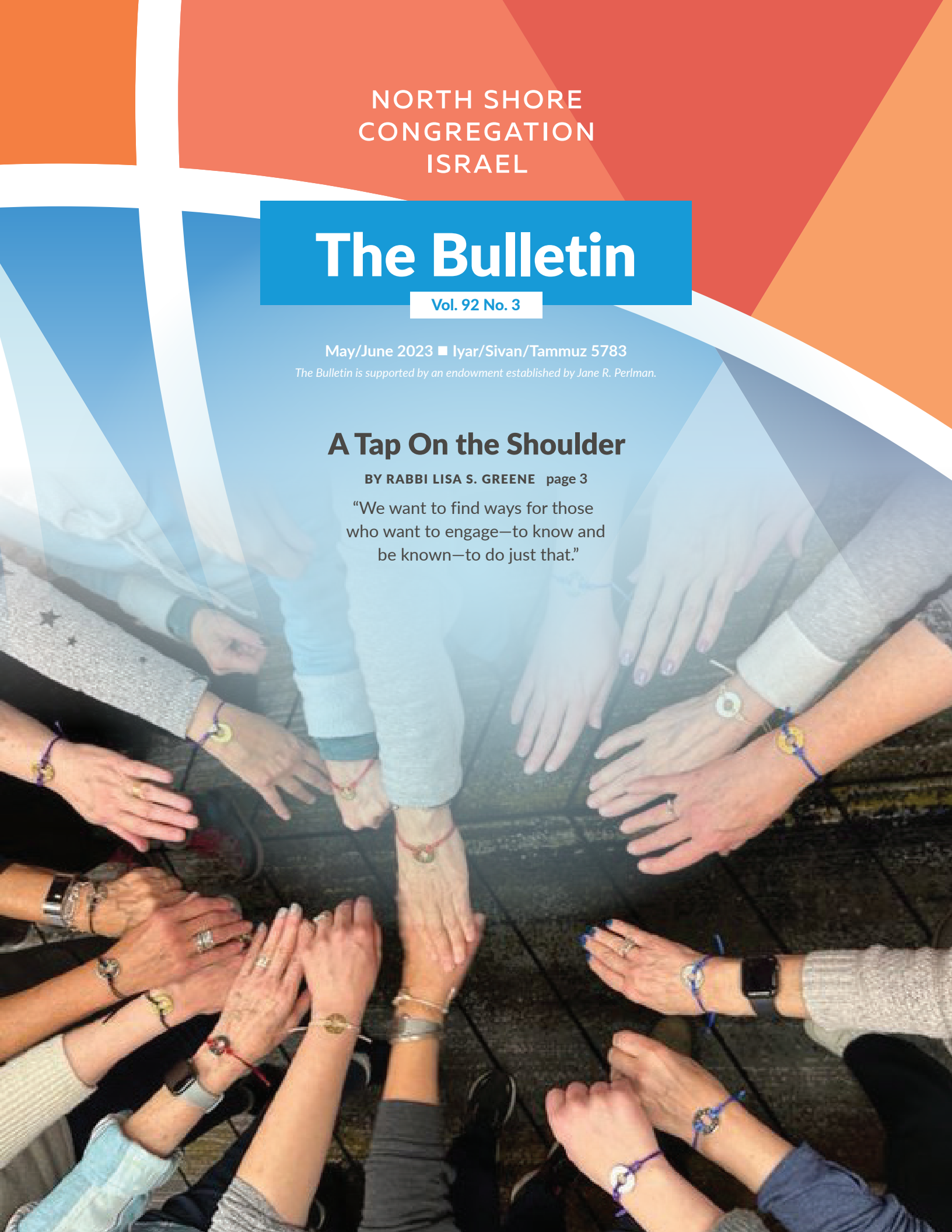
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A Tap On the Shoulder

BY RABBI LISA S. GREENE



WHEN I WAS

growing up, I took for granted that my father, Rabbi Barry H. Greene z"l, a congregational rabbi, engaged many

people to participate in synagogue life or connect with someone new via a tap on the shoulder followed by an invitation.

With that lesson before me, 28 years ago when I was ordained, I began to do the same. So, too, when I came to NSCI 24 years ago. I've tapped many proverbial shoulders with a phone call, email, cup of coffee, or conversation in the hall, asking if you'll help with one thing or another, or if I might introduce you to someone in the community. So many of you have done the same—come to me with a dream or an idea, tapping me on the shoulder.

Together we've partnered to create amazing opportunities and done great things that have transformed NSCI through and through. On the one hand this is just what we do in synagogue life—we make things happen. But, on the other hand, it is not entirely that. The way we make things happen here at NSCI, in a brilliant partnership of clergy-staff and members of our congregation, is not something to be taken for granted!

Time and again, we have come to one another with ideas and inspiration which, together, we have brought

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to fruition! The lists are huge, ever growing, and all around us. Time and again, we've heard from you that when you roll up your sleeves in small or large ways, you feel differently about your place in our community. You are empowered and engaged. And you meet new people whom you might never have met. This is a hallmark of North Shore Congregation Israel.

At the same time as we mark continuity here, we've seen great change in our congregational community. The change exists within our white-window-filled walls and outside in the greater community. We are busier. Technology allows us access from afar to services, classes, and meetings. We are ever more mobile with more of us traveling and living away from the North Shore for periods of time. Some of us are more cautious since Covid and venture out less. Others of us feel the pressure of getting out and doing after being closed in for those awful months. We have re-evaluated what is meaningful in our lives. We've seen that our children are less likely to be connected through Jewish (or any) organizations and institutions, and we watch our parents, elders, and ourselves live long and wrestle with health. Some of us reach out more to friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues. And some of us are lonely, or lonelier than ever.

Consequently, how we approach the synagogue is often different than even a few years ago. With that as a backdrop, in the past two years, a small task force and I have been exploring what it means for adults to be engaged within our community. We looked at the myriad offerings of North Shore Congregation Israel and considered what it means to “know and be known”—our working definition of engagement.

We've looked within our offerings, and we've looked to you in a process of

user-centered design. You may remember the posters outside the administrative office over High Holy Days. Many people left their sticker dots on our photo boards to tell us how they interpreted the words/concepts of joy, success, growth, belonging, and kindness. We learned from those responses how much family and friends mattered in your definitions of joy and success; how highly you value kindness in all of its forms; how you mark growth through personal and educational flourishing, and belonging through family and spiritual connection.

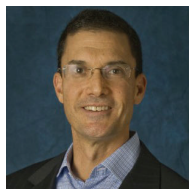
This winter, we did something further, what we call meaningful conversations. Our task force held over 30 conversations with congregants about their lives—what places and people are meaningful to them; when has someone shown up for them; places that are significant for them. We've heard about joy through friends, family, and travel; finding meaning in art, work, and learning; connecting through kindness, tzedakah, pickleball, Shabbat, and longstanding relationships; challenges of distance to dear ones and caring for generations; how much the natural world inspires and draws.

Our goal? To create anew together, and to recast the language of what we are already doing to open these doors more effectively. As we take this learning to new application, I thank the passionate, dedicated team that I am blessed to partner with throughout this adult engagement work—Robert Dillon, Pam Faulkner, Julie Gordon, and Anne Macknin—and our NSCI President Jeff Echt who has encouraged and supported this work.

This conversation of adult engagement will move forward to action in the coming months. We want to find ways for those who want to engage—to know and be known—to do just that. To do that is to do it together. So, you may feel a tap on the shoulder. Please tap us on the shoulder, too! ■

Another Year Begins with Strength

BY JEFF ECHT, PRESIDENT



NSCI HAS a few “new” years during any twelve-month period: the Jewish New Year (Late Summer/Early Fall), the Secular New Year (January 1), and our Fiscal new year (July 1). Our current fiscal year commenced with a tragic event that our community will never forget. Then something very Jewish happened; Despite immense loss and pain, we continued forward together. NSCI

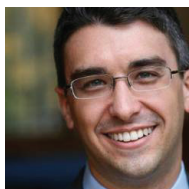
coalesced by exemplifying the fortitude, resourcefulness, and selflessness that makes NSCI a thriving, evolving, and resilient collection of individuals and families that comprise our community.

As this fiscal year comes to an end, we can reflect on both objective and subjective successes. Parents, grandparents, and children of all ages, and in various venues across our campus, filled the High Holy Day season with a palpable and contagious energy. Our school's enrollment continues to increase and now exceeds pre-pandemic numbers. We have exceeded our

Imagine the Possible fundraising goal and eagerly anticipate improved spaces inside and outside our iconic building. With immeasurable pride, affection, and gratitude we say goodbye to Rabbi Ryan Daniels as a Rabbi, but not as a friend. However, it is with excitement that we welcome Jacob Leizman to the Clergy team and our NSCI family.

While I am confident that the above fails to list all of NSCI's highlights, this list does reflect the dedication, professionalism, and generosity of countless congregants, staff, and clergy. ■

From Strength to Strength, A Farewell Message From Rabbi Daniels



FRIENDS,

As I shared in an email to the congregation this past November, reflecting back on

our past eight years together, I am filled with gratitude for our many shared experiences and for your interest in my professional development as well as in mine and my family's happiness and growth. You have raised me to be the rabbi who I am today. You entrusted me with your stories, invited me to journey with you through moments

both heartwarming and heartbreaking, challenged and inspired me in our learning and worship together, and partnered with me in the work of *tikkun olam*. It has been a joy and honor to serve as your rabbi.

There are no words to fully express the appreciation I feel for this wonderful congregation, and to have worked with such an outstanding clergy team, skilled programmatic, educational and administrative staff, and dedicated lay partners. Carlie, Amalia, Cora and I will miss all of the relationships and connections that we have made with our

extended family here in the Midwest.

As we say when finishing a book of Torah, *chazak chazak v'nit'chazek*, may we all go from strength to strength, and be strengthened by what we have shared.

Warmly,
Ryan

Make sure to join us on
Friday, June 16th at 6:15 pm and
Saturday, June 17th at 9:30 am
for Rabbi Daniels' final
Shabbat with us.

North Shore Congregation Israel invites you to our

Annual Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

5:30 PM ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us as we vote in the 2023–2024 Officers & Trustees.

6:15 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE ON THE GOODMAN TERRACE (Weather Permitting)

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. The Ilene H. Herst Youth Leadership Award, June Bild Pinsof Memorial Music Scholarship and Fiedler Fellows will also be announced.

Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!



Erez Novah Neilan
BORN OCTOBER 14, 2022
 Child of Leah & Spencer Neilan
 Grandchild of Leslie & Paul Neilan
 and Edna & Gary Feldman
 Great grandchild of Merle Reskin



Riley Sage Neilan
BORN FEBRUARY 16, 2023
 Child of Chelsea & Sean Neilan
 Sibling of Liam Neilan
 Grandchild of Leslie & Paul
 Neilan and Debra & Eric
 Edmonds
 Great grandchild of Merle
 Reskin



Xander Cayde Schwartz
BORN MARCH 15, 2023
 Child of Alexa & Kyle Schwartz
 Grandchild of Terri & Stanton
 Lewin and Cindy & Mike
 Schwartz
 Great grandchild of Binnie
 & Philip Lewin and Jerry
 Sugarman



**Julian ("Jules") Aron
 Mandel**
BORN APRIL 6, 2023
 Child of Courtney Wilk-Mandel
 & Daniel Mandel
 Sibling of Remy Lewis Mandel
 Grandchild of Miranda & Jed
 Mandel, Cindy Wilk and Greg
 Wilk



**Bailey Steven Lorentz &
 Hugh Steven Lorentz**
BORN FEBRUARY 2, 2023
 Children of Natalie & Garrett
 Lorentz
 Siblings of Tucker, Case, and
 Lev Lorentz
 Grandchildren of Andrea Mandel
 Grubman, Karen & Richard
 Crawford, and Kenneth Lorentz
 Great grandchildren of Annette
 Grubman and Barbara Somlo



Lucy Asher Libman
BORN MARCH 3, 2023
 Child of Lindsay Lazar Libman
 & Daniel Libman
 Sibling of Booker Libman
 Grandchild of Susan & Gary
 Lazar, Susan & Stuart Ralsky,
 Marcia Iacobucci & Paul
 Libman



**Nell Jacqueline
 Schoenfeld**
BORN MARCH 25, 2023
 Child of Kim Freier & Ross
 Schoenfeld
 Grandchild of Jenny Schoenfeld,
 Roger Schoenfeld, Andi Freier
 and Bob Freier
 Great grandchild of Beverly
 Saeks

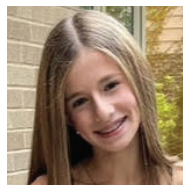
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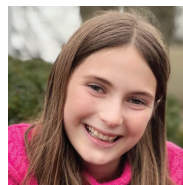
Jacob Coleman
MAY 13, 2023
 Child of Kristyn &
 David Coleman



Giselle Muller
MAY 20, 2023
 Child of Jacquelyn
 Richards & Mark
 Muller



Sasha Garber
MAY 21, 2023
 Child of Rachel &
 Sol Garber



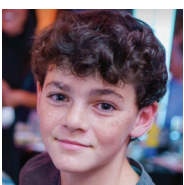
Olivia Schimmel
JUNE 3, 2023
 Child of Julie &
 Michael Schimmel



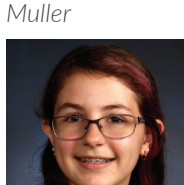
Jacob Romick
JUNE 10, 2023
 Child of Jamie &
 Jonathan Romick



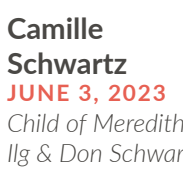
**Becher
 Sherman**
JUNE 17, 2023
 Child of Ilana
 Sherman &
 Michael Sherman



Samuel Nagler
MAY 13, 2023
 Child of Emily &
 Brandon Nagler



Audrey Kahn
MAY 20, 2023
 Child of Jodi & Jay
 Kahn



**Camille
 Schwartz**
JUNE 3, 2023
 Child of Meredith
 Ilg & Don Schwartz



Olivia Kashy
JUNE 10, 2023
 Child of Stacy
 Rosenberg-Kashy &
 Sam Kashy



Sloane Romick
JUNE 10, 2023
 Child of Jamie &
 Jonathan Romick

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WELCOMING NEW CONGREGANTS

Emma & Ryan Friedman

Jennifer & Boris Rapoport

Nancy & Kevin Blitz

STAFF DEVELOPMENTS



Pamela Connell
NSCI's new Youth
and Family
Community
Administrator



Mia Drelich
NSCI's new
Marketing and
Communications
Coordinator



Hila Ratzabi
NSCI's new
Director of
Communications

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Jack Adler

Father of Jeff (Jennifer) Adler
Grandfather of Jenna, James, Ava
and Asher

Joseph "Joey" Bauer

Brother of Dan (Debra) Bauer
Uncle of Brian (Kelly) and Brad (Michelle)
Great Uncle of Dylan, Griffin, Brady
and Brooke

David Blachman

Brother of Susan (Mark) Isaacson
Uncle of Isabel and Aiden

Sandi Chatz

Mother of Joey (Meg) and David (Jessica)
Waxman
"Mother" of Julie (Mark) Lerman,
Cathy Smith and Barbara (Keith) Bank
Grandmother of Adam, Leo, Eloise, Riley,
Bradyn, Gordy (Elana), Jake (Allison),
Benjy (Stacey), Kyle (Allie), Valerie,
Melissa and the late Casey, z"l
Sister of Debi (Alfred) Cohen
Aunt of Robbyn (Jason) and Jordan (Tovah)

Michael Cooper

Son of Jeanie Cooper and the late
William Cooper z"l
Brother of Marc Cooper

Sylvia Delman

Mother of Peter (Mara) Delman
Grandmother of Nathan and Brandon

Alan Edelson

Father of Lisa (Scott) Gendell and
Nancy (Michael) Reinsdorf
Grandfather of Sam, Billy, Mikey (Erica),
Lizzy (Jason), Jenny (Will), Joey and Harry

Gary Feldman

Brother of Sandi (Howard z"l) Sorkin
Uncle of Abby (Jay) Bruggeman and
Elliot Sorkin
Great Uncle of Jack, Molly and the
late Brady, z"l

Tammie Golden

Mother of Betty (Tripp) Hainsfurther
Grandmother of Sara and Adam

Lilli Greenebaum

Mother of David Roy (Ellen Davis)
Greenebaum and Robert Frederic
Greenebaum
Grandmother of Meghan (Paulo) Cabral,
Elizabeth (Jake Keyel) Greenebaum,
James E. (Lou Becker) Greenebaum III,
Daniel, Andrew Roy and Julia Rose
Greenebaum
Great-Grandmother of Ilana, Maria,
Paulo Roberto, and Olivia

Richard "Dick" Kotz

Husband of Debora Kotz
Father of Kenneth (Tue) Kotz, David (Laurie)
Kotz, and the late Andrew z"l
(late Debra z"l) Kotz
Grandfather of Aaron (John Chiano), Sara,
Samantha, Stephen, and Adam

Beverly Rose

Mother of Erica Lieberman
Grandmother of Zachary and Nicole
Lieberman

Gloria Schuman

Mother of Robert (Charlene) Schuman and
William (Caryn) Schuman
Grandmother of Lindsey Schuman,
Lisa (Jonathan) Zimble, Jamie Schuman,
Marly (Chad) Clamage, and Keith
(Jordan Brown) Schuman
Great Grandmother of Ella Clamage

Harold "Hal" Shulman

Husband of Carole Shulman
Father of Marla (Kevin) White and
Michael (Kristie) Shulman
Grandfather of Bradley, Justin, Rebekah,
and Mathew
Great Grandfather of Gabriella White

Frances Tutshen

Mother of Karyn (Ken) Davidman and
Scott Tutshen
Grandmother of Jason (Lindsay) Davidman
and Matthew (Alexis) Davidman
Bubbe of Shane, Reece, and Noah

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 CHESSED, NSCI'S CARING COMMUNITY



Hands of Chessed 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.

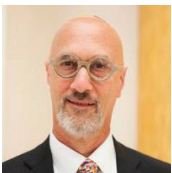
In the past two years, more than 250 acts of kindness have been performed by an incredible team in our NSCI community, Hands of Chessed.

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 Chessed is led by Leslie Rosen. For more information or to contact Leslie, visit nsci.org/support.

HEALING SERVICES WITH CANTOR GOLDSTEIN ON FACEBOOK

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 3 & 17
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-service submissions

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.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

TUESDAYS
7:00–8:30 PM AT NSCI

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

For information on FA meetings, contact Margot at 847.738.0306 or mkpeters81@aol.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS
7:00–8:00 PM AT NSCI

For information on AA meetings, contact Mark at 847.738.1919 or mopeters21@gmail.com.

NSCI CONGREGANT DIRECTORY

"Loving thy neighbor, begins with knowing thy neighbor." A large aspect of belonging to a congregation, for many of our members, is the ability to connect with like minded individuals and develop meaningful lasting relationships. This is where your personal NSCI Congregant Directory comes into play to save the day. This is a safe, password-protected, congregant-only directory. You can manage your own member profile and you can view other congregants' info as well. This may come in handy if you want to send a thank you or condolences card, grab a cup of coffee with a fellow congregant, or find a buddy to conquer your new year's resolutions with. You can quickly and easily find someone and a way to contact them through your NSCI Directory. It's just another congregant perk!

To access the Directory, you must be logged into your NSCI account. If you have any questions, please email miad@nsci.org or call the office during office hours (Mon.–Thurs. 9–5; Fri. 9–4) at 847.835.0724.

CLERGY REPRESENTATION AT LIFECYCLE EVENTS: BEFORE YOU BOOK A DATE

We would like to remind congregants that the only way to ensure one of our clergy can officiate an important event in your life is to reach out to us before booking a specific date and time for your event. We do our best to accommodate all requests, but there are many times when we cannot change our schedules and may, unfortunately, be unable to accommodate an officiation request.

To inquire about the availability of our clergy, please reach out to Sarah Duffin at 847.835.0724 x643.

IsraelNow — IsraelWow!

Reminiscing on the JUF 8th Grade Trip



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

IMAGINE MISSING SCHOOL to travel to Israel with 159 other Jewish Chicago-land teens, without your parents, for an 8 day experience of a lifetime. Climb Masada. Float in the Dead Sea. Eat falafel in Machane Yehuda. Go spelunking through ancient caves. Walk the walls surrounding the Old City of Jerusalem. Touch the Western Wall. Hike the Judean Hills. Crawl through an aqueduct. Visit the bullet factory from the War of Independence. Bake your own pita. Do all of this and more with your friends and many newly made friends from Chicago and other cities too.

30 NSCI 8th graders participated in the IsraelNow experiences this past February and March. I accompanied the February trip, having the opportunity to see Israel through their eyes. Read what they said about these experiences below and enjoy "seeing" the glow in their eyes and faces.

What's the value of IsraelNow?

An intensive Israel travel experience plays a critical role in teens Jewish identity formation (Korazim et al, 2018, pp.45-40). Moreover, non-Orthodox teens who make a choice to participate in Jewish life during the adolescent years, are more likely to continue their involvement in Jewish life as adults (Horowitz, 2000). In national comparisons, Chicago-land continually ranks higher than other communities, based on the percentage of people who've visited Israel. Our federation, JUF, heavily subsidizes the IsraelNow experience, helping to expose our teens to Israel at a formative time in their lives.

"IsraelNow was a great experience because I got to learn all about Israeli culture and doing it with my old and new friends was really fun!" —PAIGE

"I recommend this trip because it's a great way to meet new people and make friends." —WYATT

"I would recommend IsraelNow because it was one of the best experiences of my life. I got to meet so many new people, try so many new things, and have amazing new experiences I would usually never get to experience!" —NICOLE

"Israel now was an awesome opportunity because I got to experience the culture in Israel and was doing it with friends from home and the friends I made from my trip." —JORDAN

IsraelNow provided a major Jewish educational experience for our 30 NSCI 8th graders. It has inspired them, deepened their Jewish pride and identities, expanded their Jewish network, and opened them up to continue exploring their Judaism. Some will bring their enthusiasm to NSCI, helping out as Machoniks, taking classes, and sharing their love of Israel. IsraelNow helps provide a foundation for Jewish leadership and engagement now and in the future. ■

- Goodman, R. L., Flexner, P. A., & Bloomberg, L. D. (2008). The Place of Israel in North American Jewish Education: A View from Israel. In What we now know about Jewish education: Perspectives on research for Practice (pp. 45-50). essay, Torah Aura Productions.
- Horowitz, B. (2000). Connections and Journeys: Assessing Critical Opportunities for Enhancing Jewish Identity.

TOT SHABBATS



In partnership with PJ Library, NSCI hosted two Tot Shabbats! We welcomed over 30 new families into our building and ate, danced, and socialized. Tots had the opportunity to do mitzvot with their families, like decorating battery operated Shabbat Candlesticks for nursing home residents and hospital patients, and creating mishloach manot, snack packs, for the Ronald McDonald House. It was great to gather smiles and acts of service.

FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCE RECAP

This year we set out to create a new, meaningful Shabbat celebration for families at NSCI, and together we created the Family Shabbat Experience: a 3-part Shabbat program for families with children ages K-5th grade to celebrate the end of the week with learning, fun activities and great food and drink. More than 25 families attended one or more of these events which offered both the space and opportunity for families to join together in a casual environment, where adults could connect with other adults and kids made new friends, all while participating in enjoyable age-appropriate Shabbat activities. We look forward to offering 3 more Family Shabbat Experiences next year!

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

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

FRI, JUNE 2:
Celebration of Youth Shabbat

Watch for Fall enrollment
information in your email!

FIEDLER FELLOW INTERVIEWS

We are thrilled to have so many teens to recognize at NSCI this year! Their dedication and energy have helped to make NSCI the warm and vibrant community it is. The Fiedler Fellowship recognizes our teens who have participated at NSCI all 4 years of High School, honoring them with a \$1000 scholarship from the Louis P. and Saerree K. Fiedler Fund to apply toward college tuition or any post secondary program.

Spencer Nguyen

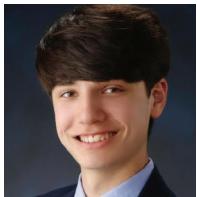


I am most proud of my involvement in Robotics, stage crew, and the TYG Board at NSCI.

Just a couple months ago I

was selected to be one of the NSCI congregants who would be involved in the hiring process of our new rabbi. This was an invaluable experience because I was able to learn about professional interview processes, along with learning about some of the other members of our congregation.

Gideon Rigler



I am most proud of my involvement in the Marching band, DECA, and Theatrix Improv Comedy Club.

When I think

about my time at NSCI, I will most remember songleading and seeing everyone smiling and having fun.

Hannah Dalinka



I am most proud of becoming the Glenbrook North (GBN) High School's Student Association Executive Board Vice President

and a GBN Speech Team Co-Captain (4th in the state for Dramatic Duet Acting and 6th in the state for Oratorical Declamation). Additionally, I am proud of being honored as a Springboard 18 Under 18 Honoree.

I will remember the welcoming, supportive, and accepting community at NSCI. I am so lucky to have found a home here and hope that I have helped strengthen that home for the future generations.

Katherine McKeag



I am most proud of being named as an 18 Under 18 Honoree, and of holding positions as the NFTY programming

Vice President, as well as the NSCI TYG president.

I will remember feeling completely at home and safe, making connections that will last a lifetime, and most importantly, shaping who I am.

Gabe Cohen



I'm most proud of my work as a Machonik. Additionally, I take voice lessons, have my own art business, and I have a job at Goodwill.

I will remember the friends I've made along the way and the clergy and staff who have supported me.

Adi Berman



I am most proud of being elected as the NSCI TYG programming Vice President, the NFTY CAR communications

vice president, and of my 7 year involvement as a Machonik.

I will remember the Youth group events (especially Karav) and getting to work as a Machonik with the most amazing students, teachers/staff, and clergy members.

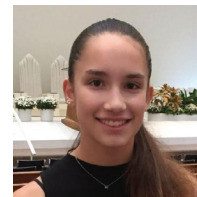
Simon Shapiro



I am most proud of being on the Baseball team all 4 years of high school, in addition to becoming an Illinois State Scholar, and a Scholastic Bowl participant.

I will remember all of the people that I had the pleasure of getting to know and the impact I may have had on their Jewish studies.

Alexie Zejer



I am most proud of volunteering in the NSCI mitzvah garden and the friends I've made, my involvement in stage crew

at HPHS, and the opportunities I've had to sing with Cantor Goldstein at Friday Night Shabbat services.

I will remember how NSCI helped me to find my Jewish identity and learn more about it, meet other Jewish youth, and teach those around me why Judaism is special.



KARAV TEEN RETREAT

**FRIDAY, MAY 5 AT 4:30 PM -
SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 12:30 P.M.**

A special teen only weekend filled with friends, outdoors, and the exploration Jewish identity. This year, Karav will feature an escape room outing, teen planned social programs, lots of FOOD, and so much more.

To register, visit:
nsci.org/form/KARAV2023

Adult Learning & Programs

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

1:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek presents Jack Benny: An Illinois Original

Register: bit.ly/seniorconnections0523

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

1:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

Julius Rosenwald: A Compassionate Man. This program will review Rosenwald's life with a special emphasis on his time in Chicago's North Shore.

Register: bit.ly/seniorconnections0623

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

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:00 PM AT LANDMARK CINEMAS IN THE GLEN



NSCI is proud to again participate in the Chicago Festival of Israeli Film. This year, NSCI is sponsoring the Midwest Premiere of Tal Imbar's "Closed Circuit".

Purchase tickets: israelifilmchi.org

SPIRITUALITY WALKS IN THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN WITH RABBI NINA MIZRAHI

Join Rabbi Mizrahi for guided, contemplative garden walks that sync spiritually with the Jewish calendar. Members: No charge. Non-members: \$18/walk.

Walk 1 Omer: Walking Toward Sinai

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 9:00 AM

(Rain Date: Friday, May 19)

Register: bit.ly/spiritualitywalks0523

Walk 2: Walking With Wonder

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 9:00 AM

(Rain Date: Friday, June 30)

Register: bit.ly/spiritualitywalks0623

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00-10:30 AM IN THE PERLMAN SANCTUARY

Join Rabbi Geffen to learn what Jewish wisdom and traditional Jewish sacred texts have to say about gender, gender expression, and understanding gender beyond the binary construct of male and female. This class does not reflect a particular political point of view, nor is the intention to endorse a particular political party or candidate. You may encounter viewpoints from Jewish tradition of which you were previously unaware and/or about

which you may find personally challenging.

Register: www.bit.ly/HTGender

ISRAELI AND AMERICAN JEWISH FAMILY DYNAMICS: WHY WE LOVE EACH OTHER AND HOW WE MAKE EACH OTHER CRAZY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Rabbi Rich Kirschen. This program looks at Israel and the American Jewish community through the lens of trauma. And just as patients who are in therapy revisit their personal stories of trauma through the understanding of fight, flight, freeze, and fawn (including creative strategies but sometimes pathologies), the collective story of Israelis and American Jews is not so different. This is an opportunity to discuss what connects us and yet what divides us.

Register: bit.ly/FamilyDynamics0523

SHAVUOT MORNING EXPERIENCE WITH YIZKOR

FRIDAY, MAY 26 9:00-10:00 AM

With Rabbi Greene: A time for inspiration and memory. Members of our last two Adult B'nei Mitzvah classes will read from the Ten Commandments narrative and we will pause for reflection, remembrance, and Kaddish recalling those who have died in the last year and prior.

Music

VIOLINS OF HOPE CONCERT

The Violins of Hope Event, Exhibit, and Concert occurred on April 20th and it was a magical evening in the Large Sanctuary. We welcomed guests from all over the Chicago-land area and beyond to experience the beauty of the lovingly restored, world traveled, private collection of Holocaust era instruments. With a number of instruments on display and a concert packed with moving and meaningful music, the opening night of Violins of Hope seemed to inspire many to think about the future, with the powerful knowledge that the human spirit can overcome any evil or hate it faces. This event was presented with the generous support from the Zollie and Elaine Frank Music Fund at NSCI, and was brought to us by JCC Chicago.



POST-KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERTS

Featuring Harpists Eleanor Kirk & Julie Spring

FRIDAY, MAY 12 8:00 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.

Register: www.bit.ly/HarpDuo0523

Featuring Steans Jazz Musicians

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 8:00 PM

This will be the first of three Steans concerts—June 9, July 7, and August 11.

ORGAN CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 26

1:00-3:30 PM

Tikkun Olam

ADULT MITZVAH CORPS

Join our Adult Mitzvah Corps, where we have fun volunteering once a month during the week. You are welcome to volunteer with us every month or once in a while. We have volunteered with The Ark, JCFS, CJE and other organizations.

For more information, email us at nscimitzvahcorps@gmail.com.

FEED THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY, MAY 7
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: www.nsci.org/fth

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
4:00-7:00 PM

Volunteer to provide meals to food insecure individuals at the Beth Emet Soup kitchen. We shop, cook onsite and serve at the soup kitchen which is warm and welcoming.

Advance signup is necessary. To sign up or ask questions, contact Rabbi Greene at www.bit.ly/ContactRLG

FAMILY PROMISE 2023

JUNE 4-18

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 homelessness. These families are like ours. Circumstances have just brought them to a point of financial crisis and they have become homeless. We will be

hosting families overnight at NSCI for two consecutive weeks from June 4-18, 2023. There are many ways for you and your family to participate behind-the-scenes or in person to make our guest families feel comfortable and welcome:

- Drop off breakfast food for 2 days (fresh fruit, frozen waffles, syrup)
- Drop off items for a healthy lunch to go for 2 days (bread, lunch meat, cheese, single-serve chips, apples)
- Provide dinner (homemade or store-bought) for 5-10 people and enjoy dining together with our guests
- Dinner volunteers are encouraged to stay and play with the children outside, weather permitting
- Drop off gift cards for Target or Walmart

www.nsci.org/familypromise

Construction Update

The Anticipation Grows As Construction Begins to...*Build the Possible!*

CONGREGANTS, guests, vendors, and everyone who will visit NSCI are advised to the following:

Access to the Building: Effective Monday, April 17 the Administration Door to the building will be closed permanently while we construct a NEW secure entrance at the south arcade door. Entry to the building for ALL PURPOSES will be through the NORTH ARCADE DOOR.

Access to the Religious School: The Religious School entrance will remain accessible through the LAST DAY of school, Wednesday, May 3rd, after which construction will begin on a new and more secure entry point.

Renovations to Frank Memorial Hall & Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall: The exciting transformation of these two facilities will begin April 24 and May 1 respectively.

During Construction:

- Both the Large and Perlman Sanctuaries will remain open for lifecycle and other events.
- The large event space in the Tross Family Education Center will be available for Kiddush lunches, Shiva meals, and other gatherings.
- The main restrooms will be closed for complete remodeling. Restrooms will be available for use in the space adjacent to the Perlman Sanctuary, and in the Tross Family Education Center on the lower level.

- Exterior and interior signage will be posted to help guide everyone using the building.
- Watch for our weekly e-blasts which will provide necessary updates on the progress of the construction.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation during the construction and apologize for any inconveniences.

Questions: Construction related questions can be directed to Joel Miller, Director of Operations, joelm@nsci.org. Space availability inquiries can be directed to Glenn Simon, Events Coordinator, glenns@nsci.org. ■

Women of NSCI



CONGRATULATIONS

Mazel tov to our WNSCI leaders who are leading regionally and nationally: Karen Dillon, WRJ Woman of Valor; Debra Cohen, Karen Dillon, & Blythe Trilling, WRJ Heartland District Board of Directors Members; Michelle Scheinkopf & Judy Wexler, WRJ North American Board Members.

LR back: Diane Moore, Michelle Scheinkopf, Blythe Trilling, Nancy Mantynband, Karen Dillon, Anne DuBois, Peggy Rubenstein

LR front: April Victor, Judy Wexler, Debra Cohen, Mimi Horowitz

Present but not pictured: Lorelei Rosenthal

WNSCI GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00-10:00 AM IN PERSON AT NSCI AND ON ZOOM

This is our last meeting for the fiscal year.

Email wnscli@nsci.org for the Zoom link.

WNSCI BOOK CLUB

TUESDAYS, MAY 9 & JUNE 13

1:00-3:00 PM IN PERSON AT NSCI

May: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. A chance encounter with a list of library books leads to an unlikely friendship between two people in a London suburb.

June: *Next Year in Havana* by Canel Cleeton. A story of a family who left revolutionary Cuba and settled in Miami and the impact on a later generation.

CHEESE AND WINE TASTING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

6:30 PM AT NSCI

Join us for a cheese tasting and wine pairing in honor of Shavuot.

Check your email for more information, coming soon.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MAY 19

6:15 PM

Please email wnscli@nsci.org if you are interested in participating in the service.

INSTALLATION DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Save the date for the WNSCI annual installation dinner on Wednesday, June 7th. This long standing tradition and ceremony has members bid adieu to the outgoing WNSCI board members and providing a warm welcome to the new board members being sworn in.

WNSCI MAHJONG GAMES

THURSDAYS

1:00-3:00 PM AT NSCI

Join us at NSCI's for fun and friendly games of mah jongg. Beginners and the "just curious" are welcome. There's no betting allowed, just a voluntary contribution to our tzedakah box!

WOMEN OF NSCI'S JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

We've Gone on Hiatus! Once construction is completed, WNSCI will have a sparkling new Gift Shop. Meanwhile, we are available by appointment for Tallitot, Mezuzot and Scrolls, Wedding Items, Candles, Rosh Hashanah, and all Michael Aram merchandise. We can also place special orders and will make every effort to fulfill your Judaica needs.

Contact the Shop at 847.835.4009 or giftshopnsci@gmail.com.

Brotherhood



On March 19th, the Brotherhood at NSCI held their annual family bowling night and everyone that could SPARE some time to attend, had an amazing evening! The event took place at Bowlero in Buffalo Grove and participants shared in food, drink, and STRIKE worthy conversation.

Photography by Merle Branner

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

The Architects' Thoughts from Hammond, Beeby & Babka on the Perlman Sanctuary

BY JOHN W. CLARK

PHASE II of North Shore Congregation Israel's building project at 1185 Sheridan Road saw the construction of the Perlman Sanctuary, Crown Hall, Sisterhood Kitchen, Restrooms, and Rabbi's Study. The fundraising campaign was called Arise and Build. Rabbi Herbert Bronstein was the Senior Rabbi leading this project. The groundbreaking was on May 17, 1981 and the building was dedicated on September 12, 1982. The architectural firm that built Phase II was Hammond, Beeby, & Babka. We had a visit recently from two of the architects, John Clark and Jonathan Levi. John Clark shared his thoughts with us, excerpts of which are below.

In the Torah, the number forty, as first mentioned in Genesis 7, is repeatedly associated with testing, trials, judgment, and triumph. So forty years after its completion seems a fitting time to revisit and review the 1983 Sanctuary and Social Hall addition, a happy coincidence for the timing of our visit.

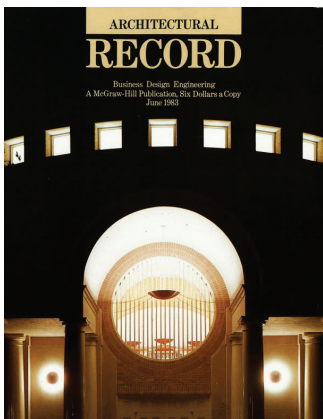
Jonathan Levi and I worked as young apprentices at Hammond, Beeby, & Babka, a relatively small office of approximately eight employees, working under the guidance of the firm's three partners, James Hammond, Tom Beeby, and Bernie Babka. The Synagogue and Social Hall addition was a very important project for the firm, and especially for its design

principal, the then 40 year old Tom Beeby at the start of the project, who focused intensely on its design. It was also a transformative project for him: His first major project using more overtly classical detailing, columns, and cornices in contrast to his previously preferred Miesian steel detailing. Since he was then at the forefront of design in Chicago, as well as in the national spotlight, it was widely published and seen, almost immediately appearing on the cover of Architectural Record. The original Yamasaki sanctuary is beautiful and cohesive, so it was a challenge to add to. Tom succeeded with a design that is respectful without trying to replicate or upstage Yamasaki's design; bringing a new, intimate, humane, and spiritual element to the Congregation.

While working on the design, Tom steeped himself in the Bible, Hebrew theology, and traditional Hebraic architectural culture. His close friend Stanley Tigerman, who often visited the office, later wrote a book, "The Architecture of Exile," treating the tabernacle in the desert and Hebraic architectural efforts to bring paradise to earth. One day in the office Tom explained each aspect of the Synagogue's design and its underlying symbolism and meaning. But I don't think he repeated that or wrote about it more than briefly, preferring to leave it intrinsic. Yet, it's a reason the architecture resonates so strongly today.

The 1983 Architectural Record article that appeared soon after the building's completion states, "Designer Thomas Beeby employed a retinue of images, details, and motifs he found in history books, travels abroad, and in Judaic research to connect the new synagogue with those that had come before-with tradition. From the humble, vernacular Ashkenazic synagogues of Poland he took the imperfect white oak that covers the walls, the ceiling, and the floor. From the elegant, Renaissance Sephardic synagogues of Venice and Spain he took the Classical columns, entablatures, and Ark. From Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem he took the cube and the four-post support. From Orthodox temples he took the balconies (where women were, by tradition, relegated). From ancient and not-so-ancient custom, he took the aluminum Star of David chandelier suspended from the oculus, the brass ram's horn shofar caps on the pipe-railing, and the wooden bench surrounding the perimeter of the sanctuary....A final appropriation: In archaic synagogues, the rabbi could either read the Torah scrolls from a pulpit at the eastern end of the sanctuary, with the congregation facing Jerusalem, or from a lectern in the center of the sanctuary, with the congregation sitting theater-in-the-round style." ■

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



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May 2023 ■ Iyar/Sivan 5783

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	1 1 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud Spring 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah 7 pm Shir Chadash Rehearsal	2 7 pm FA Meeting	3 10 am Wise Aging 201 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 8 pm Healing Service with Cantor Goldstein on Facebook	4 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg 7 pm Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema at The Glen	5 4:30 pm KARAV Teen Retreat Starts 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 ALL DAY KARAV Teen Retreat 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
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14 Mothers Day	15 1 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud Spring 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	16 7 pm FA Meeting 7 pm Nachman Scholar	17 9 am Spirituality Walk Spring 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 8 pm Healing Service with Cantor Goldstein on Facebook	18 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	19 Yom Yerushalayim 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 pm Sisterhood Shabbat	20 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
21 9 am Hot Topics: What Does Judaism Have to Say About...(Gender Identity)	22 1 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud Spring 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	23 7 pm FA Meeting 7 pm Nachman Scholar	24 12:30 pm Israeli and American Jewish Family Dynamics 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	25 Shavuot begins at sundown 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	26 9:00 am Shavuot Morning Experience with Yizkor 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	27 Shavuot ends at sundown 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
28	29 Memorial Day 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	30 7 pm FA Meeting	31 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal			

June 2023 ■ Sivan/Tammuz 5783

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	2 5:30 pm NSCI Annual Meeting 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	3 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
4 6 pm Family Promise Begins (2 week long project)	5 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	6 7 pm FA Meeting	7 1 pm Senior Connections 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7 pm AA Meeting TBD WNSCI Installation Dinner	8 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	9 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8 pm Post Kabbalat Shabbat Concert-Steans Jazz Musicians	10 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
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18 Fathers Day Family Promise Project Ends	19 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	20 7 pm FA Meeting	21 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7 pm AA Meeting	22 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	23 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	24 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
25	26 12 pm American Guild of Organists Concert 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	27 7 pm FA Meeting	28 9 am Spirituality Walk June 7 pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7 pm AA Meeting	29 1 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	30 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	



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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

**MAY THROUGH OCTOBER,
WHEN LIGHT AND WEATHER PERMIT**

6:15 PM ON THE LILLIAN AND LARRY GOODMAN TERRACE

Watch your email and visit nsci.org/shabbat for more information.

*Services will be moved to the Perlman Sanctuary in case of inclement weather.
Kabbalat Shabbat Services will continue to be streamed on our website and Facebook.*