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Joy is Jewish Resilience

BY RABBI LISA GREENE



BEFORE I SAT DOWN

to write this missive, I emerged from my sukkah under sparkling fruit-shaped lights against a dark sky. Sukkot, called *Z'man Simchateinu*, Season of our Joy, is the only Jewish holiday in which our emotion is commanded. I finished the holiday only to awake the next day to the horrific news from Israel. As we struggle to comprehend the terror brought upon Israel and its citizens, I am reminded of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai's poem, "A Man In His Life," in which he writes: "A man needs to love and hate at the same moment, to laugh and cry with the same eyes."

In our world right now we are grieving and crying, and we can, too, mark joys, even in the midst of grief. Jewish joy is complex and is essential to Jewish survival and resilience. Our darkest moments have been punctuated by joy, and our celebrations remind us of the fragility of that joy, just as we shatter a glass at a wedding, the ultimate occasion of Jewish joy and celebration. Even, and especially, in the midst of the grief, fear, and uncertainty, we must find ways to connect to joy as a source of strength.

Simchah is the Hebrew word for joy. We know it from the holiday greeting, "*chag sameach*" (happy holiday), from the name of the holiday of Simchat Torah (Joy of Torah), and from the word we use to describe a happy event like a wedding or b'nei mitzvah—a *simchah*.

Jewish joy is not unadulterated happiness but exists hand in hand with an awareness of history and the importance of community. Rabbi Alan Morinis writes, "Joy is what Jewish tradition is about. Jewish teaching is more about getting beyond yourself than satisfying your personal desires. It's about connecting, joining and feeling that much deeper sense of fulfillment and completeness that isn't possible for the solitary individual."¹

In the secular world, happiness is getting a great deal of press these days, as countless researchers, writers, and pundits look at our society, how we live, what we are feeling, and how we interact with others. Much is written on how to pursue happiness and how it contrasts with loneliness—a real societal concern. Wharton professor Adam Grant deepens that explanation. Grant writes, "Psychologists find that in cultures where people pursue happiness individually, they may actually become lonelier. But in cultures where they pursue happiness socially—through connecting, caring and contributing—people appear to be more likely to gain well-being."² Grant speaks to meaningful connecting and doing with others.

We see this around us. Hundreds of us at a time just gathered for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This spring and summer dedicated groups planted and picked in our Mitzvah Garden, providing food for the patrons of the Moraine Township Food Pantry. In late August, 60 adults in their 50s and 60s gathered to connect and reconnect late on a Friday afternoon before Shabbat began. During Sukkot we saw dozens of women gather in and around our sukkah for Sisters in the Sukkah to share a meal and learn about SHALVA's support of victims of abuse. And a group of 20- and 30-somethings who grew up at NSCI shared Sukkot dinner and (re-)connection in my backyard. We see this on Shabbat and at classical concerts in our sanctuaries. We saw this in the Family Tashlich and Mikvah at the Lake gatherings before Rosh Hashanah. We see it in the group that gathers for Shabbat dinners and the book group that meets monthly. We see it in our community gathering for Feed the Homeless. We witness our Hands of Chesed team members spreading kindness by visiting and dropping off dinner or flowers for people they've never met. Last spring as a small group of us interviewed members of our congregation about their lives, again and again we heard examples of connection that people live and connection that people seek.

Jewish doing is so much about community, about doing together to care, to connect, to contribute, and thus to deepen our joy.

So, in this new year, let's up our joy quotient. Start with one new commitment of meaningful connection and action in our NSCI community, one new path to care, connect, or contribute. Sign up for something we're offering, or bring a new idea you're ready to partner to make happen. Sit next to someone new in class or on Shabbat and introduce yourself. Make lunches on a Sunday afternoon for Feed the Homeless and say hello to those working with you. Add your name to our Hands of Chesed team, and when you drop by with dinner or flowers or cookies, have a conversation with the recipient of your kindness. Join the WNSCI Book Club conversation or January Women's Retreat and see who you'll meet. Want to gather with other grandparents, explore the possibilities of our NSCI lakefront, learn with other sandwich-generation folks, or delve into Jewish genealogy? Be in touch! And there's so much more.

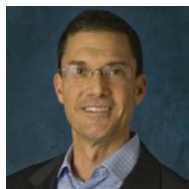
In Pirke Avot we read the straightforward teaching: *al tifrosh min hatzibur*—do not separate yourself from the community. We know the positive of this, too—that Jewish doing is so much about community, about doing together to care, to connect, to contribute, and thus to deepen our joy. May that joy give us the strength to hold each other through the most difficult times, help us build a world of chesed (kindness) and peace, and together innovate for the good and meaningful. ■

1. Alan Morinis in *Moment Magazine* symposium: www.momentmag.com/makes-us-happy-symposium

2. www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/09/happiness-truths-myths/675283/

Back Home Again at NSCI

BY JEFF ECHT, PRESIDENT



ANNUAL TRADITIONS

provide texture along with a unique and intangible quality to meaningful events.

For sports fans, that may be a family tradition surrounding baseball's opening day or details that make football tailgates so memorable. For me, the singing of "Back Home Again in Indiana" prior to the Indianapolis 500 is an irreplaceable part of the race day to which fans like myself look forward.

We are all aware of the obstacles we have overcome over the last few years to physically gather for the High Holy Days. After completing three years participating in High Holy Day services from the bimah, I am wondering if you walked away with the same impression as me? Something was different this year. The energy throughout our renovated building felt different—more alive and abundant. The over 8,750 individuals who joined us either live or online added to the enthusiasm and connectedness of the High Holy Day services.

You may have special High Holy Day traditions that you relive year after year: sitting in the same seat or row in the sanctuary; dinner with the same families and food; chanting the same tune as your parents and grandparents; gathering at the bimah as the sun sets on Yom Kippur . . . These moments create tradition. I feel so grateful to share these traditions with you, my NSCI family. If you are sensing the same feeling as me, then you are very happy to be *Back Home Again at NSCI*. ■

JUF Rally in Support of Israel

ON OCTOBER 10TH, JUF held a rally in support of Israel in North Shore Congregation Israel's parking lot. Students from the surrounding religious schools were brought by bus to the event, while hundreds of people gathered independently, alongside friends and family to show their support and find comfort in community. Rabbi Wendi Geffen spoke powerfully at the beginning of the rally. Various elected officials from the Chicagoland area attended and many spoke about the horrific terrorist attacks incited by Hamas. Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker condemned the heinous actions of Hamas while Congressman Brad Schneider assured attendees that his efforts to push bipartisan legislation in support of Israel would continue and remain strong. Cantor Rachel Brook, Senior Cantor at Anshe Emet Synagogue, led the rally in singing the United States national anthem followed by Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem, to conclude the gathering. ■



The Community You Build

A note of gratitude

BY TODD BRAMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BECAUSE OF YOU,

we enter our new year on firm financial footing with no debt, a substantial building

reserve to address critical major repairs, and an increased endowment fund.

For those of you who were here in person during the High Holy Days, you experienced a more secure space, and at the very same time, more opportunity to come together communally in modern, flexible, beautiful spaces that meet the needs of today and tomorrow. Thank you for making all this possible!

You should be proud of the synagogue community that you built, which stands at its highest level of both membership and school participation in years.

Nurturing and sustaining such a broad and diverse community requires significant resources to ensure the highest level of pastoral and spiritual care as well as dynamic programming, Jewish education, and communal engagement. NSCI provides the place and space for us to come together in community—to celebrate, to learn, to pray, to mourn, to support, and to connect. *Thank you for your investment in our community as we double down on our engagement opportunities.*

We recognize the spectrum of economic need in our community, and we provide the means to welcome those among us who require assistance. *Thank you for helping to ensure that no one is turned away due to an inability to contribute fully to their membership dues or school tuition.*

Tikkun olam, repairing our world, is an essential Jewish value. It matters locally and globally in small and large ways, and every action adds to the greater good. NSCI is our safe haven for strength and impact as a community. Maintaining our vitality means we can support our members and then go beyond. We are a large, vibrant congregation with great competencies, serving as a resource for the greater community. *Thanks for helping us to go even deeper in our ongoing work to create a more caring, whole community and world.*

Separate from our building reserve, we are always investing in our facility and grounds. These spaces are very

much a part of the NSCI experience, creating the tone to uplift, inspire, calm, or reflect. They also require constant nurturing. This summer and fall, for example, we removed 18 dead trees and planted 33 new oaks, elms, crab apples, red buds, and magnolias. We also converted 428 fluorescent bulbs and their fixtures to LED. *Thank you for helping to create and maintain a modern, beautiful, and sustainable campus.*

So many of you have already made a gift to our 2023–24 Annual Appeal or General Fund. Thank you! For those of you wishing to support our collective work by making a year-end contribution, please visit www.nsci.org/give. ■

Did you know that there are many ways to make a gift to NSCI? We invite you to explore the following opportunities:

- If you have experienced gains in the financial markets, consider donating appreciated securities to avoid paying capital gains taxes while still claiming a charitable deduction equal to the security's fair market value.
- If you are age 70 ½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift through an IRA charitable rollover.
- NSCI accepts gifts of life insurance policies, commercial annuities, and retirement plans.
- By making a bequest or other planned gift today in your estate plan, you will be doing your part to secure North Shore Congregation Israel's future.
- Become a lead-sponsor for the creation of NSCI's newest Torah! Everyone can have a hand in its creation, beginning spring 2024.

If you'd like to learn more about any of our initiatives or ways to support your synagogue community, please reach out to me at toddb@nsci.org or 847.835.0724. I'd love to hear from you!

What a Joy to Be Together!

High Holy Days 2023 | 5784

We would like to thank everyone who attended High Holy Day services in person and online. We welcomed the New Year with so many powerful moments, songs, reflections, and opportunities for growth. We welcomed a total of 8,759 people in person and online into our newly renovated spaces. Enjoy highlights below, and we hope that you'll come visit our new spaces soon! Welcome to 5784!



Sukkot and Fall Fest

We celebrated Sukkot at our Fall Fest event on October 1st with a bagel lunch and enjoyed holiday-themed, interactive activities for all ages and stages. Congregants engaged in mitzvah projects, shook the lulav and etrog, created and hung sukkah decorations, and played fun Torah games.



JACKI'S SUKKAH

This fall we will erect our new permanent sukkah dedicated in loving memory to our friend, staff and community member, Jacki Lovi Sundheim. The sukkah will be named the **Jacki Lovi Sundheim Memorial Sukkah**, serving as a reminder of her compassion, gentleness, humor, joy, and love. The sukkah will be a central feature of the *Imagine the Possible* outdoor landscaping plans coming to fruition this season.

Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret

Our Simchat Torah Kabbalat Shabbat service was a festive evening that featured music from Cantor Goldstein and the Selah Teen choir along with our unrolling of the Torah scroll to read its final verses and start over once again with its first verses! The Shemini Atzeret Saturday morning service included Yizkor to remember those we've lost.



Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!

Sloane Poppy Cooling BORN AUGUST 15, 2023

Child of Jen & Chris Cooling
Grandchild of Cheryl & Richard
Sherman and Lorraine &
Tony Cooling
Great Grandchild of Carol &
Murray Weiner



Leah Sloane Lewin BORN SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Child of Olivia & David Lewin
Grandchild of Debra & William
Lewin, Sabrina Wolkoff and
Pia & Steven Wax
Great Grandchild of Roberta
Fine, Susan Wolkoff and
Carole & Morton Wolkoff

Owen Sidney Preskill BORN SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Child of Nicole & Jacob Preskill
Sibling of Julian Preskill
Grandchild of Nadine & David
Preskill and Arlene & Sandy
Silver
Great Grandchild of Gilda &
Stuart Preskill and Elaine
Goodman



Mia Jerome Aronson BORN SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

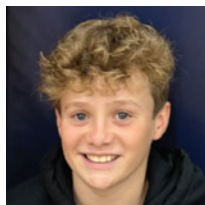
Child of Jamie O'Hara & Max
Aronson
Sibling of Cece Aronson
Grandchild of Lori & Steve
O'Hara, Laura Aronson and
Bob Aronson

Lenny Blake Gendell BORN SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Child of Erica & Mikey Gendell
Grandchild of Lisa & Scott
Gendell and Jodi & Jimmy Lurie
Great grandchild of Dianne
Edelson



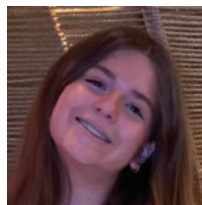
B'NEI MITZVAH



Sam Schachter
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
Child of Shari & Jason
Schachter



Brady Stein
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
Child of Erica & Larry Stein



Sydney Adess
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
Child of Margaret & Jason
Adess



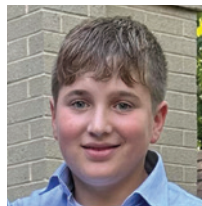
Jackson Simon
DECEMBER 9, 2023
Child of Alissa & David Simon



Isabella Jack
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
Child of Penny & Tim Jack



Rafi Zelwin
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
Child of Brittany & Gabriel
Zelwin



Max Rothbart
DECEMBER 2, 2023
Child of Sari Rothbart & Jeff
Rothbart



WEDDINGS



**Alex Resnick &
Erika Tack**
AUGUST 12, 2023



**Amy Behm &
Gina Pelehac**
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

**Micaela Hirsch &
CJ Giraulo**
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW NSCI CONGREGANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

(From July 25th to September 26th)

David Adler

Ali & Matthew Blackman

Julie & Matthew Brash

Lizzie & John Burke

Rachel & Elliott Califf

Carly & Graham Carron

Jennifer & Roger Chams

Michele Erikson

Anne & Laurence Frank

Sara & Andy Franklin

Susan & Scott Glazer

Jori & Jonathan Graham

Katie & Drew Groner

Laura & Jason Grover

Raphaelae & Josh Hildebrand

Samantha & Ross Keiser

Shannon & Jordan Miller

Danielle & Jeremy Neil

Melissa & Adam Richmond

Julie & Marc Rubin

Marlene & Bruce Saltzberg

Lisa & Adam Silver

Lindsay & Alex Sloan

Terrie & Bruce Stickler

Jessica & Larry Tarschis

Liz & Ian Turnipseed

Matthew Waxler

Brittany & Gregg Wilkow

Sara & Daniel Wool

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Allan Afterman

Stepfather of Debra (David) Baum
Grandfather of Brittany (Chris) Wroblewski,
Jacqueline Baum, and Matthew Baum
Great Grandfather of Blake and Aubrey
Wroblewski

Mary Lee Behn

NSCI Rabbinic Assistant 1990-2009

Isabelle Cohen

Mother of Lauri (Cantor David) Goldstein
Grandmother of Rachel (Joe McPherson)
Goldstein and Max Goldstein

Charlotte Kravitz

Mother of the late Marc (Harriet Seitler)
Kravitz, z"l
Grandmother of Emma (Henry) Edelstein
and Jonah Kravitz

Peggy Kubert

Wife of David Kubert
Mother of Joseph (Elizabeth) Kubert,
Jonathan (Storey Dyer Kloman) Kubert,
and Kate Kubert

Joan Loeb

Mother of Karen (Bob) Westbrook, Paul
(Jodi) Loeb, and Beth Loeb
Grandmother of Justin Loeb, Jillian (Chad)
Teven, Ryan Loeb, Olivia Tan, Tyler &
Brett Westbrook
Great Grandmother of Alaia Samantha,
Rocky Hayes, and Tatum Hart Teven

Barrie Menaker

Mother of Gregg (Michelle) Menaker
Grandmother of Michael, Harrison, and
Sally Menaker

Marni Raben

Wife of Craig Raben
Mother of Asher & Levi Raben

Norman Rosen

Father of Barry (Marjie Sandlow) Rosen
Grandfather of Hillary (Jim) Kuperman,
Peter (Kayla) Rosen, and Brian Rosen
Great Grandfather of Jude Kuperman

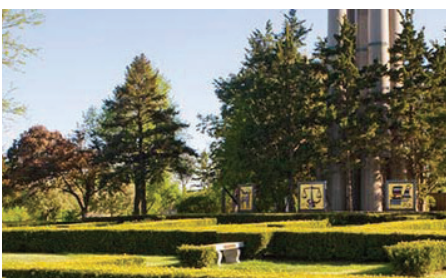
Robert D. Zimelis

Brother of Donald (Laurie) Zimelis
Uncle of Sydney (Joey Kanengiser) Zimelis
and Blair (Lev Naginsky) Zimelis

HONORING LOVED ONES

Here are a few ways to help you honor your loved ones at NSCI:

- Attend Shabbat services on their yahrzeit (anniversary of their passing) and make a donation in their honor to the fund they would have chosen.
- List their names in our Book of Remembrance created each year for Yom Kippur services. This publication is generously underwritten each year allowing donations to go directly to the congregation.
- Include a reading of their names at family life cycle events.
- Dedicate a yahrzeit plaque for them on the memorial wall in Frank Memorial Hall.



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.

Congregant Spotlight: A New Series!

Alan Rottman

The Communications Department at NSCI is thrilled to introduce a new series of Congregant Spotlights, featured both in the print Bulletin and on a monthly basis in our weekly eblast. This is a chance to get to know your fellow congregants better and is meant to serve as a spark for connection and conversation. Intrigued by what you read? Reach out to the congregant and say hi, either online or in person the next time you see them!

Mia Drelich, our communications and marketing coordinator, sat down with Alan Rottman for an interview about his life, connection to NSCI, and his interpretation of the word "community."

How did you first become involved at NSCI?

I had a professor at Tulane, Hilel Fein, who somehow knew Herbert Bronstein, and when I mentioned I was from Glencoe, Rabbi Bronstein overextended himself and made sure that I felt warm, welcomed, and included. I've never forgotten the lessons he taught me. When I saw his generosity, thoughtfulness, responsibility, and kindness, I was so touched by it that I wanted to give.

That's such a great connection! What is your first memory of NSCI?

I came from a family of doctors, and so God, or the way that faith came to the family, was through science and making a difference with people who were sick. Instead of going to synagogue, we were supposed to help people. My bubby and zadie were doctors and my sister and I didn't have a formal Jewish education until I went to Tulane. Truthfully, it was the High Holidays in 1988—I was awestruck by the sanctuary, having my breath taken away by its beauty, and then of course it was the ten days of awe and the way Rabbis Bronstein, Hart, and Feldstein led things. I've never stopped attending here.

You've found a way to give back that is really true to you. What do you feel makes NSCI a community and not just a physical place?

That is a really great question because I think it leads to what makes NSCI such a great place. There really is a community here and you can see it in your cohort, and your cohort is like the core. The core of what drives us all here is the dedication, focus, sacrifice, and commitment that you all have that makes our community possible. I know the difference, and the way that I think NSCI distinguishes itself from other religious organizations, it's the experience of being served and of being considered; there's a silent graciousness about the tenacity and perseverance you all have in holding the foundation with integrity. It's so touching and moving that it causes us to congregate, and it causes me to look where I might be able to contribute further with purpose, graciousness, and ease, mimicking who you all are.

I think that reflects on the beauty of a Jewish space. We are all so focused on empathy and being the best people we can be and that does truly extend to our jobs and the community we develop. If it weren't for you all wanting to be in this space, none of us would be here doing the jobs that we are doing, so I do think it is a two-way street! How has it been seeing this space transform?

When I look at our campus I see the tradition and then I also see the importance of the addition because we change, and if we just take the example of Imagine the Possible, and the brilliance of Dr. Marilyn Perlman, and the generosity, I'm really touched. She and her family have consistently and generously provided for us in so many different ways and she did it with Imagine the Possible in her physical plan. Covid changed things because we now see that the congregation has different



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needs. It required a transition. When I look at the campus, I'm so touched by the versatility, and that's who we are as humans, right? We're versatile, we're changing.

Leading into my last question, do you have any words of wisdom that you would like to share?

In 61 years, 74 countries, and raising a family, it's this: only participate where one is comfortable, willing, and available. Be true to oneself. When I wake up in the morning I'm struck that there's a whole new day available to contribute to someone else. Be true to yourself because anything is possible. ■

If you are interested in being interviewed and featured in a member spotlight in the future, please contact Mia Drelich at www.nsci.org/form/CMD.

Chanukah Events

WINTER COAT DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 14

Spread the warmth of the Chanukah light by donating new or gently used coats and gloves (no hats, please!) in all sizes from infant to adult XL. The coats will go to children and adults in the Chicagoland area in need. Look for the donation bin in the entrance to the Goodman Center for Jewish Education.



ENCANTO CHANUKAH PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
4:30-6:00 PM

Discover the miracle of Chanukah and join NSCI Tots and PJ Library for an Encanto-themed Chanukah celebration! Take part in Encanto and Chanukah-themed projects and activities, and welcome a special guest! This event also includes a Chanukah treat and kids' dinners. NSCI Tots received a generous grant from PJ Library to help underwrite exciting programs like this one!

Visit nsci.org/event/EncanTOT to register.

FAMILY WINTER FEST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
11:00AM-12:30PM

Save the date for a fun, festive, family-friendly Chanukah celebration at this year's Family Winter Fest and join for special Chanukah activities, games, crafts, food, and mitzvah projects!

To register, visit nsci.org/event/FWF2023.

CHANUKAH COOKIE DECORATING WITH WNSCI



MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:30-8:30 PM, AT NSCI

Join us for an evening of Chanukah Cookie Decorating. Arrive at 6:00 pm for a light nosh before the fun starts! Cookie decorating aficionado and owner of One Happy Cookie Bakery, Jamie Haddad, will lead us through the art of cookie decorating.

The cost of attendance is \$40 and includes Four cookies, royal icing, and all of the other supplies needed to decorate and take home your creations. To register, visit nsci.org/event/CCD23.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS: CHANUKAH PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
12:30-2:30 PM IN REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL

Celebrate Chanukah with your friends from Senior Connections! Join us for latkes and donuts and stay for a lively musical afternoon featuring a duet from the Chicago Klezmer Ensemble. There is no charge to attend. We encourage you to bring a friend.

To register, visit nsci.org/event/SCNovember23.

SHABBAT CHANUKAH AND HONORING JUDY WEISS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
6:15 PM



At this year's Shabbat Chanukah service we will kindle the Chanukah lights together as well as offer our gratitude

to our longstanding teacher Judy Weiss for her decades upon decades of service to NSCI students of all ages as she embarks upon her retirement. Judy began teaching at NSCI in 1994 and every new year with her in our religious school has been a pleasure and a gift. Bring your own menorah to light, and enjoy a latke/donut oneg.



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



"I was surprised and delighted to find that someone had opened my door and put a lovely bouquet of roses

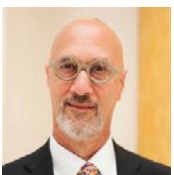
and a box of truffles on my kitchen island...the note wished me sunshine and flowers from your group at the Temple. This was such a lovely gesture, and it is always wonderful to know you're thought of somewhere else beyond your four walls. Thank you. I (we) feel very blessed!"

Chesed is Hebrew for kindness. Hands of Chessed is a group of NSCI volunteers who spread kindness. We want to help you during a difficult time. If you're dealing with illness, divorce, mourning or other challenges, let us drop off dinner or groceries and the warmth of our NSCI community! If we can help you, or if you want to join our team to spread kindness, please tell our volunteers so they can reach out.

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, NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 20
8:00 PM



Join Cantor Goldstein for a quiet and contemplative Healing Service. Together we can create a 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 to nsci.org/form/healing-service-submissions

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

Elizabeth Ury, LNHA, and JCFS Chicago Director of Jewish Community Engagement is available to talk with you and help 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. There is no cost for NSCI members.

Call 855-ASK-JCFS (855-275-5237) or email "ask@jcfs.org" to access their available resources, their online grief support groups, counseling, and 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, offering space for all Jews in addiction recovery.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

TUESDAYS
7:00–8:30 PM IN THE FAMILY ROOM

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS
6:00–7:00 PM IN THE FAMILY ROOM
For information, 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. This is a safe, password-protected, congregant-only directory. You can manage your own member profile and view other congregants' info. 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!

If you have any questions, please contact Mia Drelich by visiting nsci.org/form/CMD or call the office during office hours (Mon.–Thurs. 9–5; Fri. 9–4) at 847.835.0724. To access the Directory, you must be logged into your NSCI account.

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 by visiting nsci.org/form/CSD.

Youth & Family Community

FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00–7:30 PM IN THE TROSS FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

All families with children in grades K–5 are invited to celebrate the end of the week with us—come as you are! We are lifting up the Jewish value of chesed (kindness) through adult learning, children's programming, and Shabbat.

6:00 pm: Shabbat blessings

6:15 pm: Kids enjoy pizza and activities while adults join for drinks, apps, and learning

7:00 pm: Come together for a musical Shabbat experience

The cost of attendance is \$36 per family and includes dinner. To register, visit nsci.org/form/FSE1123

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12:
5th/6th grades Kristallnacht Speaker

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14–26:
No school

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17:
Family Shabbat Experience
for K–5th grade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:
2nd grade parents Meet the Clergy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:
Family Winter Fest

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 –
JANUARY 7:**
No school for winter break



Special Upcoming Shabbats

VETERAN'S DAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:15PM

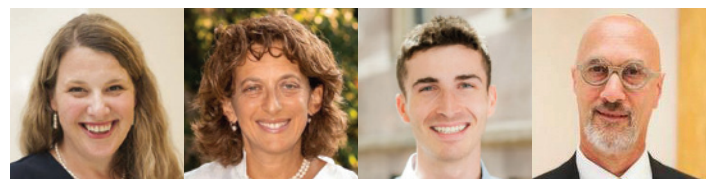
As we have done annually for many years, join us on this special Shabbat to hear an NSCI congregant share their reflections on their military service, Jewish identity, and the intersection of the two. This year's speaker is David Cohen, current Brotherhood co-president, who served in the Navy from 1984–89 and as a reservist through 1996.

"NOT YOUR BUBBE'S DELI" SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
FOLLOWING SERVICES**

Don't miss this fun Shabbat dinner featuring food from the new and acclaimed Schneider Deli, whose owner and head chef is NSCI's own Jake Schneider. Watch for more details in your email.

ASK THE CLERGY SHABBAT



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
6:15PM**

Don't miss our final Shabbat of the secular year, our annual "Ask the Clergy" Shabbat! This is your opportunity to ask the NSCI clergy leading the service any question that you've always wanted to ask a rabbi/cantor!

Adult Learning & Programs

GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 16-DECEMBER 18

1:00-2:00 PM AT NSCI

Led by Rabbi Wendi Geffen

Study a selection of the most well known or important sugiyot (talmudic discussions) scattered throughout a variety of talmudic tractates.

No experience is necessary. Texts will be provided. There will be no class on November 27th.

To register, visit

nsci.org/event/GreatestHits1023

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:00-2:30 PM AT NSCI

Led by Professor David Y. Chack

Between Two Worlds: Jewish Assimilation in Pop Culture

Jews have often wanted to be accepted into and contribute to a larger society while maintaining a connection to Jewish identity and culture. We will explore this dichotomy in light of recent plays and films: "Barbie," the pop-culture phenomenon; "Oppenheimer," the nuclear race by Jewish physicists; and "Parade," the recently revived Broadway play about the Leo Frank lynching. Through an exploration of these pieces, we will discuss why the question of assimilation is so pronounced in Jewish cultural creations.

David Y. Chack is proud to be on the faculty at The Theatre School at DePaul University. He teaches Jewish and Holocaust theater and a seminar on Identity Theatre. He is Artistic Director of ShPleL - Performing Identity and has produced and directed theater works in Chicago and around the country under ShPleL. He is also the Executive Director of the Alliance for Jewish Theatre.

To register, visit

nsci.org/event/senior-connections

DROPS IN THE BUCKET: JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 PM IN THE TROSS FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

Led by Rabbi Jacob Leizman

Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference in the world? Rabbi Leizman will guide us to explore three distinct Jewish motivations for doing good, study their origins, and connect them to the wide range of social action opportunities at NSCI and in our greater community. No experience is necessary in Jewish study or social action, just an interest in making a difference in the world.

To register visit nsci.org/event/DitB23

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

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 28, AND DECEMBER 19

7:00-8:30 PM AT NSCI

Led by Rabbi Wendi Geffen

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. We invite you to bring your curiosity and openness to engaging with these thought-provoking ideas and texts.

November 7 - A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)

November 28 - The Death Penalty

December 19 - Addressing Poverty

To register, visit

nsci.org/event/Hottopicsfall23

STORIES FOR SEEKERS

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 29, DECEMBER 6, AND 13

12:00-1:00 PM ON ZOOM

Led by Rabbi Jacob Leizman

In 1947, renowned Jewish philosopher Martin Buber gave a series of radio lectures in which he told and interpreted a series of Jewish spiritual parables. These lectures turned into a brief and lovely book called *The Ways of Humanity: According to Chasidic Teaching*, with a brand new English translation from one of Rabbi Leizman's favorite rabbinical school teachers, Rabbi Bernard Mehlman. Take a lunch break from wherever you are and log onto Zoom to discuss these widely accessible and deeply poignant stories that offer insights into life for all who are open to them.

To register, visit nsci.org/event/StorySeekers23

HEBREW IN A HURRY

Finally ready to learn Hebrew? Here's your chance! Study with expert Hebrew teacher Rabbi Shira H. Joseph over Zoom. In four sessions, you can learn the Hebrew alphabet and begin to read Hebrew! Choose between day or evening times that work for your schedule. Yalla! Let's go!

Visit www.nsci.org/form/CJMK *if you are interested in registering for future classes.*



Music



Jim Stone introduced NSCI's new organist, Christopher Powell, before his concert performance on the Stone Family Organ on September 1st, 2023, at the Post Kabbalat Shabbat Concert.



PERFORMANCE IN COMMEMORATION OF KRISTALLNACHT: MEET ME IN A MOMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 8:00 PM

A theatrical concert of Jewish classical music written and directed by violinist Aviva Chertok. This concert holds a special meaning as it takes place on the night in which we remember Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. This performance will present a unique fusion of classical music concert and theatrical play. As each violin and piano piece is performed by musicians Aviva Chertok and Monika Miodragovic, actor Marc Frost brings to life the composers in between, allowing audiences to "meet" the people behind the music and learn what role their Jewish identities played in their art. *This concert is sponsored by the Elaine N. Sherman Fine Arts Fund.*

Visit bit.ly/MeetMe2023 to RSVP.

POST KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT

Chanukah A Cappella With
Chicago A Cappella



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 8:00 PM

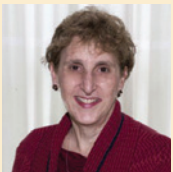
Chicago a cappella presents music for Chanukah, celebrating the release of their new recording on Cedille Records. These acclaimed singers will dig deeper than the "Dreidel Song," unveiling the richer meaning of the festival. You'll hear stellar works and creative arrangements by living composers—from heartfelt prayers to jazzy and playful holiday favorites—showcasing the creativity and vitality of American Jewish musical traditions. *All post Kabbalat Shabbat concerts are sponsored by Jim Stone, Madeleine and Harvey Plonsker, and Bobby Takiff.*

Visit bit.ly/PKSAcappella2023 to RSVP

Women of NSCI

WRJ YES FUND EVENT HONORING DR. ROBERTA GOODMAN

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
6:30 PM AT NSCI**



Please join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we honor Dr. Roberta Goodman, NSCI Education Director,

for her many years of dedicated service to youth and their families. Learn about WRJ's Youth, Education, and Special Projects, as well as their initiatives for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). The "YES" Fund helps to strengthen the Reform Movement and continue to grow our Reform institutions, fund clergy education, and inspire our youth for generations to come.

RSVP by Nov. 1 at bit.ly/YESEventReg

WNSCI JUDAICA GIFT SHOP RE-OPENING!

The remarkable volunteers at the gift shop are excited to bring our congregation and the Chicagoland Jewish community the finest selection of carefully curated Judaica by American and Israeli artisans. With an amazing selection of ritual items, jewelry, the full Michael Aram Judaica line, and so much more, this is your go-to, one-stop shop for all things Judaica!

For questions, orders, and hours of operation, email giftshopnsci@gmail.com, call 847-835-4009, or visit the website at nsci.org/wnsi-gs.

WNSCI MAH JONGG

**THURSDAYS
1:00–3:00 PM AT NSCI**

Join us 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!

BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
1:00 PM–3:00 PM AT NSCI**

The Last Summer at the Golden Hotel, by Elyssa Friedland

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
1:00 PM–3:00 PM AT NSCI**

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto, by Mitch Albom

Contact us at wnsci@nsci.org to be added to the book club email contact list.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S SHABBAT RETREAT

JANUARY 26–28, 2024

This retreat is spiritual, reflective, fun, and a great chance to create community.

If you are interested in learning more or working with us on the planning, email us at wnsci@nsci.org.

Tikkun Olam



THE MITZVAH GARDEN GOES TO SLEEP

In late September, our dedicated Mitzvah Garden volunteers harvested the remaining crops of the season: summer squash cucumbers, green beans, sweet peppers, lettuce, arugula, spinach, and tomatoes. We then put the garden to sleep for this year, as the growing season has ended. Volunteer coordinator Bob Levy delivered the produce to the Moraine Township Food Pantry and The Ark Northwest, and they were gratefully received by both. This was a wonderful year in the garden, and we are so thankful for, and appreciative of, all our volunteers. You can join us in the coming seasons, get your hands in the soil, and do a mitzvah!

To volunteer, please fill out this contact form online:
www.nsci.org/form/mitzvahgardencontact.

FEED THE HOMELESS



Sandwich Making at Home for the Night Ministry

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 13
AT YOUR HOME

Sign up to purchase ingredients and make sandwiches for the Night Ministry, a non-profit organization that provides essential services to Chicago's food-insecure and transient population. We make 125 sandwiches on each date listed. Sign up to make a minimum of 25 sandwiches. For a larger mitzvah project, as a b'nei mitzvah celebration or other simcha, you may sign up to make as many as the full 125!

Please deliver your sandwiches to NSCI on the above dates by 10:00 am.
Visit nsci.org/fth to volunteer.

Sunday Meal Prep

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 10
11:30 AM-2:30 PM AT NSCI

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, then deliver and/or serve at shelters and food pantries in Lake and Cook Counties.

Visit nsci.org/fth to sign up to volunteer.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY THANKSGIVING MITZVAH PROJECT



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
10:00 AM-12:00 PM AT NSCI

Provide a Thanksgiving meal for a food-insecure family from Whittier Elementary School (in Waukegan). Come by anytime between 10 am and 12 pm to assemble your purchased grocery items in provided bags and make holiday cards, or simply drop off the requested grocery items during that time.

View the list of grocery items to purchase and RSVP at
www.nsci.org/thanksgiving-baskets

ADULT MITZVAH CORPS



Make a difference with our Adult Mitzvah Corps, where congregants have fun volunteering together one weekday a month at different organizations that provide food for the hungry, support for the elderly, mental health services for people in need, and much more.

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

17: NSCI'S REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT



We are in the process of sponsoring another refugee family! In addition to financial sponsorship and six months of mentorship, we are collecting donations for household items to outfit the family's new home.

Visit nsci.org/17 to learn more and sign up.

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Phase Two: Our Spiritual Home “Arise and Build”

BY ELLEN KATZ BLOCK

THE NEW 1185 Sheridan Road facilities comprised the synagogue, Frank Memorial Hall, the religious school, and some offices, though many offices and activities remained based at Vernon Avenue. As stated in a previous bulletin article about Rabbi Siskin, temple activities, which had caused our Vernon Avenue site to “burst at the seams,” continued to be robust in our new and expanded space.

On May 17, 1964, the Confirmation Service for the class of 1964 was the first event held in the new sanctuary. This was followed by several formal dedications of the new building celebrating NSCI’s literal arrival on the shores of Lake Michigan and consecrating its space for religious worship and community programs. The sanctuary was dedicated as a House of Prayer on May 22nd, Ministry of Music on May 23rd, House of Learning on May 29th, and Sanctuary to the Community on June 5th. On June 7th, the Annual Meeting was held with a dedication of Frank Memorial Hall.

When Phase I was built, the temple was everyone’s social life. The Men’s Club, Sisterhood, Couples Club, Youth Group, Contemporary Club for older young adults, an Alumni group, a Seniors Group, and a PTA were all in full swing with various events and undertakings, including fundraising for our Sheridan Road facilities. Cantor Landsman had started an adult choir. The Men’s Club sponsored a bowling league, a golf tournament, and an annual father-child dinner, and continued their educational and volunteer activities throughout the North Shore. Sisterhood opened a Book and Gift Shop, hosted and directed receptions and communal events, held fashion shows, and sponsored nationally recognized four-day antique shows. Congregational Seder

services were held. There were concerts, interfaith services, and community Roundtable discussions with Jews and Christians, as well as participation in a Glencoe community Thanksgiving service. The North Shore Forum, mentioned in a previous bulletin article, featuring such renowned personages as Eleanor Roosevelt and Governor Adlai E. Stevenson, brought a broader intellectual perspective to our doors.

Our membership continued to grow steadily. For example, the Confirmation classes of the sixties and early seventies had over two hundred participants.

Yet our beautiful facilities had their drawbacks. There was no community space larger than Frank Memorial Hall. Wedding receptions and other celebratory events were held under a tent on the lawn where Crown Hall is now located. There was no large kitchen to serve community gatherings. There were no small meeting spaces and nothing less cavernous than the Large Sanctuary for Sabbath worship, funeral services, and smaller religious observances. We maintained our new building and our building on Vernon Avenue to accommodate our needs. It remained, therefore, a top priority to complete Phase II of the building program, which was to include the Perlman Sanctuary, Crown Hall, the Sisterhood Kitchen, the Rabbi’s Study, and restrooms.

A key issue was who would be the architect for our additions. By February 1978, an Architecture Selection Committee, chaired by William (Bill) Katz (of the Archives name), was well underway with committee members, including Rabbi Bronstein and several congregants who were architects. It would seem natural that Minoru Yamasaki, who had designed our Sheridan Road building, would be the logical choice for this task. In all, though,



seventeen architectural firms, suggested by congregation members or known by reputation, were invited to answer detailed questionnaires and interview with the committee. All seventeen responded affirmatively to the invitation.

The committee reported that after the interview schedule had been established, they received notice that “... the firm of Minoru Yamasaki and Associates withdrew from consideration.” The stated reason was “the award to them of a large project that had been outstanding and the resulting lack of time on the part of Mr. Yamasaki to our project. Mr. Yamasaki offered to visit with us and/or our architect after we had made a choice, at either our or the architect’s request, for whatever discussion we wished.”

Much discussion of the committee’s minutes details efforts to winnow the seventeen respondents down to a smaller group. The committee devised a rating sheet on various criteria and added comments such as “experience with Temple projects” and “similar job for another synagogue.” In April of 1978, the firm of Hammond, Beeby, and Babka was unanimously chosen to execute Phase II of our building program.

Theirs was a relatively small office of about eight employees who worked alongside the firm’s three principal partners. Thomas Beeby, who was later associated with the design of the Harold Washington Library Center and the addition to the Art Institute of Chicago, was at the forefront of architectural design in Chicago. It was he who envisioned the classical styling of Perlman Sanctuary. ■

For the full article, visit nsci.org/archives.

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3	4 1:00 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud with Rabbi Geffen 6:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah 6:30 pm Chanukah Cookie Decorating with WNSCI	5 7:00 pm FA Meeting	6 12:00 pm Stories for Seekers 1:00 pm Senior Connections: Chanukah Party! 6:00 pm AA Meeting	7 1st Night of Chanukah 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	8 Second Night of Chanukah 6:15 pm Shabbat Chanukah and Honoring Judy Weiss	9 Third Night of Chanukah 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
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24 No school – Winter break	25 Christmas Day Office closed – Winter break	26 Office closed – Winter break 7:00 pm FA Meeting	27 Office closed – Winter break 6:00 pm AA Meeting	28 Office closed – Winter break	29 Office closed – Winter break 6:15 pm Ask the Clergy Kabbalat Shabbat Service	30 Office closed – Winter break 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
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The office will also be closed for
Winter Break starting on December 25
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The building will still be open for
Shabbat services and, if needed,
funeral services and memorials. In
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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.



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

We're not giving up hope that we still will be able to go!

Women's Israel Trip 2024

MARCH 3RD-10TH, 2024

LED BY RABBI LISA GREENE

Dive into the complexity of Israel through culture and creativity and meet
inspiring Israeli women who are making a difference in Israeli social justice,
religion, food, and the arts. Friends and family outside of NSCI are welcome.

To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/WIsrael24.