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The Most Important Question To Ask and Answer for the New Year

BY RABBI WENDI GEFFEN



IN THE FACE of an existential crisis, secular society will often point to challenges with personal identity that

can be resolved through exploration of the question “who am I?”—Jewish wisdom invites a different query.

Consider this tale told by Reb Chanoch Henich of Alexander:

There was once a fellow who was so very forgetful. Indeed, his memory was so short that when he awoke each morning, he could not remember where he had laid his clothes the night before. Things got so bad for him that he could not fall asleep, so great was his nervousness about finding his things upon waking. One evening, however, he hit on a great idea. Taking a pencil and paper, he wrote down exactly where he had placed each item of clothing. Placing his notes on the nightstand, by his bed, he quickly fell asleep, confident that he would find everything just perfectly in the morning.

And indeed he did. He woke up, took the notes from this nightstand, and read off each item in turn: pants—on chair back; and there they were.

Our agency and ability to navigate in life rests in the truth of our ability to control where we are in this world. This is the only starting point that matters.

He put them on. Shirt—on bed post; and there it was. He put it on. Hat—on desk; and there it sat. He placed it on his head. In a few minutes the fellow was completely dressed. But suddenly a great dread came upon him.

“Yes, yes,” he said aloud. “Here are my pants, my shirt, and my cap; but *where am I?*” He looked and looked and looked, but he could find himself nowhere!¹

Reb Chanoch Henich paused for a moment and then concluded, “And that is how it is with each of us as well.”

Although the difference between the questions “Who am I?” and “Where am I?” may not seem so vast at first glance, the variance proves notably profound. Consider that answering the question “Who am I?” invites internal reflection, directed singularly toward the self. “Where am I?” on the other hand, proves multi-directional in nature, inviting both inward and outward exploration. I do not think it is a coincidence that the very first question God asks the first human in Torah is “Where are you?”² And interestingly, the question is asked amidst the first human existential crisis—after Adam and Eve have eaten the forbidden fruit, feel shame, and go into hiding in the Garden. In fact, the Talmud³ notes God asks the question because there has been a shift in Adam’s soul. How has Adam’s spiritual stance changed because of his actions? Where is he now as a result?

Jewish theologian Martin Buber suggests the question is designed not just situationally for Adam, but for each of us as well.

“You yourself are Adam, you are the person whom God asks: ‘Where are you?’” ... God does not expect

to learn something God does not know; what God wants is to produce an effect in man which can only be produced by just such a question ... Adam hides himself to avoid rendering accounts, to escape responsibility for his way of living. Every person hides for this purpose, for every person is Adam and finds themselves in Adam’s situation. To escape responsibility for their life, they turn existence into a system of hideouts ... Everything now depends upon whether we face the question.”⁴

And it is noteworthy that Adam only comes out of hiding once he’s willing to consider and answer God’s question—acknowledging his actions and their effects that led him into hiding in the first place.⁵ The truth is: if we cannot or are not willing to discern where we truly are as a starting point, it will only steer us further off course, and any evaluation of who we are will ultimately prove distorted as well. Our agency and ability to navigate in life rests in the truth of our ability to control where we are in this world. This is the only starting point that matters.

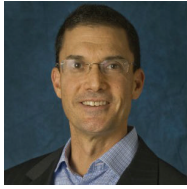
In her book *The Leadership Gap*, Lolly Daskal sums up the importance of “where” over “who.” She writes: “... our greatness lies not in the places where we have everything down, but in the gaps between where [we] are and where [we] want to be ... We are not just what we think. We are what we hide. ... Being real is the first step to being great.”

Shanah Tovah—May it be a new year of greatness for us all. ■

1. Rabbi Rami Shapiro, *Hasidic Tales*.
2. Genesis 3:9.
3. Sanhedrin 38b.
4. Martin Buber, *The Way of Man*.
5. Genesis 3:10.

Something is Working at NSCI

BY JEFF ECHT, PRESIDENT



NSCI, AS AN ORGANIZATION, reminds me of Newton's First Law: *an object at rest remains at rest, and*

an object in motion remains in motion at constant speed and in a straight line unless acted on by an unbalanced force. If you are like me, a skeptic and one with just a sophomoric appreciation for basic physics, you will ask, how can one apply a foundational principle of the physical world to the spiritual? Allow me to rephrase: NSCI exemplifies the First Law of "Spiritual Physics." NSCI is never at rest. We are continually moving forward based on internal and external forces.

This expression of our strength is not boastful. Nor are NSCI's successes a reflection of the shortcomings of other organizations. It is simply a statement that NSCI is doing well—very well.

When you enter our historically significant and recognized building for the High Holy Days, you will see physical improvements to Frank Memorial Hall, Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall, and the administrative offices as well as bolstered physical security mechanisms at the main entrances. These improvements are the result of countless hours of planning and oversight by volunteers and staff and the **single-most successful capital campaign** in our 100+ year history. NSCI's community raised more funds from more families than ever before. Thank you all for your continued support.

In the next year alone, you will see the completion of our garden, patio, and sukkah that will complement the re-visioned and remodeled Frank and Crown Halls while accentuating the natural beauty of our campus. You will meet and get to know Rabbi Jacob Leizman, the most recent addition to our peerless clergy team. We will continue to expand enrollment in religious school and numerous engagement opportunities for all ages. Finally, our NSCI community will embark on creating a new Torah as a gift for generations to follow.

As we enter the High Holy Day season, we should all express immense appreciation for our success over the past years while also looking forward with gratitude to a prosperous, fruitful, and ever optimistic new year. ■

Annual Appeal Update: Help Us Reach Our Goal!

THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed to our Annual Appeal, kicking us off with a strong start. Because of your support, we are more than 80% of the way toward our goal. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, please consider donating to our Annual Appeal today so we can continue to offer the highest level of service to the widest population.

Please use this QR code
to make your donation.



The Sacred Art of Writing (and Rewriting) the Torah



Left: Talmud study participants visit with *sofer* Rabbi Druin Right: *Soferet* Linda B. Coppleson writing a *sefer* Torah

BY HILA RATZABI, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

DID YOU KNOW a Torah scroll consists of 304,805 Hebrew letters? It's made of parchment, the skin of a kosher animal, and there are extensive rules for how to write a Torah scroll. Only specially trained scribes (a *sofer* or *soferet*) can write a Torah scroll, and they're often called upon to repair Torah scrolls—which is exactly what we needed for two of our very own.

Like the human body, a Torah scroll ages and sometimes needs repair. "Over time, letters crack and flake. Seams snap. Sometimes parchment tears ... and they can all be repaired."* We recently enlisted the help of scribe Rabbi Moshe Druin, who came all the way from North Miami Beach, Florida, to repair two of our Torah scrolls that were in need of a little TLC.

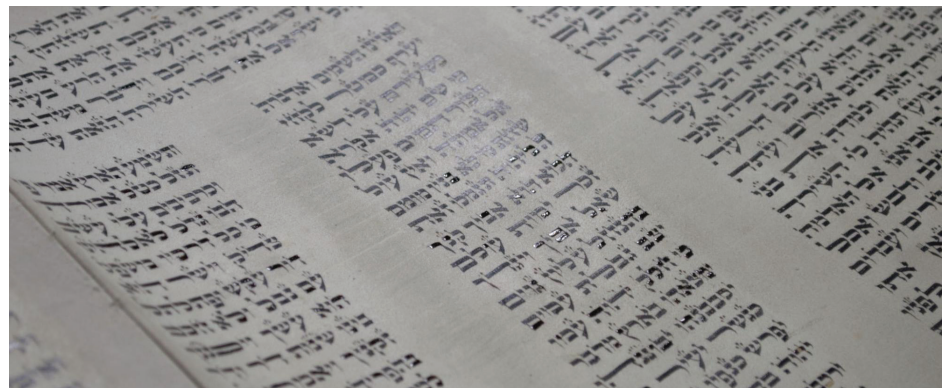
Some of the repairs he made include:

- Trimming the scroll to lighten its weight (our b'nei mitzvah will be grateful for that!)
- Carefully cleaning the parchment from ink that rubs off over the years
- Repairing individual letters
- Fixing any holes in the parchment

Watching the meticulous work of our *sofer*, we looked forward to the wonderful new Torah that will be written for our congregation this coming spring.

We can't wait to welcome Jewish artist and *soferet* Linda B. Coppleson to write NSCI's newest sefer Torah in April 2024 and hear about her process. She is part of a growing movement to train women scribes and has been writing Torahs for 20 years. Stay tuned this fall for opportunities to get involved in this exciting project. ■

* "Torah Repairs and Maintenance," <https://stamscribes.com/fix-torah-scroll/>.



Close up of Torah scroll Rabbi Druin was repairing

Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!



Saul Iggy Nisenbaum

BORN MAY 24, 2023

Child of Dr. Kara Goldman & Hartley Nisenbaum

Sibling of Aviva, Hazel, and Elle Nisenbaum
Grandchild of Janice & Bruce Goldman and
Isabele Nisenbaum



Ethan Lev Weinberg

BORN ON JULY 6, 2023

Child of Rachel & Max Weinberg

Grandchild of Jody & Dean Weinberg and
Anne & Mark Landman
Great-Grandchild of Betty Lieberman and
Edith & Michael Weinberg



William Ian Kopelman Aponte

BORN ON JULY 16, 2023

Child of Meredith Kopelman-Aponte &
Robert Aponte

Grandchild of Ian Kopelman and Rosemary
George (living); Nancy Kopelman &
Robert Aponte (deceased)



Miles Gabriel Resnick

BORN APRIL 13, 2023

Child of Jenna & Max Resnick

Grandchild of Dori & Steve Greenberg,
Lisa & George Spathis, and Amy & Fred
Resnick



Asher Evers McCarty

BORN ON JULY 7, 2023

Child of Ellen & Max McCarty

Grandchild of Anne & Mitchell Macknin,
Peggy & John McCarty, and Susan &
Stewart Behn

Great-Grandchild of Marilyn & Ivan
Kushen, Toby & Rey Macknin, Carole &
Ray McCarty, and Anne Marie & Robert
Gruba

Logan James Weil

BORN ON JUNE 27, 2023

Child of Michelle & Jon Weil

Grandchild of Mimi & Howard Weil and
Caryn & Fred Goldberg

WEDDINGS

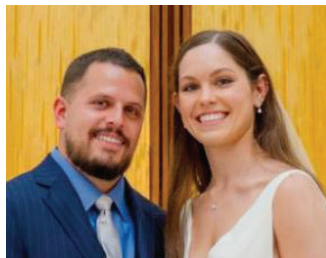


Becca Sagerman & David Kaplan

JUNE 10, 2023

Claire Lieberman & Michael Pekin

JUNE 17, 2023



Dana Goldberg & Matthew Lewin

JUNE 24, 2023



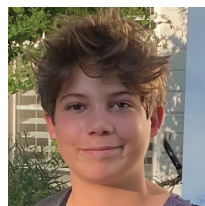
Sam Grossberg & Will Zhang

JULY 22, 2023

B'NEI MITZVAH



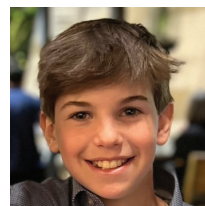
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SEPTEMBER 2, 2023
 Child of Karri & Joe
 Rosenthal



Emmet Absler
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
 Child of Lauren &
 Andrew Absler



Cooper Ratskoff
OCTOBER 5, 2023
 Child of Robbyn & Jason
 Ratskoff



Chase Greenberg
OCTOBER 7, 2023
 Child of Heather &
 Adam Greenberg



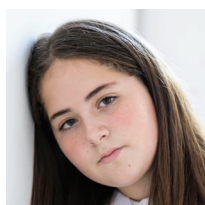
Brooke Parker
OCTOBER 19, 2023
 Child of Susie & Marty
 Parker



Charlie Kiferbaum
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
 Child of Lesley & Roi
 Kiferbaum



Lily Bender
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 Child of Ivy & Seth
 Bender



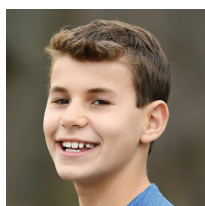
Mikki Levin
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 Child of Lauren & Eric
 Levin



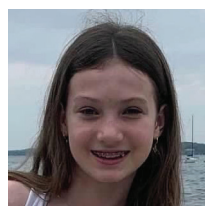
Mason Hirschfeld
OCTOBER 14, 2023
 Child of Julie & Judd
 Hirschfeld



Alexander Shapiro
OCTOBER 21, 2023
 Child of Robin &
 Andrew Shapiro



Avery Oppenheim
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
 Child of Rebecca &
 Daniel Oppenheim



Olivia Ring
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 Child of Carol & Adam
 Gooze & Barry Ring



Ethan Hoyt
OCTOBER 7, 2023
 Child of Jessica & Matt
 Hoyt



Nathan Golden
OCTOBER 14, 2023
 Child of Tracy Jacobson
 & Ivan Golden



Noa Blumberg
OCTOBER 28, 2023
 Child of Dana &
 Michael Blumberg

Madeline Zeinfeld
OCTOBER 14, 2023
 Child of Lori Rosen &
 Michael Zeinfeld

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW NSCI CONGREGANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES (As of July 25th)

Taylor & Josh Barton
 Phyllis & Ron Chess
 Rachel & Elliott Califf
 Brooke & Craig Cohen
 Candice Crane
 Kate & Evan Elsner
 Anne & Laurence Frank
 Sara & Andy Franklin
 Jenny & Jeffrey Glazer
 Katie & Drew Groner
 Raphaele & Josh Hildebrand
 Joanna & Zach Howard

Courtney & Ari Klein
 Ariel & George Kondiles
 Meredith & Benjamin Kramer
 Lily Goldstein & Jacob Leizman
 Carol & Norm Letofsky
 Andrea & Joshua Lieberman
 Erin & Jeffrey Malk
 Harriet & Jim McDonald
 Katie & Ben Neidich
 Phoebe & Michael Nitekman
 Ashley & Jared Olian
 Natalie & Reid Poll

Jaime Rhum
 Melissa & Adam Richmond
 Elizabeth & Mark Robbins
 Shelly & Jay Rosenberg
 Kristi & Marc Rubenstein
 Jill & Mitchel Ruffman
 Allison & David Sheade
 Brian Sloan
 Matthew Sloan
 Jessica & Larry Tarschis
 Michele Tuvel
 Jennifer & Eric Zoberman

Elul Programs

Elul is the reflective month preceding the High Holy Days. To prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for the new year, we have rich opportunities to explore, learn, and grow. Join us at NSCI, and bring a friend, too!

MINDFUL OR MINDLESS LIFE, HIGH HOLY DAY EDITION: RENEWING OUR SELVES

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 30 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 13, & 20
12:00–1:00 PM IN PERSON ONLY IN THE PERLMAN SANCTUARY

Explore with Rabbi Geffen how the deep wisdom of the High Holy Days invites us to improve ourselves, our relationships, and our world. Sessions will include study, discussion, and meditation. No experience necessary.

Visit nsci.org/form/MorMHHD23 to register.

SHOFAR CORPS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
10:00–11:00 AM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12:15–1:00 PM

Have you always wanted to blow the shofar? Own a shofar and ready to learn how to use it? Come learn with Cantor Goldstein how to make the proper sounds for the High Holy Days and help to usher in the High Holy Day season with the calls of the shofar. If you have your own shofar, please bring it. If not, we have some shofarot to lend.

Visit bit.ly/ShofarCorps to register.

SELICHOT STORYTELLING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:00 PM ON THE LILLIAN AND LARRY GOODMAN FAMILY TERRACE

Members of our NSCI community will share powerful, personal stories in preparation for Rosh Hashanah, delivered in the style of The Moth Radio Hour.

Visit bit.ly/SelichotStory23 to register.

MIKVAH AT THE LAKE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:30–10:30 AM

Spiritually prepare for the new year through the ritual of mikvah. Join Rabbi Greene at Lake Shore Beach for reflective conversation and a dip in the lake. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel and warm clothes.

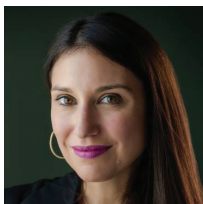
Visit nsci.org/event/Lakemikvah2023 to register.



Special Events

SHABBAT SHUVAH SPEAKER: JENNA BENN SHERSHER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
6:15 PM IN THE PERLMAN SANCTUARY

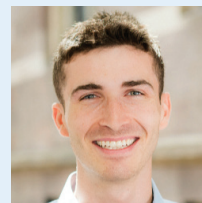


Shabbat Shuvah, the Shabbat of Returning, is the Shabbat that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, during the period known as *aseret yemei teshuvah*, the Ten Days of Repentance. Jenna Benn Shersher, cancer survivor and civil rights advocate,

will speak on choosing life and blessing on this Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Jenna Benn Shersher is the creator and CEO of Twist Out Cancer, an international non-profit that has connected artists and people impacted by cancer and has touched over 246,000 people around the world. Jenna grew up at NSCI and is an inspiring leader and speaker. (twistoutcancer.org)

MEET AND GREETs WITH RABBI LEIZMAN



Haven't met Rabbi Leizman yet? Don't fret because we have two upcoming opportunities for you to introduce yourself and chat with our newest member of the clergy team! We hope to see you at one, or both, of these fun chances to mingle.

Dessert and Coffee Meet and Greet

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
7:00–8:00 PM

To RSVP, visit www.bit.ly/RLDandC.

"Bring Your Own Lunch" Meet and Greet

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16
12:00–1:00 PM

To RSVP, visit www.bit.ly/RLBYOL.

Rosh Hashanah Schedule

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15 / 1 Tishri 5784

- 4:30 PM Family Tashlich (Lakeshore Country Club Beach)**
Advance registration required at nsci.org/hhd2023.
Led by Rabbi Leizman with music by Alan Goodis. We will meet by the playground in front of NSCI and walk down to the beach together.
- 5:30 PM NSCI "Friday Night Style" Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Greene will offer a sermon (same sermon as the 8:00 PM service).
Music by Cantor Goldstein and Kabbalat Shabbat vocalists and instrumentalists.
- 8:00 PM Traditional Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Greene will offer a sermon (same sermon as the 5:30 PM service).
Music by Cantor Goldstein with the High Holy Days Choir and Stone Family Organ.

ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY

Saturday, September 16 / 1 Tishri 5784

- 9:00 AM L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Geffen will tell a story. Music by Selah (teen song leaders), Cantor Goldstein, and Alan Goodis.
- 9:00 AM Tot Service (Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall)**
Advance registration required at nsci.org/hhd2023.
Led by Rabbi Leizman. Music by the Freedman Family Singers.
- 11:30 AM Traditional Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Geffen will offer a sermon. Music by Cantor Goldstein with the High Holy Days Choir and Stone Family Organ.
- 11:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Teen Program (Tross Family Education Center)**
Tashlich at the beach, New Year's resolutions, apples, honey, and pie!
All 8th–12th graders are invited to join us for this special teen program.
Email benr@nsci.org to RSVP.
- 2:30 PM Children's Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Greene will tell a story. Music by Alan Goodis.

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY

Sunday, September 17 / 2 Tishri 5784

- 10:00 AM Second Day Service (Goodman Terrace or Perlman Sanctuary if inclement weather)**
Includes an interactive teaching by Rabbi Greene. Music by Cantor Goldstein.
For those who wish, Tashlich at Lake Michigan will follow the service.

Yom Kippur Schedule

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 24 / 10 Tishri 5784

- 5:30 PM L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Leizman will tell a story. Music by Selah (teen song leaders) and Cantor Goldstein.
- 5:30 PM Alternative Service (Perlman Sanctuary)**
[Advance registration required at nsci.org/hhd2023.](https://nsci.org/hhd2023)
Rabbi Geffen will offer a teaching. Music by Alan Goodis with support from soloist Allison Rosenfeld Schanfield.
- 8:00 PM Traditional Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Geffen will offer a sermon. Music by Cantor Goldstein with the High Holy Days Choir and Stone Family Organ.

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Monday, September 25 / 10 Tishri 5784

- 9:00 AM L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Greene will tell a story. Music by Selah (teen song leaders), Alan Goodis, and Cantor Goldstein.
- 9:00 AM Tot Service (Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall)**
[Advance registration required at nsci.org/hhd2023.](https://nsci.org/hhd2023)
Led by Rabbi Geffen. Music by the Freedman Family Singers.
- 11:30 AM Traditional Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Leizman will offer a sermon. Music by Cantor Goldstein with the High Holy Days Choir and Stone Family Organ.
- 11:30 AM Learners' Service (Perlman Sanctuary)**
[Advance registration required at nsci.org/hhd2023.](https://nsci.org/hhd2023)
Led by Rabbi Greene (no sermon). Music by Alan Goodis.
- 2:15 PM Children's Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Leizman will tell a story. Music by Alan Goodis.
- Is This the Fast I Desire (Tross Family Education Center)**
A conversation about community, social justice, and hope.
- Contemplative Music (Perlman Sanctuary)**
Music to support meditation, thought, and meaning.
- 3:30 PM Afternoon/Mincha Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Led by NSCI Clergy. Music by Cantor Goldstein.
- 4:30 PM* Yizkor Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Rabbi Greene will deliver a Yizkor message. Music by Cantor Goldstein with the High Holy Days Choir and Stone Family Organ.
- 5:30 PM* Neilah/Concluding Service (Large Sanctuary)**
Led by NSCI Clergy (service will conclude no later than 6:15 PM).

**Start times are approximate*

Sukkot Programs

SHABBAT SUKKOT SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
10:15 AM IN THE PERLMAN
SANCTUARY

FALL FEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
11:00 AM–1:30 PM

Celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah with an on-the-go lunch and enjoy holiday-themed, interactive activities for all ages and stages. Activities include mitzvah projects, shaking the lulav, sukkah decorations, edible creations, fun Torah games, and more!

Visit nsci.org/event/FFF2023 to RSVP.

SISTERS IN THE SUKKAH: POTLUCK LUNCH AND LEARN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
11:30 AM–1:00 PM AT NSCI

We are having a speaker from SHALVA, the oldest independent, Jewish domestic abuse agency in the United States, and will be collecting items to donate to their organization. All are welcome.

Visit nsci.org/event/SistersSukkah to RSVP.

SUKKOT: WALKING WITH JOY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:00–10:30 AM, CHICAGO
BOTANIC GARDEN

Join Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi for a guided, contemplative garden walk that syncs spiritually with the Jewish calendar. Rabbi Mizrahi, D.H.L., is an “awe-walker.” Her garden walks lead participants on journeys that forge connections between the natural world and our souls, awakening us to what is essential in our lives and at the core of our being.

Visit nsci.org/form/SpiritualityOctober to register.

SIMCHAT TORAH & KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:15 PM IN THE LARGE SANCTUARY

Join us for a festive Shabbat service featuring our annual observance of Simchat Torah, as we unroll the entire scroll, concluding with its final verses and starting over once again!

SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WITH YIZKOR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
9:30 AM IN THE PERLMAN
SANCTUARY

Join us for Shabbat morning services followed by Yizkor, remembering those we have lost.



Mark Your Calendars for the Installation of Rabbi Jacob Leizman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
6:15 PM

Rabbi Deena Silverstone, Rabbi Jacob's mentor and Rabbi and Director of Jewish Life at the Jewish Community Project of Lower Manhattan (JCP), will offer the installation remarks.

Kabbalat Shabbat services will be followed by a fun, family-friendly Shabbat dinner and party with live music from the Jewish Jammers!

Formal invitation to follow.

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Patricia Kahn Horwitz

Mother of Deborah (Eric) Nieman, Gordon (Li-Lin Tseng) Horwitz, Peter (Leslie) Horwitz, and Robert Horwitz, z"l
Stepmother of John (Julie) Lippman, Gail (Gary) Lissner, and Ellen (Steve Rosenberg) Lippman
Grandmother of Audrey (Gayle), Tracy (Andrew), Alyssa, and Avi
Step-Grandmother of Julie, Aaron (Zoe), Madeline, Mara, Ilyana, and Sarah (Rick)
Great-Grandmother of Aiden, Isabella, and Charlotte
Step-Great-Grandmother of Jordan, Flynn, Keagan, and Emma

Sally Kay DeMaria

Mother of Frances (Jeffrey) Morof
Grandmother of Teddy, Alexis, Nicholas, and Harrison

Mary Ann Mancini

Mother of David (Sherriann) Mancini
Grandmother of Amanda, Ashley, and Tyler

Gwen M. Rich

Wife of Adam Rich
Mother of Theodore Rich, Rachel (Matthew) Morales, Dr. Maxwell Rich, and Daniel Rich
Grandmother of Madelyne Jane Morales

Alan Feldstein

Father of Beth (Ted) Pickus
Grandfather of Zach (Laura), Dylan, Noah, and Lily
Great Grandfather of Seth

Ivan Kushen

Husband of Marilyn Kushen
Father of Anne (Mitch) Macknin and Karen (Ed) Weil
Grandfather of Ellen (Max), Lucy, Charlie, and Rachel
Brother of Richard (Arlene) Kushen

Harvey "Bud" Meyerhoff

Brother-in-law of Walter Pancoe
Uncle of Polly Pancoe Kortlander

David Rosenthal

Son of Lorelei Rosenthal
Brother of Mike (Annice Moses) Rosenthal

Joan Saperstein

Mother of Jessica (Chris) Rush
Grandmother of Madeline and Juliana

Barbara Schur

Stepmother of Bill (Donna Fletcher) Schur

Larisa "Lora" Zhizhin

Mother of Igor (Flavia) Zhizhin



Are You Prepared?

Pre-arranging burial is part of sensible estate planning. As an NSCI congregant, you are entitled to purchase from a selection of burial spaces at Shalom Memorial Park at a substantial discount.

If you are interested in planning ahead or learning more about the congregational plots, please contact Micah Singerman at Shalom Memorial Park at 847.255.3520. Be sure to mention that you are a congregant of NSCI.



Support

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

HANDS OF CHESED, NSCI'S CARING COMMUNITY



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

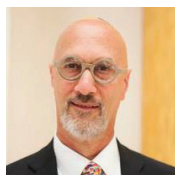
and a box of truffles on my kitchen island...the note wished me sunshine and flowers from your group at the Temple. This was such a lovely gesture, and it is always wonderful to know you're thought of somewhere else beyond your four walls. Thank you. I (we) feel very blessed!"

Chesed is Hebrew for kindness. Hands of Chesed 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 Chesed is led by Leslie Rosen. For more information or to contact Leslie, visit nsci.org/support.

HEALING SERVICES WITH CANTOR GOLDSTEIN ON FACEBOOK

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 AND OCTOBER 4 AND 18
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 ROOM 203 IN THE GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

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

Look for updates regarding location changes of FA meetings in our weekly e-blasts and on our website. For information, contact Margot at 847.738.0306 or mkpeters81@aol.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS
6:00–7:00 PM IN ROOM 203 IN THE GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Look for updates regarding location changes of AA meetings in our weekly e-blasts and on our website. 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 email miad@nsci.org 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 at 847.835.0724 x 643.

Shema — Listen! The Jewish Secret to Innovation

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

HOW MANY TIMES have you recited the Shema? *Listen, the people Israel, Adonai is Your God, Adonai is ONE!* The Youth and Family Community staff and lay leaders, those focused on families with children 0–22, are taking to heart that central command to listen, and listen to you, the people Israel, of North Shore Congregation Israel.

Why listen? Haven't the staff and lay leaders always listened? We hope that is the case, but we think we can do even better. Thanks in part to a grant from the JUF Education Department, we are learning about Human Centered Design from Abby Fifer Mandell, an award-winning educator and design strategist.

What's the big idea? Human Centered Design challenges us to listen to parents, students, grandparents, leaders, and community members in a complete way to gain a deep understanding of people's daily lives, needs, and hopes. Then we must ideate together, matching what was heard about people's lives to NSCI's mission to figure out what engagement in Jewish learning and living should be like.

How does it work? Take Fall Fest, for example. We invited parents who had expressed an interest in being part of a focus group on the annual Goodman Center for Jewish Education survey or who were involved in the Goodman Center Family Engagement group to join us in visioning this event.

Rather than dive into planning the activities, we stepped back and asked this main question and later probed further:

What do you want to see out of a family experience at NSCI?

1. Think about things you've experienced here at NSCI
2. Things you've experienced elsewhere at a synagogue, school, community or family event, etc.

We heard about parents wanting to have uninterrupted time with other parents, the importance of activities for a wide range of ages, challenge of kids' multiple Sunday activities, and the importance of food to settle kids in. What we heard has implications for not just Fall Fest, but for other activities, too.

Then we ideated: "What do you want your families to experience for NSCI's Fall Fest: Celebrating Sukkot & Simchat Torah to make it a worthwhile, joyful, fun experience?"

We heard: how much children enjoy decorating a sukkah, the desire to have a meal in the sukkah, how cool it is to unroll the Torah, the importance of doing service projects—repairing the world connected to holiday themes, and the desire for a printout with all the family activities to put on one's refrigerator.

What came out of that was setting up different opportunities for celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah beyond just Fall Fest as well as great ideas for Fall Fest activities.

What next? The YFCC staff are interested in learning more about families with young children and listening to our teens. In other words, we have emerging plans for putting Human Centered Design into action. And it's not just for our youth. Rabbi Greene and her team of lay leaders are also putting Human Centered Design into action for engaging adults in our congregation, to know and be known.

SHEMA: We want to HEAR you! We will LISTEN in new ways! We will IDEATE together. Then, we are ON IT as partners in Jewish learning and living! See you at Fall Fest: Celebrating Sukkot & Simchat Torah on October 1, 11:00 am–12:30 pm. ■

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:
Opening Day of School,
K/1 Parents Meet the Clergy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:
No School

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:
First Day of Tuesday Classes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:
First Day of Wednesday Classes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:
No School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:
Fall Family Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8:
Simchat Torah in the School

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20:
3rd/4th grades Shabbat Rocks

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:
3rd grade Parents Meet the Clergy

Early Childhood

MEET THE CLERGY WITH K/1 PARENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 AM ON THE LILLIAN AND
LARRY GOODMAN FAMILY TERRACE
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

After dropping off your children at their class, we invite you to stop by for coffee and a nosh with our clergy. Meet other parents who are new to the school as well as parents who serve on the Youth and Family Community Committee (YFCC).

For questions, contact Pamela Connell at bit.ly/EmailPamela.

Pre-Teens

HALLOWEEN SHABBAT UNDERNIGHTER FOR 5TH–7TH GRADERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
4:30–7:30PM IN THE TROSS FAMILY
EDUCATION CENTER

Join us for a fun evening of games, songs, and spooky(ish) stories! Pizza dinner will be served.

This is a free program, but you must RSVP to Benr@nscl.org in order to attend.

Adult Learning & Programs

CELEBRATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS: ISRAEL AT 75

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
12:00–1:00 PM AT NSCI

Taught by renowned Jewish and Israel educator Mike Hollander, this session will look at the issues that have recently divided Israelis in a historically unprecedented manner and brought thousands of Israelis to the streets in protest. Can Israel continue to be a Jewish and democratic state? What is at stake, and how does this affect Israelis and Diaspora Jewry?

Register: nsci.org/event/Israel75

WISE AGING 101

**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 25,
NOVEMBER 1, 8, AND 15**
1:00–2:30 PM AT NSCI

Wise Aging is a participant-driven program that supports living the later years of our lives with meaning, resilience, and wisdom.

Register: nsci.org/event/wiseagingfall23

WISE AGING 202

**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 25,
NOVEMBER 1, 8, AND 15**
10:00–11:30 AM AT NSCI

Wise Aging 202 is a continuation of the Wise Aging 101 class. In order to register for 202, you must have completed the Wise Aging 101 class previously.

Register: nsci.org/event/wiseaging202fall23

GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD

**MONDAYS, OCTOBER 16 –
DECEMBER 18 (NO CLASS NOV. 27)**
1:00–2:00 PM AT NSCI

Join Rabbi Geffen in studying a selection of the most well known or important sugiyot (talmudic discussions) scattered throughout a variety of talmudic tractates. No experience necessary. Texts will be provided.

Register: nsci.org/event/GreatestHits1023

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
1:00–2:15 PM AT NSCI

Peter Van Vechten, Chair of the Glencoe Preservation Commission, and Ed Goodale, Project Manager of the Booth Cottage, will present on the ten years Frank Lloyd Wright actively worked in Glencoe and the rescue of the Booth Summer Cottage.

Register: nsci.org/event/SCOctober23

HEBREW IN A HURRY

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, AND 23
AVAILABLE TIME SLOTS ARE
11:45 AM–1:00 PM OR 7:00–8:15 PM

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!

Register: nsci.org/event/HebrewinaHurry

Music

RAVINIA STEANS MUSIC INSTITUTE Our Ravinia Steans Music Institute Summer Concert Series concluded on August 11th at 8:00 pm, when the vocal fellows filled Perlman Sanctuary with melodic tunes.



RSMI Jazz Fellows
June 9, 2023



RSMI Piano and Strings Fellows
July 7, 2023



RSMI Vocal Fellows
August 11, 2023

POST KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERTS

Featuring Christopher Powell

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8:00–9:00 PM



Christopher Powell is a Juilliard School-trained organist and serves as the Director of Sacred Music and the organist at the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown in Libertyville, Illinois. He is also North Shore Congregation

Israel's new resident organist. In his NSCI solo debut performance, audience members will hear a compilation of music that depicts the thematic journey of sound, through the lens of humanity's evolutionary desire to reach spiritual enlightenment.

Visit www.bit.ly/PKSOrgan23 to RSVP.

Featuring Susan Merdinger

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
8:00–9:00 PM

Internationally acclaimed American Steinway Artist Susan Merdinger will



grace the Perlman Sanctuary with her musical presence following our Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Merdinger has collaborated with many other internationally acclaimed musicians, at venues such as the New York Philharmonic to the National Symphony Orchestra. She currently serves as an IN.LIVE artistic advisor, a Silicon Valley-based streaming company.

Visit www.bit.ly/PKSC1013 to RSVP.

Tikkun Olam

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Help Cradles to Crayons provide essential items that Chicago's children need to thrive at home, at school, and at play. Get in the High Holy Day spirit and help Chicago's children start anew with new and much needed supplies.

For the full list of items, visit www.bit.ly/HHDTO. Please place all donations in the appropriately labeled collection pod, located at the edge of NSCI's North Parking Lot, near the school entrance.

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Help stock The Ark Northwest's food pantry by donating kosher, non-perishable food. Please place all donations in the appropriately labeled collection pod, located at the edge of NSCI's North Parking Lot, near the school entrance.

For the full list of needed grocery items, visit www.bit.ly/HHDTO.

FEED THE HOMELESS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
11:30 AM-2:30 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, then deliver and/or serve at shelters and food pantries in Lake and Cook Counties.

To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/FTH1023.

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
4:00-7:00 PM, BETH EMET
SYNAGOGUE, EVANSTON**

Join us to cook and serve dinner for the guests of Beth Emet's Soup Kitchen, a warm and welcoming place. We shop, cook onsite, and serve at the soup kitchen with a team of NSCI volunteers, teenagers and adults; some children may join us. Advance signup is necessary for holding spaces and getting food assignments.

To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/EmailBH.

17: NSCI'S REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

Join us in supporting refugees arriving in Chicago and helping them become self-reliant. The name "17" reminds us that 17 years is the average time a refugee spends in a camp, in limbo, around the world. As Jews, we have a special obligation to participate in this important mitzvah of welcoming the stranger. We are hoping to welcome another refugee family to the Chicago area soon. In order to do that, we need volunteers to mentor and/or tutor the members of that family periodically over their first six months here as they adjust to life in Chicago.

To learn more about the history of 17, check out nsci.org/17, and if you're interested in being a mentor for the refugee family, or are looking for more information about getting involved, visit nsci.org/form/17Interest.

SAVE THE DATE: THANKSGIVING BASKETS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Save the date for Thanksgiving Baskets, NSCI's Family-to-Family Mitzvah Project! We will be collecting and delivering food to provide a Whittier Elementary School (Waukegan, IL) student and their family a Thanksgiving meal.

Please visit our website to learn more and to register. This program is for all ages and stages!

Women of NSCI

BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
1:00-3:00 PM AT NSCI**

The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn

Three women who had been trained to break the codes of the Germans in WWII are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter in post-war England.

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

WNSCI BOARD MEETING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
9:30-11:00 AM AT NSCI**

Our board meetings are open to any interested members. We hope to see you there!

WNSCI MAH JONGG

**THURSDAYS
1:00-3:00 PM**

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!

SAVE THE DATE: YES FUND

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
6:30-8:30 PM**

Join WNSCI for a special "YES Fund" event. The Youth, Education, and Special Projects Fund represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism.

To learn more, visit wrj.org/support-our-mission/yes-fund.

The Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives

Our Spiritual Homes from Vernon Ave. to Sheridan Road

BY ELLEN KATZ BLOCK

Our NSCI archives is a treasury of history about the congregation's formation and the challenge facing a Jewish community on the North Shore of Chicago. The minutes of our Board of Trustees include extensive discussions as to how to handle the growing membership of our congregation. As we begin the next phase of revising our space to meet our changing needs, it's interesting to look back on how we got to where we are and the impetus for previous transformations.

ON APRIL 27, 1920, the initial meeting of 44 families at the Winnetka Women's Club was held to discuss founding a Jewish congregation on the north shore of Chicago. Many of the participants were affiliated with Temple Sinai in Chicago and were well acquainted with their rabbi, Dr. Emil Hirsch. Subsequent to this first meeting, the North Shore Branch of Sinai Congregation was held with services conducted by Rabbi Hirsch. As documented in our Board of Trustees (BOT) minutes, Articles of Association were eventually adopted; officers and trustees were elected, including Harry M. Gottlieb as the first President of the Congregation, Frank Solomon as Vice-President, Rose (Mrs. Alfred S.) Alschuler as Secretary, and Joseph Michaels as Treasurer.

By November 30, 1920, there were 80 members in the congregation. A few months later, in January of 1921, a religious school with four teachers and 65 students was underway in the Skokie School of Winnetka. In spring of 1923, a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of renting a house to serve as the congregation's headquarters, and by fall, the question of where to hold regular Friday night services was discussed. During this time, the congregation had also made a break with Sinai, and our name was changed to the North Shore Congregation.

Membership continued to grow. By February 1924, membership was 197 families; just seven months later, it had expanded to 228 families. Friday night services were held at the Masonic Hall in Glencoe (though not in the summer); the religious school was now located at the Hubbard Woods School. The Winnetka Community House was a frequent place for various meetings and activities, but the use of facilities at multiple disparate locations was becoming untenable and expensive. In April 1925, a Site and Building Committee was appointed to investigate locations for our own building. By September of that year, a site at the northwest corner of Vernon and Lincoln Avenues in Glencoe had been identified, and in January 1926, a deposit was made on that property. Alfred S. Alschuler, a congregant and prominent Chicago architect, was selected as our architect.

Reading through the BOT minutes and knowing that a large proportion of our membership resided in those two suburbs at that time and that Winnetka had been more generous and open than the other suburbs to a Jewish community, one wonders why Glencoe was chosen as the optimal site for our own building. Dan Swett, a congregant, in a documentary of our NSCI history, speculates on several reasons for the choice. The location of the Glencoe site was walking distance from the Northwestern train. The experiment in using the Masonic Hall in Glencoe had been successful and had not brought any negative consequences. Memberships at Lake Shore Country Club and Northmoor Country Club—the old guard of wealthy German Jews—were thriving, ensuring continued support for the congregation. Glencoe was a midpoint of where the membership lived. Mr. Alschuler had, in 1924, designed KAM Isaiah Israel as well as other notable buildings. His similar design for our synagogue would, perhaps, result in cost savings for us.



Vernon Ave. interior

It is significant that in contrast to our present facility, the building design was scaled down and low profile, reflecting the desire of Jews to blend into the community without calling much attention to themselves. It is also noteworthy that the community hall was larger than the sanctuary, signaling an emphasis on the structure as a community center for various events and activities. Unfortunately, however, our new temple was not built anticipating the huge growth in membership that followed—and follow it did. In 1926, just a few years prior to the stock market crash, the congregation consisted of 290 members, 260 of whom pledged \$1,000 each (about \$17,280 in today's dollars) to finance the entire cost of the grounds, building, and equipment for our new temple. Despite the financial woes that gripped the nation in the next years, we survived, and our building was constructed.

By the end of 1939, there were 300 students enrolled in the religious school with an average attendance of 240 students per week. Classes met on both Saturdays and Sundays, and the number of students continued to grow. A series of meetings was called to discuss retiring the present mortgage, building additional classrooms, remodeling the kitchen, the office and providing parking spaces. Over the next few years, revisions were made to the original plans—an additional 25 classrooms, the possibility of a second story, the inclusion of a library and changes to the entrance of the building—but that would prove not to be enough. ■

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

September 2023 ■ Elul 5783/Tishrei 5784

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Post Kabbalat Shabbat Concert – Christopher Powell	2 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
3 10:00 am Shofar Corps with Cantor Goldstein	4 Labor Day	5 3:00 pm Music of the Holy Days 7:00 pm FA Meeting	6 12:00 pm Mindful or Mindless Life, High Holy Day Edition 6:00 pm AA Meeting	7 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	8 12:00 pm Celebrations and Demonstrations: Israel at 75 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service 8:00 pm Selichot Storytelling
10 9:30 am Mikvah at the Lake	11 7:00 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	12 7:00 pm FA Meeting	13 12:00 pm Mindful or Mindless Life, High Holy Day Edition 6:00 pm AA Meeting	14 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	15 Erev Rosh Hashanah 4:30 pm Family Taschlich at the Beach 5:30 pm NSCI "Friday Night Style" Service 8:00 pm Traditional Service	16 First Day Rosh Hashanah 9:00 am L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service 9:00 am Tot Service 11:30 am Traditional Service 11:30 am Rosh Hashanah Teen Program 2:30 pm Children's Service
17 Second Day Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am Second Day Service	18 7:00 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	19 7:00 pm FA Meeting	20 12:00 pm Mindful or Mindless Life, High Holy Day Edition 6:00 pm AA Meeting	21 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	22 6:15 pm Shabbat Shuvah with Speaker Jenna Benn Shersher	23 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
24 Kol Nidre 5:30 pm L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service 5:30 pm Alternative Service 8:00 pm Traditional Service	25 Yom Kippur 9:00 am Tot Service and L'dor Vador Intergenerational Service 11:30 am Learners Service and Traditional Service 2:15 pm Is This the Fast I Desire?, Contemplative Music, & Children's Service 3:30 pm Afternoon Mincha Service 4:30 pm Yizkor Service 5:30 pm Neilah/Conclusion Service	26 7:00 pm FA Meeting	27 6:00 pm AA Meeting	28 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	29 6:15 pm Shabbat Sukkot Service	30 Sukkot 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Minyan and Sukkot Morning Service

October 2023 - Tishrei/Cheshvan 5784

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 11:00 am Fall Fest	2 11:45 am Hebrew in a Hurry 7:00 pm Hebrew in a Hurry	3 11:30 am Sisters in the Sukkah: Potluck Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm FA Meeting	4 9:00 am Spirituality Walk with Rabbi Nina Mizrahi 6:00 pm AA Meeting	5 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	6 Simchat Torah 6:15 pm Simchat Torah and Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7 Shemini Atzeret 9:30 am Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah Shabbat Morning Service with Yizkor
8 11:30 am Feed the Homeless	9 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day 11:45 am Hebrew in a Hurry 7:00 pm Hebrew in a Hurry	10 1:00 pm WNSCI Book Club 7:00 pm FA Meeting 7:00 pm Desert and Coffee with Rabbi Leizman	11 1:00 pm Senior Connections 6:00 pm AA Meeting	12 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	13 5:30 pm New Congregants Pre-Neg 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Post Kabbalat Shabbat Concert Featuring Susan Merdinger	14 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
15 9:30 am WNSCI Board Meeting	16 11:45 am Hebrew in a Hurry 12:00 pm Bring Your Own Lunch Meet and Greet with Rabbi Leizman 1:00 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud 7:00 pm Hebrew in a Hurry 7:00 pm Jewish Jammers	17 7:00 pm FA Meeting	18 10:00 am Wise Aging 202 1:00 pm Wise Aging 101 4:00 pm Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Volunteering 6:00 pm AA Meeting	19 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	20 6:00 pm Shabbat Rocks 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	21 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
22	23 11:45 am Hebrew in a Hurry 12:00 pm Congregants of Long Standing Lunch 1:00 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud 7:00 pm Hebrew in a Hurry 7:00 pm Jewish Jammers	24 7:00 pm FA Meeting	25 10:00 am Wise Aging 202 1:00 pm Wise Aging 101 6:00 pm AA Meeting	26 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg	27 6:15 pm Rabbi Leizman Installation at Kabbalat Shabbat services	28 9:30 am Interactive Torah Study 10:15 am Saturday morning Minyan Service
29 2:00 pm Donor Reception	30 1:00 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud	31 Halloween 7:00 pm FA Meeting				



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BIKUR CHOLIM (VISITING THE SICK)

In an effort to fulfill the mitzvah, Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick), our rabbis and cantor visit members who are hospitalized in the metropolitan area. This has become increasingly difficult, as hospitals cannot contact synagogues or churches when members are hospitalized.

Please feel free to call the synagogue office at 847.835.0724 to advise the rabbis and cantor when you, a relative, or a friend is hospitalized in any hospital in the metropolitan area. In doing so, you will become a partner in the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim.



Join us for NSCI's beautiful and
inspirational outdoor Friday evening

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

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

6:15 PM ON THE LILLIAN AND LARRY GOODMAN FAMILY 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.