These High Holy Days, Come as You Are.

It is hard to believe, but in just about a month, we will gather together to usher in the High Holy Days! This most sacred Jewish time is the opportunity for renewal and a reminder that anything and everything is possible. As such, each of us individually is invited to engage in the holy work of teshuvah—the deep reflection that provides us the opportunity to repair what we’ve broken, forgive what we’ve begrudged, and ultimately return to our best selves.

If one is serious about making teshuvah, then this very first step proves the most critical: we must be ourselves, our truest selves. If we don’t begin with that measure of truthful self-acceptance, beauty and blemish and everything in between, we will not be in truth with ourselves, nor with how we relate to anyone or anything else. Jewish tradition insists that the ultimate human blessing is that we are not perfect, we are works in progress, exactly where we need to be and journeying toward our best selves at the same time.

This is not an easy task. A true acceptance of oneself demands honesty and vulnerability that may be frightening. At the same time, Jewish self-acceptance is not an invitation to play the “that’s just how I am” card and give up on ourselves. Rather, it is the only solid ground that can nurture and birth true growth and transformation.

Consider that when our ancestors commit the sin of worshipping the Golden Calf, Moses shatters the tablets of the Ten Commandments, and the people are punished. After Moses prays for forgiveness for the people, he and God carve a replacement set of the Ten Commandments. After the new set is presented, Moses places them in the Holy Ark that is carried at the center of the people throughout their wandering—as a symbol of the heart of who they are. But along with the new tablets, Moses also places all the broken pieces of the original tablets destroyed over the Golden Calf. Why? Because that broken set of tablets catalyzed the groundwork for a complex and fuller covenant based on a deeper understanding of the commandments. When teshuvah is done right, our shattered dreams transform into holy artifacts; they are the stepping-stones upon which we forge our path into the future, for they enable us to grow and ultimately become closer to ourselves and God.

So these High Holy Days, we invite you to come as you are, to be yourself, and to know that all the promise and possibility in the world awaits us, if only we commit to take that first step of authenticity.

On behalf of each of us and our families, we wish you and all of those you love a New Year of sweetness and great blessing.

L’shanah tovah tikateivu,

Rabbi Wendi Geffen
Cantor David Goldstein
Rabbi Lisa Greene
Rabbi Ryan Daniels
Shabbat Services

AUGUST

Friday, August 3
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Aufruf of Drew Wolfe and Bradley Gruenberg
Baby Naming of Ethan Michael Bell

Saturday, August 4
Torah Portion: Eikev
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, August 10
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 11
Torah Portion: Re’eih
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
Aufruf of Jennifer Litner and Brad Mueller

Friday, August 17
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
August Birthday Blessings

Saturday, August 18
Torah Portion: Shofarim
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, August 24
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Aufruf of Casey Leiser and Morgan Marcus

Saturday, August 25
Torah Portion: Ki Teitzei
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, August 31
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Baby Naming of Mae Rose Cooper

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
9:15 Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, September 7
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 8
Torah Portion: Nitzavim
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, September 14
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 15
Torah Portion: Vayeilech
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service
Baby naming of Mia Moriah Glickman

Friday, September 21
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Aufruf of Ashley Gildenberg and Tom Agam

Saturday, September 22
Torah Portion: Haazinu
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, September 28
Shabbat Sukkot
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sukkot Service with Alan Goodis and Selah September Birthday Blessings, Simchat Torah Observance and Consecration

Saturday, September 29
Sukkot
Torah Portion: Chol HaMo’eid Sukkot
9:15 am Shabbat Minyan Service

Our Congregational Family

Welcome to our new and returning members (through July 25):

Jessica and Jacob Drescher
(Zachary & Hudson)

Jeri & Stephen Felsenthal
(Gavin, Neve & Emery)

Cristi & Kevin Finkel
(Eli, Simon & Oliver)

Jessica & Matt Hoyt
(Ethan & Noah)

Amy & David Israel
(Charlotte, Haddie & Jackson)

Nicole & Steve Katz
(Noah & Jacob)

Jessica & Robert Levy
(Audrey & Isaac)

Dr. Aron Mosnaim
& Dr. Marion Wolf

Rebecca & Daniel Oppenheim
(Avery & Charlie)

Illyce Glink Tamkin

Debra & John Thomas
(Frank)

Erin & Eli Vine
(Alexandra & Nina)

Welcome to:

Ilana Anne Keyel
born on June 4, 2018
daughter of
Elizabeth “Zibby” Greenebaum and Jake Keyel
granddaughter of
Robert F. Greenebaum & V. Ferris Todd
great-granddaughter of
Lilli & James E. Greenebaum II

Felix Chase Daniel
born on June 5, 2018
son of Abby & Roger Daniel
brother of Max & Alexa
grandson of Wendy & Ken Flacks and Hedy & Alan Daniel

Mazel Tov to:

Haley Hayman & David Hirsch
married Saturday, April 14
son of Millie and Gary Hirsch

Jamie Strait & Mark Muller
married Friday, June 8

Sydney Goss & Daniel Gertler
married on Saturday, June 23

Morgan Ian Marcus & Casey Jill Leiser
married on Saturday, July 28
son of Jacqueline B. Marcus & Harvey Marcus

In Memoriam

The congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of:

Berta Corenblit Blasberg
mother of Damian (Sandra Kuzis) Blasberg
grandmother of Tommy Blasberg

Nelson “Sonny” Dunitz
husband of Serene Blatt Dunitz

Thomas Ian Felner
son of Glenn L (Bonnie) Felner and the late Ayleene J. Felner

Howard Gallar
brother-in-law of Craig (Hildy) Spak

Frances Hoffman Kohn
mother-in-law of Karen Kohn (William Kohn z’l),
grandmother of Shira Kohn (Michael C. Levy), Kinneret Kohn, and Asher Kohn (Daniella Farah)
great-grandmother of Yael and Ari Levy

Darlene LeVine
mother of Dr. Steven LeVine
sister of Andrea (Fred) Cahen

Sala Lewis
mother of Evelyn Lewis and Cort (Julie) Lewis,
grandmother of Justin (fiancée Samantha Greenfield) Lewis, Jenna Lewis, and Morgan Lewis

Elinor E. Miller
mother of Janice (Bruce) Goldman and Michael Miller
great-grandmother of Marissa (Dan) Holtzleiter, Breanne Goldman, and Dr. Kara Goldman (Hartley Nisenbaum)
great-grandmother of Daniel, Aviva, Hazel, and Lilah
sister-in-law of Muriel Miller

Leonard David Myers
son of Naomi Myers

Roberta Rhum
mother of Saul Rhum, mother-in-law of Jaime Rhum, grandmother of Kimberly and Eric Rhum

Sherwood Darrow Ross
brother of Ludmilla Coven

Edward Rowen
father of Arnie Rowen

Arthur Schatzman
son of Bucky Schatzman

Gary B. Silbar
husband of Karen Silbar, father of Jake and Max Silbar

Marilyn Smith
parent of Sharón & Robert Katz
grandmother of Jonathan Katz and Hayley Katz

Barry Sokol
father of Karen Silbar, grandfather of Jake and Max Silbar

Irwin Laskin Walzer
brother-in-law of Maxine Walzer
uncle of Steven (Julie) Walzer

Phyllis Weiner
mother of Marla Weiner, grandmother of Joanna (Jeffrey) Davidson, Allison Wieczorek, and Nicolas Wieczorek
Upcoming B’nei Mitzvah

Saturday, August 11
4:30 pm Shabbat Afternoon Service
Joshua Bennett Paul
son of Francie & Brian Paul

Saturday, August 18
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Alexie Stetson-Zejer
daughter of Tracy Stetson

Saturday, August 25
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Ellie Ann Winternitz
daughter of Stacy & Charles Winternitz
4:30 pm Shabbat Afternoon Service
Ilya Rivkin
son of Elina Glusker & Sam Rivkin

Saturday, September 1
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Gideon Rigler
son of Tammy Berman & Neil Rigler
4:30 pm Shabbat Afternoon Service
Lauren Elise Berish
daughter of Leslie & Brian Berish

Friday Evening Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

May 26 (Shabbat Kiddush):
Patsy Foisie, Matthew Schiff and Rina Magarici
in honor of the Aufruf of
Annie Schiff & David Norman

June 1:
Nancy & Gary Klein, Cathy & Joel Schneider in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter,
Adeline Mollie Schneider, daughter of Julie & Spencer Schneider

June 8:
Tracy & Josh Hoyt
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
Jacob Benjamin Hoyt

June 15:
Jill & Abel Rosenberg
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Grace Rosenberg

June 22:
Moses-Rosenthal Family
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
Phoenix Moses-Rosenthal

July 27:
Jackie Jaffe, Chris & Jim Landaker, Nadine & Joel Linton, Cheri & Mickey Jaffe
in honor of the baby naming of
Olivia Brooke Linton

August 3:
Carol & Abbott Wolfe
in honor of the Aufruf of
Drew Wolfe & Brittany Gruenberg

August 24:
Melissa & Steve Jarmel
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Sophie Ruth Jarmel

August 31:
Brian & Leslie Berish
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Lauren Elise Berish

September 22:
Jami & David Port
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
Dylan Port

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Upcoming Events

Friday, August 3
1:00 pm Adult Mitzvah Corps—JCF’s Backpack Project

Tuesday, August 21
7:00 pm Holy Moments, Holy Days: A Mindfulness Practice for the Days of Awe taught by David Gottlieb, PhD

Sunday, August 26
9:00 am Operation Backpack
12:00 pm Adult Shofar Blowers
12:30 pm High Holy Days Shofar Corps

Tuesday, August 28
7:00 pm Holy Moments, Holy Days: A Mindfulness Practice for the Days of Awe taught by David Gottlieb, PhD

Saturday, September 1
Selichot
7:00 pm Selichot Dessert Reception
7:30 pm Selichot Dedication of Memorial Plaques
8:00 pm Selichot Service with Havdalah

Monday, September 3
Building Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4
7:00 pm Holy Moments, Holy Days: A Mindfulness Practice for the Days of Awe taught by David Gottlieb, PhD

Friday, September 7
12:30 pm A Deeper Understanding of the Prayers of the High Holy Days taught by Rabbi Wendi Geffen

Sunday, September 9
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 10
Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 11
Rosh Hashanah Second Day—Office Closed
No Hebrew/Religious School
10:00 am Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, September 14
12:30 pm A Deeper Understanding of the Prayers of the High Holy Days taught by Rabbi Wendi Geffen

Tuesday, September 18
Kol Nidre
1:00 pm Office Closes
No Hebrew/Religious School

Wednesday, September 19
Yom Kippur

Monday, September 24
Office Closed—1st Day of Sukkot
9:15 am Sukkot Experience
In June, our year culminated with our Annual Meeting with the installation of our board and officers for 2018-19 and Shabbat Services on the Lillian and Larry Goodman Terrace. It was special and moving to be there when Arvey Wolke was honored with a Sefer Simcha Award for his many years of participation and exemplary volunteer service at NSCI. Our volunteers of the year, Lilli Greenebaum, Jim Greenebaum and Dan Kaufman, received the Kehilah Award. We are grateful to them and to all those who serve and participate in a myriad of ways at our synagogue. NSCI is all about people—our relationships, our participation, and the community we weave together.

We have begun our new fiscal year with continued enthusiasm and strong stewardship of our synagogue as an institution—and facility. Thanks to Board Officer Dean Weinberg and our Executive Director Todd Braman, we have taken care of necessary building repairs and have a schedule for managing maintenance of our facility. One of the most exciting outcomes of their work in partnership with Cantor Goldstein is a new sound system in the Large Sanctuary. We look forward to an improved experience of listening!

The breadth, depth, and diversity of the many opportunities for worship, education, meaningful connections, life cycle events, and tikkun olam is inspiring. Our clergy bring exquisite consideration, knowledge, and thought to all they do. As the High Holy Days approach, I hope you will look to the many opportunities our clergy are offering to enhance our worship, reflection, and spiritual renewal. As another year of religious and Hebrew school begins, Dr. Roberta Goodman and her team with the Goodman Center for Jewish Education are ready to welcome students and engage them with innovative education that is renowned for aligning with a diversity of learning styles and interests.

At this time of year, we also ask that you consider your annual financial commitment to NSCI. Your partnership in making your annual financial commitment is so vital to our synagogue. As we stated in our letter to you, nearly 65% of our annual operating budget relies on congregants making this investment. We are grateful for your support. I hope you noted that we have not raised the amount that we ask of our congregants, this year—$3070 for families and $2000 for single congregants.

As always, we continue to welcome all who want to belong regardless of their ability to pay in full. This is another commitment that is essential to our community and mission. With that in mind, please consider our Sustaining Members Program if you can offer more than the minimum annual financial commitment.

Thank you for being a stakeholder in NSCI.

A Happy, Healthy New Year to you and your loved ones,
Marilyn Perlman
president@nsci.org

Beachfront Dinner & Chat for Parents of 8th-12th Graders: Navigating the World of Parenting Teenagers through a Jewish Lens
Wednesday, August 8 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center
883 Sheridan Road, Highland Park
Join NSCI parents of our 8th-12th graders for dinner at the Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center on Lake Michigan and chat with Rabbi Wendi Geffen. We will serve dinner from Roti indoors; bring wine, beer, or partner with a friend to make your favorite summer drink! Rabbi Geffen will facilitate a discussion about the wisdom Jewish traditions provide as it relates to minor and major transitions, in our teens’ lives and in our own. Free parking passes at Rosewood Beach in Highland Park will be provided when you arrive.
$20 per person. RSVP required at https://bit.ly/2LHYG5x

A Healing Service
Saturday, September 15
8:15 am-9:00 am in the Perlman Sanctuary
Join us for a quiet, gentle, contemplative time of being present to ourselves, to community, to the possibility of transformation from within.
What brings individuals to the healing service? We are all on a path to healing. Individuals come seeking to deepen their prayer life and divine connection. They come seeking support when facing life’s challenges, such as unemployment, illness, care giving of a loved one, or crisis in the family system. The service is also a time for prayer for healing more broadly for our community and our world.
All are welcome, even if you have not experienced this kind of service before.

In honor of the Wedding of
Mason Douglas Marcus and Aravinda Tota
August 2, 2015 | 17 Av 5775
Jacqueline Brasnick Marcus and Harvey Marcus
Meredith Marcus, Matthew Cohen, Aiyla Rose Cohen and Morgan Marcus

In honor of the Wedding of
Morgan Ian Marcus and Casey Jill Leiser
July 28, 2018 | 17 Av 5778
Jacqueline Brasnick Marcus and Harvey Marcus
Meredith Marcus, Matthew Cohen, Aiyla Rose Cohen, Braxton Dae Cohen
Mason Marcus and Aravinda Tota
Taking the High Holy Days Higher

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9, 2018 / 1 Tishri 5779

5:15 PM  L’Dor Vador Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Large Sanctuary)
All of the clergy will tell a story.

8:00 PM  Traditional Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Large Sanctuary)
Rabbi Geffen will offer a sermon.

Rosh Hashanah First Day
Monday, September 10, 2018 / 1 Tishri 5779

9:00 AM  Alternative Rosh Hashanah Service (Perlman Sanctuary)
Rabbi Daniels will teach.

9:00 AM  Tot Rosh Hashanah Service (Tross Family Education Center)
Rabbi Greene will tell a story.

9:00 AM  L’Dor Vador Rosh Hashanah Service (Large Sanctuary)
Rabbi Geffen will tell a story.

11:30 AM  Traditional Rosh Hashanah Service (Large Sanctuary)
Rabbi Daniels will offer a sermon.

Rosh Hashanah Second Day
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 / 2 Tishri 5779

10:00 AM Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Service (Perlman Sanctuary)
Rabbi Greene will offer an interactive teaching. After the service concludes, those who wish to do so will gather for Tashlich at Lake Michigan.

High Holy Days Volunteer Opportunities

Join NSCI’s High Holy Days Shofar Corps and have a BLAST!
The Youth & Adult Shofar Corps will herald in 5779 at the Erev Rosh Hashanah L’Dor Vador Service on Sunday, September 9 at 5:15 pm

Open to all adults & youth (4th grade and older)
Shofars are available for purchase in the WNCSI Judaica Shop*

Cantor Goldstein will hold two rehearsals:
Sunday, August 19 at 12:30 pm—1:30 pm
Sunday, August 26 at 12:30 pm—1:30 pm

To join the Shofar Corps, email Sarah: sarahd@nsci.org or call: 847-835-0724 ext. 643
All you need is a Shofar and the enthusiasm to learn how to play it!
*Please contact Cantor Goldstein for help in acquiring a Shofar.

Call for Ushers for the High Holy Days 5779
Consider ushering at the High Holy Days this year to help make our synagogue warm and welcoming. Ushering is a great way to meet people and to be a contributor to the success of NSCI’s High Holy Days. For more information or to sign up, please email Rick Kruger at nscihusher@gmail.com or call 847-971-6600.

Selichot: A Night of Community, Remembrance, and Reflection
Saturday, September 1
A beautiful and inspiring experience awaits you to usher in the Days of Awe. The evening begins at 8:00 pm as we enjoy one another’s company and partake of refreshments. At 8:30 pm, we turn to the power of memory as we dedicate this year’s memorial plaques. At 9:00 pm, a unique opportunity to usher in the High Holy Days takes place. Together in the candlelit Large Sanctuary, we join in moving music, and inspiring liturgy, contemplative introspection, as the velvet Torah coverings are changed into white adornment for the High Holy Days.
**Kol Nidre**
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 / 10 Tishri 5779

5:15 PM  L’DOR VADOR KOL NIDRE SERVICE  
(LARGE SANCTUARY)  
Rabbis Daniels and Greene and  
Cantor Goldstein will tell a story.

6:00 PM   ALTERNATIVE KOL NIDRE SERVICE  
(PERLMAN SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Geffen will teach.

8:00 PM   TRADITIONAL KOL NIDRE SERVICE  
(LARGE SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Greene will offer a sermon.

**Yom Kippur Day**
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 / 10 Tishri 5779

9:00 AM  ALTERNATIVE YOM KIPPUR SERVICE  
(PERLMAN SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Greene will teach.

9:00 AM  TOT YOM KIPPUR SERVICE  
(TROSS FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER)  
Rabbi Geffen will tell a story.

9:00 AM   L’DOR VADOR YOM KIPPUR SERVICE  
(LARGE SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Daniels will tell a story.

11:45 AM  TRADITIONAL YOM KIPPUR SERVICE  
(LARGE SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Geffen will offer a sermon.

2:00 PM  ***MUSAF SERVICE  
(REBECCA K. CROWN SOCIAL HALL)  
Rabbi Greene will offer a reflection.

3:00 PM   “IS THIS THE FAST I DESIRE?”  
(PERLMAN SANCTUARY)  
A Conversation about Welcoming,  
Social Justice and Hope.

4:15 PM  AFTERNOON SERVICE  
(LARGE SANCTUARY)  
Rabbi Greene will offer a reflection.

5:00 PM*  YIZKOR/MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Service will conclude at 6:30 pm*)

6:00 PM*  NEILA/CONCLUDING SERVICE  
(Service will conclude at 6:30 pm*)

*Denotes approximate timing

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**High Holy Days Personal Preparation**

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**Explore the High Holy Days Prayer Book**

*Mishkan HaNefesh BEFORE the High Holy Days*

NSCI has a limited number of copies of *Mishkan HaNefesh*, our High Holy Days Machzor/Prayer book, for loan in advance of the Days of Awe. If you are interested in exploring the pages of the Machzor in advance, simply call the office at 847-835-0724 to arrange to check out a copy.

**Recommended Reading for the High Holy Days**

*Anger and Forgiveness: Resentment, Generosity, and Justice* by Martha C. Nussbaum  
*Beginning Anew: A Woman’s Companion to the High Holy Days* by Gail Twersky  
*Days of Awe* edited by S.Y. Agnon  
*Entering the High Holy Days* by Reuven Hammer  
*The Prayers of Awe Series* edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, PhD  
*Repentance: The Meaning and Practice of Teshuvah* by Dr. Louis E. Newman  
*Return: Daily Inspiration for the Days of Awe* by Erica Brown  
*This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared* by Rabbi Alan Lew  

**High Holy Days Classes**

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**Holy Moments, Holy Days: A Mindfulness Practice for the Days of Awe with Teacher David Gottlieb, PhD**

Tuesdays, August 21 & 28 & September 4, 7:00 pm in the Perlman Sanctuary  
In these three sessions we will prepare for the High Holy Days as a time of personal development and healing. Through text study, contemplative practice, and discussion, we will work to develop deepened awareness of each moment of the Days of Awe as a gateway toward more meaningful and less stressful experience—experience that grounds us in our own bodies, and strengthens our ties to community. These sessions will be geared to people with all levels of experience and interest in mindfulness: what it is, how to develop it, and how to build a practice around it. Participants are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

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**A Deeper Understanding of the Prayers of the High Holy Days**

Fridays, September 7 & 14, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm  
Taught by Rabbi Wendi Geffen  
Are you interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the prayers we say during the High Holy Days? Whether you know the words or not, this two part class with Rabbi Geffen will invite exploration of the key sections of the High Holy Days liturgy in order to better understand what the Days of Awe are really about and what opportunities they hold for us.
“Is This the Fast I Desire?” (Isaiah 58:6)
A Conversation about Welcoming, Social Justice and Hope
A Yom Kippur panel discussion with Rabbi Ryan Daniels in the Perlman Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

We will begin by viewing *The Responsibility to Welcome: Yours, Mine, Ours*, a 4-minute video produced for the November 2015 Halifax International Security Forum, an international gathering of high ranking government/security officials from democratic countries, as well as journalists and other thought leaders. This powerful video portrays refugees from across the planet fleeing their country of origin.

*** Some of the images portrayed in this video are disturbing and may not be appropriate for some audiences. ***

Followed by a panel discussion with:

**Ashley Huebner** is the Managing Attorney of the National Immigrant Justice Center’s Asylum Project, which provides pro bono representation to more than 500 asylum seekers each year. Ashley specializes in asylum issues related to gender-based claims and unaccompanied children, and regularly speaks at national conferences regarding these and other asylum topics. Ashley is actively involved in impact litigation related to complex asylum issues, including gender and gang-based asylum claims, the particular social group definition, and the terrorism-related inadmissibility grounds. Ashley received her B.A. from Marquette University and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

**Kim Snoddy** is the Co-Sponsorship & Housing Manager for RefugeeOne, helping to resettle refugees fleeing war and persecution to build new lives of safety, dignity, and self-reliance in the Chicagoland area. Kim forms partnerships between RefugeeOne and communities of faith, businesses, learning institutions, families, individuals and social groups. These partnerships are formed to assist refugee families during their first six months in America.
Simchat Torah Observance and Consecration
Friday, September 28, 6:15 pm
Start at the end with us! All are welcome to our joyous Simchat Torah celebration during our Kabbalat Shabbat service, as we mark reading the conclusion of the Torah, and then return back to the beginning again. Join us in welcoming our youngest students as they begin their formal religious education through the ritual of Consecration. On Simchat Torah, we start reading Torah at the very end, in Deuteronomy. After our NSCI Simchat Torah ritual, we will celebrate with ice cream and cookies during our Oneg Shabbat-so that your family can eat the end of your dinner first.

Alternative Early Morning Yizkor Service
Monday, October 1, 7:30 am, in the NSCI Sukkah
Remembering our loved ones who have died, we will gather outside in the NSCI sukkah for an informal, reflective ritual. Our short morning service will lift up meaningful themes of gratitude and memory and include Kaddish. This new experience will be brief and followed by a light breakfast, allowing participants to head out to work or school by 8:30 am.

Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor
Monday, October 1, 9:15 am
At this service in the Perlman Sanctuary, Yizkor prayers of remembrance will be offered and our clergy will read aloud the names of all those lost to our NSCI family in the past year. After these names are honored, there will be a chance for members to say aloud, the names of additional loved ones long remembered.

Annual High Holy Days Food Drive
Help stock The ARK’s food pantry by donating kosher, non-perishable food.

September 4-October 2
Please place all donations in the large collection pod located on the south side of NSCI’s front lawn.

Visit www.nsci.org/Arkdrive for a list of needed items.

Back-to-School Donation Drive for Cradles to Crayons
September 4-October 2
Please place the following items in the large collection pod at the east side of NSCI’s north parking lot, between the parking lot and building:
- Children’s clothing sizes 0-20 & child appropriate adult clothing sizes S-M
- Children’s sneakers, sandals, and boots
- Baby & Children’s books, toys, arts & crafts, and school supplies
- NEW safety, feeding, bedding, diapering and health supplies
- NEW socks, underwear and pajamas for babies & children
We are humbled, delighted, eager and honored to meet a new NSCI call for action. This Fall, our congregation will welcome a refugee family into our community after they have completed 2-3 years of the US legal vetting process. We won’t know their origin and family composition until two weeks before they arrive. While they are nameless and faceless at this time, we know they have fled war, persecution and/or terror and most likely speak no English. They are but a few of the 65 million refugees in limbo around the world who have lived in a temporary camp on the average of 17 years. Yes, 17 years.

Imagine for a moment where you were 17 years ago. Consider how your life has changed since. 17 years is but the average time millions around the world sit unable to return home, waiting for an opportunity to begin life anew in a new land. The number 17 should ring incomplete to our Jewish ear. The number 18 or chai, we know, is the Hebrew symbol for “life.” Eighteen is significant as it represents the fullness of life and our obligation as Jews to live life to its fullest. One digit less, 17 is substandard and incomplete. Much like the life lived in refugee camps; provisional housing that many occupy for a lifetime, or what must feel like a lifetime at least.

Torah reminds us 36 times—“double chai” or 2 x 18—that our people were once strangers in the land of Egypt, and so we should, therefore, empathize with the most vulnerable among us. We know what it is to wander the wilderness, sleeping in makeshift huts, uncertain of the future. Therefore, our faith calls upon us to act. This Fall, with the assistance of RefugeeOne, an approved UN Refugee Agency, we will help to settle a refugee family here in the Chicagoland area with the goal that they will be self-reliant 6-8 months after their arrival.

We will soon publicize opportunities for you to participate in this project. As part of our relationship with RefugeeOne, we will ask for donations of money and household items, and publicize opportunities to volunteer, including a group to greet the family when they arrive at O’Hare.

For more information, please visit www.nsci.org/refugee-resettlement-project. If you have any questions about this new initiative, please contact Rabbi Daniels:

847-835-0724 or rabbidaniels@nsci.org.

We look forward to your participation in this stunning narrative. We will learn, volunteer and donate together.

L’Shalom,
Rabbi Ryan Daniels, Andy Absler and Michele Gorski
NSCI’s Refugee Resettlement Project Task Force
THANK YOU

to all who volunteered to welcome and care for our
Family Promise guests during the weeks of June 10-24!

Matt Arbit
Joan & David Bergman
Karen & Matt Berns and family
Merle Bramer & Dave Rothschild
Stacia & Mark Cohen and family
Debra & Jeff Crane
Lois & Ron Davis
Debbie & Steve Dresner
Iris & Seymour Gottlieb
Ilene Green
Susan & Mark Isaacson
Christy & Jeff Jones
Nancy & Mark Kisicki
Robert & Cecil Levy
Susan Longo
Helen Magid
Joni & Alan Meyerowitz and family
Bob & Jill Moss
Rob & Josh Olian

Marilyn Perlman & Harry Epstein
Jennifer & Jonathan Quinn
Eileen & Rob Rosenfeld & family
Fran Rosen
Lorelei Rosenthal and family
Susan & Rick Schencker
Cathy & Joel Schneider
Amy & Steve Sclamberg and family
Dana & Jim Silver and family
Heidi & Ken Small
Rachel & Mark Stein and family
Hav Stone
Andy & Steve Tick
April & Tom Victor
Jody & Dean Weinberg
Chuck Weisberg
Carol & Abbott Wolfe
Lisa & Jon Zirin and family

We are so grateful to our NSCI Co-Coordinators for your leadership:

Terri Olian
Annice Moses & Mike Rosenthal
Ann Weisberg

NSCI hosted three families for two weeks in June, converting our religious school classrooms into bedrooms. Our generous congregants welcomed them, provided healthy breakfasts and brown-bag lunches, and shared delicious hot meals at dinnertime, all seated together around the table. But this project is about so much more than food and shelter: We talked and laughed. We played cards and soccer. We taught each other new games, like Connect Four and Gin Rummy.

The amazing mom in this photo recently graduated culinary school. She is seen here researching prospective employers as her three children surround her. Another mom had a two and a twelve year old. In both families, the eldest children took great responsibility for their younger siblings. These amazing women were such patient, loving parents. They rose early to get their children dressed, give them breakfast and then out to meet the van that picked them up each day. The women were so strong, positive, and resilient. They are real heroes. It was an honor for NSCI to play a small role in their remarkable journey.
During the past 3 years, NSCI has hosted 46 Tzedakah Table pop-up tzedakah projects, raising $1,000s for 28 different charities!

Propose a project and request a Sunday morning (11:00 am-11:30 am) during the school year to organize your tzedakah pop-up! Consider selling individually wrapped treats, small crafts or collecting items to donate to an organization in need!

Sign up ONLINE: bit.ly/TzedakahTable18

Questions?
Contact Rabbi Daniels: rabbidaniels@nsci.org or 847-835-0724

Mitzvah Garden Makeover
Bob Levy

NSCI’s Mitzvah Garden is a charitable project that raises vegetables for the Moraine Township Food Pantry and The Ark Northwest. Because of increasing intrusion by the deer population, it was decided that the only solution was to construct a “deer-proof” fence. We’re happy to report that the new fence was constructed this summer with help from Scout Troop 162 as part of an Eagle Scout Project of NSCI high school student Robert Pierre, with assistance of his scout masters and his father, David.

In the garden we raise tomatoes, sweet peppers, several types of lettuce, spinach, kale, arugula, green beans, carrots, cucumbers, and summer squash, all of which is donated to our neighbors in need. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who water, plant, and harvest throughout the growing season. I am especially indebted to Jim Silver and his family for their invaluable help with the garden. We would love to have more volunteers to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, exercise, and gratification of helping things grow. Please contact me at rllmd@comcast.net if you are interested in participating in this most charitable and worthwhile project.

Adult Mitzvah Corps

Join our Adult Mitzvah Corps, where men and women congregants have fun volunteering together during the week. There is no ongoing commitment required; just feel free to join us as your time allows.

On Friday, August 3 from 1:00 pm–3:00 pm, we will be packing new backpacks with school supplies for Jewish Child & Family Services’ clients at Elaine Kersten Children’s Center, 255 Revere Dr., Suite 200, Northbrook. For many families, the expense of preparing a child for the new school year is simply beyond their means. JCFS organizes an annual school supply donation drive to benefit their neediest families. Every child that receives a backpack filled with school supplies through this program is served by one or more of JCFS’ programs. Last year, nearly 500 backpacks were filled.

On Thursday, September 27 from 1:00 pm–2:30 pm, Adult Mitzvah Corps will be volunteering at Hadassah Resale Shop, 405 Lake Cook Rd in Deerfield. We will be sorting clothes and household items. It is a great chance to support Hadassah, whose funds go toward medical research at Hadassah Hospital, among other wonderful endeavors. (And, you are welcome to do some shopping on your own when we are done!)

If you would like to volunteer at any of these events, contact Tracey Meyers at 847-242-1234.

MAOT CHITIM

YOU can bring Rosh Hashanah dinner to needy Jews. Delivery is easy as can be. Here’s what you do:

1. Sign up to deliver at https://calendly.com/maotchitim2/ncsi_fooddelivery

2. Pick up your boxes, address & delivery instruction material at NSCI on Sunday, August 26, 10:00 am-11:00 am.

You can pack school supplies for Operation Backpack & then deliver food for Maot Chitim-two mitzvot of kindness in one day!

Questions?
Contact Joellyn Stoliar at Maot Chitim, 847-674-3224, or speak to Rabbi Greene.
Operation Backpack 2018
NSCI’s Annual Back-to-School Mitzvah Event
Sunday, August 26, 2018, 9:00 am-11:00 am
North Shore Congregation Israel
1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe
Help pack school supplies for students of Chicago’s Jordan Elementary Community School. Great for all ages & stages!
RSVP TODAY: bit.ly/operationbackpack18
Questions? Contact Rabbi Ryan Daniels: rabbidaniels@nsci.org or Lisa Goosmann: lgoosmann@nsci.org, 847-835-0724

Travel with NSCI

North Shore Congregation Israel
Adult Civil Rights Rights Journey

February 21-24, 2019
Journey with Rabbis Geffen & Daniels to America’s Deep South!
Visit the Rosa Parks Museum, Voter Rights Museum, Edmund Pettus Bridge, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice & The Legacy Museum, Freedom Park, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and The Names Project—AIDS Memorial Quilt. Learn about the struggles of African Americans in the 1950s-60s, discover how the Jewish community helped to shape the Civil Rights Movement, and meet American heroes who participated in the Movement and remain committed to pursuing justice today.

COST:
4 in a room: $745 per person + flights | 3 in a room: $775 per person + flights | 2 in a room: $845 per person + flights
Includes all meals (Friday breakfast-Sunday lunch), ground transportation, hotels (3-nights), as well as all admissions & programming costs. Participants are responsible for own flight.

Important Dates:
• Registration Deadline: November 2, 2018
  Please send completed Registration Form to Lisa Goosmann—lgoosmann@nsci.org—along with a check for $400 (non-refundable deposit) made out to North Shore Congregation Israel.
• Balance Due: December 14, 2018
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One of the four outcomes we aim for at the Goodman Center for Jewish Education is:

**Community-Connect to peers, teachers, families, and congregation.**

Dr. Steve M. Cohen, a prominent sociologist, repeatedly points to the importance of friendships with Jewish minded individuals as a predictor of future engagement in Jewish living and learning.

Every year we survey parents and students about their experience at the Goodman Center for Jewish Education. We investigate how the Goodman Center for Jewish Education has helped to foster connections, relationships, and a sense of community. We ask parents and students questions such as:

- Have you made a new friend?
- Have you deepened a friendship/relationship with an existing friend?
- Do you feel connected to others?

Our results consistently show that the students feel the school experience has connected them more to their peers as high as 80%. 54% of parents feel connected to other families at NSCI.

The Goodman Center Advisory Task Force, a group of parents led by Taryn Kessel, decided to address, “How can we help families feel more connected to one another?” As a result, the Goodman Center Advisory group is organizing four opportunities for families to get together with other families on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. These gatherings will include some food and an activity:

- Sunday, September 23–Sukkot Experience
- Sunday, November 4–Intergenerational Games
- Sunday, February 3–Pancakes and Tikkun Olam Mitzvah Opportunity
- Sunday, March 3–Purim Bingo Brunch

More details to follow.

We hope you will join us for these experiences of holidays, mitzvot, friendships, and connections.

### Important Goodman Center Religious School Dates:

- August 28: First Tuesday of School
- August 29: First Wednesday of School
- September 4: Machonik Orientation
- September 11-12: No School
- September 16: First Sunday of School
- September 18-19: No School
- September 23: Preschool-2nd grade Open House
- September 23: Sukkot Family Experience
- September 28: Consecration & Simchat Torah Observance

Registration questions: Jennifer McKeag jenniferm@nsci.org

### Hub of Support: Addiction & Recovery

#### North Shore Alateen Meeting

**Mondays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Is someone’s drinking or drug use bothering you? YOU ARE NOT ALONE! North Shore Congregation Israel is a host for a weekly Alateen meeting for teenagers 12-19 years old. Alateen meetings are for teens who are concerned about a family member’s or friend’s drinking or drug use. Alateen meetings are an opportunity to gather with other teens who are going through similar experiences. Please enter through the west facing doors at the south end of the building. For more information, visit: www.niafg.org or call 312-409-7245.

#### Families Anonymous

**Tuesdays, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm**

Does someone in your family have a drug/alcohol/behavioral problem? Do you feel isolated, confused or in need of support? YOU ARE NOT ALONE! North Shore Congregation Israel is a host site for a weekly Families Anonymous meeting. Families Anonymous is a Twelve Step Program for people concerned about drug/alcohol abuse and behavioral problems of a relative. Please enter through the school-wing door on the north side of the building. Meeting is in the Kersten room on the first floor of the school-wing.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

**Wednesdays 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

Do you struggle with addiction? Do you want or need support? North Shore Congregation Israel is a host site for a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. AA is an anonymous Twelve Step Program for people who struggle with alcohol or other substances. Please enter through the door on the southernmost front side of the building. Meeting is in the Abe and Vera Cohen Family Room.
Sunday, November 4-12:30 pm

North Shore Congregation Israel
1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe

By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question, “What are you a slave to?” The cast of this original musical are not actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and a powerful post-show discussion with the cast, Freedom Song will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the ‘bondage of self’ that many fight every day.

nsci.org/event/freedomsong

North Shore Congregation Israel is a caring community for individuals struggling with addiction and in recovery, as well as for their friends and family. For more, please visit our website.
Youth and Family Community

Strollers, Stories & Celebrations Kicks off Friday, September 7
Join us with your little ones as we explore the High Holy Days.
10:00 am-10:45 am. Free and open to the community.

Strollers, Stories & Celebrations
Celebrate Shabbat and summer with your little ones! Stories, songs, movement and more!
Fridays at 10:00 am-10:45 am
Open to the community. All are welcome.

This FREE event for children 0-3 is a great way to meet other local parents, grandparents & caregivers. Come to one or all Friday sessions. Light refreshments served.

September 7-High Holy Days
October 5-Sukkot & Simchat Torah
November 16-Thanksgiving
December 7-Chanukah
January 18-Tu B’Shevat

February 22-Shabbat
March 15-Purim
April 5-Passover
May 10-Israel
June 21-Summer

All Sessions are held at: North Shore Congregation Israel
1185 Sheridan Road in Glencoe.
Please park in the north lot and enter through the education doors.
RSVP encouraged. Contact Susan Ellenby: susane@nsci.org or 847-835-0724.

We look forward to seeing you!

Wiggleworms*
Music and movement for little ones & their adults
Saturdays, September 22-October 20
9:30 am-10:15 am at NSCI

North Shore Congregation Israel and JBaby Chicago invite you to this classic music program brought to us by Old Town School of Folk Music and led by Joel Frankel.

This 45 minute class will include Jewish songs & dancing with your little one and is a great way to connect with other families raising Jewish children in the North Shore. Each week we will conclude with challah, juice and Shabbat blessings. The class is best for children 0-24 month olds.

Questions? Contact Susan Ellenby at 847-835-0724 or susane@nsci.org

Online registration: www.juf.org/jbabyWiggleworms

Tot High Holy Days Services at NSCI
NSCI’s Tot High Holy Days services at NSCI are the destination for Families with Young Children along the north shore.
Services are open to the community but a pass is needed to attend.

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10 at 9:00 am
with Rabbi Lisa Greene

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 am
with Rabbi Wendi Gefen

Contact Susan Ellenby to receive a pass, susane@nsci.org, 847-835-0724

Join us at the Chicago Botanic Gardens for Sukkah Decorating
Sunday, September 23
10:00 am-2:00 pm
NSCI and JCC Chicago will be hosting the Chicago Botanic Garden’s Sukkah decorating program. The event will be located in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden area. Stop by and say hello!

JBaby's*
Celebrating Together
Do you know a family with young children living in the city that you would like to bring to a high quality Jewish experience? We are so excited to be partnering with Chicago Sinai for a new initiative called Celebrating Together.

Meet new friends and explore Jewish opportunities in the Chicagoland area. Each session will include songs, stories, activities and food centered on the holiday we are exploring. Multi-generational and special friends such as grandparents are encouraged to participate. Best for families with children age 2 and under, siblings of all ages welcome. Check our website for fall dates.

*These programs are made possible by a grant from JBaby Chicago, a program of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago

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**Legacy Letters**

**Thursdays, October 4, 11, 25, November 1, 8, 15**
10:30 am-12:30 pm

Legacy Letters are letters that share the life lessons and values that made you who you are today, and allow you to pass on those lessons and values to future generations, sharing how you wish to be remembered.

Join us in a class that will guide you, step by step, to write your own Legacy Letter, with easy-to-understand handouts throughout the six week session.

Carole Mark Gingiss has successfully taught many students to craft their message. She will share examples of old and modern Legacy Letters, also called Ethical Wills, and give students the tools to create their own lasting treasure for their loved ones. The class is for any age, wherever you are in life. Legacy Letters can be written to a spouse, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, students or colleagues.

Your Legacy Letter can be distributed immediately after it's written, sometime later, or attached to your legal will. How do you want to be remembered? Write your Legacy Letter now and let your loved ones know! Curious? Talk to Rabbi Greene, rabbigreene@nsci.org or contact Carole Mark Gingiss, cmgingiss@att.net. Class size is limited. Registration is required. RSVP to RSVP@nsci.org.

**Study the Talmud with Rabbi Geffen**

**Midday Mondays**

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Midday Mondays this year opens the door to myriad topics—music, literature, current events—and more! This year Midday Mondays will include mini-series taught in multi-week increments and offered at different times throughout the year. These sessions will be taught by Rabbi Greene, Rabbi Daniels, Cantor Goldstein, Dr. Goodman, Buddy Schreiber and other guest teachers.

**Judaism’s “20 Questions” with Buddy Schreiber**

October 8, 15, & 29

"Is it okay to be angry with God?", "What good does prayer do?", "Do I have to love my neighbor, always?" Explore these tough-to-answer inquiries through our Jewish lens.

**Fall: October 8-December 17**
(no class: November 12 & December 10)

**Winter: Feb 4-March 18**

**Spring: April 8-May 20**

Join Rabbi Geffen as we continue the study of Tractate Brachot. All are welcome. If you want to purchase your own copy of the Talmud translation we use for the class, Koren Talmud Bavli, Berakhot by Rabbi Adin Evan-Israel Steinzaltz, you can find it on Amazon.com.

**The Betrayers and Other Stories: Writing for the Page and the Screen**

**David Bezmozgis**

Tuesday, October 23

6:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00 pm Lecture and Discussion

Award-winning author and filmmaker David Bezmozgis will talk about creating stories about Russian-Jewish immigrants in books and films, how he decides which form a story will take, and what it’s like to adapt and direct his own work for the screen. RSVP to RSVP@nsci.org.

David Bezmozgis is an award-winning writer and filmmaker. He is the author of the story collection, Natasha and Other Stories (2004), and the novels, The Free World (2011), and The Betrayers (2014). David’s stories have appeared in numerous publications including The New Yorker, Harpers, Zoetrope All-Story, and The Walrus.

A graduate of the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts, David’s first feature film, Victoria Day, premiered in competition at the Sundance Film Festival in 2009. Born in Riga, Latvia, David lives in Toronto where he directs the Humber School for Writers.
StandWithUs

CAMPUS CRASH COURSE

Sunday, August 5

10 AM to 1 PM
North Shore Congregation Israel
1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe

$18 in Advance Only
Includes kosher lunch, snacks, swag, t-shirt and materials

FAMILIES!
BUY 3 GET 1 FREE
Buy 3 tickets, get 1 ticket for a family member free

For High Schoolers, College Students, Parents and Community Members!

Sessions include:
Israel: 3000 Years in 20 Minutes
A.R.M. Yourself to Answer Tough Questions
Reclaim Your Narrative
Tumba – The Israeli Workout

Registration: www.standwithus.com/swuc3
For questions and information, contact AssafG@StandWithUs.com

StandWithUs
CHICAGO
We hope you had a Howlin’ Good Time at A New Orleans Night at NSCI—thank you to all of our sponsors, patrons, guests, and volunteers for making this year’s event another great success!
Women of NSCI

Sisters in the Sukkah Pot Luck Lunch
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 • 11:30 am-1:30 pm
at North Shore Congregation Israel
Please prepare & share your favorite fall recipe
(lunch or dessert for 8) and we’ll sample them all!
RSVP to Debra Cohen at debcoh@comcast.net
We will be collecting vases for Random Acts of Flowers
(details will be sent out closer to the event)

HONEY FUNDRAISER

What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a “Sweet and Healthy New Year” than sending a jar of honey?

This 8-ounce jar of delicious kosher honey arrives in time for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, decorated with a colorful label, and includes a personalized card reading “L’Shana Tova—Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year.” This card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to WNSCI Meyer Shisler Fund. This fund gives scholarships to NSCI students who need financial assistance with their tuition and school fees.

Your cost is $17.00 per jar which includes shipping and handling within the United States. Orders placed by August 15 will be delivered by Rosh Hashanah. We will gladly mail orders outside the United States for an additional fee. To order honey go to www.orthoney.com/NCI - click the honey link and follow the step-by-step instructions.

For more information, please contact: Barbara Mazur @ bhmazur@sbcglobal.net
Life and Legacy

"As my ancestors planted for me, so I too plant for my children."
—Pirke Avot, Sayings of the Fathers

Iris Anosov
Judith and Robert Appelbaum
Stuart and Phyllis Applebaum
Phyllis and Kenneth Bagan
Debra R. Bauer
Barbara and Ronald Borden
Jane B. Colman
John C. Colman
Ludmilla Ross Coven
Karen and Robert Dillon
Peter and Ann DuBois
Larry and Pam Faulkner
Carole Mark Gingiss
Jody Gingiss
Cantor and Mrs. David Goldstein
Dr. Roberta Louis Goodman
Rabbi Lisa S. Greene
James E. Greenebaum II
Lilli M. Greenebaum
Martin Grusin
The Robert E. Herzog Family
Robert W. Kaufman & Janice A. Kaufman
Lore B. Kirchheimer
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Alyssa and Jeremy Knobel
Karen Mindlin Kohn and Family
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Laurie F. Lieberman
Steven A. LeVine, MD
Eunice Lieberstein
Judith Louis
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Patrice and Rabbi Steven S. Mason
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Diane and Jim Moore
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Leslie Reskin Neilan
Seymour Nordenberg z”l
David Novick
Rob and Terri Olian
Martin and Carole Parker
Harriette and Ted Perlman
Marilyn Perlman and Harry Epstein
Edgar Rose
David Rothschild and Merle Bранner
Inge R. Rothschild
Herbert H. Rozoff
Cathy and Joel Schneider
Larry Sherman z”l
Sheryl Cohen Solomon
Ronald and Kathy Sonenthal
Andrea and Steven Tick
Beth and Nathan Tross
Shirley Tross
April and Thomas Victor
Dean and Jody Weinberg
Arthur and Marcine Weiner
Carol and Abbott Wolfe
Sylvia Wolfson

Join the North Shore Congregation Israel Legacy Circle by remembering NSCI in your will or estate plan.

The Chicago Cohort participated in a special small group session with Harold Grinspoon and Winnie Sandler Grinspoon at this year’s LIFE & LEGACY Conference to learn about the Harold Grinspoon Foundations’ vision for the future of legacy giving. (NSCI Development Associate, Dena Blaustein, is 3rd from the left)

The NSCI Legacy Circle recently completed the fourth year of the Create a Jewish Legacy Program, a partnership of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and Jewish Federations of North America. In this time, we have successfully secured 70 Legacy Commitments. Our stewardship efforts have included High Holy Day cards and special homemade Purim packages. On July 13, we honored our Legacy Circle members at a special Shabbat service and dinner.

The NSCI Legacy Circle is one of over 550 partnering organizations, and Chicago is one of over 50 participating communities, in the Jewish Federations of North America Create a Jewish Legacy Program. To date, these national efforts have reported more than 17,600 Legacy Commitments, reaching an estimated value of over half a billion dollars in future gifts for the Jewish community. The Chicagoland Cohort represents 30 organizations who have secured almost 1200 Legacy Commitments, reaching an estimated value of almost $40 million in future gifts to the Chicago Jewish Community.

In June, our NSCI Development Associate, Dena Blaustein, attended the annual LIFE & LEGACY Conference in Springfield, MA. During the conference, professionals and lay leaders from LIFE & LEGACY and Jewish Federations of North America Create a Jewish Legacy partner communities, participated in focus groups, skill based workshops, and networking opportunities energizing them to take their legacy initiatives to the next level. As NSCI “graduates” from the JFNA CJL Program at the end of July, we plan to continue these efforts and use strategies learned at the LIFE & LEGACY Conference to better engage the multi-generational population of our Legacy Circle members.

If you are interested in learning more, or becoming a part of the NSCI Legacy Circle, please contact Sheryl Cohen Solomon, Development Director, at sheryls@nsci.org or 847-835-0724.
Our Immigration Stories
By Ellen Katz Block

Many of us at NSCI have parents, grandparents and great grandparents who came to the U.S. seeking greater opportunities than they had in their native countries or who fled violence and persecution and sought refuge here. We know the unfathomable pain for children and parents who were separated in the Holocaust and the lasting emotional scars which were carried forward into future generations, even as those who came made significant positive contributions to the communities of their adopted land.

In our NSCI Bill and Ruth Katz Archives, we have preserved the powerful words of several of our congregants who have had great involvement in our NSCI community and who have shared their stories and memories with us. One of these people is Lore Kirchheimer, who talked to the students in our religious school about her childhood in Germany, Kristallnacht, the kindertransport, and her life before and after her she arrived in the U.S. Lore describes how things were normal in her town until about the mid-1930s when suddenly the public areas which had been open to everyone, had signs that said, “No Jews.” This was followed by no longer being able to go to her public school; she had to attend a “Jewish school.” Then on the night of Kristallnacht, November 8, 1938, her family was herded into the kitchen of their apartment while Nazi stormtroopers destroyed dishes, furniture and other belongings, burned books and terrified the Jewish population all over Germany. She describes her father’s imprisonment in a concentration camp, his return to the family and his escape to Shang-Hai, one of the few areas which would take Jews. Lore was put on a kinder train by her mother and sent to England where she lived with a family which ultimately had to take refuge in the countryside to escape the Nazi bombings.

During the early part of the war, Lore received letters, channeled through the Red Cross, from her mother and from her father but eventually those stopped. She subsequently learned that her mother had died in Auschwitz and that her father had died from illness in Shang-Hai. Her older brother, who had been in school in Italy, had made his way to England but was interred by the British who were trying to determine whether young German boys were refugees or spies. He was sent to Australia and when he had the opportunity to go back to England, he did so, but on the way, his ship was torpedoed by the Japanese.

To listen to Lore’s story in her own words and see the moving response of our NSCI student, click on tinyurl.com/yc2bzu9j (Note: the sound becomes clearer if you start 8 minutes in).

Future articles will feature the stories of Arvey Wolke and Lilli Greenebaum. We invite anyone who would like to record their narrative with us for preservation in the NSCI Archives to contact Merle Branner at archives@nsci.org
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**Operation Backpack**

- **Sunday, August 26**
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- **Monday, August 27**
  - 9:00 am Operation Backpack  
    12:00 pm Adult Shofar Blowers  
    12:30 pm High Holy Days Shofar Corps

- **Tuesday, August 28**
  - 5:00 pm TYG Board Meeting  
    7:00 pm North Shore Alateen Meeting

- **Wednesday, August 29**
  - 5:00 pm TYG Board Meeting  
    First Day of Tuesday Hebrew/Religious School  
    7:00 pm Holy Moments, Holy Days: A Mindfulness Practice for the Days of Awe taught by David Gottlieb, PhD  
    7:00 pm FA Meeting

- **Thursday, August 30**
  - 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg Game

- **Friday, August 31**
  - 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
    Baby Naming  
    Mae Rose Cooper

*The time and dates of listed events are subject to change. Please check our website, www.nsci.org or call the office, 847-835-0724 for our current event schedule.*
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Bikur Cholim-Visiting the Sick and Privacy
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 local hospitals cannot contact synagogues (and churches as well) 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.