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Dear Friends,

There are countless attributes that come together to create the fortunate state of our congregation—our community. Here at NSCI, we display our strength through our spirit, our stability, our meaningful and thoughtful programming, and most importantly, our people—the staff, clergy and congregants who make this such a special place.

To be sure, no single factor alone determines NSCI’s success. Instead, it is undoubtedly the combination of so many factors that makes NSCI unique. The proverbial sum of the parts exceeds the value of NSCI’s individual components. This phenomenon is most evident with our people, and in turn the relationships, our relationships, that weave together the fabric of our sacred community.

At NSCI, every person, every relationship is precious. That’s why we strive to provide as many paths and opportunities as possible for each person to feel acknowledged and known for who they are and what they value. We all share common traits and interests that unite us inextricably, but it is the uniqueness that each of us possesses that enables us to be the incredible community we are. We could not do what we do without YOU!

Through all the challenges of the past two years, YOU, our NSCI family, with your presence and partnership, ensured that NSCI was able to continue to serve as a center of spiritual and intellectual nourishment, a provider of care and support, a source for the repair of the world and so much more, no matter what challenges we faced. We are forever grateful!

The personal stories on the following pages show how NSCI is a source of connection, comfort and caring for all.

L’Shalom,

Jeff Echt
President

Marilyn Perlman
Immediate Past President

Wendi Geffen
Senior Rabbi

Todd Braman
Executive Director
NSCI at a Glance

In 2020 and 2021, during these months of isolation and distancing, many of us chose to purposefully re-invest—our time, energy and resources—in our sacred community, our network of relationships. Our NSCI community grew stronger and more resilient despite, or perhaps because of, the challenging circumstances of the pandemic.

We worshiped together and marked the cycles of life.

We found meaning in serving others and making efforts to repair the world.

We strove to deepen wisdom and learning.

We fostered joyful Jewish learning for families, children and youth.

Susan Selway Siegel and Bruce Glass assemble meals for our Feed the Homeless program.

The Hainsfurther and Dillon families light their own Havdalah candle at our Havdalah and Hootenanny event.

Adult B’nei Mitzvah student Lindsay Emalfarb reads from the Torah.

Jeffrey Adler and his son Asher enjoy Winter Fest.
We lived in relation to each other, seeking to deeply know others and be known deeply.

We served those in need, both within and beyond our community.

We engaged in the relevant issues of our day.

We celebrated the arts, culture and music.
We worshiped and marked the cycles of life.

Throughout this most challenging year, we learned anew what it means to be a sacred community, grounded in our collective worship and undaunted in our celebration of life’s cycles and milestones. Above all, we worked hard to create opportunities for all congregants to gather together in person and virtually in ways that were both safe and meaningful.

While there were only thirty people able to physically be in the synagogue with us due to the pandemic, it was as if the whole room was full. There was an energy in the sanctuary, and because it was not physically full of people, there were fewer distractions, and there was more space to be present in the moment. Although different than anticipated, it was truly perfect.”

—Elizabeth and Eric Levin

SHABBAT ON THE TERRACE

Our first experiences worshiping in person since the start of the pandemic began with Shabbat services on the Lillian and Larry Goodman Terrace. By investing in better audiovisual and streaming technology, gathering outdoors and distancing safely, we ensured that our Shabbat services were accessible to all, whether in person or at home.

VIRTUAL SEDER

For two years in a row, NSCI offered a virtual Seder that individuals and families could use as a vehicle for connection from home to home both locally, across the country, and across the world. In advance of Passover in 2021, we “crowd-sourced” a collection of “Dayenu Moments” where NSCI congregants shared moments when what they experienced really was “enough;” when even in times of scarcity, they chose to see the good and express gratitude.
SELICHOT TURNING POINTS

In August 2021, on the evening of Selichot as we approached the High Holy Day season, NSCI congregants shared inspiring stories of their moments of personal awakening over the past 18 months, inspired by the Jewish tradition that invites us to reflect on our lives and to engage in a process of turning and returning to the best we can be and seeing our lives anew. We are grateful to Neil Rigler (pictured) for championing this gathering.

AN OUTDOOR, INTERGENERATIONAL SHOFAR EXPERIENCE

In 2020, we committed ourselves to finding a way for our congregants to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the shofar in person, resulting in our innovative “Parking Lot Shofar Service.” In 2021, we created an outdoor, intergenerational Shofar experience on our South Lawn, where individuals and families could hear the shofar in person with song, prayer and fun. The photo features three generations of shofar blowers: Abby, Jack and Molly Bruggeman and Howard Sorkin of Blessed Memory.

“LOSING A PARENT IS DIFFICULT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. My 82-year-old mother, Susan Sherman, died of kidney failure on March 29, 2020, at her assisted living facility in the north suburbs. Within 20 minutes of notifying the funeral home, I got a call from Rabbi Geffen, saying “I’m here for you.” The immediate response reinforced why my wife, Ilene, and I are so grateful to be members of North Shore Congregation Israel, which we only joined last year. The comfort we received from the clergy was overwhelming. Despite an unthinkable situation, they showed how the Jewish spirit of the heart and mind always prevails in finding the path to healing.”

—Ed Sherman

We came together in a time of crisis.

Throughout the pandemic, we have found strength and resilience in ways large and small, none of which would have been possible without the generosity of congregants who provided their gifts of time, emotional support and financial resources.

• Thanks to Love your Neighbor coordinators Ann Weisberg, Margot Peters and Joyce Pollakoff, nearly 100 volunteers called and checked in on their fellow congregants.

• We provided emergency financial assistance to congregants for rent, medical expenses and food, as well as religious school scholarships and dues abatement.

• We invested in new ways to stay connected using live stream technology, and we provided technical assistance to congregants unfamiliar with virtual tools.

• We partnered with Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) to provide referrals and supportive peer groups to help with life events such as divorce, aging, mental health and parenting.

• We provided childcare and hosted supportive virtual programs on such topics as caring for elderly family members, parenting during the pandemic and healthcare professionals on the frontlines.
We deepened our wisdom and enriched our lives with culture, arts and music.

The strength and interconnectedness of our relationships surfaced again and again over these challenging months; in discussion and support groups, classes, lectures, concerts, book clubs and many other opportunities—some virtual, some in-person. We learned anew what it means to connect meaningfully with each other, to seize opportunities to know others and in turn to be known deeply.

**ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH**

Eight adults were called to the Torah as the culmination of our Adult B’nei Mitzvah program. Nearly all classes for 18 months were held via Zoom. The service had 8 stations around the Large Sanctuary, and the students read and taught from there with a small congregation in attendance and many more streaming online.

“FOR ME, THE ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH EXPERIENCE WAS TRANSFORMATIONAL. My knowledge and appreciation of Judaism has grown significantly; and I am now an active participant on Shabbat and holiday services, able to read the Hebrew, chant the prayers and appreciate the important meaning behind the rituals. Rabbi Greene and Judy Weiss were terrific teachers, and my classmates are now friends for life.”

—Julie Starkman Gordon

**VIRTUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT**

While usually held at a hotel, the 2021 WNSCI Women’s Retreat was no less powerful for being held virtually. More than 20 participants picked up a bag of supplies and snacks ahead of time, and they met on a Friday and Saturday in February via Zoom. They studied Torah and made personal connections; made healing scarves; prayed, sang and ate; made meaning and deepened relationships.
BLACK OAK ENSEMBLE

The Black Oak Ensemble performance on June 26, 2021 was our first concert in person in over a year. Titled “Silenced Voices,” the concert featured music from composers who perished or were suppressed during the Holocaust. More than 50 people attended.

HEALING SERVICE

At the outset of the pandemic, Cantor Goldstein created a regular space for quiet, gentle prayer, meditation and song that focused on healing and wholeness. This has continued and has become an anchor for many during these trying months.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS GOES VIRTUAL

Senior Connections typically hosts 20 to 30 participants monthly. When the pandemic hit, they moved online and found new ways of connecting, with training and technical assistance from NSCI’s administrative staff when necessary.

Some highlights include:

- 2021 Davis Family Forum Featuring Dr. Bernice A. King
- The Glencoe Clergy Association Presents: A Community Conversation with Richard Rothstein on The Color of Law
- North Shore Forum: A Conversation About Life in a Digital Society with The Social Dilemma’s Shoshana Zuboff
- Survival Parenting with Tracey Kite, LCSW, of JCFS Chicago
- Why Judaism Really Matters with Rabbi Rami Shapiro, 2020 Bernice and Seymour Nordenberg Memorial Scholar in Residence
- Dangerous Religious Ideas with Nachman Scholar Rabbi Dr. Rachel S. Mikva
- Walking Boldly into the Future Together: A Conversation Between Rabbi Geffen and Bishop and Pastor Fitzpatrick of the Stone Temple Church
- How to be Comfortable Having Uncomfortable Conversations with Rabbi Daniels and Billy Planer

"SENIOR CONNECTIONS was formed to foster friendships and enrich lives through stimulating and entertaining programs. With the pandemic we went virtual, and the virtual format has allowed for people who go away for the winter to still be connected to NSCI. Everyone enjoys saying hello and sharing comments about each month’s program topic. Everyone seems pleased to be a part of it!"

—Lois Davis, Senior Connections Coordinator

We hosted nearly 30 Zoom conversations with scholars, authors and community leaders.
We fostered joyful Jewish learning for families, children and youth.

During this challenging year, our NSCI community continued and even accelerated its journey of learning and innovation to create meaningful educational Jewish experiences for families, children and youth. In 2021, the Goodman Center for Jewish Education was one of the few congregational schools that offered both in-person and virtual learning options for preschool through fourth grade.

As a sign of the vitality of our school community, more than 55 new families affiliated with the school in the fall of 2021, and more than 80 new students enrolled.

80 Machoniks (teen aides) supported teachers and younger students, leading small group discussions, tutoring Hebrew, leading songs and more.

“BEING A MACHONIK AT NSCI SIMPLY MAKES MY DAY. Part of Judaism is doing mitzvot, I believe Machoniking fulfills that for me. I look forward to seeing other Machoniks I’ve made friends with and learning more about Judaism through hearing the students’ perspectives on prayers and stories.”

—Alexie Zejer

“THANK YOU SO MUCH for this lovely, interactive experience. If this was not a lockdown, we would not have been able to share this opportunity with all of our grandparents together! It made the holiday that much more meaningful.”

—Marissa, Jonathan, Jaxson and Owen Kaelter

GOLDEN MATZAH AWARDS

As the culmination of their Camp@NSCI film unit, 3rd and 4th graders were recognized for the short videos they created connecting their lives to stories in the Torah. During the unit, they can be in front of the camera, behind the camera, directing the action and designing sets, props and costumes. The award ceremony was canceled in 2020, but back in person in December 2021.

TU B’SHEVAT SEDER

Second graders with parents and grandparents participated in a virtual Tu B’Shevat seder, making tree centerpieces and learning songs, as they celebrated the new year of the trees and recognized the role trees play in our environment.
Since 2019, the Goodman Center has been one of only three congregational schools in the Chicago area working with the JUF/Federation on Shifting the Paradigm, an initiative to strengthen a culture of innovation in Jewish education. Thanks to the committed efforts of parents, students, lay leaders and staff, we are already seeing the “shift” in the way we think about and deliver Jewish learning and living, from a “top-down” approach to one driven by the vision and hopes voiced by parents and families.

“WE SPENT A LOT OF HOURS LISTENING TO THE FAMILIES IN OUR CONGREGATION. What struck me the most was the importance of meeting families where they are, today and in the future. That means being flexible in our offerings and relevant in their lives.”

—Lisa Erlich, member of the Shifting the Paradigm steering committee
We served those in need and made efforts to repair the world.

Our collective commitment to put faith into action required an extra measure of determination and creativity this year, as many of our on-going service programs required new approaches in response to the restrictions of the pandemic. NSCI truly emerged as a hub of philanthropy, where we learned new ways to magnify our impact and make a difference by pooling our energies and resources.

17: NSCI’S REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

Every year since 2018, NSCI has partnered with RefugeeOne to help resettle a refugee family here in Chicago, with the goal of helping the family become self-reliant within 6 to 8 months of their arrival. We resettled two refugee families in 2020, one from the Congo and one from Belarus, overcoming the challenges of the pandemic with creativity and determination.

“I’VE BEEN SO FORTUNATE to always have had a support system of family and friends. So many others don’t. I wanted to help level that playing field for others, and I’m so proud that NSCI provided this important opportunity. I’ve learned how grateful our volunteers are for this project. It is a way to teach their children compassion for others in a hands-on manner. It is a win-win. Our volunteers feel better and a refugee family is given a leg up.

This year we came together via Zoom to determine if we could still gather to clean and prepare the apartment. Our answer was a unanimous “yes!” and we began planning how to do just that. Families came down one at a time over several days to prepare the apartment. This resulted surprisingly in greater connection. We had to reach out to each other to pick up keys or relay information. Everyone seemed to have a bigger stake in the project this year and new leaders have emerged. That part is very exciting.”

—Ann Weisberg, Project 17 Coordinator

HANDS OF CHESED

NSCI volunteers continued the work of spreading kindness and good cheer, as well as meals, rides and other forms of tangible support, to fellow congregants facing illness, divorce, mourning and other challenges.

“I CAN’T THANK YOU and the NSCI volunteers enough for all you are doing for our family. My dad reports that he is being treated like a king!”

—Family member of Hands of Chesed recipient

FAMILY PROMISE

We once again partnered with Family Promise Chicago North Shore to help families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless get back on their feet. Due to COVID-19, the Family Promise families were living in a hotel in Evanston, so we brought individually packaged meals (home cooked and purchased from local restaurants) to each family as well as $1,000+ in gift cards for the families to use at major retailers.

More than 50 individuals and families received assistance from more than 22 volunteers.

26 families volunteered with Family Promise.
THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our annual effort to provide Thanksgiving meals for Whittier Elementary School (Waukegan, IL) students and their families was held, for the first time, entirely outdoors. Volunteers packed Thanksgiving baskets at tables across our front yard and dropped off packages made at home.

Pictured: Susan and Rick Schencker and their pup volunteer at Thanksgiving Baskets.

OPERATION BACKPACK

This annual back-to-school mitzvah project has provided students of Chicago’s Jordan Community School with all the supplies they need for a successful school year. This year Jordan School students weren’t attending in-person classes, so we coordinated with a wholesale vendor to package personalized school supplies kits for each student, which they picked up at a drive-through event at the school.

Pictured: Jillian Segel with daughters Jordana and Kayla at Operation Backpack.

208 families received full Thanksgiving Meals. 131 volunteer families participated, either packing at the event, dropping off baskets or donating cash.

612 school supply packs donated. 49 volunteer families participated.

700+ pounds of produce harvested from community garden and donated, a 50% increase this year.

"THE MITZVAH GARDEN IS A SOURCE OF UTTER JOY. Planting a small seed and nurturing it as it matures and provides nutritious food for those in need is unendingly fulfilling. Add to that the pleasure of working in the Temple’s lovely outdoor environment. This is a project of the many volunteers who have made important contributions, adding new skills and friendships to the project. It just gets better year by year including steadily improving yields. The ARK Northwest and the Moraine Township food pantry receive donations on a weekly basis with great appreciation, as we have become a major source of fresh vegetables for them."

—Bob Levy, Mitzvah Garden Coordinator

FEED THE HOMELESS

As with our other service projects, NSCI’s Feed the Homeless program required some creative thinking and new approaches during the pandemic. We arranged with our wholesaler to deliver food directly to our partners at The Night Ministry and 4th Presbyterian Church, catered hot meals from local restaurants, and we created a new “at home” service opportunity to make sandwiches for delivery.

Pictured: Debbie Dresner makes sandwiches to help those in need.
A Snapshot of Our Congregation

We are grateful for each of our congregants, who represent a diverse mix of ages, length of affiliation and geographic location.

NEW CONGREGANTS IN 2021

We were thrilled to welcome 76 new congregant families in 2021, 70% of whom have children in our religious school.

“THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH WORDS for how happy we are with our decision to join NSCI! The clergy, staff, and community are very warm and make the holidays and every gathering such wonderful experiences. We joined during the pandemic, and our kids looked forward to the tot-shabbat remote services every Shabbat! The High Holy Day services outdoors were literally a breath of fresh air, just a beautiful way to celebrate the Jewish holidays in-person in a safe way. Our children, Francesca and Marshall, love religious school and are excited to see their teachers and friends there every Sunday.”

—Marisa and Adam Chez

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

Glencoe, Highland Park, Northbrook, Deerfield, Wilmette, Winnetka, Evanston, Chicago, Skokie, Northfield, Lincolnshire, Lake Forest, Highwood, Riverwoods, Bannockburn, Arlington Heights and many others in Arizona, Florida, California and elsewhere!

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“I JOINED NSCI OVER 30 YEARS AGO. I was looking for a place that welcomed and engaged women in all aspects of synagogue life. I truly feel NSCI is the best synagogue ever. I love that place!”

—Jeanie Cooper
Sustaining Our Sacred Community

We created a solid foundation for NSCI to continue flourishing, now and into the future. Through the tremendous support of our congregants and friends, NSCI has been able to provide more connection, more support, more services and more comfort in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. Your generosity and graciousness proves yet again that “together” is the only way we stay strong as a community.

Legacy Circle Members

The following individuals have made arrangements through their wills, retirement plans, charitable remainder trusts or other instruments to leave a portion of their estate to NSCI. Their legacies will help secure NSCI’s future for generations to come. Contact Todd Braman, Executive Director, at 847.835.0724 to join the Legacy Circle or for more information.

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JANE AND JOHN (Z”L) COLMAN joined NSCI 64 years ago. Their involvement was driven by their children’s involvement in religious school, karav, youth groups and other activities. Jane was on the WNSCI board, Religious Education Board and Board of Trustees; John served on the Board of Trustees and was President of the Congregation. They were among the first to join the Legacy Circle, making a bequest to NSCI as part of their estate plan in 2012.

Jane shared that “John always believed that the endowment is an institution’s most precious resource; it provides ongoing operating support and enables the Board to have the ability to respond to emergencies without notice. An endowment is the ‘brick and mortar’ of any institution.”
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Early donors to the Imagine the Possible campaign provided a critical level of stability as we entered a most uncertain financial year. With their support, we entered the pandemic free of debt and with a substantial building reserve to proactively maintain our iconic, stunning building. We are grateful to them and to all of our generous donors. We invite you to learn more at imagine.nsci.org and to join our growing list of congregants who have made an investment in our collective future. Every gift matters.

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Pictured: Nate & Jim, Carly, Nicki, Judy Falk, Allie.

“Giving is a luxury and a responsibility to one another, to family and to our community. By supporting North Shore Congregation Israel’s building campaign, we are participating in tikkun olam on a local, intimate and personal level. By ‘tending our own garden,’ we have the joy of seeing the blooms blossom!”

—Judy Falk
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Our deepest thanks to the following who made an investment in our community by contributing to the 2020–21 Annual Appeal. We are also grateful to those who’ve already contributed to this year’s 2021–22 Annual Appeal (listed next fall).

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Revenues and Expenses for the 2020–2021 Fiscal Year

**REVENUE**
$4,125,818

- Rentals/Other $146,793
- Lifelong Learning $254,811
- Temp/Restricted Funds* $606,274
- Gifts, Grants, Fundraising $608,559
- Endowment $308,000
- Congregational Dues $2,201,381

**EXPENSE**
$3,819,015

- Building, Grounds & Security $619,945
- Administration $951,582
- Member Care/Pastoral $1,076,043
- Lifelong Learning $640,174
- Programming** $463,738
- Fundraising $67,533

*Includes $444,726 PPP loan, fully forgiven  **Includes youth and adult programs, music, travel, tikkun olam, High Holy Days, communications & technology

An additional $113,433 was spent on the purchase of equipment (fixed assets). $193,370 Net Balance was allocated to the Building Reserve per Board policy.
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We believe in the transformative power of Jewish Living.

We recognize the Divine spark in every person.
We affirm that everyone is a stakeholder and community matters.
We understand that Judaism has something to offer everyone.

We value diversity.

We are young and young at heart.
We are seekers and cynics and everyone in between.
We are born Jews and choosing Jews. We are interfaith. We are LGBTQ.
We are Am Yisrael. We are our brothers’ keepers.
We believe Jewish living calls us to do nothing less than repair our world.

We experience Judaism as a lived practice.
We travel. We eat. We celebrate. We mourn. We pray. We learn. We give.

We ask big questions and explore big ideas.
We yearn. We hope. We invite. We inspire.

We foster understanding. We change lives. We make a difference.

We nourish our deep roots. We grow. We believe in the possible.

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