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BY RABBI LISA S. GREENE page 3

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We're All Connected, or Can Be



YEARS AGO there was a New York Telephone ad that declared, "We're all connected, New York Telephone." The

commercials showed images of people in warm, affirming, feel-good scenes, reflecting deep connection.

That advertisement returned to me recently as we set out to explore connectedness here at NSCI. This spring, as we were still very much inside our homes and on our screens, a group of members of our NSCI community of different ages, backgrounds and experiences gathered to explore connection and meaning. We discussed why we came to NSCI and why we stayed. And we looked outside NSCI at how folks make connections generally. This research "minyan" of ten people called colleagues and friends, (gently) accosted strangers at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, watched their neighbors, and had conversations over dinner. The goal was to look out in the world and bring our findings back to the synagogue to see what we could learn and apply to what we call Adult Engagement—how we adults do and can know and be known (aka connect meaningfully) within the synagogue context.

What does it mean to know and be known? Could be... You sit down next to

We are curious where you connect and don't. And where you'd like to. Where you want to engage—to know and be known. Where you'd like to initiate or gather others to connect.

someone familiar, enter a conversation effortlessly, or join in an activity with people you don't know, but are linked together by the thing you are doing. You enter a space and someone knows your name or a piece of your story. You match pace with someone on the running trail and catch up, sing lyrics in sync, ring doorbells for a shared cause, share rituals of your alma mater, connect over your common history of kids or neighborhood. For one reason or another, you are connected.

Our next step is to look at the many (many!) adult offerings in our community—from learning and prayer, to feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees, to playing mah jongg and gathering seniors, to singing and making music, and to so much more. We are looking at one-time offerings like Thanksgiving baskets and lectures, to ongoing commitments like Adult B'nei Mitzvah and the YFCC (Youth and Family Community Committee). We're reflecting on Shabbat services and Oneg Shabbats, a mainstay of a synagogue, and pop-ups like Hands of Chesed and baking for Ronald McDonald House. The goal here is to understand beyond their stated pursuit how these offerings can allow us to know and be known—to connect meaningfully within our congregational community.

What are we finding?

1. NSCI offers more adult opportunities to learn and do than any one person knows.
2. These offerings allow us to stick our proverbial toes in the water or jump in completely, depending on our comfort.
3. Some opportunities allow us to come and go, or to learn or do and not engage deeply. Others give us the opportunity to know and be known, or deeply engage.

4. There are barriers to entry even when we presume otherwise—not everyone knows what's offered or is comfortable participating.

And this is where we come to you. We are curious where you connect and don't. And where you'd like to. Where you want, to use our term, to engage—to know and be known. Where you'd like to initiate or gather others to connect. Why? Because, ultimately, we want you to be able to know and be known in ways that are meaningful for you. And we want to partner to make that happen.

Right now, a fabulous small team of Pam Faulkner, Anne Macknin and Julie Gordon is partnering with me to ask questions, step back to look as kind of cultural anthropologists as we learn from you and what we do. We will expand the conversation and invite you to be in that conversation with us! You will hear more from us in 2022—watch for opportunities to share where you are and how you connect!

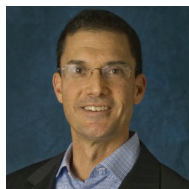
Back to that commercial, "We're all connected, New York Telephone." Each of us in our North Shore Congregation Israel community ultimately chooses how to connect. Our aim on this Adult Engagement venture is to open the door for more opportunities that are accessible and meaningful, and to show that each of you, each of us, can realize we have the ability to make it happen. And that, however we connect, we can adapt that slogan, copyright permitting, to, "We're all connected, NSCI!"

Rabbi Lisa S. Greene

Not a Laughing Matter

BY JEFF ECHT, PRESIDENT

IN LAW SCHOOL one cold winter day in 1989, I actually LOL'd—and not the virtual version. The setting was a class in corporate law, and the topic was the theory of a firm. Frankly, I was not particularly engaged. The professor was presenting three theoretical frameworks to describe a firm. He said an enterprise could be defined by 1) its formal documentation (bylaws and other organization documents) or 2) its financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) or 3) its relationships with its stakeholders (customers, vendors, employees, creditors and shareholders). When the distinguished professor started explaining the third item, I literally chuckled—I *laughed out loud*. I thought, “How can a firm be defined by something as amorphous as relationships, many which may not even be documented in writing?”



The professor stopped and gazed over the top of his half-glasses to identify the culprit. Every student avoided eye contact. I thought that I had dodged the professor's ire. But no. Ten minutes later I was the quintessential One L (first year law student), placed on the hot seat for the remainder of the class that day.

Decades later, my connection to NSCI has given me a new perspective. Yes, we have written bylaws and governance documents. And our financial statements reflect a fiscally sound enterprise. But neither metric captures the authentic organizational foundations of NSCI. No, it is the third. **It is our relationships that truly define NSCI.**

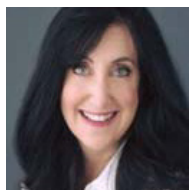
The complexity and nuance of our relationships at NSCI—between clergy and congregants; between congregants and teachers and administrative staff; and among our community of congregants—are truly difficult to comprehend. A question comes to mind: How are so many relationships cultivated and sustained? There is a practical

answer and an even more fundamental response. On a practical level, NSCI creates and sponsors programs to worship, celebrate life's milestones, learn, serve those in need, and enjoy arts and culture. These ongoing opportunities for congregants, clergy and staff to meet and build relationships is often as important as the subject matter of the events themselves.

At a deeper level, the underlying purpose of our events and programs at NSCI can be captured in one word: engagement. Engagement of children, youth, adults and families is vital to the success of NSCI. By engaging we build relationships. Through relationships, we build community. The value of community cannot be captured in a bylaw or quantified in a financial statement. Building community, through purposeful and meaningful engagement, may be the most valuable, yet unquantifiable, attribute of NSCI. ■

A Safe, Modern, Flexible Synagogue Building and Grounds Equipped for the 21st Century

BY MARILYN PERLMAN, CAMPAIGN CHAIR



THE IMAGINE THE POSSIBLE CAMPAIGN has one overarching goal for North Shore Congregation Israel: to

be a synagogue which is above all, safe; and flexible, adaptable and responsive to all, for now and for the future.

Our congregation took the bold step in 1964 to move to our current facility with its iconic sanctuary and architect Minoru Yamasaki's soaring vision of light and energy. My family joined North Shore Congregation Israel when I was a child. I remember feeling awestruck by the sight of our grand synagogue and continue to be grounded and nourished

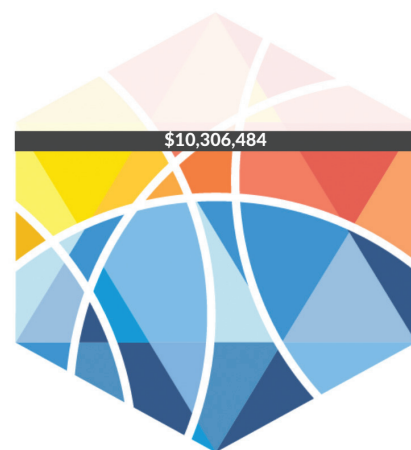
by what we experience inside.

This is our spiritual home and gathering place for our community. As we have grown, we have built and supported a range of essential additions—from the Rebecca K. Crown Social Hall to the Perlman Sanctuary to the Tross Family Education Center—to meet the needs of our congregation.

Now, we are taking another bold step to address 21st century needs.

We must **upgrade security** and **reinvent spaces for multi-purpose use**, collaboration, learning and enhanced experiences whenever we gather. We will make the most of our outdoor spaces. We will have opportunities to elevate learning, engagement and connecting in

GOAL: \$12,500,00



190 donors to date

ways that may not exist today. We will fund our **Endowment**, an essential asset for supporting NSCI in perpetuity.

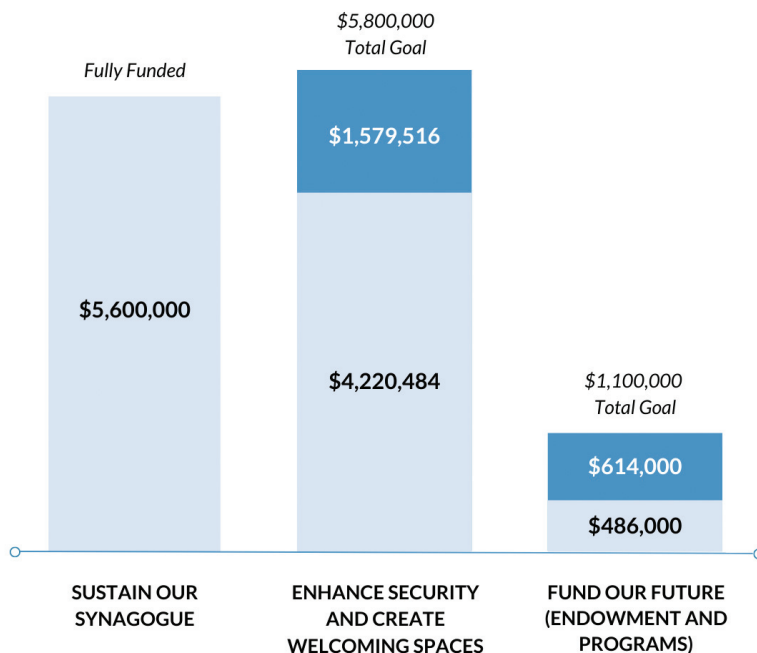
We have raised over \$10,300,000 toward our total goal of \$12,500,000. We have come this far due to the generosity of 190 donors. Imagine if each congregant gave their best gift! We could reach or surpass our goal.

Now is your moment to imagine. Now is your moment to join us.

Every gift matters and what matters is the best gift you believe you can offer. Currently, contributions to the campaign range from \$18 to \$1,250,000. Now is the time to learn more and consider how you can participate.

This moment in time calls upon us to preserve and strengthen what past generations have built here at NSCI. Together we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will have the same firm commitment to Judaism and its ethical values as our ancestors did before us. This is our responsibility: to uphold our legacy and make it even stronger for tomorrow.

FUNDING GOALS BY PRIORITY AREA



Your donation is an investment in ensuring we continue to innovate and adapt for today, tomorrow and the future.

Amount Pledged
Amount Still Needed

YOUR PLEDGE OR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED!

Generous members of our congregation have issued a Challenge Grant to match all new and increased gifts up to \$500,000. We've made a strong start on meeting this challenge.

Many thanks to those who have made the extraordinary commitment to offer this match: Anonymous, Julie and Jeff Echt, Lisa and Eddy Eisenberg, Shari and Jim Field, Melissa and Xuong Nguyen, Harriette and Ted Perlman, Barbara and Victor Weisskopf

CHALLENGE GRANT GOAL: \$500,000

\$200,350

What can you do?

- Make a donation or pledge today at nsci.org/form/imagine-the-possible.
- Request a personal informational meeting. Email toddb@nsci.org.
- Kindly give your attention when you receive a call or letter about the campaign.
- Visit imagine.nsci.org to learn more.
- Watch for renovation design details,

which will be shared later this winter.

- Volunteer to assist with the campaign. We have many enriching tasks to promote the campaign; not just soliciting. Contact information is below.
- For more information about tax-efficient giving opportunities, naming opportunities and designating your gift to a specific campaign component,

please contact Todd Braman. Pledges may be paid over 1–4 years.

Questions, curiosities or concerns?

Contact Todd Braman, Executive Director at toddb@nsci.org or Marilyn Perlman, Campaign Chair at marilyn@nsci.org. ■

Connection In a Time of Disconnection

BY ENID BRICK & ERICA ROGINA



"I FEEL SO SAD and disconnected," a common phrase we heard during lockdown.

We met on Zoom in Rabbi Geffen's Mindfulness class. She asked questions that opened our hearts and minds. The discussions were refreshing, bright spots of connection during the darkness of the pandemic. We loved looking into fellow congregants' faces whom we had never met or missed seeing in person.

A friendship began. Judaism was meaningful to each of us. We both loved delving into "The Big Questions." But these were not ordinary times. How did this happen?

Via technology. It went like this:

Enid responded with a metaphor to a question Rabbi Geffen asked.

Erica reached out in the Zoom Chat to write, "Beautiful."

Enid thanked Erica. She suggested outdoor lunch at the lake in Glencoe.

Erica said this would be fun.

At a time of disconnection, connection was found.

Another Zoom... Rabbi Greene's class ended with an invite to the temple Sukkah. We accepted her hospitality with blessings, wine and lunch in hand. Surrounded by NSCI, nature and something larger than each of us, we were beginning to feel like old friends. Our conversation transcended the

ordinary day-to-day. We were able to speak our truths and laugh at our vulnerabilities and follies. We understood ourselves and each other better.

Rabbi Daniels shared a teaching by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Z"L at a recent Shabbat Minyan via Zoom and in person:

"...chessed [lovingkindness] humanizes fate.... Chessed is the mark of a people joined by covenant. Covenant creates society as extended family; it means seeing strangers as if they were our long-lost brothers or sisters. A community based on chessed is a place of grace, where everyone feels honored and everyone is at home." (*Ten Paths To God, Chessed: Love As Compassion*)

Chesed is the basis for connection in community, which can be boundless and eternal.

With gratitude to Rabbis Geffen, Greene and Daniels, for fostering connection at NSCI. ■

Welcome New Congregants

THE NEWMAN FAMILY



Rob, Amanda, Emily and Benny
Highland Park

What are you looking forward to at NSCI?
We are already enjoying the educational and social programs, and are looking forward to participating in some of the service projects. Just having a spiritual

home and an opportunity to be part of a community has already felt like such a gift.

What are you passionate about?

Rob and Benny play tennis, Emily is a dancer and I've recently gotten into needlepoint, of all things. We all love music and theater. Our favorite vacation spot is Jackson Hole.

An interesting/fun fact about you and/or your family:

I run the student a cappella tournament that is the basis for the movie "Pitch Perfect"—in fact, I'm in one of the scenes!

Anything you LOVE about North Shore Congregation Israel already!

Everyone has been so welcoming!

And both the educational programs and Shabbat services make the study of and participation in religion a fun, creative, engaging, communal act. I was raised Catholic, and this wasn't at all my experience of religion or a faith community, and until now we hadn't belonged to one. Now we regret not finding NSCI sooner!

Please visit nsci.org/welcome-new-congregants to learn more about the families included in this Bulletin.

Looking to help welcome new congregants? Contact Susan Ellenby at susane@nsci.org or 847.835.0724.

Mazel Tov!

WELCOME!



Alice Miriam Robinson

BORN ON AUGUST 13, 2021

Child of Diana & Aaron Robinson
Grandchild of Margaret & Richard Gore and
Julia & Gene Robinson
Great grandchild of Regina Dembo and
Barbara Orden



Paulo Roberto Cabral

BORN ON NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Child of Meghan & Paulo Cabral Filho
Sibling of Maria Lindaura Cabral
Grandchild of Ferris Todd & Robert F.
Greenebaum
Great grandchild of Lilli and James E.
Greenebaum, II



Liam Eric Neilan

BORN ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Child of Chelsea & Sean Neilan
Grandchild of Leslie & Paul Neilan and
Debora & Eric Edmunds
Great grandchild of Merle Reskin and
Alfred Nellor

Cooper Arnie Bulwa

BORN ON DECEMBER 4, 2021

Child of Emma & Jonathan Bulwa
Grandchild of Kathy & Jordan Goodman,
Sheri Bulwa and David Bulwa
Great Grandchild of Elaine Goodman,
Jack O'Donnell, Ilene Horowitz, Bayla &
Sheldon Bulwa

B'NEI MITZVAH

Jack Adess

JANUARY 8

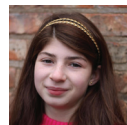


Natalie Leshtz

JANUARY 22

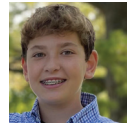
**Elizabeth
Tilton-Kohl**

JANUARY 22



Tali Gastwirth

JANUARY 29



Wyatt

Rosenblatt

JANUARY 29

Andrew

Calderon

FEBRUARY 12



Judah Paul

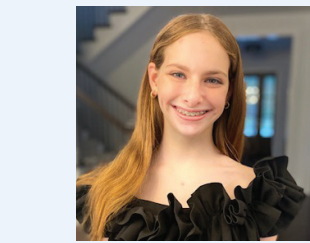
FEBRUARY 12



Spencer

Schachter

FEBRUARY 12



PLEASE JOIN US
AS OUR DAUGHTER

Cameron Duby

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH
AS A BAT MITZVAH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
10:30 AM

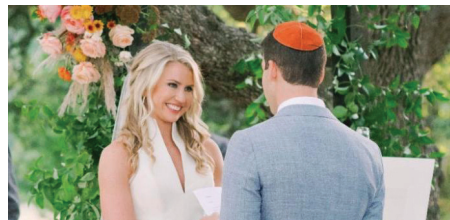
Due to COVID-19 and the quantity
of people joining us, we are working
towards a safe way to celebrate
together. Please be sure to RSVP
by January 14 if you plan to attend
in person. The service will also be
streamed. Those attending will receive
an email with the updated information
in early February.

RSVP to [nsci.org/form/cameron-duby-
bat-mitzvah-rsvp-form](https://nsci.org/form/cameron-duby-bat-mitzvah-rsvp-form)

Details to follow.

Rabbi Wendi Geffen & Scott Duby

NEWLYWEDS



Brittany Korman &

Todd Schoenfeld

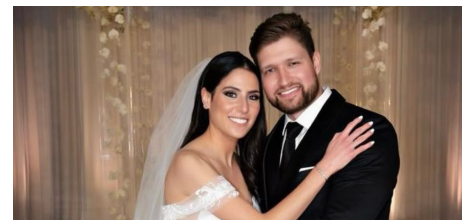
MARRIED OCTOBER 31, 2021



Melissa Wagner &

Brandon Lipin

MARRIED NOVEMBER 6, 2021



Alexa Lewin &

Kyle Schwartz

MARRIED NOVEMBER 13, 2021

We would love to share your
good news! Is there a new baby or
wedding in your family? Please email
Susan Ellenby, susane@nsci.org so that
we can share your simchas/celebration
in an issue of The Bulletin.

We Remember

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Philip Appelbaum

Son of Judith and Robert (z"l) Appelbaum
Brother of Barbara Appelbam and Henry
"Chip" (Elizabeth) Appelbaum

Irwin Berkun

Father of Chadd Berkun
Grandfather of Mara Berkun and Sarah
Berkun (David) Israel
Great Grandfather of Sadie and Amelia
Israel

Zerna Bransky

Mother of Brad (Sandy) Bransky, Jim (Robin)
Bransky, and Liz (Shep) Davis
Grandmother of Bart (Julia) Davis, Margo
Davis (fiancé Juan), Zach (fiancée Adrien),
Monya, Nat (Sienna), and Mike Bransky,
and Amber, Nathan (Deirdre), and Nigel
Griswold
Great Grandmother of June, Aldo, Haley,
Violet, Zoey, Ila, Cecelia, Breck and
Ernestine

Alan E. Fishman

Father of Ira (Rebecca) Fishman
Grandfather of Ethan, Victoria and Adam

Shirley L. Gendell

Mother of Scott (Lisa) Gendell
Grandmother of Olivia Harris (Aaron)
Barkoff, Samuel, Billy, Mikey and Lizzy
Gendell
Great Grandmother of Noah, Annie and
Leila Barkoff

Blanche Rose Greenberg

Mother of Scott (Alison Zirn) Greenberg

Howard Markin

Father of Bob (Marci) Markin
Grandfather of Emilee, Samuel and Molly

Scott Muller

Son of Michael Muller

Ronald Sackheim

Husband of Kathy Sackheim
Father of Karen (David Blitz) Sackheim, Lisa
(David) Dluger and Nina (Bryan) Badzin
Grandfather of Lindsey, Jordan, the late
Joshua (z"l), Chloe, Sam, Rebecca, Elissa
and Nathan

Stephan Saltzman

Father of Dori Resnick (Steve Greenberg)
and Steven Saltzman
Grandfather of Max (Jenna), Alex (Fiancée
Erika), Jacob, Brody and Luke
Great Grandfather of Leora and Bria
Brother of Arlene (the late Sam, z"l) Harris

Robyn M. Weinberg

Mother of Kim (Alex) Bullock
Grandmother of Ben and Eli



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.

Stay Connected: Use Your NSCI Congregant Directory!

IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, we introduced your NSCI Congregant Directory to help our congregants get to know one another and create connections. This is a safe, password-protected, congregant-only directory. You may have already opted in (or you can do that now if you haven't yet) with the contact information of your choosing. You can view other congregants' info as well, so anytime you want to send a card, go for a walk or grab a cup of coffee with a fellow congregant, you can quickly and easily look them up in your NSCI Directory. It's just another congregant perk!

If you have any questions, please email lizm@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.

Did you know you have the ability to manage your whole NSCI membership profile from your device? Logging in enables you to:

- Register for events quickly (your information will automatically be entered)
- Update your contact information, birthdays, family information, etc.
- Manage your subscriptions
- Manage Yahrzeit information
- View school enrollment
- Make donations and/or pay bills quickly and easily
- Register/pay at any time, not just during office hours
- And view the congregant directory (and manage your family's entry)

Follow these easy steps to log in:

1. Go to www.nsci.org. Click in the upper right corner on "Login." Your username is your email address.
2. Enter your password. If you don't remember your password or think you might not have ever set up a password, click on "Forgot Password" and follow the prompts.
3. Now that you are logged in, click the upper right corner on your name and select "My Account." Click on the box "Keep me signed into my account." You can then click the "View My Directory" button.
4. Visit nsci.org/howtologintonsci for resources (including a video tutorial) on how to log on to your NSCI account using your preferred device.

Support

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

HANDS OF CHESSED, NSCI'S CARING COMMUNITY

Chesed is Hebrew for kindness.



Hands of Chesed is a group of NSCI volunteers who want to help you during a difficult time. If you're dealing

with illness, divorce, mourning or other challenges, let us drop off dinner and the warmth of our NSCI community, contactless!

If we can help you, or if you want to join our team to spread kindness, please tell Rabbi Greene, rabbigreene@nsci.org. Hands of Chesed is led by Leslie Rosen & Amy Kaufman.

"We were blown away by the gorgeous floral bouquet that was delivered to us today...Thank you and your Hands of Chesed group for keeping us in your thoughts."

"I can't thank you and the NSCI volunteers for all you are doing for our family. My dad reports that he is being treated like a king! The rides to the Whitehall on the weekends are so appreciated by him. He is enjoying the wonderful food he is being brought by the kindly volunteers."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Are you in need of emergency financial support due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Generous contributions from our congregants and JUF have made it possible for NSCI to provide one-time, confidential micro-grants to congregants who find themselves in need of emergency funds for housing, medical support or food. In addition, we can help congregants find longer-term support for ongoing, systemic challenges.

To apply for a confidential grant, please fill out the form at www.nsci.org/support and one of our clergy or executive director will get back to you as soon as possible.

NAVIGATING THE VACCINE?

NSCI is a Lake County Community Health Ambassador. Looking for basic information on vaccine registration?

Please visit nsci.org/covid19.

FREE COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NSCI CONGREGANTS

NSCI is partnering with Jewish Child and Family Services in the coming year. Elizabeth Ury, LNHA and JCFS Chicago Director of Jewish Community Engagement, will be available to work with individuals looking for resources to help with life events such as divorce, aging issues, mental health and parenting.

Please email ElizabethUry@JCFS.org. This service is free to NSCI members. Additionally, you can call 855-ASK-JCFS (855-275-5237) or email ask@jcfs.org to access online grief support groups, counseling, Response Center programs.

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS

Please visit www.nsci.org/support for information on how to access the following support groups:

- Alcoholics Anonymous Virtual and In-Person Meetings
- Al-Anon Electronic Meetings
- Alateen Chat Meetings
- Families Anonymous Virtual and In-Person Meetings
- JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically dependent, and Significant others) a peer-led support group for all Jews in addiction recovery.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT PROGRAM

If you are a family member of someone with dementia, join Rabbi Greene & professionals from CJE SeniorLife for a Zoom conversation, Tuesday, March 1, 12 - 1 p.m.

Register: nsci.org/form/memory-loss-support-program

IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF SUPPORT, EMOTIONAL OR TANGIBLE

Please visit our website www.nsci.org/support to learn about the various ways that we can assist you or your family and to request support. Your confidential information will go to the NSCI Clergy and we will follow up when appropriate.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:00 PM AT NSCI AND
ON ZOOM

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, contact Mark at 847.738.1919 or email mopeters21@gmail.com.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM AT NSCI AND
ON ZOOM

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

For information on Families Anonymous (FA) meetings, contact Margot at 847.738.0306 or email mkpeters81@aol.com.

Did you know we have an archive of conversations on our Hub of Support page on our website?

Visit nsci.org/support to find conversations about:

- Balancing caring for elder family and self care
- Parenting during a pandemic
- Healthcare professionals on the frontlines
- NSCI/JUF communal resources for support to our congregants during the pandemic

Tying Together Our Biggest Why with Our How and What: Part II Tapping Intrinsic Motivation

BY DR. ROBERTA GOODMAN

IN MY LAST Bulletin article, I shared that I focused on motivation from Day One in my position as Education Director. What parents require, cajole, desire or model is not enough. We want our students to take ownership of their own Jewish learning and find pride in being Jewish. As explored in the Pew report on *Jewish Americans in 2020*, we want to understand how to make our students feel that being Jewish is very important. We need to provide experiences that the learners find relevant to their lives, furthering their Jewish knowledge and skills while strengthening their Jewish identity.

Last time, I shared how we at the Goodman Center for Jewish Education tap into “extrinsic motivation,” behavior driven by external rewards. We need to go beyond the motivation coming from without and turn our efforts to increasing intrinsic motivation, which comes and grows from within our students.

Intrinsic motivation can be described as finding something enjoyable, meaningful or useful. How do we do this?

Here are some of the strategies we use:

- **Choice** – K/1 students explore the temple grounds looking for their special spot to share what has happened in their lives from month to month as they learn about celebrating Rosh Chodesh, the new Hebrew month.
- **Talents** – In the Camp@NSCI film unit, students film scripts they write connecting their lives to stories in the Torah. They can be in front of the camera, behind the camera, directing the action, and designing sets, props and costumes.
- **Interests** – Our 5th/6th grade students in PBL (Project Based Learning) explore how all of modern-day Israel are responsible for one

another by identifying an Israeli innovation they feel has made a difference in people’s lives and presenting it to a “Shark Tank” panel.

- **Ways of learning** – Following the advice of Proverbs 6:22, “teach a child in the way they should go and they will not depart from it when they are old,” for individualized instruction perhaps it is more “can” than “should.” For the 50 to 60 students we serve each year, we start with who each child is, their strengths and interests, and move on from there using an abundance of strategies.
- **Competence and confidence** – Human development tells us that one reason babies smile is when they learn something or make a connection, like recognizing a face. When our students master the alef bet or a prayer, they feel a sense of satisfaction.
- **Hands on, experiential** – Second graders with parents and grandparents participate in a Tu B'Shevat seder. They make invitations and tree centerpieces and learn and sing songs, as they celebrate the new year of the trees and recognize the role trees play in our environment.
- **Meaning** – Fowler’s theory of faith development says that all people are meaning-makers (*Stages of Faith*, 1981). In the Prayer Workshop, 5th/6th graders share their feelings and explore what prayers and praying mean to them.
- **Context** – Context refers to having the ability and opportunity to use what one has learned in a valued, meaningful way. Our Machoniks, teen aides, apply what they have learned by providing support to teachers and younger students, leading small group discussions, tutoring students in Hebrew, leading songs, and more.

The final strategy is “joy”—what we often call the “fun factor,” something we discuss consistently.

The Goodman Center for Jewish Education is built on these strategies to motivate our students to find meaningful, worthwhile and joyful Jewish learning and living. Our students leave with smiling faces; now you know why! ■

THANK YOU & FAREWELL TO MADY FRISCHER

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mady Frischer will be moving on from NSCI in mid-January to pursue another opportunity in the city.

For the past 2½ years Mady has coordinated NSCI’s teen engagement, revitalizing long-standing programs and launching new efforts to further engage youth approaching, through and after b’nei mitzvah. We will miss her warmth and creativity and of course wish her much success in her next endeavor. ■

IMPORTANT GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4:
Classes resume

MONDAY, JANUARY 17:
3rd–6th grade MLK event

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23:
2nd grade Tu B'Shevat Family Seder (online)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13:
PJs & Pancakes with a Purpose Family Experience

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20:
No School

Adult Learning & Programs

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH



the class for you."

—Alison Pearson, ABM class 2021



This class gave me confidence and understanding to feel connected and a part of the service."

—Lindsay Emalfarb, ABM class 2021

Adult B'nei Mitzvah is a journey of learning and community culminating in a group service led by our students who read Torah and share their thoughts. Class meets two hours/week on Monday nights during the school year, one hour of Hebrew and one of prayer, holiday, theology and other topics. Adult B'nei Mitzvah draws students from varying backgrounds and is about learning and finding out about yourself and your beliefs—you'll read, study and reflect on where you are and what you think. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our community you might never have met.

We are building a class now and welcome a few more students.

Interested in learning more about it? Rabbi Greene is thrilled to speak with you, please email rabbigreene@nsci.org.

GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD WITH RABBI GEFFEN

MONDAYS, JANUARY 3–MARCH 13
(NO CLASS JAN. 17, FEB. 21)
1:00–2:00 PM IN CROWN HALL*

Join Rabbi Geffen to study the Talmud. From January through March, we will study 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.

**Masks are required inside the synagogue.*

Register: nsci.org/form/study-the-talmuds-greatest-hits-winter

FROM EXILE TO THE START-UP NATION – A SIX-PART HISTORY OF ZIONISM AND ISRAEL WITH RENOWNED ISRAEL EDUCATOR MIKE HOLLANDER



WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 5–FEBRUARY 9
12:00–1:00 PM ON ZOOM

This series is based on the premise that "Zionism is the most successful revolution of the Twentieth Century." It begins with the precursors of Zionism in the second half of the Nineteenth Century, continues through the founding of Political Zionism at the First Zionist Congress in 1897, and then looks at the 50 years of building the pre-state Jewish community (Yishuv) in Palestine. The remaining sessions explore the major challenges, successes and failures, wars and governments of Israel through its 73 years of independence.

Register: nsci.org/form/from-exile-to-the-start-up-nation

INTRO TO JUDAISM

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 12–MAY 25
7:00 PM

Introduction to Judaism is an engaging multi-session course for adults interested in exploring Jewish life through a Reform lens. Rabbi Daniels will co-host this class with clergy from other local Reform congregations.

Register: bit.ly/i2j2021

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 AT 1:00 PM ON ZOOM

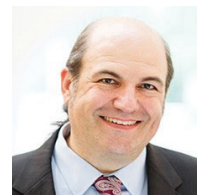
Remembering the Edgewater Beach Hotel presented by cultural historian Leslie Goddard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 1:00 PM ON ZOOM

The Grandmasters of American Comedy—Carl Reiner & Mel Brooks presented by Brian Rose, Professor Emeritus Fordham Univ.

Register: nsci.org/adult-learning

CONTEMPORARY AND CLASSIC JEWISH STORIES WITH NEIL RIGLER



MONDAYS, JANUARY 24, 31, FEBRUARY 7, 28, MARCH 3, 14
7:00–8:30 PM IN PERSON

We will read and discuss contemporary Jewish short stories for the first few sessions, and then continue with a Saul Bellow novel (that we'll choose together) for the following weeks. Copies of the stories will be emailed before each session and read aloud that night. The novel will be selected in advance so that you can acquire it with time to read.

Questions? Drop Neil a note at neilrigler@gmail.com. Register: www.nsci.org/form/contemporary-and-classic-jewish-stories

REMIX JUDAISM: PRESERVING TRADITION IN A DIVERSE WORLD



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6
10:00 AM ON ZOOM

Rabbi Greene in conversation with author and DePaul Professor Roberta Rosenthal Kwall about her new book. Remix Judaism brings a thoughtful, personal perspective to Jewish meaning that invites us to consider what we do and how we choose in our own Jewish practice. *Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World* is widely available—join us even if you've not read it yet. To purchase the book: <https://amzn.to/2KY8gFo>.

Register: nsci.org/form/remix-judaism

Music

JEWISH JAMMERS

**MONDAYS, JANUARY 10,
FEBRUARY 14**
7:00-8:30 PM IN PERSON*

Gather together with Cantor Goldstein for an in-person, socially-distanced jam session at NSCI! Bring your guitar, bass, harmonica, ukulele, or other instrument and a piece of music to play with the group (we'll provide the drums).

**Masks must be worn at all times while inside the synagogue.*

This program is open to congregants and is only for musicians; there will be no audience. Please email Sarah: sarahd@nsci.org to register.

HEALING SERVICE

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 12, 26,
FEBRUARY 16**
8:00 PM ON FACEBOOK/
STREAMSPOT

Join Cantor Goldstein for a quiet and contemplative Healing Service. Whether seeking support in navigating the circumstances in which we or our loved ones find ourselves, together we can create a quiet, gentle time for prayer, meditation and song that focuses on healing and wholeness.

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 PM on the Tuesday (day) before the service. www.nsci.org/form/healing-service-submissions

SHIR CHADASH

**MONDAYS, JANUARY 24,
FEBRUARY 7, 28**
7:00-8:30 PM IN PERSON*

Join Cantor Goldstein at NSCI and meet friends who love to sing or play a musical instrument. Shir Chadash adult choir provides a rich harmony to enhance our worship experience and help create sacred moments during Shabbat, celebrations and commemorations! Our repertoire includes a variety of traditional and new genres.

**Masks must be worn at all times while inside the synagogue.*

Register: nsci.org/form/shir-chadash-jan-feb-2022

POST-KABBALAT SHABBAT CONCERT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8:00 PM

Cantor Goldstein singing with Paul Vander Weele on the Stone Family Organ will present a concert highlighting organ favorites and cherished pieces from our rich classical Reform tradition.

A light supper will be provided to those who attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service which begins at 6:15 PM. This free concert is generously sponsored by Jim Stone and Madeleine & Harvey Plonsker. Register: nsci.org/form/post-kabbalat-shabbat-concert-february-2022

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT FEATURING CHICAGO'S KOL ZIMRAH JEWISH CHOIR AND CANTORS SUSIE LEWIS FRIEDMAN, DAVID GOLDSTEIN AND PAVEL ROYTMAN



SUNDAY, APRIL 10
3:00 PM AT NSCI

Featuring selections from Ernest Bloch's Sacred Service.

Register: nsci.org/form/kol-zimrah-concert

2021 PERFORMANCES

1. Black Oak Ensemble Concert
June 26, 2021
2. Post Kabbalat Shabbat Marta and Ani Aznavoorian Concert
August 13, 2021
3. The Three Davids Songs of Love and Praise Concert
November 14, 2021
4. Casavant Frères Organ Concert
December 10, 2021



Tikkun Olam



THANK YOU! THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2021

Thank you for participating in this year's Family to Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project. Together we donated 223 Thanksgiving meals for Whittier Elementary School (Waukegan, IL) students and their families!

BETH EMET SOUP KITCHEN

**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 9,
MAY 25, SEPTEMBER 14**
4:00–7:00 PM

Volunteer to provide meals to food insecure individuals at the Beth Emet

Soup kitchen. You can package meals onsite, prepare food or prepare food at home and deliver to the soup kitchen.

Advance signup is necessary. To sign up or ask questions, contact Brooke Hazan, our NSCI Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Liaison. www.nsci.org/form/email-brooke-hazan.html

FEED THE HOMELESS

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 9,
FEBRUARY 6 & 27**
11:30 AM–2:00 PM

For nearly three decades NSCI's Feed the Homeless program has helped to feed thousands of people around Chicago. Join us one Sunday a month to prepare 750 hot and brown-bag meals for food programs in Lake & Cook Counties.

RSVP to: nsci.org/fth

BAKING COOKIES FOR FILL A HEART 4 KIDS

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 5 &
FEBRUARY 2**
1:00 PM

Join other adults on the first Wednesday of the month at NSCI

to bake cookies for children who are experiencing homelessness or living in foster care settings.

Interested? Email Lois Davis at cookies@nsci.org.

WE'RE ALWAYS COLLECTING STUFF!

While we host special in-kind collections during specific months throughout the year, we are always collecting toiletries for The Night Ministry, kosher non-perishable food for The Ark and children's books, toys and clothing for Cradles to Crayons.

Questions? Email Rabbi Daniels at rabbidaniels@nsci.org

ADULT MITZVAH CORPS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
10:00–11:30 AM

Join us to sort donations for The Ark Food Pantry and learn how The Ark creates a safety net for Chicagoland Jews in need. Please bring travel-size toiletries that will be used to make hygiene kits.

RSVP to Tracey Meyers January 12 at nscimitzvahcorps@gmail.com.

Women of NSCI

Please register for any of these events at our website: www.nsci.org/wnsci.

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WNSCI GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 9 &
FEBRUARY 13**
9:00 AM ON ZOOM

BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 11 &
FEBRUARY 8**
1:00–3:00 PM ON ZOOM, ZOOM
LINK WILL OPEN AT 12:50 SO WE
CAN START ON TIME

January: *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Based on mythological characters this is a story of family dynamics, competition, jealousy, brutality, interaction and survival.

February: *The Slaughterman's Daughter* by Yaniv Iczkovits. The townsfolk of Motal in the Pale of Settlement are shocked when Fanny Keisman, a wife and mother of 5 leaves her home and vanishes into the night.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 12 &
FEBRUARY 23**
8:00–9:00 PM ON ZOOM

SHABBAT SCHMOOZE

**FRIDAYS, JANUARY 21 &
FEBRUARY 18**
5:00–5:30 PM ON ZOOM

Join us for a quick virtual get together prior to Shabbat services.

BACK TO THE SANCTUARY!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
6:00–9:00 PM &
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The Women's Shabbat Gathering is back, in person and in the NSCI building. Save the date & watch for details.

January 2022 ▪ Tevet/Shevat 5782

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
2 Building Closed for Winter Break	3 1:00 pm Greatest Hits of the Talmud with Rabbi Geffen	4 7:00 pm FA Meeting	5 12:00 pm From Exile to The Start-Up Nation – A Six-Part History of Zionism and Israel with Renowned Israel Education Mike Hollander 1:00 pm Cookies from the Heart 6:00 pm AA Meeting	6 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	7 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
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16	17 Tu B'shevet MLK Day	18 7:00 pm FA Meeting	19 12:00 pm From Exile to The Start-Up Nation – A Six-Part History of Zionism and Israel with Renowned Israel Education Mike Hollander 6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	20 10:00 am Adult Mitzvah Corps volunteering for The ARK 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	21 5:00 pm WNSCI Shabbat Schmooze 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Selah	22 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
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in person at NSCI on Zoom on Streamspot on Facebook

February 2022 ■ Shevat/Adar I 5782

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		1 7:00 pm FA Meeting	2 12:00 pm From Exile to The Start-Up Nation – A Six-Part History of Zionism and Israel with Renowned Israel Education Mike Hollander 1:00 pm Cookies from the Heart 6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	3 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	4 WNSCI Retreat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5 Chanukah 7th Candle 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
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20	21 Building Closed – President's Day	22 7:00 pm FA Meeting	23 1:00 pm Senior Connections 6:00 pm AA Meeting	24 1:00 pm WNSCI Mah Jongg Game	25 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	26 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
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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.



Family Winter Fest was a blast!

It was wonderful to see so many of you here at NSCI to celebrate Chanukah with meaningful hands-on mitzvah projects, delicious food, music and fun!

We created a photo album on our website of all our favorite pics from the event. Check it out! <https://bit.ly/winterfestalbum>