

Congregation Beth Shalom  
Committee Reports  
January 2023

**Finance**

Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin, Ray Rokni

- No written report

**Fundraising Report**

Ellen Grossman, Fundraising VP

- No written report

**House Report**

Arlen Lasinsky, House VP

- **1. *Data Breach/Cyber Security and Cyber Insurance***
  - A. Discussed the process of securing insurance policy
  - B. Discussed the process and we are working with Solus (IT service provider) and Shulcloud with respect to the application
  - C. Policy is to protect CBS including, but not limited to, system breach, ransom ware and obtain immediate help when needed
  - D. Targeting completion of process by mid-January, depending on information to be received from Solus and Shulcloud
  - E. Premium estimated to be \$3,000-\$4,000 per year for \$1 million face value policy
- **2. *Illinois Grant Status***
  - A. Susan Karlinsky is working on application. We are obtaining bids for certain work, including, but not limited to:
    - i. New system to enter building
    - ii. New bollards for Beth Midrash
    - iii. Additional cameras in the parking lot
    - iv. Will cover the costs for the security personnel we hire (Houston Protection and Investigative Service. Will need to re-write contract with Houston
    - v. Grant is up to \$150,000
    - vi. Have engaged same consultant that assisted CBS in JUF grant
- **3. *Roof Estimates from Roof Options***

A. We are still working with Roof Options to provide an estimate for the replacement cost for each section of the roof, however, those estimates will only give us a current replacement cost that can be used as a benchmark. The actual costs for the replacement cannot be adequately determined at this time.

- **4. Security Manual-First meeting on January 10, 2022**

A. Committee Members

1. Michael Garlin
2. Arlen Lasinsky
3. Ari Footlik
4. Jay Silver

B. Manual received from consultant is basically an outline which will be developed by the committee

C. This will be a "living document" which will be updated no later than on an annual basis

- **5. Parsonage**

A. Cantor Stoehr's Residence-Nothing new to report

B. Rabbi Melman's House-Paint front door in spring

C. Rabbi Chapman's House-All repairs have been completed. Pursuing solutions for the upstairs being cooler than the downstairs. We are looking into magnetic vent covers for the downstairs vents.

- **6. Discussed streaming issue at CBS**

A. Working with Solus regarding streaming issues

B. Believe the issue with the streaming is a software problem. Michael is meeting with Solus during the week of 1/9/23 to pursue

## **Membership Report**

Sue Lampert, Membership VP

- Several new member families were further engaged in our CBS community enjoying the Chanukah ShabbaTONE and Dinner on December 16, 2022.
- On January 8, 2023, 11 new Yachad Affinity Groups and 4 new Chavurahs were launched creating over 100 member connections, providing

opportunities to build meaningful relationships within our CBS family. Thank you to Alyssa Weisbach and Annie Goldman for working the event.

Upcoming Events:

- January 21<sup>st</sup> **Movie Night** from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., intended for young audiences, but all are welcome.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> **Havdalah & Wine Tasting** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wine. Nosh. Live Band.
- March 2023 **Maot Chitim** of Greater Chicago - Membership looks forward to working along with Sisterhood, Men's Club and Social Action packing / delivering Pesach boxes to those in need. Thank you to Jackie Zelkowitz for organizing.

## **Programming Report**

Randy Samborn, Programming VP

The Programming Committee was scheduled to meet on Jan. 19, after this report was submitted. Planning is underway for future Distinguished Speaker Series events and other programs in 2023, and updated information will be provided as it becomes available.

Current Programming and Adult Education highlights include:

### **CBS U & Programming Highlights**

We are currently offering 13 classes this semester. Full descriptions of each class can be found on the CBS website under Learn>Adult Education/CBS University. Some highlights are:

#### **1. Israel In Depth 2023 — Upcoming Sessions**

- **February 19--Israel's Place in the Region:**
- **April 23--What Does It Mean To Be Pro-Israel?**

**Instructor:** Carl Schrag

**Date:** Sundays 2/19 & 4/23

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:15 am

**Fee:** No charge for CBS members; \$50 per semester for non-member friends of CBS

#### **2. Beginning Hebrew: From Aleph to Tav — by Permission Only**



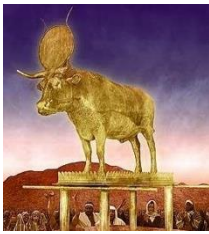
**Instructor:** Susan Stoehr  
**Date:** Mondays beginning January 30 – May 22  
**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** No charge for CBS members; \$100 per semester for non-member friends of CBS

### 3. “Torah Talk” for Parents – In-Person

**Instructor:** Rabbi David Chapman  
**Date:** Tuesdays beginning February 12  
**Time:** 5:20 – 5:40 pm  
**Fee:** No charge for CBS members

### 4. Talmud in Translation — Strange Magic: A Close Read of Tractate Avodah Zarah



**Instructor:** Rabbi David Chapman  
**Date:** Tuesdays beginning February 14  
**Time:** 6:30 – 7:40 pm  
**Fee:** No charge for CBS members; \$50 for non-

member friends of CBS

### 5. Great Jewish Plays of the 20th Century



**Instructor:** Rabbi David Chapman  
**Date:** Tuesdays beginning May 2 – May 23  
**Time:** 6:30 – 7:40 pm

**Fee:** No charge for CBS members; \$50 for non-member friends of CBS

### 6. Contemporary Issues in Jewish Law



**Instructor:** Rabbi Aaron Melman  
**Date:** Tuesdays 4/18, **Thursday 4/27**, 5/2, 5/9,  
5/16, 5/23  
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$50 for CBS members; \$100 for non-  
member friends of CBS

**MCLE approved for attorneys for 9 CLE credits**

**(Including 2 for Professional Responsibility – Ethics)**

### **7. J “OY” of Grandparenting**

**Instructor:** Cantor Steven Stoehr  
**Date:** Wednesdays 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29  
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:40 am  
**Fee:** No charge for CBS members; \$50 for non-member friends of CBS

**In addition to our classes, we also have some wonderful upcoming programs:**

# Handling Your Holi"DAZE"

Monday, February 13th, 2023

6:30 - 7:40 pm via ZOOM



Make Bourekas with:  
Edna Schrank

Looking for something besides hamantashen?  
Bourekas can be a perfect and easy  
triangular food for Purim!

Register for this class at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/holidazefeb2023>

Questions? Contact [Ataxer@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:Ataxer@bethshalomnb.org)



Congregation Beth Shalom

## Coffee House

Featuring Spoken Word Artist

Caroline Rothstein

Saturday | 2.11.2023

8 PM

Coffee & Friends  
Make the  
Perfect Blend

performance followed by  
Q & A and dessert reception

CBS Members \$5.00 per person  
Friends of CBS \$10.00 per person

Questions? email [Ataxer@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:Ataxer@bethshalomnb.org)



Scan the QR code  
for more information  
about Caroline Rothstein

event specifics can be found at:  
[tinyurl.com/coffeehouse23](https://tinyurl.com/coffeehouse23)



**Yee Haw! Time for**  
**Purim 5783 – 2023**  
**Megillah Mania—CBS GOES COUNTRY**

Monday, March 6th, 2023

**6:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv & Megillah Reading**  
 (In Person & Live Stream)

**8:00pm Purim Seudah/Dinner**  
 Mischief, Merriment, Mayhem

Register here: [tinyurl.com/CBSPurim2023](https://tinyurl.com/CBSPurim2023)

**Dinner will include:**

**Sloppy Joe OR Pulled Turkey Sandwich, cole slaw, chips, drink, hamantashen and fruit**

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>\$ 18</b>     | <b>Adults (13 and older)</b> |
| <b>\$ 10</b>     | <b>Children ages 6 – 12</b>  |
| <b>No Charge</b> | <b>Children ages 0 – 5</b>   |

**Prices WILL increase after 2/27/23**

Still have questions? Contact  
 Audrey -- [ATaxer@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:ATaxer@bethshalomnb.org) OR  
 Leann -- [Blue@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:Blue@bethshalomnb.org)

### Ritual Report

Bill Shulman, Ritual VP

- No written report

### School Report

Robyn Rosengard, School VP

- December was a busy month for school. We made cards and treats to send for US soldiers around the world and participated in the JUF Coats

for Kids and JUF Tov programs. We donated 13 coats and more than 6 sets of winter items. We ended the semester by presenting 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders their Aleph Champ medals.

- This month we will be preparing for our *Mechina* class to lead the Torah Service on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and our Chagigat HaGan on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This month we will also be sending out report cards.
- School will once again be running the *Mishloach Manot* (Purim Basket) Fundraiser. Congregants will receive an email with ordering instructions the week of February 9th. We hope you will order for all of your CBS friends! Orders will be accepted through February 23rd and baskets will be ready to pick up March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7th. The first basket is \$18 with additional baskets costing \$10. There are some group rates as well with all details available when you login from the instruction page. Prices go up after February 1st and we do have a limited number of baskets. This is a school fundraiser and would love to have BOT participate. If you need help placing an order or to ask questions, contact Stacy Ybarra at [sybarra@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:sybarra@bethshalomnb.org).

## Social Action Report

Suzy Hakimian, Social Action VP

- **“Toys for Tots”** – Thank you to everyone who brought in new, unwrapped toys, books, and games for donation to the Marine Corps annual toy campaign. Our Congregations filled 2 huge boxes with nearly 200 toys. Thank you to our wonderful office team for sorting and having them ready for pick up!
- There is still time to bring warmth to kids this winter! Cradles to Crayons is still in need of hats, gloves, and coats for kids and the collection bin will be available until February 15<sup>th</sup>!

So? What's Next!

- February:  
“Love our Furry Friends” – Pet supply donations for **Border Tails Rescue in Northbrook**. Border Tails a licensed no-kill animal rescue and welfare organization dedicated to the rescue and adoption of stray dogs across the world, with a unique focus on Mexico. Founded in December of 2019 Border Tails Rescue is registered with Illinois Secretary of State as a not for profit organization. Border Tails Rescue operates entirely on donations and adoption fees.



You can donate the following:

Toys, Treats, Bones/chews, Bully Sticks, Collars (preferably martingale),  
Harnesses, Leashes, Slip Leads, Bowls

Collection bins will be in the foyer near the coat room until March 15.

- **March:**

Maot Chitim! Come help out Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago by packing or delivering food boxes for Pesach.

Food packing will take place on **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – location to be announced soon, look for information on the CBS website. Families and individuals are invited to come pack food boxes or even help stuff envelopes. Children must be 13 or older to participate.

Food deliveries will be made on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Deliveries can be done by entire families and can be done early in the morning.

Please see the Congregation Beth Shalom Website for other opportunities for social action.

### **Youth Report**

Seth Schrank, Youth VP

- No written report

### **Men's Club Report**

Steve Lessman, Andrew Wagner Co-Presidents

- No written report

### **Sisterhood Report**

Jackie Zerkowitz, President

- Our Sisterhood Shabbat Service will be held on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us for this special service followed by dinner.  
<https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodShabbat2023>
- On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, please join us for dinner at the synagogue or on Zoom as we watch comedian and Jewish Zodiac® creator, Seth Front, for a humorous and heartwarming multimedia history of the delicatessen across four generations of Jews in America, from 1890 to the present. <https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodComedyDeliNight>

- Sisterhood, Men's Club and Young Families are going to watch the Chicago Wolves and the Cleveland Monsters on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Allstate Arena. <https://bit.ly/cbs-wolves-23>
- Please join us on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to play some of the classic table games – Mah Jongg, Canasta and Bridge at the annual Jan Blum Memorial Game Event at the synagogue. <https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodGameDayFeb>
- Edwards Florist of Northbrook will be back on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to help us decorate floral arrangements for our Shabbat tables. This event is offered both in person and through Zoom. If you wish to attend virtually, you will be able to pick up the flowers directly from Edwards Florist and participate from the comfort of your home. <https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodFlowerArranging2023>
- Sisterhood will be baking for Passover *Kiddushim*, and we will need volunteers to help. Robin Bright has, again, generously offered to help us lead the baking which will take place from Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. <https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodPesachKiddushim>