

## SCHOOL VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- Our October meeting was canceled due to the Holidays starting on Wednesdays but many things are happening at the school.
- The Family *Tashlich* program went nicely with about 20 families with a total of around 80 people. The weather was nice, we had activities outside that were really well received.
  - Web of Good Deeds-throwing a string ball saying what they are going to do better this coming year. Making a web.
  - Missing the Mark-making bean bags with dried items and then tossing them in loops and bins
  - Teshuvah Relay- acknowledging what we did and taking responsibility for, dumping balls and then fixing it
  - Parachute- mistakes, shaking the balls off the parachute, then going under trying to do better

We will need to decide if we should continue this as a family event or just for the religious school.

- Camp Shofar on Rosh Hashanah was a fun time making honey ice cream and doing a Parashah Plays. For Yom Kippur it was a little more serious giving a different feeling to the day.
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders are now doing their Holocaust studies unit and going to the museum on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The week of October 3<sup>rd</sup> there was a program with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders and another with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss the anniversary of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussing the traditions of lighting *yahrzeit* candles and also the concept of *zikhrone livrakha* and what it means for a memory to be a blessing. A notice was sent to the parents beforehand.

## SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

- The Blood Drive is Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 1 pm in Dickler Hall. Appointments recommended. Walk-ins welcome. Contact Steve Elisco at 847-562-1443 or swelisco@ [eliscodesign.com](mailto:swelisco@eliscodesign.com)
- Pads starts in October. Contact Sara Weinstein via [slo155@aol.com](mailto:slo155@aol.com) to be put on my email list for food donations.
- As we come into the winter months the Northfield Food Pantry is in need of food. Please bring non-expired food and put it in the cabinet by the coat room.
- Holiday Gift Drive is from November 1st until November 30th 2024. Unwrapped toys, crafts, books and games for ages 0-18. Drop off gifts to the CBS lobby and put them in a box by the coat room. We will be donating to JCFS Chicago. Questions reach out to Robyn Rosengard [rgard4@gmail.com](mailto:rgard4@gmail.com)
- There is a greater need than ever before to help feed Northbrook school-age children. Please consider signing up to buy a bag or two (specific list and instructions will be provided once you sign up). If you would like to help and want me to do the shopping for you, please send me a check or Zelle me to my email for \$30/bag. Contact Leatte Gelfeld with any questions at [leatteg@gmail.com](mailto:leatteg@gmail.com).

## PROGRAMMING VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY STEPHEN ZAACKS

- October 22nd is *Salsa in the Sukkah* at 6pm. Please let Audrey Taxer know if you can help and register for the event if you plan to attend (actual deadline to register was October 14th)
- **Distinguished Speaker Series:** Author **Jonathan Eig** will be speaking at CBS on December 12, 2024 at 8 PM. He is a former senior writer for the Wall Street Journal and recently received the Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Martin Luther King entitled *King: A Life*. The title for his talk is: *Beyond The Dream: Embracing A More Complicated Martin Luther King Jr.* Books will be available for purchase at the event, sold directly by the Book Bin of Northbrook.
- I am excited to announce that **Jonathan Greenblatt**, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, will speak at CBS on April 3rd as part of our **Distinguished Speaker Series**. More details to follow.
- Please consult the CBS website for ongoing adult education classes.
- Leann retired on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Trustees and the entire congregation join together in thanking her for 29 years of creative and outstanding programming at CBS. We wish her all the very best for a well-deserved retirement. Audrey Taxer will be assuming many of Leann's responsibilities when she leaves.

## FUNDRAISING VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY BRAD SHAPS

- **Circle of Giving** – Prior to reviewing the High Holiday Appeal pledges there were 12 members of the Circle Of Giving. The commitment from the members of Circle of Giving is an increase of almost \$27,000 from last year's commitment.
- **Legacy Campaign** - We will have a strategy meeting to begin organizing the legacy campaign in November or December.
- **Annual Event** - The Purim Shpiel Extravaganza Variety Spectacular will be on March 15 and 16. The Save the Date will be in the December/January Bulletin. We are still looking for actors, singers, dancers, musicians, designers, costumes, theater people of all stripes, all ages, and all backgrounds. In addition, we need Committee members to help with a number of tasks relating to the event including getting sponsors for the Ad Book and assistance with the 3 performances. Spread the word and have people contact me if they are interested in being part of the event.
- **Stewardship** - We held our first Stewardship event prior to the welcome dinner. We are planning additional events during the course of the year and are focusing on enhancing how we recognize and appreciate congregants who make meaningful contributions to the synagogue.
- The next Fundraising Committee meeting is November 13. Please let me know if you are willing to be part of the committee to help with one or more of the initiatives for this year.

## MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY JACKIE ZELKOWITZ

- Our Welcome Back Dinner was a huge success. We had around 200 adults and 60 kids. We had 14 new member families attend the dinner.
- Our next event will be Havdalah, Coffee and Trivia on Saturday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Membership, Men's Club and Sisterhood will be working together on this event. It will be another fun evening at CBS. Get a group of friends together and test your knowledge of trivia. We hope you can join us. You can register at: [Tinyurl.com/TCH111624](https://Tinyurl.com/TCH111624)

## **MEN'S CLUB REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY BOB GOLDWIN**

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for the CBS Men's Club. We started off our jam-packed schedule with an amazing event at Garfield's in Deerfield. It was a bonding event where everyone had a great time.

A few days later we had our annual Steaks in the ..... program. Usually, we hold this event in the Sukkah, but this time we held in the Youth Lounge where we ate phenomenally prepared meats, indulged in a few beverages and on two separate TVs (with only a slight delay) we watched the Bears destroy the Jaguars live from London.

We have a couple events coming up that I want to inform you all of, first we have our always exciting Erev Thanksgiving program. After a one-year hiatus we are excited to welcome the Jesse White Tumblers back to CBS on Wednesday 11/27. Like always, this will be an exciting event.

Another event I want to mention is a Men's Club breakfast that we will be holding on Sunday 12/15 at 9:00 am. This event will feature a speaker from Shalva. Those that don't know, Shalva is the oldest Jewish organization committed to working with victims of domestic violence. I encourage everyone to sign up and register (registration will be open shortly) for this important breakfast.

## YOUTH VP REPORT OCTOBER 2024 BY RACHEL LAVEN

- **YK Youth Mincha** is back! We had an incredible service with almost 40 kids participating. They did such a phenomenal job and were engaged and enthusiastic. I reached out to them afterwards thanking them for their participation. Here are some of the comments I received from them:
  - Thank you very much! It was really a special opportunity to participate in the service and I think it went great.
  - Thank you for organizing and I would be happy to do it again next year.
  - Thanks so much! This is very meaningful.
  - Thank you so much! It was a pleasure!

Thank you to Rabbi Chapman and Randi Simon for helping to organize. Thank you to Anat Pissetzky and Stacy Ybarra for their help with getting kids up on the bima at the right times. Thank you to Roz Mokhtarian and Hillary Schwartz from the youth committee in helping with engagement and organization.

- **FYC HH programming** - We had an excellent turnout with all the different HH programs at the Leisure Center. We had Ark Adventures, young family services, The Tale of the Whale, HH hands on experience and more! There were hundreds of people in the building all throughout the holidays. Thanks to Jonathan Chapman, Ark Adventures, The Ki'ilu Company, Randi Simon, and Anat Pissetzky for all the great programming and to all the ambassadors for their help in getting everyone where they needed to be.
- We had our first **Parallel Program** on 10/19: Bingo for Adults and Laser tag for kids: Two separate programs, one building, 50 people! We will have another one in the spring.
- **Gesher/Chaverim** sukkot programming was a success - Gesher students stayed after Saturday school to build "Gingerbread" like edible Sukkahs and Chaverim stayed after Sunday School for shakes in the Sukkah!
- **Shabbaton 2025** planning is just about to start. We are creating a committee and will start discussions next month.
- USY lounge nights have been on a little hiatus due to the holidays but will be back in full swing in November