



CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM ANNUAL REPORT



Congregation Beth Shalom's Mission Statement

We seek to enrich the lives of our congregation through ever-evolving ideals of observance, life-long learning, and acts of kindness from this generation to the next.

We are committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our members through the practice of Conservative Judaism in an all-inclusive manner.

We seek to encourage involvement and create a sense of belonging by serving our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

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OUR CBS CLERGY & STAFF TEAM



David Chapman
Senior Rabbi



Steven Stoehr *
Senior Cantor



Michael Garlin *
Executive Director



Deanne Friedman *
Director of Communications



Lauri Holmes
Controller



Anat Pissetzky
Director of Youth



Ali Pohn
After School Site Director



Director of Education
Stacy Ybarra



Maria Catezone *
Office Manager



Mara Bernstein
Administrative Assistant



Edgar Chavez *
Head of Maintenance



Eduardo Chavez
Maintenance



Maria Chavez
Kitchen Manager



David Harris
Religious School Assistant



Randi Simon
B'nai Mitzvah & Kiddush
Coordinator



Susan Stoehr *
B'nai Mitzvah Tutor



Audrey Taxer
Membership &
Programming Assistant



Lisa Weisner
Assistant to the Clergy

This year we said goodbye to two longtime members of our team. We are grateful to Rabbi Aaron Melman and Leann Blue for their many years of dedication to Congregation Beth Shalom. Todah Rabah!

* Denotes staff with over 10 years of service to CBS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sue Lampert, President
 Brad Shaps, Fundraising VP
 Scott Rogoff, House VP
 Jackie Zelkowitz, Membership VP
 Steven Zaacks, Programming VP
 Steven Lessman, Ritual VP
 Charlotte Stern, School VP
 Robyn Rosengard, Social Action VP
 Howard Sigal, Youth VP
 Raymond Rokni, Accounts Receivable Secretary
 Rick Dissen, Financial Secretary
 Leatte Gelfeld, Treasurer
 Andy Lebovitz, Administrative Secretary
 Bob Spector, Immediate Past President
 Elana Schrank, Sisterhood President
 Bob Goldwin, Men's Club President



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BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Becky Becker
 Talia Block
 Cheryl Braude
 Jeremy Elkins
 Annie Goldman
 Frannie Goldwin
 Ellen Grossman
 Suzy Hakimian
 Debbie Hamilton
 Jill Hartzman
 Arlen Lasinsky
 Wendy Latash
 Roz Mokhtarian
 Jill Olefsky
 Ron Rabinowitz
 Fern Roseman
 Neil Rosengard
 Jill Roter
 Randy Samborn
 Edna Schrank
 Alan Shapiro
 Laura Shulman
 Andy Wagner
 Sara Weinstein
 Alan Zelkowitz



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PAST PRESIDENTS

Samuel Roberman z"l	George Platt
Earl Rosenstein z"l	Barbara Gelfeld
Joel W. Weinstein z"l	Joe Wolke
Leonard Mason	Marc K. Schwartz
Herbert Rosenstein z"l	David Hakimian
Howard Michaels z"l	Michael Balter
Fred Katzenstein z"l	Michael H. Zaransky
Jerome S. Stanton	Brian Miller
Barbara Petasnick	Lily Zoberman
Jack P. Knopoff	Tami Rokni
Henry Rabinowitz	Glen Roter
Donald B. Levine	Larry Grossman
Joel B. Greenman	Deborah Solomon
	Tanya Solomon



FUN FACTS

40 *Mitzvot* Committee members greet, drive, call, & assist CBS members

290 books checked out of the library and 150 new books added

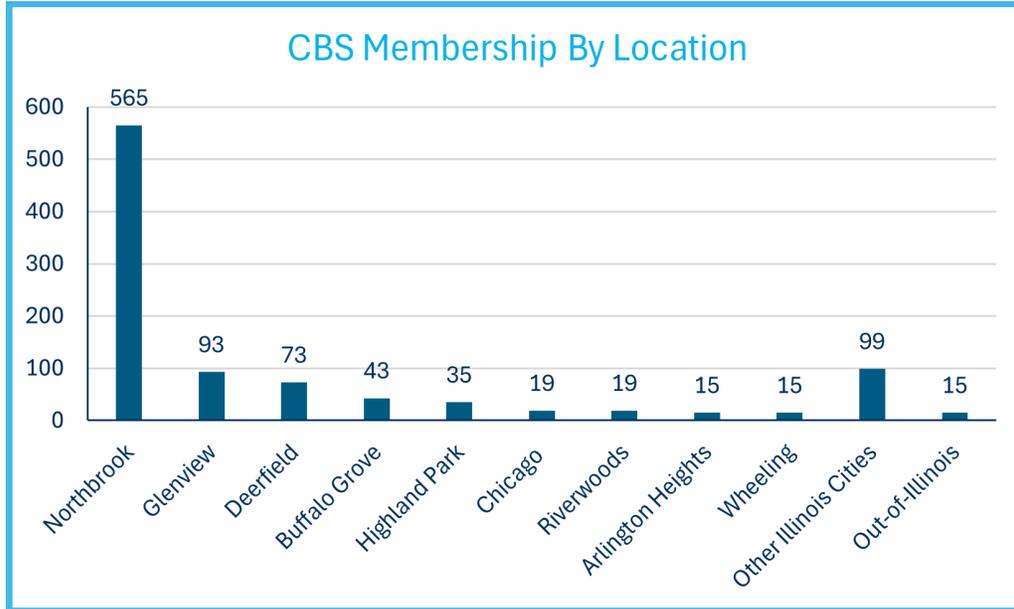
50 youth led entire Yom Kippur Mincha service

392 hot dogs served at Yom Beth Shalom

Mobile App v2.0 **NEW**

MEMBERSHIP

991 Households in the CBS Family



“Being part of Congregation Beth Shalom has given me a true sense of belonging - it’s where friendships deepen, tradition comes alive, and community becomes family. CBS has enriched my life and inspired me to take a more active role in shaping a vibrant, supportive community.”
Carly Pinzur Sear

NEW 43 new member households joined

5 households rejoined

3 newlywed couples became a part the CBS community

250 members attended the *Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner* including 14 new member families

NEW 360 participants enjoyed 3 *Havdalah, Coffee, and Comedy, Trivia, and/or Swing* events

11 YACHAD affinity groups including 3 new groups and 3 *Chavurah* groups = 200 plus NEW friendships!



1600 birthday calls from clergy

188 birthday and anniversary shabbat *selahbrate* blessings

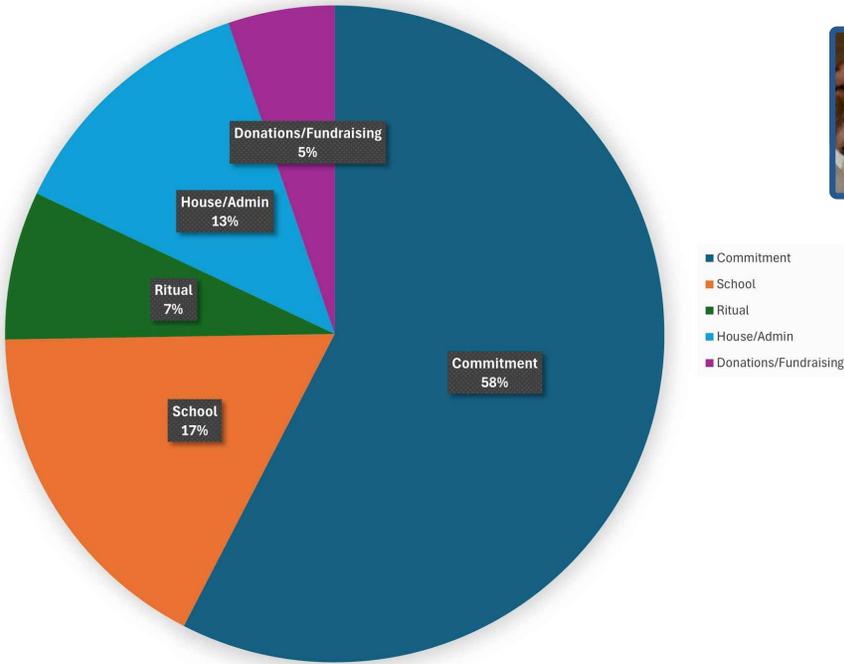
33 B’nai Mitzvah

17 clergy led bris and baby namings

FINANCES

CBS 2024-2025 Total Operating Budget \$3,325,086

Revenue 2024-25



20 **NEW** generous benefactors made a commitment to *Circle of Giving*

\$420,000 contributed by *Circle of Giving* benefactors

1656 gift cards sold through *ShopWithScrip*

\$2030 funds raised from gift card program

17 *Camp Ramah* scholarships awarded to CBS Youth

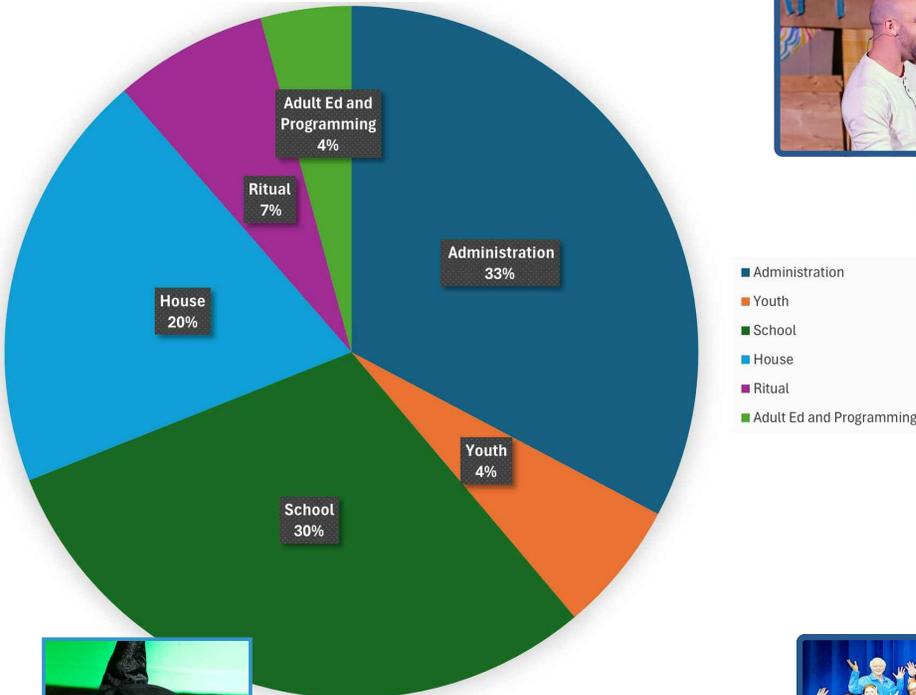
\$6260 dollars awarded in *Camp Ramah* scholarships

\$21,000 generously donated by *Foreskins for Philanthropy* initiative

270 **NEW** attended the 1st CBS *Follies Purim Shpiel Extravaganza Annual Fundraiser* featuring **20** CBS "actors"

\$23,000 funds raised from Purim Shpiel fundraiser

Expenses 2024-25



ADULT EDUCATION, PROGRAMMING, & HAZAK



500+
hours of Adult Education Jewish learning

400
adult learners taking CBS U classes

15 **NEW**
classes with **6** of them being new offerings

50
students in largest class of *Contemporary Issues of Jewish Law* to date walking the halakhic tightrope

1000+
participants for Distinguished Speakers **Jonathan Eig** and **Jonathan Greenblatt**



Time 100 2025

300
attendees at **4** *Israel in Depth* programs in partnership with Men's Club

45
patrons of the theatre seeing *Prayer for the French Republic* and attending pop-up class

100+
HAZAK (55+) participants enjoyed **3** Lunch and Learn programs

58
Salsa in the Sukkah dancers and salsa makers enjoyed a festive holiday celebration together



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

148
Religious School students in Kindergarten through 7th grade

63
students participating in *Aleph Champ* and reading groups

22
CBS High students

11
student *Madrichol* (teaching assistants in grades 8-12)

10
kindergarten students welcomed into the Religious School in the *Chagigat HaGan* ceremony

2 **NEW**
Special *Shabbat Edition* Religious School

27
Kitah Gimmel (3rd grade) students received siddurim

3 **NEW**
new teachers from collaboration with Northwestern University Hillel

1 **NEW**
partnership with American Jewish University enables CBS to offer a college credit class to high school students as part of CBS High program

SISTERHOOD

YOUTH & FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

545
members strong



28
Judaica Shop volunteers

\$11,500
raised for *Torah Fund*

2332
desserts baked for **5** Passover Kiddushim

60 **NEW**
mezuzot created with fused glass

41
Holiday Boutique vendors

40
USY events

10
Chaverim (3rd-5th) & *Gesher* (6th-8th) programs

20+
CBS youth attended regional events



68
Families With Young Children programs

130
largest attendance at an *Ark Adventure*

34
families attending *Shabbaton*

MEN'S CLUB

387
committed members



1422
lox boxes sold and donated

111
lox boxes given to first responders

\$20,000
donated to *The Ark* and *CJE*

167
attendees of all ages for the annual Erev Thanksgiving program

58
tailgaters in the Sukkah

SOCIAL ACTION

159 suitcases for
Luggage for Freedom

80 bags of food filled at
Feed My Starving Children

325 pieces of Judaica for
California wildfire victims

856 pounds of candy for
various organizations

462 books for
Bernie's Book Bank

350 bags of food at High
Holidays for *The Ark*

33 celebrations bags for
The Ark

52 winter coats to
Chesed Chicago

100 new toys to JCFS

1723 crayons for *SCARCE*



HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted *From Darkness to Light: Mosaics Inspired by Tragedy* Exhibition

Ensemble of youth saxophonists from the *Conservatory of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance* play at Shabbat service

Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan sing and dance and enjoy a meet & greet with our community

Scholar-in-Residence weekend featuring Cantor Brian J Mayer and Cantor Lynn Torgove

Installation of Senior Rabbi David Chapman

HUGS Sensory Havdalah and Rosh Hashanah Program held for special needs community

The Waiting Room: Care for Care Partners created for care partners to engage

Hosted Yom Ha'Atzmaut concert with Am Shalom and Or Shalom with special guest Cantor Shimon Smith and Israel Consul General Yinam Cohen



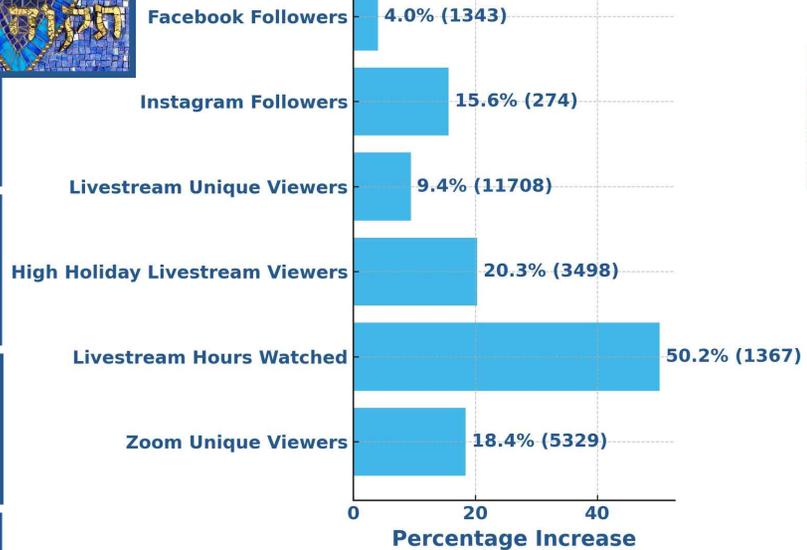
"We greatly value the welcoming community of involved individuals and personal friendships that we have found at CBS. People are so genuine and down to earth; the shul has been a real bright spot for us, especially in a world increasingly hostile to Jews and modern observers."
Jordan & Leslie Sigale



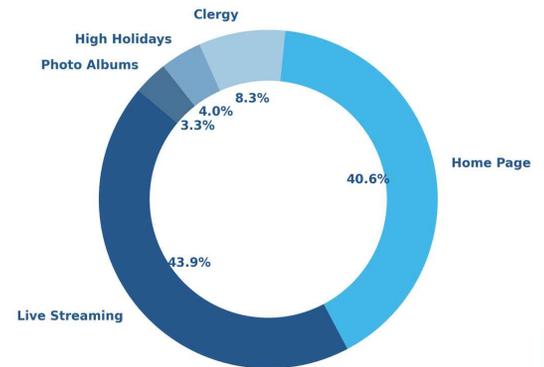
COMMUNICATIONS



Engagement Growth (% Increase)



Top 5 CBS Website Page Views



LOOKING FORWARD

Club Spark Jewish After School Enrichment Program launching this fall, will offer K-5th graders a fun and engaging experience all through a Jewish lens.

We're thrilled to be adding three new staff members who will bring expertise and passion to our team:
Jacki Honig, Assistant Rabbi
Ali Pohn, Club Spark Site Director
Carly Wallenstein, Senior Director of Learning & Engagement

We are committed to creating more meaningful opportunities for our members to connect, engage, and feel a true sense of belonging.