

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- We distributed close to 50 Shalom Bags to welcome new members who joined in the later half of 2024 and thus far in 2025. Most were given out during Yom Beth Shalom and some were delivered to new members' homes the following week. Thanks to Jill Hartmanz, Membership VP, and Emilie Berman, Shalom Bags Coordinator, for organizing this initiative.
- Our Sisterhood Opening Dinner on September 17 was a successful event filled with fun, positive connections, and laughter. We had more than 130 people in attendance. As our social action project, we will be donating 15 new Barbie dolls (that we used for centerpieces during the event) to JCFS.
- Our Torah Fund Event is coming up on Sunday, October 26. It will start at 10 am. Brunch will be served and Rabbi Honig will be our featured, honored speaker. Registration is now open. [Torah Fund Event 2025](#)
 - The 2025-2026 Torah Fund Campaign Theme is *Oseh Shalom* (Maker of Peace). For more information about Torah Fund, the dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, please view this flyer: [2025-2026 Torah Fund](#).
- Our Annual Holiday Boutique is coming up on Sunday, November 2. Robyn and Leatte have lined up many vendors with a wide variety of merchandise. Please come and shop and bring your family and friends.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! franniegoldwin@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY BRAD SHAPS

Our annual fundraising event is now scheduled for May 17th. The event will be a comedy night, honoring Michael and Mindy Garlin. Please save the date and let me know if you would like to serve on the Committee for the event.

We Have 20 member households of Circle of Giving including several new members. We anticipate several additional families will be members after we receive their high holiday pledge. We will reach out to additional families after the holidays.

We have begun working on our Legacy Campaign and will have a major focus on legacy gifts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We would like to have good participation from the members of the Board before we officially roll the campaign out to the Congregation. If you would like to have a meeting to discuss a legacy gift please contact Glen Roter or Harold Dembo.

We continue to raise funds for Club Spark. Please contact me if you know of anyone that would be interested in contributing.

We have several stewardship programs for members of Circle of Giving. We will also plan an event for legacy and other congregants who have made significant contributions in the past.

We can use additional committee members. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the committee.

SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ

- Thank you again to Jill Olefsky and her crew for putting the Ark stickers on CBS High Holiday ticket pickup bags!
- PADS will start back in October; please contact Sara Weinstein at slo155@aol.com for more information.
- Our next collection will involve bringing in leftover holiday candy to CBS from 10/31/25 to 11/6/25. Donations will be distributed to The Ark Northwest and 18 local food pantries.
- Our next CBS Blood Drive is Sunday, November 9th, 2025, from 8am-1pm in Dickler Hall. Appointments recommended but walk-in's welcome. Contact Steve Elisco at 847-562-1443 or swelisco@eliscodesign.com
- CBS will again be coordinating with Hunger Free Northbrook this year; contact Leatte Gelfeld at laetteg@gmail.com for details.
- The Northfield Food Pantry is in need of the following:
 - Applesauce, canned beans, canned meats, canned fruit, canned beef stew/chili, plain pasta, canned soups, and ramen noodles
 - Please drop off non-perishable, non-expired foods to CBS
 - Please contact Fern Roseman at grammiefern1@comcast.net for details.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY EDNA SCHRANK

- As of September 16, we have 34 New Members, 30 Drops, and 3 Deceased, I am happy to say that the number of new members is constantly positively changing.
- We had an amazing Yom Beth Shalom where 400 of our CBS members came to socialize and have a great BBQ. Thank you to all our kitchen staff, under the leadership of Maria Chavez, and we wouldn't have eaten all the delicious hot dogs and hamburgers without Jonathan Gutierrez. Our custodial staff, alongside Edgar Chavez, did a great job setting up the room for dinner and the Yom Beth Shalom tables.
- Our New Members are very appreciative of all the honors that we have bestowed upon them. Complimentary Yom Beth Shalom BBQ and High Holiday Ark Opening. Please be sure to introduce yourself to a New Member. Always wear your name tag, it is a great ice breaker.

YOUTH VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

Past program and events highlights:

- USY Lounge Nights are off to a good start
- Sold lots of honey at Yom Beth Shalom
- Geshet Event to Whirlyball was a success- we had 13 kids attend
- FYC Shabbat Experience was September 19th and was a success (Thank you Bekah Hakimian Almeleh and Carly Sear for co-chairing this event)
- We had tremendous FYC and Youth participation on Rosh Hashanah and are looking forward to the same on Yom Kippur
- 40 Kids will participate in this year's Youth Led Mincha Service for Yom Kippur

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Families with Young Children Sukkah Decorating on October 5th at 12:15 pm
- Congregation SukkahFest on October 9th at 5:30 pm
- SimchatTorahTONE & Ice Cream Social October 14th 6-8pm
- Ark Adventures and Let There Be Play- October 18th at 10:15 and 11:00 am

HOUSE VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

Lobby Furniture—New furniture will be in the lobby in time for Yom Kippur. The furniture was donated by a generous benefactor. A committee was put together to pick out the furniture and it will greatly enhance the lobby.

Carpeting and re-stuffing of chairs in the Sanctuary—We are still awaiting bids and numbers but the goal is to install new carpeting and re-stuff the chairs in June of 2026.

Parsonages—The only parsonages with issues at this point is the Longvalley parsonage. There is leaking from the upstairs bathroom. Trying to still get to the bottom of what is going on.

CBS building. All was quiet on the western front (per your CBS House VP's mouth who gave a "Kenahora"). The alarm system went down, and the panel and alarms need to be replaced. The House Committee was notified, and approval given by the President and House VP as this is an urgent and immediate safety issue.

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY STEVE ZAACKS

1. The programming committee met on August 21st for our first meeting of the year.
3. **Please see below-- Sukkot event in October:**



4. **Program: November 6 at 6PM: BeAware™: Situational Awareness Training with JUF and SCN: Combating Antisemitism Online and in Our Community**

Description:

How do we stay aware, prepared, and safe in today's world?

Join JUF for *BeAware™: An Introduction to Situational Awareness™*, a community-focused training designed to empower participants with practical tools to recognize and respond to suspicious activity in everyday life.

This 90-minute session will cover:

- What situational awareness is and why it matters
- How to recognize potential threats in public and online spaces
- Simple actions you can take to protect yourself and others

This training is open to all adult members of the community and requires no prior experience. Come learn how we can work together to build a stronger, more secure environment.

5. **Distinguished Speaker series** continues April 30th, 2026. More details to follow.

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY RON RABINOWITZ

- The Men's Club kicked off the season with its Opening Dinner on September 15th. Nearly 100 attendees joined us for an engaging Q&A session with Mike Berman, sports reporter from Channel 5. It was a fun and memorable evening enjoyed by all.

- The Men's Club will be having a brief meeting and discussion on September 21 at District Brew yards. We will be converging:
 - The Future of Lox Box
 - If you can't make it please contact Mitch Padnos or myself with your thoughts or ideas for Lox Box - We want to get everyone's input
 - Erev Thanksgiving Bingo Night ~ \$1,000 for game show gurus [About Us – Game Show Gurus](#)

- Upcoming Programs:
 - Sukkah Build September 28th - Please Volunteer!!!!
 - Steaks in the Sukkah October 12
 - November 9th Israel in Depth (Men's club providing Breakfast)

SCHOOL VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- Enrollment has reached 154 students, not including Hebrew High.
- We still need coverage in the office on Sundays, as well as someone for the library. With Kindergarten nearly at capacity, we may also need to add another teacher.
- “Meet the Teacher” was held during Yom Beth Shalom. Attendance was stronger in the younger grades. We’ll revisit whether to continue this format in the future.
- Some parents signed up to volunteer as room parents, though we are still seeking more.
- We are also encouraging parents of younger students to consider joining the school board.
- Classes for grades 3–7 began on September 9, while Kindergarten–2nd grade started on September 14.
- This year, the high school program will focus on cooking, as many students preferred that option over AJU, we’ll evaluate whether AJU should be offered annually or every other year.
- A parent portal has been added to the Religious School website to make it easier for families to access information.
- A Google sign-up sheet was shared for volunteer opportunities, with a request that each member help with at least two events per semester.
- The Tashlich program will follow the same format as last year but will be limited to students. The students will be going through different activities appropriate for Tachlich.
- Plans for Simchat Torah are still being finalized, pending clergy programming.