

YOUTH VP REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

USY

January was amazing with very well attended events and lots of excitement. From Inflatable Bubble Soccer with USY to going to Dave & Buster's with Geshar, we've had a packed, fun-filled month, and we're just gearing up for more. We have a wonderful month of upcoming events this February!

- 2/1 - Chaverim Nickel City Xtreme - was an incredible success with 11 kids and lots of running around!
- 2/5 - USY Whirlyball - 6 USYers and very friendly exciting competition
- 2/16 - CHUSY Snow Tubing - 20 kids from CBS signed up!
- 2/19 - USY Date Night & Painting Auction
- 2/20-2/22 - CHUSY Convention at Camp Chi with 4 kids from CBS signed up

Young Families

Upcoming events:

- Sat. 2/14 @ 11:15 AM - Lay-Led Shabbat
- Sun. 2/15 @ 4:30 PM - FYC Movie Night
- Thu. 2/19 @ 9 PM - Pre-Shabbat Learning and L'chaim for Parents of Young Children (Zoom Only)
- Sat. 2/21 @ 11 AM - SWAT
- Sat. 2/28 @ 11:15 - Lay-Led Shabbat
- Sun. 3/01 @ 11 AM - Purim Carnival.

Shabbat Dinner Experience was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. That dinner has been rescheduled for April 24.

Club Spark

We have a potential new Sparkler who will come for a trial visit day on February 19. If he registers, we'd be up to 13 Sparklers. We only need to enroll two more by the end of the year to reach our goal.

We're working on getting the new registration pages up (2026-27 school year) and hope the registration will be up soon. I'll go into hyper-marketing mode once that registration is up on the website.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY EDNA SCHRANK

We had a very good conversation about our role in supporting different projects/events that CBS is Our Membership Committee is supporting the various CBS events.

We will be at the Northbrook Cultural Fair at the NS YMCA, Sunday, February 22 from 2-5.

We are very happy to be partnering with Z Frank Apachi preschool. This is a great way to have unaffiliated families to meet us. We will be having three sessions by age group as follows:

Wednesday, March 18, 5 PM, with 2 year olds and parents

Sunday, April 26, 5 PM, with 3 year olds and parents

Tuesday, May 5, 5 PM, with 4 year olds and parents

Our Services Under the Sky and Stars are on the calendar

Friday, July 10th - Service Under the Sky

Saturday, July 25th - Havdalah

Friday, August 7th - Service Under the Sky

Saturday, August 15th – Havdalah

Sunday, August 23rd - Yom Beth Shalom

We will be celebrating CBS in our 59th and 60th year. 59 will be reconnecting with our history and 60 will be our future. More to follow.

We are looking at conducting a Membership Drive. In the beginning stages of that. More to follow.

Membership is a partnership not a transaction.

- Retention

- Lapsed/former members

- Perspectives

SCHOOL VP REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- 5th Shabbat Service and dinner was on January 30th and was well celebrated. Students lead different parts of the service.
- Mechina Shabbat on January 31st during normal shabbat morning services was great. 6th and some 7th grade Students lead parts of the service and some post bnei mitzvah students read torah. Families had Aliyot and read Torah. The congregation really enjoyed how much the students are able to participate in.
- Chagigat HaGan was on February 1st. Celebration to welcome our kindergarten class. Students sang some songs, got their mini torahs with family watching and a small celebration was held afterward.
- There was no meeting this month owing to conflicts with the calendar meetings.
- Carly Wallenstein is taking over running the school until July when we hope to have a new director of religious school.
- The search committee has been interviewing applicants for the director of the religious school. More to come soon.
- February 20th is the 4th grade Shabbat service and dinner.
- February 27th is the 3rd grade Shabbat dinner and siddur ceremony. The students will be getting their siddurim to use.
- March 1st we will be helping with the Purim carnival
- March 14th is our second of the year special Shabbat edition. Students will be going to religious school on Shabbat and have Shabbat friendly activities and join the congregation at different times.

SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ

- Our January winter clothing drive was a huge success with almost 200 coats and large garbage bag of hats and gloves being sent to Chessed. Thanks to Robyn Rosengard for coordinating this effort!
- From February 8th until February 22nd, Social Action will be coordinating a collection with Bernie's Book Bank. Bring any new and gently used children's books (birth to 6th grade reading level) to bins in the CBS lobby. For questions reach out to Jill Olefsky (jolefsky@aol.com) or Tina Cantrell (tina.cantrell@sbcglobal.net).
- The Ark Chicago needs the following items: Canned Goods, Condiments and Sides, Grains, Household Products, and Personal Care Products. All food must be non-perishable and Kosher. See Cheryl Braude at cherylbraude@gmail.com for more information.
- The Northfield Food Pantry is also in need of food this winter. Specific items needed include: Tea Bags, Plain Pasta (not spaghetti), Brown Rice, and Baking Mixes. Talk to Fern Roseman at grammiefern1@comcast.net for more information.
- Social Action is trying to coordinate an outing to Bernie's Book Bank in May. Details to follow; hoping to get our USYers involved here as well
- Future meetings are all on Sundays in the library conference room on 3/15/26 and 5/3/26. All are welcome to attend; email socialactionvp@bethshalomnb.org

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY STEVE ZAACKS

1. Please continue to refer to the CBS website for the full class schedule this year.
2. Our **Distinguished Speaker series** continues April 30th, 2026 with 2 speakers coming from Israel: Retired Brigadier General **Amir Avivi**, author of “No Retreat: How to Secure Israel for Generations to Come”, founder of the Israel Defense and Security Forum, and regular commentator on Israeli news programs, will discuss the current security situation in the Middle East and challenges facing Israel. **Avner Avraham**, renowned curator, film producer, weekly broadcaster on Israeli radio, and former Mossad officer, will discuss Operation Finale (The capture of Eichmann), the 50th anniversary of Operation Entebbe hostage rescue, and the recent Operation Grim Beeper in Lebanon.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- Sign up to help prepare for Pesach Kiddushim. Our Sisterhood will be baking all food and dessert for the 5 Kiddushim that will be served during Passover. There are multiple shifts on March 17, 18, and 19. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Sign up today: [Pesach Kiddushim Volunteering](#)
- Join us for a cooking demo and tasting with [Ami from Ami Shuk to Table](#). You can register now for this fun program scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm.
- **Celebrations**
 - We submitted our application for **WLCJ's Jewels in the Crown Award! Jewels in the Crown** recognizes affiliated sisterhoods for excellence in education, programming, and community engagement and affiliated sisterhoods are able to apply every 3 years. Thank you to the past 3 Past Presidents - Lani, Jackie and Robyn - for your support!
 - We reached our annual Torah Fund contribution goal! Mazel Tov to Jody Sigal and Diane Halivni for their hard work! You can still contribute here: [Torah Fund Donation Link](#)
- Thank you to everyone for your extra support and patience as I have been a bit busier than usual these past several weeks finalizing preparations for my daughter's Bat Mitzvah. **Avery's Bat Mitzvah is on Saturday February 28!** If you would like to read about [Avery's Tikkun Olam](#) project she is organizing in honor of her Bat Mitzvah, check it out [here](#). A HUGE thank you to those of you who have already made a donation.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! franniegoldwin@gmail.com.

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 BY RON RABINOWITZ

Past Events

Axe Throwing Event on February 11th

- The Beth Shalom Men's Club recently hosted a spirited axe-throwing event where we had the chance to test our skills, connect with one another, and enjoy a great time (Pictures Below)

Upcoming

- **Yom HaShoah** – Men's Club will be packing yellow candles and placing them in the lobby for pickup.
- **Men's Club Annual Lox Box** – Available for pickup or delivery. March 9th You may also choose to donate a Lox Box to The ARK, CJE, or local first responders.

