

## **SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT MARCH 2026 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ**

- Thanks to Tina Cantrell and Jill Olefsky for coordinating our recent Bernie's Book Bank collection. 200+ books were picked up by Bernie's in late February.
- Leftover Passover food will be collected at Good Deeds Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Food will be brought to The Ark Northwest.
- Good Deeds Day will be spearheaded this year by both Suzy Hakimian and Carly Wallenstein. A variety of projects/stations have been planned for the Religious School students to participate while in school on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- CBS Social Action will be helping at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the late afternoon for a 2 hour shift. All BOT members are welcome to attend; please see Andy Lebovitz with questions.
- We will collect vases for Inspire Through Flowers in April and May; details to follow next month.
- Our last meeting of the year will be on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-11:30 AM in the Shulman Conference room in the CBS office suite. We would love to see you attend if possible!

## YOUTH VP REPORT MARCH 2026 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

### Families with Young Children

Upcoming events (post March 15):

- Fri. 3/20 @ 10 AM: Shabbat With A Twist
- Sat. 3/21 @ 11 AM: Shabat With A Twist
- Sat. 3/28 @ 11:15 AM: Lay-Led Family Shabbat Service
- Wed. 4/1 - Thu. 4/9: PASSOVER (no FYC events)
- Sat. 4/11 @ 9:30 AM & 11 AM: 2 Ark Adventure Experiences and Let There Be Play (11 AM only)

Events (pre-March 15)

- Sun. 3/1: Purim Carnival
  - Well-done event all-around
- Fri. 3/6 @ 10 AM: Ark Adventures
  - Extra large crowd due to presence of Z Frank Apachi Day Care kids
  - Eliana Light visiting artist
  - K'ilu Lab extension
- Sat. 3/7 @ 9:30 AM & 11 AM: 2 Ark Adventure Experiences and Let There Be Play (11 AM only)
  - Ark Adventures numbers on Saturday have begun to balance out
  - Rabbi Honig led successful Let There Be Play

### USY

We've had an incredibly busy and successful past month! I, along with 3 CBS USYers, traveled to Lake Delton, Wisconsin for a fun-filled weekend Shabbaton with CHUSY and EMTZA regions of greater USY. Then the very next weekend, we had our CBS Purim Carnival here! It was an incredible carnival, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in making it the success it was. After our Purim festivities came to a close, we held our very first Camp CBS: a two-day camp experience for our Schechter families who were off of school. It was an amazing all-inclusive experience where we did lots of arts & crafts, 2 field trips (bowling & Ninja Academy), had lunch and lots of snacks, went to the park, had miniature Maccabi games, watched a movie, and so much more in just two days! We are so excited for what the next month of youth programming will bring us before and after Spring Break!

### Upcoming programs:

- Thursday, March 19 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm - CBS USY is going Ice Skating at North Shore Ice Arena
- Sunday, April 5 from 12:15pm - 2:00pm - Chaverim (3rd-5th) Chocolate Seder
- Thursday, April 16 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm - CBS USY is going to Color Me Mine in the Glen

### Club Spark

- We're still at 12 Sparklers but I believe we will get more enrolled before the end of the year
- 2026-2027 has been up for a week for our current families and 2 have re-registered so far
- 2026-2027 registration will open for everyone (on the Club Spark website) next week and the marketing will begin. We will be pushing for both this and next year.
- We have opened registration for Camp Spark full days for two of the public school vacation days but do not have enough interest yet to run the program. That registration will close on Monday the 16th. Families have been reminded of that
- Two people are visiting from JASA Thursday March 12th and Friday March 13th. They will meet with me, Michael, the Rabbi, Lauri, a donor and board member. I'm very much looking forward to their visit.

## **FUNDRAISING VP REPORT MARCH 2026 BY BRAD SHAPS**

Our annual fundraising event is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. We have already raised more than \$21,000 and have almost 200 people signed up to attend. If you have not already done so, please register. We need help getting sponsors for the event. We are reaching out to vendors and other local establishments to ask them to place an ad and sponsor the event. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting with this effort.

If you are interested in discussing a Legacy Gift, please contact Harold Dembo or me.

## HOUSE VP REPORT MARCH 2026 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

Carpeting and upgrading seating in Sanctuary. We are targeting this Summer for carpet replacement and possible seat replacement, if there are funds available for seat replacement. We are hoping to have quotes for carpet and maybe seats to bring to the Board in May. We will also likely put in a hearing loop when we put in new carpeting.


### Parsonages:

- a. Longvalley - fence replacement. We are replacing the fence that fell down. We reviewed quotes and picked a fencing company. The work will be starting shortly pending permit.
- b. 3538 River Falls - The committee allocated \$1000 for dishwasher replacement and approved front hallway tile replacement.

Lighting on Holocaust Memorial display. Men's Club is paying for placing

## PROGRAMMING VP REPORT MARCH 2026 BY STEVE ZAACKS


1. Please continue to refer to the CBS website for the full class schedule this year.
2. The ritual committee will meet Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>
3. Our distinguished speaker program continues April 30<sup>th</sup>. Online registration for the event will be required to attend.



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 30 2026 | 8:00 PM**

**- REGISTER AT: [tinyurl.com/CBSDSP2026](https://tinyurl.com/CBSDSP2026) -**

*Pre registration is required, NO WALK-IN registration will be accepted*

*Questions contact [ATaxer@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:ATaxer@bethshalomnb.org) or 847-498-4100 ext. 145*

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## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT MARCH 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- Thank you to Edna Schrank and Jackie Zelkowitz for all of their hard work with Pesach Kiddushim baking and cooking.
- Join us for a cooking demonstration and tasting with [Ami from Ami Shuk to Table](#) scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm.
- **Jan Blum Memorial Game Day** is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Cost is \$18 for members, \$25 for non-members Register here [Jan Blum Memorial Game Day Registration](#) to play Mahjong, Canasta, or Bridge.
- **Culminating, Installation and Valued Volunteer Dinner** will take place on Wednesday May 13. The theme is *Sustainability: Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice!* Our featured speaker is Farmer Gabriel Gould from *Soil & Soul*. He will teach us about Jewish regenerative farming, a system focused on food access and production guided by Jewish values. We will also be honoring our 2026 Valued Volunteer, Pam Schlosberg. Registration will be available soon.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! [franniegoldwin@gmail.com](mailto:franniegoldwin@gmail.com).