

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY STEVE ZAACKS

1. Please continue to refer to the CBS website for the full class schedule this year.
2. Our distinguished speaker program continues April 30th. Online registration for the event will be required to attend.

 **CONGREGATION
BETH SHALOM**

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS PROGRAM

**Join Us For an Evening with Two Leading Israeli
Security Experts--Past, Present, and Future**



Avner Avraham

Avner Avraham is a world-renowned lecturer, journalist, and curator specializing in Israel's most daring and successful international intelligence missions. He is best known for his work on "Operation Finale" the story of Adolf Eichmann's capture and trial, and has produced several historical and art exhibitions.



Amir Avivi

Amir Avivi served as a senior aide to Israel's top generals, helping shape government and defense policy at the highest levels. A frequent commentator and strategic advisor on the October 7 war and its aftermath, he is the founder and chairman of Israel's Defense and Security Forum (IDSF), a leading organization of senior Israeli security and defense professionals.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 2026 | 8:00 PM

- REGISTER AT: tinyurl.com/CBSDSP2026 -

Pre registration is required, NO WALK-IN registration will be accepted
Questions contact ATaxer@bethshalomnb.org or 847-498-4100 ext. 145

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY | FREE OF CHARGE

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MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY EDNA SCHRANK

We have gained three families as members since February to bring our total to 69.

Membership will have presence at the Distinguished Speaker, on April 30. It will be a good opportunity to interact with the community.

YOUTH VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

USY

We've had a wonderful Pesach with 2 Camp CBS Schechter Days and our Chaverim Chocolate Seder! There was incredible attendance at both programs and lots of Pesach fun. Here's what we have coming up:

- Thursday, April 16 USY is at Color Me Mine in the Glen
- Sunday, April 19 is the FYC Shabbaton Lunch
- Thursday, April 23 USY has our Annual Chili Cook Off

Families with Young Children

In March, we had 2 Ark Adventures and Let There Be Play, along with Shabbat With A Twist. All the programs ran smoothly and wonderfully.

Upcoming:

- Saturday, April 11: 2 Ark Adventures and Let There Be Play
- Friday, April 24: FYC Shabbat Dinner Experience
- Saturday, April 25: Shabbat With A Twist

Club Spark

We have our first new (not current) family registered for next year

We have 5 current families registered for next year

All 3 of the Northbrook school districts have our registration flyer posted in their Virtual Backpacks for parents

We're revving up our marketing and will have dates soon for Open Houses and Zoom info sessions

SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ

- CBS is once again collecting flower vases for Inspire Through Flowers from April 13th to May 12th. This organization inspires joy, creativity, and connection by creating beautiful bouquets from donated flowers and delivering them to healthcare patients and staff. Any questions please contact Jill Olefsky at jolefsky@aol.com
- Good Deeds Day on April 12th was a tremendous success; thanks to Suzy Hakimian and Carly Wallenstein for their hard work. CBS Religious School students participated in several projects in our building, some of which included making breakfast bags, Israel bracelets, and clothing/toiletry kits. Our older students and their parents took part in several different projects coordinated by Randy Simon, such as Keeping Families Covered in Waukegan, Fill A Heart 4 Kids in Lake Forest, Connections for the Homeless in Evanston, and the Heartland Animal Shelter in Wheeling.
 - From Carly: Good Deeds Day at CBS was filled with energy, learning, and meaningful action. Our K–5th grade students participated onsite, while our 6th grade Mechina students and their parents took part in several impactful offsite projects. Together, our community packed 100 bags for Shalva, prepared 200 breakfast bags for PADS, created hamsas for Tamarisk residents, assembled birthday boxes, and made flower pens for nurses. It was a truly special day of doing good and learning what it means to give back, made even more meaningful by the many wonderful volunteers who helped bring it all together.

SCHOOL VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- The K-2nd Shabbat Service and dinner was Friday, April 17th. The service began at 5:30 p.m. (it is a separate, age-appropriate service) followed by dinner at 6:15ish. We had about 200 people registered
- 6th and 7th grade students participated in the congregational Yom HaShoah program on April 14th.
- Registration for school is out. Early registration discount closes April 30th. There are other discounts this year for multiple students, paying in full and also registering for club spark. We already have over 60 students enrolled.
- Last Sunday of class is May 3rd. There will be a special closing program for all religious school families on that day from 11:15-noon.
- The search committee has been interviewing applicants for the director of the religious school. More to come soon.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT APRIL 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- **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. Register [HERE](#).
- At our May Sisterhood meeting, on Wednesday May 20, Aliza Weiner, Congregation Beth Shalom's JCFS Community Liaison, will speak to our members about the array of services, resources and support offered by JCFS.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! franniegoldwin@gmail.com.

HOUSE VP REPORT APRIL 2026 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

Carpeting and upgrading seating in Sanctuary:

We are still targeting this Summer for carpet replacement, a hearing loop and possible seat replacement. Jill Olefsky has been obtaining quotes and we will hopefully have a decision by the House Committee to bring to the Board for approval by the end of May.

Parsonages:

- a. 1712 Longvalley. The fence was replaced. There continues to be ongoing issues with this residence. There is a leaky roof, for which we are bringing in Roofers to assess. The air conditioning is failing and we are obtaining quotes for replacement.
- b. 3538 River Falls Drive. The new dishwasher was installed and replacement of the tiles in the front hall is ongoing.

Lighting on Holocaust Memorial display:

As stated in last month's report, this was approved.