



Men's Club Shabbat and Kavod Award Program



Scott Rogoff
CBS Men's Club 2026
Kavod Award Honoree

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22nd of Iyar, 5786
Parshat Behar-Bechukotai

Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom for the 2026/5786 Men's Club Shabbat!

We, the members of the award-winning Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom, are excited and honored to be leading this meaningful and spiritual Shabbat service. We are delighted to also present our 54th Kavod Honoree, Scott Rogoff. We are thrilled that you all are here to daven with us during this Shabbat.

Ron Rabinowitz, CBS Men's Club President

Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom!

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.

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Following services, please join us for kiddush luncheon and introduce yourself so we may personally greet you.

**Senior Rabbi David Chapman • Senior Cantor Steven Stoehr • Assistant Rabbi Jacki Honig
Sue Lampert, President • Rabbi Emeritus Carl Wolkin z'l**

Schedule of Services

In-Person & Live Stream

Sunday & Legal Holidays @ 8:45 AM

Monday-Friday @ 7:45 AM

Sunday-Thursday @ 7:45 PM

CBS has daily in-person Minyanim. Please take an active role in our community by helping us make Minyan every morning & evening.

This Week's Torah Reading

Parshat Behar-Bechukotai ♦ פָּרַשְׁת בְּהַר-בְּחֻקֹּתַי

Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Every seventh year is to be a "Sabbath of the Lord," a year of complete rest for the land. The Israelites will not be permitted to work their fields, but they will be allowed to gather and to share whatever the land produces. A Jubilee Year will occur every fiftieth year. It is a year of release for the land and all its inhabitants. During the Jubilee Year, the land is not to be sown or reaped - it is to lie fallow. The second half of this week's Torah portion, concluding the Book of Leviticus, is filled with blessings and curses. The blessings are a reward for adhering to God's commandments. The curses, on the other hand, are a consequence of disobedience to God. The Book of Leviticus concludes with several verses on tithes and the redemption of tithes, and with the statement: "These are the commandments that the Lord gave to Moses for the Israelite people on Mount Sinai." The portion concludes with a reminder to the people not to set up or worship idols, but to keep God's Sabbaths.

This Week's Haftarah Reading

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Jeremiah brings a warning to the Jewish people about the disasters to befall them if they do not follow the Torah. One who places his trust in mortals rather than in God is compared to "a lone tree in the wilderness," a tree forced to endure the harshness of the arid desert. But the person who puts his trust in God is blessed; God will be his security. That person is like "a tree that is planted near water, which will spread its roots alongside brooks . . . whose foliage will be ever fresh, who will not worry in years of drought and will never stop producing fruit." The Haftarah ends with a message of hope. No matter how dark the present, the covenant of the Patriarchs remains intact; hope and healing will yet come, for God is our salvation. This week's Haftarah parallels the Torah reading in warning the Jewish people that disaster is likely to befall them if they do not follow the teachings of God as expressed in Torah. Both the Torah reading and Haftarah describe the consequences of not following the Torah and blessings of a life guided by God's teachings.

Congregational Gifts for S'machot

B'nai Mitzvah receive gifts from the congregation, Sisterhood, Men's Club, JUF, the Youth Commission and Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.

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Synagogue Etiquette

In keeping with the spirit of Shabbat and to respect your fellow worshipers, please refrain from taking photographs, smoking and writing. If you must be accessible, please set your phone on silent. Please do not use your cell phone anywhere inside the building.

If you have any questions, please see one of our volunteer Shabbat Ambassadors or Greeters.

We invite you to visit www.BethShalomNB.org for more information about Beth Shalom and our many events, classes and programs happening throughout the year! **All CBS religious services are live streamed.**

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Acknowledgements

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Kavod Award Recipients

David Shapiro *	1973	Sherwin Meyers	2000
Marshall Graff *	1974	Arlen Lasinsky	2001
Leonard Silverman *	1975	Michael Balter	2002
Marvin Dishler *	1976	Jim Donenberg	2003
Leonard Mason	1977	Glen Roter	2004
Herb Rosenstein *	1978	Michael Schnitzler	2005
Harry Zale *	1979	Howard Freidin	2006
Art Small	1980	Marc Weinstein	2007
Lester Kurnick *	1981	Larry Levin	2008
Howard Michaels *	1982	Harold Dembo	2009
Henry Rabinowitz	1983	Michael Greenberg	2010
Fred Katzenstein *	1984	Jerry Agrest *	2011
George Platt	1985	Bruce Bell	2012
Howard Sinton *	1986	Larry Grossman	2013
Fred Fisher	1987	Steven Elisco	2014
Norman Yudewitz *	1988	Robert Spector	2015
Joel Greenman	1989	Kevin Braude	2016
Marty Kahn *	1990	Brad Shaps	2017
Elliot Goldman	1991	Lee Shulman	2018
Fred Hakimian *	1992	Arnie Hoffman *	2019
Steve Lessman	1993	Raymond Rokni	2020
Eugene Chodash *	1994	David Hakimian	2021
Jack Knopoff	1995	Lawrence LeVine	2022
Saul Leibowitz	1996	Norman Padnos	2023
Stuart Horwitz *	1997	Randall Samborn	2024
Robert Marder	1998	Gary Solomon	2025
Joseph Kitzes *	1999	Scott Rogoff	2026

*of blessed memory

For dedicated service to the Congregation
 For unselfish giving to the Community
 For time and energy unlimited
 For devotion to God
 For exemplifying the highest ideals of our People

FJMC Man of the Year Recipients

Elliot Goldman	1992	Neal Golden	2004	Howard Freidin	2016
Fred Hakimian *	1993	Bruce Bell	2005	Dan Sher	2017
Steve Lessman	1994	Harold Dembo	2006	Harvey Redfern	2018
Eugene Chodash *	1995	Raymond Rokni	2007	Howard Jacob	2019
Jack Knopoff	1996	Neal Blustein *	2008	Don Pike	2020
Robert Marder	1997	Randall Samborn	2009	Scott Rogoff	2021
Jim Donenberg	1998	Glen Roter	2010	Richard Kurnick *	2022
Marc Weinstein	1999	Larry Grossman	2011	Neil Rosengard	2023
Arlen Lasinsky	2000	Alan Medansky *	2012	Steven Elisco	2024
Michael Greenberg	2001	Abe Drayer	2013	Jerry Agrest *	2025
Alan Hurwick *	2002	Kevin Braude	2014	Andrew Wagner	2026
Larry Levin	2003	Bradley Shaps	2015		

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George Platt	Steven Lessman	Raymond Rokni
Marty Kahn *	Glen Roter	Scott Rogoff
Harry Zale *	Marc Weinstein	Dan Sher
Alan Redman *	Arlen Lasinsky	Steven Elisco
Robert Lipshultz	Michael Greenberg	Steven Lessman
Eugene Chodash *	Jim Donenberg	Andrew Wagner
		Bob Goldwin
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The Men's Club encourages all adult male synagogue members to participate. Dues for first year synagogue members are free. For more information, please contact our Membership Vice President, Mitch Padnos.

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The Workings of Men's Club

The Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club provides an opportunity to meet new people, see old friends, and enjoy good times, all while being of service to the synagogue and the community. We sponsor programs to entertain and educate. We assist with many arms of the Synagogue, but most importantly, the Men's Club promotes Brotherhood. We encourage all members of the Congregation Beth Shalom Community to attend our many events which include but are not limited to Sunday Breakfasts, Erev Thanksgiving, and Steaks in the Sukkah.

The following are recently completed and planned activities for the remainder of the year:

Sunday Breakfasts

Throughout the year, the CBS Men's Club provides breakfasts one or two Sundays a month. We either bring in our own speaker or we provide breakfast in support of Carl Schrag and Israel in Depth.

Steaks in the Sukkah: October 12, 2025

One of our yearly events, the members of the Men's Club host a meal of freshly grilled steaks and tasty side dishes in the wonderful outdoor Sukkah at Beth Shalom. This year we enjoyed our wonderful meal while watching the Green Bay Packers take on the Cincinnati Bengals.

Erev Thanksgiving: November 26, 2025

This is one of our flagship events. Each year on the night before Thanksgiving, the Men's Club hosts a night of family fun and food. This year the Game Show Gurus offered BINGO and dancing to Beth Shalom to entertain kids of all ages.



Social Events

This year, the Men's Club offered Axe Throwing and a pizza party to kick off the March Madness basketball tournament. These events allow us to enjoy our camaraderie and attract new members.

World Wide Wrap: February 8, 2026

As a great way to kick off Super Bowl Sunday, the Men's Club was one of over 200 congregations across the world to participate in the World Wide Wrap in conjunction with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. The tradition of wrapping tefillin, combined with an educational service, was a memorable experience.

Purim Carnival: March 1, 2026

CBS Men's Club was again an integral part of the yearly Purim Carnival. We are always thrilled to be able to lend a helping hand (or hands) and take care of cooking and providing the food.

Lox Box/Deli Box Fundraiser: March 8, 2026

We changed our yearly fundraiser by adding a deli box option, which was very well received. This year, we sold 1400 boxes for your homes, as gifts, and for donations which go directly to the Ark, CJE, and to local First Responders. It was a wonderful fundraiser and fun event for all involved.

Sukkah

For the enjoyment of the entire congregation and to help with the fulfillment of the Mitzvah of the festival, the Men's Club constructs the congregation's sukkah each year, which is used for holiday celebrations and as a classroom by the school.

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program

This was our 34th year honoring the Six Million by making Israeli-made Holocaust Memorial Candles available to all Beth Shalom families and college students to light on Erev Yom HaShoah.

CBS Youth Scholarships

The Men's Club's Youth Scholarship Fund helps subsidize our youth attending regional and international conventions.

Student Opportunity Scholarship Fund at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

The Men's Club fulfilled their commitment to raise \$10,000 in three years to provide funds for students to visit the IHMEC. Despite fulfilling the commitment, the Men's Club will continue to raise funds for this worthy endeavor through its Yom HaShoah yellow candle program.

Upcoming Synagogue Events

May 12	Jewish Heritage Program
May 13	Sisterhood Culminating Dinner
May 16	Graduation Shabbat Service
May 18	CBS Annual Meeting
May 21	Erev Shavuot, Main office closes at noon
May 21	Shavuot Programming
May 22	Shavuot, Main office closed
May 23	Shavuot and Shabbat services with Yizkor
May 25	Memorial Day, Main office closed

This Week's Yahrzeits

May 9 – 22 Iyar	May 10 – 23 Iyar	May 11 – 24 Iyar	May 12 – 25 Iyar
Harry Abrams Molly Basofin Henry Budweg Lee Elliott Rose Held Nathan Kirshenbaum Ruth Lieberman Lena Ofengender Fannie Rabinowitz Irene Slotky Morris Vodiano Suzanne Wilensky Elsie Zeidman	Meyer Cohen Kenneth Deutsch Belle Goldin Alice Katzenstein Joyce Leven Jean Maxwell Irving Rosenberg	Harold Crafton Gertrude Dubin Grace Vento Friend Benjamin Gruenberg Calvin Kramer Gillian Krieger Rubin Levin Eugene Levin Ben Mandel Ira David Sokol Mary Steinberg Burton Stern Kenneth Weiss	Pearl Albin Jeanne Goldberg Brian Harris Selma Hirsch Arthur Hoover Louis Iglarsh Ann Lewis Jodi Polikov Harry Ripes Reva Schoichet Raymond Schwartz Jerome Morton Shapiro Gertrude Sideman
May 13 – 26 Iyar	May 14 – 27 Iyar	May 15 – 28 Iyar	
Nathan Bloom Rose Carp Sol Dolin Idelle Feldman Hymond Getzberg Morris Gitlitz Zelda Leff Lawrence Levine Lawrence Rosner Gertrude Ross Lillian Kass Simels David Nathan Slosky Emanuel Wexler	Rose Block Steven Blum Kathleen Jo Checker Louis Cooper Isadore Gentner Shirley Holab Harry Kaplan Louis Karlinsky Nessie Kessler Bernard Kuzan Andrea Medin Barbara Nissen Nathan S. Rabens Bennett Shulman Gloria Shwachman	Florence Baruck Lillian Fischer Esther Fogelson Samuel Goldman Perle Heftman Jack Hochwarter Pearl Iglarsh Carol Keller Eddie Miller Betty Steiner Herbert Wulf	

The Kiddush is co-hosted by: The Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club in honor of our Kavod Award Winner, Scott Rogoff, the Congregation, the Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood, and the Laven Family Shabbat Celebration Fund.

Men's Club Prayer

Our God and God of our Ancestors, *Elohei v'elohei avoteinu*, on this Men's Club Shabbat, we express gratitude to our Creator for allowing us to gather together in safety and community.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Congregation Beth Shalom through supporting our programming, expanding our reach, and serving as mentors to the next generation.

We are blessed to serve as a conduit of Your divine nourishment through the many ways we sustain our community through food.

As it says in Your Torah, “*I'dor vador nigid godlekha*,” we must proclaim your greatness from generation to generation. So, God, we ask for Your help in engaging the next generation in leadership of Men's Club.

Help us continue to expand programming and resources to support our neighbors and the broader Jewish community, here and in Israel.

As our sages say, “In times of prosperity, all men become brothers.” Please help us attain prosperity so all of us can enjoy the blessings of brotherhood, fellowship and dedication.

God, we ask for Your blessing on our Men's Club, its leaders, and this entire congregation. Amen.

Steven Elisco and Rabbi David Chapman, 2023

- Engage members to participate and support Congregation Beth Shalom, our programs, and activities
- Encourage and develop a spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood
- Provide social and intellectual programs and activities for our enjoyment, education and growth
- Enhance and support the Jewish spiritual life of our members, their families, and our community

CBS Men's Club: Winner of two **gold** and two **silver** TORCH awards at the 2025 FJMC International Convention!



If you are interested in being a part of our community, please contact Michael Garlin, Executive Director.



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