

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

The distinguished speaker event this Fall will be Olympic Champion Kerri Strug who famously landed the gold winning vault on a broken ankle to give the United States woman's gymnastics team their first team gold medal in the 1996 Olympics. Kerri will be discussing her life as a Jewish Athlete and the perseverance and resilience she learned through her life as a Jewish individual. The event is scheduled for October 18, 2026 with families with young children having an hour with her from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and adults and young adults from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the event.

The scholar in residence is program is the last weekend in January and it will be in conjunction with Temple Beth El Highland Park. The scholar in residence is Judah Cohen. More on that event in later reports.

SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY ELLEN GROSSMAN

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Hunger Free Northbrook. Contact Leatte Gelfeld 312-310-6950 leatteg@gmail.com
- Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago for Rosh Hashanah. Contact Joellyn Stoliar (847) 674-3224 jstoliar@maotchitim.org

DEVELOPMENT VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY RAY ROKNI

It is important to start the first Development report with a bit of explanation (since we have changed the name from Fundraising). Over 30% of CBS annual budget is from past and present Development activities.

- A. Past Fundraising contributions - We draw 15% of CBS budget from prior year fundraising including EETP (~20 years old), Hinenu (~10 years old), Various restricted and unrestricted Funds, Safer Haftorah fund.
- B. 2026-27 Fundraising objectives - We plan to raise 15% of CBS budget from fundraising activities such as High Holiday Appeal, Circle of Giving (COG), Annual Event (May 16th), Yankee Clipper, Plaques, Bricks, Leaves, bulletin donations and gift cards.

There are also other sources of funds which are not directly in the 2026-27 budget but as important:

- 1- **Create a Jewish Legacy** - We will have a strategy meeting to begin organizing the Legacy Campaign after High Holidays.
- 2- Camp Spark - we need a matching fund donor for 2026-27
- 3- CBS Naming Opportunities
- 4- Special Project ask

Circle of Giving – There are currently 25 members in the Circle Of Giving for 2026-27. We will surpass the \$200K budget target for this year. Thank you to Jill and Debbie for being the stewards of COG. We have identified 15 CBS events and programs that the COG families will be invited to.

2026-27 Annual Event - We are coordinating our effort with the 59th year celebration committee for a memorable and fun event scheduled for May 16, 2027. Initial thoughts are a throwback event with music and dancing. More to come.

Planning for 2027-28 (60th) - we are also thinking about the next year Development since it is CBS 60th. here is discussion around a capital campaign that can help with two sets of CBS current and future expenses. We anticipate start of this effort in 1Q27 with formation of the 60th Campaign committee with possibly two objectives:

- Increase Building fund - There are many expected and expensive expenditure with the CBS building.
- Address annual budget subsidies - There are two areas within CBS annual budget that has always run with deficit. CBS religious school expenses has always been subsidized by Over \$150K annually and we expect that CBS cost of Security will also end up being subsidized due to increased security expenses.

The next Development Committee meeting is in September. Please let me know if you are willing to be part of the committee to help with one or more of the initiatives for this year.

HOUSE VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ

- The tree branch that fell along the SE edge of the CBS building has been removed from our property.
- Carpeting in the sanctuary is on hold due to color selection/availability issues.
- Hearing Loop will be (or was) installed in Dickler and Rosner on 8/18 - 8/20.
- Michael Garlin is checking on the status of re-stuffing the seats in the sanctuary.
- Issues addressed with the Parsonages include:
 - Freezer issues at 3505 River Falls
 - Roof/water issues at Longvalley residence

RITUAL VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY JILL OLEFSKY

- The next Ritual Committee meeting is Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in Dickler Hall.
- Thank you to all of our Board members who signed up to attend daily minyanim in July and August. Your participation is greatly appreciated and helps strengthen our community. Unfortunately, there were many times there was no minyan.
- We have openings and need to see more Board members participate. Now is the time to sign up for two or more daily minyanim through October using the QR code below or use this link: <https://calendly.com/cbsritualvp/cbs-daily-minyan>

SCHOOL VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY ROZ MOKHTARIAN

- Welcome Tab Scribner, our Director of Religious School. We are thrilled to have you with us.
- We have added a weekly Pre K class and a monthly Parent-Tot class. These classes are now open to non-members at a higher rate.
- New this year, each grade Pre K-5th will have one Mishpacha Family Moments Program. Families will join their children to explore Jewish holidays, values and traditions through interactive activities and conversations. These moments deepen learning and strengthen connections across families, students and our CBS community.
- There are currently 189 students registered for Religious School. This number is expected to increase with last-minute registrations.
- We are pleased to add 9 new members to our vibrant School Committee. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th.
- The Faculty Opening Meeting is Sunday, August 16th.
- The first day of Religious School is Sunday, August 23rd. The day will include a welcome ceremony, opportunities to meet the director and the teachers, a curriculum fair and a candy scavenger hunt. The day will end with the Kona Ice truck.
- We look forward to a fun and meaningful year of learning.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN



Our Opening Dinner will take place on Wednesday September 2 at 6:00 pm. Please join us as we laugh our way into the new year with entertainment by *Bad Jewish Momz of Comedy* [Register TODAY for Sisterhood Opening Event](https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/event/sisterhood-opening-event.html)

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- Orders for **High Holiday Challah Sales** are being accepted now through September 3. Challahs will be available to pick up on Thursday September 10 from 11 am - 1 pm at CBS. [Order High Holiday Challahs today!](https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/event/last-day-of-sisterhood-challah-and-marble-cake-sale.html) **OR** <https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/event/last-day-of-sisterhood-challah-and-marble-cake-sale.html> Please contact Sandi Abel with any questions: patchabel@aol.com.
- Our current **2026-2027 calendar** can be accessed here: [2026 2027 CBS Sisterhood Calendar](https://bethshalomnb.org/connect/sisterhood/2023-2024-calendar/) **OR** <https://bethshalomnb.org/connect/sisterhood/2023-2024-calendar/>
- The **Louis Gurvitz Memorial Sisterhood Judaica Shop** will be open 1-2 Sundays a month when Religious School is in session, from 10 am - Noon, and during special events during the year. We are in need of volunteers to help operate the shop. Please consider volunteering! You can sign up here: [Volunteer in the Judaica Shop!](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/53500834042/false#/invitation) **OR** <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/53500834042/false#/invitation>
If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jenny Schneider at jennyschneider525@gmail.com.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! franniegoldwin@gmail.com.

YOUTH VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

Goals for the 2026-2027 Year

- 1) Rebuild USY
- 2) Build a Vibrant Community Where Young Families want to Be
- 3) Nurture Lifelong Jewish Connections
- 4) Inspire Leadership and Shared Ownership

Families With Young children - Upcoming dates

8/20 Family Challah Bake 5:30-7:00pm
8/22 Family Shabbat Service 11:15am-12:00pm
8/29 Birth-5th grade Youth Shabbat Programming 10:00am-12:00pm
9/12 Camp Shofar 9:00a m-11:15am (K- 5th grade) CBS Classrooms
9/12 Ark Adventures RH 1st Seating 9:00am-10:00am (birth -5 with families) Northbrook Community Center
9/12 Hands-on High Holidays Drop in 10- 12Pm (ages 3-7 & families)
9/12 10:00am -12:30pm RH childcare (ages 3-4)
9/12 11:00-am 12:00pm Ark Adventures RH 2nd seating (birth-5 with families) Northbrook Community Center
9/12 11:30am-12:30pm Days of Awesome Family Program (3rd-5th grade & Families) Gloss Youth Lounge
9/13 9:00am- 10:00am Families with Young Children Services (ages birth-2nd grade & families) Gloss Youth Lounge
9/13 10:00am-12:30pm RH Childcare (ages 3-4) Gloss Youth Lounge
9/19 11:15am-12:00pm Family Service
9/20 6:00pm-8:00pm Kol Nidre Childcare (ages 3-7)

USY Upcoming Dates

9/3 7:00pm- 9:00pm Lounge Night
9/12 11:00am-12:00pm Rosh Club (6th-7th grade)
9/17 7:00pm- 9:00pm Lounge Night

Club Spark

Club Spark's 1st day is Wednesday August 19th and there are 10 kids that are registered.

Don't forget to sign up for Yom Beth Shalom Welcome Back Dinner On Sunday August 30th

MENS CLUB REPORT AUGUST 2026 RON RABINOWITZ

Proposed Men's Club Events 2026

- **August 30** – Sukkah Build
- **September 3** – **RANDY MERKIN Opening Dinner** (Crew)
- **October 1** – Steaks in the Sukkah
 - [Cigar Roller Chicago](#)
 - Whiskey, tequila, or Israeli wine tasting
 - Jersey raffle
- **October 11** – Men's Club Breakfast – **Israel in Depth**
- **October 18** – **Open for Program**
 - Author Visit
- **November 15** – Men's Club Breakfast
 - **Open for Program**
 - **Antisemitism Program**
- **November 22** – Men's Club Breakfast
 - **Open for Program**
 - Gun Range?
- **November 25** – Men's Club Erev Thanksgiving
 - BINGO?
 - Drums / Jesse White
 - Sing-along movie night
- **December 13** – **Bears Bash**

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY EDNA SCHRANK

- Shabbat Under the Sky on July 10th and August 7th were successful.
- Havdalah Under the Stars was on July 25th - Year 59th Committee members shared stories, reminiscing of early CBS years.
- Ravinia Night was canceled, as a group due to lack of response. People could gather if going.

The CBS Membership Application has been streamlined, to make the application process simpler. Staff will follow up with more detailed information. The Membership Committee will contact the new members and personally invite them to events including the Community Dinner following Yom Beth Shalom Dinner, on August 30