

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

As stated in my prior report, 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 are still 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 SEPTEMBER 2026 BY ELLEN GROSSMAN

Social Action Committee is ***mobilizing***...with many opportunities to help others in and around our community.

Thank you everyone who brought in food for the ARK. It is truly a Mitzvah. Thank you to Fern Roseman and Jan Obrand for sorting it and getting the kosher food organized for the ARK and the non-kosher food to the pantry.

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FROM THE ARK

We are scheduling adult groups to come to our pantry warehouse in Lincolnwood during the month of **October** to help us inspect, organize and shelf donations that are coming in after the holidays. I want to invite you to sign up with a group from Social Action (or another committee) to join us. This is a hands-on active team building opportunity that makes a direct impact on our Food Security Program, which serves 1000 Jewish households a month in the Greater Chicagoland Area.

We have a couple of shifts open on October 8, October 14, or October 28. A minimum of 10 people is required, and a max of 15 works best in the space. If this is of interest to you, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can get a spot held for you.

Thank you for all that you and CBS do to support The Ark. Wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy New Year.

From Dawn Director of Community Engagement and Programs

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. I AM STARTING A LIST FOR THIS WORTHWHILE OPPORTUNITY. THANKS

Our first meeting will be October 5th on Zoom. Please join us. Let me know if you are interested and I will send you the link.

OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

Please bring any unopened holiday candy to the shul from November 1 - November 8. These donations will be distributed to The Ark Northwest and many local food pantries.



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Join us this holiday season in bringing joy to our community while strengthening belonging and well-being among children and families. Here are the ways you and/or your synagogue, school, workplace, or community can help this season. For more information email WinterProjects@JCFS.org. JCFS Chicago is a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community. We welcome people of all backgrounds. Our commitment to belonging is woven throughout our services, programs and welcoming workplace. Gift Drop Off Drop off **unwrapped gifts** by Wednesday, December 2 at the JCFS Seigle Building 5140 Golf Road, Skokie Mondays-Thursdays | 9am- 5pm Fridays | 9am-4pm

Sponsor a Child's Wish Choose to sponsor one or more children and fulfill their gift wishes.

- You will be matched with a child or teen.
- We will provide the child's detailed wish list to help with shopping. (Wish slips will be available beginning in October.)
- You don't have to buy everything on the list, but the goal is to spend \$100 per child.

Gift Collection Hold a gift collection at your synagogue or in the community for new, unwrapped gifts.

- JCFS will arrange a pickup for collections of 50 or more gifts.
- Gift cards are also welcomed (in amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100). They are greatly appreciated so children and families can get exactly what they want.

To sponsor a child, register for a gift collection/drive, or make a monetary donation, please contact us WinterProjects@JCFS.org.

SCHOOL VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 BY ROZ MOKHTARIAN

- Thanks to the amazing leadership of Tab Scribner and Carly Wallenstein along with our dedicated teachers, our Religious School year is off to a great start.
- There are currently 207 students enrolled in religious school. This is our largest enrollment since before Covid.
- Religious School Sukkot Edition will take place on September 27th during regular scheduled class time. Students will participate in a chag-friendly day of Religious School including music and tefillah. They will also participate in a tikkun olam project, Cereal in the Sukkah. Students will have the opportunity to have a snack of cereal in the sukkah and we will be collecting cereal boxes that will be donated to the Northfield Food Pantry.
- There have been many changes to our typical Religious School schedule due to the High Holidays. Our schedule will go back to our typical Tuesday and Saturday/Sunday schedule after Simchat Torah.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 BY EDNA SCHRANK

We have started the year with 21 family units. We were fortunate to meet four of them at the Yom Beth Shalom dinner.

Our tradition is that New Members receive an honor during Aleinu on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Three will be honored then.

I will update the numbers and demographics as soon as that information is shared with me.

Shanah Tovah

YOUTH VP REPORT AUGUST 2026 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

Families With Young Children

What an incredible start to the year for Youth & Family Engagement at CBS!

Our High Holiday season was filled with so many meaningful opportunities for children and families to celebrate, learn, pray, and connect together. On Rosh Hashanah, our families enjoyed Camp Shofar, Ark Adventures, Hands-On High Holidays, Days of Awesome, our Families with Young Children Service, and Tefillah & Tikkun. From joyful holiday experiences for our youngest participants to prayer, learning, and hands-on social action for our older children and families, it was wonderful to see so many members of our community engaged throughout the holiday. We had record numbers of participants in all programs.

The excitement began even before Rosh Hashanah with our Family Challah Bake at the end of August, which was a huge success and a beautiful way for families to come together as we headed into the new year.

We are also thrilled to welcome Alyssa Arkin, our new Director of Youth & Family Engagement! Alyssa has truly hit the ground running, bringing wonderful energy and enthusiasm to our community. Our USY teens have already held their first meeting of the year, and we are excited to see our teen community continue to grow and connect.

Families With Young children - Upcoming dates

9/19 Family Shabbat Services 11:15-12:00pm

9/25 Family Sukkah Decorating 5:00-6:00pm

9/26 Family Shabbat Service 11:15-12pm

10/3 Family Shabbat Services 11:15-12:00pm

10/3 Simchat Torah with Ice Cream 6-9pm

10/10 Shabbat Journeys: Birth -5th grade 10am-12:pm

10/17 Family Shabbat Service 11:15-12:00pm

10/17 Grandparent Havdalah 6:00pm-8:00pm

USY Upcoming Dates

10/8 USY Lounge Night 7:00-9:00pm

10/11 Gesher (6th-8th grade) Youth Program 12:00-2:00pm

10/22 USY Lounge Night 7:00-9:00pm

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Club Spark

Club Spark has 13 kids with 42 spots filled/week—so more 4 days a week Sparklers.

We'll be adding a one day/week option for Club Spark as soon as we can get the website and registration set up.

We have additional marketing initiatives as well including:

- Spark Buddy System: Sparklers can bring a friend for a day of Club Spark to try it out (arrangements made ahead of time)
- Sparkler-Give-It-A-Go: Interested parents can arrange for their child to try Club Spark for a day
- Tour de Club Spark: Interested parents can tour Club Spark and observe for part of an afternoon
- We've picked up another school bringing the total number of schools we pick up to 7
- An article about Club Spark is coming out next month in Northbrook Living magazine and perhaps Glenview Living as well.

Please sign up for Sukkah Fest 2026 Monday September 28th 5-7:30pm.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- We distributed more than 25 Shalom Bags to welcome new members who joined the synagogue between April and August 2026. Many were given out during Yom Beth Shalom and some were personally delivered to members homes. Thanks to Leslie Sigale and Beth Sher (Sisterhood Membership Vice Presidents); Rachael Fenton and Stefanie Bregman (Shalom Bags Coordinators); and Jill Hartzman (Membership Outreach) for their help organizing this initiative and delivering bags.
- We are proud to be sponsoring a luncheon on Friday, October 9, for residents of *Village Center*, one of the CJE SeniorLife communities in Skokie. This is a tradition CBS Sisterhood has been involved with for many years. After taking a year off, we are honored to be teaming once again with CJE SeniorLife. Thanks to Jen Freels for representing Sisterhood and supporting the luncheon that day. If anybody else would like to help with set up and serving, please contact me franniegoldwin@gmail.com or Jen at JFreels@shalom2.com for details.
- Our **Annual Holiday Boutique** will take place on Sunday, November 1. Robyn Rosengard and Leatte Gelfeld have once again arranged to have many fabulous vendors with a wide variety of merchandise. Please come and shop and bring your family and friends. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Judaica Shop tables that day. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/53500834042/false#/invitation>
- Our Annual Torah Fund Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, at 10 am. We will be celebrating the 2026-2027 Torah Fund theme, **Shema Koleinu, Hear our Voice**, as well as the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first Conservative female cantor. Brunch will be served and Tab Scribner will be our honored speaker as she shares about her journey to Jewish life. Please contact Diane Halivni with any questions: dianehalivni@gmail.com. Registration is now open. There is no charge to attend, with a minimum give to Torah Fund of \$18. Register **today!** Or use this link. <https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/event/sisterhood-torah-fund-program1.html>
- To donate to Torah Fund, follow this link: <https://wlcjmembers.org/torahfund/>
- On Wednesday, November 11, we will be partnering with JCFS for an educational program open to all: **Navigating the Tough Talks: Communication Strategies for Families Facing Aging Issues**. Plan to arrive at 6:30 for light appetizers and drinks, and the program will start at 7:00. There is no cost to attend, but please register so we can plan appropriately: <https://tinyurl.com/SHWRR> . You can contact Laura Green with any questions: lbmjgreen@yahoo.com

Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! franniegoldwin@gmail.com

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 BY RAY ROKNI

Development Committee is not just about an annual event. It takes a lot of planning and involvement with existing as well as future fundraising activities. These include: Circle of Giving (COG); Annual Event (May 16th); Member contribution and purchase of Plaques, Bricks, Leaves; bulletin donations and gift cards. Approaching members in order to Create a Jewish Legacy as well as CBS Naming Opportunities and fundraising for Special Projects.

We need board members engagement in these efforts. Please join us and be part of the Development committee.

Circle of Giving – There are currently 26 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. The next two events are Sukafest in September and Distinguished Speaker in October.

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 throw back 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.