PROGRAMMING VP REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

By the time of our meeting, we will have completed our first distinguished speaker event of the year with Kerri Strug last night. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended last night for what was hopefully a great 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.

SCHOOL VP REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY ROZ MOKHTARIAN

- September was a great success fitting 6 sessions of Religious School into the month along with the High Holidays.
- Religious School- Sukkot Edition included tefillah, tikkun olam projects and cereal in the sukkah. The highlight of the day was when all Pre-K-5th grade students went on the bimah to receive a blessing.
- Our monthly Parent/Tot class met for the first time 10/11.
- Rabbi Chapman led an Israel Advocacy Program for parents and teens on Sunday 10/11.
- We will have our first two Mishpacha Family Moments programs for 5th grade and Kindergarten on October 18th and 25th respectively. 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.

YOUTH VP REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY: ROBYN ROSENGARD

On September 28, our CBS families enjoyed the annual Sukkahfest where we had 120 people. We had dinner in the sukkah, followed by fun stations including a sensory table, a mystery Ushpizin box, Sukkot Bingo, and of course the very popular edible sukkah building station. We ended the night with apple desserts!

On October 8, we had a great USY lounge night. Our teens met at Pinstripes for bowling and had a blast! The next USY lounge night will have special guest Rabbi Honig leading.

On Saturday, October 10, we had our second Shabbat Journeys program where our children and families learned about Bereshit, had Tefillah/music and spent a beautiful Shabbat morning at CBS. Our next Shabbat Journeys is on October 24th where we will also have Ar

Families With Young children - Upcoming dates
10-17 Family Shabbat Service 11:15am-12:00pm
10-24 Ark Adventures 9:30-10:30 and 11:00am-12:00pm
11-5 Family Challah Bake @5:30pm
11-6 Families with young Children Shabbat Dinner @5pm
11-7 Family Shabbat Service @11:15am
11-13 Camp CBS Shabbat 3rd grade and up. Siblings are welcome @7pm
11-14 K-5th grade Youth Shabbat morning program
11-14 Ark Adventures @11am-12:pm

USY Upcoming Dates
10-22 USY Lounge NIght 7-9pm
10-25 Nizanim K-212-2pm Pizza and Bowling
10-25 Chaverim 3rd- 5th Grade Pizza and Bowling
11-5 USY Lounge Nigh 7-9pm
11-15 Gesher 6th-8th grade Youth Program 12:15-2:15pm

Club Spark.

- We're offering Election Day Camp Spark with a Choose Your Own Adventure Theme to not only our Sparklers, not only the Congregation but to the greater community
- We're opening up the Club Spark weekly schedule for parents to choose 1 day a week
- We're offering Schechter families Friday early dismissal coverage (they will need to register for Club Spark)
- Parents who are interested in Club Spark can either send their child to Club Spark for free for a day and/or come and observe Club Spark
- Sparklers can bring a friend for a day for free to try us out

- We've had a short article about Club Spark come out in Northbrook Living newsletter and that will be followed by a full feature (not sure of date) with interviews with 3 Club Spark families, Rabbi Chapman, Josh and myself
- We're looking at "piggybacking" on a CBS Saturday evening program so we would have the security we need to do a Club Spark After Dark movie and a fun night open to the public.
- We have a new substitute teacher, Marcy Howell, teacher, social worker currently working at Little Ones in the 2-year-old classroom
- I'm going to the JASA conference on October 18th and was honored to be one of the 12 on the planning committee for the conference
- Our numbers are currently the same as the last report (13 Sparklers/42 spaces/7 schools).

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- 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. **When the Roles Reverse: How to Have Difficult Conversations with Aging Parents.** 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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY EDNA SCHRANK

We had a brainstorming session, at our October Membership Committee meeting, regarding our contacting the new members. The demographic information on these 34 new members is not available now. As soon as Edna receives them, she will reach out to the committee to make calls.
We are inviting the new members to the Havdalah Coffee on November 14 as our guests.

SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY ELLEN GROSSMAN

We had a great meeting in October and have planned events for each month. The best way to help others is to give them what they need. So please help where you can.

UNWRAPPED TOYS AND/ OR GIFT CARDS ($25-$50-$100)



FOR JCFS

NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS

FOR ChesedChicago

LEFT-OVER HOLIDAY CANDY



FOR THE ARK NORTHWEST AND OTHER PANTRYS

For all collections, please look for the appropriate box across from the coatroom.

Questions? Ellen Grossman at elkie17@gmail.com

MENS CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT OCTOBER 2026 BY RON RABINOWITZ

- Steaks in the Sukkah was a smashing success with over 65 attendees – it was warm welcoming and inside due to the rain

- **Upcoming Events & Planning**
    - Antisemitism Breakfast
    - Randy Merkin Breakfast
    - Erev Thanksgiving
    - Bears Bash
    - Scotch Tasting in January
    - WWWrap