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## **TEL AVIV ON FIRE** תל אביב על האש

*Sunday, November 10, 2019*

*4:30 pm @ The ArLight Cinemas (The Glen)*

A Palestinian and an Israeli walk into a military checkpoint on the West Bank...It may not sound like a promising setup for a punchline, but in **Tel Aviv on Fire**, director Sameh Zoabi will still make you laugh. One spoiler: Tel Aviv does not burst into flames. But Salam's (Kais Nashif) career might. Salam is a hapless 40-something Palestinian who has just landed a small job on a soap opera, thanks to the generosity—or pity—of the producer (who also happens to be his uncle). Gangly and unkempt, Salam drives blearily to the studio each morning through a military checkpoint between his home in Jerusalem and work in Ramallah. An encounter at the checkpoint with an Israeli captain, Assi (Yaniv Biton), catapults Salam to a new job as a writer, with the secret condition that Assi will exert control over the script. But tensions flare when Assi and the show's Arabic financial backers disagree on the show's ending. Salam finds himself trapped in a political minefield: a predicament nearly as absurd as, well, something you'd watch on TV.

**WINNER:** *Best Israeli Film, Haifa International Film Festival, 2018*

### **Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema**

is the largest showcase of Israeli films in the Midwest.

For information on all the features, documentaries, shorts, and to buy tickets, go to [www.israelifilmchi.org](http://www.israelifilmchi.org).

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE.

If you love films, be sure to come to our Congregation Beth Shalom film series, Havdalah, Dinner & a Movie.



# SATURDAY

## Havdalah, Dinner & a Movie



Join us as we examine three films exploring the complex dynamics of faith and relationships.

**November 16, 2019: *The Cakemaker* | Director, Ophir Raul Graizer, 2017**

In this critically acclaimed sweeping romance, Thomas, a young German baker, has an affair with Oren, a married Israeli man. After Oren unexpectedly dies in a car crash, Thomas travels to Jerusalem seeking answers about his death. Under a fake identity, Thomas enters the life of Anat, his lover's newly widowed wife. There, he begins to work for Anat, baking pastries that bring her café to vibrant life. Thomas becomes deeply involved in her life beyond his own expectation and stretches the lie about himself to a point of no return.

**ISRAEL'S OFFICIAL ENTRY:**

91<sup>st</sup> Academy Awards for Best Foreign Language Film

**January 11, 2020: *Working Women* | Director, Michal Aviad, 2018**

With her husband's restaurant business in jeopardy, a mother of three gets a job as assistant to a powerful realtor and must fight back against his sexual harassment. A beautifully performed drama about the everyday struggles of being female in the workplace, this timely and devastating story is expertly told by long time feminist filmmaker Michal Aviad.

**NOMINATED:** Awards of the Israeli Film Academy – Best Film, Best Actress, Best Screenplay, Best Supporting Actor

**February 8, 2020: *To Dust* | Director, Shawn Snyder, 2018**

Shmuel, a Hasidic cantor in Upstate New York, distraught by the untimely death of his wife, struggles to find religious solace, while secretly obsessing over how her body will decay. As a clandestine partnership develops with Albert, a local community college biology professor, the two embark on a darkly comic and increasingly literal undertaking into the underworld.

**WINNER:** Tribeca Film Festival – Audience Award

**Instructor:** Reid Schultz

**Date:** 11/16, 1/11, 2/8

**Time:** 5:30 – 10:00 pm

**Fee:** \$18 per CBS member  
\$25 per non-member

# ISRAEL IN DEPTH

## 2019 - 2020

### 9/15 | Electoral Do-Over: What to Watch for in the Second Israeli Election of 2019

As Israelis prepare to vote yet again, why should anyone expect a different outcome? Will Israel experience a September Surprise? What are the issues that impact how people vote?

### 9/22 | Coalition Calculus: What the Elections Mean for Israel's Future

Just days after Israelis cast their ballots, we'll assess the results and examine the factors that will contribute to the shape of the country's next coalition government.

### 11/24 | Israeli and American Jews Talk About Trump: Is the Leader of the Free World 'Good for the Jews'?

American Jews and Israelis have starkly different opinions about President Trump. We'll explore the gulf in perception and try to understand how the view from "here" can be so different than the view from "there."

### 12/15 | Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Points Beyond

Israel may be a small country, but it's filled with surprisingly different realities. For years, people have contrasted the images of the two largest cities, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We'll go one step further by adding into the mix the very different lifestyles found in communities in the northern and southern peripheries.

### 1/19 | The Rainbow of Israeli Society

With people who hail from 100 different countries and cultures, Israeli society is one of the most diverse in the world. We'll delve into the reality of a country that is home to people who hail from Russia, Ethiopia, and Eritrea, and followers of religions that include Judaism, Islam, Christianity, and more.

### 2/9 | Israel Across the Generational Divide

Polls show that support for Israel remains strong among Americans in general and American Jews specifically, but there's no denying that millennials view the Jewish state through very different lenses than their elders. How can we understand these different perspectives, and what can we do about them?

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**All sessions will be taught by Carl Schrag and will take place at 10:00 am immediately following the Breakfast by Men's Club.**

**You'll benefit most if you attend all 6 sessions, but drop-ins are welcome!**

**The class is co-sponsored by CBS University/Adult Education, Men's Club, and Israel Committee.**

# SUNDAY

## ■ CBS Parents U

CBS Parents U classes are designed for the PARENTS of school age children. That is why they are held from 11:00 - 11:55 am on Sunday mornings... just in time for Religious School pick up!

### **First Semester | Hebrew From Aleph to Tav**

It is never too late to learn to read Hebrew! This class will start at the beginning and take you at your pace so you can feel comfortable helping your child while modeling for them that learning is a lifelong opportunity. We look forward to sharing the joy of reading with YOU!

**Instructor:** Susan Stoehr

**Date:** Beginning September 22, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 - 11:55 am

**Fee:** Free for CBS members

### **Second Semester | You Made That Up! Midrash Then and Now**

Did you know that Sarah had a beard? Or that the animals who didn't get on the ark were also being punished for their sexual sins? Some of the Midrashic stories sound so far-fetched that it's difficult to believe that the rabbis found justification in the text for narratives that they created. Come learn some of these "made-up" Midrashim, see how some modern writers, artists and song-writers "make-up" their interpretations of the Torah texts, and even take a stab at "making up" some of your own!



**Instructor:** Rabbi Warner Ferratier

**Date:** Beginning January 12, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 - 11:55 am

**Fee:** Free for CBS members

## CBS Civil Rights Journey

Sunday, February 16 – Tuesday, February 18, 2020

### Join us on this exciting trip

(designed for adults and families with teens  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah age and above)

**Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, & Birmingham**

**Become empowered and inspired  
to make a difference!**

#### Highlights include:

- The Leo Frank Story
- King Center Neighborhood and Tomb
- Church Services at the Ebenezer Baptist Church
- National Human Rights Museum
- Rosa Parks Museum
- Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and Lynching Memorial
- Tour of Selma & The Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Walking tour of Freedom Park & 16th Street Baptist Church
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

\$795\*\* per person – single room supplement of \$145  
(price subject to change based on number of participants)

\*\*Airfare not included

#### Trip Price Includes:

- all meals except Sunday dinner
- all ground transportation
- hotels
- admission to museums and programming costs

50% deposit due by November 14, 2019

Questions about the trip, please contact  
Leann at 847-498-4100 or [LBlue@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:LBlue@bethshalomnb.org)

# MONDAY

## ■ Hebrew from Aleph to Tav

Learn to read Hebrew at the most basic level. Susan will take you from the primer to the prayer book. We look forward to sharing the joy of reading with YOU!

**Instructor:** Susan Stoehr

**Date:** Beginning November 4, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:15 pm

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

## ■ Talmud in Translation

We often hear about Sanctuary Cities, or Cities of Refuge in the news. How did the rabbis interpret this concept? Where were they? Who could use them? What were the conditions under which they could remain? Furthermore, we'll be learning about how the rabbis defined intentional and accidental crimes, and what it means when the Torah prescribes Kareit for a transgression. In addition to these weighty topics, the rabbis digress into some interesting tales about the court of King David; they discuss the prohibition on tattooing and much, much more! Come and learn about the rabbis' concept of crime and punishment when life was not at stake!

**Instructor:** Rabbi Warner Ferratier

**Date:** Beginning November 4, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:45 pm

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

## CBS High 5780

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**--a joint effort between CBS U and the CBS Religious School. We will meet over dinner for 2 hours 2x per month.

### First Hour -- Jewish Soul Food

Imagine a Jewish holiday without thinking about the foods that go with it! The Jewish relationship to food is much deeper than what we put on our Shabbat table. Nourish your heart and soul as we explore a variety of food-related topics by studying and doing.

### Second Hour -- What Would You Do?

In this hour, we will spend time examining situations facing teens today and how they might address them using a variety of Jewish sources.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Warner Ferratier, Chef Laura Frankel and Rabbi Jonathan Greenberg

**Date:** Tuesdays 9/10, 9/24, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/3, 3/31, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19 & TBD (Final Presentation)

**Time:** 6:15 - 8:15 pm (dinner will be served by 6 pm)

# TUESDAY

## ■ Bible

They say that the Bible has been translated into more languages than any other book. One might surmise that everything has thus been explained thoroughly. NOT SO! Wait till you come to this Bible Class; we create new understandings each time we sit together. It's a great way to start a Tuesday.

**Instructor:** Cantor Steve Stoehr

**Date:** Beginning November 5, 2019      **Time:** 9:30 - 10:25 am

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

## ■ Jewish News of the World in Review

As always, we'll tackle the problems of the world as they impact the Jewish people, analyze them, and try to solve them. We can't promise all of the answers; in fact, most people leave each session with new questions to ponder! And we promise you'll always have a great time. Join us for information, new ideas, and insights from sharing with each other. Carl draws on an eclectic variety of sources, including many you've never heard about. Students are encouraged to bring in articles and stories. The volume of voices sometimes gets a bit loud, but that's all part of the colorful charm of the class. The news isn't always good, but we always try to end each class with an upbeat story.

**Instructor:** Carl Schrag

**Date:** Beginning October 29, 2019      **Time:** 10:30 - 11:25 am

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

## Judy's **NEW!** Kitchen

Gourmet Kosher Cooking Classes

### GOURMET KOSHER COOKING CLASSES WITH JUDY WOLKIN

SESSION 1 MENU: A NOD TO COD & MORE -- Wednesday, Nov. 6 Or Thursday Nov. 7

SESSION 2 MENU: COLORFUL CARBS -- Wednesday, Dec. 18 or Thursday, Dec. 19

SESSION 3 MENU: TWO SOUPS & A SANDWICH -- Wednesday, Feb. 26 or Thursday, Feb. 27

**Instructor:** Judy Wolkin

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Fee:** \$30 per person/session for CBS members (\$80 if you register for all 3)  
\$36 per person/session for non-members

**Number of students per session:** Minimum 8/Maximum 21

# LEARN HEBREW WITH CBS U!

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**Time:** 11:30 am - 12:30pm

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

# THURSDAY

## ■ Sipurey Musika—Stories of Music

Stories of Music is an adult education project of the Lowell Milken Fund for American Jewish Music at The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. The curriculum was developed in partnership with the Cantors Assembly and the American Conference of Cantors, and colleagues at the Milken Archive of Jewish Music. Lesson plans cover a broad range of musically related topics to engage participants to think about the American Jewish experience through stories of the evolving nature of Jewish music. Cantor Gershon will enhance the curriculum with additional songs and musical stories of her own.

**Instructor:** Cantor Raquel Pomerantz Gershon

**Date:** Beginning November 7, 2019

**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)



JOIN US!

סיפורי מוסיקה  
STORIES OF MUSIC

### SHARING THE SOUNDS & STORIES THAT EMBODY THE AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

This 10-Unit course seeks to engage adult education participants to think about the American Jewish experience through stories of the evolving nature of Jewish music, exploring a broad range of music related topics.

**Unit 1: Jewish Music 101**

**Unit 2: The Art of Prayer?**

**Unit 3: Di Yiddishe Amerike**

**Unit 4: Trends & Innovations**

**DATE & TIME:** Thursdays, beginning Nov. 7 10:30-11:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Congregation Beth Shalom - room TBD

**TAUGHT BY:** Cantor Raquel Gershon

This course is developed in partnership with the Cantors Assembly and the American Conference of Cantors

THE LESSON IS PART OF A SERIES,  
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**Time:** 11:30 am - 12:30pm

**Fee:** Free for CBS members (\$50 per semester for non-members)

## ■ Nosh 'n Drash:

**Modern Jewish Existence – exploring the world of contemporary Jewish law as we live in the modern world.**

Light lunch (bagels, yogurt, fruit, snacks and beverages) will be provided.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Aaron Melman

**Date:** Thursdays, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12, 4/2, 4/30, 5/14

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free for CBS members  
\$5 per session for non-members

## ■ My Favorite Parshiyot & Why

After teaching the Tuesday morning Bible class for 35 years, Rabbi Wolkin definitely had his favorite Torah portions! Here is a closer, in-depth look at his top five parshiyot. Come and find out why they are his favorites!

- Bereishit
- Yitro (and Va'etchanan)
- Kedoshim
- Shlach Lecha

**Instructor:** Rabbi Carl Wolkin

**Date:** Thursdays 4/23 & 30, 5/7, 14 & 21

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

**Fee:** Free to CBS members (\$50 for non-members)



# SPECIAL CBS PROGRAMS

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### ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

This two-year program begins with one year of Judaic study or beginning Hebrew; the second year is an intense preparation for the celebratory service. The class meets once a week. Who is qualified? Any adult who hasn't yet celebrated Bar or Bat Mitzvah. If you are interested in an adult B'nai Mitzvah, call Cantor Steve at 847-498-4100, ext. 14.

### HAZAK

**HAZAK** is Congregation Beth Shalom's programming organization for all adults over the age of 55, representing the Hebrew acronym for wisdom (Hokhmah), maturity (Ziknah) and forward-looking adults (Kadima). We seek to provide social, educational and religious opportunities for our senior members that celebrate our Jewish heritage, history, and culture. To see our full calendar of **HAZAK** programs for the year, please consult the Congregation Beth Shalom website and look for **HAZAK** under "our community." We are currently looking for individuals who would like to be leaders of **HAZAK**. This would involve planning and executing programs with staff assistance. If you are interested in a leadership role, please reach out to Leann Blue (LBlue@Bethshalomnb.org) or Lisa Orlov (LOrlov@Bethshalomnb.org).

### HUGS

#### Healthy Understanding Growing Spaces

Jewish holiday and Shabbat programs for children and adults with special needs and their families. Most programs are free of charge and open to the Jewish community (registration is required). This is a collaboration between twelve local congregations—Conservative and Reform.

### KERUV

The purpose of the Keruv initiative at Congregation Beth Shalom is to welcome people whose lives are touched by, or who are involved in, interfaith relationships. Our goal is to make them feel a part of, rather than apart from, the synagogue. This includes both existing and potential synagogue members.

Keruv exists to meet people where they are and to help them make Jewish choices through education and participation in the life of CBS. It seeks to educate the congregation-at-large about the importance of Keruv by fostering an

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understanding of its purpose, and its benefits to the synagogue, the Conservative Movement, and the Jewish people. It also exists to aid the non-Jewish member of an interfaith relationship in supporting the Jewish partner's observance of Judaism. Finally, Keruv exists to welcome the non-Jewish partner and to encourage his/her/their participation to the extent desired.

We invite interfaith families to participate in a broad range of CBS programs and events in order to enable you to understand and experience firsthand the rich, diverse, and compelling programming we offer, and to experience all aspects of our community. Some of these programs include ShabbaTONE, the Distinguished Speakers Series, special holiday programming, and a wide variety of adult education classes. Information about all of these programs can be found on our website at [www.BethShalomNB.org](http://www.BethShalomNB.org).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## PRIDE @ CBS

**An inreach and outreach initiative for the LGBTQ+ community.**

"I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will cause them to rejoice in My house of Prayer, their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon my altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (*Isaiah 56:7*)

We honor the constant reminder in our tradition "You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also were strangers in the land of Egypt." (*Exodus 23:9*). This decree by God is obligatory and associated with the 36 times in the Torah when it commands us to be kind and welcoming to the stranger.

The Pride@CBS Committee works to foster a sense of belonging in our home for the larger gay community and know that all potential members who identify with our faith enrich our congregation through their diversity. We celebrate every individual's identity and encourage their active participation in the congregation. Our goal is to create a normative culture in which our CBS community cherishes and celebrates the uniqueness of each person as we do with the youngest infant to the eldest of our elders; those who struggle with mobility or emotional challenges; those who may have come to Judaism through conversion; or families with multi-faith partnerships. We strive to make our building a joyful and safe place for all to be themselves through interaction with our membership and leadership in order to come to know the fullness of true equality.

# COMMUNITY-WIDE OFFERINGS

***Congregation Beth Shalom is proud  
to promote the following:***

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### ■ **Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema: November 7 - November 17, 2019**

The largest showcase of Israeli films in the Midwest. Screenings will be at a variety of locations. Congregation Beth Shalom will be hosting the film, ***Tel Aviv on Fire***, on Sunday, November 10 at 4:30 pm at The ArcLight Cinemas (The Glen).

Tickets will ONLY be available online at [www.israelifilmchi.org](http://www.israelifilmchi.org).

For information on all the features, documentaries, shorts, and more, go to [www.israelifilmchi.org](http://www.israelifilmchi.org).

### ■ **Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning**

Congregation Beth Shalom is once again offering scholarships to members who enroll in the Core Curriculum -- \$200 off your first year fee (for new students) and \$100 off your second year fee (for continuing students). Core Curriculum includes Rhythms of Jewish Living, exploring ideas, beliefs, and practices that define Jewish life, and Purposes of Jewish Living, an examining of essential Jewish theological concepts via Bible, Talmud, and other sacred texts. Melton highlights are:

- A two-year educational program designed to offer adults well-rounded, in-depth study of Judaism in a user-friendly environment.
- In a format developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, adult learners from diverse backgrounds learn about our heritage and culture in an intellectually stimulating, non-denominational environment.
- Students explore classic Jewish sources, from biblical through contemporary texts, and investigate issues of Jewish thought, practice, ethics, and Jewish history.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - TEXT IN ENGLISH!

For more information about the scholarship contact Leann Blue at [LBlue@bethshalombn.org](mailto:LBlue@bethshalombn.org) or 847.498.4100, ext 44. or to register, please contact the BJE directly by calling Rolly Cohen at 847.291.7788 x1304 or email [rolly@bjechicago.org](mailto:rolly@bjechicago.org).

**Instructor:** Rabbi Marianne Novak and Rabbi David Bauman

**Date:** Tuesday evenings, beginning October 29, 2019    **Time:** 7:00 - 9:15 pm

**Location:** BJE Campus - 3320 Dundee Rd, Northbrook, IL

For general Melton questions or to register for any Melton courses, call Rolly Cohen at 847.291.7788 x1304 or email [rolly@bjechicago.org](mailto:rolly@bjechicago.org).

# SPEAKERS & SCHOLARS

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

## **BARI WEISS\***

### ***Fighting Anti-Semitism Today***

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 AT 8 PM



Bari Weiss is a writer and editor for the op-ed section of ***The New York Times***. ***Vanity Fair*** recently called her the paper’s “star opinion writer.”

Through her columns and speeches, Bari has changed the way we think about important issues, including #MeToo, freedom of speech, and our common culture. Bari is a Pittsburgh native and her first book, ***How To Fight Anti-Semitism***, will be published by Crown in September 2019.

Before joining ***The Times***, Bari was an opinion editor and an associate book review editor at ***The Wall Street Journal***. For two years, Bari was a senior editor at

***Tablet***, the online magazine of Jewish news, politics, and culture, where she edited the site’s political and news coverage.

Bari is a regular commentator on television and radio, mostly on HBO’s ***Real Time with Bill Maher***.

In July 2018, Bari was awarded the Bastiat Journalism Prize for what the judges called “her brilliant, incisive journalism that defends the cornerstone of individual liberty and civil society: freedom of speech.”

SPEAKERS  
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# SPEAKERS AND SCHOLARS

JUF EVENT AND CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

## YAAKOV KATZ\*

### *Shadow Strike: Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 AT 9:30 AM



Yaakov Katz is Editor-in-Chief of *The Jerusalem Post* and author of *Shadow Strike - Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power*.

He is also the co-author of *Weapon Wizards - How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower* and *Israel vs. Iran: The Shadow War*. *Weapon Wizards* has been published in English, Hebrew, Czech and Polish and will come out in Chinese in 2020.

Katz served for close to a decade as the paper's military reporter and defense analyst, and was a lecturer at Harvard University where he taught an advanced course in journalism.

Prior to taking up the role of Editor-in-Chief, Katz served for two years as a senior policy adviser to Israel's Minister of Economy and Minister of Diaspora Affairs.

In 2013, Katz was one of 12 international fellows to spend a year at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University.

Originally from Chicago, Katz also has a law degree from Bar Ilan University. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and four children.

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# ABOUT OUR FACULTY AND GUEST PRESENTERS

**RABBI DR. DAVID BAUMAN** received rabbinic ordination from the world renowned Talmudic Scholar Rabbi David Weiss-Halivni and from Rabbi Zalman Nehemiah Goldberg, head of Jerusalem's Supreme Court. He holds a Master's degree in Jewish Studies from The Jewish Theological Seminary, a Master's degree in Education Administration from New York University, and a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from The University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky. His undergraduate work was completed at The American University in Washington, DC with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Education, and Jewish Studies. Rabbi Bauman earned a Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree in Jewish Ethics at Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago. Rabbi Bauman was commissioned in April, 2011, as a reserve officer in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps - From April, 2011, to January, 2014. He then superseded to active duty on July 28, 2014 and was assigned to Naval Station Great Lakes - Recruit Training Command as a staff chaplain. Currently Rabbi Bauman serves on the faculty of the Sager Solomon Schechter Day School where he teaches Tanakh and Talmud. He also teaches for the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish learning; a project of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Prior to his work in the Navy, Rabbi Bauman served many congregations around the United States and Canada. Rabbi Bauman and his wife, Elly, are blessed with two children, Matan and Ori; and his beloved dog Hadas Pugman.

**LEANN BLUE, MAJCS** is a graduate of both Emory University (Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in religion) and the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service of Brandeis University (Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service). After graduation, Leann put in 3 years with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism as Regional Youth Director of Seaboard Region and then Hagalil Region. It was at International USY Convention in 1988 that Leann was leading a delegation of teens from New Jersey to Chicago. When she met the CHUSY Region Fieldworker, Michael Blue, the rest is history. Upon moving to the Chicago area in 1989, Leann worked as Youth Director for North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park for six years. In 1995, Leann joined the staff of Congregation Beth Shalom as Youth Director, leading the chapter during many award winning years. In 2001, while still Youth Director, Leann began focusing on Adult Education and family programming, and in 2002, she took on her current role of Director of Jewish Life and Learning at Congregation Beth Shalom. Some of the programs she has developed are the CBS Shabbaton, Lamazell!, Megillah Mania, Making Sukkot Simple, Ideas Cafe and CBS University. A native of Mobile, Alabama, Leann now calls Chicago home with her husband, Michael, and three sons, Adam, Marc, and Paul.

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**RABBI WARNER FERRATIER** was born and raised in Springfield, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree in History at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, with minors in Secondary Education and Teaching of Spanish. He taught a variety of subjects in the Champaign public schools, where he also supervised several extra-curricular activities and was active in the local teachers' union. His activity within the local Jewish community eventually led him to pursue the rabbinate as a calling. After a preparatory year studying at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, he entered the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, from which he received ordination in May, 2019, with a Master's degree in Midrash. Rabbi Ferratier has been employed as the student rabbi both at Congregation Sons of Israel in Amsterdam, New York and at Congregation Torat El in Oakhurst, New Jersey. In his spare time he enjoys reading many types of literature, practicing music, and crafting. He and his husband, Dr. Luis Guzmán Valerio, are looking forward to getting settled in and meeting everyone here in Northbrook.

**LAURA FRANKEL** is a noted Chef, author, blogger and media personality. Most recently, Frankel served as the Culinary Director for Kosher Media International. Additionally, Laura worked as the Executive Chef at Wolfgang Puck Catering. Chef Laura is an avid blogger and also writes for The Jerusalem Post and Eating Well magazine. She is the former chef and founder of the Shallots restaurants, with training and extensive experience in both savory and pastry kitchens. After Laura had a family and began maintaining a kosher home she found that there was nowhere in Chicago serving the quality of food that she knew she could offer. She opened her first restaurant in 1999, offering kosher fine dining with a produce-driven menu. Laura opened Shallots NY in 2000 in midtown Manhattan. In 2004, she moved her Chicago restaurant to Skokie, and created Shallots Bistro. Chef Laura has cooked for many dignitaries, including: President Barack Obama, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Senator Joseph and Hadassah Lieberman, Presidential Candidate Al Gore, Mikhail Gorbachev, President George Bush, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Steven Spielberg, Senator Hillary Clinton, Ivanka Trump, and many others. Laura was honored as an innovator in Modern Kosher Farm to Table Cuisine at the 25th anniversary celebration of Kosherfest in the fall of 2014. She was the only Female Chef/Author ever to be honored at Kosherfest. This is Chef Laura's second year teaching at CBS High.

**CANTOR RAQUEL POMERANTZ GERSHON** is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University, having earned degrees in Sacred Jewish music/ Jewish education and psychology. She also holds an MA in special education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Raquel has taught Jewish music and tefillah in synagogues & day schools in New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Minnesota and Texas. She has served as High Holiday cantor at several congregations. Before moving to the Chicago area, she was the cantorial soloist at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX and musical director/bnai mitzvah tutor at Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas, TX. Raquel is an award winning composer of Jewish music and has produced two CDs of her original songs, Jerusalem On My Mind & Candlesticks of Silver.

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Her songs have been performed and taught at the Shalsholet festival of new liturgical music, at the North American Jewish Choral Festival, at the Conference of Alternatives in Jewish Education, at Hava Nashira songleading workshop at OSRUI, and at the Singing Communities Intensive workshop at Mechon Hadar. Raquel was a frequent performer at community events in her previous communities, and has performed in several communities across the USA, Israel, Germany and Norway, as well as at Rabbinical Assembly and Cantors Assembly conventions, and at the AIPAC national summit. Locally, Cantor Raquel has sung in Chicago Sings! -a Jewish Rock Radio concert, and in the Israel Goes Platinum concert at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. She enjoys being a part of the CBS team, learning from and singing with Cantor Stoehr, and working with students of all ages! She is the proud mother of three wonderful grown children, Benji, Eliana, & Yonatan.

**RABBI JONATHAN GREENBERG** Jonathan Greenberg is the Executive Director of the Jack Miller Freedom Initiative, which serves an organizing, communications, and advisory role for Mr. Miller's extensive efforts to promote America's founding principles. Jonathan is also a Senior Fellow with the Haym Salomon Center, a news and public policy group he co-founded in 2015 and previously served as Senior Vice President. A respected voice on foreign policy and Jewish issues, Jonathan's work has been carried in The Jerusalem Post, New York Daily News, New York Post, The Washington Times, The Hill, The New York Observer, The Daily Caller, and numerous other publications. Prior to co-founding the Salomon Center, Jonathan spent two years as a Vice President at the Illinois Policy Institute - one of the country's premier free-market think tanks - and more than five years at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, first in the Washington office and, later, as Midwest Political Director where he was responsible for 95 Congressional districts across nine states. Jonathan was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in 2006. During his rabbinic education, he lived in Jerusalem from 2001-2002 at the height of the Second Intifada. He has a master's degree in Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in Political Science, both from Indiana University. He and his wife, Dr. Sharone Shamir Greenberg, live in Northbrook, Illinois with their three young children.

**RABBI AARON MELMAN** assumed the role of head rabbi in July, 2015. He has been a rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom for over seventeen years. He is originally from Toronto where he graduated York University with BA in Judaic Studies. He attended the Jewish Theological Seminary where he received his ordination in May, 2002. While at JTS, Rabbi Melman taught Hebrew School at Or Zarua, a Conservative synagogue on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and served as a student chaplain with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY).

Rabbi Melman is involved in the community through the Northbrook Clergy Association, serves on the Board of Directors of The Norton and Elaine Sarnoff for Jewish Genetics, and is a Past-President of the Chicago Region of Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Melman also serves as the only Chaplain to the Northbrook Fire Department. Rabbi Melman is married to Elisa Rotman and they have two children, Jordan and Hannah. He enjoys golf, hockey, camping and SCUBA diving.

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**RABBI MARIANNE NOVAK** (Melton faculty) received a BA, cum laude from Barnard College and graduated with honors in Political Science with a JD from Washington University in St. Louis. She has served as a Gabbaye and Bat Mitzvah instructor for Skokie Women's Tefillah Group and was a former Bible teacher at the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. She has been a teacher in the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning for over 18 years where she is one of Melton's most beloved teachers! Marianne recently received Rabbinic Ordination at Yeshivat Maharat in New York and, currently, lives with her family in Skokie, IL.

**LYNN PERSIN** is primarily a portrait photographer, but she loves spending a day shooting at the beach or simply in the backyard of families all over Chicago and the suburbs. Chasing toddlers on her knees and watching a family welcome their new bundle of joy into their home is her forte. And you know it's a great day when someone comes down the stairs in their favorite superhero costume. Equally as comfortable shooting professional models and actors, Lynn works with a lot of local talent agents helping their clients to put their best face forward. In addition to portrait shooting, Lynn shoots events all over the Chicago area from Governor Quinn signing of the same sex union bill to 3000 people fundraisers and elaborate weddings. Her constantly growing client list includes the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish United Fund of Chicago (JUF), Ogilvy & Mather, Girl Scouts of Chicago & GNWI, Elle Magazine, GQ Magazine, Shape Magazine, Kaplan University, University of Illinois Chicago, American Jewish Committee, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, BMW, Kimberly Clark, and was recently hired to follow and document Foreign Diplomats visiting the great city of Chicago through the US Department of State, Office of Protocol. An active participant in the fine art community as well, Lynn Renee has shown her work in the Artist Project, part of Chicago's Artropolis weekend, Around the Coyote Arts Festivals and receiving the Curator's Choice Award in 2006 by guest curator and the Museum of Contemporary Art's Curatorial Coordinator and Curator of Artists Books, Tricia Van Eck. This is Lynn's second year teaching for CBS High where she prepares the students to take part in the international photo competition, The Jewish Lens.

**CARL SCHRAG** is a journalist, teacher and Middle East analyst who puts current events into perspective by examining them in the context of recent and ancient history, sharing insights about the hopes and dreams embraced by 7.5 million Israelis, and stressing the significance of Israel's relationship with Jews in America and around the world. Carl moved to Israel from Los Angeles in 1986, and in his award-winning career as a reporter and editor, he chronicled political and social developments in Israel through a period that saw the ingathering of one million immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, and the highs and lows encountered in Israel's pursuit of peace. He was the editor of The Jerusalem Post, Israel's leading English-language daily. He came to the United States in 2000 to broaden his perspective on the U.S.-Israel relationship. He discusses Israel on college campuses, Israel education, and the changing relationship between American Jews and Israel, with a particular emphasis on how current events impact these ties. He develops innovative curriculum designed to enhance the American Jews'

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connection to Israel and to deepen their understanding of modern Israel's history and role in the world. Carl develops Israel education programming for teenagers, college students and adults. He is Program Director of Write On for Israel, and an Associate of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Carl lives in Highland Park with his wife, Lilach.

**REID SCHULTZ** is a writer, filmmaker and film scholar. For many years he has been a faculty member at Columbia College Chicago, and he has lectured on film-related topics at libraries, synagogues, churches, private homes, and arts organizations. Reid has been leading our film series at Congregation Beth Shalom for more than 15 years, and he is extremely popular due not only to his effervescent personality, but also because of his knowledge of all aspects of the film industry. He continues to impress us with his amazing insights into the Jewish content of each film or director he reviews!

**HAZZAN STEVEN STOEHR** is beginning his 32nd year at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook Illinois. Steven is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 2002, they granted him the Hazzan David Putterman Award for excellence in his career. In 2008, he was awarded a Doctorate in Music, *Honorius Causa*.

For the Cantors' Assembly he has served as its international President, and in 1998 Steven produced an international concert on Ellis Island and sang in Carnegie Hall as part of the Assembly's Jubilee Celebration. He has co-chaired 6 international conventions. In 2010, the C.A. awarded him the Samuel Rosenbaum Award for scholarship and creativity. In 2015, Steven received the Moses Silverman Award for Service to the Assembly. He is currently director of a project that couples Cantors and IDF soldiers in a musical project telling the story of each soldier's life expressed through song.

Through Hazzan Stoehr's leadership and foresight our CBS community has its own Chevre Kaddishe (Burial Society) as well as committees focused on LGBTQ rights, (PRIDE @ CBS) and H.U.G.S @ CBS, (Healthy, Understanding and Growing Spaces; a ritually focused series of holiday programs for families with Special Needs). Under Cantor Stoehr's direction, CBS began hosting SELAH, a choir for adults with special needs. For JUF in Chicago he was on the Synagogue Federation Commission for Inclusion and also the Jewish Community Relations Council. With the FJMC, Cantor Stoehr was the primary author of a *Minyan of Comfort*, a guidebook explaining how to conduct minyanim in a house of Shivah, now translated into Spanish and French for use within the Masorti Movement worldwide. Steven has edited several educational booklets primarily in the realm of mourning rites and traditions for our community. Steven has released three music CD's and his first book of fiction, *MY BROTHER'S KEEPER*. Recently he wrote a musical drama, *The Lost Supper*, based on the relationship between Abraham Joshua Heschel and Martin Luther King, Jr. Cantor Steve is married to Susan, who teaches both Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies and Adult Education at CBS. They are blessed by their children Jacob and Ilana, Talia, and Alana.

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**SUSAN STOEHR** grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada and went to college in California. When she began learning Hebrew at 24, after having limited Jewish education, the fire was lit. Susan has loved Hebrew, reading and studying since the beginning. She completed a Master's in Jewish Education and Administration at the University of Judaism in California and studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary after meeting her husband Steve in Israel. Susan has taught Hebrew, prayer, Bar/Bat Mitzvah students of all ages, 12-85, and would be thrilled to share her Hebrew passion with anyone who'd like to learn. Susan lives in Northbrook with her husband Steve, who has been the cantor of Congregation Beth Shalom for many years. They have four children; Jacob and Ilana, Talia and Alana.

**RABBI CARL WOLKIN** graduated from Columbia University in 1968 with a BA in Classics and received his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1973. Before coming to Congregation Beth Shalom in 1980, he served as the Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel of Great Neck, NY from 1972-1980. In June, 2015, he retired after 35 years as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom, and now serves as Rabbi Emeritus. In 2004, Rabbi Wolkin was in the first group of graduates of the Center for Rabbinic Enrichment of the Shalom Hartman Institute. This group of North American Rabbis completed a three year program of study both in Jerusalem and in the U.S. He also studied at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem in January, 2011. During his tenure at CBS, Rabbi Wolkin has served as the President of the Chicago Region of the Rabbinical Assembly, President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, and President of the Northbrook Clergy Association. He was President of the Community Mikvah of the Conservative Movement from its inception in 1998 until 2016. Rabbi Wolkin served for several years on the JUF Board. In addition to being the Secretary of the World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues, also called Masorti Olami, he has served as Rabbi-in-Residence of St. Albans Masorti Synagogue in the UK and Temple Adath Yeshurun in Syracuse, NY. In April 2016, he received the Rabbi Mordecai Simon Memorial Award from the Chicago Board of Rabbis. Recently Rabbi Wolkin was elected to the Board of the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. Rabbi Wolkin is married to Judy, and they have four children: Joshua and David and daughters-in-law, Aurelia and Keeli.

**JUDY WOLKIN** is enjoying her retirement after spending twenty-seven years in teaching: six years in the New York City public school system and twenty-one years at Solomon Schechter Day School. In between, while raising Josh and David, she taught kosher cooking in her home (Carl's too - he enjoyed the leftovers) and co-edited *Essabissel* and *Essabissel* and a *Whole Lot More* for Congregation Beth Shalom's Sisterhood. Judy is a graduate of Hofstra University and received a Master's degree in Elementary Education from CCNY. Judy is married to Rabbi Carl and they have four children David and daughter-in-law, Keeli and Joshua and daughter-in-law, Aurelia. In addition to spearheading our large congregational challah and babka bakes, Judy enjoys teaching kosher cooking classes in *Judy's Kitchen!*



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