

**Congregation Beth Shalom  
Committee Reports  
February 2020**

**Fundraising Report**

**Ray Rokni, Fundraising VP**

- We would like to invite our CBS executive and board full participation in Rabbi Melman's 18 years of service celebration which is on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8pm; with dinner, entertainment by Neshama Carlebach and there is a tribute book for which ads can be purchased.
  - Event cost is **\$54.00 per person or \$500 for a table of 10.**
  - There are also several sponsorship levels.
  - **Raffles can be purchased for \$25.00 or 5 tickets for \$100.00** – for a one-week stay in Park City, Utah + \$1,000 travel voucher (used between June-Sept 2020)
  - RSVP's for event are due by April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Invites are being mailed shortly to all CBS households.
  - You can register **online** (no extra fees) through the website - <https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/form/melman-18-registration.html>
  - You can also purchase tribute ads - due March 13<sup>th</sup>. - <https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/form/MelmanTribute>
    - Gold Page - \$500
    - Silver Page - \$250
    - Full Page - \$125
    - Half Page - \$75
    - Business Card - \$50

If someone has more detailed questions they can email [celebrate18@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:celebrate18@bethshalomnb.org)

Solicitation letters to Jewish organizations, Jewish businesses and local businesses will be mailed. Our 1<sup>st</sup> announcement is published in February JUF news. In addition, thanks to Deann, we will be engaged in a publication campaign of this event; announcement will be made to Jewish and local publications as well as city- and state-wide offices.

- Beside your participation and sponsorship of this event; we also can use your help and welcome you participation as a member of the fundraising committee. We need more help for organizing and managing the day of the event. Please contact me if you are interested to be part of our fundraising committee.
- Please help raise money for CBS by purchasing gift cards for your everyday purchases. It is easy and convenient, and you will receive an e-mail notice when your cards have arrived at CBS. Orders can be picked up in the same week if received by Monday.

## **House Report**

**Laura Shulman, House VP**

No report.

## **Financial Report (see attached)**

**Cheryl Braude, Jim Donenberg, and Majorie Maxwell**

- Revenues
  - Membership fees are expected to be consistent with budgeted amounts; Michael has been making calls to those members with large outstanding balances.
  - B'nai mitzvah fees are expected to fall short of budget by approximately \$11,000 as five families with scheduled simchas for the year dropped their memberships.
  - The success of the upcoming fundraiser will largely determine whether the fundraising budget is met.
  
- Expenses
  - Landscaping and Building Facility Repair expenses will be reviewed to verify whether they were actually parking lot related and whether they should be reimbursed from the building fund.
  - We are currently working with Federation to apply for a Federal grant which may recoup some security costs already paid.
  
- Operating cash balances reflect a \$229,000 decline over the month. This is due to the transfer of \$86,000 in Hineynu collections to Vanguard as well as the use of cash to pay bills; most cash is collected from congregants from July-December.

## **Membership Report**

**Randy Samborn, Membership VP**

The committee met on Feb. 11 and is preparing to make a presentation to the board next month about moving forward with creating and expanding so-called affinity groups, which some synagogues are finding useful to attract and retain members by connecting them through their personal interests to each other and the synagogue community. We anticipate moving forward with specific steps we will outline for the Board next month to introduce the concept to the congregation before implementation in the 2020-21 calendar year.

## **Programming Report**

**Ellen Grossman, Programming VP**

- Working on 2020-2021 speakers
  
- Working on budget for next year
  
- Figuring out how many Daniel Silva and Bari Weiss books we have sold so we can donate a few of each to Nbk, Dfl, HP libraries and possibly to CJHS.

- Our next meeting is Thursday February 20, 2020 7pm. Please join us if you would like to be part of the decision making.

### **Ritual Report**

#### **Howard Freidin, Ritual VP**

No report.

### **School Report**

#### **Alan Zelkowitz, School VP**

No report.

### **Social Action Report**

#### **Sara Weinstein, Social Action VP**

- Social Action assisted our Religious School Students with Social Action Projects in January and February. The students learned about Beth Shalom's involvement with the ARK and Northfield Township Food Pantry, sorted food and made soup for PADS, a homeless shelter in Buffalo Grove. Thanks Susan Karlinsky for a great program! They also talked with a parent whose child has been a patient at Lurie Children Hospital and made blankets and get well cards. In March and April, the students will meet with a director of Hunger Free Northbrook, a volunteer with an animal shelter and learn about **Honor Flight Chicago**. If you are or know a Veteran who would be able to talk with our students, we'd love to hear from you!
- We will be providing food bags for students in Northbrook Schools who are food insecure through May and resume in September. Contact me if you would like to help by purchasing food bags.
- 3/9 -Please bring a box of pasta or rice to the Megillah Reading! We will be donating them to support the food pantry at the ARK.
- 3/17 -Feed the homeless at PADS by providing a portion of the meal. Let me know if you would like to help serve the meal. Contact me for more info.

### **Youth Report**

#### **Dan Sher, Youth VP**

- January was a busy month with USY as we welcomed our 8<sup>th</sup> graders into USY. We also had a winter tubing day on the school vacation day for Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Starting off in February, we helped the Men's Club with their World Wide Wrap by having two USYers help Cantor Stoehr lead shacharit services in the dark and just last week we hosted a TuBishvat Party for Chaverim.
- Coming up we have our annual Hamantaschen bake sale. You can support our USY by ordering online at [tinyurl.com/CBSHaman20](http://tinyurl.com/CBSHaman20) or on your MYCBS Account. Physical forms can be requested by emailing me at [egolberg@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:egolberg@bethshalomnb.org).

- Finally, we are proud to announce that we have 16 8th grade participants heading to Israel with Ta'am Yisrael. Eric (and one of our USY advisors Adam Blue) will be helping to lead the February trip and Rabbi Melman and one of our members Bob Goldwin will be helping to lead the March trip.

## Men's Club Report

### **Steve Elisco, President**

- On February 2nd through the World Wide Wrap program, the Men's Club and congregations around the world, taught the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. This year we experienced "Davening in the Dark", a heightened sensory approach to the morning service. The service was attended by over 60 Men's Club members and congregants. Special thanks go out to Canter Stoehr, Spencer Sher and Mark Luban for leading us through this emotional and spiritual service.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup> we concluded the six-part Israel in Depth breakfast series. Attendance was up over past years with an average of 60 participants per session.
- As I announced at the January Board Meeting, The Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club 2020 Man of the Year Honoree, is Don Pike. For 2020 we are bestowing Youth of the Year on two young women in our congregation, Becky Jacobson and Anat Pissetzky. The JFMC Midwest Region event where these honorees will be recognized, will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. The event begins at 4:30 PM with Dinner at 5:30 PM. The event costs \$36 per person until March 4<sup>th</sup>, at which time it will go up to \$45 per person. If you are planning on attending the event, you can register and purchase ads acknowledging our Honorees at <https://midwestregionfjmc.myshopify.com>
- The Nominating Committee is busy preparing our slate of officers for the Executive Committee as well as Board Members for the 2020-2021 year and the Kavod Award Committee is going through the thoughtful process of selecting the 2020 recipient.
- There is still time to order your lox boxes. You can do so in one of the following ways:
  - Order online at <http://cbsloxbox.square.site/> - you can pay online using credit card using this secure website. If you would like to pay by check, choose the option to pay by check, and we will contact you will payment instructions.
  - Fill out the paper form. Attach a check for payment. If you would like to pay by credit card, we will email you an invoice, which can be paid thru our secure Square website, from your computer, mobile phone, tablet, etc.
  - **Lox Box Pick-up or delivery is Sunday Morning, March 1, 2020, between 7:00AM and Noon.**
- Here are ways you can participate in helping the Men's Club with the Lox Box Program:

- **Thursday, February 27th: Lox Box, Box Making.** On this evening, we will gather in Roser Hall starting at 6:30 PM to take the cardboard boxes that are currently palletized and open them up and get them ready to be filled. We should be done by 8:30 PM.
- **Saturday, February 29th: Lox Box Packing.** This is the chaos before the storm, but it is a fun family friendly event. Starting at 6:30 PM, we lay out all the boxes on the floor of Rosner Hall and systematically put the ingredients into each box. While this is going on, others are in Dickler Hall filling bags with all the donated ad specialties, reading materials as well as our Sponsorship/Coupon Booklet. Have you ever seen 8,000 bagels in one place? If not, then you need to be there between 9:00PM and 9:15PM when the bagels start coming fast and furious. After they cool off (yes, we get them hot off the press) we pack them into half dozen bags and then off to the boxes they go. **Please bring your whole family. You do not have to stay for the whole time, and you choose when and how to participate.** A deli dinner with soft drinks and dessert will be provided.
- **Sunday, March 1st: Lox Box Pick-up and Delivery.** This is the big day where the rubber hits the road, literally. We need between 45 and 50 drivers to deliver between 10 and 15 boxes each. Each driver is given a specific route with point to point delivery instructions. Make it fun! Bring a spouse, friend, son or daughter with you. Most routes can be completed in under two hours. If you are interested in driving, please contact Lawrence LeVine at [lawrence@lawrencejlevine.com](mailto:lawrence@lawrencejlevine.com) or call him at 847-867-8984

### **Sisterhood Report**

**Robyn Rosengard, President**

- Friday Night February 7th we had our Sisterhood Shabbat! What a beautiful service and dinner it was.
- Help wanted! If you can help serve on Shabbat Morning that would be great!
- Passover Kiddushim cooking! If you would like to help cook then this is your thing. March 24th- 26th. Please reach out to Hilary Braun for times that week [hilarywbrown@gmail.com](mailto:hilarywbrown@gmail.com)