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Bourbon, Blues & BBQ

Celebrating Rabbi Aaron Melman's 18 Years

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Congregation Beth Shalom

Presents:

Bourbon, Blues & BBQ

Honoring:

Rabbi Aaron Melman

on his Chai Anniversary

Program

Welcome: Susan Karlinsky

Hamotzi: Rabbi Warner Ferratier

Dinner

Montage Video: Ray Rokni

Introduction by Cantor Steven Stoehr
Chicago Blues Network

Salute to Rabbi Aaron Melman: Tanya Solomon

"Barcheinu": Cantor Steven Stoehr
and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky

Entertainment – Chicago Blues Network

Presentations to Rabbi and Elisa: Howard Sigal

Raffle Drawings: Hannah & Jordan Melman

Rabbi Melman is originally from Toronto where he graduated from York University with a 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 and Hebrew High 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). Since 2002, he has served the Northbrook Fire Department as its first and only chaplain.

Rabbi Melman is involved in the community through the Northbrook Clergy Association and serves on the Board of Directors of The Norton and Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics. He is a Past-President of the Chicago Region of the Rabbinical Assembly and is a member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Melman has also served as a guest lecturer over the past several years at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Rabbi Melman considers the United States/Israel relationship very important to American Jewry and is very involved with AIPAC, serving on its National Council. Rabbi Melman also serves on the Rabbinic Advisory Committee of Israel Bonds. Jewish camp is also very near and dear to Rabbi Melman's heart. His children have attended Camp Ramah in Wisconsin over the past several years and he spends part of his summer there where he serves as Rabbi-in-Residence. Rabbi Melman is an avid traveler and feels fortunate to have led CBS congregants on trips to Israel and Cuba.

Rabbi Melman also serves as the only Jewish Chaplain in the Illinois Army National Guard and has the rank of Captain.

Additionally, he is a proud supporter of his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors and Toronto Blue Jays. Rabbi Melman is deeply grateful to his wife Elisa and children, Jordan and Hannah for their love and support.

As our rabbi, you are equally at home leading us from the bimah or teaching in a classroom. You can weave daily life into spiritual life with ease. You are welcoming to our community wherever you are. You are dedicated to Judaism at home, at Congregation Beth Shalom, as a chaplain serving our first responders, in AIPAC, the RA, and more. Whether you are acting on a local, state, national, or world level, you shine, and that shine moves us forward. You quote from Broadway musicals and Torah without missing a beat and always have a quote ready from either, although my personal favorite from you is "just do the right thing".

Throughout your tenure at CBS, you have made a difference in our lives and brought us all closer to our spiritual and historical heritage. On behalf of the congregation, I thank you for your hard work, your energy, and your kindness. Mazel Tov to you and your family on nineteen years, and we look forward to many more to come.

Tanya Solomon, President

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Dear CBS Family,

I would like to welcome you to this fantastic program—it is both a tribute to 18 plus years of Rabbi Melman's involvement with Congregation Beth Shalom and a fundraiser for our synagogue. This program, Bourbon, Blues & BBQ, was the brainchild of the CBS Fundraising Committee.

We are looking forward to a great meal from Zelda's Kosher Catering, Bourbon from Koval's, and unique entertainment from the Chicago Blues Network. Established in 2008, KOVAL produces organic whiskey, liqueurs and specialty spirits in Chicago's first distillery since the mid-1800s. The Chicago Blues Network is an inclusive, social impact organization building community around the art form of Chicago Blues. The organization connects Chicago Blues musicians with those who have a passion for the Chicago Blues style of music to further the study and appreciation of this urban music discipline worldwide.

As a result of the year we have all lived through, this program was delayed twice. And while I am sure that was frustrating to many, the outcome couldn't be better. This program, started during Ray Rokni's term as Vice President/ Fundraising, has come together largely with the extra time we've had to be creative. A wonderfully involved, active Fundraising Committee put together the Dinner, the Program, the Tribute Book and the Raffle.

Thus, a program with 4 unique components came together for all of us. My special thanks to Susan Karlinsky, Brenda Wasserman (with a hand-off from Michael Garlin early on), Beth Sher and Diana Lewis, Darlene and Norm Padnos, Mitch Padnos, Bobbi Simkin and Neil Rosengard, who each are leading on one of the components of the event, and also to the rest of the Fundraising Committee who have attended numerous meetings, made tons of calls, followed up with many members, and have overseen a huge registration process, etc.

We anticipate a wonderful evening—over 450 people in the virtual audience means that this event honors Rabbi Melman with overwhelming congregational participation (which he dearly deserves), that many people, businesses and organizations in the community can share their appreciation and love for Rabbi Melman, and that we raise meaningful funds for our annual budget.

We hope you enjoy this Event, it truly was a Labor of Love.

Best,
Howard Sigal, 2021-2022 Vice President, Fundraising

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Rabbi Aaron,

You can count on us to support you in all that you do for the Congregation Beth Shalom family and our community!

Mazel Tov on this special anniversary.

We are so proud of what you have accomplished over the last 18 years!
You have provided a beautiful life for us in an amazing community and we are thankful....
Even if we have to share you with thousands of others!

Thanks for being a great husband and Abba!

We love you,

Elisa, Jordan and Hannah

Dear Elisa and Aaron,

The Mishnah famously instructs us, "*Aseh lecha rav*, *knei l'cha chaver*," "Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend" (Pirkei Avot 1:6).

Our families have been learning from one another for years. The most gratifying part of our relationship is how our children adore one another. We have all depended on the other for myriad purposes and the nectar of our friendship only gets sweeter.

We have also come from distant places to find Northbrook our home and how fortunate are we that we have found ourselves living but a nine iron away (for you Aaron, maybe a sand wedge) from one another. Yet the proximity of our homes is galaxies away compared to the proximity of our hearts.

In Broadway parlance we offer to you a standing ovation for your almost 20 years with CBS, and what you have added to the community.

Our family, yes even the dogs, joins us in cheering "Encore".

May the next years be ones of fulfilled dreams for your family.

With our love,
Susan and Steve

Mazel Tov on 18 Years! It's totally groovy sharing the *bima* with you!

Here's to many more years of success and happiness!

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Rabbi Warner

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Rabbi Aaron Melman

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your 18th Anniversary
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in Northbrook.

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and wish you all the best
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May you go from strength to strength.

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Years at CBS!

Congrats and thank you so much for continuing to build our CBS community.

Love,

Marjorie and Bret Maxwell and Family

Mazel Tov to a wonderful friend, rabbi and colleague.

Kol Hakavod Rabbi Aaron Melman for your leadership.

And thanks for taking such good care of our parents.

Much Love!

Rabbi Aaron Brusso and Hana Gruenberg

כל הכבוד!

Congratulations Rabbi Aaron Melman on completing 18 years of service to Congregation Beth Shalom. We are very proud of you.

May you continue to go from strength to strength in leadership of the shul, as well as inspiring commitment to Judaism and Israel in our wider Jewish community.

Mazel Tov!

Susan, Marc, Joshua, Steven and Daniel Sacks

Mazel Tov Rabbi Aaron & Elisa for 18 years at Congregation Beth Shalom. Wishing many more wonderful years ahead.

Kimberly & Perry Shwachman

חי

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

Rabbi Aaron Melman

Barb and Michael Zaransky

Family

Dear Aaron,

It has been my pleasure to be a congregant of yours for all these 18 years. I remember the day I had the privilege of interviewing you for the job. You impressed me then as a newly ordained Rabbi out of JTS, and you continue to impress me now with your knowledge, your compassion, and your dedication to the Jewish world.

Thank you Aaron,

Harvey L. Miller

Mazel Tov and congratulations on your Chai Anniversary with Congregation Beth Shalom. We have been members of Congregation Beth Shalom during all of your Chai years and have been extremely pleased and moved by your leadership, commitment, and friendship during this period.

One of the most memorable times we had was on our trip with you to Cuba, where you were very concerned with everyone's comfort and well-being, and provided a pleasant and enjoyable experience for all. We hope that you enjoyed the Cuban cigars as much as we did!!

The Rothenberg, Schwartz, and Feller families wish you and your family many more Chai years at Beth Shalom filled with good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

Bonnie and Jerry Rothenberg

"The knowledgeable will be radiant like the bright expanse of sky,
and those who lead the many to righteousness will be like
the stars forever and ever."

Daniel 12.3

Kol Hakavod to

Rabbi Aaron Melman

In recognition of your 18 years of extraordinary service
to Congregation Beth Shalom,
to our Jewish community in Chicago, in Israel and abroad,
for your commitment to Jewish education,
and for your devotion to Solomon Schechter Day School
and to our students and families.

May you continue to go from strength to strength.

A heartfelt Mazal Tov to

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Mazel Tov on your

Chai anniversary!

Wishing you many more successful years at CBS.

The Patzik Family

Mazel Tov on 19 years with CBS.

We are so appreciative of your leadership, your guidance, and your friendship.

Here's to many more!

Lani and Seth Schrank

Rabbi Aaron,

We feel so lucky to be a part of this congregation that you continue to lead. We are so grateful for your dedication and commitment to this community. Mazel Tov on this exciting milestone.

You are an excellent rabbi and an even better friend!

Love, The Bosleys, Lavens, and Millers

CBS Sisterhood Honors
Rabbi Aaron Melman

Mazel Tov on your 18+ years of dedicated service to our Synagogue Community.

Sincere appreciation for

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your support and spiritual guidance.

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Aaron Melman on your Chai CBS Anniversary!

We sincerely appreciate your leadership, generosity, wisdom, teaching, and your genuine humanity. Your unceasing commitment to our congregation and our larger Northbrook community coupled with your generous service to our first responders has made you a true and valued asset to us all.

You have always been a valued advisor and strong supporter of our Men's Club, from your participation at many of our events, to serving as grill master on the youth lounge patio, to leading our Men's Club Israel Trip. All of your contributions are sincerely appreciated, and we look forward to sharing many more memories with you.

Yasher Koach, Rabbi!!!

Mazel Tov
to
Rabbi Melman
on your
Chai Anniversary!

Thank you for 18+ wonderful years with the Congregation Beth Shalom family.

Here's to many, many more!

Lori, Tony and Jacob Khanuk

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Aaron Melman

with love from,

Aunt Harriet Melman,
Uncle Steven Jonas and
Aunt Suzy Vaisler,
Uncle David and
Aunt Robin Jonas,
Aunt Sheri Jonas,
Cousins Sam and Neysa
Jonas and Melanie Jonas
and Michael Lederman
Buby Zelda Jonas z”l

Mazel Tov to our wonderful son, brother, uncle, grandson, friend, teacher & Rabbi on celebrating your Chai anniversary of leading and building the community at Congregation Beth Shalom.

You share your energy, thoughtfulness and guidance with other organizations including Northbrook Clergy Association, Chicago Board of Rabbis, Chaplain for the Northbrook Fire Department, AIPAC Rabbinic Council, Camp Ramah, the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics, and the Illinois Army National Guard. This demonstrates your thoughtful, caring nature and your passion to serve your community and your country.

You make us so proud, and your accomplishments are an inspiration to all. May you go from strength to strength.

With much love,

Ellen and Neil Melman

Ryan, Ora, Dylan, and Amelia Leopold

Zelda Jonas ז"ל

יישר כוח!

To Aaron,

Yasher Koach and

Mazal Tov from the

Rotman Family

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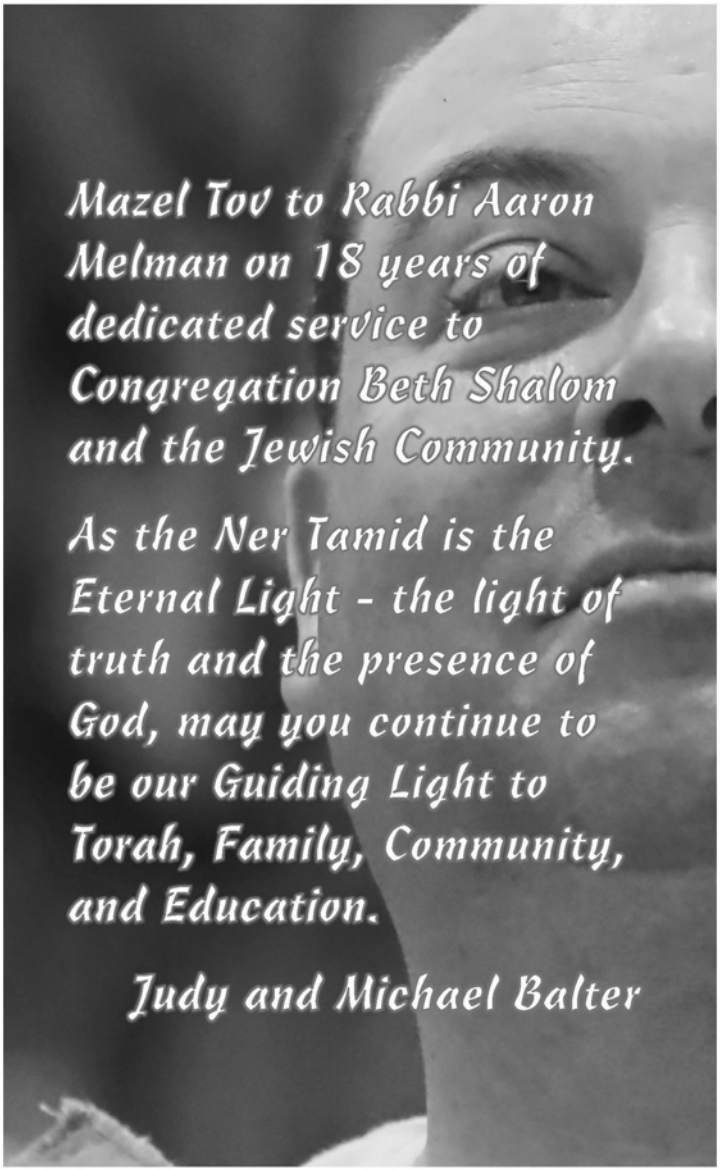
"You're a source of great pride to us."


Mazel Tov to Rabbi Aaron Melman on 18 years of dedicated service to Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish Community.
As the Ner Tamid is the Eternal Light - the light of truth and the presence of God, may you continue to be our Guiding Light to Torah, Family, Community, and Education.
Judy and Michael Balter

THANK YOU

RABBI MELMAN

for 18 years of service to the community.

May you continue to be an inspiration to all.

Sandy Frum

When Rabbi Melman was being interviewed for the position of Rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom, he was so warm and welcoming that you just wanted to hug him!

Then we determined that his family in Toronto and our family in Toronto were friends! What a coincidence.

We welcomed him when he was hired by Beth Shalom and we are still welcoming him, except that now he welcomes us on Shabbat and holidays or whenever we are

in the building.

To many years of good health, happiness and being our Rabbi.

Love, Arlene and Ray Handler

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Aaron Melman

Sharon, Allen, Jake, Zach and Jeff Lefkovitz

Rabbi Melman,

Congratulations on your

“Chai" years at Beth Shalom.

May we continue to be a special

Synagogue to

our members and to

the community.

May you go from

strength to strength.

Marcia & Henry Rabinowitz

Mazel Tov

18 Years at CBS
18 Years in the Neighborhood
And one wonderful week in Cuba

Sue and Len

מזל טוב!

And Best Wishes

Rabbi Aaron Melman

On your חי years at Beth Shalom

אבותינו ואמהותינו שתלו עבורנו,
ואנחנו נוטעים עבור ילדינו.

Our fathers and mothers planted for us, and we plant for our children.

With Love,

Darlene, Norman, Sherri, Mitch, Shari, Billy, Ethan, Ben, Elana, Ari, and Zoey

It's **CHAI** time, or at least plus one

You've been on the CBS bimah, leading the way

We're so grateful for all that you've done

You've been right there bringing us to this day.

We all look forward to the next 18, or 19

Perhaps this time without a spate

But even if it be, oh Captain, my Captain,

You'll be there to keep us focused and straight.

So, we raise a toast to you, our Rabbi and friend

For 19 years of leadership, the time does fly by

We won't do this salute with Ardbeg or Laphraoig

Instead, with an M&H to enjoy the time! Mazal Tov!

We are delighted to celebrate this wonderful occasion with you!

Laura and Lee Shulman

Mazel Tov on celebrating 18 years of service to Beth Shalom & our community.

You & your staff have done an outstanding job keeping our Beth Shalom family safe during Covid.

Wishing you, Elisa, Hannah & Jordan good health & happiness in the

years ahead.

All our Best,

Fern & Larry Roseman

Congratulations from the

Blitt Family!

Mazel Tov on your Chai Anniversary Celebration.

We appreciate so much your warm and generous personality and the learned leadership you have provided to Congregation Beth Shalom.

You have truly enriched our lives.

Fondly,

Ronna and Ron Heftman

Mazal Tov on reaching this wonderful Chai year.

We look forward to many more years of worshiping together and sharing life's milestones with you and your family.

Joel & Judy Greenman

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Congratulations on your

first 18 years!

Looking forward to your next

18 years of leadership!

With our best wishes,

Andy and David Reich

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Mazel Tov,

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continued success.

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John C. Maxwell

And because of his commitment and caring, we are all better and stronger especially during these difficult times!

With Much Love,

Judy and Rabbi Carl Wolkin
And their Children
Aurelia and Josh
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MAZEL TOV

RABBI MELMAN

Thank you for your amazing service to our community!

Lonnie Nasatir, *President*

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The American Israel Public Affairs Committee joins Congregation Beth Shalom in congratulating Rabbi Aaron Melman on a wonderful 18 years!
We thank Rabbi Melman for his extraordinary leadership, dedication and commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship.
Together, may we go from strength to strength.
Mazel Tov!
Your Friends at AIPAC
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Dear Rabbi Melman,

Our ancestor, the biblical Aaron, spent forty-plus years in a prominent leadership role. As the Israelites transitioned from downtrodden slaves to the receivers of Torah and into decades of wandering in the wilderness, Aaron, we understand, served effectively as God's mouthpiece, the articulator of the covenant and commandments to the people. In his role as High Priest he oversaw his family in administering the complex undertaking of running the sacrificial system. Like that Aaron, your Rabbinate embodies the need to translate our tradition to the masses in a contemporarily relevant idiom and a true appreciation for the operation of a massive enterprise – in your case, the beloved Congregation Beth Shalom that has been your professional home for your entire career.

During the times each summer when Beth Shalom graciously gifts you to us to play the role of Rabbi-in-Residence at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, you bring both of these approaches and add a third, as an invaluable sounding board and listener. While you bring your passions for Israel, the outdoors, and sports to camp, we are most grateful to you for the ways you make it clear that you want to serve our community's needs in much the same manner that you serve as shepherd to your home flock in Northbrook. Your Ramah Rabbinate balances tasks and roles that are instantly recognizable as Rabbinic – working with *bar* and *bat mitzvah* students, giving *divrei Torah*, making sure we have the right Torah readings on any given Shabbat – and others that are less obviously "Rabbinic," including jumping into our nearly frozen lake of early June to secure "the Blob" and, when needed, literally rolling up your sleeves to clean-up a mess. Balancing these roles and what may seem to be disparate personae is a defining aspect of who you are as a Rabbi, enhancing the impact of your role by finding the *kodesh*, holiness, in the *chol*, mundane.

Your commitment to the Conservative Movement's experiential education programs dates back over twenty years, and your passion for our work at Ramah Day Camp in Wheeling and at the overnight camp is about the opportunity for the children of your congregation to experience the immersive and holistic approach to Jewish living which is the hallmark of our institution.

One of the Conservative Movement's significant liturgical breaks from the traditional Orthodox liturgy is the introduction of a teaching from פרקי אבות (Ethics of the Rabbis) at the end of *birkot hashachar*. After studying biblical and rabbinic texts we quote the great sage Hillel who prayed that "we be like the students of Aaron the Priest: a lover of peace and a pursuer of peace, a lover of all God's creations and one who draws them near to the Torah." You again embody this vision of our ancestor whose name you carry, and we look forward to following your lead as a bridge-builder, advocate for what is right, embracer of inclusion, chaplain, pastor, and teacher.

Representing the extended communities of Ramah Day Camp in Chicago and Camp Ramah in Wisconsin – our camper families, alumni, staff, and volunteer leadership – we join with Congregation Beth Shalom and its myriad constituents, as well as Hannah, Jordan, Elisa, and your extended family, in sharing in this wonderful celebration of your leadership. We also each cherish our profound privilege to have you as one of our close personal friends.

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Mazal Tov Aaron on your 18th Anniversary!!
You bring out the best in all of us and we're honored to celebrate this milestone with you.

You're the best Shabbat afternoon guac chef in the Northwoods and we know we can always count on you for sage advice & engaging late night conversation!

We ❤ you
and CAN'T WAIT for Summer ~~2020~~ 2021!

The Ramah Wisconsin Crew
Dina, Lisa, Robin, Nina, Karen & Abby

MAZEL TOV, RABBI

May you continue to share your wisdom
for many, many years!

— DENNY ANDERSON
LEILA GREEN

Thank you for the 18 years of friendship. We have loved watching both our families grow, and love even more the times we have shared and celebrated together.

Thank you for the many times over the 18 years that you and Elisa have extended your love and support.

We are looking forward to so much more!

Mazel Tov Rabbi Aaron and Elisa!

Hilary & Ric Braun and the "Braun" clan

מזל טוב!

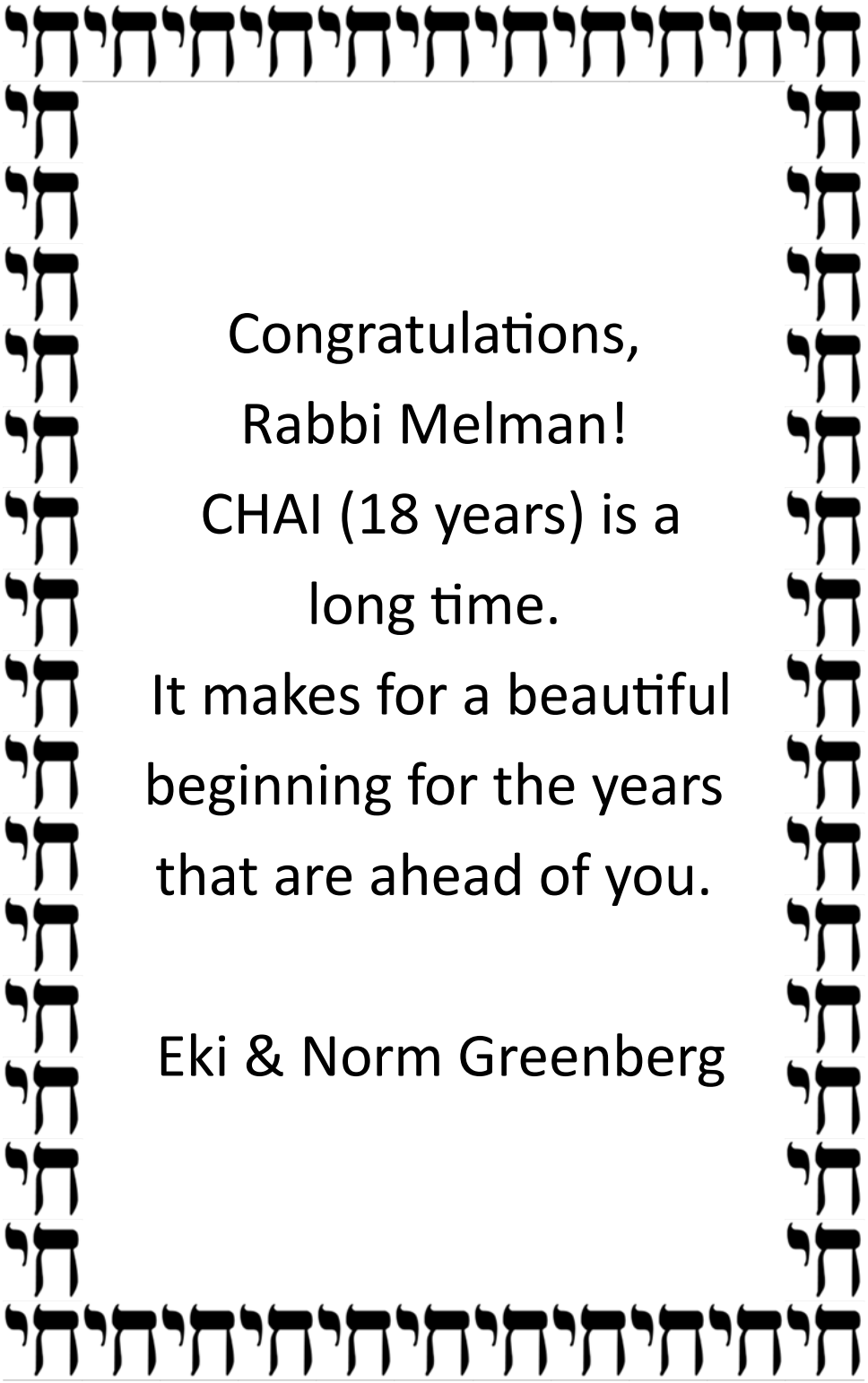
With gratitude for your kind and caring years of service.

With Love,
The Brusso's
Eileen & Barry

Thank you so much for your leadership and vision this past year. We are grateful for your guidance during the pandemic - you led by example.

Job well done!

Terri & Marc Schwartz and family


Congratulations,
Rabbi Melman!
CHAI (18 years) is a
long time.
It makes for a beautiful
beginning for the years
that are ahead of you.
Eki & Norm Greenberg

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Mazal Tov with Love +

Shalom

Marti & Reva

לחיים!

L' chaim on 18 years!

Thanks to the entire
Melman Family for being
such an important part
of our family the
past 18 years.
May we continue to grow
and celebrate together.

Suzy and David Hakimian

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Congregation Beth Shalom. We are honored to call you our Rabbi.

Carol & Ed Kaplan

Mazel Tov Rabbi Melman
and thank you for your
dedication and service to
Congregation Beth Shalom!
Looking forward to many
more years of your
kindness, support
and leadership.
Wishing you, Elisa, Jordan
and Hannah good health
& happiness.

With love,
Sue Lampert

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Mazel Tov on reaching your 18th year at CBS. It has been our personal pleasure to watch you grow on your journey! May we continue to be blessed with your leadership, that is guided by the divine light within your heart.

Our sincerest best wishes to you,

Elisa, Jordan & Hannah.

B'shalom,

Cindy & Bob Marder

MAZEL TOV

RABBI AARON MELMAN

ON YOUR CHAI ANNIVERSARY

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

MAY WE CONTINUE TO GO FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

DIANA and MAURY LEWIS
ADRIENNE and MITCHELL WEISS

Rabbi Aaron Melman Tribute

It's hard to believe that 18 years have come and gone since you first came to Congregation Beth Shalom, and Pam and I had the pleasure of hosting you and Elisa at our home for a meet-and-greet. At that time, we just knew in our hearts that you would become our next Assistant Rabbi. And as they say, "the rest is history" as you found your place and made your mark in your own inimitable way as a truly special addition to our CBS family.

In addition to your daily presence at the Synagogue, you have officiated at our personal simchas and tragedies. We may not be close friends socially, but we know you are in our lives and for that we are forever grateful.

As Assistant Rabbi and now Senior Rabbi, you have led the synagogue on a transformation of membership and conservative Jewish principles that have made CBS extremely well known and respected in the Jewish community. On a more personal level, I have appreciated your support for our Men's Club and the FJMC through my presidencies of the Club and the Midwest Region.

It was in large part due to your exemplary leadership that the CBS Men's Club participants had such a wonderful experience on our November 2018 trip to Israel. One of my recollections about that special journey was that you made sure that those of us who were observing a Yahrzeit during the trip were able to say Kaddish. As timing would have it, my mother's Yahrzeit came on the day we visited the south wall of the Temple. Standing on those steps to say Kaddish for my mom, in a space that once led to the Temple Mount, and thinking about how my mother would always insist that I go to services on Shabbat morning as a child, was one of the most emotional moments of my adult life. I can't thank you enough for providing me with that memorable opportunity.

As we move forward through the coming years, we are confident that your ongoing leadership will bring continued success to Congregation Beth Shalom. Thank you for choosing Northbrook as your "home" town! May G-d bless you and your beautiful family.

Harvey & Pamela Redfern

Mazal Tov and Best Wishes.
With our thanks and
grateful recognition.

Linda & Curt Rodin
Jill & Joshua Rodin
Gayle & Michael Shifrin

Mazel Tov Rabbi Melman

on 18 great years!

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Mazel Tov, Aaron,
on 18 fantastic years.
We are looking forward to
many more to come.
Thank you for being our
friend and Rabbi.
Love,
Edna and Mike Schrank z"l

כל הכבוד!

For being our Rav Muvhak,
our main Rabbi,
as the Rambam says…
Kol Hacavod to Rabbi
Aaron on his 18 years
of incredible service
and dedication to
our Congregation!!

Susan and Harold Schwartz

Rabbi Melman,

A Canadian export who can't go home (at least as this is written), a Chaplain to the Northbrook Fire Department, a Chaplain to the Illinois Army National Guard, a neighbor who was our own personal "Elijah" on a Passover of the past (just ask him).

Thanks for all you do for the Synagogue and for the Jewish Community at Large.

Mark & Sharon Telpner

and Family

תודה רבה!

Rabbi Melman,

Thank you for your "Chai" years of service to Congregation Beth Shalom and its members.

Sue and Joel Weinstein

Wishing you continued success

Fay & David Ziegler

Dear Rabbi Aaron,

We all are wishing you a hearty mazel tov on your Chai anniversary.

עד מאה ועשרים

Sonia Gebel,

Carol Grad,

Mike Friedman,

Jerry Handler,

Lorraine Horwitz,

Mel & Sally Zuckerman z"l

Mazel Tov!

Thank you for the past 18 years and all the years to come!

Paul and Laura Lapping

Congratulations to Rabbi Melman on 18 years of dedicated service to our Congregation and our community.

We look forward to many more years of our association with you.

Bruce and Nancy Chudacoff

מזל טוב!

Thanks for your eighteen years Rabbi Melman. Wishing you at least another eighteen.

Adele Gorenstein

Mazel Tov on 18 years of leadership at Beth Shalom. We appreciate all that you do for our community.

All our best,
Jill and Glen Roter
Julie and Blake Roter
Melissa and Jeff Good

Mazel Tov Rabbi Melman…

For 18 Years of Fun and Spirituality at Congregation Beth Shalom!!

Love,

Judi and Michael Greenberg

Rabbi Aaron...

Expressing our appreciation to an extraordinary rabbi, teacher and mensch. Congratulations on 18 exceptional years at CBS!!

Carol and Michael Schnitzler

Neil & Alison

Mazel Tov and L'chaim!

The Samborn Family

Mazel Tov on 18 wonderful years.

Andy & Harold Kessler

Mazel Tov and thank you Rabbi Melman for 18 years of dedication and service to CBS!

Nancy & Richard Sher

Rabbi Melman,

We can't believe that it has been 18+ years! We are glad to celebrate your Chai milestone with you, and look forward to at least 18 more years with you at the helm.

Iris and Steve Podolsky

The Sigals

Jody, Howard

Ben, Elana and Bari

Congratulations

Rabbi Aaron Melman

On

Eighteen plus years of Service to

Congregation Beth Shalom

May We Share Many Wonderful

Simchas Together in the Future

Rabbi Aaron Melman

Yasher Koach and

Kol Hakavod

on this well deserved

recognition for your

Passion, Dedication,

and Leadership.

You are a true Mensch.

Estelle and Jerry Agrest

יישר כוח!

Rabbi Melman,

We are so proud to share this milestone with you. May you always go from strength to strength.

Tami, Raymond and the entire Rokni family

Mazal Tov on your
Chai Anniversary

Love,
Eileen & Ira Rosenbaum

For the past, the present and the future. For all you have done, for all you are doing and for all you will do,

TODAH RABAH AND YASHER KOACH!

May we celebrate much together for many more years.

Janet and Arnie Hoffman

תודה רבה!

Congratulations
Rabbi Melman on your
chai years at CBS.
All our best wishes to
the clergy, staff, and
congregation.

Paula & Carl Resnick

Oh the Places You Have Been and will Continue to Go!

מזל טוב

From the IC logistics team and USY on Wheels, to rabbinical school and rabbinic placement in Northbrook

To Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi, and Head Rabbi

Through celebrations, challenging times, and practical jokes 😉

Always a friend, confidant, teacher, and mensch -

Celebrating you, your family, and your Chai Anniversary!

Lisa, Michael, Alex, & Eli

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Congratulations and much happiness as you celebrate your 18th year at Congregation Beth Shalom. May you continue to be an inspiration to the Jewish community and lead the congregation for many, many, more years.

Love,

Marsha and Myron Glassenberg, and

Daniel, Karen, and Ava Glassenberg

Dear Rabbi Aaron,

It seems like yesterday when we met as you interviewed at CBS for the assistant Rabbi position. How quickly eighteen years fly by.

Over the years we have shared many life cycle events, both happy and sad. Your compassion and just being there for us as well as our families has been amazing, and we cannot begin to tell you how much it has always meant to us.

We have shared a great deal over the past eighteen years. We are so proud that you are our Rabbi, but we are even prouder that you are our friend. We look forward to sharing many more healthy years with your wonderful family.

With all our love,

Caron & Jack

TO OUR DEAR FRIEND
RABBI AARON MELMAN,
AN INSPIRATIONAL
LEADER AND
ALL-AROUND MENSCH.
CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR CHAI ANNIVERSARY

LENA AND DAVID KUSHNIR

Wishing Rabbi Melman
and the entire
Beth Shalom Congregation
our very best.

Kind regards,
Kimberly and Lyle Cohen

May the next 18 years be as successful as the first 18.

We love you and appreciate you.

Your devoted congregants,

Bonnie and Lee

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Mazel Tov on reaching your
"Chai Anniversary"
At Beth Shalom!
We want you to know
we truly appreciate you and wish you
many more years at
Beth Shalom!

Love,
Becky and Ellis

Zei Gezunt. . . And We Really Mean It!

Mazel Tov on 18 fantastic years. We look forward to many more years with you as our spiritual leader.

Amy Solar and
Brad Shaps

Congratulations!
Thank you for all of your help during your 18+ years of service, especially during COVID-19. You and your team have done a remarkable job keeping the Beth Shalom family together and safe.
Congratulations to you and your family on this wonderful occasion.

Marsha & David Hochman

MAZEL TOV

Rabbi Aaron Melman on your CHAI anniversary at Congregation Beth Shalom. May you go from strength to strength.

Marylyn and Howard Minkoff

Congratulations Rabbi Melman on celebrating 18 years at CBS. We are thrilled for you and your family and wish you many more amazing years to come.

All Our Love,
The Garlin Family

מזל טוב!

MAZEL TOV on your 18th (plus 1) anniversary at CBS. Your leadership, commitment, and dedication to CBS is greatly appreciated. We wish you continued success and good health for many years to come.

With love and respect,
Lisa and Harold Dembo
and Family

Mazel Tov on your 18 years.....
From 1 fellow Canadian to another. Thank you so much for representing our Synagogue in the kind and gentle manner which you do in such a welcoming way.
May all your achievements and goals, Mitzvahs you do so quietly, all the while taking care of your flock as well as the community, continue for another 18 years.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel and Kim Grief, Alexa, & Justin

L'Chaim!

Rabbi Melman,

Mazel Tov and L'chaim for 18 wonderful years of contributions to our shul.

We have always appreciated your sense of humor. You have supported us through mitzvahs, sad times and of course, Covid.

Cheers to many more years with you and your family with us at CBS.

Jim and Debbie Hamilton

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Mazel Tov on your Chai Anniversary. How deserving you are of this tribute!

Congratulations and Best Wishes,

Edie and Ken Smithson

Thank you to Rabbi Aaron Melman on eighteen plus one years of service to our Congregation Beth Shalom Family. Thank you to Elisa, Jordan, and Hannah for sharing your family with ours. Mazel Tov!

From,
Tanya, David, Matt, and Mollie Solomon

In appreciation of your dedication, devotion, and commitment to making Congregation Beth Shalom a house of worship we can all call home. Congratulations on your eighteen years of leadership and guidance.

How “sweet” it is!

The Sugar Family
Bev, Dave, Ben & Jordan

IN HONOR OF AND
APPRECIATION FOR
WONDERFUL CLERGY,
WONDERFUL STAFF,
MY WONDERFUL
FAMILY AT CBS

WITH LOVE AND BEST
WISHES TO ALL
BOBBIE FINK

חבר

You aren't only our Rabbi, but also a friend. From camping in Wisconsin to our trip to Israel and everything in between, we have valued your spiritual guidance, teaching, but most importantly your friendship. Thank you for everything that you have done for Congregation Beth Shalom and for the Northbrook community for the past 18+ years. Our family has enjoyed celebrating with your family and look forward to many more years of celebrations and milestones together!

Mazel Tov and Love,

Beth, Dan & Spencer

Rabbi Melman,

Mazel Tov to you and your family on your “Chai” anniversary at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Best wishes for many, many more years to come.

May you go from strength to strength!

Sandee and Larry Levin

Mazel Tov on your
tenure at Congregation
Beth Shalom.

May you go from
Strength to Strength!

“L’Chaim”

Barbara and Mark Gelfeld

The definition of a Rabbi is a Master and Teacher.
This is truly what you are as you watch over our
CBS families as well as the community.
You never boast about your achievements,
numerous charity work, the many boards you sit
on, and the many other things you do quietly.
We are all truly blessed and proud of you
and your family.
MAZEL TOV on your 18 years and hopefully we
will celebrate again in another 18 years.
Bobbi Simkin
Sami & David Duran

Rabbi,

Thank you for always welcoming us to the congregation and making us feel a part of the Beth Shalom family. Here's to many more years!

Mazel Tov,

Karen & Chuck Schulman

Thank you to Rabbi Melman,
Elisa and the entire Melman family
for your friendship and
service to our community.
Mazel Tov on your Chai Anniversary!
Bob & Danielle Dold

מזל טוב!

Mazel Tov
Rav Aaron!

Wishing you many more
years to come.
Karen, David, Jessica &
Josh Ebroon

Thank you Rabbi Melman
for making our lives better.
Love,
The Tatel Family

תודה רבה!

Mazal Tov Rabbi Melman on reaching
this milestone anniversary with
our congregation!
We truly value your leadership, teaching,
sense of humor, and love for Israel.
Looking forward to many great years
together at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Best wishes from the Zaacks family.

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Mazal Tov on 18 years of service
to the Congregation Beth
Shalom Community.

Mazel Tov Rabbi Melman on reaching this wonderful milestone! You have been there to share many simchas with our family over the years and it has been a pleasure to watch your beautiful family grow along with ours.

Leatte, Adam, Sammie & Jordan Gelfeld

מזל טוב!

Mazel Tov Rabbi Melman

for your 18 years of service

to our congregation

and community!

Karyn & Mitch Liss

Thank you for your spiritual leadership, Rabbi Melman. Mazel Tov on your chai anniversary!

Renee and Elliot Roth

Rabbi Melman,

Thank you for your kindness, your leadership, your counsel, your sense of humor, and for being the most accessible Rabbi we've ever met. We are so lucky to have you in our lives.

Mazel Tov!

Hilary & Aaron Malina

Mazel Tov on your milestone anniversary. Thank you for all your care and understanding over our years as members of CBS. May we share many more good and healthy years with you and your family.
Norm and Ilene Iglarsh

Yasher Koach Rabbi Aaron
for your 18 years of service.
Pam and Mike Issen

יישר כוח!

To my treasured colleague and friend, Rabbi Aaron Melman, may you go from strength to strength!

Yashar Koach and Mazel Tov!

Rabbi Michael Schwab

יישר כוח!

Mazal Tov on 18 years of dedicated service to Congregation Beth Shalom. May you continue to find success and fulfillment in all that you do.

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Wishing you continued success.
Judy and Jim Hoke

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Aaron Melman & Congregation Beth Shalom on your חַי years of service.
From Rabbi Adir Glick & your friends at
Temple Har Zion in River Forest

Mazel Tov on your 18 years of wise counsel as our Rabbi.
Love your down to earth and friendly manner.
We wish you and your family all the very best.
Harlie & Jerry Ezgur

We are always happy to celebrate with you! Mazel Tov on your Chai Anniversary,
Donna and Donnie Rappin

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Congratulations to you and your family on reaching this momentous milestone in your lives.
Fondly Roselle Jacobson & Jerry Guberman

Thank you for 18 years of leadership, service, support and love. Allan Werth

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June 1st – August 31st Tuesdays 10:30 am

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June 22nd Tuesday 9:00 am

PRIDE Shabbat: A Conversation Between Rabbi Aaron Melman and Rabbi Warner Ferratier
June 26th Saturday 9:30 am (pre-registration required)

Movies with Melman (via Zoom) CBS University
June 29th Tuesday 7:00 pm

Beginning Yiddish (via Zoom)
July 7th – Aug 25th Wednesdays 11:30 am (pre-registration required)

Summer Blood Drive
July 11th Sunday 8:00 am (pre-registration required)

Tailgate for Tanya Brunch & Celebration
July 11th Sunday 11:00 am (pre-registration required)

Friday Night Shabbat Under the Sky
August Friday 6:00 pm (dates to be announced)

Mazel Tov to the Melman Family

May you go from
Strength to Strength

Rabbi Aaron, Elisa, Jordan, and
Hannah Melman