

Congregation Beth Shalom  
Committee Reports  
October 2021

**Fundraising Report**

Howard Sigal, Fundraising VP

- No written report

**House Report**

Ray Rokni, House VP

- **Live streaming:** Sound Planning has completed installation of the Sound and Video systems in CBS. The only reported issue was 1<sup>st</sup> service of 2<sup>nd</sup> day Rosh Hashanah. Due to storm the night before, system did not reboot properly. It requires a very specific reboot sequence that was not followed. The procedure is in place for systems reboot and no further issue has been reported.

**Seal Coating:** Suburban Seal Coating completed the project on time and within \$8500 project budget.

**Maintenance:**

- **Window washing** - washed insides and outsides of all windows, included caulking / sealing where needed.
- **Sump Pump:** Replaced master Sump Pump - Back-up need to be replaced as well.
- **Roofs clean up** – Custodians will remove leaves / debris from the roof during fall months to keep gutters clean.
- **Landscaping** – The replanting of the islands was deferred to fall. Susan will contact landscaping for redistributing of the existing plants in islands. There was discussion on getting other quotations for 2022 calendar year for landscaping services.

**FEMA grant Projects – CBS has received confirmation of the Grant for \$98K.** We need multiple quotes for projects to comply with Illinois requirements. We cannot get approval for any contracts until we get notification from Illinois (they manage the FEMA grant) – could be February!!!

- Continue Clear Guard Shatter resistance glass film
- Blue Light police call boxes with speaker emergency call box system
- Funding for professional security services

**Upgrade to front door entry system** – we need to provide better-controlled access for entry of guest members into the building when there is no one in the office. We will purchase and install a web based front door entry system to allow remote monitoring and entry of guests in to building.

**Proposal for use of CBS kitchen** – We have received request from Chef Liad Catering for use of CBS kitchen. This is like a request that was made in 2020. Committee is still concerned with licensing, lack of compliance with codes and overall CBS liabilities. At this point, the request is rejected. We will discuss the terms of his proposal to assess if there is any possible financial benefit to CBS.

**Parsonage** - renewed snow removal contract for Stoehr & Ferratier (Melman has a snow blower)

**Rabbi Melman residence** front window replacement - We have received 5 estimates (non-Vinyl window replacement) quotations. Recommendation is to go with Savocchi proposal that is wood frame covered Aluminum clad. Next, we are working on the contract. We will have a motion for up to \$8500 for this project to the CBS Board.

This is expected 2-day job, however, 10 week lead time to get the windows built.

### **Finance**

Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin, and Marjorie Maxwell

- Financials provided in separate document

### **Membership Report**

Sue Lampert, Membership VP

- No written report

### **Programming Report**

Randy Samborn, Programming VP

- No written report

### **Ritual Report**

Bill Shulman, Ritual VP

- No written report

### **School Report**

Robyn Rosengard, School VP

- No written report

### **Social Action Report**

Suzy Hakimian, Social Action VP

- Social Action – October

There is so much going on in and around our community. Here is just a sample:

Kol Ha Kavod to Steve Elisco for yet another successful Blood drive. Steve spends over 30 hours prior to each drive making connections, contacting previous donors, and making sure that the rooms are set up in a safe manor. In these trying times, giving blood is a mitzvah of highest praise.

**CAN** you bring a can each time you come into Beth Shalom? Please help support the Northfield Food Pantry with this easy to do mitzvah. Then fill out a card at the entrance that says you've done something good today!

It's all in the BAG! What about filling a bag with more bags? Jill Olefsky is collecting brown paper grocery bags to be used at several food pantries in the area. Reach out to her to arrange getting the bags to the right location.

CANDY? Looking to get rid of all the extra candy left over from the October holiday? Jill Olefsky is collecting the sweet treats to be donated to the Illinois National Guard. Collections will continue until November 11.

SNACK TIME! Leatte Gelfeld works with Hunger free Northbrook to provide special bags for food insecure Elementary school students. These donations are in addition to any food pantry items they may receive. Hungry Free Northbrook provides lunches and snack items for weekends and after school. Cost per bag is approximately \$25. Drop off donations at Leatte's house or volunteer to help purchase and package bags. Please give her a call to hear more about this program Leatte Gelfeld - 312-310-6950

#### PROVIDE WARM WINTER WISHES!

JCFS is once again looking for donations for Project Winter Warmth and Holiday Gift Drive.

- Project Winter Warmth partners with Burlington Coat Factory to provide winter wear for children under 18. Donations are used to provide store vouchers for winter wear items
- Holiday Gift Drive – Channukah is coming! Donations needed to buy Channukah wish list gifts and gift cards to children in our area. Please reach out to Samantha Spolter, Safer Communities Coordinator at JCFS 847-745-5430

#### LOOKING TO SHOP FOR SOMETHING GOOD?

What about shopping for an ARK family? What about encouraging a fellow congregant or family to participate with you in this important mitzvah? Congregation Beth Shalom will reimburse you for your grocery expenses! Please reach out to Merrill Medansky for more information-847-559-8097.

#### IT'S TIME FOR DINNER!

PADS - Providing advocacy, dignity & shelter, relies on volunteers to prepare meals for their clients in the shelter. You can do mitzvah by cooking or preparing part of a meal to be delivered to the PADS shelter in Buffalo Grove. Please reach out to Sara Weinstein for more information – 847-477-5993

You can recycle chip and cookie bags that are lined with aluminum foil at Northbrook Village Hall.

### **Youth Report**

Seth Shrank, Youth VP

- USY
  - Regional Leadership Training took place on October 3. CBS was well represented with about 1/3 of the attendees.
  - Our weekly lunge nights have also been well attended, averaging about 20 participants weekly. This includes a mix of USYers from CBS and other chapters as we are one of only two chapters that has weekly programming.
- Young Family
  - A Young Family Columbus Day outing was scheduled for October 11 with over 10 families signed up. This is a great opportunity for us to provide programming that brings both parents and kids together.
  - Our monthly Mazal Tot program continues with good success meeting before services start on Shabbat morning.
- Young Family Parents
  - Programming for this group is still being determined based on COVID influenced desires from the group.

### **Men's Club Report**

Steve Lessman, Andrew Wagner Co-Presidents

- We would like to thank all of our members and vice presidents for their help in organizing, helping, and participating in all of our events.

### **Events that have occurred since our last meeting**

- **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: Men's Club Breakfast** featuring **Dr. Steve Zaacks** who spoke on "How to Prevent and Identify a Heart Attack & Its Effect on Our Lives, Part 2." This is part of our continuing Men's Health initiative with interesting and informative programs.
- **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Steaks in the Sukkah** featuring **David Schuster**, a sports personality formerly of WSCR, 670 the SCORE, and ESPN 1000, WMVP. In addition to enjoying grilled kosher steaks and

fulfilling the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah, David fielded questions about virtually everything in sports.

- **Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bagels on the Run.** We prepared to-go bags with a bagel, cream cheese, and Men's Club event brochures, along with hot coffee, to the parents of our Sunday School kids.
- **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Men's Club Breakfast** featuring **Dr. Gary Grad** who spoke on **Israel's Role in Global Cancer Research.**
- **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>: Combined Men's Club and Sisterhood social event:** An evening of entertainment with music (New Tradition chorus), game show-style interactive entertainment (Jensen Entertainment) and dessert.

### Upcoming events

- **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Men's Club Breakfast** featuring **Pat Cassidy**, WBBM Newsradio 780's morning anchor for over 40 years. He will share a behind-the-scenes look at today's news and how it gets heard on the air.
- **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: Israel In Depth** program featuring **Carl Schrag** speaking on **How Did "Zionism" Become a Dirty Word?** Breakfast will be included.
- **Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Erev Thanksgiving** featuring the world-renowned **Jesse White Tumblers.** Dinner will be included

### Sisterhood Report

Jackie Zelkowitz, President

- On Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will host Jewish Book Month Author, Fern Schumer Chapman. Fern Chapman is a Chicago-based writer who has written several award-winning books. Judy Levin will serve as a discussion facilitator for the night. We hope that you will consider attending this event.

We are excited to announce that our Holiday Boutique is back in person on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Leatte Gelfeld and Robyn Rosengard have been working very hard bringing in a lot of amazing vendors. We hope that you will come out and get your holiday shopping done and support these vendors. Masks and social distancing will be required at our Boutique.