

Congregation Beth Shalom
Committee Reports
February 2022

Fundraising Report

Howard Sigal, Fundraising VP

- CBS Fundraiser will be the evening of May 22, 2022.

The CBS Fundraising Committee is looking forward to this fun, unique program. More information on the actual invite, sponsorship levels, Tribute book, etc. should surface by next month's meeting. We look forward to joining together for a **Fun** Event with The Mentalist, that recognizes our Covid-19 Task Force and also helps raise funds for CBS.

CBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
"TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW"
FEATURING SIDNEY FRIEDMAN
MASTER OF ALL THINGS PSYCHIC

"FRIEDMAN
WILL BLOW
YOUR MIND!"
TIMEOUT
MAGAZINE



"FRIEDMAN IS A
WIZARD!"
DAVE HOEKSTRA,
CHICAGO
SUN-TIMES

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 2022
5:30 PM IN-PERSON
3433 WALTERS AVENUE, NORTHBROOK, IL

DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, 50/50 RAFFLE, TRIBUTE BOOK

RECOGNIZING OUR CBS COVID-19 TASKFORCE DOCTORS
DAVID HAKIMIAN, ARI JAFFE, WENDY LATASH,
ALAN SHAPIRO, & LEE SHULMAN

Couvert \$54 per person or \$500 for a table of 10
Sponsorships
Tribute Book

**For more information on tickets, sponsorship, tribute book & raffle,
please visit us at tinyurl.com/fundraisier2022**

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House Report

Ray Rokni, House VP

Maintenance:

- **Frozen Pipe** outside of school was replaced along with leaky pipes in the basement – Overall cost \$2600 with J Plumbing
- **Walk in Cooler AC failed** – This is the original AC unit and is probably 30+ years old. We received a quotation from Midwesco for \$9634. No other refrigeration vendor would bid this. With Committee approval Michael has accepted the offer for installation of a new custom AC unit and it is on order, however, it is 5-7 weeks lead time.

Motion for CBS February board meeting for approval of up to \$10K for this highly needed replacement unit to repair walk in cooler.

- **Rusted Duct work** coming out of RTU was identified during roofing inspection last year. We have received a quotation from our HVAC vendor Midwesco for repair and replacement of rusted ductwork.

Motion for CBS February board meeting for approval of up to \$6K for necessary repair and replacement of ductwork coming out of main RTU on the CBS rooftop.

Live streaming & Audio Services: To improve throughput of Video and Audio system, we are proceeding with having a dedicated audio internet feed to the building. New Comcast line is on order for this purpose. This should help with overall throughput of our system. We will adjust overall internet bandwidth after installation.

New CBS Signage: Walters and front entrance – Neil will present on the February board meeting of the new design of the CBS Walters sign and planned awarding local sign supplier recommended and negotiated by Alpha Graphics and the front entrance sign by Gemini. None of the vendors would complete the design until they are selected. We plan to go with local sign vendor (best choice from Dan, Alpha Graphic). The front of the building sign will be from Gemini. Jerry will do all the electrical conduit wiring to the new sign. It should be noted and special thank you to Sisterhood who has generously provided \$10K in 2020 calendar year toward these sign projects.

Motion for the February board of CBS – to approve expenditure of up to \$30K for replacement of both CBS signs located on Walters and in front of the building.

Building fund Reserve –Rick and Laura have updated our Building Fund Reserve document with all new updates to the CBS newly acquired AC and IT items. We need ~\$800K in reserve which we are well budgeted.

Finance

Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin

- See January budget to actual report

Membership Report

Sue Lampert, Membership VP

- No written Report

Programming Report

Randy Samborn, Programming VP

• Distinguished Speaker Series

Exciting plans are being finalized to return the Distinguished Speaker Series to an in-person and virtual event in early September and we hope to be making an announcement soon, possibly at the February Board meeting. We are also working on a virtual only Distinguished Speaker program in late spring and we expect to have more information on both events to follow soon.

Update on new classes:

L'Dor Vador Our class designed for parents and grandparents of children in 3rd – 8th grades has been postponed until later in the year.

Everything Old is New Again: Antisemitism ... Ancient Hatred, New Challenges with instructor Cheryl Banks is going on throughout the month of February. There are 71 screens registered. Cheryl is one of our most popular instructors, and this class is, unfortunately, very timely.

You KNEAD This Our class focusing on yeast will take place on February 23 and we will have a guest chef, Judy Wolkin, joining our moderator, Edna Schrank! Judy will be sharing her recipe for making Detroit Pizza! Currently 46 screens are registered. The class will be on Zoom and those who register receive the recipe in advance so they can cook along with Judy if they want to.

Our two remaining **Israel in Depth** sessions will occur on March 20 and April 3. The topic on March 20 is ***The 4 (or 5) Tribes of Israel*** and on April 3 is ***Israel to the Rescue!*** Both sessions will be led by Carl Schrag. Please consult the CBS website as the date gets closer to see if we are multi-access or Zoom only and whether or not there will be a breakfast.

PURIM

Purim/Megillah Mania 2022 will be on March 16, with our special guests, Ari Lesser and Emunah Almansoori. We will begin at 10:00AM with a special guest, Emunah Almansoori, whose topic is ***Megillat Emunah: A Personal Journey From the UAE to the US & From Islam to Judaism***. Emunah has a fascinating story: born in Dubai and raised in Bahrain as a Muslim, she moved to America, met Ari, and converted to Orthodox Judaism.

At 6:30PM, we will hear from her husband, **Ari Lesser** who is a singer, songwriter, rapper, and spoken word artist from Cleveland, Ohio. There are many

videos and articles about his talent that may be found on the internet. He enjoys stepping into character and rapping on countless topics. He will, of course, be focusing on Purim and the story of Esther and Mordechai. Ari will also be rapping during our Megillah reading.

Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow Ari's discussion/presentation and then we will be trying something completely different. We will have a socially distanced dinner DURING the Megillah reading so be sure to order dinner if that sounds good to you. The entire Purim schedule is attached.

We will need volunteers for Purim evening before, during and after the dinner. If you can help, please contact Leann at Lblue@bethshalomnb.org



The poster features a dark blue background with two ornate, gold and black masquerade masks at the top. In the center, the Congregation Beth Shalom logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized flame icon and the text 'CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM'. Below the logo, the event title 'PURIM 5782 - 2022' is written in a bold, gold, sans-serif font. Underneath, 'Megillah Mania - That's a Wrap' is written in a large, elegant, gold cursive font. The date 'Wednesday • March 16, 2022' is centered in a gold, sans-serif font. The schedule for Wednesday is listed in gold text, including a 10:00 AM CT session on 'Megillat Emunah: A Personal Journey from the UAE to the US & from Islam to Judaism' (available in-person, live stream, and via Zoom), a 6:30 PM CT rapping session with Ari Lesser (available in-person and live stream), and a 7:30 PM CT session for Mincha/Ma'ariv/Full Megillah Reading and Meal (if you choose to order) (available in-person and live stream). The date 'Thursday • March 17, 2022' is centered in a gold, sans-serif font. The schedule for Thursday is listed in gold text, including a 7:45 AM CT session for Minyan/Full Megillah Reading (available in-person, live stream, and via Zoom) and a 5:30 PM CT session for Family Purim Celebration with Costumes AND CBS Clergy (available in-person and live stream). At the bottom, the text 'For more information and to register: tinyurl.com/CBSPurim2022' is written in a gold, sans-serif font.

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PURIM 5782 - 2022

Megillah Mania - That's a Wrap

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from the UAE to the US & from Islam to Judaism
In-Person, Live Stream & via Zoom

6:30 PM CT - Rapping with Ari Lesser
In-Person & Live Stream

7:30 PM CT - Mincha/Ma'ariv/Full Megillah Reading
and Meal (if you choose to order)
In-Person & Live Stream

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AND CBS Clergy
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Ritual Report

Bill Shulman, Ritual VP

- No written report

School Report

Robyn Rosengard, School VP

- School will once again be running the *Mishloach Manot* (Purim Basket) Fundraiser. Congregants will receive an email with ordering instructions the week of January 30th. We hope you will order for all of your CBS friends! Orders will be accepted through March 7th and baskets will be ready to pick up the week of March 13th. The first basket is \$18 with additional baskets costing \$10. There are some group rates as well with all details available when you login from the instruction page. Prices go up after February 20th and we do have a limited number of baskets. This is a youth and school fundraiser and we appreciate full BOT participation. To help or ask questions contact Stacy Ybarra at sybarra@bethshalomnb.org.

Social Action Report

Suzy Hakimian, Social Action VP

- No written report

Youth Report

Seth Schrank, Youth VP

- No written report

Men's Club Report

Steve Lessman, Andrew Wagner Co-Presidents

- **Upcoming events**
 - **Sunday, March 6th: Lox Box**
 - **Saturday, March 19th: Men's Club Shabbat**
 - **Thursday, June 16th: Men's Club Golf Outing**

Signups for all of our events and lox box ordering are at: <https://cbsmensclubevents.square.site>.

Sisterhood Report

Jackie Zerkowitz, President

Our Sisterhood Shabbat was on Friday, February 4th. We had almost 100 people join us in person, as well as others that joined us online. It was wonderful to see so many people back in the synagogue.

We hope that you can join us on Thursday, February 24th. Roberta Rosenthal Kwall, the author of *Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World*, will discuss this new book via Zoom. You can purchase a copy of the book for \$20.00. Please contact Debbie Bell at dmb1642@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 27th is our annual Jan Blum Memorial Game Event which will take place at the synagogue. Come and play some of the classic table games – Mah Jongg, Canasta and Bridge.

Sunday, March 6th, celebrate Torah Fund's 80th Anniversary at our Torah Fund Event featuring JTS Cantorial Student, Josh Ehrlich.

Thursday, March 10th, Edwards Florist of Northbrook will be at the synagogue to help us decorate floral arrangements for our Shabbat tables. This event is offered both in person and through Zoom. If you wish to attend virtually, you will be able to pick up the flowers directly from Edwards Florist and participate from the comfort of your home.

Believe it or not, it's time for Sisterhood to start getting ready to bake for Passover Kiddushim. We will be baking from Tuesday, March 29th through Thursday, March 31st. Please look for the sign up link in the March Bulletin.