

PROGRAMMING VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY STEVEN ZAACKS

1. Distinguished Speaker Series: Author Jonathan Eig will be speaking at CBS on December 12, 2024 at 8PM. He is a former senior writer for the Wall Street Journal and recently received the Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Martin Luther King entitled King: A Life. The title for his talk is: Beyond The Dream: Embracing A More Complicated Martin Luther King Jr.
2. Salsa in the Sukkah -- October 22nd at 6 PM. More details to follow.
3. First Programming committee meeting is Thursday August 29th at 7 PM in person
4. Israel In Depth 2024 – 2025:
 - September 22, 2024
 - November 3, 2024
 - December 8, 2024
 - January 19, 2025
 - Final date TBD

Register for September 22, 2024 at: tinyurl.com/israelindepthsept

“October 7th One year later: What Does the Future Hold”

In person and via ZOOM

Instructor: Carl Schrag

Time: 10:00 – 11:15 am (immediately following Breakfast by Men’s Club)

Fee: No charge for CBS members (including breakfast); \$10 per session for friends of CBS

Contact Audrey Taxer with questions

5. CBS University ongoing classes or starting soon:

Five Megillot

In person and via ZOOM

Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Melman/Rabbi David Chapman

Mondays at 11:30 – 12:30 AM

Jewish News

In person and via ZOOM

Instructor: Carl Schrag

Tuesdays beginning August 20 at 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Elul: The Art of Starting Again

In person and via ZOOM

Instructor: Rabbi David Chapman

Tuesdays 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 at 4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Tai Chi sponsored by HAZAK
Via ZOOM only
Instructor: Allison Deputy
Thursdays at 9:30 – 10:15 AM

6. Upcoming classes:

Talmud
In person and via ZOOM
Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Melman
Mondays 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/10, 12/17 at 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Beginning Yiddish
This is a brand-new BEGINNING Yiddish class. Participants need to be able to recognize the letters and know what sounds the letters make. They will also need to be prepared to practice outside of class time.
Minimum: 5 students
Via ZOOM only
Instructor: Annie Kaufman
Wednesdays beginning 11/6 at Noon – 1:00 PM

Beginning Hebrew Using Our New Siddur
In person only
Instructor: Susan Stoehr
Thursdays beginning November 7 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Pre-Shabbat Learning and L'Chaim for Parents of Young Children
Via ZOOM only
Instructor: Rabbi David Chapman
Thursdays 9/19, 11/4, 12/19 at 9:00 – 10:00 PM

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY BRAD SHAPS

The fundraising committee is focused on achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan to achieve and maintain financial stability by creating a fundraising roadmap and a greater culture of donor giving by asking for gifts and stewardship recognition. To this end we have several major initiatives for this year.

Circle of Giving – is an annual fundraising campaign focused on increasing the annual contributions to the synagogue. There are 3 levels of giving Ner Tamid \$25,000+, Tzedakah \$18,000-\$24,999, and Tree of Life Circle \$10,000-\$17,999. A letter went out in June to some members of the congregation introducing the program. Over the coming months we will be reaching out to congregants to ask them to become members of the Circle of Giving. As a result of the letter, six members committed to joining the Circle of Giving resulting in increased commitments from these members of \$20,000 more than we received from these members last fiscal year.

Legacy Campaign - We will have a new focus on legacy gifts beginning this year. The fundraising Committee is developing a strategy for approaching members and rolling out the campaign. As a starting point we are hopeful to have commitments from all of the Board members.

Annual Event - This year our fundraising event will be 3 performances of CBS Follies, A Purim Shpiel Extravaganza Variety Spectacular. The performances will be on March 15 and 16. We are looking for Actors, singers, dancers, musicians, designers, costumes, theater people of all stripes, all ages, and all backgrounds. We are hosting an information meeting and auditions on Monday September 9 at 7 PM in Rosner Hall.

Stewardship - We are focusing on enhancing how we recognize and appreciate congregants who make meaningful contributions to the synagogue.

We will have several subcommittees to help with these initiatives including Legacy Committee, An Annual Event Committee, and a Stewardship Committee. In order for these initiatives to be successful, we need volunteers for each of the committees. Please let us know if you would like to assist with one of these committees and suggestions of congregants we should reach out to for these subcommittees.

SISTERHOOD REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY LANI SCHRANK

GOALS

1. Sisterhood is starting the 2024-2025 year strong. Our goals for the programming year are:
2. Increase the number of women who are empowered to take on leadership roles within Sisterhood and deepen our leadership capabilities.
3. Enhance our connections and partnerships within our synagogue, community, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ).
4. Try more new ideas and take more risks!

PROGRAM UPDATES

In furtherance of goal number 3, we held an incredible summer event on Sunday August 4. Historically, we have not had formal events over the summer. We had over 50 women attend a Resin Tray making event with Israeli-American Resin Artist Nicole Friedman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Aug 22, 7pm: First board meeting of the year

Tuesday Sept 17: Opening event- Tacos and Tekiah! More info coming out very soon

SCHOOL VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- Registration for Religious School is still coming in.
- The new Hebrew high program which gives college credit registrations are still coming in. Students do not need to be members of the synagogue.
- We are still looking for teachers for 2 teachers for 4th grade on Sunday mornings for our upcoming school year. Please contact Stacy if you know anyone.
- Meet the teachers is between 2-3pm on Sunday August 25th to connect/reconnect with teachers and have some ice cream
- We are having people sign up for Yom Beth Shalom to help outside. Still looking for more volunteers.
- First Day of Class is Sunday, September 8th for kindergarten through 5th Grades, 6th and 7th grades start on Shabbat September 7th .
- A room parent guide was made explaining what is needed and the first meeting date to be Thursday September 5th at 7pm.

SOCIAL ACTION REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD

On July 10th, 15 of us had a fun day at Bernie's Book Bank.

On August 15th, 20 people went to Feed my Starving children. We packed meals for communities around the world.

Pads will start back in October. Any questions reach out to Sara Weinstein at slo155@aol.com

Northfield Pantry needs food as the cold weather is around the corner

- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Vegetables (Especially corn)
- Canned mixed fruit (100% juice -no pears)
- Pasta

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY JACKIE ZELKOWITZ

On Saturday, July 13th, we had an evening of Comedy, Coffee and Havdalah at CBS. It was a great evening with over 180 people attending.

Save the date for the next event – Trivia, Coffee and Havdalah – Saturday evening, November 16th.

Yom Beth Shalom will be on Sunday, September 8th from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The outdoor activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and run until 1:00 p.m. We will need help with the outdoor activities either from 10:30 a.m. (set up) to 12:00 p.m. or from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (clean up). If you can help during either of these time slots, please let me know at JZelkowitz@comcast.net

Save the date for our Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 27th. The events for the evening are as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. Families with Young Children Shabbat Experience
- 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service
- Special Oneg Following Services

HOUSE VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY SCOTT ROGOFF

1. School Water Heater

A new water heater was replaced in the school.

2. Shelly's Landscape proposal for sign landscaping

Landscaping needs to be completed under the sign. There was a quote of \$5433.00 to put in boxwoods, tall grass, take out shrubs, add to existing boulders and make oval. Will take out of remaining \$30,000.00 allocated to sign via Board Motion in September of 2022 and, if in excess of that amount, will bring a motion to the Board.

3. New contract for caterers

House committee will work on updating the new contract for caterers taking into account increased costs.

4. New Sound System speakers

New speakers being installed.

5. FEMA Grant

Additional paperwork and pictures submitted for the grant. That was the last step. Once get the grant, can update security, doors, etc. Getting \$150,000.00. \$75,000.00 used for security upgrade over three years. Other \$75,000.00 used for new front door, ballards, etc.

6. 3505 River Falls parsonage

Committee in discussion regarding some upgrades to this parsonage.

YOUTH VP REPORT AUGUST 2024 BY RACHEL LAVEN

- Anat Pissetzky has started as our new Youth Director and has been off to a great start! She has been making introductory calls to families and reaching out to make connections within the community. She has started a new CBS USY Instagram page. Please check it out and follow! We're excited about her commitment to our youth.
- We are going to be introducing a lot of new programming for third through fifth graders specifically this year. We want to build up our Chaverim & Gesher community and make those names recognizable around here!
- USY is undergoing a lot of change at the moment, but we are still moving forward normally with our Thursday Lounge Nights in the Youth Gloss Lounge from 7-9pm! We will also be having our annual events such as the Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social, the Hamantaschen Lock-In, and the Chili Cook-Off.
- Almost 40 members of the Youth Committee and their families attended a summer pool party at the Laven's. This was a celebration of the hard work and great year that we had with youth programming.
- There are many new programs that we will be launching this year, targeting families with school aged children. Subcommittees are being formed to plan "Mishpacha Interactive Family Shabbat", a camp style musical shabbat with family participation, followed by a dessert bar. Another subcommittee will also be planning two parallel programs throughout the year. These will be programs for families, but adults and children will be separated, and each will have their own program. We hope events like this will strengthen community amongst our members.
- FYC programming is continuing with (almost) monthly Friday night Shabbat programs/dinner, Ark Adventures, Shabbat with a twist and more! We will also have monthly "Let There Be Play", a Shabbat morning program led by Jonathan Chapman and geared towards kids ages 5-8.