

### **YOUTH VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY HOWARD SIGAL**

- Ark adventures had almost 100 people registered as of January 12th. We also had about 10 kids and their families at Let There Be Play.
- Chaverim and Gesher programs are scheduled for the end of January.
- Camp Shira, which is a Friday night service in the round for families with kids K-5, is coming up on 2/7.
- USY lounge nights are getting 10-15 kids per night.

## **SCHOOL VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY CHARLOTTE STERN**

- January 31st, Shabbat B'Yachad/ShabbaTone, 5th grade service and dinner. Students will be leading different parts of the service. Dinner menu afterwards is planned by the class. The whole congregation is invited to join.
- Chagigat HaGan is on February 2nd. Celebration to welcome our kindergarten class. Students will be getting mini torahs.
- Room parents have been having get togethers with just the adults to form a community. Sunday January 12, Kindergarten, 3rd and 5th grade parents met while their kids were in school.
- High School Program is going well.

We have 4 students in the non-credit track. Last semester the class was on Jewish Comedy and this semester is Pieces of Jewish History with 2 to 3 mini courses. The first is on the Great Depression.

The college credit class with AJU is going well. We have 14 students from 4 synagogues and 6 high schools. The students are doing well in the class. They submitted their midterms in December and just completed class #9 out of 16.

## **PROGRAMMING VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY STEVE ZAACKS**

### **1) Scholars in Residence Program will be February 14-16:**

Friday night will be musical Kabbalat Shabbat, Dvar Torah and Traditional Ma'ariv led by Cantor Mayer, followed by Shabbat Dinner. (Registration required for dinner only) RSVP By: February 7th at <https://tinyurl.com/SIR2025>

Shabbat morning- Mid-Service Bagel and Coffee/Tea Break to study the 'Mystery of the Nine Commandments'. Regular Torah Service and an enhanced rendition of Musaf, featuring an acapella Zim-Zum Choir comprised of CBS members. (No registration required)

Sunday morning 9:30 AM Breakfast, 10 AM Program -- Following morning minyan, breakfast will be hosted by Men's Club after which Molly Picon and Yenta the Matchmaker will appear in recital thanks to the talents of Cantor Torgove and the grand piano accompaniment of Margo Schwartz-Newton. (Registration for breakfast and/or RSVP By: February 7th at <https://tinyurl.com/SIR2025>

### **2) Distinguished Speaker Series:**

Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League and former Special Assistant to President Obama, will speak at CBS on April 3rd. We anticipate high attendance and only pre-registration will be accepted (no walk ins).

### **3) Please consult the CBS website for ongoing adult education classes.**

### **4) The programming committee is meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD**

People are hungry as the winter months are coming. The Northfield food pantry needs your help. Please bring unexpired food to the shul. Here are some things they need, but they will take all kinds of food. Also if you don't want to bring food you can also give money which is also gratefully accepted and Fern or myself will make sure the money gets to them on behalf of Beth Shalom Thank you!

There is a greater need than ever before to help feed Northbrook school-age children. Please consider signing up to buy a bag or two (specific list and instructions will be provided once you sign up). If you would like to help and want me to do the shopping for you, please send me a check or zelle me to my email for \$30/bag. You can email me with any questions at [leatteg@gmail.com](mailto:leatteg@gmail.com).

Blood Drive numbers: Our goal was 70 and we had 68 successful donations.

Thank you to all we brought winter gear for Chesed Chicago. We collected 102 items.

The whole month of February

**CELEBRATE!**

**BUILD A CELEBRATION FOR THE ARK CLIENTS!**

Pick up a bag at CBS, decorate it, and fill it with a PARTY!

1 box of cake mix and a tub of frosting to match\*

1 jar of sprinkles\*

1 16 oz bottle of Crisco vegetable oil

2 9-inch disposable foil pans

A box of birthday candles

1 celebration card, hand-made is awesome!

\*Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, or Duncan Hines

Pick up, decorate, fill, and drop off bags at CBS throughout February and make someone's day special!

For information, please contact Cheryl Braude at [cherylbraude@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbraude@gmail.com)

## **MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY JACKIE ZELKOWITZ**

Membership is working on a Membership Drive. We are planning our kickoff on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will have our Distinguished Speakers Program featuring Jonathan Greenblatt. More information on the Membership Drive will be provided at the February BOT meeting.

Jill Olefsky is continuing her outreach to new members seeing if they would like to be honored with leading the Prayer for Peace during a Friday evening or Shabbat morning service. We have had several new members participating since we started this in the fall of 2023.

Jill Olefsky and Talia Block are coordinating with other CBS members on writing out postcards to the religious school aged children through high school wishing them a Happy Birthday from CBS. We started this with the November 2024 birthdays and are doing this each month. If you have any feedback from any member's child receiving the birthday postcard, please let Jill and Talia know.

## **FUNDRAISING VP REPORT JANUARY 2025 BY BRAD SHAPS**

**Circle of Giving** – We have 16 members of Circle of Giving. We have held 2 stewardship events for the members.

**Legacy Campaign** - Harold Dembo and Glen Roter have agreed to co-chair the Legacy Campaign. We had a meeting on January 21 to start planning the campaign.

**Annual Event** - The Purim Shpiel Extravaganza Variety Spectacular will be on March 15 at 8 pm and March 16 at 2pm. The script is written, and the cast has started rehearsals. I have been told that the script is very funny, and the event should be fantastic. Everyone please mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one of the shows. Also encourage other congregants to attend and bring friends. We would like to have 300 people or more to each show.

We still need volunteers to help with a number of tasks relating to the event. Spread the word and have people contact Jill Olefsky if they are interested in being part of the event.

The best opportunity to raise money for the event is through the Ad Book. We will be asking all Board members to reach out to stores, restaurants, and other places of business in the community that you have connections with to take solicit Ads. If everyone can fill one page in the Ad Book, we will raise over \$40,000 from the Ad Book we will raise more than \$40,000 from the Ad Book alone. Ad book costs are:

- Quarter page - \$180
- Half page - \$360
- Full page - \$720

We also have sponsor opportunities:

- Esther - \$1800
- Mordechai - \$1080
- Megillah - \$720

Sponsors will receive tickets and reserved seating (number of tickets depends on sponsorship level), raffle tickets and will be able to place an Ad in the Ad Book. Tickets will cost:

- \$36 single adult ticket
- \$18 single child (18 and under) ticket
- \$108 Family (tickets for parents and children under 18 in one household)