

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

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, we will have our Spring into Summer Shavuot Dinner at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, there will be a Families with Children Program (for ages 3 and up), and a Festival Service followed by Tikkun and Special Oneg. We will invite our new members that joined CBS after the Welcome Back Dinner back in September of 2024. You can register for the dinner using the below link:

<https://congregationbethshalomnorthbrook.shulcloud.com/event/spring-into-summer-shabbat-dinner.html>

We are continuing to engage our members through our Yachad and Chavurah groups. Groups are continuing to form. Canasta and Mah Jongg are playing weekly at CBS. We also have a Grandparents Adult Group, a Theater Group and Friends of Israel Group. Please encourage members to sign up for a Yachad or Chavurah Group. It's a great way for our members to connect. You can access this information by going to:

<https://www.bethshalomnb.org/connect/committees/affinity-groups/>

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

### **Flower Vases Collection: For Inspire Through Flowers**

MAY 19-30, 2025

Inspire Through Flowers inspires joy, creativity, and connection by creating beautiful bouquets from donated flowers and delivering them to healthcare patients and staff. Any size vase or color. Please bring your donation to the collection box in the lobby, 3433 Walters Ave. NB

Any questions: Jill Olefsky [jolefsky@aol.com](mailto:jolefsky@aol.com)

Please bring your leftover Passover food to the social action cabinet by April 30th as we are giving to the ARK.

The Northfield Pantry is need of these items:

- Salt & Pepper
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Cooking Spices
- Vegetable Oil

## **MEN'S CLUB VP REPORT APRIL 2025 BY BOB GOLDWIN**

As we near the conclusion of the Men's Club Programming year, there is not a lot to report, but in that small amount there is some important information to share. First of all, please join us at our Men's Club Shabbat on Saturday May 3. Not only will we, the Men's Club, be conducting a majority of the service, but we will also be recognizing our 2025 Kavod Honoree Gary Solomon. Later on, in June on Thursday the 26th we will be hosting our annual Golf Outing and Closing dinner. These are both fun events, and we look forward to seeing as many people as we can at Men's Club Shabbat and on June 26th for golf or dinner or both!

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

The K-2nd Shabbat Service and dinner is Friday, May 9th. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. (it is a separate, age-appropriate service) followed by dinner at 6:15ish.

April 19th, we had the Shabbat Edition of Sunday school. The students walked through the Red Sea and walked/counted the 49 steps to Shavuot. They made Omer counters and edible bond fires and shot an arrow for Lag B'Omer. They led the congregation in a few prayers. Everyone enjoyed the special Shabbat.

Registration for next year will be out soon.

Looking to have someone that is on membership also on the school board. We figure it will be helpful for both committees, especially helping with the room parents.

Recruiting teachers from Northwestern this year has been a success.

Last Sunday of classes is May 4th

Stacy will not be there the last day due to son's graduation. All who need to have been notified

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

We have 20 members in Circle of Giving. We raised \$71,000 from these families that was not allocated to other revenue sources.

Our Purim Spiel was a success. Approximately 300 people attended the event, and we raised over \$23,000.

We raised another \$21,000 thanks to Lee Shulman's Foreskins for Philanthropy initiative.

We raised in excess of \$10,000 in general fund donations.

We began raising funds for JASA.

We have held 3 stewardship program for members of Circle of Giving. We have several more events planned for the last quarter of the fiscal year. We will also plan an event for legacy and Hineynu donors.

We have begun working on our Legacy Campaign and will have a major focus on legacy gifts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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

### **1) Distinguished Speaker Series:**

Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, spoke on April 3rd at CBS with more than 500 in attendance and more than 200 people on livestream.

2) On Sunday May 4th, CBS attends "A Prayer for the French Republic" at the Northlight Theater in Skokie

3) Wednesday April 30th is "A Tribute to Israel for Yom Ha'Atzmaut" featuring Hazzan Shimon Smith and other Chicago area Cantors.

4) Please consult the CBS website for ongoing adult education classes.