

## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY FRANNIE GOLDWIN

- Our Annual Membership mailing went out to all Sisterhood Members on Thursday, August 14. The mailing included our [Opening Dinner](#) invitation. If you are a Sisterhood member and have not received your mailing, please let me know.
- Orders for [High Holiday Challah and Marble Cake](#) are being accepted through September 8. Items can be picked up at CBS on Sunday, September 21, between 11 am and 1 pm. Please contact Sandi Abel with any questions: [patchabel@aol.com](mailto:patchabel@aol.com).
- Our [Opening Dinner](#) on Wednesday, September 17, will feature author Renée Rosen. She will focus her presentation on her most recent book, *Let's Call Her Barbie*. Please register to join us! You can contact our Programming VP, Alyssa Weisbach, with any questions: [aweisbach1@gmail.com](mailto:aweisbach1@gmail.com).
- The 2025-2026 Torah Fund Campaign Theme is *Oseh Shalom* (Maker of Peace). For more information about Torah Fund, the dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, please view this flyer: [2025-2026 Torah Fund](#).
  - Our Torah Fund Event is coming up on Sunday, October 26. It will start at 10 am. Brunch will be served and Rabbi Honig will be our featured, honored speaker. Further details and registration information will be coming soon.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you! [franniegoldwin@gmail.com](mailto:franniegoldwin@gmail.com).

## **SOCIAL ACTION VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY ANDY LEBOVITZ**

- PADS will start back in October; please contact Sara Weinstein at [slo155@aol.com](mailto:slo155@aol.com) for more information.
- Huge thanks to Jill Olefsky for putting the Ark stickers on CBS High Holiday ticket pickup bags!
- Our next CBS Blood Drive is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 8am-1pm in Dickler Hall. Appointments recommended but walk-in's welcome. Contact Steve Elisco at 847-562-1443 or [swelisco@eliscodesign.com](mailto:swelisco@eliscodesign.com)
- CBS will again be coordinating with Hunger Free Northbrook this year; contact Leatte Gelfeld at [laetteg@gmail.com](mailto:laetteg@gmail.com) for details.
- The Northfield Food Pantry is in need of the following:
  - Applesauce, canned beans, canned meats, canned fruit, canned beef stew/chili, plain pasta, canned soups, ramen noodles
  - Please contact Fern Roseman at [grammiefen1@comcast.net](mailto:grammiefen1@comcast.net) for
- Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 21, 2026 in the CBS Library at 10am.

## **MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY EDNA SCHRANK**

Membership has gotten off to a very busy start.

We have held three Service Under the Sky, Friday nights.

- The first, July 18, Israeli Shabbat. We wore blue and white, had Israeli snacks, and the children built the Wall with Legos and bricks.
- On July 25, we met Carly Wallenstein and Ali Pohn and were Superheroes. We enjoyed the Kona Ice Truck.
- On August 1, we held our Camp Shabbat, wore our camp t-shirts and made friendship bracelets and painted rocks. We enjoyed no-cook S'mores.

We held two very successful Havdalah Under the Stars.

- On July 12 we welcomed Rabbi Honig. It was a very fun evening of people meeting Rabbi Honig and socializing before Havdalah.
- August 9 was our Israeli Havdalah and Israeli wine tasting. We were also fortunate to be able to celebrate Cantor Stoehr's 65th Birthday! We were entertained by Cantors Ben Tisser and Pavel Roytman, accompanied by Gregory Shifrin.

A special thank you to Emilie Berman for creating and organizing our FYC Shabbatot Under the Sky.

Since July 1 we have gained 17 new families as CBS members. We have, however, 18 dropped that have dropped.

One of our goals, with collaboration with Rabbi Honig is to engage the 50-60 year old demographic.

Our Yom Beth Shalom BBQ is Sunday, September 7. Please register by August 28. Registration is required.

We have a very active and committed Membership Committee, and they made these summer services as successful as they were.

## **RITUAL VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY JILL OLEFSKY**

- Our first meeting was held in July.
- We welcomed new members Diane Halivni, Cindy Marder, Dmitry Polyakov, Irene Redman, Mike Schwartz, Jordan Sigale, and Ron Sklar
- Rabbi Honig highlighted the responses to the minyan questionnaires submitted from Rabbi Chapman's bulletin article. This information will be taken into consideration and used in future discussions.
- A google sheet was developed for committee members to share their concerns and questions of Ritual issues that come up. These issues will be compiled to ensure consistent reference and usage.
- A document was sent out requesting comments from the committee about updates to the current Ambassador guidelines. A final guideline will be complete soon.

## **YOUTH VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD**

### Upcoming Programs

- Yom Beth Shalom - Sunday September 7th
- Honey sale for the holidays come buy at Yom Beth Shalom
- USY Lounge night- Thursday September 14th 7-9pm
- Families with young children Shabbat experience Friday September 19th 5pm

## FUNDRAISING VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY BRAD SHAPS

Our annual fundraising event is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will be a comedy night, and we are excited to announce that we will be honoring **Michael and Mindy Garlin**. Please save the date and let me know if you would like to serve on the Committee for the event.

We already have several new members of Circle of Giving and most of last year's members have committed to Circle of Giving again this year. We are reaching out to congregants to try and further increase membership.

We have begun working on our Legacy Campaign and will have a major focus on legacy gifts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Before we initiate the campaign with the Congregation, we are hoping that all Past Presidents and members of the Board will make a legacy commitment. We will be reaching out to each of you to discuss your commitment.

We continue to raise funds for Club Spark. Please contact me if you know of anyone that would be interested in contributing.

We have several stewardship programs for members of Circle of Giving. We will also plan an event for legacy and other congregants who have made significant contributions in the past.

We can use additional committee members. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the committee.

## **HOUSE VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY SCOTT ROGOFF**

This is a short report as our first meeting of the year is not until September. The only active project right now is working on the costs for the restuffing of the chairs in the Sanctuary and replacing the carpet. We will need to figure out a way for this to be paid.

Otherwise, it was a pretty calm Summer with only minor repairs to the parsonages.

We had one big expense for replacing the air conditioning unit in the Youth Lounge which cost approximately \$43,500.00.

## PROGRAMMING VP REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY STEVE ZAACKS

1. Please refer to the CBS website for the full class schedule for the coming year. As a highlight, some new classes are:

- Teaching Tanakh, meeting Mondays 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15
- Miller Introduction to Judaism, meeting 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6/26, 1/13, 1/20
- Ctrl + Alt + Del (ight): Rebooting Your Jewish Experience, meeting Tuesdays 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
- Beginning and Continuing Prayer Book Hebrew -- see website for dates

2. The programming committee will have its first meeting of the year on August 21st, with new Senior Director of Learning and Engagement, Carly Wallenstein.

3. Please see below-- Sukkot event in October:



4. The 8th Front: a Sunday morning program on November 9th-- "Battling online antisemitism, a practical approach", in coordination with a Men's club breakfast.

5. Distinguished Speaker series continues April 30th, 2026.



## **MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT AUGUST 2025 BY RON RABINOWITZ**

The Men's Club Executive Board held its first meeting of the year on August 20th. The primary purpose of this meeting was to plan and organize our events and initiatives for the upcoming year.

### **Upcoming Events & Planning**

- **Yom Beth Shalom – September 7th**  
We will have a Men's Club table at this community-wide event. Volunteers are being scheduled to staff the table.
- **Israel in Depth Breakfast – September 14th**  
Preparations are underway for this breakfast event. We are finalizing the menu and organizing a team to assist with setup, cooking, and cleanup.
- **Opening Dinner Honoring Mike Bermann – September 15th**  
This event will serve as our formal kickoff for the year. A crew is being assembled for meal preparation and logistics, and menu planning is in progress.
- **Steaks in the Sukkah – October 12th**  
Scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 3:25 PM in the Sukkah. This year's theme will be **Oktoberfest**, and we are currently developing a menu and games in the parking lot

### **Fundraising Initiatives**

- **Lox Box Revamp Discussion**  
The committee discussed updating our traditional Lox Box fundraiser by offering a **Deli Box** option. Several ideas were proposed, and further discussion is needed to finalize the format and details.
- **We are scheduling a lunch September 21<sup>st</sup>** for the men's club board to discuss this further outside the synagogue over football and drinks