

Annual Report

North
Suburban
Synagogue
Beth El



2015-2016

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study, and to create a warm and welcoming community.

We seek to preserve and enhance our People's traditions within the context of Conservative Judaism.

We aspire to strengthen our Jewish identity to meet the challenges of a changing environment.

We endeavor to provide resources to help us relate to G-d, understand the ways of G-d and enrich the Jewish content of our lives.

We encourage our members to serve worthwhile causes within our Congregation and the wider Jewish and world communities.

We are committed to support Israel.

We educate our children so they commit to the cultural, spiritual and ethical values of our People.

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We are grateful to the following families who have made significant capital and special equipment gifts to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year:

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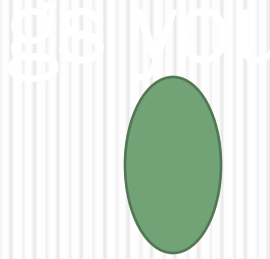
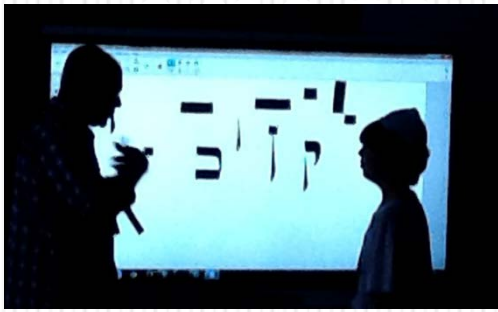
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 The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School and Day Camp
 The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School
 The Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School
 The Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education
 Ba'al Korei Institute
 Beth El Youth Community and Sisterhood College Connection



Sisterhood
Men's Club
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Israel Advocacy
Musical Concerts and Artists

Community

Worship

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Special Shabbatot for Birthdays, Veterans
Kabbalat Shabbat on the Lake
Holidays from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot
Festivals and Celebrations
B'nai Mitzvah
Family Services
Children's Services
Kiddushim
Beit Midrash Minyan
Shiva Advisory



Message from the President

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Annual Report of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. This expanded version provides the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year and to thank our many donors who enable our excellence. Fiscal year 2015-2016 has been a time for growth, significant advances in our offerings, providing a plethora of avenues for our congregants to meaningfully enhance their Jewish journeys.

The fundamental strength of NSS Beth El is our community - the congregants, lay volunteers, the clergy and staff who devote their time and energies to creating, implementing and bringing to success countless programs and educational experiences. Whether it is our Sisterhood or Men's Club, the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg PreSchool or the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School or the Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School, the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center, the Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum (just to name a few), it takes people to work hard, developing and improving all of our offerings. If you have socialized with the Adult and Family Programming Committee or helped better the world through our Social Action Committee or have assisted our Beth El Youth Commission, or improved your skills as a Torah reader through the Ba'al Korei Institute, you have benefited from the talents of our community members.

Our Friday night and Shabbat morning services are cornerstones of our congregation. As a community we pray and learn together under the leadership of our clergy. The entire Torah portion is read weekly, with the great majority of the reading done by congregants. As a community we celebrate life cycle events including b'nai mitzvah, aufrufs, baby namings, special anniversaries, and birthdays. We provide worship experiences for each of the Festivals. Our ritual observance includes minyanim twice daily every day of the year. Our minyan service supports those saying kaddish and provides opportunities for congregants to be prayer leaders, to read the weekday Torah portion, to be called to the Torah, and more.

In the education area we saw a continuation of the mutually beneficial collaboration and programming between the formal and informal education areas. This year marked the beginning of a new, dynamic and creative curriculum in the Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School. Our entire educational unit was substantially enhanced with the installation of state-of-the-art-technology items.

We celebrated the arrival of Hazzan Benjamin Tisser and his family to the Beth El community. One highlight that needs to be mentioned is the A Capella concert held on January 23, 2016. A crowd of well over 700 attended this fun event, one that featured five collegiate A Capella groups (Queens College, Indiana University, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and The University of Pennsylvania). It was very special!

To all of you who help to create this amazing place - **thank you**. The outstanding support from congregants and donors across the membership, the incredible contributions of our students, parents and lay leadership, our partnerships with and connections to the greater Jewish community in Chicago, the United States and Israel, and most of all the talent and dedication of our truly outstanding clergy and staff combine to make us uniquely Beth El, and the reason we are a beacon nationally in the Conservative Movement.

Since all that we offer is dependent on the generosity and participation of our congregants, we are delighted to see the continued growth in our fundraising efforts. This support is critical to maintaining essential existing programs as well as allowing us to fund valuable new programs. Over time the percentage of our total income from dues is shrinking so that now it is less than half of our annual costs. In 2015-2016 we have significantly expanded participation in the Ner Tamid Society (an endowment building recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans). This success will help ensure that Beth El continues to sustain Jewish learning, tefillah and culture well into the future.

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is a truly special community. We very much appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating and learning as we continue to move forward as partners in our very special enterprise.

Richard Schlosberg
President

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Together with B'Yachad Donors ביחד

B'yachad is a Hebrew word meaning "together." At NSSBE, we call people to gather together collectively, because the sum is so much greater than the parts of the whole. This rich word takes on a greater unity when you consider it is a group of our most generous synagogue donors, who have joined together to support NSSBE at the highest donor level.

The B'Yachad donor level was created by our leadership several years ago as an (almost) all inclusive giving level which would help generous donors make one annual gift of \$10,000 to the synagogue to cover their largest expenses and gifts—Annual Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Chesed Dues and tickets to the Annual Fundraising Event. Their generosity assists the synagogue in the most basic and necessary ways—helping us meet our annual budgetary needs. These unrestricted funds help make NSSBE work smoothly, enable innovation, and provide fuel for growth. It unlocks potential and better allows us to get down to business.

We honor those congregants who have banded together as B'Yachad Donors of \$10,000 or more for 2014-2015. Words cannot express our gratitude for their very generous participation in our B'Yachad Dues level program at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El this year. They are role models in our community.



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Chesed Dues Update: Make your Pledge on your Dues Bill

The Chesed Dues Program is an ongoing program designed to help cover dues for those members in need who cannot afford to pay full dues. In 2013, we altered the timing of our annual Chesed Campaign by including the opportunity to donate at the time members pay their annual dues in the summer and early fall. Your upcoming dues statement will include a line for you to make your Chesed pledge. It just feels right for you to make a donation to help others afford to be a part of our community membership at the same time you are renewing your membership. When you pay your dues statement, if you can, simply voluntarily increase the amount of dues you pay each year to a level that reflects your ability to further support the NSSBE Community.

Your participation in this program is vital, and we thank those congregants who made a donation for 2015-2016. Chesed Dues allow us to maintain a dues structure that invites people to join our congregational family, helps us to close the gap between our dues revenue and the cost of running the synagogue, and aids us in sustaining and expanding vital programs and services for our congregation.

As always, gifts of \$250 and above will be recognized on the Chesed Dues plaque in the Mae and Mark Spitz Sanctuary Gallery.

**Thank you to the following 100+ Chesed donors for 2015-2016
who contributed almost \$77,000:**

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We regret any errors or omissions.



At the High Holiday season each fall our thoughts turn to *tzedakah and kehillah*. As we worship together on Yom Kippur, the power of community is alive at NSS Beth El. At that time of year, we reflect upon the importance our Shul has in our lives, the lives of our loved ones and the community at large. We remind ourselves of what NSS Beth El means to ALL OF US, 365 DAYS A YEAR, and how each of us is impacted by the programs and services our shul provides. There is something at Beth El for everyone. While many of us may not frequent NSS Beth El at other times during the year, we could never imagine our synagogue not being there for us on any given day.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL 2015

And so at Yom Kippur, it is our tradition to raise revenue in order to maintain the vital programs and services we provide to our members. This is what each year's Kol Nidre Appeal is about, and we hope for 100% participation from our members in order to achieve our synagogue's goals and meet our financial obligations. We count on you as it is expensive to support our amazing staff, create special programming, and maintain our facility.

As you may know, dues only cover just under 50% of our annual operating budget. The other 50% comes from programs, endowments and your donations. In the last four years, approximately 20% of our membership is on reduced dues due to financial hardship; scholarship assistance for our religious schools has increased 150%, and we have reduced our budget by 14%. So we do, truly, need your help to make up the difference.

We are duty-bound under our tradition to give to the extent of our ability (something, anything—no matter how big or small) to help our Shul. The amount of your gift, while important, is not as important as the fact that you participate in this very significant and necessary Mitzvah!

Mazel tov to the 575 families who made a donation to the Kol Nidre Appeal in 2015, raising \$202,430 this year, as of April 25, 2016.

We regret any errors or omissions.
Should there be any questions about this
or any gift listing, please contact Nancy Kekst,
Director of Development, at nkekst@nssbethel.org
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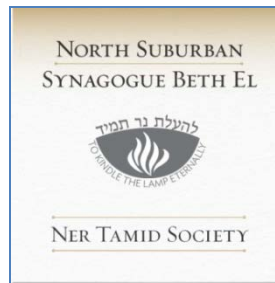
The Ner Tamid Society

is a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. As the Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, so too do Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing for the financial security of the Synagogue, the center of Jewish life.

Since our kickoff in the summer, of 2014, we have added 42 new members to the Ner Tamid Society, joining our cadre of original members. Under the terms of the Create a Jewish Legacy–Chicago, we have met our goal for the first two years of the Life and Legacy program and earned a \$20,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund!

We are grateful to our Ner Tamid members and invite every congregant to leave your own Legacy by joining our Ner Tamid Society. Ner Tamid Society members will be honored in a variety of ways, with invitations to special recognition events, acknowledgement in the Beth El bulletin and inclusion on a new donor wall. Requests for anonymity will be honored.

To become a member of the Ner Tamid Society, or if you have already made arrangements for a Legacy gift and would like to inform us, or for more information about including Beth El in your estate plan, please contact Nancy Kekst, Director of Development, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x 262.



*A testament to the values you live by.
A legacy for the future of Judaism.*

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The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Fund, Inc.

Our Synagogue has a rich and forward thinking vision toward creating a plan to encourage, develop and maintain programming for our membership. To achieve this goal, a not-for-profit corporation, The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Endowment Fund, Inc., was created to hold and invest contributions made by members and others who want to insure the future financial viability of both our Synagogue programs and our physical needs. The gifts are tax deductible as defined by current law and regulations. The funds are held in perpetuity and are invested in an investment pool managed by The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

The gifts are focused on either specific programs selected by the donor or labeled as 'unrestricted' for use by the Synagogue. The income can only be distributed to the Synagogue and no other recipient. Each year, the Synagogue informs the Endowment of the monies spent by the Synagogue for the purposes of each endowed fund. The Endowment reimburses the Synagogue based on a percentage of the value of the specific Endowment up to the amount spent by the Synagogue.

We give honor to the founders of the following named Endowment Funds. A gift may be added to any one of the following programs:

College-Age Programs

- The Fertig Family College Campus Visits Endowment Fund enables visits of clergy and other senior staff to children of members on college campuses.
- The North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Sisterhood College Connection Program Fund allows for gift boxes containing materials appropriate to the holiday to be sent to college students on each of the major holidays.

Continuing Education

- The Continuing Education Endowment Fund and The Gertrude & Morris Lederman Continuing Education Program support all adult education programs, including ongoing classes as well as special program speakers, films, and other presentations.
- The Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture Fund provides for an annual speaker program.
- The Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar-in-Residence Program Fund provides an annual weekend program featuring a renowned scholar of Jewish interest.

Program Funds

- The Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center Fund
- The Hecktman Family Program Fund and The Parenting Center Fund provide religious, educational and social programs geared to involving parents with their children.
- The Music Fund partially underwrites the choir and special music programs.
- The Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum Fund provides for the acquisition of materials, museum programs and exhibits.
- The Social Action Fund underwrites the activities of the Social Action Committee.
- The Janger Family Havurot Fund supports the activities of our Havurot.

Building Funds

- The Horwitz-Hoffman Youth Lounge Maintenance Fund maintains the furniture, equipment and physical condition of the Youth Lounge structure.
- The Maintenance Endowment Fund supports the general maintenance of the synagogue facility.
- The Andrew & Gail Brown Technology Fund provides funding to keep our technology and equipment to best practices.

Scholarship Funds - Camp Ramah: There are a number of separate “family” named funds as well as a “general” fund: All are used to fund scholarships to send children of members to the Camp Ramah Day Camp and to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.

- Willard and Sally Aaron Camp Ramah Fund
- Jean T. & Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Fund
- Jeffrey S. Kaiser Camp Ramah Fund
- Lippitz Family Camp Ramah Fund
- Frank and Barbara Pollack Camp Ramah Fund
- Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp Ramah Fund
- Zuckerman Family Camp Ramah Scholarship
- Camp Ramah - General Scholarship
- Shapiro/Stark Ramah Day Camp Scholarship

Scholarship Funds - Israel Scholarship: There are a number of separate “family” named funds as well as a “general” fund: All are used to fund scholarships to send teens on peer - group trips to Israel after their junior year in high school or for further study in Israel.

- Batko-Safo Fund
- Ben and Marion Drachler Fund
- Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Fund
- Morris and Naomi Futorian Fund
- Daniel and Nancy Gooze Fund
- Herman, Levine and Redfield Families Fund
- Judith A. Heyman Memorial Fund
- Adolph M. and Lottye Jacobson Fund
- Klawans Family Fund
- Zelda Levy Fund
- Morasha Israel Scholarship Fund
- Resnick Family Fund
- Sherman Family Fund
- Neil Slater Fund
- Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton Liebman Fund
- Turner Family Fund
- Linda and Al Winick Fund
- Israel Scholarship - General



Scholarship Funds - Day Schools: There are a number of separate “family” named funds as well as a “general” fund: All are used to fund scholarships for children to attend the Solomon Schechter Day School and the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School

- Rosalyn Bogen Memorial Fund - RZJHS
- Michael and Karyn Lutz Solomon Schechter Fund
- Helaine, Howard, Janet and Gary Resnick Fund
- Sarah and Henry Stiebel Schechter Fund
- Solomon Schechter Endowment Fund



The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School

- The Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Educational Programs Endowment Fund and The Laverne Isaacson School Fund both provide educational materials for the religious school.
- The Kopin Family Fund for Children's T'filot Education covers the costs of the Hey and Vav Shabbat Service program.
- The Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Fund helps provide classes for special needs children.
- The Teacher Training Fund underwrites in-service teacher training.



The Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

- The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Endowment Fund funds the replacement of Gan Sylvia Playground structures and other Pre-School needs.
- The Lynn and Skip Schrayer Family Pre-School Shabbat Dinner Program Fund covers the cost of an annual dinner allowing the revenues raised to be used for special programming.

The Miriam and Bernard Sokol Hebrew High School

- Special Programs Endowment helps to fund special programs beyond the regular classes.

Worship/Holiday Observance

- The Gerald and Rita Buckman Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Endowment Fund provides support to programs specific to the holiday.
- The Shoshanah Lipis Winer Endowment Fund for Shabbat and Festival Enhancement supports Shabbat and Festival programs involving children and their parents.
- The Ritual Refurbishment Fund helps fund the maintenance of Sifrei Torah and other ritual objects.
- Holocaust Education Funds: There are several separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to cover the costs of programs related to the Holocaust.
 - Earl Linch Memorial Holocaust Education Fund
 - Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund
 - Ann and Jack Weinberg Holocaust Memorial Education
 - Ted and Evelyn Weinstein Holocaust Memorial Education

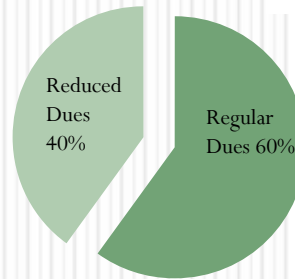
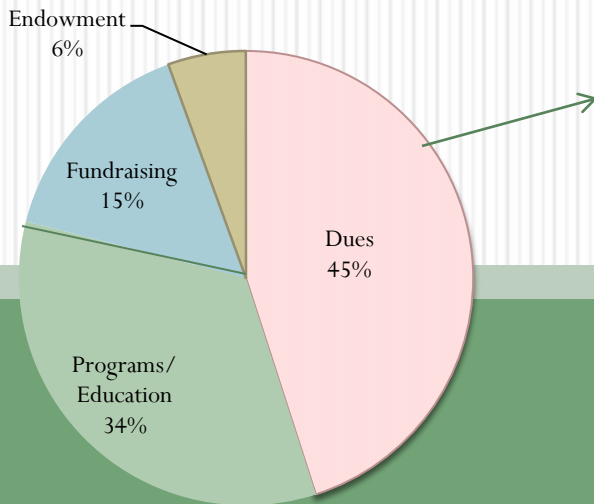
Youth Community Programs : There are several separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to fund the cost of sending teens to conventions and the cost of youth program supplies.

- Barbara P. Hochberg USY Program
- Kurtz Family Unrestricted Youth Fund
- Schechter Family Unrestricted Youth Fund
- Youth Community Program Fund

Unrestricted Funds: There are a number of separate "family" named funds as well as a "general" fund used to support the general operations of the synagogue program.

- The Barnett Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Field Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Mindy and Jeffrey Gordon and Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Sheldon and Nancy Mann Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Muchin Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Witzell Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- The Glass/Goldman Endowment Program Fund
- General Unrestricted Funds
- Ner Tamid Fund

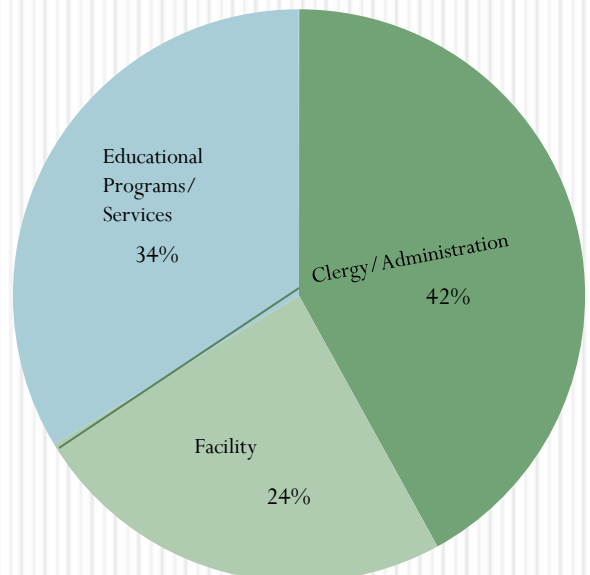
Income Breakdown



Total Budget \$4.1 Million

Financial Information Year Ending June 30, 2015

Expense Breakdown



Ways to support NSSBE

In the present



Chesed Dues

Kol Nidre Appeal

Tickets, ads, donations or auction items
for our annual fundraisers

Contact Nancy Kekst,
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➤ Memorial book

➤ Memorial plaques

➤ Yahrzeit donations

➤ Donations to our many funds in honor
of or in memory of someone

➤ Sponsor a kiddush, seuda shlisheet or
breakfast

➤ Purchase a bookplate for a library or
prayer book

➤ Capital or building gifts

➤ Support for schools and programs

➤ Wish list items

For the future

➤ Join the Ner Tamid
Society--make a legacy
gift in your will or estate

➤ Donate to unrestricted
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Endowment Fund to
support a specific
initiative