



**Shabbat Services:**

**Shabbat Pinchas**  
**Friday July 18, 2008**

8:15 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
The Markwell Family will lead the service.  
Oneg Host: Markwell Family

**Saturday July 19, 2008**  
NO Morning Service

**Shabbat Matot**

**Friday July 25, 2008**

8:15 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
The Ritual & Religious Committee will lead the service.  
Oneg Host: Ritual & Religious

**Saturday July 26, 2008**  
NO Morning Service

*\* Childcare is available during Friday evening services in our Nursery.*

**Services of Special Interest:**

**Friday August 22, 2008**  
7:30 PM Family Service

**Friday August 29, 2008**  
6:30 PM Tot Shabbat

**Friday September 12, 2008**  
6:30 PM Tot Shabbat

**Friday September 26, 2008**  
7:30 PM Family Service

**Calendar:**

**Wednesday July 16**  
7:30 PM AA Meeting

**Sunday July 20**  
PADS  
6:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

**Monday July 21**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan

**Tuesday July 22**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan  
7:30 PM Israel Adult Service  
Committee

**Wednesday July 23**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan  
7:30 PM AA Meeting

**Thursday July 24**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan

**Friday July 25**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan

**Sunday July 27**  
PADS  
6:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

**Monday July 28**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan

**Tuesday July 29**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan

**Wednesday July 30**  
9:00 AM Camp Katan  
7:30 PM AA Meeting

## A Congregants Reflection on Etz Chaim

Rabbi Stephen Bob  
Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky  
President Marilyn Streit  
Congregation Etz Chaim  
1710 South Highland Avenue  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Dear Rabbi Bob, Rabbi Cosnowsky and President Streit:

As you know, I moved to California last month to start the next phase of my life with a wonderful Jewish woman. My Jewish enrichment will continue with her at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos.

I have been thinking about my years in Illinois and have many sweet memories about Congregation Etz Chaim. I miss you, the Temple and its fine members. I would like to share some of my thoughts and thank you for all the unforgettable experiences I had during my many years as a part of the vibrant Etz Chaim community.

I came to Etz Chaim with a strong commitment to Judaism, to the Jewish people, to the State of Israel and to Holocaust remembrance and education. My involvement with Congregation Etz Chaim enhanced and strengthened my personal commitment in each of these critical areas. I want to thank you for this.

If Etz Chaim were to be known for one outstanding characteristic, it should be its embrace of “joyous Judaism”. I was a regular participant at Friday Shabbat services for 15 years; I felt that sense of joy and completeness at each and every service. If I were unable to attend on a particular Friday, I would immediately be looking forward to the next Shabbat service. Without Friday worship, something important was missing from my life and I could only be made whole again by coming to the next week’s service and reciting the beautiful prayers. Just the act of reading the Hebrew letters and words gave me a heightened sense of well-being. I want to thank you for this as well.

At the center of Jewish life at the Temple are the superior Rabbis. Rabbi Bob and Rabbi Cosnowsky—you are the best! You each have special gifts and talents that you share with the congregants--and you share them with your heart and soul. I want to thank you so much for your devotion to Etz Chaim and its members.

My daughters, Sarah and Lisa, also participated in the enriching Etz Chaim religious, social and learning experience. For Sarah it was a very special place and I was able to share this with her. She attended Sunday school, had a fine Bat Mitzvah, was a member of a great Confirmation Class and was a teacher’s aide on Sundays during her last two years of high school. I want to thank you for caring about my daughters’ Jewish identity.

I made many friends in my participation in Jewish life at Etz Chaim. I miss seeing them and worshipping together every Friday. The Temple is blessed to have so many dedicated individuals who have made the synagogue such a warm and unique place. I want to thank all of them for their friendship.

I will be returning to the Western Suburbs at the end of September and I will be at Shabbat services. I look forward to my visit.

Best regards and best wishes,

*James K. Perlstein*

## Worship

### Message From Cosnowsky

Justice, justice you shall pursue.– Deuteronomy 16:20



I just spent two weeks at OSRUI in Oconomowoc, WI, studying with my pre-teenagers the importance of pursuing justice and making the case for a just, caring and compassionate society. One needs to look no further than their own backyard to see the need for compassion and justice. This summer, many of us have personally seen the devastation of record flooding, our levees breaking, wildfires blazing out of control, outrageous gasoline prices, increased food costs and record foreclosures. Times like these can make us feel more powerless than ever and we may wonder what, if anything we can do about it. That is why the Social Action Committee and I personally invite you to share in a special evening with my colleague and Facebook friend, Rabbi Jonah Pesner on Monday August 11th at 7:30 PM. On that evening, amongst many other things, we'll also ask the question of what you can do that can help change the world.

Social Action is at the heart of Reform Judaism. Our Prophets taught, "Learn to do good; Devote yourself to justice; Aid the wronged; Uphold the rights of the orphan; Defend the cause of the widow." – Isaiah 1:16-17.

As Reform Jews it is incumbent upon us to continue the act of Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world. People often come to me and ask what they can do personally to make a difference in the world. Our evening with Jonah Pesner can help answer that question and direct our congregation to be more organized, powerful and resourceful. We will not only be talking about community organizing, (where the people affected by an issue are supported in identifying problems and taking action to achieve solutions) but we will also have an opportunity to meet with Rabbi Pesner, who started Just Congregations and have him help us see how we can harness the power of our own congregation to achieve results and make a positive difference in our local community and the world at large.

If you have been thinking of getting involved in social action, but weren't sure how to do so, if you have participated in any of our one on one conversations, if you are ready to be inspired to make a difference in our troubled world, do not miss this evening of discussion and learning.

### Rabbi Jonah Pesner to Speak at Etz Chaim

At 7:30 PM, August 11th, we will have the opportunity to hear from and talk with Rabbi Jonah Pesner, the founding Director of Just Congregations. He is an engaging and inspirational speaker, and this evening with him is another step on our road to building a Just Congregation. Join us on this journey.



Rabbi Pesner works with synagogues pursuing social justice across the country and teaches on all three campuses of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. As a congregational rabbi at Temple Israel in Boston, he developed the “Ohel Tzedek / Tent of Justice” social action initiative, winning the Fain Award. Engaging hundreds of members, Temple Israel joined other congregations and organizations in successful campaigns for health care access, affordable housing, public education, gay and lesbian rights, nursing care workers rights, and living wage. Most recently, as a

leader of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, Rabbi Pesner was the chair of the GBIO effort in the Massachusetts “Affordable Care Today!” coalition that successfully secured health care for more than half a million uninsured residents of the Commonwealth. Rabbi Pesner serves on the boards

of the Jewish Memorial Hospital in Roxbury and the Jewish Organizing Initiative. He has served on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Task Force on Congregation-Based Community Organizing of the Jewish Funds for Justice. He has written several journal articles, and a chapter entitled "Redemption for Radicals" in the newly published anthology, "Righteous Indignation." He was the Meyer W. Nathans Scholar at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in 1997. A graduate of Wesleyan University, Rabbi Pesner is married to Boston attorney, Dana S. Gershon, and they have four daughters.

Reform Congregations throughout the country are making efforts to build stronger congregational communities, through a transformative social justice model, Just Congregations, which are based on the principles of community organizing. At Etz Chaim members of the one-to-one team, under the direction of Etz Chaim's Social Action Committee, are reaching out to our congregants to hear about their concerns and passions. Our goal is to find common ground to work together to add to the value of our congregation and our community. We invite all members to participate in this building of relationships in Etz Chaim. See <http://urj.org/justcongregations/index.cfm> for more information on Just Congregations.

## Adult Activities

### Message From Our President



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer weather. Traditionally, summers at Etz Chaim are a bit slower than the rest of the year, but there's still plenty of activity.

Our office staff is busy processing dues packets. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the packet. If you have not yet received your dues information, please contact the office. Please remember that this years school registration is also in the packet. September will be here before you know it and Hebrew session sign up is on a first come first served basis.

The Religion and Ritual Committee is busy sending out honors for the high holidays. The Committee starts at a different letter of the alphabet each year and works its way through until everyone has been covered. Rather than postcards, this year the Committee will use e-mail to offer honors to congregants. Please respond promptly to help them with this process.

Do you have a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance who might be interested in joining our congregation? Our Membership Committee is getting ready for the Annual Prospective Member Open House on Sunday morning, August 17th. The Rabbis, Ann Stein, and board members will be available to give tours and answer questions. This is always a well attended event so please help spread the word. Contact Julie Benario or the office for more information.

Be sure to mark your calendar for September 7th, the first day of Religious School. We will be having a 'Committee Rush' that morning. There will be food, the Tumlér will be back, and representatives of each committee will have tables. Here's a great opportunity to learn what the various committees do, and to find one that fits your interests to get involved in.

July is the time when members of our congregation lead Friday night services. If you have never participated in one of these services, now is the perfect time to attend. I find these services to be unique and enjoyable. Many thanks to the R&R Committee, the School Committee, Peter Berman, Ken Markwell, and their families for leading these services.

It was great to see so many of you last week in Villa Park where our Life Tree Ramblers performed. What a nice evening; good weather and fun music. Thanks to the LTR.

## Tzedakah Box for Midwest Flood Victims

During July, August and September, Tzedakah box donations will be earmarked for the thousands of people who have been affected by the massive flooding in the Midwest. Millions of acres of land were flooded, causing billions of dollars in damage to crops and homes. A massive public and private recovery effort is needed.

Consider also donating directly to the Union for Reform Judaism, which stands ready to help the residents of flooded communities, and is closely monitoring reports from synagogues in river towns. Funds collected by the Union are used to assist Reform congregations that incur uninsured losses, as well as for general needs of the community at large. Your donation to the URJ Disaster Relief Fund will help people put their lives back together. For more information, see [www.urj.org/relief](http://www.urj.org/relief)

## Beginning Hebrew and Conversational Hebrew

**Beginning Hebrew** - Is there anyone interested in learning the Aleph Bet and some of the Hebrew in the prayer book? The Adult Education Committee desires to put together a beginning Hebrew class to be held in the fall. If there is enough interest in the subject, we will be able to do so. Please email Rabbi Cosnowsky or call the temple office at (630) 627-3912 if you would like to be a part of this class.

**Conversational Hebrew** - Have you ever desired to learn how to speak Hebrew? The Adult Education committee desires to offer a Conversational Hebrew class to begin in the fall. If you are interested, please email Rabbi Cosnowsky or call the temple office at (630) 627-3912

## Sisterhood Day at Spertus

Before we start Sunday School again and get into our school year routine, I would like to conclude our summer in style. I am planning a Sunday Brunch, followed by *Hats of Jerusalem* documentary film at Spertus Museum of Jewish Studies.

Together we will enjoy breathtaking views of Chicago's lakefront and landmarks as we feast on innovative cuisine from Chef Laura Frankel and the Wolfgang Puck Catering team at Spertus.

Chicago's noted kosher Chef Laura Frankel serves as Executive Chef for Wolfgang Puck at Spertus. Founder of the adventurous, gourmet kosher Shallots restaurants, Chef Laura shares Wolfgang Puck's passion for warm hospitality and a commitment to featuring fresh, seasonal ingredients from regional suppliers. Food is integral in Jewish culture. Which makes Spertus a perfect place for the Etz Chaim Sisterhood to get together.

***Hats of Jerusalem* Documentary starts at 1:30 PM** - Jerusalem's old city is filled with people of different ethnicities, nationalities, and religions. Nati Adler's award-winning documentary brings a real sense of inquisitiveness to these people and their hats. He blends interviews and archival footage to explore how head coverings serve as identity cards, making religious or political statements that can reflect centuries of

tradition. *Hats of Jerusalem* is about the material and spiritual worlds and about external appearances and internal identities.

A discussion will follow the screening, led by Dr. Ellen LeVee, Spertus College Assistant Dean of Jewish Studies

**Date: Sunday, August 24th**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

**Place: Spertus Museum of Jewish Studies**

**Cost: \$30 for the Sisterhood members**

**Buffet Brunch - \$36 – Sisterhood will pay \$16 for every member who would like to attend (your cost is only \$20)**

**Film - \$20 – Sisterhood will pay \$10 for every member who would like to attend (your cost is only \$10)**

**Please RSVP by August 10th** via phone (847) 293-6588 or via e-mail Ellie Lapidus. Let me know if you are interested in brunch, film or both. Later we can discuss carpooling or train options.

I am looking forward to spending day at Spertus with all of you.

*Ellie Lapidus,  
Sisterhood President*

## Regional Biennial Convention

**URJ Great Lake Council  
WRJ Midwest District  
Regional Biennial Convention  
November 6-9, 2008  
THE PFISTER HOTEL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**Exploring Our Tree of Life** – Etz Chaim Chai. What is our Tree of Life? Respect for the environment, enriching our Jewish identities, enhancing our congregations, connecting with new and old friends – these combine to form our Tree.

Plans are underway to create an enriching, stimulating, and spiritual weekend for you to meet with new and old friends. You will have the opportunity to study with esteemed scholars, to worship with clergy from all over our region, to be entertained by some of the Reform Movement's most exciting artists, and to share experiences with congregants and leaders from our area.

Every two years our region gathers for four days for study, prayer, instruction and connection. Without you: temple leaders, temple members, clergy, staff and others, none of this can take place. For the second time in a row, The Women of Reform Judaism – Midwest District and the Union for Reform Judaism Great Lakes Council will hold their Biennial in the beautiful Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee.

We have amazing scholars, teachers and leaders to facilitate programs and share their experiences with us. Our guest include: Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, President of the URJ; Mark Pelavin, Associate Director of the Religious Action Center; Kathy Kahn, Director of the URJ Department of Outreach and Membership. Additionally, we are honored to welcome Dr. Andrea Weiss, Associate Professor of Bible at HUC-JIR and co-editor of *The Torah: A Woman's Commentary* and rabbis and lay leaders from our own region.

This weekend is not only for leaders, but for anyone interested in a very special study, worship, and community experience. We will fill your days with activities and we will celebrate a restful and meaningful Shabbat together. And we will nourish our community so that it will grow healthy and strong.

Mark your calendars now. Make your plans. Please join us. More information will follow soon and you can always check: <http://www.urj.org/glc>

## School & Youth Activities

### Message From Our Educator



In 23 days the 2008 Summer Olympics will begin in Beijing, China. Did you know that preparing for and watching the Summer Olympics can be a Jewish activity? As the opening day draws closer, more and more articles are being written, and specials are appearing on television. Well, we certainly didn't want our congregants to feel that we were not doing something to help them prepare for the big event.

The instructions for our Summer Olympics 2008 contest:

Families are to find as many Jewish athletes as they can that have won medals in the past or at this year's competition. This can be done in a number of ways - books, internet, magazines, etc. We hope there will be some Jewish athletes who will win medals this year but you will have to follow the news to get those names. Fill in as many as you can in advance of the Olympics and then add names of those who win this year. This past year for our Israeli hero program we had two Olympians visit us. Yael Arad won for Judo and Gal Friedman for mistral sailing. These are two names that can be added to your list.



I hope you have fun with the contest and learn something at the same time. Hopefully this can become a family activity in which everyone is helping to find the Jewish heroes.

This SUMMER PROJECT is due Sunday, September 14th. Prizes will be announced on Sunday, September 21st.

This summer will be the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Hundreds of athletes from around the world will come to compete for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

At Congregation Etz Chaim, we are having our own SUMMER OLYMPICS of JEWISH HEROES!

For each of the sports below, please give the name of a JEWISH ATHLETE who is in the Olympics for that sport, and fill in the information requested.

If you can come up with ONE JEWISH ATHLETE for every sport, you will win a BRONZE

“prize” when school begins this fall. If you come up with TWO JEWISH ATHLETES for at least three sports, you will get a SILVER “prize”. If you come up with THREE OR MORE JEWISH ATHLETES for at least three sports, you will win a GOLD “PRIZE!” (If you list one athlete for some sports, and two or three for others, we will AVERAGE them to figure out your prize.)

**A Few Rules:**

\_\_\_ The Jewish athletes do NOT have to be from the 2008 Summer Olympics. They can be from any year—but you must know which year(s) they participated!

\_\_\_ Your parents are allowed, and encouraged, to help you with this project. Read the Sports page in the Tribune or Sun Times together, or watch the Olympics on TV together! Also, check out the official Olympic website [www.olympics.org](http://www.olympics.org)! Any way you can find the athletes is great.

\_\_\_ If you have siblings in the school, you can work on it as a group. You are also allowed to work with ONE OR TWO other friends from Etz Chaim to complete this project. YOU MUST LIST ON THE TOP OF THE PAGE THE NAMES OF THE STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS WHO WORKED ON IT TOGETHER.

\_\_\_ You may want to come into our Library here and check out a book called Great Jews in Sports, by Robert Slater. This book is also available to purchase at Rosenblum’s, and may be available to check out at your local library.

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\_\_\_ HINT: If all else fails, look who’s competing for ISRAEL!! \_

\_\_\_ If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the synagogue this summer.

Have a fun, relaxing, and SAFE summer!

B’Shalom,

**Student Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (s) \_\_\_\_\_ date turned into Mrs. Stein \_\_\_\_\_

**Track Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Swimming Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Diving Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Gymnastics Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Soccer Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Basketball Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Baseball Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Tennis Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Volleyball Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Sailing Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Judo Name of Jewish Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Medal Won? Yes No Which Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ATHLETES:**

## OSRUI 2008

This summer we have over 60 campers at OSRUI. Some are first timers; some are in their seventh year and most are somewhere in between. The campers are having a wonderful time as can be seen in the pictures.

## Computers Needed

The computer lab is looking for gently used computers for the computer lab. If your computer is a few years old but not being used anymore, please email Anne with specifics. We are looking to upgrade the lab this summer and have at least three or four computers that are too old to work well. We could also use a few more laptops for use at Westlake.

## **Past Events & Activities**



## **Did You Know**



## Prospective Member Open House

### **Spread the Word--Prospective Member Open House**

Do you know someone who may want to join our congregation? Someone new to the area? Someone with school-age children? Someone looking for connection to the Jewish community? Or someone looking for a place to worship on the High Holidays?

Be sure to spread the word about our Prospective Member Brunch and Open House, to be held Sunday, August 17th from 10:00-11:30 AM in the social hall.

This annual, informal program is an opportunity for prospective members to learn more about the Congregation and its programs, tour the facility, and meet the rabbis, our Educator Anne Stein, and other congregants. A light brunch will be served, and children are welcome.

Tell your friends and acquaintances to call the synagogue office at (630) 627-3912 for reservations or for an information packet.

# **Congregation Etz Chaim**

**warmly invites you and your family**

**to our annual**

## **Prospective Member Open House**

**Sunday, August 17, 2008**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Congregation Etz Chaim**

**1710 S. Highland Avenue**

**Lombard, IL 60148**

- *Come meet Rabbi Steven Bob, Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky, Educator Anne Stein, other congregants and board members*
- *Visit our sanctuary, newly renovated social hall, library, classrooms, and playground for a “Taste of Etz Chaim”*
  - *Enjoy a light brunch at 11:00 AM*
    - *Children are welcome*

For more information contact:

Synagogue Office (630) 627-3912

## From the Temple Administrator: Sales Tax Reimbursement Reminder

I would just like to remind everyone that effective July 1, 2008 we will no longer be reimbursing anyone for sales tax paid when making purchases on behalf of the Temple, Religious School, or Nursery School.

If you need a letter with our tax exempt number on it, please call or email the Temple office and we will be sure to send you one.

## Summer E-Bulletin Schedule

This is to let you know our summer bulletin schedule:

<u>DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES</u>	<u>PUBLISHING DATE</u>
Monday, July 28, 2008	Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Monday, August 11, 2008	Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Monday, August 25, 2008	Wednesday, August 27, 2008

## Simchas

We love to mention anyone who has recently had a simcha on our congratulations page on the website. If there is a life cycle event that you have just celebrated, please share it with us so we can post it. Please contact the temple office with your information.

## **Announcements**

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### The Tzofim Friendship Caravan 2008

**The Tzofim Friendship Caravan 2008  
Will Be In Naperville At  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
On Tuesday, August 12th , at 7 p.m.**

Caravan Meron is a group of talented Israeli teens who will be sharing their message of hope, peace and friendship through story and dance. Caravan Meron takes its name from Mount Meron, Israel's second largest mountain and is in the Galilee region of Northern Israel. If you've seen the "Israel Scouts" before, then you know what a delightful hour of entertainment this is for the entire family. If you've never seen the Scouts, you won't want to miss the performance.

The Tzofim Friendship Caravan performance is free, and open to the public.

**Congregation Beth Shalom  
772 West 5th Ave. Naperville, Illinois 60563-2641  
PHONE: 630-961-1818**

## The Humanitarin Service Project

The Humanitarin Service Project (where we donate our mac & cheese groggers) is in desperate need of the following items for their food drive:

tuna, canned meats and meals, hot cereals, boxed pasta meals, canned fruits and vegetables, instat jello, noodles, powdered beverages, non-perishable condiments and snack foods.

The address is:

The Humanitarian Service Project  
1425 Neltor Blvd. (Highway 59)  
West Chicago, IL. 60185  
(630) 231-1542

## Host Families Needed

My name is Alex Jimenez Wiener and I live in Navarra , Spain . I'm looking for 1 or 2 families in the area of Warrenville to host my son Inigo (born 1995) and his classmate Sonia (born 1995) during the months of September to December, while they attend school in Warrenville. It is not critical that the family knows Spanish. We can provide references that would help families to evaluate our interest.

Anyone interested, please contact the temple administrator

## Social Action News

Bring your cell phones to the donation box in the lobby for the benefit of Family Shelter Services. This effort has raised hundreds of dollars for this worthy cause already. Thank you all

## Babysitter for Hire

Responsible high school junior honors student and Temple member seeks babysitting job in Lombard/Glen Ellyn area. Email Melissa Joens at [pixieofthenorth@yahoo.com](mailto:pixieofthenorth@yahoo.com) or look her up in the temple directory.

## Ulpan in the Northwest Suburbs

GREAT NEWS for you, your fellow congregants and the entire community! The Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago's Merkaz Ivrit ( Hebrew Ulpan Center ), Chicago 's largest and most popular Hebrew language learning program, is coming to your area this coming fall!

The CFJE is very pleased to respond to the many requests made by members of the community, including congregational members, to bring this highly acclaimed program to the northwest region. We are thrilled to partner with you in this important way.

Classes will take place at the JCYS building in Buffalo Grove ( 1700 Weiland Road / (847) 279-0900 ). Some of you may know that the CFJE's Hebrew Ulpan Center has been running very successfully for six years in other communities, including the North Shore , Skokie and Lakeview.

The program was developed with the adult learner in mind. Classes are stimulating, varied and filled with many ways to learn language: through speaking, reading, writing, exposure to Israeli culture, listening and singing. We have students who return to us every year because they feel the program meets their high quality standards and is therefore well worth their time and energy. We are proud to have earned their trust.

As always, please contact me with questions at 847.410.3900 x30

## Support DuPage PADS- Clean Your Closets!

DuPage PADS has recently partnered with Fundraise & Recycle Clothes Now! Drop off donations of clothing and soft goods at our green Donation Bin located at 703 West Liberty. F&RCN (Fundraise & Recycle Clothes Now) will reimburse DuPage PADS for donations collected, which helps raise funds for programs that assist people who are homeless in our communities. In addition, if you are having a clothing collection drive and have

surplus items at the end of your event, our partner Fundraise & Recycle Clothes Now! will pick-up that surplus for you. Think of us when you are cleaning out your closets. And, since none of the donations will go into landfills, you are helping keep our community green! For more information, please call DuPage PADS at 630-682-3846 X 222.

## Helping to Make Shiva an Easier Time for All of Us

Unfortunately, the time will come when we will lose a loved one, and for most of us this will be a very stressful time. There will be so many things to take care of and do. But now, thanks to Karen Burstein and Judy Mindel, one part of sitting shiva will be less stressful

Karen and Judy have created and donated "shiva boxes." They contain everything one might need for setting up a shiva house. There are paper goods, including plates, cups, forks, knives and spoons. There are coffee pots and coffee. There is a water pitcher and bowl to use when returning from the cemetery. The boxes contain much more, all organized to make it easy to find what you need. Anyone in our congregation may use these items; we only ask that you replace any supplies you use when you return the boxes. Our Ritual and Religious committee is currently putting together a booklet on common shiva rituals and observances for inclusion in the box. If at any time you have a need to set up a shiva house, just call the temple office.

Thank you, Karen and Judy, for this special mitzvah. These boxes were made in memory of Karen's mother-in-law, Gert Burstein and Judy's mother-in-law, Ruth Mindel.

## Jewish Employment Network

Job Seekers experience many hopes and challenges in the job market. If you have recently been downsized or are thinking of changing careers, the Jewish Employment Network offers numerous options to assist you with your career goals: career counseling, job search strategies, networking opportunities, and access to monthly round tables and support groups. For more information go to [www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org) or call Joyce Bogolub, JVS Career Counselor, at 630-889-0548.

## A note from the Library Committee: Where to donate books

Etz Chaim is fortunate to have a vibrant and vital library. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated corps of volunteers and the generous contributions of the congregation to the Robert Glass Memorial Library Fund, the library collection grows and is kept up-to-date.

If you have books that you no longer wish to keep as part of your library, please consider donating them to your public library or to SCARCE - School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education ([www.bookrescue.org](http://www.bookrescue.org)), located at 799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn.

Please do not bring books to the Etz Chaim library unless previous arrangements with the library chair have been made. Thank you.

## NFTY - EIE

**Spend a semester  
at the NFTY-EIE  
High School in  
Israel and take  
your own!**

### **Why just look at pictures in your history textbook?**

Earn High School Credit.

Apply for the Spring or the Fall semester.

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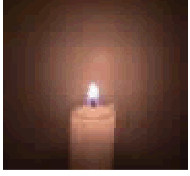
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