



**Shabbat Services:**

**Shabbat Emor**

**Friday May 8, 2009**

8:15 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
Anne Stein will be honored for her 18 years of service.  
Vanessa Ehrlich, Educator at Lakeside Congregation, will speak.  
Oneg Host: Congregation Etz Chaim

**Saturday May 9, 2009**

9:00 AM Torah Study  
NO Morning Service

**Shabbat Behar/Bechukotai**

**Friday May 15, 2009**

8:15 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
Confirmation  
Oneg Host: Confirmation Families

**Saturday May 16, 2009**

9:00 AM Torah Study

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

**Services of Special Interest:**

**Friday May 22, 2009**

7:30 PM Family Service

**Friday June 5, 2009**

8:15 PM Shabbat Evening Service-  
Installation of Officers

**Friday June 12, 2009**

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat

**Friday June 19, 2009**

7:30 PM Family Service with The Life Tree Ramblers

**Calendar:**

**Wednesday May 6**

9:00 AM Preschool  
4:00 PM Hebrew School  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

**Thursday May 7**

9:00 AM Preschool  
7:30 PM Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Bob

**Friday May 8**

9:00 AM Preschool

**Saturday May 9**

10:00 AM Social Action to Clean Prairie Path  
5:00 PM SYG Special Program and Havdalah

**Sunday May 10**

9:00 AM Religious School  
Tumlar  
Manna Order Deadline  
Teacher Appreciation  
11:30 AM Junior Choir  
PADS  
6:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

**Monday May 11**

6:30 PM Office and Communication Committee

**Tuesday May 12**

7:00 PM Executive Committee  
7:30 PM Adult Choir

**Wednesday May 13**

9:00 AM Preschool  
4:00 PM Hebrew School  
Pick Up Manna Orders  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

**Thursday May 14**

9:00 AM Preschool

**Friday May 15**

9:00 AM Preschool

**Saturday May 16**

9:45 AM Social Action to Fullersburg Woods  
7:00 PM Michael Zimmerman to Speak at Etz Chaim

**Sunday May 17**

9:00 AM Religious School- Last Day  
9:30 AM Sisterhood Gift Shop End of Year Sale  
11:30 AM Brotherhood BBQ and Picnic  
12:00 PM Youth Committee  
PADS  
6:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

**Monday May 18**

7:00 PM Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Cosnowsky- Mussar

**Tuesday May 19**

7:30 PM Board Meeting

**Wednesday May 20**

9:00 AM Preschool  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

## SAVE THE DATE!!

Reserve time on your calendar for a chance to see your old friends, Gershom and Bobbie Lichtenberg, on May 26th starting at 5:30 PM. Gershom and Bobbie made Aliyah two years ago and now reside in Haifa, Israel. They'll be in the social hall, along with some of Schmaltz's best! This will be the best way for them to give hugs and kisses to everyone. Bring yourselves and your appetites!

Please RSVP to Gershom by email or call the temple office so that we can be sure to have enough food.

Following our special time together, the Congregation's Annual Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

## **Worship**

### Message From Rabbi Bob



Each Wednesday at this time of the year, our Hebrew school students find pictures of a popular animated television character on the door to the sanctuary. Each Wednesday we attach pictures of Homer Simpson to this door. Today on this door they will see 27 pictures of Homer Simpson. You may ask why? Why Homer? Why 27? Each Wednesday between Pesach and Shavuot, we count the pictures of Homer. This is to help the students understand that we are counting the Omer.

When the Temple stood in Jerusalem, on the second day of Passover, an Omer of barley was cut down and brought to the Temple as an offering. This grain offering was referred to as the Omer. We can no longer bring an Omer of barley to the temple. But still, Jews count the Omer to mark the days between Pesach and Shavuot.

Pesach and Shavuot are linked together. In our tradition they have equal status. I recognize that Pesach is a far more popularly observed holiday among Jews today. But Pesach is only half the story. On Pesach we celebrate freedom. We recall that God took us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

The freedom we celebrate on Pesach is not freedom to go where you want to go, do what you want to do. God does not take us out of Egypt and say, "Have a nice day." God takes us out of Egypt for a specific purpose. God delivers us from slavery in order to go to Sinai and receive the Torah. Pesach commemorates the beginning of the story. Shavuot commemorates the conclusion.

We understand ourselves to be a people linked to God through Torah. In our congregation we have created new rituals to celebrate Shavuot. The giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai is traditionally called "Ma'amad Har Sinai," or Standing at Mount Sinai. On Shavuot we fully unroll the Torah scroll as it encircles the congregation. Leaders of the congregation hold the scroll. Young people who have become Bar/Bat Mitzvah since last Shavuot will stand in front of their Torah portion. In turn they will each read.

We observe Ma'amad Har Sinai, standing at Mount Sinai by standing and hearing the words of Torah. In hearing these words read by our young people, we link ourselves to those who first heard the words of Torah. We link ourselves to those who have studied these words of Torah over the centuries. We link ourselves to those who will study them in years to come.

We count the Omer from Pesach to Shavuot to connect the Exodus from Egypt to the revelation at Sinai. We count the Omer to remind ourselves of the approach of Shavuot.

Confirmation Service

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Judaism

You're invited to hear the Etz Chaim confirmation class of 2009  
speak, chant, and pray for positive change.

Harry Benson  
Daniel Brackmann  
Michael Brackmann  
Hannah Cherny  
Shelley Clark  
Leah Cohen  
Benjamin Cox  
Samuel Cox  
Jacob Fueston

Jennifer Gilbert  
Samuel Gottlieb  
Max Jablow  
Nathaniel Johnson  
Michelle Lifson  
Daniel Markwell  
Nicole Maslow  
Stacey Meyers  
Alden Rose  
Eric Rosen

Adam Roth  
Zachary Schneeweis  
Angela Schodrof  
Jason Steinberg  
Joseph Sullivan  
Stephanie Svarz  
William Swanson  
Nicole Tauster  
Michelle Turner  
Max Wasserman

Friday, May 15, 2009 — 8:15PM  
Congregation Etz Chaim  
1701 South Highland Avenue  
Lombard, Illinois

## Shavuot Celebration- 2009



Our celebration of Shavuot will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 28th. On Shavuot we recall the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and the bringing of the offering of first fruits to the Temple in Jerusalem. During our service we will completely unroll a Torah scroll. The leaders of the congregation will hold the scroll, encircling us in Torah. Young people who have become B'nai Mitzvah since last Shavuot will read from the Torah.

While we can no longer actually bring first fruits to the Temple, we do recall that act by bringing flowers to our sanctuary to decorate our Ark. We ask that you bring flowers to the Shavuot service to add to the beauty of the sanctuary. After the service we will join for Shavuot refreshments of blintzes, sweets and fruit in the Stoller-Soreff Social Hall.

Rabbi Bob will lead a study group, "Understanding Revelation."

## **Adult & Family Activities**

### Message from Our President



May is a busy month for everyone and it's especially busy at Etz Chaim. Don't forget to place your Manna order for a quick and easy graduation or Father's Day gift. Stock up now for restaurants, movies and all of your other shopping needs for summer. This is a great fundraiser for our congregation. Remember, you get full value for your purchase and Etz Chaim gets a percentage. Get your order in by May 10th for our final sale of the season. Go to our Manna page for more info.

Please join us for Friday night services on May 8th when we will have the opportunity to honor Anne Stein for her 18 years as our educator at Etz Chaim. Rabbi Cosnowsky is working on a special song (which will be available on our website) in Anne's honor. Bakers are busy preparing lots of her favorite treats for the Oneg Shabbat. We are also asking past students, parents and friends to post their tributes to Anne on Facebook. Simply go to the "Honoring Anne Stein" Facebook page and join the group, then post a message on her wall. You can send your congratulations or just let her know what your favorite family program was. We'd love to have your favorite memories and messages to Anne so that we can display them during the Oneg. Please help us spread the word to past students and friends to help make this event meaningful for Anne.

Congratulations to our 10th-grade Confirmation Class. Their theme for the year of *Tikkun Olum* included delivering food at the High Holidays, cooking for PADS, collecting supplies for animal shelters, and gardening around the temple. We thank them for their gift of hand dryers for the washrooms. Please join us at 8:15 PM on Friday, May 15th for the Confirmation service.

Our Religious School year is coming to an end. The Brotherhood Picnic is a great way to celebrate and visit with friends. Come and enjoy the food and fun on May 17th after school. You don't have to have a child in school to participate and they also offer carry out! Many thanks to our Brotherhood for sponsoring this delicious annual event.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather and I'll look forward to seeing you at these fun events.

## Rabbi Bob's Class on Israel- May 7th

Rabbi Bob's last class on the current events in Israel will be Thursday evening, May 7th at 7:30 PM.

## Hunt Down Trash on the Illinois Prairie Path (IPP)

Join Social Action on May 9th at 10:00 AM sharp. The Illinois **P**rairie **P**ath (**IPP**) is a community treasure, and you can help to keep it that way. We need 4-8 people to meet us at the bench on the west side of Main Street in Lombard, where the IPP crosses Main. We'll reflect on the Jewish obligation to preserve the environment, enjoy juice & cookies, and then Hunt for Trash from Main Street west to Elizabeth. This is about 2 blocks, and will take 1-2 hours.

You'll need to wear long pants, long sleeves, work/garden gloves, and sun glasses or regular glasses. We'll be working alongside the path and in the brush, to **PICK UP ALL VISIBLE TRASH**, from bottles to cans, plastic to paper. We'll supply the garbage bags to collect the trash. All ages welcome. **Contact Roberta Jacobson to volunteer before May 6th.**

Street parking is available on residential streets in the area. The IPP is just north of Willow St in Lombard.

## Michael Zimmerman to Speak at Etz Chaim- May 16<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday evening May 16th at 7: 30 PM, Etz Chaim welcomes Michael Zimmerman who will discuss, "Fresh Perspectives on Israel's Independence War, A View from 60 Years." The program will begin with dessert and Havdalah followed by Mr. Zimmerman's talk.

Michael Zimmerman works as a marketing executive with a high tech company in the Chicago area, and writes and lectures about Jewish history and Middle East politics.

On June 5, 1967, he volunteered to Israel, arrived shortly thereafter, and worked for several months in Sinai and the Golan.

Later, Zimmerman worked as a political analyst at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London on Middle East issues and at Tel Aviv University's Political Science Department researching methodology of crisis analysis and dynamics of small war termination.

In Israel, he lectured frequently on political affairs to varied audiences via several WZO departments, the Israel Academic Committee, HUC and JTS, and the speaker's bureau of the Prime Minister's Office.

He has written several hundred articles for magazines and newspapers.

Born and raised in Chicago, he served as a captain in the US Army, and earned degrees from MIT, Columbia University (MBA) and London School of Economics (MSc, International Relations).

## Restore Nature at Fullersburg Woods on Saturday, May 16th at 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Social Action to help restore a natural area by removing non-native vegetation and/or planting seeds at Fullersburg Woods, a 226 acre DuPage County Forest Preserve with 6 miles of trails. This gorgeous woods is close to Graue Mill, via a ½ mile walking path along Salt Creek. It'll be a lot of fun to get outdoors and work as a team. All ages are welcome; those under 14 must attend with an adult. Before we help restore our planet, we will study Torah and have a snack. We'll meet at the Visitor Center at 9:45 AM. Fullersburg Woods is located at 3609 Spring Road in Oak Brook, about 10 minutes from the Temple. To reserve your spot, and for more information, contact Susan Brodie.

## Rabbi Cosnowsky's Spring Classes- The Path of Mussar

Rabbi Cosnowsky's last class on Mussar will be held on Monday evening, May 18th from 7:00 -8:00 PM. Mussar is a traditional Jewish spiritual discipline that is meant to give guidance to help one cultivate the qualities of the soul. The topic for this class will be Trust – *Bitachon*.

## Etz Chaim Honors Jamie Bernstein- May 27th

On May 27th we will honor Jamie Bernstein for running our preschool for 16 years. Please join us for the festive event that will be a part of our final preschool graduation. Since our preschool is closing, this is Jamie's last year. We have seen a generation of children go through our program, kids that were in her first class are now seniors in college.

## Brotherhood Golf Outing- Sunday, June 7th



Sign Up Now -Please sign up to play in the 2009 Brotherhood Golf Outing on Sunday June 7th at Klein Creek Golf Course in Winfield. Golf will start at noon followed by a steak and chicken dinner. There will be prizes, raffles and most importantly, a lot of fun. Also, please consider sponsoring a hole or donating a prize to help the Brotherhood support projects throughout the synagogue. For more information, please contact Jon Berman.

## Lehrhaus at OSRUI, June 25-28 and July 16-19 2009- "Jewish Mindfulness- How to Be Present in the Moment."

Do you remember what you had for lunch yesterday? Do you frequently lose your keys? Have you ever forgotten why you went into a room? These are not necessarily senior moments! Instead, it may just be that our brains are overloaded with too much information and not enough concentration. In this class we will study Jewish texts from Torah, Talmud and Kabalistic literature. Our goal will be to become mindful of our present experiences, see our past and present experiences from a different perspective, and connect with our soul.

Please join us as we seek to have a Jewish spiritual experience and practice the art of mindfulness.

## **School & Youth Activities**

### Message from Our Educator



We have had another wonderful year, thanks to the people listed below. These people have dedicated much time and energy to making our school a wonderful place for our children. Many teach every week for the whole morning; some teach a half-hour chug; some teach a 45-minute course in the upper school; some are high school students; some are working people who give up their valuable free time to be a part of our school; some have children in our school; some have grown children but like being involved. I feel very privileged to have them on our staff. I really appreciate all that they do. Thank you for making my job so enjoyable. *Yasher koach*.

Flo Appel  
Aaron Bell  
Elizabeth Bell  
Kathie Bender  
Lena Benson  
Norma Berman  
Michael Blonder  
Rabbi Steven Bob  
Laura Brown  
Cara and Steve Cap  
Robin Carlini  
Cindy Chejfec Nahin  
Sarah Chaney  
Amelia Chinn  
Lisa Chinn  
Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky  
Debra Cox  
Ann Dolin  
Robin Dombeck  
Fran Dvorkin  
Gail Farr  
Robyn Feldmar  
Daniel Frankel  
Marla Friedman  
Josh Gibson  
Elizabeth Gossage  
Ellen Gossage  
Mary Hason  
Paul Heinz

Abby Heisler  
Mark Heisler  
Shelley Hoey  
Robert Honig  
Seth Hurwitz  
Wendy Jablow Spertus  
Rachel Johnson  
Dina Kazatsker  
Mike Kayman  
Alex Kowalczyk  
Theo Lederhausen  
Amanda Leftwich  
Susan Leftwich  
Alex Levin  
Steve Levin  
Laurie Lopez  
Robin Lucansky  
Logan Margulis  
Ellyn Margulies  
Mike Marion  
Laurie Mark  
Ann Mehrman  
Stephanie Miller  
Adrienne Mintz  
Aaron Peck  
Nancy Pollak

Deb Prinz  
Steve Prinz  
Susan Push  
Liz Rabens  
Renee Ray  
Judy Miller Reist  
Marina Rostein  
Logan Roth  
Diane Roubitchek  
Sarah Schodrof  
Jesse Shapiro  
David Sigale  
Ellen Simsohn  
Reuben Slone  
Dena Soker  
Anna Sompolski  
Nathan Stadt  
Sam Sterling  
Aaron Titiner  
Aaron Trockman  
Beth and Steve Titiner  
Virginia Weiskopf  
Zack Weiskopf  
Janet Widmaier  
Uli Widmaier  
Rachel Wood  
Anna Wood  
Julia Zeldin

Besides all of the teachers, we have room parents, snack helpers and people who help out when needed for special occasions. Andi Pevitz organized our challah and juice each week. Lori Stoakes was our room parent coordinator for the primary department and Flo Appel was the school committee chair. They thank their workers who helped out all year. Our volunteer crew is amazing. I am very blessed to have such a great group of people with whom to work. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this special team next year should contact me to find out what openings we have.

## Congregational Life

### Camp Katan

Registration is now open for Camp Katan. Camp Katan meets at Etz Chaim from July 20th through July 31st and is for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. The hours are 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Camp Katan has sports activities, craft activities, cooking projects, water fun and a cookout. The cost is \$125 for temple members and \$135 for non-members. The fee for just one week is \$75/\$85. Each camper will receive a Camp Katan T-shirt. A non-refundable \$40 deposit must accompany the registration form below. This will be deducted from the total cost of the camp. Forms will be sent to families in early summer. Parents will also be expected to sign up to either help with shopping before or during camp or with the family Shabbat dinner.

Please complete the form below and return it to the temple. If you have any questions, please call the synagogue office at (630) 627-3912.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Temple member** yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

**T-shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_

### Re-Imagining Illinois- May 17th with Governor Partick Quinn and DuPage United, Lake County United, United Power for Action and Justice and PACT

Back in March, the four Industrial Areas Foundation-affiliated citizen groups in Northeastern Illinois (CEC is a founding member of - DuPage United) hosted an historic meeting with Governor Quinn to begin to confront Illinois' political and budget crises. Over 800 leaders from Cook, DuPage, and Lake Counties pledged to work with the new governor around five principles or "pillars" for re-imagining Illinois:

1. Rooting out the culture of corruption, nepotism and political dynasties.
2. Fiscal responsibility and adequate revenue.
3. Fair and progressive taxation.
4. Priorities for people—especially those who are hurting in the current economic crisis—over politics as usual.
5. New and diverse faces, especially those of young adults, in state and local government.

Congregation Etz Chaim members who attended were impressed with how organized the event was but more importantly with the hope generated during the meeting that change was possible with our new governor.

This next meeting will continue the dialogue that began that day with the goal of creating an agenda for change to guide our efforts at the state level for the next year. This second meeting with Governor Quinn will begin at 3:00 PM (doors open at 2:30) on Sunday, May 17, 2009. The meeting will be held at Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, IL. Judy Miller Reist, a congregant who now works at Solel, has been working with the Governor's staff to organize this event.

If you can attend or for more info please call Mary Hason.

## Did You Know

### JVS Job Search Events and JEN Program

The downturn in today's economy has effected many people, many of whom have lost their jobs. The JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) and The JEN (Jewish Employment Network) is here to help you. For more information call 312-673-3400 or 847-568-5150 or email at [www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org)

### Celebrate the Ruach this Summer at OSRUI



On Saturday, July 25, 2009, OSRUI will host "CELEBRATE THE RUACH" at camp in beautiful Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Beginning at 4:00 PM there will be time for a tour of OSRUI (featuring the new Lillian and Larry Goodman Aquatic Center), and a leisurely dinner on the Bayit lawn before a fabulous concert under the stars featuring Debbie Friedman and Rabbi Joe Black. After the concert we will have the incredible opportunity to celebrate havdallah with the entire camp community. The event is open to the entire region. For more details and a registration form, please visit the OSRUI website.



## Announcements

### Summer Camp Employment Opportunities

Apachi Day Camp is looking to fill the following positions for camp:

**Early childhood Head Counselor:** minimum 2 year degree, experience with children 3-5 , creative, likes the outdoors, can swim. June 15 - July 27, M- F 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM, competitive salary based on experience. ( staff training June 9 - 12)

**Art Specialist:** Art ed degree, must have experience teaching elementary school. M - W 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, June 15 - July 24, salary range 10 - \$15 hour based on experience

**Counselor in Training: volunteer opportunity for boys and girls ages 13 - 15.** Must be willing to commit to minimum of 2 consecutive weeks, minimum of 3 days a week including Thursday. Must be able to swim. Limited number of positions available. Dates June 15 - July 24, Training June 11 , 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Please contact Elyse Degen at [edegen@napershalom.org](mailto:edegen@napershalom.org) for more information and an application.

## Nextbook at Spertus

Spertus and Nextbook have joined forces to present literary-based programming in the Chicago area. We hope you join us for these upcoming author events:

Booksignings follow each program. Buy online at [www.spertus.edu](http://www.spertus.edu) or call 312.322.1773. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for Spertus members and \$10 for students.

### **Wednesday, May 6th**

#### **Reception at 6:30 PM-Program at 7 PM**

**AND YOU SHAL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF OUR VINYL** This program held at Greenhouse Theater Center 2257 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago

With music and images, Josh Kun tells the tale of Jews in America that he and Roger Bennett discovered in vintage recordings.

### **Monday, May 18th at 7 PM**

#### **THE BOOK OF DAHLIA**

This program held at the Space 1245 Chicago Avenue, Evanston

Hear Elisa Albert discuss this dark, fearlessly funny story of depressed, smart, honest, unemployed Dahlia Finger and her struggle with terminal illness.

### **Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30 PM**

#### **SURPRISED BY GOD**

This program held at Spertus

Dayna Ruttenberg shares her religious coming-of-age story about the winding, semi-reluctant path that eventually led her to the rabbinate.

### **Sunday, June 14th at 2 PM**

#### **JEWS AND SHOES**

This program held at Spertus

With insight from fashion, history, anthropology, theology, and even performance, editor and writer Edna Nahshon guides a serious inquiry about shoes.

## Volunteer Opportunity for Young People

The Wheaton Environment Commission is looking for able bodied young volunteers to help at the Electronics Recycling Event which takes place every first and third Saturday of the month on Liberty Avenue between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Seventy tons of electronic equipment has been safely recycled since the program began in January.

Please call Hannah Self at 630-462-0569 or Kathy Coleman at 630-690-1237 for details.

## National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Invites You to Honor Special Women in Your Life This Mothers' Day!

By donating \$18.00 in honor of your mother, sister, daughter, aunt, or friend, NCJW will deliver Mother's Day baskets filled with lotions, perfume, chocolates, and other items that are considered "luxuries" to women living at a local domestic violence shelter run by the Family Shelter Services of DuPage.

NCJW will send a card to your loved ones letting them know of this special Mother's Day treat that the women at the shelter will receive in their honor!

For more information on how you can honor a loved one on Mother's Day, please contact Susan Saltzman at 630-920-8030 or [susan.saltzman@comcast.net](mailto:susan.saltzman@comcast.net).

## Apachi Day Camp: The Summers' Best Connection

**Connect with your heritage!**  
**Camp Dates June 15 – July 24, M-F 9:15 AM – 3:45 PM**  
*Located in Naperville at Congregation Beth Shalom*

Ages 4 – 10, choose from 2 – 6 weeks depending on your summer schedule, C.I.T volunteer program for 13 – 15

Activities include swimming 3 days a week, sports, arts & crafts, music, dance drama, martial arts, mini courses, rock climbing, weekly full and half day field trips, Shabbat & more!

Small groups with age appropriate activity, supervised by friendly and nurturing adult staff For less than the cost of a daily babysitter your child can have a great summer experience!!

Download a registration form at [www.napershalom.org/camp](http://www.napershalom.org/camp) Or call camp director Elyse Degen at 630 234-4514 to register

## Join the Generation to Generation: Friendly Visitors to the Elderly Program

There are many nursing home residents eager to make a new friend and share their life experiences. As a friendly visitor, you can provide vitality and interest in life for people who are isolated. Join the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago's Spring training and start making a difference in the life of an elderly nursing home resident.

Mondays, April 20th -May 18th from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Jewish Child & Family Services  
5150 Golf Rd. Skokie.

For more information or to register for the next training, please contact Carol Berry at 847-568-5100 or email [carolberry@jcfs.org](mailto:carolberry@jcfs.org).

## Hillel at the University of Illinois

To: Family and Friends of University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign Students:

*Tikkun Olam* starts rights here in the Chicago suburbs. Through a generous grant from the Takiff Family Foundation and the First Bank of Highland Park Foundation, the Hillel at the University of Illinois is expanding its kosher services to students. The Cohen Center for Jewish Life now offers free Shabbat meals every week!

Kabbalat Shabbat dinner is offered at 7:30 PM each Friday night, and Shabbat lunch is served around 1:30 PM on Saturdays. Illini Hillel's kitchen is certified kosher by the Chicago Rabbinical Council (cRc) and offers multiple kosher food choices throughout the week, in addition to the free Shabbat meals.

No reservations are necessary for any of the meals or events! For additional information, please call the Hillel directly at 217.344.1328 or visit [www.illinihillel.org](http://www.illinihillel.org).

## 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.

## URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union-Institute 2008-2009 Special Programs

In addition to our popular summer camp, OSRUI offers a variety of special programs throughout the year.

### **May 15-17 FATHER & SON Kallah**

Special time at Camp for dads, granddads, uncles, and the boys they love, age 5 to 12.

### **May 27-31 HAVA NASHIRA**

This songleading workshop is for those who teach or lead music in camps, congregations, and community centers. For more information or to register: [www.osrui.org](http://www.osrui.org)  
847-239-6984 • [osruiprograms@urj.org](mailto:osruiprograms@urj.org)

## 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.

## 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.

Live in the picturesque Judean Hills on Kibbutz Tzuba.

Discover your Jewish past as you live the Jewish present

Learn to converse in modern Hebrew.

Climb Masada, swim in the Dead Sea, hike from Sea to Sea, explore and camp out in the Negev.

Travel to Poland for a week to continue your study of Modern Jewish History.

Make new NFTY friends and build a strong Reform Community.

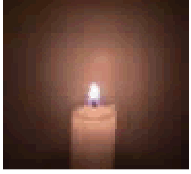
For more information please contact

Stacy Chassen

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## Social Action News

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Beth Spenadel and her family  
on the death of her mother,  
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Debra Levin and her family  
on the death of her husband,  
Mostafa Otry.

Jeff Steinberg and his family  
on the death of his mother,  
Phyllis Steinberg.

Uli Widmaier and his family  
on the death of his mother,  
Susan Widmaier.

Beth Spenadel and her family  
on the death of her grandmother,  
Shirley Gorin.



## The Congregation offers its Congratulations to...

Richard & Harriet Heisler  
on the engagement of their son,  
Larry to Amy Grosch.

Mitchell, Rachel and Elizabeth Williams,  
on the birth of their son and brother,  
Asher Benjamin Williams.



"May the memory of  
the righteous be for a  
blessing."

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05/10 Betty Williamson  
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05/15 Edward Bell  
05/15 Robert Paylor  
05/16 Milton Kotzin  
05/16 Allan Myrow

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05/17 Aaron Basen  
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05/18 Naomi Canowitz  
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