



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AT NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

In addition to the wide variety of traditional and progressive worship services led by our clergy, our members enjoy many other benefits that enhance their lives and connections to Judaism and North Shore Synagogue.

High Holy Day Services

Membership includes tickets to all High Holy Day services for your household members (including adult children 25 years of age and under) and discounted tickets for family members residing elsewhere (i.e. adult children or parents).

Services Provided by Clergy

Our clergy are available to officiate and/or guide you through many shared celebratory life cycle events your family may experience such as baby namings, B'nai Mitzvah (both children and adults), *auf rufs* (being called to the Torah for a blessing before your wedding), weddings, and renewal of vows, all of which may be held in our beautiful sanctuary. Children of congregants who are married in our sanctuary receive one year of free complimentary membership. There is no charge for life cycle events for members. Our clergy are also available to provide comfort and pastoral counseling during some of the more difficult times in your life such as loss of job, divorce, illness (including home and hospital visits), death of a loved one (including arranging to conduct daily services during the observance of Shivah) and unveilings. In addition, our clergy are always available to answer any questions or guide you through any situations you are facing be they religious or secular in nature.

Nursery School, Religious School, B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring, Youth Group, and Teen Programs

(Additional fees apply for these educational programs)

Children can be enrolled in our excellent nursery school, religious school (including B'nai Mitzvah training), and youth group programs. Our outstanding J.tel (Jewish Teen Experiential Learning) teen program provides opportunities for furthering Jewish learning and engagement through a variety of social, leadership, and Jewish learning opportunities. Confirmation (10th grade) and graduation (12th grade) are also part of this program.

Life Long Learning/Adult Education

Throughout the year NSS offers many adult education classes, programs and events to enrich, entertain and engage you. Examples are weekly Torah Study, beginner Hebrew Classes, adult B'nai Mitzvah, "Lunch and Learn" programs with our clergy, lectures and presentations, movies, and book clubs. Some of these programs are led by our clergy, while others are led by congregants or outside experts. In addition, NSS periodically provides opportunities for travel guided by our clergy (past trips have included Israel and Cuba).

Social Programming - (Additional fees may apply for these programs)

There are many programs offered throughout the year meant to increase your interaction with other synagogue members. Brotherhood and Sisterhood are a large part of the NSS community and they sponsor numerous functions and programs throughout the year. Some examples of past programs include Chanukah Pancake Breakfast, political candidates forums, family bowling and fishing, Brotherhood or Sisterhood dinners, BBQ's, Women's Seder, Sunday luncheons with musical guests or speakers, and Mah Jongg tournaments.

Community Service Opportunities

NSS often partners with local organizations to provide items needed by the greater community at large, such as collecting food during the High Holy Days for distribution to local food banks, Chanukah gifts for families in need (in cooperation with FEGS), "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" (collecting gently used clothing, coats, blankets and accessories and non-perishable food items), religious school and youth group participation in the Hebrew Union College soup kitchen and Oyster Bay Farm on Split Rock Road which raises food for local food banks. There is an active Mitzvah Committee (Tikkun Olam) which helps organize many of these events.

Professional Affiliations

Union of Reform Judaism, the national organization of the Reform Movement
NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) - The Reform Jewish Youth Movement
Women of Reform Judaism; Men of Reform Judaism; URJ Camps including among others, Crane Lake, Camp Eisner, Kutz Camp for Teens and 6 Point Sci-Tech Academy.

INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Your North Shore Synagogue community is available to you and your family to share in times of joyous celebration and to care in times of sadness and grieving. There are no additional fees for life cycle events performed by our Clergy.

Celebrations such as baby namings, *bris*, *auf rufs* (being called to the Torah for a blessing before a wedding) weddings, and renewal of wedding vows may be held in our beautiful sanctuary. Please contact a member of our clergy and/or our Executive Director to discuss arrangements in advance.

Upon a loss of a loved one please contact the Temple Office as promptly as possible so we may give you timely guidance on funeral arrangements and be available to provide pastoral comfort and care at this difficult time. NSS can assist you and your family at many points during the mourning process, including making clergy available for funeral or Shivah services, notifying our congregation of funeral arrangements and Shivah observances.

Please help us be there for you by contacting our Executive Director at 516-921-2282 (X106) or at aschwach@northshoresynagogue.org about births, simchas, illness or the loss of loved ones.

Our Senior Rabbi, Jaimee Shalhevet at rabbishalhevet@northshoresynagogue.org and/or our Cantor Rich Pilatsky at cantorrich@northshoresynagogue.org or at 516 921-2282 are available to answer any questions you may have about Life Cycle Events.