### Winter Edition – January/February/March 2025



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### March 15, 2025 7:00 PM

Join together for an evening of high energy, live entertainment, great music, delicious food & drinks.

### TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON

RSVP at: northshoresynagogue.org/duelingpiano25

An Adult Purim Fundraiser

Service Schedule		JOIN US E	VERY SATURDAY MORNING
Friday, January 3		<b>Saturday Morning Tor</b> Join us as we study the T	ah Study at 9:00am Forah portion of the week. All are welcome
Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	learn, discuss and questi We look forward to shar	on. No experience or knowledge necessary. ing ideas and opinions, different perspective
Sunday, January 10		and thoughts to discover	how Torah becomes part of our daily life.
Tot Shabbat Service	5:30 PM		ice-in-the-Round at 10:15am
Family Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	people, and share our co	n more about the morning liturgy, meet new mmon links of Torah and worship, prayer
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Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	of our members. Newco used, it is translated or th	mers are always welcome (When Hebrew is ransliterated.)
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Friday, February 21			zel tov! Let our in-house kosher-style catere
Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	from baby namings and	Shore take care of all of your catering needs B'nei Mitzvah parties, to engagement parti ising events and more. Come check out our
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Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	steve@thepiermontny.co	
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	7:30 PM	Email	office@northshoresynagogue.o
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#### From the Rabbi's Desk Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet



Use only as directed?

A quick google search on the word "Windex" will bring up many uses for this common household item. Having arachnophobia, I was delighted by the first one that came up. Windex will kill spiders. Just spray them with this blue liquid and they will succumb. Windex also kills bedbugs. I guess this secret never got to all those New York City apartments.

Windex will dry out poison ivy, prevent bacterial infections and yes, even help treat acne. However, it will do all of these things while it is chemically burning the skin so you might want to think twice before using it for these purposes. At Nordstrom's they use Windex to remove rings that have gotten stuck on a customer's finger. It can get nail polish out of carpet and also be used as an air freshener. My favorite use for Windex came from a woman in Detroit who used it to fight off an intruder in her house. Although she can't tell whether he ran away because she sprayed him in the face with it or because she hit him over the head with the bottle, she still credits Windex with saving her life. All these uses and – oh yes – it can be used to clean glass and countertops as well.

Sometimes we look for what we think we need only to find out that something else will do the job just fine. And sometimes, we search so hard to be creative, that we miss out on the simple answer staring us in the face.

It's a question of balance. You could buy spider and bedbug poison, poison ivy treatments, antibacterial and anti-acne creams. You can buy special lotion or oil to help remove a stuck ring. You can order new carpet or get a home security system. There are items created for each of the specific situations mentioned above. Or, you can use Windex. On the other hand, if you used Windex for all of those things, you may have none left for your countertops and mirrors.

Our practice of Judaism can sometimes be seen in very much the same way. Sometimes we search and search for God, a connection, a community. We look so hard for the perfect fit that we don't always see what is right in front of us. I have known people who tell me that they have spent years searching for a relationship with God and yet

### Ongoing Adult Education with Rabbi Shalhevet alternating Wednesdays at 11:30 AM

#### **Torah for Today**

Learn Torah at a slow pace, spending time to truly understand the deeper meaning of this sacred text. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is required to participate. Newcomers to the class are always welcome.

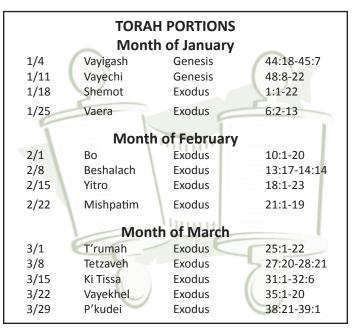
#### Lessons from Our Traditions

Believe it or not, Jewish texts both ancient and modern give us guidance on how to raise children, deal with arguments with our spouses, how to handle conflicts, and even how to survive toxic people in our lives. Join THIS class discussion with Rabbi Shalhevet and you WILL believe it. And you will begin to live a happier and freer life if you choose to. It's all in your hands. Give it a try. they never seem to experience that closeness. I ask them what they are looking for and they invariably respond by saying, "I don't really know." Then we talk about life. When have you been happy? When have you been lost? When have you reached out and when have you been open to receiving? Moses, we read in the book of Exodus, found God in a small, unassuming bush in the desert. Moses was not looking for God, but rather a wandering lamb. But in his search for something else, he turned aside to look at a small burning bush. And in this unlikely place, he spoke to God.

I have also known people who seem to find God everywhere and all the time. They go so far as to take no responsibility for themselves. They call upon God so often and so much, that they negate their own specialness in the world. They don't depend on themselves at all. Dr. Robert A Schuller tells the story of a man who hears on the radio of a flood coming to his town. He is requested to evacuate. He tells the authorities that he does not have to leave because God will take care of him. The flood waters begin to rise and again he is asked to evacuate. Again he responds that God will save him. The flood waters continue to rise and he climbs on top of the house. A boat comes along and he's offered the chance to climb into the boat. He says, "no, no, God is going to save me." Finally, a helicopter comes along and they lower the net to rescue him. The man says, "no, thank you, God is going to save me!" Well, the man drowns and goes to heaven. When he gets to heaven he says to God, "why didn't you save me?" God says, "I sent the news report of the flood. I sent the authorities telling you to evacuate. I sent a boat. I sent a helicopter. What more did you want me to do?" There is a point at which we have to take responsibility for our faith. When God sends a helicopter, you have to climb in.

Sometimes we need to look past the obvious and search for new uncharted ways to experience our faith. Sometimes we have to stop looking so deep and see the path laid out right in front of us. True, Windex can be used for many things and thanks to that household cleaner friend of ours, my house is spider free. But I always remember to keep a little unused in the cupboard just in case the counters and mirrors need a streak-free shine.

### Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet



#### Cantor's Notes Cantor Steven Hevenstone



The sounds and tones of music weave through Jewish life as a thread through a tapestry. This tapestry is rich and vibrant, much like Joseph's coat of many colors. But instead of colors, we have tones and harmonies which can lift us up and raise our spiritual self, helping to fill us with sweet sounds. We only have to listen, and let ourselves be carried away by these sweet sounds.

Jewish Music has been around for over 3,000 years. This is the music of Prayer, the chant of the Torah and the Megilloth. Jewish music of the Synagogue spans the evolution of Cantorial, Synagogal, and Temple melodies since Biblical times. The most common and best known version of music is guided by a Hazzan (Cantor).

The earliest Synagogue music of which we have any account was based on a system used in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Mishnah gives several accounts of Temple music. According to the Mishnah, the regular Temple orchestra consisted of twelve instruments, and a choir of twelve male singers. The instruments included the kinnor (lyre); nevel (harp); shorar (ram's horn); hozeirot (trumpet) and three varieties of pipe, the chalil, alamoth and the uggav. The Temple orchestra also included a cymbal (tziltzal) made of copper. The Talmud also mentions use in the Temple of a pipe organ (magrepha). Unfortunately, no written examples of the music played in the Temple have survived even though there are vivid descriptions of the instruments played and the use of music in the liturgy.

After the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD and the subsequent dispersion of the Jews to Babylon and Persia, Jews created new versions of temple songs in order to help them pray. Three musical forms were used, involving different modes of antiphonal response between Hazzan and the Congregation: the Hazzan singing a half-verse at a time, with the congregation making a constant refrain; or the Hazzan singing a half-verse, while the congregation repeats exactly what he/she had sung. All of these forms can be recognized in parts of the modern Synagogue service. Think of Friday night prayers like L'cha Dodi or some versions of the Mishaberach prayer where verses are repeated.

The Prayers are musically divided up into different Modes, which are referred to as Nusach. There are many different melodic forms



of Nusach. Nusach (plural nuscha'ot or nusachim), is a concept in Judaism that has two distinct meanings. One is the style of a prayer service (Nusach Teiman, Nusach Ashkenaz, Nusach Sefard, or Nusach Ari); another is the melody of the service depending upon when the service is being conducted. For example, the melodies used at a Friday night service are usually not all the same melodies that would be used for the Saturday morning torah service. The time of day dictated what melodies would be used for that prayer service.

These modes serve as a musical means to help the congregation, and the Rabbi and Hazzan, identify specific prayer services: Chol (Weekday) Shachrit; Minha; Ma'ariv. Shabbat Services have different nuscha'ot – P'zukei D'zimrah; Shachrit; Torah Services; Musaf. Also Minha for Shabbat has its own specific nusach.

There are three main modes. The three main modes are called Ahavah Rabbah; Magein Avot; and Adoshem Malach. The Ahavah Rabbah mode (also referred to as freygish) – is named after the blessing that immediately precedes the Sh'ma in the morning service. The Magein Avot (Shield of our Fathers) mode takes its name from a paragraph in the prayer of the same, which follows the Amidah in the Friday evening service. The Adoshem Malach (G-d Reigns) mode has a majestic feel to it and is used for a number of services that require a grand atmosphere.

In modern times Contemporary Hazzanim and Jewish Song Writers have composed music that has made its way into the Synagogue service. Composers like Debbie Friedman (z''l), Craig Taubman; Rick Recht, Hazzan Sol Zim, Hazzan Meir Finkelstein, Dan Nichols, and many others. Newer melodic forms (i.e.: Alana Arian's L'Chu N'ran'nah), add a contemporary sound and style to Modern Synagogue Music.

I hope you have enjoyed this quick journey into some of the history of Jewish music and our liturgy. Next time you come to services I hope this knowledge will engage your spirit and you will sing louder! I can't wait to hear you! G-d created your voice and your voice is powerful!

Hazzan Steve Hevenstone

Join your North Shore Synagogue Family for a...

Shabbat Service in Memory Of

Rabbi Daniel Fogel E Cantor Renee Coleson

Rabbi Fogel and Cantor Coleson touched the lives of so many of our North Shore Synagogue congregants over the years with immeasurable compassion, helping to build our foundation which will always remain in our hearts. Please join together for a Shabbat service as we honor their lives together as one community, on the five year and twenty year anniversary of their passing.

Friday, May 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM

More information to follow

### A Message from the President

Sondra Cardno



Albert Einstein's quote "Time flies when you're having fun" is something I think about at this time of year. To me, the calendar year 2024 flew by, so I guess that means I had a lot of fun, and I hope you did as well.

As a kid, I didn't always enjoy being at my synagogue. It didn't seem fun. It wasn't relatable to me with clergy who weren't "kid friendly" and programs that were

geared to much older people. North Shore Synagogue is so different and is one of the most fun places to be. With so much going on in the world around us, and within our own personal lives, our synagogue family enjoyed many fun times, and together with our clergy, supported one another through challenges. We offered so many worship experiences, educational programs, and events for all ages to enjoy.

Rabbi Shalhevet and Cantor Hevenstone continue to lead and guide us, and help us embrace our connection to Judaism in whatever way that is. The spiritual services they lead and educational classes they offer bring words of wisdom and comfort. They are clergy who are approachable, and our children love interacting with them during nursery school music, junior choir, and B'nei Mitzvah tutoring. And they bowl pretty well too!

Our Executive Director Jacquelyn Golub, schedules and plans our entertaining events with our various committees and Board of Trustees. She brings the programs you want to participate in right here to our synagogue. We all enjoyed having the Challah Prince show us how to braid beautiful challah, however, he had some stiff competition from Jacquelyn herself, who rolls up her sleeves and teaches us how to make delicious challah. The youth group programs she runs with the religious school children have 80 kids lined up, eagerly excited to participate in the latest event.

It was wonderful to see so many young families attending our Tot

Shabbat and Family Shabbat services throughout the year, along with our bingo night and family bowling events. The children enjoyed participating in our annual Purim shpiel play and carnival. One of the most meaningful things I remember seeing the children do was to help on Thanksgiving morning at our annual cook-a-thon. Kids of all ages came with their families to help do a mitzvah to feed those in need of a meal. They scooped cranberry sauce into containers, made salads, cooked stuffing and wrote cards, and then walked down our assembly line making up the final packages for delivery. And they continued to ask what they could do next. What an amazing mitzvah they did, and what values you taught them by bringing them to help.

Our adult congregants enjoyed playing golf and mah jongg at our annual summer outing, and singing and dancing in our parking lot during our summer outdoor concert. We picked vegetables at the local farm, and made sandwiches for a soup kitchen. We learned about the history of Jews on Long Island with an author visit, and learned Israeli dancing. Our seniors gathered for a Friendsgiving meal and shared their memories of years spent together at the synagogue.

As the fall turns to winter, we think of cold weather and possibly some snow, but don't let that keep you away from the warmth of our synagogue and all of the fun we offer while embracing our connection to Judaism. Join us for Shabbat services, opportunities to participate in mitzvah programs such as sandwich making and visits to the Ronald McDonald House, educational programs with our clergy, and share in laughter and fun at upcoming events like Dueling Pianos, Cantor's concert, and more.

I am thankful to be part of this amazing synagogue and having all of you amongst my synagogue friends and family. I wish you a Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy, happy and fun new year. Hopefully time slows down enough for us to enjoy more wonderful experiences together.

Sondra Cardno

### NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

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### Get involved by Volunteering!

The North Shore Synagogue Board of Trustees is seeking congregant volunteers to join the following committees:

- Fundraising
- Nursery School
- Membership
- Mitzvah / Caring
- Social Justice
- Marketing & Social Media
- Youth Learning and Engagement

Please contact Jacquelynn Golub (516.921.2282 ext. 106) or Sondra Cardno (ext. 190) at your earliest convenience. Join your Board of Trustees in making NSS better everyday!

### Sharing our Lives



### bondolences

**Selma Olchin:** Mother of Alicia (Stephen z''l), Eve (Tom), and Dawn; grandmother of Cannan (Elana), Noah (Jennifer), Jeremy (Krista), Danielle (Alex), and Joseph (Crystal); great-grandmother of Levi, Ani, Jacob, Eli, Yuri, Nova, Morrison, and Aurora.

**Pearl Sadis:** Mother of Arthur, Richard, and Michael; motherin-law of Roslyn, Laurie and Fran; grandmother of Matthew, Jay (Amanda), Coco, Katherine (Bryan), Jason (Taylor), Ryan (Angie), Kyle (Genna), and Michael (Jen); great-grandmother of Penelope, Dylan, Max, Jude, Apollo, Indigo, and Josie.

**Kenneth Rosenblum:** Husband of Roberta; brother of Joan (Marvin); father of Rachel (Jamey) and Peter (Crissy); grandfather of Ayla, Jude, Sam, Cole, and Drew; and uncle of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joshua Fink: Son of Glenda and Michael; husband of Alissa; father of Mason and Andrew; brother of Daniel (Amber) and Adam (Mary-Anne); and uncle of Meleah, Rebekah, Chad, Kelly, Thomas, Emma, Kate-Lynn, and Lacey.

**Phyllis Stein:** Mother of Amy Stein (Michael Moskowitz), Greg Stein (Jeanette Kelleher), and Kenneth Stein; grandmother of Sarah (Jake) Gerbino and Rachel Moskowitz (Alec Buchholtz).

Neal Shein: Husband of Linda; father of Jamie and Jodi.

Anne Werfel: Mother of Beth z"l, and David (Bonnie); grandmother of Brian (Sandi), Lori (Jonathan) and Eric (Alexandra); great-grandmother of Eli, Benji, Emma, Ashley, Maya, Avi.

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**Barbara Elis:** mother of Janet Elis Milder (Rabbi Laurence Milder), Mark Elis (Laura Debski), Alan (Gail) Elis; and grandmother of Miriam (Josh), Avi, Alex, and Bailey (Paul).

### Keep Us Informed

**Got Good News?** Engagements, marriages, births, graduations, special accomplishments? Send your information by email to office@northshoresynagogue.org or contact the office at 516-921-2282, so we may share your simchas with the congregation.

**Please Let our Clergy Know!** Current laws prevent hospitals from releasing names of patients.Please call the synagogue office when you, a family member, or a friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit.

**In Times of Bereavement.** At the hour of loss, the clergy of NSS wants to be helpful to you. After office hours, we can be reached at 516-921-2282 ext. 8. If you wish us to officiate at the funeral of your loved one, please have the funeral home ensure our availability at the time you desire before finalizing your arrangements.

### Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to **Steve & Sue Feldman** on the birth of their greatgranddaughter, Maya Rina, proud parents are Elena Feldman and Daniel Wesley.

Mazel tov to **Glen Wolther & Donna Rosen** on the marriage of their daughter, Nikki Bellovin to Andrew Shlafmitz.

Mazel tov to **Gail & Peter DeLuca** on the marriage of their son, Daniel DeLuca to Danielle Estrella.

Mazel tov to **Pam Dreisiger** on her daughter, Amy Dreisiger's partnership with Sullivan & Cromwell.

Mazel tov to **Ginny McNulty & Joel Small** on the engagement of her grandson, Patrick Kline to Kelli Day.

Mazel tov to **Joan Rauch** on the birth of her great-grandson, Jaden Hunter Cohen.

Mazel tov to **Debbie & David Shapiro** on the engagement of their son Zachary Shapiro to Robyn Wilk.

### To Honor and Remember

Mishkan T'filah Bookplates (\$54 per bookplate) Dedicate a prayer book in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special or a noteworthy occasion.

**Simcha Wall Plaques** (starting at \$500) Commemorate a joyous occasion.

Butterfly Wall (starting at \$108)

Honor and celebrate precious moments in your child's life. Add a butterfly to the Gateway Wall of the Nursery School Wing.

#### Cemetery Plots (\$5,000 per plot)

Judaism teaches us that purchasing one's plot while still alive is a segulah (spiritually propitious act) for longevity, because by doing so one contemplates one's own mortality and uses one's time allotted on this earth more wisely. The Cemetery Committee is selling plots in the Synagogue's section at Beth Moses Cemetery in Farmingdale. Please note maintenance at Wellwood, New Montefiore and Beth Moses cemeteries is provided at no cost. Any concerns regarding maintenance should be brought to our attention.

#### Memorial Plaques (\$600 per plaque)

Remember a loved one in perpetuity with a solid bronze memorial plaque on our Illuminated Memorial Tablet in our Sanctuary.

#### **Oneg/Flower Sponsors** (starting at \$180)

Did you know you could sponsor the oneg and flowers? Do you have a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or simcha coming up? Let us celebrate with you! Your contribution will help defray our cost.

### Mazel Tov to our B'Nei Mitzvah



My name is Cooper Slansky and I am in 7th grade at Harry B. Thompson Middle School. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah on January 25, 2025. My parents are Melissa and Jeremy Slansky and I am proud and fortunate to have 3 siblings. I have an older sister named Sydney who is 17 years old and heading to college next fall. I have two super younger brothers named Mac, age 10 and Gibson, age 8. I am also blessed to have two amazing grandmas-Judy Slansky and Shelley Schollmeyer. They are my biggest supporters!

In my spare time, I enjoy listening to music, playing video games with my brothers and sister and love going fishing with my mom. I am most passionate about becoming a percussionist as I get older.

During the holiday seasons especially, I have always noticed the hustle and bustle our delivery workers put in so that every package, present and basket is delivered in a timely manner to the right place. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I want to thank our postal workers, UPS drivers and all other service workers who provide this service by putting out a basket of water bottles and snacks in front of my house so that they may enjoy a sweet treat during their busy days.

My favorite holiday is Passover and the brisket meal is worth waiting for! This holiday is so meaningful to me because my entire family and close friends come together. We have the best time.

The term Bar Mitzvah means "children of the commandment." This signifies in the Jewish religion that I am to become an adult in the eyes of my Jewish community. I look forward to getting more involved with my Jewish identity and furthering my knowledge in general so that one day, when I am a father, I can pass these traditions on to my children.



My name is Josie Greenblatt. I am in 7th grade and attend Harry B. Thompson Middle School. I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on March 22nd, 2025. My parents' names are Tracey and Matt and I have one sister Lexi. My grandparents' names are Harold and Sandy z''l and Helen z''l and Fred. I enjoy shopping, concerts, eating, sleeping, tanning, and hanging with friends. For my Mitzvah project I did a twinning program paired with someone who died and couldn't have a Bat Mitzvah because of the Holocaust. My favorite Jewish food is challah and my favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because I get to spend time with my family and eat good food. To become a Bat Mitzvah means getting new responsibilities and becoming a Jewish adult.



My name is Bradley Ryan Zelniker. I am in 7th grade and attend Harry B. Thompson Middle School. I am going to become a Bar Mitzvah on March 29, 2025. My parents' names are Caroline and Jordan Zelniker, and I have a sister named Layla. I have three grandparents and their names are Grandma Jane, Grandpa Kenny and Mimi (Ilene Zelniker). I enjoy singing, playing guitar, writing songs and acting. My favorite Jewish food is Latkes and my favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because we have family over to open presents. To become a Bar Mitzvah to me means following in a very important Jewish tradition.



My name is Rhyan Seltman I am in 7th grade and attend Old Field Middle School. I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on March 29, 2025. My parents' names are Alise and Bryce Seltman and I have a brother Nolyn Seltman. I have two grandparents and their names are Fran and Larry Mehlsack. I enjoy dance, friends, sleep, Hebrew school, and family. My favorite Jewish food is Charoset and Matzah, and my favorite Jewish holiday is Passover. To become a Bat Mitzvah to means to finally become an adult.

### Nursery School News Jacqueline Sanchez, Director

Thanksgiving was a very fun time for our Nursery School Children. The children talked about all the things they are thankful for, read many stories to learn about thanksgiving

and shared ways they would celebrate with their families. Perhaps the funniest part of all was our visit from Albuquerque the Turkey (AKA Cantor Steve). He sang us fun songs and told funny stories. He had the whole school smiling and laughing.

Winter is here! The Nursery School children were very lucky to enjoy some unseasonably warm days but winter arrived with a very cold blast. We ended our Thanksgiving celebrations and jumped right into learning about hibernation, adaptation and migration. The children learned what people and animals do in the winter. Our favorite part about

the month is our Pajama Hibernation Day. We loved coming to school in our pajamas with our favorite stuffed animal. We even

went on a bear hunt to find hidden bears throughout the school. We took many pictures with our cameras. Thank you to everyone who donated new pajamas. We know many children will be

extra warm this winter season. All the donations went to Jericho Cares and The Gerald Ryan Outreach.

Our Chanukah parties were so much fun. We enjoyed so many yummy treats and made a special edible craft! Our Tot Shabbats have been a huge success. We love singing with Rabbi Jaimee and Cantor Steve. We made some wonderful crafts and always enjoy eating pizza with our friends and family. We hope to see you at our remaining Tot Shabbats. February 7th our Bluesky teachers will be joining us, April 24th our Purple Crayon teachers will joining us and on May 16th many of our teacher staff will be attending to celebrate teacher appreciation.

### Miss Jacquie



### **Upcoming Tot Shabbal Dates**

Friday, January 10 Friday, February 7 Friday, March 14

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# Religious School & Youth Programming Jacquelynn Golub and Cantor Steve

Our Religious School is not just a place where children come to learn, it is also a community. So, what is community and what makes our North Shore Synagogue Religious School a special community? Well, first we have to define what it means to be part of a community. A community is not built over night, its established over time and is quite complex. A community is about people coming together with a sense of trust and belonging. It is a sense of connection amongst people who have similar interests, outlooks or beliefs.

Here in our North Shore Synagogue Religious School (and beyond), we are a Kehilla Kedosha, a holy community. A place that learns together about being Jewish, the holidays, G-d, Torah, Israel, and so much more. We celebrate joys together and comfort one another through difficult times or loss.

In one of our Torah portions Eikev, it teaches us various ways that we can build a community. We are asked to first decide whether we can live by G-d's laws. Following these laws can mean something as basic as being polite or as complex as following the laws of kashrut. These laws test us and push us to rise to be our best self. One of the many commandments we teach our children is to do Mitzvot and give tzedakah. Our children are taught about how lucky they are to have what they need and want and how we can provide for those in the community that are less fortunate. Children watch our tzedakah "grow" each week, as they add money to our collection. Toward the end of the year, students will vote on where to donate the tzedakah money they have collected. Each of us has a choice, as to how we act in a kehilla kedosha, and how we can make our community holy. The best way to do G-d's work is to do a Mitzvah. We teach our children to show acts of kindness, whether it is helping a friend, visiting someone who is sick, being kind to someone who is having a bad day or making meals for the hungry. In our Religious School we have a Mitzvah wall. A place where students can share the Mitzvot they do and be proud of all the good they are doing.

Being part of a community is helping to lift each other up, no matter how big or small, remembering that we are all here for each other. We create meaningful and lasting relationships between students, with our teachers, clergy, madrichim, and families. We create opportunity to build connections in our classes, as well as at family day programs, and NOSHTY youth group events. We teach life lessons and Jewish values of integrity, respect, compassion, and community that help our children grow and develop that they can hold onto forever. By nurturing our children and giving them the tools they need for spiritual and moral growth they learn to navigate life with positivity and with their Jewish heritage behind them.

So, support our Religious School community and help our students and families continue to grow.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Family Shabbat Services, Family Day Programs and more.

May the year 2025 bring us all joy, health, prosperity and peace.

Jacquelynn



### Sisterhood Scoop Janet Cohen, Carol Fisher, Donna Gelber, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Our 2024-2025 year has begun with a great start! Our High Holiday fundraiser honey sale was a big success. Our Annual Toy for Tots drive was also a huge success. Thanks to all the donations we recieved, we brought joy to the children at the Ronald McDonald House. Sisterhood also sponsored our Chanukah Happening Event on December 15. This event included breakfast and a game show by Hollyrock Entertainment.

Next up, Sisterhood will be sponsoring Family Bowling Night. On January 29, Rabbi Shalhevet will lead us in a Rosh Chodesh program. We will also be doing a craft activity at this program. As you can see we are very busy. Please contact us with any ideas or suggestions for programming. Future events will include Purim Mishloach Manot and The Women's Seder on April 9, 2025. We would like to extend our best wishes for a Happy Chanukah and a Happy and Healthy 2025!



### **Bracelet Making Event**

Sisterhood heald a Bracelet Bead Making event led by Sharon of Bedazzled by Greta. We each made our own unique bracelet!

### Sisterhood Chair Yoga Event

The first program of the year was Chair Yoga led by Leslie Luft of Absolute Yoga in Woodbury. We had a large group of women joining in and we received positive feedback.



### **Brotherhood Business**

Join us for our upcoming breakfast meetings on **February 2** and **March 2**. Save-the-Date for brotherhood led Shabbat service on April 4th at 7:30 PM

### **Lifelong Learning Corner**

The Lifelong Learning Committee ("LLC") has a full schedule of events planned for 2025. Our kickoff event, ADL's workshop: "Words to Action," was held on November 13 and was a success with our seventh-grade students and adults that attended. The program teaches skills to recognize and react to antisemitism.

In 2025, LLC will present varied offerings for Religious School students to adults of all ages.

**January 26** – LLC will launch its first ever **Book Club**, featuring author, Hilari T. Cohen to discuss her book, The Wick And The Flame. LLC's Book Club will meet two additional times during the year and will endeavor to include an author, as available.

January 28 – in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, LLC will present a screening of the film, **The Devil's Confession**. Hear Adolph Eichmann's own voice, speaking about his diabolical plan to murder all the Jews of Europe, juxtaposed with his actual trial footage from the Israeli court. A real life "man in the glass booth!"

February 5 – Join us for an enlightening program about antisemitism in online gaming and social media: you may be surprised to learn what may be embedded in gaming content your children are exposed to every day! ADL's Center for Technology and Society will discuss the trends of antisemitism and hate in social media and gaming and what communities can do to confront them.

**February 28 - March 3** – come for **A Scholar in Residence Weekend**, including honoring of NSS' lifelong learners, Talmud study and a program for Religious School students and their parents.

ALL ARE WELCOME! More to come in our next Shalom. Please join us for all or any of these events! Watch our weekly space in "Happenings" for more information and other exciting opportunities to schmooze and learn b'yachad!



### **Chanukah Mitzvah at Orchard Estates of Woodbury**

Our mitzvah committee visited Orchard Estates assisted living to celebrate Chanukah with the residents, sing songs, and do a craft.



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### Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah one good deed leads to another

#### High Holiday Food Drive - October

For this Mitzvah, brown bags were given out on Rosh Hashanah to our congregants and were returned on Yom Kippur filled with specifically requested non-perishable food! An amazing amount of food was received. All of the food was donated to the Rudman Food Pantry of the Mid-Island Y and they were very appreciative. Special thanks to Rabbi Shalhevet's 7th grade religious school class for sorting all of the food before it was delivered to the food pantry.

### Annual Coat Drive through TANS ( Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore) – October, November

During the months of October and November, we collected many lightly worn and clean coats for both children and adults along with accessories (gloves, hats and scarves) and donated them to the Gerald Ryan Center in Wyandanch. At the same time, we donated food items for their food pantry with non-perishable items specifically needed for Thanksgiving.

#### "Friendsgiving Mitzvah" - November

On Wednesday, November 27th, our seniors (80 years and older) came to NSS to participate in a Thanksgiving lunch. A lovely turkey lunch was prepared by our caterer. The Rabbi, Cantor, our Executive Director (Jacquelynn Golub) and our President Sondra Cardno, along with congregant volunteers visited with our seniors during the luncheon. The senior members talked about their Jewish Journey and how they became members of NSS. All who came had a very enjoyable afternoon.

### Food Collections Outside Shoprite in Plainview for our Thanksgiving Day Mitzvah

On Sunday morning and early afternoon on November 24th, volunteers from the Mitzvah Committee of NSS stood in front of the Shoprite at the Plainview Shopping Center and asked shoppers for thanksgiving related non-perishable food items as well as their free frozen turkeys that they received for spending over a certain amount on groceries at Shoprite. We collected a large amount of non- perishable food items and many turkeys which we used in our Thanksgiving Day Mitzvah.

#### Our Annual Thanksgiving Day Morning Mitzvah

On November 28th, starting at 7 AM, over 175 volunteers from both NSS and the broader community came together to prepare, cook, assemble and deliver full meals to 600 people within Nassau, Suffolk and Queens counties. A complete Thanksgiving dinner including salad, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, corn muffins, large cookies and a slice of pie were assembled and delivered to many places including homeless shelters, homebound seniors, Town of Oyster Bay senior housing, the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network in Hempstead), People's Pantry of Oyster Bay and Manhasset, Bethany House, Suffolk Y and to Jericho Cares. The excitement level in the Youth Lounge with all of the volunteers working diligently to complete this Mitzvah was amazing!! Special thanks to our Caterer, The Standard at North Shore for cooking and slicing all of the turkeys for us in their kitchen and Glen Wolther and Donna Rosen from All Round Foods for donating all of the wonderful baked goods included in the meal. And to all who donated money and non-perishable items and turkeys needed to make the meal and to the simply amazing volunteers who participated on Thanksgiving morning, thank you, thank you!!! The feeling of community and the feeling of gratitude was

so strong in the Youth Lounge. Watching families of all ages work together to feed those in need was so beautiful!!!!

#### Orchard Estate Assisted Living in Plainview – December

On Tuesdsay, Deember 17th at 4 PM, the Rabbi and Cantor, along with our Executive Director Jacquelynn Golub and members of the Mitzvah Committee and congregants of all ages celebrated Hanukah with the residents of Orchard Estates. A Hanukah related craft project was done with the residents and our Cantor led everyone in singing Hanukah songs. It was a lovely afternoon.

### **Upcoming Mitzvahs**

Mitzvah Day – January 12th, 2025 (Watch for details in NSS Happening Emails!!!) We will be having a food drive, making sandwiches, preparing snack kits, washup kits and dental kits for the INN, Haven House, Bethany House and the Gerald Ryan Center. We also will be making stuffed animals, chunky yarn blankets, baby boxes, birthday boxes, and laundry packets and decorating pillowcases.

**Ronald McDonald House–Febraury:** Once again, we will be making tacos for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. All are welcome! Watch for details and to sign up!

**Orchard Estates – March:** On Sunday, March 9th, we will be visiting Orchard Estate Assisted Living in Plainview to celebrate Purim with the residents. Watch for details and to sign up!! Please watch for details on other mitzvahs that will take place in January, February and March.





### **Thanksgiving Mitzvah**

Our 5th annual Thanksgiving Cook-a-Thon was a huge success feeding over 600 people within our community and all across Long Island. Thank you to those who came out this morning. We had an amazing turn out of approximately 175 volunteers throughout the morning. Whether you came and helped set-up, prepare, cook, assemble or deliver meals, your efforts were greatly appreciated. A big thank you goes to those who donated and helped make our thanksgiving cook-a-thon possible: Our in-house-caterer; The Standard at North Shore Synagogue for cooking and carving over 60 turkeys, All Round Foods Bakery Products for donating all the pies, cookies, rolls and corn bread, and all of the congregants and friends that made monetary donations, those congregants that donated goods ahead of time, and the Mitzvah Committee. Without all of these combined efforts, today would not have been possible.



### **Thanks4Giving**

Our community hosted families from two Kibbutzim Sufa and Nahal Oz through Project Twenty Four, Thanks4Giving. We were so appreciative to be a part of this program that brought hundreds of families to the US. Thank you to all those that helped raise money to bring these families here. These families were members of the civilian security teams of their kibbutzim and were on the frontlines battling Hamas from the early hours of October 7th. We are so thankful for our heros! We also thank our congregant family and all the host families that cared for these families for a week. Todah Rabah!





### Interfaith Thanksgiving

We are so grateful for our interfaith Thanksgiving program, put together by our interfaith clergy council. It was amazing to see eight houses of worship come together encompassing Judaism, Christianity and Islam. All of us there to pray for the good of the world and give thanks for our diverse community. The evening beautifully ended with the making of blankets which will be handed out to the homeless right here on Long Island. We are stronger together. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!



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### **Senior FriendsGiving**

A lovely Thanksgiving meal was had at our Senior Friendsgiving Lunch!



Parents Night Out



### Chanukah Happening





























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### Mario's Fundraiser

A great night was had at our Mario's pizza fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who bought food during the day and came out to support this evening.



### Latkes and Vodka



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### Sukkot Synagogue Events

North Shore Synagogue celebrated Sukkot by fulfilling the commandment of harvesting crops and dwelling in the sukkah. Together we gathered crops at The Farm at Oyster Bay to be donated to a local food pantry. Following our mitzvah, congregants and families enjoyed pizza, ice cream, and crafts in the sukkah, with the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog with the clergy. Happy Sukkot! Chag Sameach!

































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