

# Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation AG Beth Israel Bulletin

## עם ישראל חי



### Rabbi Meyers' Message

The Shacharit service on the High Holidays opens with the Chazan's powerful declaration, "HaMelech!." It is a proclamation that signals a profound shift from the tone of the month of Elul. During Elul, we experience the closeness of G-d, the Divine King as HaMelech Basadeh. The King who leaves His palace to be present in the field, accessible to all. We envision G-d coming to meet us where we are, approachable and available, lowering the usual boundaries to allow us to reconnect without fear or hesitation.

But as we transition into the Yamim Noraim—the Days of Awe—on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we encounter HaMelech HaYoshev Al Kisei Ram V'Nisah—the King seated upon His high and exalted throne. The intimacy of Elul gives way to the majesty and grandeur of the High Holidays, and the atmosphere shifts palpably.

This transition is not just symbolic; it reflects a deeper spiritual reality. The tone becomes more somber, as we enter a period of judgement. The words of the liturgy remind us that these are days of ultimate consequence: Mi yichyeh u'mi yamut? Who will live and who will die? Who will be inscribed in the Book of Life? The weight of these questions hangs heavy in the air as we stand in awe before the King, aware that our deeds, our thoughts, and our actions over the past year are now being scrutinized.

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## President's Perspective

לולא האמנתי לראות בטוב ה' בארץ החיים



We say this penultimate verse of Psalm 27 twice daily starting the first of Elul through Shmini Atzeret. It's difficult to translate, and difficult for my American English speaking mind to understand. In this season of holiness, especially one year following what we all recall as a horrific end last year, everything now carries new nuance. לולא האמנתי If I had only believed...

In our modern age, in the comfort of our American lifestyle, belief - faith - may be the most difficult leap. This seventh month, Tishrei, is holy time. Perhaps the idea is that now is when we can start to make the leap toward belief. The way our tradition has developed helps us in this endeavor. In addition to Psalm 27, from the morning of the first of Elul through the 28th, we blow the shofar every weekday morning. From predawn Sunday prior to Rosh Hashana we begin reciting the Selichot. Then, immediately following the 29th of Elul comes Rosh Hashana!

Starting with Rosh Hashana, we have 4 weeks of holidays. Talk about a most wonderful time of the year! This is the time for us to come together as a community, step into the holiness of the time, and exercise our belief. The tone we set will carry us through the year. Standing together as a community in belief can give us a glimpse of G-d's goodness in the land where we live.

Shana Tova u'Metuka, l'shana tova tikateivu v'tehateimu!

Dan Gutstein  
President



### **Succah Going Up & Coming Down**

*Helpers: Save the Dates*

Going up: It's up!! Come and see

Going down: Morning of October 27

Be a helper—contact Paul Kramer for more information 312.343.2200

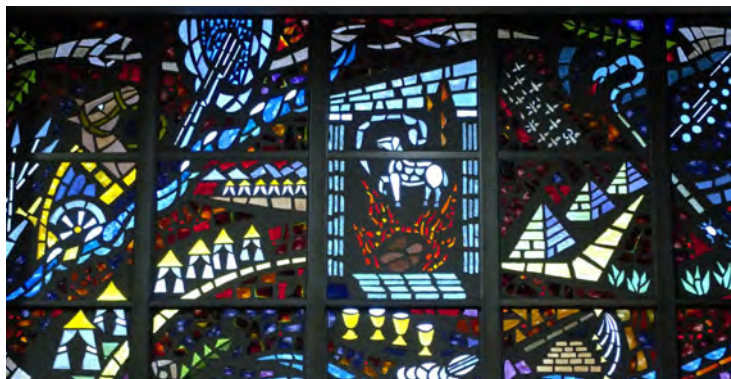
### **The LICAGBI Membership Directory**

will be updated this fall. Please let the office know if they can add a cell phone number or email address to your current listing.

### ***Your presence is greatly needed: please attend***

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**





## Announcements

### **Mazal Tov**

To Ron Ganellen & Natalia Pascal on the birth of a granddaughter, Dylan Sophia Pollack

To Phyllis Kaplan on the marriage of her grandson, Zach Kaplan, son of Mark Kaplan to Orian Misilti

### **Refuah Sheleima**

Helaine Ellenby  
Berta Kalman

### **Condolences to the family of**

Mark Oberlander  
Sharlene Zelickman

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### **Please get your articles in for the shul bulletin**

If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: [bulletin@ljcagbi.org](mailto:bulletin@ljcagbi.org) or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **November/December 2024 issue, Friday, October 18 2024**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email [bulletin@ljcagbi.org](mailto:bulletin@ljcagbi.org) for further details.

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## Simchat Torah Luncheon

**Friday, October 25** Reservation deadline is **October 15**, no exceptions.

Suggested donation to the Simchat Torah Luncheon Fund is \$150, but any amount is appreciated. The monies collected are used for this luncheon and to provide Shabbat Kiddushim throughout the year.

*Please call the office to make your reservation*

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## Erev Simchat Torah Dinner

Come for hakafot, enjoy singing and study, stay for dinner! **Reservations required**. Call the shul office to reserve.





# You're cordially invited to an **Open Sukkah Brunch**

Chol HaMoed  
Sunday, October 20th  
10:30am-12pm  
@ the Meyers' Residence!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Martha, Yehuda,  
Tzvi, Yedidya, Adira & Koby Meyers



## *Steaks & Scotch*

In the LJcagbi Sukkah  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot,  
Monday, October 21st @7:30pm  
Cover charge \$25

Register @ [ljcagbi.org/sukkahsteaks](http://ljcagbi.org/sukkahsteaks)

Registration deadline Monday, October 14th.



## HIGH HOLIDAY BABYSITTING/ YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Babysitting will be offered in the playroom for children through age 5.

Hours will be 10am–12:30pm on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur as well as during Kol Nidre and Neilah.



## HIGH HOLIDAY PARKING NOTICE

Please do not use the parking lots of local businesses during the High Holidays, including the lot on Touhy.

These businesses have been gracious not to tow away cars belonging to members and their families in the past, but their good will may not last forever. Let's be good neighbors.



And so, we feel the seriousness of the moment. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are indeed days of awe, filled with the urgency of Teshuva, as we are called to repent, to return to our best selves, and to realign with G-d's will. The imagery of G-d sitting on His exalted throne reinforces this sense of gravity and distance. We are no longer in the field, casually approaching the King. We are now in the royal court, standing before the throne of judgment, aware of the stakes.

Yet, even in the midst of this solemnity, our liturgy reminds us that G-d is not only HaMelech, the King, distant and authoritative. Rather, he is Avinu Malkeinu—our Father, our King.

Notice the order: He is not Malkeinu Avinu, our King first and then our Father. No, He is Avinu Malkeinu, our Father first and foremost, and he is also our King. This is more than just a technical detail. It tells us something vital about the nature of our relationship with G-d during these Days of Awe. While G-d is indeed the Sovereign who sits in judgement, He is also the loving Father who desires our return, who longs for our repentance, and who waits to embrace us once more.

This nuanced perspective is crucial. Yes, the High Holidays are serious and somber, and yes, the Book of Life is open before us, with the ultimate question of life and death in the balance. But we are not standing before a cold, distant despot who is eager to punish or condemn. We are standing before a compassionate Father who wants nothing more than to see us come home, to forgive us, and to inscribe us in the Book of Life.

It is this blend of awe and love that defines the true essence of the High Holidays. The awe comes from knowing we are in the presence of the King, the Master of the universe. The love comes from internalizing that this King is also our Father, who cares for us deeply, who sees our struggles and our efforts, and who is rooting for our success.

Our task, then, is not just to fear the judgement, but to embrace the opportunity for Teshuva. We return not out of terror, but out of love and trust in G-d's compassion. As Avinu Malkeinu, He does not wish to see us fail. He waits with open arms, ready to welcome us back into His presence, ready to restore us and lift us up.

So as we stand in shul during these Days of Awe, let us carry both aspects of Avinu Malkeinu in our hearts. Let us approach G-d both with the reverence due to a King, and the love and confidence of children returning to a Father who is always ready to receive us. May this effort bring us the merit to have all our prayers answered and be blessed with a Shana Tova U'Metuka — a happy, sweet, and fulfilling new year.

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## **Off the Subject**

Two men from Chelm were watching the 11:00pm news featuring a story about a guy jumping off of a bridge.

Chaim says to Yankel "I bet you \$10 he jumps."

Yankel says, "Okay, I bet you \$10 he doesn't jump."

They watch the rest of the broadcast. The guy jumps so Yankel goes to give Chaim the money. Chaim says "I can't take your money, I saw the 10pm news and they showed the same story."

Yankel says "So did I but I didn't think he would jump again!!!"

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Berel and Schmerel, two of Chelm's least "intellectual" residents, were by the river on opposite sides of the bank.

Berel: "Hello over there, Schmerel! How can I get to the other side of the river?"

Schmerel: "You schnook! -- you ARE on the other side."





UNLOCK THE POWER OF

# TESHUVA

Shabbat Shuva 5785, Parsha Ha'Azinu  
Shabbat Morning, October 5th  
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Freund



## Where Is Your Brother?

### **Kayin and Hevel as a Blueprint for Advocacy**



Talia Molotsky

Shabbat Bereishit  
Scholar-in-residence  
**Shabbat morning,  
October 26th**





## October 2024 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 2	Erev Rosh Hashana
Thursday, October 3	Rosh Hashana- Day 1
Friday, October 4	Rosh Hashana- Day 2
Sunday, October 6	Fast of Gedalya
Friday, October 11	Erev Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 12	Yom Kippur
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day
Wednesday, October 16	Erev Sukkot
Thursday, October 17	Sukkot- Day 1
Friday, October 18	Sukkot- Day 2
Saturday, October 19	
Wednesday, October 23	Chol Hamoed
Wednesday, October 23	Hoshana Rabbah
Thursday, October 24	Shemini Atzeret
Friday, October 25	Simchat Torah



*Come have a L'Chaim and socialize with us on Shabbat after davening. Everyone is welcome. Our libations are not funded by the shul; therefore consider making a donation to the "Kiddush Club". We would like to thank the following congregants for their recent contributions to our fund:*

Trace & Uri Dissen	Sandy Mishkin
Yael & Alan Groner	Anna & Myron Moscovitch
Ilana & Moshe Goldson	Natalia Pascal & Ron Ganellen
Kari & Daniel Gutstein	Mitchell Sandler
Martha & Rabbi Yehuda Meyers	Renie & Michael Schreiber
Arlene & Larry Miller	

*To contribute, please send a check to the office labeled "Kiddush Club".  
Join us in a L'Chaim this Shabbat!*







# Schedule for Services & Candlelighting Times

OCTOBER 2024/ELUL-TISHREI 5784-5785						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
		1 S: 6:45am M/M: 6:15pm	2 EREV ROSH HASHANA S: 6:45am CL: 6:11pm M/M: 6:15pm	3 ROSH HASHANA S: 8:45am M/M: 6:10pm CL: 7:10pm	4 ROSH HASHANA S: 8:45am CL: 6:08pm M/M: 6:10pm	5 HA'AZINU S: 9:00am M/M: 6pm H: 7:06pm
6 TZOM GEDALYAH Fast begins: 5:32am S: 8:30am M/M: 6:05pm Fast ends: 6:57pm	7 S: 6:45am M: 7:40pm	8 S: 6:45am M: 7:40pm	9 S: 6:45am M: 7:40pm	10 S: 6:45am M: 7:40pm	11 EREV YOM KIPPUR S: 6:45am Mincha: 2:00pm CL: 5:56pm Kol Nidre: 6pm	12 YOM KIPPUR S: 8:45am Mincha: 4:30pm Neilah: 5:45pm Havdalah/ Fast ends: 6:56pm
13 S: 8:30am M/M: 5:55pm	14 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	15 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	16 EREV SUKKOT S: 7:00am CL: 5:48pm M/M: 5:50pm	17 SUKKOT-DAY 1 S: 9:00am CL: 6:47pm M/M: 5:50pm	18 SUKKOT- DAY 2 S: 9:00am CL: 5:45pm M/M: 5:50pm	19 CHOL HAMOED S: 9:00am M/M: 5:35pm H: 6:44pm
20 CHOL HAMOED S: 8:30am M/M: 5:45pm	21 CHOL HAMOED S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	22 CHOL HAMOED S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	23 CHOL HAMOED- HOSHANA RABBAH S: 7:00am CL: 5:38pm M/M: 5:40pm	24 SHEMINI ATZERET S: 9:00am CL: 6:45pm M/M: 5:40pm	25 SIMCHAT TORAH S: 9:00am CL: 5:35pm M/M: 5:40pm	26 BEREISHIT S: 9:00am M/M: 5:25pm H: 6:33pm
27 S: 8:30am M: 5:35pm	28 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	29 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	30 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	31 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm		KEY: S - Shacharit M - Maariv M/M - Mincha/Maariv CL - Candle Lighting H – Havdalah

Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.



# SHABBAT AFTERNOON GEMARA SHIUR

**JOIN US FOR A GEMARA SHIUR  
30 MINUTES BEFORE SHABBAT  
AFTERNOON MINCHA**

**SHABBAT OCTOBER 5 AND 26**



**Scholar-in-Residence**

**Josh Bowman**

**Chess Master, Teacher**

**Founder of Chess Chevre**

**Ed.M, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2019**

**B.A., Stanford University, 2014**

**To sponsor please contact the shul office**

**Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot  
October 19th**

**Strategic Living:  
Chess and the  
Jewish Experience**





## From The Catering Department

Well, here I am again trying to decide what to write about for this bulletin. As they say, time just flies when you're having fun. It's been a while, actually it's been two months. Deciding what to write about takes longer than the actual writing itself.

But, here goes: I grew up on the north side of Chicago and I actually lived in the city itself. I went to school in the city. I started at Stone School. Nope, I actually started at Swift school for kindergarten, until second grade. We moved to a different apartment then and when I got to third grade, at Volta, my teacher was Helen Wright. She became a longtime personal friend. Both she and her husband, Nubby. His actual name was Noble, but nobody called him that. Later in my high school education I became good friends with Miss Marshall and Mr. Harold Klug, my commercial law teacher. He and Miss Marshall were at my wedding. I obviously got along well with teachers.

I can't explain the teacher connection I seemed to have. It never had anything to do with my grades. I just seemed to gravitate to teachers. One day I'll have to look into it. Maybe I secretly wanted to be a teacher although I don't think so.

Right now we are having an absolutely wonderful fall season. The morning air is cool and crisp and it's clear. By that I mean there's no rain in the forecast, so far. It's a lovely time to go for a walk. If I was a runner it would be a great time to jog. It's just lovely to be outside and breathe in the fresh air. Obviously I'm not a runner but I am a walker, which helps me stay outside a lot. And in my walking in the neighborhood I obviously meet up with old friends who wonder why I'm walking and not driving somewhere. Everyone is always offering me a ride. Where are they when I actually need a ride somewhere?

Well, I think it's about time to start getting dinner ready. I don't mind, I like cooking and baking, too. So to all my friends out there, stay well, stay safe. Till we meet again.

And a healthy happy New Year to all of you.

Your friend,  
Shirley Derdiger



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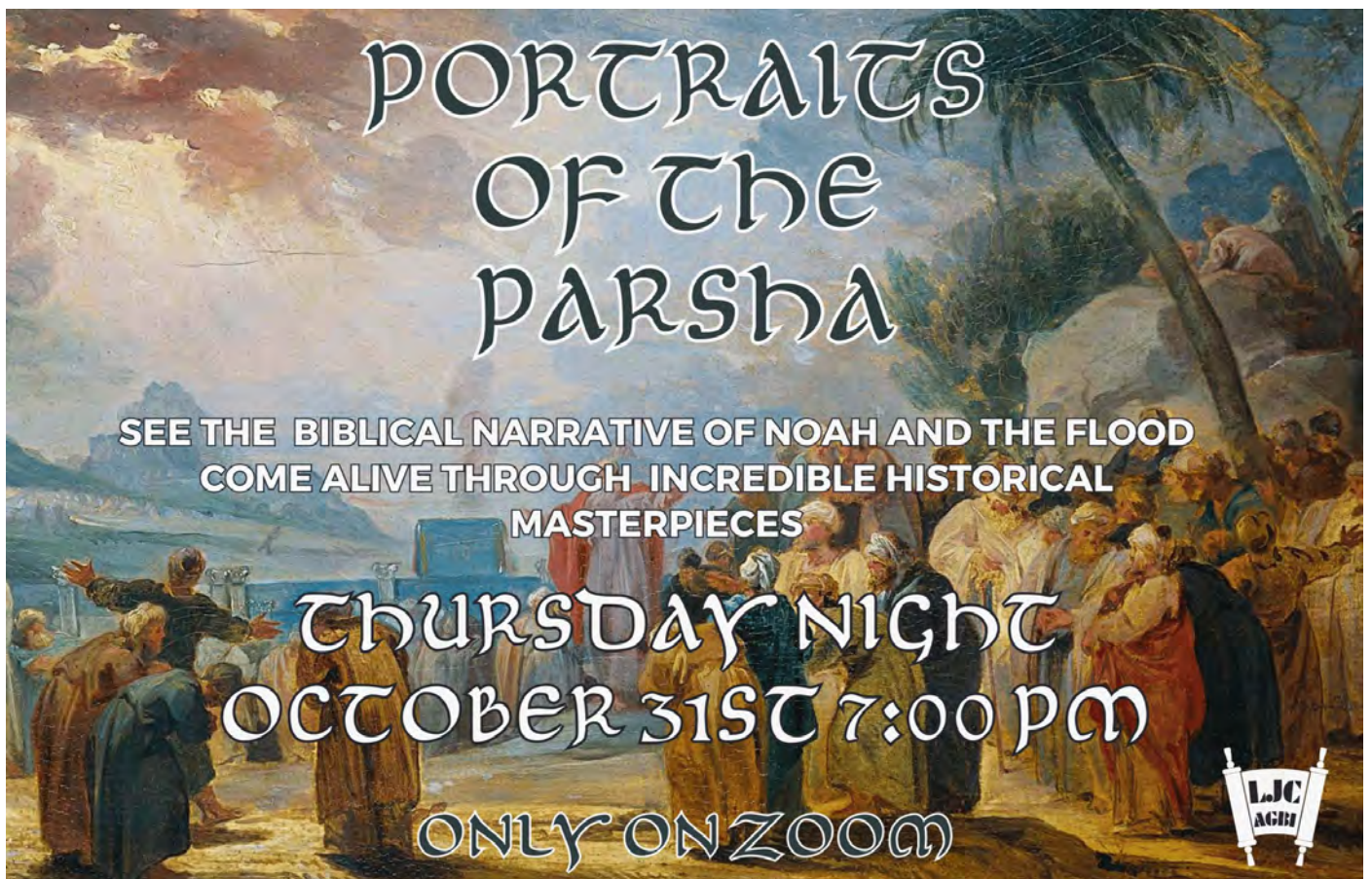




**The Most FABULOUS**  
**Shiner in Town!**  
**Simchat Torah Edition**  
**(during Hakafot)**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH NIGHT OCT. 24**  
**STARRING ARLENE MILLER**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH DAY OCT. 25**  
**STARRING KARI GUTSTEIN**  
**WOMEN WOMEN WOMEN**  
**MEN MEN MEN**  
**OR ABOUT**

**LJC AGH**

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**OF THE**  
**PARSHA**  
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**MASTERPIECES**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT**  
**OCTOBER 31ST 7:00 PM**  
**ONLY ON ZOOM**  
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