



Beth Chaverim

Humanistic Jewish Community

Upcoming Events

No Sunday School

December 18, 25 & January 1
(Winter Break)

Chanukah

December 24-January 1

Adult Education

Bible Study

December 14, 2:00pm

January 18, 2:00pm

February 15, 2:00pm

Barnes & Noble, Deerfield

Book Club

January 9

February 7

February 27

April 17

Watch Party &

Falafel Dinner

Netflix Showing of "Fauda", an award
winning Israeli drama

Saturday, February 4

6:00pm

The Rusnak Home

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, February 12

9:30am

The Center for Enriched Living



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Dedicating Ourselves to Bringing Light to the World

This year marks an unusual event as Chanukah begins on Christmas Eve and then lasts until New Year's Day. It is a merger on the calendar of two religious traditions. But what if it were more than a calendar oddity? What if the intersection of these holidays helped bridge the divides between people based on religion, or on race, or on gender? What if these two holidays coming at a time when actual light in the world is at its minimum could instead be used to maximum the light needed in the world? Imagine the enormous force for good that could usher in the secular new year of 2017 if we each committed ourselves to bringing the messages of freedom, peace and understanding each day going forward.

The word Chanukah means "dedication." It derives from the holiday's origins when the Temple in Jerusalem was re-dedicated after the Maccabean war against the Assyrian Greeks to retake the Temple. It was a battle for religious freedom; and though we treasure that essential value, we are probably more philosophically aligned with the Hellenistic Jews who were acculturated in Greek ways than with the Maccabees. We of course think of Chanukah as an eight-day holiday with the rituals of lighting a chanukiah (the eight branched menorah) each night, eating latkes or potato pancakes until we are sated, and in a nod to our own acculturation, giving gifts. But if we return to the meaning of the word, let us try to dedicate ourselves to good works and acts of lovingkindness in the coming year. Let us try to heal the wounds and salve the scars wrought by a long and arduous political year.

Let each of us work to achieve reconciliation and understanding with those with whom we differ; let us truly listen to the concerns and hurts of those with whom we disagree; and let us extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than we are.

For you see, Chanukah is also known as the Festival of Lights. It annually comes at or near the winter solstice when the days are shorter and light is at a premium. When the tradition of lighting candles began, a debate arose between the two great schools of Jewish thought. Should we start with eight and count down to one, lighting one less each night? Or should we start with one and increase each night by lighting an additional candle? The custom that prevailed was the latter as it was thought to increase our joy and celebration. Clearly that is the case. But of even greater importance, it increases the light in our homes, in our hearts and thereby in the world with each additional candle. Our dedication to acts of kindness and acts of generosity brightens our world. Let us merge not only the holidays this season but let us merge the two understandings of Chanukah. Let each of us dedicate ourselves to bringing light into the world.

Wishing you a joyous holiday and a very happy secular new year,

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jodi

From The Steering Committee

Dear Friends,

It was a glorious late summer Saturday at the close of a Farmer's Market. The rain passed through, and vendors packed up early. A gathering of people with empty bags formed at the table where the farmers and bakers had begun depositing donated items that had gone unsold.

As the small group descended upon the table at the appointed hour, it was the eager face of one preteen boy whose image stayed with me as he tore into the bread his mother passed along to him while she packed her bag with fruit. Whether his appetite reflected an empty stomach plagued by chronic hunger or if it was more of the bottomless pit variety seen in many growing boys wasn't really my business. That we, as part of the Beth Chaverim Humanistic Jewish Community might have played whatever small part in bringing comfort to even one person, made our work worthwhile.

Our participation within the Beth Chaverim community allows us the honor to shine light on the dignity of each person while we individually and collectively try to make the world a better place. This 'gleanings' project, a newer undertaking for us working as part of a larger group of Deerfield faith-based organizations, allowed Beth Chaverim members over several Saturdays this past summer to distribute excess produce to low-income families and elderly residents.

This year several of our innovative members also created a giving board which they displayed at the High Holidays to allow more people to become active participants in the PADS program. Through this cooperative effort, the year's first PADS breakfast cooked by the Beth Chaverim Sunday School students and teachers was delivered in October, followed by our delivery in November to First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield. The PADS shelter there serves about 1,000 people each year.

Our community is so fortunate to be able to help out in a time when the world needs our actions, our encouragements and all our good intentions. If the past several weeks taught us anything, it would be that the way we see our world can change overnight. In a year where a Cubs fan can see her team win the World Series and where a billionaire who never ran for or held public office can ascend to the highest public position in the land, anything is possible. We celebrate the good, and we commiserate the bad. Then we do whatever it is we do, and we get back to work. We keep paying attention to life. The craziness is that what is considered good and what is considered bad depends upon whether you are a Cubs fan or an Indians follower, a supporter of one candidate or a believer in the other.

One of my favorite things about Beth Chaverim is that it offers us all - together - the opportunity to see the larger world and our tiny apartment-like view through an expanded lens that shifts between wide and narrow angles. Nowhere does this become more apparent than in the Beth Chaverim Book Club where new perspectives alter fundamental qualities in how one considers a wider view. Our group has devoured books that reveal the breadth and depth and width of real differences and varying interpretations.

Beth Chaverim Steering Committee Members

President : Deb Rusnak

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Robin Chessick

Members At Large:

Vivian Kramer Carolyn Lewis Dan Lewis

Laurie Matlin

Sue Pinkus

Alan Solid

From The Steering Committee

We learned about Jews in the slums of the Dominican Republic (*Forgiving Mariela Camacho* by A.J. Sidransky) and about Yemeni Jews in the early twentieth century (*Henna House* by Nomi Eve). We discussed Israelis and the IDF from a female perspective (*The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by Israeli author Shani Boianjiu) and how Jewish life on the tropical island of St. Thomas in the early 1800s influenced the painter Camille Pissarro (*A Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman). By the time you read this, we will have taken on the subject of Steven Spielberg's next movie, *The Kidnapping Of Edgardo Mortara*, based on the book by Pulitzer Prize-winner David Kertzer who retells the story of the seizure of a Jewish boy from his family by Papal States in the 1850s.

As much as we love learning the subject matter, we are even more privileged to experience a bit of personal camaraderie, of civil discourse and of connection. There was even one night late last summer when the anticipated book discussion was scrapped in order to make way for life's more pressing concerns when unexpected surprises trod intrusively into our group - a serious car accident in St. Louis the week before, a daughter hospitalized with a mysterious virus in Chicago that day, an urgent phone call regarding an elderly relative who had an ambulance called to their home. On that night, it turns out, we gathered together for what we thought was a book but was really for each other, glad that we had some larger perspective of time and space to understand that life can be simultaneously brutal and beautiful and yet, all would still be OK.

History shows us again and again that we will have opportunities to choose how to interpret any situation and what we will do with that understanding: choosing to engage or to speak out, to contribute or to turn a blind eye, to extend a hand or to invite someone on the outside into our circle. For today, I would like to invite any of you into our readers' circle. The books we are discussing in the upcoming months are listed in this newsletter, and all are welcome. If you are a viewer instead, perhaps you can connect with many in our group who will gather in early February to watch an Israeli political thriller television series that is sure to educate, entertain, and instigate conversations (see more information inside of this newsletter).

May you and your family be blessed with gifts of love, peace and happiness this Chanukah and throughout the year. May we work as a community to understand the gifts we hold and can share with others.

Laurie Matlin



Beth Chaverim Mission Statement

Beth Chaverim is a place for individuals and families to explore their Jewish heritage and traditions, to learn to think critically and independently about religious and theological issues, and to develop meaningful and relevant Jewish identities through education.

What's Happening at Beth Chaverim

Mah Nishmah

Todah Rabah

*means thank you
very much*

The Matlin family for staffing the gleanings table at the Deerfield Farmer's Market in September; **Steve Rusnak** and **Rabbi Jodi** for staffing it in October

David Barhydt and **Judith Matz** for chairing the lox box fundraiser
Lox box donors: Upper Crust Bagels, Sunset Foods Lake Forest, Trader Joe's Northbrook, Chicago Jewish News, Goldman Funeral, Jameson Realty and **Robin Chessick, Alan Solid**; Lox box packers **Deb & Steve Rusnak, Alan & Rhonda Solid, Robin Chessick**; and **Deb & Steve Rusnak** and **Alan & Rhonda Solid** for delivering them
Laurie Matlin for substitute teaching our seventh/eighth grade class

Rosh Hashanah oneg bakers

Phyllis Cheskin for the flowers for Rosh Hashanah; **Rich & Linda Horn** for the flowers for Yom Kippur

Dennis Grant for taking the food collected on Yom Kippur to the Deerfield Township Food Pantry

Nancy Freedkin for donating the supplies for and helping with the Sukkot baking with our school

Howard & Phyllis Cheskin for hosting our Sukkot celebration, including building a sukkah

PADS donors for October: **the Baba family; the Ezell family; Allen & Eileen Freeman; the Kantor family; the Lewis family; Deb & Steve Rusnak; the Shore family; Penny & Mike Weinberg**; and **Rabbi Jodi** for delivering the food to the church

PADS donors for November: **the Field family; the Grant family; Phyllis Hecker; the Kantor family; the Lewis family; Meryle Mitchel; the Solid family; Bobbi & Jim Taormina**; and **the Lewis family** for delivering the food

Linda & Rich Horn for helping with our Simchat Torah celebration and unrolling the Torah.

Nancy Freedkin for providing the supplies and baking Chanukah cookies with our students; **Jodi & Juan Hernandez** for providing the supplies and making latkes for our all-school Chanukah celebration.

Welcome!

Jill Lapin, our fifth/sixth grade teacher
New members, Matt, Ines and Nathan Taormina

We Remember

Ileane Pastron, mother of Linda Horn



Donations

Robin and Cary Chessick in memory of David Kornfeld

Shalom Memorial Park in appreciation of our participation in the art calendar contest

Evan Goodman in appreciation of our Bible study class

Dick & Donna Strauss

P.J. and P.W. Canchester

Allen & Eileen Freeman, Deb & Steve Rusnak for our PADS breakfasts

Joy Perlman

The family of Doris Bender, in appreciation of her memorial service conducted by Rabbi Jodi

Dr. Michael Marcus

In memory of Ileane Pastron: The Lewis Family, The Chessick Family, The Solid Family, Julie Boyer

Yom Kippur donations: Phyllis Hecker, Dick & Donna Strauss, Alan & Rhonda Solid, Bob & Laurie Matlin, Mike & Penny Weinberg, Jim & Bobbie Taormina, Allen & Eileen Freeman

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to the Spritz family on the bar mitzvah of Parker

Mazel tov to Ken & Cara Strauss on the birth of their son Chase Dustin, and to the doting grandparents Dick & Donna Strauss

Mazel Tov
מזל טוב

What's Happening at Beth Chaverim

Mah Nishmah

Parker Spritz Bar Mitzvah

*biography submitted by his father, Ryan Spritz

Parker Spritz was actually born Aidan Parker Spritz. But his dad was at Northbrook Court Mall playground area with his son Aidan when not one or two but four different mothers called out to the name Aidan. Right there he used his flip phone to call Aidan's mom and together they agreed to call him Parker going forward. Parker had a strong skill in math at 5 years old and still does. We could give him 7 numbers to add and subtract and he would do it in his head. Whatever type of numbers we challenged him with he tackled no problem. Soon he was doing multiplication. We thought he was a genius, turns out he just has ability to quickly see the answers in his head. Parker loves to be challenged in numerous ways. Parker has been involved with wrestling since the age of 6. Last year he even made it to the State finals. Parker has always been very kind to animals and children and his mom and I always felt he will grow up to be involved in taking care of animals or kids in some fashion.



Adult Education Continues

We will continue with our examination of the monarchy and royalty in the Bible.

Classes are December 14, January 18, February 15 at 2 pm

All sessions will continue to be held at Barnes & Noble in Deerfield.

"A good philosophy of life teaches people to face reality and to be strong enough to deal with that reality. The reason I regard myself as a Secular Humanistic Jew is that we affirm human dignity, which means we are not afraid to face the truth, both pleasant and unpleasant. That is our pride both as Jews and as human beings."

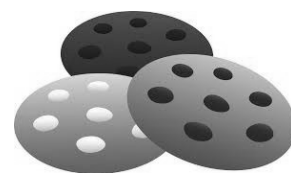
Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine

The Humanist Café - Food for the Mind & the Appetite

Each year on February 12, members of the world community celebrate International Darwin Day on the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin. Charles Darwin was born in 1809 and died in 1882 in England. He was a naturalist and geologist; his book "On the Origin of the Species" changed the trajectory of scientific inquiry. Darwin of course is the scientist credited with developing the theory of evolution and in so doing, implicitly offered a counter-narrative to the biblical stories of creation. Though termed a "theory", it is indeed accepted as scientific fact by people who accept and value science. Darwin Day is a time to recognize the importance and truth of science; and to celebrate "intellectual bravery; perpetual curiosity and the hunger for truth," as stated on the website darwinday.org. Darwin himself said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." And "A moral being is one who is capable of reflecting on his past actions and their motives - of approving of some and disapproving of others."

Inside Out Chocolate Chip Cookies

By Deb Rusnak



Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
 ¾ cup brown sugar
 1 ¼ cups (2 ½ sticks) butter or margarine
 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 eggs

 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
 ½ cup baking cocoa
 1 tsp. baking soda
 ¼ tsp. salt

Directions:

–Heat oven to 350 degrees
 –Beat sugars, butter, vanilla and eggs
 –Mix flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt
 –Add flour mixture to wet mixture
 –Stir in chips
 –Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet
 –Bake 10-12 minutes until set
 –Cool 1 to 2 minutes before moving to wire rack

We successfully launched our new 3-4 year old program! The children are a delight. A huge thank you to Dan Lewis, our teacher of our smallest students.





Beth Chaverim Book Club

Please join us as we discuss the following books.

This is Not a Love Story will be discussed on January 9, 2017. Amazon.com describes the book this way: "A razor-sharp, hilarious, and poignant memoir about growing up in the closed world of the ultraorthodox Jewish community. The third of six children in a family that harks back to a gloried Hassidic dynasty, Judy Brown grew up with the legacy of centuries of religious teaching, and the faith and lore that sustained her people for generations. But her carefully constructed world begins to crumble when her "crazy" brother Nachum returns home after a year in Israel living with relatives. Though supposedly "cured," he is still prone to retreating into his own mind or erupting in wordless rages. The adults' inability to make him better - or even to give his affliction a name [autism] - forces Judy to ask larger questions: If God could perform miracles for her sainted ancestors, why can't He cure Nachum? And what of the other stories her family treasured?"

On February 7, we will discuss **Crossing: A Love Story**. It is the work of Anna Seghers, whom Jewniverse calls the greatest German Jewish writer you've never heard of. "Thirty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, literature is still just emerging from the former East Germany. The latest is *Crossing: A Love Story*, a gripping novel by a Jewish woman who was exiled from Nazi Germany, denied entry to the U.S., and finally landed in Mexico. Though she was considered one of the great German writers of her time, she's virtually unknown in the U.S. After fleeing with her family, the young woman who was born Netty Reiling but is known by her pen name Anna Seghers started to make Latin America a constant in her fiction. Later in life, she returned home to live under the German Democratic Republic in East Berlin. Not surprisingly, the idea of traversing great distances — geographically, psychically, and politically — animates *Crossing*.

The novel's setting itself sets the stakes high: It takes place aboard a cargo ship traveling the seas from Brazil to the GDR. Two men — an engineer and a lovelorn doctor — weave stories about their lives, the country they are going to, and the country they are leaving behind." Rabbi Jodi has a copy of this book as it is not readily available in the Chicago area libraries.

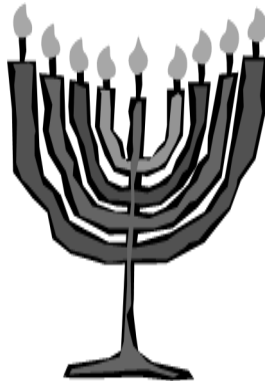
On February 27, we will examine **Safekeeping** by Jessamyn Hope. It is the author's first novel. Amazon.com describes it as follows: "It's 1994 and Adam, a drug addict from New York City, arrives at a kibbutz in Israel with a medieval sapphire brooch. To redress a past crime, he must give the priceless heirloom to a woman his grandfather loved when he was a Holocaust refugee on the kibbutz fifty years earlier. But first, he has to track this mystery woman down—a task that proves more complicated than expected. On the kibbutz Adam joins other lost souls: Ulya, the ambitious and beautiful Soviet émigrée; Farid, the lovelorn Palestinian farmhand; Claudette, the French Canadian Catholic with OCD; Ofir, the Israeli teenager wounded in a bus bombing; and Ziva, the old Socialist Zionist firebrand who founded the kibbutz. Driven together by love, hostility, hope, and fear, their fates become forever entangled as they each get one last shot at redemption. In the middle of that fateful summer glows the magnificent brooch with its perilous history spanning three continents and seven centuries. With insight and beauty, *Safekeeping* tackles that most human of questions: How can we expect to find meaning and happiness when we know that nothing lasts?"

On April 17, we will consider Michael Chabon's newest novel, **Moonglow**. According to Tablet magazine, it is a 20th century Jewish story. "The story of *Moonglow* is primarily that of Chabon's maternal grandfather, referred to in the book always simply as "my grandfather." The premise of the book is that on his deathbed, in 1989, his grandfather finally broke his lifelong habit of reticence and confided to Chabon the fantastic series of adventures that made up his life. These are the stories the novel retells, out of chronological order, and supplemented by Chabon's own childhood memories, as well as facts ostensibly discovered through later research and interviews. But the book's opening disclaimer makes clear that nothing we are about to read is to be taken as fact: "In preparing this memoir, I have stuck to facts except where facts refused to conform with memory, narrative purpose, or the truth as I prefer to understand it." And at the end, in his acknowledgments, Chabon confirms that many of the people and organizations referred to in the course of the book do not actually exist. What we are reading, then, is a novel in the form of a memoir—a fantasia on biographical themes from the Greatest Generation."

**Many if not most of the books we read in our book group are in the Beth Chaverim library.
If you would like to borrow one of the books, just contact Rabbi Jodi.**



Chanukah Candle Lighting



Baruch ha-or ba-olam

Blessed is the light in the world

Baruch ha-or ba-adam

Blessed is the light in each person

Baruch ha-or ba-Chanukah

Blessed is the light of Chanukah

ברוך האור בעולם
ברוך האור באדם
ברוך האור בחנכה

Optional Blessings For The First Night

Baruch ha-or ba-adam

Radiant is the light in people

sheh-asa nee-seem

That wrought great works for our ancestors

l'avoteynoo ba-ya-meem

in those days at this season.

ha-em baz-man hazeh.

Radiant is the light in humanity,

Baruch ha-or ba-adam

which has kept us in life, sustained us, and

shehekheyanoo, v'keemanoo,

enabled us to reach this happy season.

v'higgyanoo lazman hazeh.



Watch Party & Falafel Dinner

Saturday, February 4, 2017

6:00pm

The Home of Deb & Steve Rusnak

Join us on Saturday, February 4 at 6 pm for a falafel dinner and a watch party of the Israeli thriller Fauda on Netflix. We will begin the series by watching the first two episodes at the home of Deb and Steve Rusnak. Fauda is the award winning series from Israel. As described on variety.com, “‘Fauda’ follows a close-knit unit of mista’arvim, the commando unit of the Israel army whose soldiers are trained in the language, dress and mannerisms of Palestinians, and whose undercover work is hailed in Israel for scuppering terror attacks and guiding military operations. The show was the most-watched in YES history and also earned a best drama statue at the 2015 Israeli version of the Emmys.

The series was created by Avi Issacharoff, a journalist and Arab affairs specialist, and actor Lior Raz, and directed by Assaf Bernstein. The show broke barriers in Israel by giving its Arab characters equal screen time and equally complex backstories as its Jewish characters. The terrorists, in this show, are as much fathers and brothers as they are combatants, and are drawn with equal complexity as the Jewish soldiers. Neither side, the show insists, is innocent. With both Arabic and Hebrew dialogue, the show also found its way into Palestinian audiences’ hearts, and its plot twists, hostage negotiations and close-combat battle scenes were rehashed on Arabic social media at a level never before seen for Israeli television.” Fauda is the Arabic word for chaos.

ANNOUNCING HUJEWS YOUTH CONCLAVE 2017 IN WASHINGTON D.C.!

March 24-26, 2017

This year’s theme: Activism! We’ll explore landmarks on The Mall, visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and learn what it takes to make a change in our world from advocacy experts at the Secular Coalition for America.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

The HuJews Conclave is an annual North American teen and college conference sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism. A most anticipated event, conclave brings together teens who are in grades 8 through 12 and college students from across the United States and Canada for a weekend of fun, service, insight, and discovery. Conclave enables young Humanistic Jews to connect with their peers, discover more about Humanism and strengthen their Jewish identity. It includes thought-provoking discussions, fun-filled workshops, a rewarding community service activity, Humanistic Shabbat and Havdalah services, and much more.

Standing On One Foot

(Judaism in 140 characters or less)

It is not what one says, but what one does, that makes all the difference in the world.

From Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) 1:17



Over the past few years, we have had several families within our community that have had a temporary set back, ie: a surgery, loss of a job, family

crises, etc.

"Helping Hands" is available to help with the needs of these families, either through delivering a meal, or driving to a doctor's appointment or any other minor needs a family could use. Over the past several months, assistance has been provided to several members.

If you would like to be added to the list of members who will assist when needed, please email us and Laurie Matlin will contact you when the need arises. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already; it is greatly appreciated. Any family needing assistance can seek it by contacting Rabbi Jodi.



???? Membership Questions ????

Do you have questions about membership?

Then contact our membership liaison

Deb Rusnak at dfishman63@comcast.net

Can You Help?

We are always looking for some assistance large and small for our events. Please let us know if you are interested to help with any of the following events this year or next.

- Helping Hands Committee
- E-Auction

Humanistic Judaism 101

- Defines Judaism as the collective historic experience of the Jewish people and promotes a community of shared Jewish values.
- Promotes the development of a strong Jewish identity, especially for those Jews who cannot intellectually or emotionally embrace a supernatural being, or who are unsure about the existence of such a being and want to express their Judaism in an honest and meaningful way.
- Emphasizes the capacity in all human beings to improve themselves and the world through learning and the performance of good deeds.
- Teaches that ethical behavior is conduct which enhances the dignity of every individual.
- Understands that ritual without meaning is simply empty ritual and that liberal Judaism is authentic Judaism, without apologies to the present or nostalgic bows to the past.

Beth Chaverim is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism.

Did You Know?



Rabbi Jodi Kornfeld is available to conduct **life cycle ceremonies** including **weddings, civil unions, baby namings** and **funerals** for members and non-members.

Contact Rabbi Jodi for further information,

847-945-6512

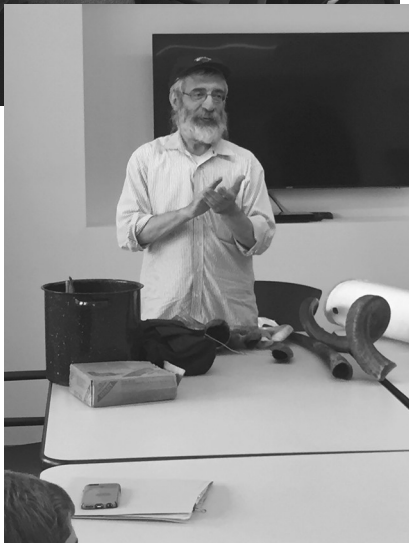
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Fall Events at Beth Chaverim

Sukkot



Shofar Factory



Mark Dvorak Concert



THE BETH CHAVERIM E-AUCTION IS COMING!

Let's make this our biggest e-auction yet!

What's an e-auction?

- It is a silent auction held **via email** bids for gift certificates for restaurants, businesses, manicures, haircuts, sporting events and other merchandise. This is Beth Chaverim's biggest annual fundraiser of the year.

When is it held?

- It will be held from **Sunday, March 19 through Sunday, March 26.**

How do I participate?

- In the beginning of March, you will be able to get a bidder number. When the auction opens, you will receive a brochure with all the items listed. You can submit a bid via email. The brochure will be updated each day and sent out again. Bid from the comfort of your own home, any time of the day or night.



Who else can participate?

- Anyone can become a bidder. They do not need to be a member so encourage your friends to participate. Forward the brochure to them.

How can I help?

- If you have a business that can donate a gift certificate, or know of a business that would be willing to do so, let us know. Donations are always appreciated.



Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World One Step At a Time

From time to time we like to feature our members who are engaged in acts of Tikkun Olam as they work to make the world a better place. Gabi Latulippe, who teaches our primary students, had such an experience in Fiji. In her own words,

“I had the opportunity to go on a Community Service trip to Fiji this past summer. My tour consisted of students from all over the United States. The trip was part community service and part “fun!” I was able to learn about the history and culture of Fiji. As part of my trip, I had the opportunity to build sidewalks, play with the kids, and participate in a Fijian Church service. People there inspired me because, although they have very little, they are truly the happiest people I have met. I hope to be able to explore more cultures and give back to different communities through service projects.”



Feed My Starving Children Volunteers





Look What the Mail Brought



October 24, 2016

Congregation Beth Chaverim
Rabbi Jodi Kornfeld
1457 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Rabbi Kornfeld and Friends,

Thank you for choosing the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry as the recipient of your large food drive in celebration of the New Year. We appreciate your commitment to helping our work in serving the community. The bags of food you collected will help those the pantry assists.

As you probably know, the Food Pantry serves residents of the township who find themselves in need, either on a long-term or temporary basis. Seniors, who live on fixed incomes, as well as families with children, use the pantry each month. Because the Food Pantry relies entirely on contributions and volunteer help, we are most grateful for your support.

On behalf of all those who benefit from your kindness, please accept our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

Alyson Miller Feiger
Township Supervisor



Look What the Mail Brought



Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

September 19, 2016


Beth Chaverim Humanistic Jewish Community
1457 Wilmont Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-2026

Dear Friends,

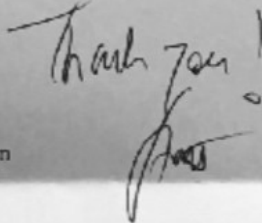
Thank you for your contribution to the JF Baton Rouge Flood Relief Fund. During time of need at home, in Israel and around the world, your Jewish Federation is here to provide help and hope.

Please note that your contribution in the amount of \$225 is fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law, given that the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has provided you with no benefits related to your contribution.

Thank you.


Stuart Spector
Vice President, Campaign

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