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A Purim Shpiel Extravaganza
Variety Spectacular Annual Fundraiser

Congregation Beth Shalom Northbrook, IL

Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:00 pm



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Program:

Beer, Wine, Cheese and Desserts

Haudalah: Rabbi David Chapman & Cantor Steven Stoehr

Welcome: Brad Shaps, Fundraising VP

CBS PURIM SHPIEL 2025

More Nosh

Raffle Drawing: Edna Schrank

Purim Shpiel Cast List 2025

Roughly Order of Appearance

Jeremy Elkins Steve

Bonnie Himmelblau Michelle

JM Briskin Fred, Ghoyst of Present

Anita Ivy Miller Bonnie, Townsperson

Stacey Dembo Donna, Generalized Anxiety

Michael Miller Mike, Townsperson

Shari Cohen *Melissa, Narrator*

Rob Fenton Brian, Shotl

Jordan Sigale *Tree, Larry*

Alyssa Weisbach Bridesmaid, Christine

Rachel Laven Anchor, Bridesmaid, Congregant

Leslie Sigale Ghoyst of Past, Bridesmaid

Owen Laven *Mordecai*. Child

Evan Fenton Taylor Swift, Esther, Child

Elior Chapman Sunkist Fruit Gem, Haman, Child

Josie Garber Glinda, Taylor Swift, Child

Ryan Ship Achashverosh, Child



Our Purim Shpiel is full of surprises, but an unexpected ringtone isn't one we need! Please silence or turn off your phones and alarms so we can focus on tonight's performance.

PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS



Adam Blotner, Writer

Adam has produced absurd, campy, juvenile songs for clients around the world. As a child, he ran around the house with underwear on his head banging a drum and shouting out songs and turned this into a career. Every Shabbat, he puts on a different hat, serving as Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Beth Israel of West Hartford, CT.



Rabbi David Chapman, Director

Rabbi David Chapman is known for his star turn as the Dormouse in Wilmette Children's Theater's 1990 production of "Alice in Wonderland." It's been all downhill since then.



Mary Dixon, Stage Manager, Assistant Director Mary is thrilled to make her assistant director debut at CBS and be part of this production. Her stage management credits include Haymarket Opera Company, The Beautiful City Project, Epic Theatre Company, Hoosier Shakespeare Festival, Paul Bunyan Playhouse, and Loyola University Chicago. She thanks Rabbi Chapman for this opportunity and enjoys cooking, writing, and performing improv at The Annoyance Theatre.



Kyle Gyondla, Lighting, Sound, and Set Designer Kyle has been actively involved in educational, community, and professional theatre productions around the North Shore for over two decades. He has collaborated with CBS through his former role at the Northbrook Park District's Northbrook Theatre, where he worked as technical director and designer for shows including *Across The Sand: A Passover Theatrical Experience, Wake Up, Brother Bear! and The Tale Of The Whale.*



Sam Shankman. Music Director

Sam is overjoyed and humbled to take part in the Purim Shpiel! He is an actor, music director, and theatre-maker who has performed all over Chicagoland with companies such as Drury Lane, The Marriott, Court Theatre, Northlight, Mercury and Theater Chicago. You may recognize Sam from playing the melodica and piano with Ark Adventures each month.



Aliza Small, Writer

Aliza is an LA-based writer and performer. She got her start doing Passover-themed stand up comedy in 2nd grade at Skokie Solomon Schechter (z"I), as well as writing, directing, and performing in the CJHS (z"I) class of 2011 Purim Shpiel. Her work has been featured at The Second City, Chicago Sketchfest, comedy theaters and festivals in NYC, and shul Purim Shpiels.

BIOS



JM Briskin

Roles: Fred, Ghoyst of Present
JM is thrilled to be part of CBS Follies. A versatile performer,
writer, and theatre enthusiast, his passion for the stage
began in grade school and grew through Purim plays, high
school stagecraft, and professional auditions. He honed his
skills with improv training at The Second City and five years
in the haunted attractions industry. With experience in acting,

set building, and storytelling, JM continues to develop his craft, aspiring to bring his ideas to life through writing and performance.



Elior Chapman

Roles: Sunkist Fruit Gem, Haman, Child Elior Chapman is the son of Rabbi David Chapman and Jonathan Chapman, and the brother of Amitai. He has been in Ark Adventures at Beth Shalom and several shows at Rootz and the Northbrook Theatre. He also likes tennis, dragons, and crafting.



Shari Cohen

Roles: Melissa, Narrator

Shari is thrilled to take the stage, despite her theatrical résumé consisting solely of PiLam and AEPhi Mom's Day skits, where she was the undisputed class clown. Her vocal talents were so "impressive" that she was politely asked to lip-sync at her 8th-grade graduation. When not dodging singing roles, she enjoys swimming, playing bridge (and a

little canasta), and grading AP Bio exams—because nothing says "fun" like standardized testing! She also adores her daughter slightly more than her son (sorry, kid) and believes her grandchildren are the greatest humans ever. Special thanks to her husband, Bob, who gets dragged to everything! No refunds if she forgets her lines!



Stacey Dembo

Roles: Donna, Generalized Anxiety
Stacey Dembo is excited to be in this year's Purim Shpiel,
especially because she gets to share the stage with her
daughter, Josie. Stacey was in many plays growing up, but
the only 'stage' she's graced the past 17 years has been in
the courtroom for her career as a lawyer. When not on
stage, Stacey enjoys spending time with her family, seeing

theater, reading and driving excessively long distances for a good cup of coffee. Stacey would like to thank her fans, er...family for their support and love! Special thanks to Rabbi Chapman for bringing her out of retirement!



Jeremy Elkins

Roles: Steve, Ensemble

Jeremy is making his Rosner debut, coming out of retirement from his illustrious Brandeis Purim Shpiel career (2008–2012). A seasoned performer, he has graced the stage of many a Camp Moshava Wild Rose Color War (circa 2000-2005-ish) and was the mastermind behind the Ida Crown senior prank (2007)--not acting, but certainly a bold display

of courage and humor. He also has issues remembering his lines--just watch him sneak a peek at the script--such a noob. And guess what? He's in sales--Oracle NetSuite. So if you're evaluating your accounting software/ERP, Jeremy's your guy! He'll give you the CBS discount:)



Evan Fenton

Roles: Esther, Child Ensemble

Evan is 8 years old and will be turning 9 next week. She is thrilled to be making her debut in a Purim Shpiel. Evan has performed in several productions with Rootz and Highland Park Players community theatre, including Beauty and the Beast Jr. and Finding Nemo Kids. She will also be in the upcoming production of Finding Nemo Jr. with The

Performer's School. Outside of performing, Evan enjoys tumbling, building with Legos, and collecting Stickerbeanz. She is especially excited to share the stage with her dad in this special production!



Rob Fenton

Roles: Brian. Shotl

Dr. Rob is a Northfield chiropractor by day and a passionate community theatre enthusiast by night. A dedicated board member of the Highland Park Players, he was most recently seen in Kinky Boots and is happy to be six inches closer to the ground. He's thrilled to make his Purim Shpiel debut—sharing the spotlight with his daughter, Evan. He enjoys

making music videos with his family on YouTube and was a founding member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's all-male a cappella group, Fundamentally Sound.



Josie Garber

Roles: Glinda, Taylor Swift, Child

Josie is an 8-year-old, 2nd grader at Westmoor School in Northbrook. She has been in five plays but this is her Purim Shpiel debut! When Josie is not on stage, she likes to read, play chess, go to see theater with her family and do crafts. Thanks to Rabbi Chapman for including kids in the show! A big thank you to mom, dad and little brother, Leo!



Bonnie Himmelblau

Roles: Michelle

Although she keeps a Kosher home, Bonnie has always been a ham. Besides taking acting classes in school and Tom Thumb Front Row Players, she was in several plays, including The Sound Of Music, Mame and Fiddler On The Roof. She has taken Ballet, Tap, Modern, Israeli Dance and private singing lessons. She has appeared in many past CBS

Purim Shpiels and Flash Mobs. Bonnie has modeled in Hadassah Fashion Shows. Recently, she was in the Pop-Up Choir on a Coral Princess Cruise Ship. She's a fan of "Doctor Who" and enjoys playing Mah Jongg and bowling.



Owen Laven

Roles: Mordecai, Child

Owen is excited for this year's Purim Shpiel! He began acting at Rootz at age four and has since performed in *Annie* (Daddy Warbucks) and *The Little Mermaid* (Eric). He has also worked with Kidstage in Northbrook, City Kid Theater in Glenview, and the Northbrook Park District Theater, where he played roles such as A Jock in *High School Musical*. The Mechanic in

Matilda, Hehe in Moana, and Chirag in Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Musical. Outside of theater, Owen enjoys playing flag football and spending summers at Camp Ramah, where he hopes to perform in Aidah productions. He thanks his brothers, Eliot and Simon, and his parents for their love and support!



Rachel Laven

Roles: Anchor, Bridesmaid, Congregant

Rachel is so excited to participate in CBS's Purim Shpiel. Her previous acting experience includes.....none! She's thrilled to be performing alongside her son, Owen (who has much more experience than she does!). When not practicing for the Purim Shpiel, she's running after her three boys (Simon, Eliot, and Owen), delivering babies, and practicing for upcoming Torah

readings. She is grateful to her husband, Jonathan, for his understanding and support in all that she does!



Anita Ivy Miller

Roles: Bonnie, Ensemble

Anita is an artist and art instructor who enjoys theater. What a great way to engage in Purim and theater by participating in the CBS Purim Shpiel! Thanks so much to Rabbi Chapman and Mary Dixon for making this all possible! Thanks so much to Michael, Daniel and Jonathan for their love and support.



Michael Miller

Roles: Mike, Townsperson

Michael is thrilled to be part of this year's Purim Shpiel, sharing the stage with a wonderful cast of talented performers. He is excited to bring energy and joy to this festive production and hopes you enjoy the show!



Ryan Ship

Roles: Achashverosh. Child

Ryan is a 5th grader at Westmoor Elementary School in Northbrook and is in the Kitah Hey class at CBS. Ryan first found his love for acting in a Northbrook Park District production of "Circus Circus" at the age of 5. Ryan is thrilled to be in his very first Purim Shpiel. When not acting, Ryan loves to play tennis and plays the stand-up bass in his

school's String Orchestra. His other hobbies include cooking, eating candy, and playing video games with his family and friends.



Jordan Sigale

Roles: Tree, Larry

Jordan is excited to be joining his fellow CBS congregants in making Purim fun for each other this challenging year. No stranger to the stage, Jordan acted, danced and sang throughout Jr. High and High School. When not practicing for the Purim Shpiel, Jordan can be found practicing Intellectual Property Law at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP. For fun,

Jordan likes to read Torah, hike and cook.



Leslie Sigale

Roles: Ghoyst of Past, Bridesmaid
Leslie is thrilled to be joining the cast of the Purim Shpiel. She
played Esther in grade school and continued to sing and
perform through college. For almost ten years, Leslie wrote,
directed and performed in shows for the special needs
community with the National Council of Jewish Women South
Cook. No longer working as a Speech Pathologist, she still

helps others through health coaching. To unwind, Leslie likes to sing, read, do puzzles and hike.



Alyssa Weisbach

Role: Bridesmaid. Christine

Alyssa is thrilled to be a part of this production! You may remember her as Vashti in the 2019 CBS Purim Shpiel. Prior to that, she hadn't appeared in a theatre production since being cast as a background performer in Grease and Guys and Dolls at University of Illinois (ILL!!!). Music has always been important in Alyssa's life, and she would like to thank

Cantor Stoehr and Rabbi Chapman for the many singing honors she has received. Outside of CBS, you'll find Alyssa vacationing with her family, enjoying her husband's cooking and mixology talents, and working out.



Thank you to our Production Staff and Cast for all of their hard work and dedication for a terrific Purim Shpiel!

Chag Purim Sameach and welcome to the CBS Follies, our Purim Shpiel Fundraiser. As we come together to celebrate, I want to express a heartfelt thank you for being with us this evening, for your generosity, and for being part of our vibrant synagogue family. In these pages you will find warm messages of support and unity from our devoted sponsors, members and friends. as well advertisements from local businesses that help our congregation thrive, providing meaningful experiences for our community. It is also reflection of the spirit of a collaboration, dedication and generosity that defines CBS. I hope you enjoy the evening and take pride in the community we share. Together, we are stronger.

With sincere appreciation,

Sue Lampert
President, Congregation Beth Shalom



Welcome to our Purim Shpiel, the first of what I hope becomes an annual event. This event has a few important goals. We wanted to host additional events for Purim, have a fun event that brings together our Congregation and to raise meaningful funds for our Synagogue to help support the many programs and services provided by CBS.

This event would not be possible without the efforts of many people. First, I want to thank Rabbi Chapman whose efforts were instrumental in putting together the script and production team to make the event a success. Second, I want to thank the entire cast and crew for the time and energy they put into making the Shpiel a reality. Thank you to Cantor Stoehr, Michael Garlin, Lauri Homes and Deanne Friedman for their support for the program. Special thanks to Maria Catezone for her assistance in coordinating all of our logistics. Finally a huge shout out to Diana Lewis who chaired the event committee and all of the members of the amazing Fundraising Committee who worked on all of the important components to make the event a reality.

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Bradley Shaps, Vice President Fundraising





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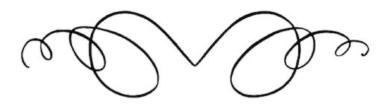
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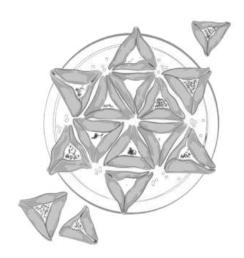


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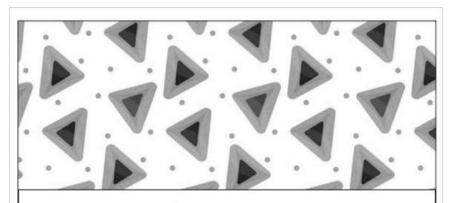
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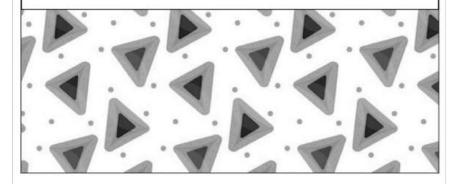
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Cindy and Bob Marder

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone involved with the CBS Purim Shpiel



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Happy Purim and Congratulations to the Cast and Crew



Linda Shaps-Shanin and Martin Shanin Congrats to the dedicated cast for a wonderful production! We are so lucky to be part of the CBS family!



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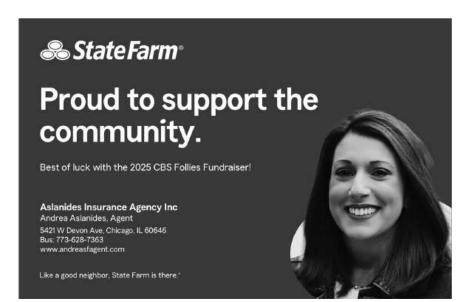
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Good luck to all of the Purim Shpielers!



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