

OPENING DINNER – BEARS VS PACKER CELEBRATING THE NFL AT 100

September 5, 2019

Opening Dinner 2019, brought rivalries to the forefront of the Beth Shalom Men's Club. It pitted brother vs brother, father vs son, president's vs past presidents! You might ask what we did, well we watched one of the greatest rivalries in the NFL!! We kicked off our year, as the NFL kicked off their 100th season, by watching our hometown Monsters of the Midway, the Chicago Bears take on their great and historic rival the Green Bay Packers.

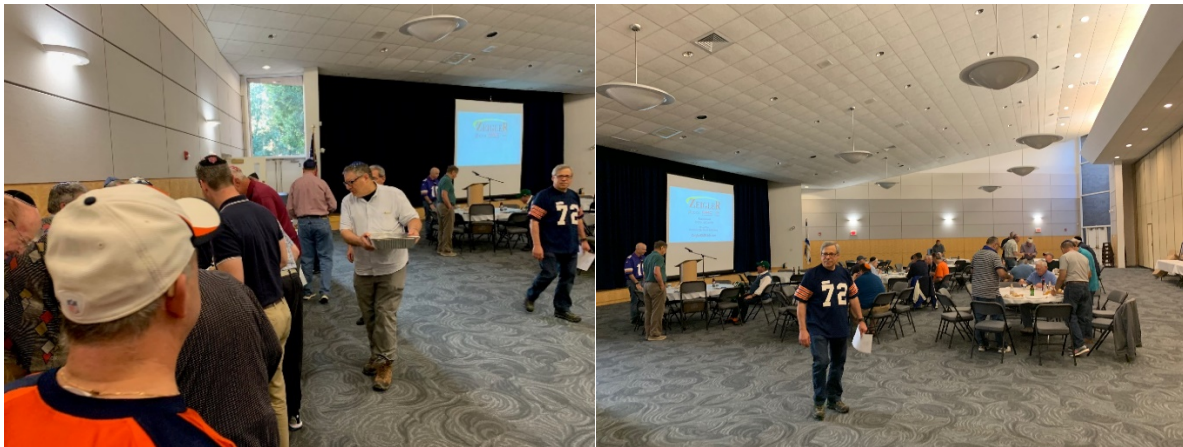
Tensions rose, nerves were on end, as the Packers and Bears put on a defensive battle with the visitors from Green Bay pulling out a hard fought 10-3 victory; however, all was not lost for the Bears fans in attendance, we also had a silent auction, and memorabilia show-and-tell for the fans.

Members brought their vintage jerseys, rare autographs, game bought programs, and stories from bye-gone eras. The older Men's Club members shared their stories and relived their youth. The younger members brought their own stories of much more recent experiences. This created a battle of the generations as to who had the better stories. The stories were endless.

During the game, our guests were able to bid on historic items ranging from vintage Bears and Packers memorabilia to pictures of the legendary Rat Pack, to trips to beautiful and exotic locales!!

This was an amazing night and an exciting way to kick off our 2019-2020 programming year!

The flyer for this Program is attached under "Marketing".



It's Dinner Time



Above Left – Our Packers Contingent at Beth Shalom, Right – Time to Watch the Game



It's Funny How the Packer Fans Win the Walter Payton item in the Raffle

BUILD THE CONGREGATIONAL SUKKAH

October 6, 2019

Since the inception of Congregation Beth Shalom in 1967, the Men's Club has purchased, erected, and maintained the synagogue's Sukkah. It has been our custom that the annual gathering to erect the Sukkah is organized by a Past President of the Club and is passed down from one Past President to the next.

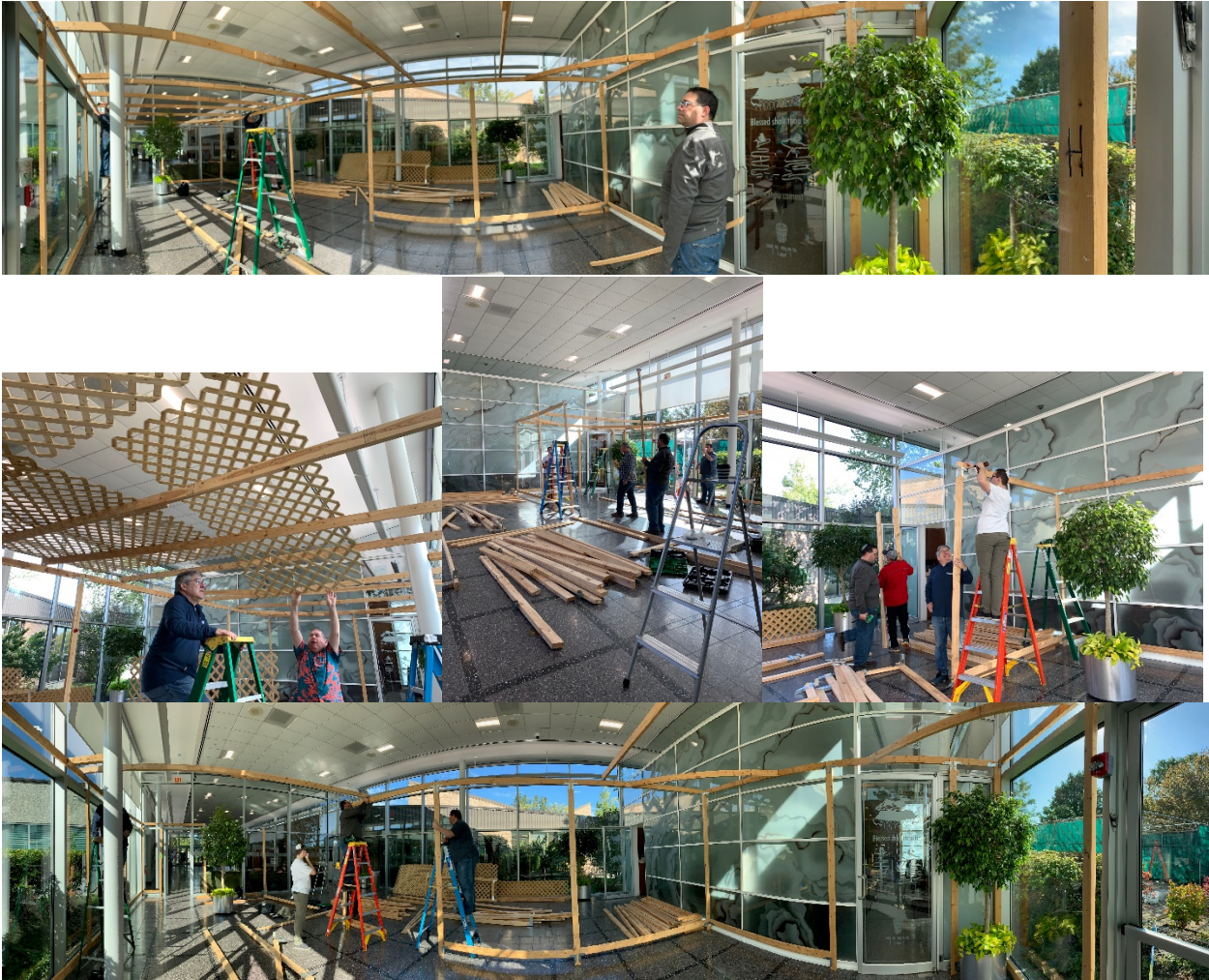
Eight years ago, we expanded our outdoor Sukkah to include a 400 square foot indoor Sukkah to accommodate more congregants for our school activities as well as our annual Sukkoth event that draws 350+ people.

This has always been a “All Hands-on Deck” effort involving the Men’s Club Board, active members, and some congregants. Since ladders and power tools are involved, more of our younger members participate. This is a great time for the younger active members to build relationships with our new younger members or non-members who just come by to help.

This is a great shared work experience for club members of all ages. Each year all attendees are treated to the traditional Men’s Club buffet breakfast.



The Congregational Sukkah Under Construction



The Indoor Sukkah Under Construction

STEAKS IN THE SUKKAH

October 17, 2019

This event has become our premier mid-fall social event. We generally attract 70 to 80 members for a wonderful steak dinner cooked to perfection by two of our “Grille Masters”. The meal comes with all the sides you would expect plus desert. A wide selection of beer as the beverage of choice is provided for all.

If we are fortunate, the evening of the event corresponds with the broadcast of a major sports event. We bring in the big screen TV and sound system and share the game. Other years we hold a shortened version of our October Board Meeting. This is a very versatile program allowing us to accomplish many goals at the same time.

This program provides an easy way to meet newer members of the club and it attracts a large contingent of younger men. It provides great camaraderie, sharing the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah and learning new things about the Club. This program checks off all the boxes.

Please see the Program flyer attached under “Marketing”.

EREV THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

November 27, 2019

This is an annual event that attracts all generations and is attended by 300 congregants and their guests. It provides an inexpensive opportunity for younger men to provide dinner and entertainment for their family, within the larger congregational family. It allows both the Adults and children to meet other young families.

Each year the entertainment for the event is different. This year the main act was the Jesse White Tumblers.

We provided a complete buffet dinner with options for both adults and children. During dinner until the main act, we provided the following:

1. Roving magicians dressed up as Pilgrims
2. Actors dressed up as turkeys providing general entertainment
3. A balloon artist
4. Live bunny rabbits

We also held a raffle, and the prize winners were draw by our clergy.

This event continues to be well attended year after year. It keeps the children well entertained and busy giving the adults time to socialize and takes care of have to prepare dinner the night before Thanksgiving.

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Above From the Left- The Raffle Sees Action, The Turkey Arrives! and Everyone Loves the Bunnies



Above From the Left- Balloons for Everyone and Dinner is served



The Main Attraction, The Jesse White Tumblers