



From the Rabbi's Study Continued...

we are told that we were all slaves in Egypt and that we all were freed from Egypt, out of the narrow places. A tunnel is a narrow place. A very narrow place. We pray that all the hostages will be released, that they too will feel the relief and freedom of being out of the narrow places. We also pray for peace everywhere, as our ancestors have done for generations.

The Academy for Jewish Religion has curated, edited, and published a meaningful seder supplement for these times, *Seder Interrupted*, in which I am proud to have a poem selected about the plagues, based on the midrash which is included in the Haggadah, "The Egyptians were drowning in the sea. At the same time, the angels wanted to sing before God, and the Lord, God, said to them: 'My creations are drowning, and you are singing before me?'" (from Megillah 10).

[This volume is available on Amazon](#) where it is the number one bestseller

in the Ritual Religious Practices category. It features many rabbis across a wide spectrum of Jewish belief and practice, many of whom you will recognize. It is so fitting for our fiercely independent congregation. I hope it will aid in your own celebration of Passover.

Recently the Ritual Committee decided to add a phrase to the end of Kaddish as many congregations have been doing for decades. It is similar to the line I add to comfort the mourners on Friday night. "May G-d comfort you together with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and all the world." It is similar to the phrases in our own *Siddur Sim Shalom*: "Sim shalom ba'olam, grant universal peace." And in "Shalom Rav," the translation in our siddur says, "Shalom rav al yisrael amcha v'al kol yoshvei tevel. Grant true and lasting peace to your people Israel and to all who dwell on earth."

Try it with me: "v'al kol yoshvei tevel."

That is the phrase we will be adding to Kaddish at the very end of "Oseh Shalom." "Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol yisrael v'al kol yoshvei tevel, v'imru amen. May G-d who makes peace in the high heavens, make peace here for all of Israel and all the world. And let us say amen." May it be so, speedily and in our day. And may we never lose sight of our humanity and our peacemaking. That will lead to increased freedom for all.

As one of my Haggadot says, "L'shanah haba'ah b'yirushalim. Next year in Jerusalem. Next year the world redeemed. Next year may we all be free."

As was announced last month, I am honored to serve as your spiritual leader for the next three years. Thank you for your confidence and your trust in me. Together we are building community together. Holy community.

Say Hello!

Welcome to the new HaKol feature, **Say Hello!** Each month we will highlight new members to our congregation. Please use this to meet, greet, and include some of our newest congregants to CKI activities.

Jessica and Joshua Raben live in Algonquin. They joined CKI in November of 2023. Many of us remember Joshua's parents and longtime CKI members, Fern and Ron Raben. Fern is 82 years old and living in Algonquin. Ron passed away two years ago.

Joshua works in IT Management at HUB International, and Jessica is Senior Director of Design, Construction, and Facilities at Bridgestone. Joshua's interests include cars and technology, while Jessica enjoys gardening and yoga. The Rabens enjoy the warm, welcoming people and involved, active environment CKI provides. Josh and Jessica can be contacted at jessicaraben2003@yahoo.com and josh_raben1971@yahoo.com or call them at 630-303-4202 (Jessica) or 630-235-1939 (Josh). When you see them...say hello!



To reach Rabbi Margaret,
please call
her cell number after 8:00 am,
except on Mondays or Shabbat:
978-590-8268.

In case of emergency
(hospitalization or death)
please call, leave a message, and
Rabbi will get back to you promptly.

If there is an illness in the family
or the loss of a loved one,
call CKI @ 847-741-5656
so that your CKI family
can reach out and be of help.

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President's Message Continued

and serious questions. My hope is that each of you can experience some of my joy with the coming of spring. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Community Seder! As always, my wish for you is health and contentment; please be kind and find things to be joyful about.

—Robin Coyne



April 2nd @ 9:00 am

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at rabbi@ckielgin.org for more information.

CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is OPEN
and Peg is in the office.
To reach the office, call 847-741-5656 during
office hours, Monday—Friday:
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, make it payable to
Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI.
Please note what the money
is intended for.
Thank you!

CKI Book Club Schedule 2023—2024

Date	Book	Author	Time
July 18 (Tues.)	The Observant Wife	Naomi Ragen	10:30 am
August 15 (Tues.)	On Division	Goldie Goldbloom	10:30 am
October 17 (Tues.)	The Prison Minyan	Jonathan Stone	10:30 am
Nov. 21 (Tues.) at Gail Borden	Mr. Perfect on Paper	Gene Meltzer	10:30 am
December 19 (Tues.)	Bookish People	Susan Coll	10:30 am
January 16 (Tues.)	Dreamers of the Day	Mary Doria Russell	10:30 am
February 20 (Tues.)	The Three Muses	Martha Anne Toll	10:30 am
March 19 (Tues.)	Ten Year Gone	Jonathan Dunskey	10:30 am
April 16 (Tues.)	If All the Sea Were Ink	Ilana Kurshan	10:30 am
May 21 (Tues.)	Kantika	Elizabeth Graver	10:30 am
June 11 (Tues.)	Taking Miracles Seriously	Michael Zedek	10:30 am

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Todah Rabah to the Steinberg Wedding Kitchen Team!

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Happy Birthday to Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman

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Wishing Much Happiness to Jacob McFarlane & Alyssa Patterson on their upcoming marriage!

- Wanda & Perry Pitzele

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In memory of Nina Finn's father, Joel Bobrow

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To Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman, Happy Birthday!

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To Jana & Bill McFarlane, Congratulations on Jacob's marriage!

- Dick & Sue Johnson

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- **Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- **General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- **Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** See the President.
- **Building Security Fund** — EPD security for special CKI events
- **Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- **CKI Youth Fund** – Supports programs for our synagogue youth
- **Prayer Book Fund** – Siddur is \$36; Chumash is \$60
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- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. See the President

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

April 6 <i>27 Adar II</i>	<i>Parashat Shemini—</i> Shabbat Hahodesh 2 Torahs #1 Leviticus 9:1-11:47 #2 Exodus 12:1-20 Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
April 13 <i>5 Nisan</i>	<i>Parashat Tazria—</i> Leviticus 12:1-13:59 Haftarah II Kings 4:42-5:19
April 20 <i>12 Nisan</i>	<i>Parashat Metsora—</i> Shabbat Hagadol Leviticus 14:1-15:33 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24
April 27 <i>19 Nisan</i>	Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesach 2 Torahs #1 Exodus 33:12-34:26 #2 Numbers 28:19-25 Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14 Song of Songs

April Birthdays

Deanna Phelan Smith	Apr 1
Robyn Phelan	Apr 1
Rich Placko	Apr 3
Judy Rubenstein Gantz	Apr 7
Karen Bender	Apr 8
Daniel Schlack	Apr 9
Otis Goldman	Apr 9
Nancy Protter	Apr 11
Sandra Rabin	Apr 17
Evan Steinberg	Apr 19
Josh Stober	Apr 21
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Debby Poper	Apr 26
David Perlman	Apr 27
Alaina Trygar	Apr 28
Tina Wolf	Apr 29
Dave Weiser	Apr 30
Bonnie Bonner	Apr 30

April Anniversaries

Bonnie & Shaun Bonner	Apr 6
Judi & Vern Tepe	Apr 13
Glorilee & Patrick Harper	Apr 23



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Roth Scholarship

High School Seniors of CKI members in good standing are invited to apply for the *Jerome and Lillian Roth Scholarship*. This award is made annually to a student wishing to attend post high school educational programs - including college, university, and professional or technical programs. Applications can be obtained from the CKI Office or from Maureen Manning. Deadline for submission of all materials is **NOON ON APRIL 15**. The winner will be announced at our Congregation Meeting in May. For more information, please contact Maureen.

Chief Hadassah Medical Clown Brings Care and Support to IDF

David “Dush” Barashi, who manages a team of medical clowns at Hadassah’s hospitals, has reported for duty. After enlisting in the reserves, Barashi is now creating connections through humor at an Israel Defense Forces rehabilitation center.

“Humor is not just laughter; it’s a vital resource that people use to lift their heads off the floor,” said Barashi, who has served as a medical clown at Hadassah for more than 20 years.



At Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus, Barashi and his team regularly work alongside hospitalized children and support family members to bring comfort and lightheartedness to a difficult time. In the early days of the war, the clowns worked with social workers and nurses to visit all of the war wounded at the hospitals. They were also responsible for assisting and organizing the many volunteers who

arrived to help.

“In places where there is order, the clown comes to make a colorful mess, but when necessary, the clown makes order,” Barashi said. “We brought calm, familyhood, and



empathy into the departments.”

Soon an old contact, who lost his son on October 7, recruited Barashi to serve at the IDF rehabilitation center. Barashi now spends most of his days at the center, a place where mental health professionals treat soldiers injured in combat who cannot return to their unit following hospitalization. His experience is chronicled in a full-page story in

the *Israel Hayom* newspaper.

“I accompany the soldiers in their treatments, explain the place in a clownish and pleasant way, and build treatment plans with them,” Barashi said.

On his days off, Barashi stops by Hadassah to visit his friends and young patients in the pediatric wards.

“This situation raises many questions about the future. What do I do next? And how do I process all these experiences?” Barashi said. “It won’t be easy to get back to normal, and it’s not clear what kind of routine it will be. But my home is Hadassah, and I know that my heart is here no matter what.”



David (Dush) Barashi (Medical Clown)

Upcoming Elgin Hadassah Programs

4/10/24 – “Taste & Tell Passover,” 6:30 PM, Elgin Township Bldg., 729 S. McLean, Elgin. Bring a Passover-style dish to pass and copies of the recipe to share. RSVP to Amy (224)-238-7324. Donation requested to cover meeting room and beverage costs. Waivers required in person.

5/6/24 — SAVE THE DATE ! May 6 at 7 pm. Gale Jacoby returns to share Holocaust experiences with Hadassah and CKI guests, documents and letters and reminiscences of her parents' and inlaws' travels during WWII.

6/9/24 — “Antisemitism: A Challenging Discussion,” a discussion led by ADL spokesperson Trent Spoolstra on Sunday at 2 P.M. in a member's home. Registration, entry fee, and waiver may be completed online so as to receive details about the location. SAVE the DATE!

Name of Moses

Moshe (Moses) is a name that we equate with the greatest leader within our history. His name was given to him by Pharaoh's daughter, Bithiah, who "drew from the water" this little baby. According to Chizkuni, Jochebed, his biological mother, gave him the name and she shared it with Bithiah.

Eliezer Danziger writes, Ibn Ezra says that Bithiah actually gave Moses the Egyptian name "**Munis**," which translates to "Moshe."

Another scholar, Yalkut Shimoni, says that Moses had no less than ten names:

1. **Yered** - "Descent," for Moses brought the Torah down to the Jewish people.
2. **Avigdor** - "Master of the fence." This name was given to him by his grandfather, Kehat. Since Moses's birth, G-d fenced in Pharaoh, not allowing him to continue to drown Jewish infants.
3. **Chever** - "Companion or connector," for he was the conduit for G-d's messages to the people.
4. **Avi Socho** - "Father of Seers," because he would grow up to be the master of seers and prophets.
5. **Yekutiel** - "Hope." The root of the name is *kavei*, for he would be the source for the Jewish nation's great hope.
6. **Avi Zanoach** - "Master of rejection," for he would educate the people to reject idols.
7. **Toviah** - "Goodness."
8. **Shemayah** - Because of Moses, G-d would **HEAR/SHEMA** their prayers.
9. **Ben Evyatar** - "Son of pardon," for he solicited G-d's pardon for the sin of the golden calf.
10. **Levi** - Because he belonged to the tribe of Levi.
11. My favorite one which I think encompasses all of the above is:



Moshe Rabbeinu - "Moses our teacher." As the Torah shares our history, I believe Moses was our greatest teacher. Moses endured hardships, challenges, triumphs, rejection, frustration, setbacks, and disappointments. His perseverance and hope were critical to his success.

May we learn to be the best that we can be under all circumstances. Happy Passover!

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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Yahrzeits Page

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrzeits are commemorated during the coming weeks, and those whose names are read in the synagogue at Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services during April. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

Name	Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Date Observed	Date of Service
Leo Wechter*	Apr 8	Apr 5 & 6	Henriette Simon	Apr 22	Apr 19 & 20
Anna Berman*	Apr 9	Apr 5 & 6	Dr. Howard Ravenscraft	Apr 23	Apr 19 & 20
Max Schwartz	Apr 9	Apr 5 & 6	Irving Schwartz	Apr 23	Apr 19 & 20
Rebecca Fishman	Apr 10	Apr 5 & 6	Sylvia Garson Karnal	Apr 24	Apr 19 & 20
Eduardo Cortes	Apr 11	Apr 5 & 6	Ada Novak	Apr 24	Apr 19 & 20
Nathan Niederman	Apr 11	Apr 5 & 6	Jacob Rifken*	Apr 24	Apr 19 & 20
Carl Franks*	Apr 12	Apr 5 & 6	Edward S. Fox*	Apr 25	Apr 19 & 20
James Kucuy	Apr 12	Apr 5 & 6	Merrian Rifken	Apr 25	Apr 19 & 20
Abraham Seltzer	Apr 12	Apr 5 & 6	Betty Snider	Apr 25	Apr 19 & 20
Arthur Goozh	Apr 13	Apr 12 & 13	Edith Ernstthal	Apr 27	Apr 26 & 27
Barbara Lorsch	Apr 13	Apr 12 & 13	Benjamin Rifken*	Apr 27	Apr 26 & 27
Harold Slutsky	Apr 13	Apr 12 & 13	Anna Schack*	Apr 27	Apr 26 & 27
Harris Goldman*	Apr 14	Apr 12 & 13	Linda Garland	Apr 28	Apr 26 & 27
Irving Kessler*	Apr 14	Apr 12 & 13	Leo Karnal	Apr 28	Apr 26 & 27
Ellen Raphaelson	Apr 15	Apr 12 & 13	Pearl Rosenberg	Apr 28	Apr 26 & 27
Medina Benn Gross	Apr 17	Apr 12 & 13	Louis Wolf	Apr 30	Apr 26 & 27
Kurt Jacoby	Apr 18	Apr 12 & 13	Marion Braun*	May 1	Apr 26 & 27
Sandra Berman Bernstein*	Apr 19	Apr 12 & 13	Bella Durchslag	May 1	Apr 26 & 27
Alexander Isadore Newman	Apr 19	Apr 12 & 13	Melvin Pitzele	May 1	Apr 26 & 27
Saul Zavel Chez	Apr 20	Apr 19 & 20	Andrea Schneider	May 1	Apr 26 & 27
Ida Louise Cohen*	Apr 20	Apr 19 & 20	Lena Bochner*	May 3	Apr 26 & 27
Rabbi Eugene Kohn	Apr 22	Apr 19 & 20	Otto Grenton	May 3	Apr 26 & 27
Bernard Le Vine*	Apr 22	Apr 19 & 20	David B. Rosenberg*	May 3	Apr 26 & 27

There are two dates listed above on our *yahrzeit* list. The **first** is the **actual date of the yahrzeit**, and **memorial candles should be lit on the preceding evening**. The **second** are the **days of the services at which the name is read**. An *asterisk* after a name indicates that a plaque is affixed to the Memorial Tablet.

Kindle the Shabbat Candles		and HAVDALAH Candles	
Fri Apr 5	7:05 pm	Sat Apr 6	8:15 pm
Fri Apr 12	7:13 pm	Sat Apr 13	8:23 pm
Fri Apr 19	7:21 pm	Sat Apr 20	8:30 pm
Fri Apr 26	7:29 pm	Sat Apr 27	8:38 pm

NOTE: Shabbat ends 50 minutes after candle lighting time on Saturday nite

YIZKOR

The word Yizkor means “**remember.**” We are instructed to remember our history, family, and most of all our loved ones who have passed on to Olam Habah—the world to come. The Yizkor service is relatively short, on average only 15 minutes. It begins with various passages, generic in nature, to transform our realization that all present have lost someone near and dear, that each day is a precious gift, and that “**our days on earth are like a fleeting shadow.**”

Originally, in the 12th century, the Yizkor service was only said on Yom Kippur to remember and honor the ones who were killed in pogroms and the crusades. Over the years, Yizkor became a service to remember our own loved ones as well as for Jewish martyrs.

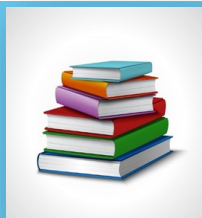
Now the Yizkor service is recited in the synagogue four times a year. Traditionally after the Torah service on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret (8th day of sukkot), the last day of Passover, and the second day of Shavuot. It concludes with the mourner’s Kaddish, which is recited when a minyan (ten Jewish adults) is in the sanctuary.

We are all so busy with our everyday lives, not all of us can attend a weekday service to make a minyan. Rabbi Frisch Klein has been very sensitive to the needs of the community to be able to remember their loved ones with the kahal (congregation). With our Rabbi’s guidance, the ritual committee has decided for this Passover, the Shabbos of the holiday will be the opportunity to participate/remember. Therefore, please mark your calendars that on April 27, the Shabbos during Passover, we will hold the Yizkor service for you to formally remember your loved ones.

For the other holidays please stay tuned, as we will make a decision on holding Yizkor on the best day to meet the needs of our community.

May their memories fill your heart with love, and if there are tears, may they continue to help you heal. We shall never forget the ones who touched us deeply.

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair



CKI Book Club

Reading just seems to be a learning opportunity for most of us and reading books either written by Jews or about Jewish life is a wonderful way to connect and build community. A community of readers that is.

We meet once a month, usually on the third Tuesday of the month either in person or on Zoom for a lively discussion of that month’s book. Our April book is [If All The Seas Were Ink - A Memoir](#) by Ilana Kurshan, “A beautiful and inspiring book,” The Jerusalem Post.

Our discussions are member led, very informal, with no homework assignments. Please contact juditepe@gmail.com 630-250-7686 if you are interested in joining the book club.

Hello Mahjong players,

Please save the date and join Elgin Hadassah for an afternoon of Mahjong.

Save The Date: Sunday, July 14th, 1:00 p.m. at CKI.

Liza Bachrach has graciously volunteered to teach those of you who are newbies or need a refresher course.



Please watch for more info and feel free to invite friends; Just be sure to send Robin Seigle the names and email addresses so she has a running list of how many to expect.

[\(robin.seigle@gmail.com\)](mailto:robin.seigle@gmail.com)

Thanks, hope to see you then!

Emily N. Bat Mitzvah

Emily Irene N. will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. She is a 7th grade student at Prairie Knolls Middle School.

Emily loves to read, play the piano, sing in chorus, go to over-night camp, and cuddle with Duke, the dog.

Sharing this special occasion with Emily are her proud parents, Joe and Lisa, and her brother, Jack. Also sharing this wonderful day and celebrating with her are all of Emily's family, extended family, and friends.

What Emily has learned from her Jewish education is that one person can make a difference. She has enjoyed learning Hebrew and looks forward to using an app to continue her Hebrew education.

Emily has already completed a dual project for her bat mitzvah on climate change. First the family went on a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry and learned about CO2's environmental impact. They purchased soap which is made from CO2 from a company called Clean O2. They are using the soaps as place cards for Emily's party. Next they went to Hawthorn Hill and cleaned up the outer banks by cutting weeds and painting trees so that beavers would not eat them.



Torah School

Thanks to everyone who supported the Torah School and purchased delicious homemade hamantaschen. We sold 40 bakers dozen!

Families please plan to attend April 14th for our special Family Passover program!

Shalom, Heather



Purim Carnival Fun

Passover is Coming!!!



Come see us for all your seder needs. We have
seder plates, matzoh covers, kids'
crafts and games, and much more!
Just contact Sue 847 312-3507 or Tina 630 336-3983
and we'll gladly meet up with you.



SELLING OF CHAMETZ 2024/5784

In traditional Jewish law, we are not allowed to possess chametz, leavened bread or leavening agents, during Passover. Some families have the tradition of changing over their dishes and really scrubbing down the whole house. Think about spring cleaning on steroids. However, not owning chametz could put many families at an economic disadvantage. Therefore, the rabbis found a work-around. Any chametz left undisposed of could be sold to someone not Jewish then repurchased after the holiday.

At Congregation Kneseth Israel, we do precisely that. I, as the Rabbi, act as our agent to carry out this complicated piece of Jewish and civil law. If you would like to participate in this ancient tradition, I will sell our chametz to Deacon Andrea Delany at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church all of our chametz, in our **houses, cars, businesses, and the synagogue**. I will then buy it back from Deacon within two hours of sundown after the 8th day of Passover. As part of the sale, monies collected in the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for this purpose are donated in CKI's name to the Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Community Crisis Center, Mazon, and Ma'ot Chitim of Chicago. This helps us build bridges in the community and "love our neighbors as ourselves." Now, more than ever, these organizations need our help as they provide for the most vulnerable amongst us. "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I/WE, _____

Hereby authorize Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein to act as my/our agent, to sell all chametz located on our premise. This is in accordance with all rabbinic and Torah laws.

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Cars _____

Pets (since most people do not change over their pet food and most pet food is grain based and thus not Kosher for Passover.)

I/WE, _____

Understand that these products are to be re-purchased for our use immediately after Passover. Enclosed please find a check for _____, made out to CKI Rabbi's Discretionary fund in order to fulfill the mitzvah of "ma'ot chitim," gathering of wheat in order to provide all Jews with matzah. This contract can also be emailed back to the rabbi at rabbi@ckielain.org

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RABBI FRISCH KLEIN NEEDS YOUR FORM BY

April 22th

before 10:00 AM.

HAVE A HAPPY, KOSHER, AND SWEET PESACH!

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Congregation Kneseth Israel Community Passover Seder: Coming Together

April 23, 2024

5:30 PM

\$40 per adult

\$18 for child 13 and under

Children and adults of all ages welcome.

RSVP to CKI Office
cki@ckielgin.org

Catered by the amazing **Rebecca Albert**

Matzah Ball Soup

Gefilte Fish Appetizer

Lemon Chicken

Vegan Entree

Spring Vegetables

Dessert Buffet

Celebrate Spring and Freedom
Hear the story of Passover from the Haggadah.
Ask the Four Questions and add ones of your own.
Open the door for Elijah.
Search for the afikomen.

The Soup Kettle Scoop

Calling All Volunteers!!

We could not do this community program without the generous support of the CKI family. Our next Soup Kettle is **April 30** and once again we'll need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00 pm.

When we have enough volunteers, we can work in "shifts," as we know your time is valuable. Please contact either one of us to volunteer. Thank you!

Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com
or Judi Tepe juditepe@gmail.com



ACTS OF CHESED

Thank you to those who have pitched in to make CKI warm and welcoming (and safe). Many times, things are done very quietly and anonymously, so if you did something that isn't acknowledged, please know that your deed was greatly appreciated—

Castro Family for sponsoring the First Friday Family Shabbat service.

Jeanette Pacanowski for the PJ Library Purim Party.

A Cast of Thousands for the Purim Carnival.

Shira Coffee for leading Friday night Shabbat services.

Gareth Sitz for coordinating Torah Study Zoom.

Josh Raben for technology expertise.

Josh & Jessica Raben, Melissa Margason, Dave & Heather Weiser for Purim Carnival setup.

Jenny Trygar and others for Purim Carnival cleanup.

Earl Sternfeld for Purim parody.

Shira Coffee for Purim music

Robin Coyne for hosting the Hadassah Zoom.

Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman for hosting their birthday Kiddush.

Nikki Berger, our hamantaschen baker extraordinaire!

Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung for Havdalah Happy Hour.

Helen Lindow for donating a lovely basket of delicious fruit for the congregation.

BLOOD DRIVE

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**Sunday
May**

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9:00am - 1:30pm

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Blood Drive will be held in Social Hall.

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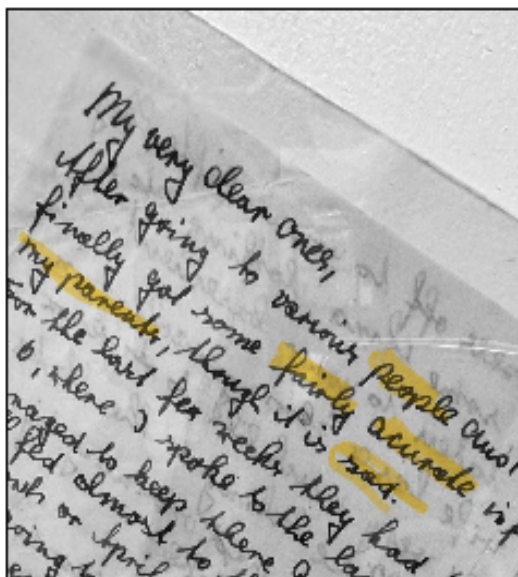


Elgin Hadassah Presents... May 6, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Letters Tell Stories of the Holocaust

Holocaust Remembrance Day

In-person at Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120



Gale Jacoby will tell stories of her family's experiences during the Holocaust as she continues to discover more revelations.

Letters and documents chronicle Lou Raphaelson's survival.

This in-person presentation will provide the opportunity to view some of these documents firsthand.



To register:

Email rxman1216@gmail.com

Subject Line: Letters Presentation

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"Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

Dear Congregation Kneseth Israel,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and clients of the Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center, Inc. thank you for your generous donation of lunch bags on 03/17/2024. Your support provides essential needs to individuals and families in crisis.

Each year the Crisis Center responds to the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and financial crisis. Services include a 24-hour hotline, a 40-bed shelter for women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems. Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Crisis Center has grown to serve nearly 4,000 people each year.

The Community Crisis Center is committed to providing essential needs to our community. We are indeed fortunate to have individuals, organizations, and businesses as partners working to make a difference in the lives of others. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Manning".

Maureen Manning
Executive Director

Donation Details

Organization Name: Congregation Kneseth Israel

Contact Name: Margaret Frisch Klein

Description of Donated Items or Services: lunch bags

Donation Date: 03/17/2024

Visit our website, www.crisiscenter.org, for our latest news & needs.

PO Box 1390 Elgin IL 60121-1390 Bus Line: 847-742-4088 Crisis Line: 847-697-2380 Fax: 847-742-4182 TTY: 847-742-4057

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Return Service Requested



April 2024 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Apr 2	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Apr 16	CKI Book Club	10:00 AM
	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Apr 4	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Apr 18	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Apr 5	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Apr 19	Shabbat Zimrah Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Apr 20	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Apr 6	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 21	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 7	Torah School	9:00 AM	Apr 22	Passover Eve--Rabbi's Study	9:00 AM
Apr 8	Ha Kol Submissions Due		Apr 23	Office Closed--Passover Day 1	
	Men's Club Social Gathering	6:30 PM		Community Seder	5:30 PM
Apr 9	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Apr 24	Office Closed--Passover Day 2	
	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Apr 25	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Apr 11	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Apr 26	Shabbat & Festival Services	7:00 PM
Apr 12	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Apr 27	Shabbat, Festival, & Yizkor Services	9:30 AM
Apr 13	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 28	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 14	Torah School Family Passover Program	9:00 AM	Apr 29	Office Closed--Passover Day 7	
	Celebration of Life: Philip Pomerance	1:30 PM	Apr 30	Office Closed--Passover Day 8	