



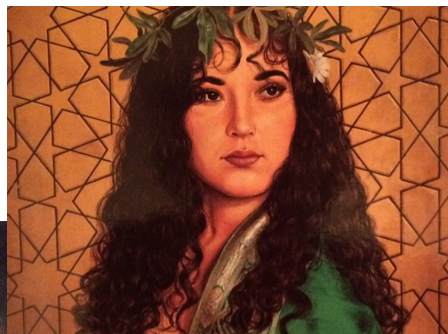
From the Rabbi's Study Continued...

allegory. I often say I don't know why Disney hasn't done this story.

But there is an underside to the story. Too much drinking. Too much quest for power. Too much sex, Too much violence. Too much revenge. It is all in there. It is a story that seems ripped from the headlines. Today's headlines.

And perhaps that is why it is important. In Judaism's darkest days, the story of the Book of Esther brings us hope. We survived. We will survive. We will continue to survive. So, grab a gragger, (Or make one!) Don a costume. Pretend to be some

thing you are not, or something you want to be. Hear the words of the Megillah. Drown out Haman's name. Join us for some games. Eat a hamantaschen. (Order some from the Torah



School!) Share some with friends. After all, it's Adar. We are allowed to have a little fun, even if we are not feeling it. We have survived. For 5784 years. May it continue to be so.

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

SAVE THE DATE!
CKI COMMUNITY SEDER
TUES. APRIL 23RD
CATERED BY BECKY



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.

Harold Morgan drove accidentally into a parking lot in downtown Elgin and found a conservative synagogue, Congregation Kneseth Israel. He loves that CKI is classic and "low key." He loves the friendly people he has met while helping with such activities as the Men's Club sukkah building or attending services to say Kaddish.

Harold, his wife Karen and their two daughters, live in Barrington. He worked in human resources and administration and was the chief administrative officer for Bally Corporation under CEO Arthur Goldberg. He now does management consulting for a variety of companies.

Harold enjoys opera and the symphony and is a subscriber to Lyric and the CSO. He is an athlete who is now a recovering triathlete!

Harold Morgan can be contacted at harold-morg1@gmail.com or call him at 773-251-7111. When you see Harold ...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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Vice President's Message Cont.

saw it coming and was consumed with his own ego.

The story teaches us that there is a time to be strong and forceful. There is a time to slow down and build relationships. But the most important is to stand up and be the person you were meant to be.

Purim also affirms the most Jewish of themes: They tried to kill us. They failed. Let's eat.

—Jerry Niederman

You're Invited!

Dear Congregation Friends,

Please join us for Sabbath service on Saturday, March 23, and a light lunch afterwards. Chuck and I are celebrating our (post-winter?) return to Elgin and March birthdays. (We're turning 80, would you believe?)

Please help us have adequate food to enjoy together by letting us know your intention to attend: (847)-284-7499.

Thank you from the Zimmermans!



March 5th @ 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

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

Donations

- Douglas Bakley
- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld

Tzedakah in my Frank's memory

- Joy Wener Bang

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Margaret!

- Jana & Bill McFarlane

In memory of LeRoy Liss & Philip Sternfeld

- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld

In memory of John James Ralston III, Herb Franks, Arlene Schneider, Jeff Hymer, Joel Bobrow, & Philip Pomerance

- Robin Coyne

In honor of Sam Steinberg & Jenny Gilliana's marriage

- Robin Coyne

GENERAL FUND

In honor of the yahrzeit of Barbara Sharf

- Dick & Sue Johnson

In memory of Jeff Hymer

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To Rabbi Martin Scharf & family, in memory of Roberta

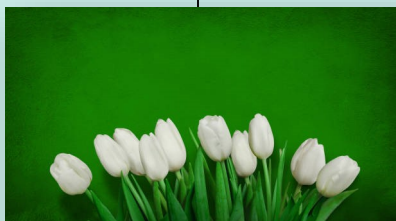
- Ron & Barb Razowsky
- Dick & Sue Johnson

To Hillary Schneider & family, in memory of Jeff

- Paul & Risa Cohen
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To Deborah Arendt, congratulations on your award from Hanover Park

- Ron & Barb Razowsky



Special Funds

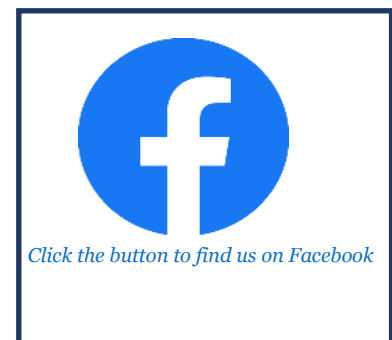
The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- **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
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
- **Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- **Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund**
Repair of Torah scrolls
- **Sisterhood** – Supports women's group's various projects
- **Blossom Wohl Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur is \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. See the President

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions	
March 2 22 Adar I	<i>Parashat Ki Tisa</i> — Exodus 30:11-34:35 Haftarah Kings 18:1-39
March 9 29 Adar I	<i>Parashat Vayak-hel</i> Shabbat Shekalim #1 Exodus 35:1-38:20 #2 Exodus 30:11-16 Haftarah Kings 12:1-17
March 16 6 Adar II	<i>Parashat Pekudei</i> — Exodus 38:21-40:38 Haftarah Kings 7:51-8:21
March 23 13 Adar II	<i>Parashat Vayikra</i> — Shabbat Zachor #1 Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26 #2 Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Haftarah 1 Samuel 15:2-24
March 30 20 Adar II	<i>Parashat Tsav</i> — Shabbat Parah #1 Leviticus 6:1-8:36 #2 Numbers 19:1-22 Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38

March Birthdays	
Maya Castro	Mar 2
Eva Kruth	Mar 2
Charles Zimmerman	Mar 3
Emily Shankman	Mar 3
Jacob Atkins	Mar 3
Adrienne Himmelfarb	Mar 4
Gerald G. Levine	Mar 7
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 7
Elizabeth Bromet	Mar 10
Brandon Garland	Mar 11
Elijah Morgan	Mar 11
Joshua Mitchell	Mar 14
Leah Gomberg	Mar 15
Spencer Nicholas	Mar 15
Matthew Salinas	Mar 18
Sarah Beth Rabin	Mar 19
Harvey Braus	Mar 20
Paul Cohen	Mar 20
Nancy Zimmerman	Mar 21
Zachary Edelstein	Mar 23
Charles Neuman	Mar 25
Robin Coyne	Mar 25
Arthur Shankman	Mar 26
Alyson Costello	Mar 30
Dan Marczak	Mar 31
Jack Neilon	Mar 31
Hailey Trygar	Mar 31

March Anniversaries	
Barry & Karen Kehl Rose	Mar 8
Keith & Marsha Nicholas	Mar 9
Jenny & Matt Trygar	Mar 10
Richard & Eva Kruth	Mar 18
Simon & Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein	Mar 20
Norman & Diane Agins	Mar 25
Maralee Gordon & Leo Schlosberg	Mar 28



March 10, 2024

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 .

Founding of Hadassah, Its Mission, and Shabbat Zachor

HADASSAH An organization that began as a small mission to provide emergency care in pre-state Israel and a women's study group in New York City has flourished over a century into a worldwide organization.

Hadassah Founding Our story begins with the extraordinary Henrietta Szold. On a trip to pre-state Israel, Henrietta Szold's view of the world changed. Horrified by the impact starvation and disease had on her people, she took action. On February 24, 1912, 38 women



constituted the Hadassah Chapter of Daughters of Zion, elected Henrietta Szold as president, and chose nursing as their focus. The new organization's first act was to collect money and send two nurses to Palestine in 1913 to provide pasteurized milk to infants and new mothers and to eradicate trachoma. In 1914, the name was changed to Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America. Henrietta called for practical Zionism, proactive work to bring healing to

Palestine's people. Their original mission was *Aruhat Bat Ami*: the Healing of the Daughter of My People. More than 100 years later, we are proud to advance Henrietta's legacy. We empower women to put their values into action. We continue to build a strong community in the US and Israel. And, in 2005, Hadassah Medical Organization earned a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for bringing advanced medical care to all, regardless of race, ethnicity or nationality, in essence creating a bridge to peace through medicine.

Continuing Our Mission Today we're 300,000 strong with *Members*, male *Associates*, and supporters from across the nation. We remain committed to building a better world through medicine and health care, advocating for change including for women's equality, and supporting Israel while promoting a strong US - Israel relationship. When a sculptor was creating a bust of Henrietta Szold, our founder, she asked him to "make my eyes look to the future." Henrietta Szold is a testament to what one person, one organization, and one vision can accomplish — and we continue to advance her legacy and

lifesaving work today.

Shabbat Zachor On the Shabbat before Purim, the holiday on which we celebrate the foiling of Haman the Amalekite's plot to destroy the Jewish people, the weekly Torah reading is supplemented with the Zachor ("Remember!") reading (Deuteronomy 25:17-19), in which we are commanded to remember the evil of Amalek and to eradicate it from the face of the earth. It was in 1912, just a week before Purim, that Hadassah was created. The name was taken from the Hebrew name of the heroine of the Purim story, Queen Esther! When one considers that all of the Jewish people who were alive at the time lived in the Persian Empire, she literally saved all of her people from extinction. On Hadassah Shabbat, March 22 and March 23 this year, there is a lot of pride to share, with the hope that it will inspire not only our synagogue communities, but the larger community, as well. The Shabbat before Purim is called Shabbat Zachor—Remember!

Come join us at Congregation Kneseth Israel as we remember on Shabbat Zachor, March 23, 2024!

Elgin Hadassah: Programs Coming Soon!

3/13/24 – "Delivering Hope with Dr. Jamie Bar Ness." An American-born pediatrician (with medical education in the U.S. and Israel), specializing in infants and nursing mothers, compares and contrasts her experience in both systems. 7 PM (CT) ZOOM ONLY Pre-registration and donation online to receive LINK. See flyer p.7

3/26/24 – "Beyond the Maxwell House Haggadah: So Many Choices," 7 PM; In-Person only at CKI. Gift Shop open for orders. Pre-registration and donation required. Waivers to be signed online. See p.7

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.

Elgin Hadassah

Delivering Hope with Dr. Jamie Bar Ness

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 · 7 pm CT

\$18 Event Fee · Online Only

Register by March 11

www.events.hadassah.org/ElginHope

Join us for an informative and compelling virtual event that will combine a video tour of the newly renovated pediatric facilities at both of Hadassah's hospitals and an interview with **Dr. Jamie Bar Ness**, an American-born pediatrician, who was educated in both the United States and Israel. She specializes in nursing mothers and infant care. We will also hear from an individual within Hadassah philanthropy about the importance of giving for pediatric services and care.

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Please consider making a donation - your compassion and support make it possible for Hadassah to help save lives and bring hope.

Questions?

847.205.1900

midwest@hadassah.org

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Elgin Hadassah



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BEYOND THE MAXWELL HOUSE HAGGADAH: So Many Choices

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 · 7 pm CT

Congregation Kneseth Israel

330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120

\$10 Event Fee

Register by March 24

www.events.hadassah.org/ElginHaggadah

Elgin Hadassah invites members and prospective members to enjoy Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein's collection of haggadot, describing the necessary elements to a haggadah suitable for a family seder. Light refreshments will be served. Passover ritual items will be displayed and gift shop staff will be available for purchases.

It's March membership month, an opportunity to enumerate the benefits of joining Hadassah or becoming an Associate.

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein is the rabbi of Congregation Kneseth Israel in Elgin, IL. She has been collecting haggadahs since she was a teenager. She grew up using a small edition Maxwell House Haggadah where the cover is now falling off. The first one she purchased was one with a velvet cover called the Israel Haggadah. She has been part of teams that have compiled their own haggadahs.

Questions? 847.205.1900 midwest@hadassah.org

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*All attendees will be required to sign a Hadassah Event Participation Release to attend Hadassah in-person events. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

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Purim of Today

I can't believe we are already in March 2024, and I have humble gratitude for the life I have. We all live with challenges and sometimes lose sight of the daily miracles. The first prayer we say in the morning is Modeh Ani: **"I am grateful to You, living, enduring Sovereign, for restoring my soul to me in compassion. You are faithful beyond measure."** We hear every day that someone is unable to see another sunrise, their family, and friends. It is a daily event that for the most part is taken for granted.



Purim is the plural for *Pur* – lots. One of the many definitions for “casting lots” in a biblical sense is making a chance decision by throwing straw or pebbles. This is how the 14th of Adar was chosen to annihilate the Jewish people. Thankfully a few individuals led and created a different outcome. The Shabbat before Purim is called *Shabbat Zachor* - remember. A fundamental part of Judaism is the retelling of our ancestors' stories – to discuss and learn, with the goal of bettering our future.

Life is full of an unfathomable amount of events that shape us into who we become. What is your lot in life? Can we change the outcome? Maybe. Do we have a better chance of a different destiny if we accept help from others? Definitely. To know your past is a vital tool to change your lot in life, but it is not a guarantee.

The past few years we have seen so much pain in our world. Many of us were affected directly, as our foundations were shaken and/or taken away. How has this affected your approach to living life and creating your lot?

“Life isn't about finding yourself—Life is about creating yourself.”

George Bernard Shaw

Happy Purim! **Be Happy!** It's Adar.

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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Yahrzeits Page 1

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 March. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

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Name	Date Observed	Jewish Month	Date of Service	Name	Date Observed	Jewish Month	Date of Service
Alan Jacobson	Mar 2	Adar-I 22, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Joseph Hass	Mar 12	Adar-II 2, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Melvin Tannebaum	Mar 2	Adar-I 22, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Lillian Nitzberg	Mar 12	Adar-II 2, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Joseph Vopner*	Mar 2	Adar-I 22, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Philip Turek*	Mar 12	Adar-II 2, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Bella Bender	Mar 3	Adar-I 23, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Sarah Burstein*	Mar 15	Adar-II 5, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Ken Korn	Mar 3	Adar-I 23, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Harriet Coyne	Mar 15	Adar-II 5, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Shirley Silberman*	Mar 3	Adar-I 23, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Abraham Levin*	Mar 15	Adar-II 5, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Albert Zimble*	Mar 3	Adar-I 23, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Anna Rolnitzky	Mar 15	Adar-II 5, 5784	Mar 8 & 9
Cyril Friend*	Mar 4	Adar-I 24, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	David Morgan	Mar 16	Adar-II 6, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Gerhard Jacoby	Mar 4	Adar-I 24, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Joyce Bloomberg	Mar 17	Adar-II 7, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Phyllis Lipsky	Mar 4	Adar-I 24, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Bernadine Rifken*	Mar 17	Adar-II 7, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Ben Goldman	Mar 5	Adar-I 25, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Peter Rose	Mar 17	Adar-II 7, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Abraham Kaplan	Mar 5	Adar-I 25, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Shirley Yuskowitz	Mar 18	Adar-II 8, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Libby Oxenhirt	Mar 5	Adar-I 25, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Ethel Bleicher*	Mar 19	Adar-II 9, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Marla Finger*	Mar 6	Adar-I 26, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	Max Burstein*	Mar 19	Adar-II 9, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Fannie Greenfield	Mar 6	Adar-I 26, 5784	Mar 1 & 2	William Durchslag	Mar 19	Adar-II 9, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Leo Wechter*	Mar 9	Adar-I 29, 5784	Mar 8 & 9	Ida Fox*	Mar 19	Adar-II 9, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Phyllis Crohn	Mar 10	Adar-I 30, 5784	Mar 8 & 9	Esther Goozh	Mar 20	Adar-II 10, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Raymond Smith	Mar 10	Adar-I 30, 5784	Mar 8 & 9	Michael Levin	Mar 20	Adar-II 10, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Marion Bromberg	Mar 11	Adar-II 1, 5784	Mar 8 & 9	Alan Miller	Mar 20	Adar-II 10, 5784	Mar 15 & 16
Rae Pitzele	Mar 11	Adar-II 1, 5784	Mar 8 & 9	Clifford Manning	Mar 21	Adar-II 11, 5784	Mar 15 & 16

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Fri Mar 8	5:34 pm	Sat Mar 9	6:43 pm
Fri Mar 15	6:42 pm	Sat Mar 16	7:51 pm
Fri Mar 22	6:50 pm	Sat Mar 23	7:59 pm
Fri Mar 29	6:57 pm	Sat Mar 30	8:07 pm

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Rachel Rifken*	Mar 21	Adar-II 11, 5784	Mar 15 & 16	Gerald Crohn	Mar 30	Adar-II 20, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Abraham Silvian*	Mar 21	Adar-II 11, 5784	Mar 15 & 16	Gertrude Brown*	Mar 31	Adar-II 21, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Robert Isadore Burstein*	Mar 23	Adar-II 13, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Ted David Le Vine*	Mar 31	Adar-II 21, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Mabel Frary	Mar 23	Adar-II 13, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Laurie Winner	Mar 31	Adar-II 21, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Patsy McQuary	Mar 23	Adar-II 13, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Ruth Goldstein*	Apr 1	Adar-II 22, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Frederic Lorsch	Mar 24	Adar-II 14, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Alan Jacobson	Apr 1	Adar-II 22, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Norman Schack*	Mar 24	Adar-II 14, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Melvin Tannebaum	Apr 1	Adar-II 22, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
David Wener	Mar 24	Adar-II 14, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Joseph Vopner*	Apr 1	Adar-II 22, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Mae Burstein*	Mar 25	Adar-II 15, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Bella Bender	Apr 2	Adar-II 23, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Ethel Thomas	Mar 25	Adar-II 15, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Joseph Fishman	Apr 2	Adar-II 23, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Adele Epstein	Mar 27	Adar-II 17, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Ken Korn	Apr 2	Adar-II 23, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Jennie Brown*	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Shirley Silberman*	Apr 2	Adar-II 23, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Gerald Crohn	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Albert Zimble*	Apr 2	Adar-II 23, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Edward Gross	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Cyril Friend*	Apr 3	Adar-II 24, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Wayne Rosenbaum	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Gerhard Jacoby	Apr 3	Adar-II 24, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Israel Shankman	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Rinard K. Brown*	Apr 4	Adar-II 25, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Jo Lynn Turek	Mar 28	Adar-II 18, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Jerome Drew	Apr 4	Adar-II 25, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
Ruth Aronson	Mar 29	Adar-II 19, 5784	Mar 22 & 23	Abraham Kaplan	Apr 4	Adar-II 25, 5784	Mar 29 & 30
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Fri Mar 22	6:50 pm	Sat Mar 23	7:59 pm
Fri Mar 29	6:57 pm	Sat Mar 30	8:07 pm

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Torah School

Shalom!

I hope everyone is planning their Purim costume and baking hamantaschen.

In Pirkei Avot chapter 1, verse 13, it states, "Spread a name, lose his name. And one who does not increase [knowledge] ceases. And one who does not study is liable to die. And one who makes use of the crown [of learning] passes away."

What does this mean? How does it apply to today?

Sunday, March 17 is our Purim Carnival. The theme is *All Together*. Plan your best groovy, rock 'n roll costume!

The schedule for the morning is (DOUBLE CHECK WITH RABBI) :

9:00-9:25 class time

9:30 Megillah Reading and costumes

10:15-11:30 Carnival Games, Schmoozing, Pasta and Bagel Bar, and Hamantaschen

Remember, no Torah School March 24 and March 31 for Spring break. As the Pirkei Avot quote states, "Keep on learning!"

B'Shalom,

Heather



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 overnight 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.

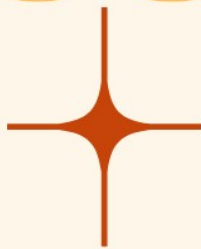
What Emily has learned from her Jewish education is that one person can make a difference. She has enjoyed learning Hebrew and looks forward to using an app to continue her Hebrew education.

Her Bat Mitzvah project is to help educate people on climate change.

PURIM CARNIVAL COSTUME CONTEST				
		@ Congregation Kneseth Israel-Elgin Social Hall		
 	Sunday MARCH 17	Megillah Reading, Games, Food, arts 'n crafts Fun for all!		
	9:30am-11:30 am	Come Together Donations accepted		www.ckielgin.org

It's Hamantaschen Time

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	COST
Assorted Dozen Hamentaschen		\$12	
Donation of Hamentaschen		\$12	
An additional donation \$18 or more will help cover costs			
Total			

DUE: MARCH 10TH

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PICK UP AT CKI DURING PURIM
CARNIVAL.

CARNIVAL IS MARCH 17
9:30-11:30

The Soup Kettle Scoop

Barb and I want to thank our January volunteers: Robin Coyne, Gale and Ken Jacoby, Jerry Niederman and Phyllis Guth, Kathy Lange, Shira Coffee, and Vern Tepe. We served 75 guests, and it was a busy evening. Of course, the prep and serving could not have gone so smoothly without these wonderful folks lending a helping hand.



Our next Soup Kettle is April 30. As always, we'll need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00 pm.

To volunteer, please contact 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—

Anita Silverman for making kugel to help Jenny and Sam celebrate their aufruf.

Gene Lindow for defrosting and draining the kitchen refrigerator and reassembling it.

Robin Coyne for mopping the kitchen floor.

Rabbi Margaret & Heather Weiser for cleaning out the kitchen refrigerator.

Elaine & Larry Steinberg for sponsoring the aufruf for Sam and Jenny.

Patrick & Glorilee Harper for sponsoring the First Friday Family Shabbat service.

Kara Morgan, Jana McFarlane, Lisa Neilon, Gene Lindow: Kitchen Team par excellence for going over and above cleaning up the kitchen after the Steinberg wedding.

Robin Coyne for providing bagels for the Town Hall meeting.

Castro Family for hosting the Chai Babies Havdalah.

Stew Levin for his soulful playing for the Shabbat Zimrah service.

Jana McFarlane for purchasing cleaning supplies for the kitchen.

Jenny & Sam Steinberg for donating wedding food to the Community Crisis Center.

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

Mar 1	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Mar 15	Shabbat Zimrah Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Mar 16	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Mar 2	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Mar 17	Torah School - Purim Carnival	9:00 AM
Mar 3	Torah School	9:00 AM		Election Day	
Mar 5	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Mar 19	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Mar 7	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Mar 21	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Mar 8	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Mar 22	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Mar 9	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Mar 23	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Torah School	9:00 AM		Zimmerman Lunch	12:00 PM
Mar 10	Hamantaschen Bake	9:00 AM	Mar 24	Purim	
	PJ Library Pre Purim Prep Party	10:00 AM		No Torah School (Spring Break)	
Mar 12	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Mar 26	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM		Hadassah Haggadah Presentation	7:00 PM
Mar 13	Hadassah Dr. Jamie Bar Ness Zoom	7:00 PM	Mar 28	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Mar 14	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Mar 29	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Mar 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due		Mar 30	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Men's Club Pickleball	12:00 PM	Mar 31	No Torah School (Spring Break)	