

Congregation Announces 120th High Holiday Services Schedule

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This fall Congregation Kneseth Israel (CKI) will celebrate the Jewish High Holy Days for the 120th time. In honor of this anniversary, and to welcome its new leader, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, CKI is doing away with tickets for those seeking to observe the holiday period.

Rochelle Fosco, the President of CKI stated, "Even though we have regular financial responsibility 'to keep the lights on,' our Board of Directors feel strongly that no one should have to 'pay to pray.' In addition, we thought this would be a great, no-risk way, for interested people to come and meet our new Rabbi."

Rabbi Frisch Klein stated, "The High Holidays, the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, are a chance for us to pause, to reconnect with our better selves, with each other, and with the Divine. God wants us to do "teshuvah," to return, to come back. Teshuvah can happen in a number of ways. In a synagogue we do it as a community. I am looking forward to my first opportunity to join with the CKI community on this journey of renewal."

In addition to Rabbi Frisch Klein, cantorial services will be provided by Stephanie Burak. Ms Burak has ten years of experience teaching Hebrew, Judaics, and Bar Mitzvah preparation in Atlanta, Boston, and Chicago. She hosts the site www.CompassionInJudaism.com. She has also served as CKI's confirmation teacher for the past three years.

Services will be held as follows:

- First night of Rosh Hashanah, 9/16 at 7:30 p.m.
- First day of Rosh Hashanah 9/17, at 9:00 a.m.
- Second day of Rosh Hashanah, 9/18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Kever Avot , 9/23 at 1:00 pm
- Kol Nidre, 9/25 at 6:15 pm
- Yom Kippur Day, 9/26 at 9:00 am
- Yizkor 9/26 at Noon
- Ne'ilah, 9/26 at 6:45 pm

For more information regarding High Holiday Services., please contact Rabbi Klein at 847-741-5656 or visit the website at www.ckielgin.org. For more information regarding CKI's 120th anniversary events contact Rich Kruth at 847-289-9894.

Congregation Kneseth Israel is a pluralistic synagogue serving the diverse Jewish Community of the Greater Fox Valley area. CKI offers weekly services, a religious school, observance of all lifecycle events, and a variety of additional programming. CKI is located at 330 Division Street in Elgin.

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