

Kol Kneseth Israel

"The Voice of Kneseth Israel"

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The votes are in, except in Florida where they don't matter anyway, and the winner of the "name the bulletin poll" is

Kol Kneseth Israel... *The Voice of Kneseth Israel*.

There will be those who will continue to call this "The Bulletin" and that's alright too. But it's more than that.

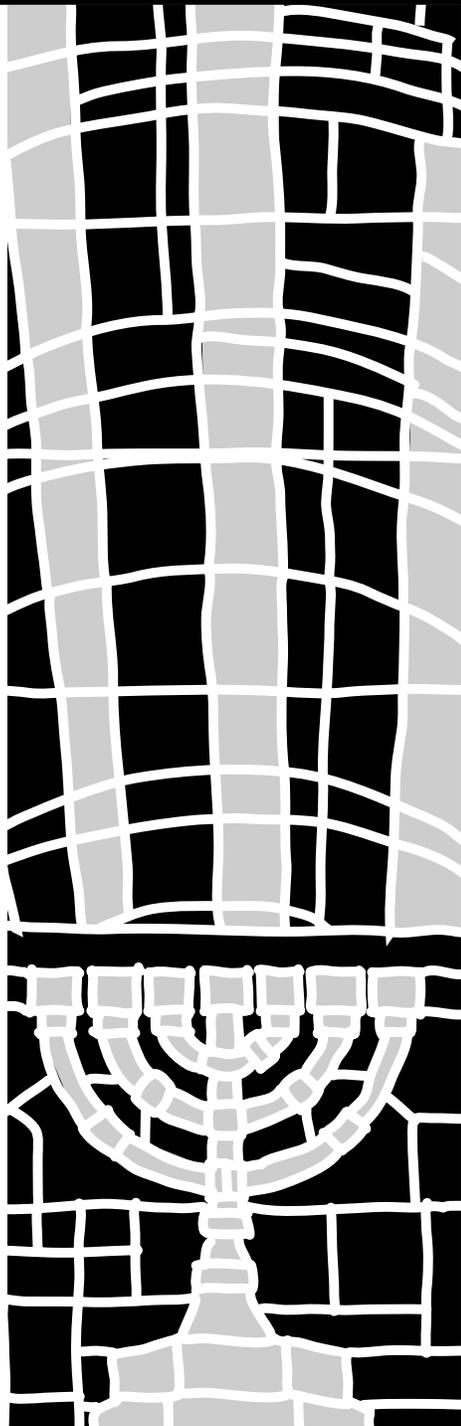
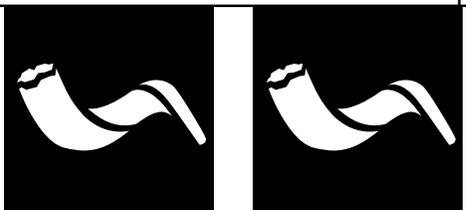
Ha Kol...is exactly what this publication is intended to be... your voice, your interests, your concerns all combined to be the voice of our congregation and Judaism in the Fox Valley. This is the opportunity for everyone to hear and be heard. We want to know about you, what you're involved in, what your children and grandchildren do, what is fun and what is not. What an exciting concept!

As I have in the past, I invite your participation. Your articles are needed, your suggestions and thoughts are important to share with our CKI family. This is, after all, your publication.

We want to provide something of substance that you can share with pride with friends and family and the community at large. *Ha Kol* can be a tool for spreading our message of enjoyment, involvement and fulfillment in being 21st Century Jews. Enjoy!



Ron Razowsky, *Editor*



“Pauses Between the Notes”

Last month, I mentioned the culmination of the High Holy Day season is the celebration of the *Torah* reading cycle on *Simhat Torah*, this year on Saturday night, Oct. 18. Unfortunately perceived like other occasions to be for children, *Simhat Torah* cannot truly be appreciated until one can really appreciate *Torah*. As a child, I certainly anticipated the seven *Torah* processions (*hakafot*), the flags, the singing (my appreciation of caramel apples came later, though)...but did I really understand what it was all about? No, not until I was at least in high school and then not until I was a student at the Jewish

Theological Seminary of America. Not only did my appreciation of *Torah* advance with time, but it was at the Seminary that I participated in the celebration of *Simhat Torah* like nowhere else. We had *hakafot* with spirited dancing and singing with people who knew and wanted to know the joy and the beauty of Jewish life and being a Jew. The first *hakafah* lasted easily 30 minutes and we were gratefully exhausted when the evening was over (let alone the annual “*Simhat Torah* Bash” we hosted for 400 people in our dorm that night, the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, thank you, members of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism). And we got up the next morning, God knows how, and did it all over again, this time concluding and beginning again the *Torah* reading cycle.

Sadly, in many Conservative synagogues today, Jews are often uncomfortable celebrating Jewish events as Jews do. *Simhat Torah* has become almost a perfunctory occasion, less than what it ought to be, partly because we are less familiar with the beauty of *Torah* than previously. We avoid opportunities to learn *Torah*,

either because we think we can’t, we don’t believe in God (and in that case many have misperceptions about God which contribute to this unfortunate factor), or we think *Torah* is irrelevant to modern life, to name a few. There are many levels to appreciate *Torah*, in contextual and interpretive ways. We have various ways to achieve that, at home in individual study, on *Shabbat* and Holy Days together in synagogue or through adult education offerings. The time for excuses must stop now. America, the great haven for Jewish life will no longer be that if we don’t educate ourselves and our children by being living Jewish

role models. If we don’t act now, assimilation and intermarriage will surely be our downfall in the land that gave us so much and offered us the greatest potential in Jewish history.

One aspect of *Torah* that was exciting for me was unlocking the mystery of how it is chanted in public and how that method lends to the understanding of the text. That love affair began at age 9 and by age 11, I was professionally employed by a major North Shore congregation as a *ba’al korei* (*Torah* Chanter) in their main service. The skill improved and not only deepened my love for *Torah*, but opened some important Jewish doors and provided significant supplementary income during college. My intensive Seminary learning only enhanced what was already a well-developed art form.

In my previous pulpit in New York, we had people lined up waiting to chant regularly from the *Torah* and my adult students then are now teachers of *Torah* chant for others. Sadly, I have not had the success in our congregation to transmit that desire/passion to others to want to learn to chant from the

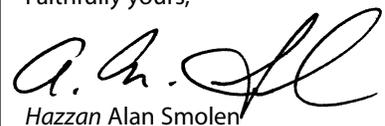
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Torah. But we are in crisis beyond the layperson’s need to acquire *Torah* for themselves. **We need to have greater lay participation in the public chanting of the *Torah*, and not only when I’m away on a *Shabbat*. Congregants should regularly be a part of *Torah* chant to ensure it continues for the future and to provide ourselves with an “intimate *Torah* experience,” like *t’fillin* (see the January 2004 edition for more on *t’fillin*).**

I am more than willing to work with people, individually or as a group, to learn how to chant from the *Torah*. Many of us already have some basic familiarity, if we can chant *v’Ahavta* and /or *vaYomer*, during the service. And that doesn’t mean learning to chant an entire portion right away. Start with 3 verses. Chant 3 verses once a month here on *Shabbat* or a holiday. We’ll all be better for it.

Be in touch soon (phone, e-mail, smoke signal) and let’s have some other aspect of *Torah* to celebrate by next *Simhat Torah*.

Faithfully yours,



Hazzan Alan Smolen

Hazzan Smolen is always available should a need arise. But, he cannot know if something has occurred in your life which would be helped by his visit if you don’t call him. Hospitals are very protective of patient lists due to “right of privacy” rules and it is difficult for Hazzan Smolen to find out if congregants have been admitted. Please state your religious and congregation affiliation if admitted to a hospital. This information is to serve pastoral needs of patients, not to persecute them. If a family member or friend is in the hospital or ill, please call Hazzan Smolen so he may tend to their spiritual needs.

Message from the President

"I AM A JEW!"

The moment I actually realized that – I can't say. Maybe it was when I stood under the *chupah* with my beautiful bride and broke the glass. Maybe it was when I said *kaddish* the first time for my beloved father. Maybe it was when *bubbe* took me to *shul*. Maybe it was when our sons came home crying because the neighbor kids called them "dirty Jews." (Our youngest, Marc, said to Fern, "I take a bath every night. I'm not dirty.") Maybe it was when the boy across the street came over to spit in our new car. Maybe it was the skinhead in my expository writing class who glared at me as he handed in his essay proclaiming "der Fuhrer will rise again." Or maybe it was the first time our family gathered at the Passover *seder*.

I can't say. All I know is that it must have been a strong epiphany.

I wasn't raised in a particularly religious family albeit they were a wonderful one.

They were Jewish by traditions and gastronomy more than anything. And I wasn't raised in a Jewish part of town. At Blaine Elementary School, Stanley and I were the two Jews in class. But something must have happened along the way to make "I AM A JEW" really stick.

I've never worn my Judaism on my sleeve (like I do my emotions), but I have never hidden the fact either. I remember the first time a student in a class realized I was Jewish. He said, "You're Jewish?"

"Yes," I said not wanting to make much of it.

"You don't look Jewish."

"Oh, and what do you suppose Jewish looks like?" I asked him.

"I guess pretty good because one thing is there's money."

So I started educating this student and myriads to follow. And some of my best was when I directed theater and was able to teach kids who I was and who they were without Jewishness being any consideration at all. Did they learn when they performed in or worked backstage on *Diary of Anne Frank*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The World of Sholom Aleichem*? You bet they did. And when I taught *The Chosen* to my AP English students, did they learn?

You bet they did. And when they asked a question about something Jewish, I said, "I can answer that. I am a Jew." And did I destroy some of their stereotypes and preconceived notions and teach them to consider people carefully no matter who they are? I sure hope I did.

...and what do you suppose Jewish looks like?

We must all realize that as Jews we do not live in a vacuum. Continuing to educate others is an important ingredient of our survival, especially with what is being promulgated in the world around us. At these times, maybe it IS time to wear our Judaism on our sleeve. We must realize that during *Yom Kippur* we must focus on our shortcomings. We must realize that maybe the worst sin we commit throughout the course of the year is that we do not let go of a transgression once we realize the error of our ways. We must not be held back from being the best Jew we can be. We do count. We do make a difference.

Do you recall the moment you realized that you are a Jew? Perhaps not. But joining *Kneseth Israel* can certainly be that moment. One of our many goals is Jewish continuity as we seek to preserve and pass on our heritage to the next generation. Everything we do here emphasizes that Judaism is something to be lived today, not just something to be learned for tomorrow. Only an alive tradition can be passed on. We strive to make Judaism come alive for you. Be here. Be a part of what we do. Be a part of who you are. Make that commitment this year. Be able to say, proudly – "I AM A JEW!"

L'chaim



Ron Raben

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Blood Drive, Sunday, November 9

The preservation of human life [known as *pikuah nefesh*] is obligatory, not optional," writes Rabbi Joseph Prouser in The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Review. To meet that obligation, volunteer donors are sought for the first-ever CKI Blood Drive, to be held here on Sunday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers.

Every three seconds, a patient needs life-sustaining donated blood – an accident victim, a patient undergoing surgery, or a patient receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or another disease. The demand for blood is greater today than ever, as the nation's supply needs constant replenishment. An estimated 8 million people donate blood in the United State each year, but many more donors are needed. Heartland Blood Centers, a non-profit medical organization supplying all blood and blood products to 34 Illinois and Indiana hospitals, must collect 450 pints of voluntarily donated blood every day in order to meet patient transfusion needs in the area it serves.

Donating blood is relatively quick and painless. After answering a few questions and screening for blood pressure and iron, the actual donation process usually takes less than 15 minutes. Afterwards, donors enjoy some light treats and liquids before being released.

Donors must be 17 or older, although 16-year-olds may donate with parental consent. Donors must be in good health, feeling well, and weigh at least 110 pounds. It is recommended to eat something within the four hours preceding the donation, and that the person has not donated within the previous eight weeks. Please remember to bring a photo I.D. For more information on qualification, go to: www.heartlandbc.org/donor_qualifications_fp.htm.

We've set a goal of 40 units for this drive, which will be open to the public. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join! Walk-ins are warmly welcomed, but if you'd like to reserve a specific time, contact Event Coordinator Paul Glaser, at (630) 513-8268, or at pinchasyakov@lightfirst.com.

So eat your spinach on Saturday night, have a hearty breakfast, and then come on down and help save a life on the 9th!

Ha Kol Information

Kol Kneseth Israel is published monthly by Congregation Kneseth Israel of Elgin, Illinois. It is mailed to CKI members via first class postage. Non-members who would like to receive a copy may do so by forwarding a yearly donation of \$18 (*Chai*) to cover cost of production and mailing. Make checks payable to CKI.

Simon Study Group

Come enjoy an active and lively discussion group on Sunday Mornings. Discussion of world issues and study of Jewish content are the mainstays. At present, the study emphasis is the enlightening essays in "*Etz Hayimi*" torah and commentary.

The Drs Albert and Frieda Simon Study Group has been a part of CKI for 50 years. Meetings are open to all. There is no cost. The group meets at 10:00 each Sunday morning at the Synagogue.



Host an Oneg!

Celebrating an anniversary, a special birthday or simcha of any kind or just want to have fun? We are looking for people to host a Friday Evening Shabbat Oneg. Good dates are still available. Its fun, easy and always appreciated!!! Call Karen Sigal at 847-429-0016 and get the details.

Wearing the Tallit

Wearing a *tallit* (Jewish prayer garment) is a *mitzvah* (commandment) from the *Torah* and is part of the protocol in our synagogue. Jewish males, and Jewish females who wish (both over the age of *bar/bat-mitzvah*), should wear a *tallit* at *Shabbat* and other morning services. It is a way to be enwrapped by the Divine Presence, the *tzitzit* (tassels) in the four corners

remind us of all of our Jewish obligations (*mitzvot*). The *tallit* was also the inspiration for the flag of the State of Israel, so we demonstrate our love of the Jewish homeland by wearing it. Anyone who has questions about how to put it on, wear it, or simply wants more information, should feel free to be in touch with *Hazzan* Smolen.

Ask the Ritual Committee

THE M'ZUZAH – Part I

The m'zuzah consists of a container containing a parchment with Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21 lettered on the front and God's name Shaddai (Almighty) lettered on the back. Usually the container has a hole through which the word Shaddai (יְשׁוּדַי) can be seen. Otherwise the container should have the word Shaddai or the letter shin (ש) displayed on the front.

Histories of M'zuzah

Many people date the *m'zuzah* back to the time when we were slaves in Egypt. Egyptians were known to place a sacred document at the entrance to their houses.

The word "*m'zuzah*" means "door post" and refers to the sentence in Deuteronomy 6:9, 11:20: "inscribe them on the door posts of your homes and on your gates." Originally an abbreviated version of the *Sh'ma* was carved into the door post. Later, the

present twenty-two lines were written on a piece of parchment and fastened to the door post. Then it was placed in a hollow reed and attached to the door post. Finally it was placed in containers similar to those used at present.

Significance

There has been much disagreement about the significance of the m'zuzah.

Some people think of it as an amulet, which helps protect their house.

At one point kabalistic (Jewish mystical) symbols and inscriptions were added to the inscription in the *m'zuzah* to enhance its protective function. The *Shaddai* on the back of the parchment is a remnant of this and was an abbreviation for "Guardian of the doors of Israel" (*Shomeir D'latot Yisra'eil*).

A later view, more prevalent today is that the *m'zuzah* protects us not against external harm, but against

sinning. Eliezer ben Jacob said "whosoever has the *t'fillin* on his head, the *t'fillin* on his arm, the *tzizit* on his garment and the *m'zuzah* on his door post is fortified against sinning"

Maimonides claimed the *m'zuzah* reminded us, each time we left our home and ventured into the world, that worldly affairs were unimportant. Maimonides also claimed to think of the *m'zuzah* as an amulet was to distort and pervert its true meaning. "Fools pervert for temporal benefit the religious duty of *m'zuzah*, of proclaiming the Unity of God and the love and service due Him as though this were an amulet."

While having a *m'zuzah* on your door post is a religious duty, it is actually considered a *mitzvah* to make *m'zuzot* for others!!!

Next Month Part 2: Laws concerning the *M'zuzah*

Social Action Committee

As Jews we are commanded to care for the needy and the stranger. The *Torah* teaches that caring for less fortunate others is not a matter of charity, but of justice or *tzedakah*. Please take this commandment to heart by embracing the notion that we can all help to bring comfort to those that are in need. You can start by supporting our annual *Kol Nidre* Drive to feed the hungry. Please bring a minimum of two food items to service and/or make a donation to "The Corners of Our Fields" High Holiday appeal sponsored by *Mazon*. In addition:

- ▶ Mark November 9th on you calendar for the CKI/Heartland blood drive. Every 3 seconds a patient needs life-sustaining blood due to an accident, surgery, or ongoing illness. Further information regarding donor qualifications and how to sign up will follow. A minimum of 40 donors (16 and older with written parental approval) is needed, so please tell your friends and neighbors!
- ▶ Continue to tell friends and neighbors of our cellular phone drive. CKI will receive 50¢ for each cell phone sent to Ecophones recycling program, but more importantly, our environment will be protected from potential toxic contamination.
- ▶ Plan for our December new toy or book drive. Items will be donated to *Keshet* Day School for children and young adults with developmental disabilities.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any Social Action Committee member.

Fern Raben
Sherry Wiesman
Tina Wolf



Torah School News

As we begin a new year of Jewish learning it's important to send the right messages to our students. The following are some ways we can encourage positive Jewish learning:

Be a Jewish role model. Let children see that we like being Jewish and are proud of it.

Plan regular visits to Jewish places that you and your child(ren) would enjoy. Let them know there is always more to see and do in the Jewish community and being Jewish can be a fun and exciting adventure.

If you have special Jewish practices or rituals that you enjoy, invite children to watch or join you. You will help them see that rituals are sources of learning and pleasure and that doing anything well takes practice, interest and patience.

Talk about being Jewish and what it means to do Jewish things, especially if you are learning a new skill or beginning a new project. Let children know that learning can also be a challenge for adults too but that it has many rewards.

Remember to praise children's efforts at learning new Jewish skills and show pride in our own as well. Help children feel that learning accomplishments are important ones.

Encourage curiosity in Judaism. Welcome questions from children and ask your own. Discuss where you might go to find the answers, such as the synagogue or library. This will help children recognize the importance of asking questions and encouraging skills necessary for knowing where to find answers.

Let's all work together, home, school and synagogue to create a caring and nurturing learning environment for all.

Hebrew students will decorate the *Sukkah* during school on Wednesday, October 8 at 5:00pm. Younger students are welcome to join us at that time.

I look forward to seeing all families at "Pizza in the Hut" on Wednesday, October 15. See flyer in this Bulletin for all the details.

Hodesh tov (a good month),



Marla Topp
Director of Education

Move Over Aunt Jemima!

In crisp white aprons and flipping flapjacks, the USY guys put Aunt Jemima to shame as they turned out pancakes galore at the opening-of-school breakfast on Sunday, September 7th. And the USY gals came in at 8:00 a.m. to set it up, clean it up, and sell the tickets!

A batter full of thanks to these USY'ers who made this entire morning lively and delicious:

Cory Jacoby, Michael Rosenfeld, Jon Glaser, Daniel Ilani, Jason Sigal, Matt Wolf, Sarah Burkner, Michelle Piraino, and Morgan Stanczak.

And special thanks to Gale Jacoby, Maureen and Joe Rosenfeld, and Sarah Wolfensohn for their organizational work, spirit, and energy!



We invite you to share our joy at Shabbat services on Saturday, October 25, 2003 when our daughter Sloane is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Please join us for Kiddush luncheon immediately following the service

Greg and Susan Merdinger



Our October B'nai Mitzvah



Sloane Merdinger will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mizvah on October 25, 2003. Sloane is a 7th grade student at Ellis Middle School in Elgin. She loves to ride her horses Mini and Brass, plays

guitar, likes to cook, swim and play tennis and likes playing with her dogs Moe and Charly. She is a cheerleader for the Carol Stream Panthers.

Sharing this special occasion with Sloane are her proud parents, Susan and Greg Merdinger, her brother Garrett and sister Sydney. Also sharing this wonderful day are her grandparents Sandra and Don Hurwitz and Sandi Merdinger.

Sloane has learned from her Jewish education that giving up is not an option and that hard work and responsibility pay off.

A Special Going Forth

Speaking the words of *T'filat HaDerekh* and listening to the blessing from their parents and the words of Dr. Seuss' *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, Kneseth Israel's recent high school graduates were sent on their way.

At the *Lekh Lekha Shabbat* service – "A Ceremony of Going Forth" – on August 16, the college-bound graduates, their parents, and some grandparents participated in this unique and moving service. Each student received a *Torah* honor, they introduced themselves to the congregation and where they were going to attend school, they were presented with a *mezuzah* that attaches with tape to their college room door post, and the parents blessed their children with the following words:

"May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless _____ as they embark on this significant and transforming journey. Give them strength to meet the challenges which lie ahead and the wisdom to choose well at every junction. May their heritage and tradition be the signposts which guide them on their way. Give them the courage to ask questions, seek knowledge and better our world. 'Go forth from your land,' God told Abraham, 'Go forth from your native land, from your father's house, to the land which I will show you, and I will bless you..' May you always feel God's sheltering presence."

The college freshmen who attended with their families were Rebecca Berg, Tammi Linne, Adam Schulman, Jeremy Schweinler, and Shauna Zivin. Shana Bender, Brett Jacoby, Joel Pitzele, and Daniel Zemel were unable to attend.

With the help of Sherry Wiesman, Fern Raben, and Marla Topp, a beautiful extended kiddush followed this special *Shabbat* service.

CKI Kadima/USY

CKI Kadima and USY would like to thank everyone who supported the Pancake Breakfast. We hope to make it bigger and better every year! We are already looking forward to the activities of October. Our USY presidents, Cory Jacoby and Michael Rosenfeld will attend the Chicago Regional Leadership Training Institute.

The first regional dance of the year will take place on 10/4/03. This is not a dance like prom. It is called a dance, but is actually just an informal get together where the kids hang out together while music plays. It is not a "date thing". It is not dress up. It is a chance to see old friends, make new friends, and have fun. On 10/26/03 the Chicago Regional Kadima Day will take place at the Recreation Centre in Elgin. We are very excited to have the Chicago Region come out to join us in Elgin. So all you Kadima kids, save the date and join in the fun. On 11/16/03, Kadima and USY will join together for an afternoon of Laser Tag. Watch your mail for details.

Any questions, please contact any of the following:

USY co-presidents	Michael Rosenfeld	847-888-1950
	Cory Jacoby	630-513-0383
USY Advisor	Sarah Wolfensohn	847-903-8475
Kadima Advisor	Joe Rosenfeld	847-888-1950
Youth Commission	Gale Jacoby	630-513-0383



Ha Kol Deadline

All material for the November issue is due no later than October 10. All items should be emailed to ronrazowsky@lightfirst.com. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendar

Hadassah Hosts Magen David Adom Director

On Monday evening **December 1st** at *Kneseth Israel*, our *Hadassah* chapter will host **Gary Kenzer, Executive Director of Magen David Adom USA**. He will speak to the community on issues relevant to the conflicts in the Middle East and the needs of MDA. More information will follow. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at this special presentation.

Chicago Jewish Women Featured at Spertus

How about **October 26th**? Spertus Museum in Chicago has an exhibit titled **"Chicago Jewish Women in the 20th Century"** through October 31. Hours are Mon. – Thurs. 9AM to 5PM, Friday 9AM to 3PM and Sunday 11AM to 4:30 PM. For more information contact Joy Kingsolver at 312.322.1741.

If anyone is interested in going on Sunday, October 26, please call Linda Blatchford at 847.742.8038. She would like to get a small group together, if possible.

CKI Men's Club

Join us Wednesday, **October 22nd** for a presentation from a member of the Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs, to discuss the benefits of starting a group at CKI.

We encourage all of you to attend and reacquaint with old friends, meet new ones, and begin to develop new bonds. A strong men's club can be a great asset to our synagogue and we may find that we all have common interests. More details to follow, for now please reserve the date.
CKI Book Group

Attention Parents of College Students!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AWAY AT COLLEGE?

The congregation would like an up-to-date list of all college students who have come from the congregation so that we can stay in touch with them throughout the year by sending them synagogue bulletins and other announcements as the year progresses. We are also planning a college reunion Shabbat service in December. If your child is away at school, we would deeply appreciate your filling out the following form and returning it to the synagogue.

Name of student _____

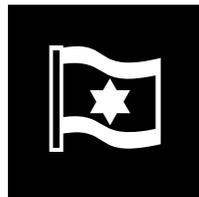
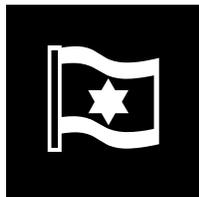
Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School _____

Birthday _____ E-Mail address _____

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Congregation Meeting

We will have a congregation meeting on December 2nd to vote on beginning contract negotiations with *Hazzan* Smolen. At that meeting, members will be given the chance to offer feedback about the *Hazzan* and his work with the congregation. However, in order to prevent a lengthy and repetitive meeting, please call or e-mail me if you have any concerns that we might be able to answer/discuss before the congregation meeting.

There is no board meeting in October. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Ron Raben
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F.N.A!

The dates for
"Friday Night Alive!" are:

Nov. 14, 2003

Jan. 30, 2004

Feb. 27, 2004

Apr. 2, 2004

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News from WSFI (West Suburban Friends of Israel)

Information on the film *Relentless Search For Peace*.

The program will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, I would suggest that you arrive at least a half hour early. It will be held at North Central College, White Activities Center, Centennial Hall, located at 325 E. Benton Ave., Naperville, IL. Following the viewing of the film there will be a moderated panel discussion on the conflict. There is expected to be a modest price for tickets to help offset the costs to WSFI.

For more information: <http://www.honestreporting.com/relentless>

There are tentative plans for another Jewish / Christian Fellowship meeting is tentatively planned for late October. It will be held at Elmhurst College. Please contact me at my e-mail address (cjgruner@earthlink.net) or by phone (630-208-9675) for more information.

In mid June of this Year I attended a program at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies. The subject of the program was Israel Advocacy. It was the forerunner of similar programs that were to be presented around the country. Chicago was the "pilot" program. The sponsors are UJC (United Jewish Communities) and JCPA (Jewish Council for Public Affairs). WSFI is now working with Jay Tcath of JUF to have some or all of this program available for local Jewish leaders. It will likely be held in early 2004. As the information is finalized, I will report the details.

Charles Gruner

Adult Education

I want to thank all the people that contributed to making the **Welcome Back Picnic** of August 24th a memorable evening. Those earning special thanks were Linda Blatchford; Paul & Risa Cohen; Ron & Fern Raben; Walter, Carol, Valerie & Richard Brown; Ron, Karen, Jason & Laura Segal; Karen Myrent; Saul Mariasis; Janet Ellingson; Hazzan Alan Smolen; Shirley Simon; Marla Topp; and all those who helped move tables and chairs.

Watch this space for more exciting events to follow and save the date... May 4th, 2004. Thanks to all.

Barb Scharf, *Adult Education*



This dummy's a winner. Ventriloquist Chuck Fields helps bring out the talent of Jerry Weisberg and Karen Myrent at the CKI Membership Picnic.



Bibliobits *by Linda Blatchford*

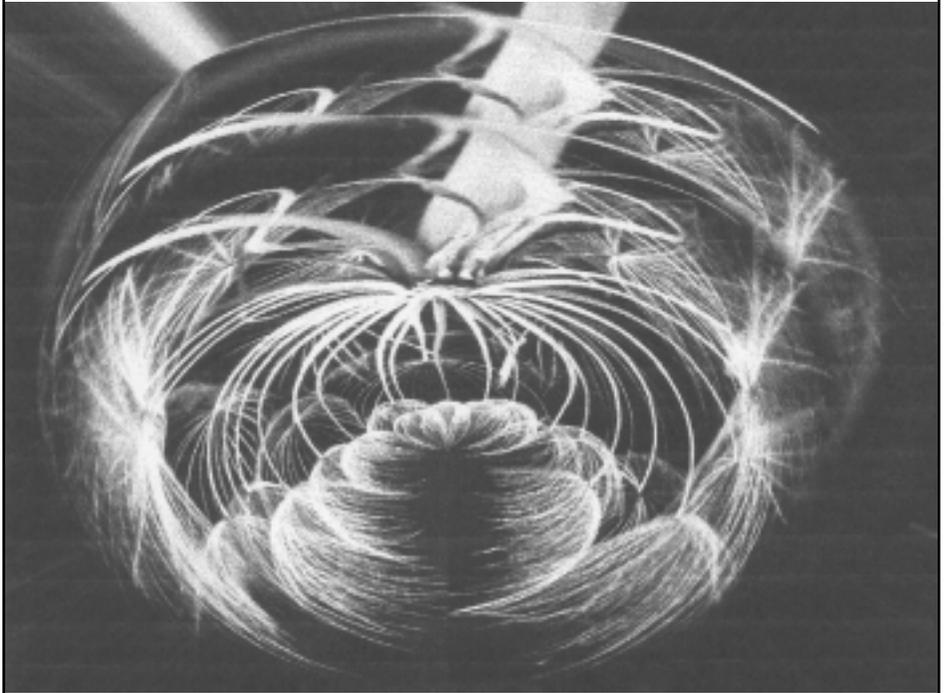
New Library Hours: The CKI Library is open during office hours from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM on Monday through Friday unless there is a holiday. Feel free to relax, read books and take some out from the library. The lending period is 30 days. It's easy to check out books — Just sign your name and due date on the card in the pocket of the book and place it in the small box on the shelf. If you have any questions about taking out books, please call Linda Blatchford at 847.742.8038.

Motherland author coming to CKI: (Adult Ed Committee) SAVE THE DATE Monday, May 10, 2004. Thanks to Ron Raben and Barbara Sharf for reading and suggesting a wonderful book, Fern Shumer Chapman will speak at CKI about her book, *Motherland*, on May 10, 2004.

CKI needs to order books ASAP so that we can read them first and have Ms. Chapman sign them when she comes.

The book price is only \$13.00 and you'll want your own copy. To reserve your copy, please call Tina Wolf at 630.377.1287.

Art Showcase Honors CKI Member



A sample of photographic art by Shirley Simon

The American Association of University Women Art Showcase has named **Shirley Simon** an **Honorable Mention Award** winner for last month's exhibit of her photographic work in Elgin. Art Showcase has presented artists for 43 years. Shirley has been displaying her work for the last 3 years. Shirley's 2003 exhibit displayed 35 images of both photographic and digital manipulation varieties. She has also been seen in exhibitions at

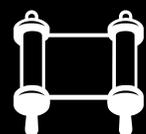
Campbell House, Norris Center, Downtown Neighbors Association, Sherman Hospital, Elgin City Hall and Aurora University Shows. She is a member of the Art Showcase Committee and a local Elgin group called Art for All focused on exhibiting art in public places. The AAUW is an active participant in the Elgin art community.

Congratulations on a job well done, keep up the good work.

Weekly Parsha

Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

October 4 8 Tishrei	<i>Ha'Azinu</i> – Deuteronomy 32:1-52 page 1185 <i>Haftarah:</i> Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 2:15-27 page 1235 <i>Shabbat Shuvah</i> - Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah & Yom Kippur
October 11 15 Tishrei	<i>Sukkot</i> - Leviticus 22:26- 23:44 page 723 <i>Haftarah:</i> Zachariah 14:1-21 page 1253
October 18 22 Tishrei	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> - Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 page 1074 <i>Haftarah:</i> I Kings 8:54-66 page 1263
October 25 29 Tishrei	<i>B'reisheet</i> - Genesis 5:1-6:8 page 30 (begin Year III – Triennial Cycle) <i>Haftarah:</i> I Samuel 20:18-42 page 36 (<i>Mahar Hodesh</i>)
November 1 6 Heshvan	<i>Noah</i> – Genesis 11:1-32 page 58 <i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 54:1-55:5 page 65



CKI Sisterhood News

On *Rosh Hashanah* it is written,
And on *Yom Kippur* it is sealed.
– *Mahzor*

As we prepare for the High Holiday Season, we reflect on the year that has passed. We recall our good deeds and accomplishments and think about those deeds that were not as worthy. We recall family members and friends whom we have lost during the year, and how their lives touched us in different ways.

On *Rosh Hashanah*, we pray for forgiveness and hope that repentance, prayer, and deeds of kindness will ease the severity of our past wrongdoings.

On *Yom Kippur* we proclaim a day filled with great awe and sanctity. We hear the sounds of the *shofar* as the day comes to an end and our lives are sealed in the Book of Remembrance for another year.

We are fortunate to be part of a close Jewish community. Our Sisterhood plays an integral role in supporting activities and events in our CKI community. The Women of Valor offer their expertise, time and sometimes brawn to continue to improve our community. Unfortunately, sometimes financial assistance is needed to ensure these activities continue.

We are looking for financial angels to sponsor Break-the-Fast at the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*. Have your generous deeds sealed in the Book of Remembrance for this year.

Karen L. Myrent, *Sisterhood President*
630-980-5685 (home) or
847-341-0154 (cell)
klm340@aol.com

"You Oughta Be in Pictures!"

In the spirit of our Sisterhood's *L'DOR V'DOR* – from generation to generation – theme, we can definitely be active participants if we remember that "a picture is worth a thousand words."

Next time you're in the synagogue, take a stroll along "Memory Lane" located in the first floor classroom hallway. You'll see pictures of many generations of confirmation classes. These Kodak moments begin with black and white and progress to full Technicolor.

As you peruse the photos, you might recognize a person or two or three. Let me know who they are so we can give the faces names and maybe even discover the year of the class. (Besides, it's just fun to look at the photos, especially the one that looks like the Jackson Five.)

Each photo is labeled with a letter. If you should say, "AH HA! I know that person!" just give me the letter of the photo and where that person is standing. For example, "Picture D – third from the left – that's Yetta Yenta."
"Picture M – back row – fifth from the left – that's Moshe Mensch!"

You get the idea.

So – CATHY ILANI, MARK SEIGLE, DENNIS MARIASIS, SUE JOHNSON, JERRY GOLDSTEIN, et.al, YOUR PICTURES ARE THERE! COME ON DOWN and help us identify the others!

Call me, Ron Raben, at 630-837-6562 or e-mail me at r.raben@worldnet.att.net

New Member Shabbat Dinner

The CKI Sisterhood annual New Member *Shabbat* Dinner is scheduled for Friday November 21st at 6:15 at the synagogue. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children 10 and under, children 4 and under are free. New members will be guests of the Sisterhood.

Reservations with a check payable to CKI Sisterhood should be sent to:
Et Schillmoeller
2016 Kittridge Dr,
West Dundee, IL 60118.

Questions can be phoned to 847-426-0311. A registration form is attached to *Ha Kol*.

It's Almost Corned Beef Time Again!!

Brownie bakers wanted! Believe it or not, the Corned Beef lunch is coming soon. We need brownie bakers for Sunday, October 26, November 2, and November 9.

Sign up sheets are posted on the doors. Chairperson is Krista Ravenscraft.

MESHUGASS

A visiting cantor was invited to sing traditional Jewish songs at a Brooklyn synagogue.

After the services, he was bragging to members of the synagogue that Lloyd's of London had insured against the loss of his voice for \$750,000. Mrs. Siegel, an older lady, said...

"So cantor, what did you do with the money?"

Honorable Menschen

This month we introduce a new feature of Ha Kol. **Honorable Menschen** will feature stories of interest about people who have provided special service and caring for our congregation and community. In October, Maureen Rosenfeld highlights the Kneseth Israel life of Don and Phyllis Lesser.

On Saturday, September 6, CKI honored **Don and Phyllis Lesser** for their many years of service and dedication to our congregation. Don grew up here in Elgin and attended Hebrew School in this congregation. Phyllis was raised in Chicago, and was a member of *Shaare Tikvah*.

As a young man, Don was very involved in our local chapter of *B'nai B'rith*, serving as President of the Men's Lodge. In this role, he visited the Chicago office one day to pick up a Past President's pin, and it was there that he met Phyllis. Three months later, they were engaged, and three months after that, they married and made their home in Elgin.

Through the years, they have served our congregation in many capacities. Phyllis was President of *B'nai B'rith* women before becoming President of our Sisterhood. In fact, during her first term as Sisterhood President, Don was also President of the CKI Congregation Board! Phyllis served two terms as Sisterhood President, and Don has been Congregation President three times. During their first term, the traditional two year time period was extended to three in order to have continuity during the change from Rabbi Rose to Rabbi Greenfield. When Rabbi Greenfield became ill, Don organized members to lead Shabbat services, so that *B'nei Mitvot* could continue. Occasionally, even guests of the families helped to lead services, and other Rabbis and Cantors were hired for High Holidays.

Sons Gary and Rick came on the scene, and as they grew, they too assumed positions of responsibility within BBYO (*B'nai B'rith* Youth Organization): Gary serving as President, and Rick as Treasurer.

Phyllis described every Wednesday afternoon as "meeting day" rotating Sisterhood, *B'nai B'rith* Women, and *Hadassah* every month. Ultimately, Don was elected President of the Northern Illinois Region of *B'nai B'rith* and served a two year term. It was our local *B'nai B'rith* Men's Lodge who held a fundraiser during Don's Presidency, and raised enough money to donate the stained glass windows in the CKI sanctuary. Through the years, Don and Phyllis have served our congregation in other roles. Phyllis prepares our annual Memorial Booklet, and edits our Blue Book. Don has served as Chair of the Ritual Committee and as *Gabbai*, and was editor of the CKI Bulletin for so many years that he can describe the development from ditto to mimeograph, to typed and copied, to computerized and printed!

Currently, Don and Phyllis continue to serve as resources to our congregation. Regarding their many years of service, they say, "It's been fun" but they describe the pleasure of now being able to attend services without worrying about the details. For the time being, they will remain in Elgin, and Don has even joined The Centre, so look for him there if you go to swim or work out. Eventually they say Sarasota Florida may be a future home, but for now they enjoy that locale for just a couple of weeks per winter – not quite ready to be snowbirds yet!

CKI is grateful to them both for all of their care and concern over the years. Through their hard work and countless volunteer hours Don and Phyllis have helped our congregation to become the warm and meaningful place that it is today.

Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld

"That's Entertainment!"

How about discounts at restaurants and hotels?

How about 2 for the price of 1?

How about some fun?

Reserve your new **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK** now!

Seeing that our Hadassah chapter will not be selling the book this year, we at Kneseth Israel will be picking it up. Buy one from us, and both you and the synagogue will reap the benefits!

There is a North/Northwest suburban book and a Western suburban book. Also, you can order an out-of-town book.

Each Entertainment Book is \$20.00. It actually pays for itself after the first couple of uses.

Contact Lois Troy (847-741-3548) to reserve your book – or books! It's a great gift!

CKI Book Group

The CKI Book Group will meet **Saturday, November 1st** at 2:00PM at the home of Shirley Simon at 816 Murray in Elgin. The book to be discussed is "**Race Against Death, Peter Bergson, America and the Holocaust**" by David S. Wyman and Rafael Medoff. All are welcome. For more information you may contact Shirley Simon at 847-742-6333.



Acknowledgements

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

To Ethel Schillmoeller for a complete & successful recovery

Fern & Ron Raben

To Doris Smolen for a speedy & continued improvement

Fern & Ron Raben

In memory of Miriam Harris

Ron & Mary Lou Conley

Milton & Blossom Wohl

Barbara Njus

In honor of Sue & Dick Johnson on becoming grandparents

Ben Rifken

Congratulations to Don & Phyllis Lesser on being honored by Kneseth Israel

Bev & Phil Topp

Dorothy & Milton Perlman

Ben Rifken

Phyllis Brenner

In memory of Phema Bohrer, cousin of Ernie (Doris) Smolen

Bev & Phil Topp

Get Well wishes to Robert Le Roy

Ben Rifken

In honor of Adam's aliyah

Lisa & Daniel Schulman

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HAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Maya Rose on her baby naming

Kim & Isaac Sharon

In memory of Bernadine Rifken

The Estate of Bernadine Rifken

Donation

Ben Rifken

In memory of my dear friend

Renie Poper

Carol Herzog

PRAYERBOOK FUND (Humashim)

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Laurie & Len Winner

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CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Sue & Dick Johnson becoming grandparents

Milton & Dorothy Perlman

Ruth & Al Zimblar

In honor of Barb Sharf becoming a great-grandmother

Milton & Dorothy Perlman

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In memory of Miriam Harris

Ruth Brown

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Celia Schreiber

Barb Sharf

Josie Burstein

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Al & Ruth Zimblar

Sue & Dick Johnson

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FLOWER FUND

In honor of Ron Raben's birthday

Sarah Frisch

TREE OF LIFE

ROCK:

IN HONOR OF ALBERT SIMON'S LIFE AND HIS SELFLESS DEDICATION TO THE ELGIN MEDICAL, RELIGIOUS & EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES
From Sylvia Simon, Michael Simon & Nancy Sohn

LEAF:

IN HONOR OF DON & PHYLLIS LESSER FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION, SERVICE AND "LABORS OF LOVE"
From Congregation *Kneseth Israel*

LEAF:

IN LOVING HONOR OF FRIEDA SIMON'S BIRTHDAY
9-30-02
LOVE, ROGERIA*

YOUTH GROUP (USY/KADIMA)

SHALOM ACADEMY

To Marsha & Michael Schwartz, mazal tov on the birth of your grandson, Austin Benjamin

Fern & Ron Raben

CANTORIAL EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Miriam Harris

Ruth & Al Zimblar

Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

Cantorial Scholarship Fund – Assistance to students in need at *H. L. Miller Cantorial School of JS*. Preference for Illinois students.

Clara Wechter Education Fund – Support *Torah School*

Endowment Fund – See the President.

General Fund – for multi-purpose use.

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund – Needs decided by *Hazzan*

Lee Miller Book Fund – New books for Library

Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund – See the President.

Major Gifts – \$5,000 and up. See the President.

Memorial Plaques – \$300.00

Prayer Book Fund – *Siddur* is \$25; *Chumash* is \$60.

Shalom Academy – Pre-school Jewish Education

Simon/Ruth Kaplan Torah Fund – Repair of *Sefrei Torah*.

Sisterhood Flower Fund – Pulpit flowers.

Sisterhood Vision Fund – Large type *siddur* \$50.

Tree of Life – Leaf is \$100; Rock is \$1,000.

Acknowledgements (continued)

In Our Family

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

The congregation expresses
condolences to the families of

Miriam Harris,

Ida Gross,

mother of Herb (Medina) Gross,

Marjorie Elbrandt,

grandmother of Karen (Ron) Sigal

*May God comfort you and may their
memory be a blessing.*

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Inas Lawrence

Robert Le Roy

Anne Mell

Ben Rifken

Saul Mariasis

Freida Simon

Doris Smolen

Cheryl Stanczak

Lois Troy

Sherry Wiesman

*May God have mercy upon you and
others who are ill among the people
of Israel.*

MAZAL TOV

...to **Marsha & Michael Schwartz** on
becoming grandparents to
Austin Benjamin

TODAH RABBAH – THANK YOU

We are sincerely grateful for the very
beautiful *Shabbat* service and the
extended *Kiddush* given in our honor.
It was an emotional day for us, to
worship with our CKI family and to see
so many faces of friends who have also
given of themselves in building and
sustaining our congregation. Our
efforts have been a labor of love.
Thanks to all those who have gone
before us and those who will follow in
our footsteps in the years ahead. In the
words of God...*"Be fruitful and multiply,
and replenish the earth"*...(Genesis,
Chapter 1).

--Don & Phyllis Lesser

Many thanks for the good wishes, cards
& donations after my recent & I hope
last surgery. Recovery is much easier
with people who care.

--Doris Smolen

October Anniversaries

- 4 Richard & Kathy Cox
- 5 Lizz & John Dewey
- 9 Tim & Mia Fossa
- 10 Charles & Charlotte Gruner
- 10 Al & Karen Bender
- 11 Perry & Wanda Pitzele
- 16 Martin & Karen Zivin
- 16 Mark & Denise Rosenbaum
- 18 Ernest & Doris Smolen
- 25 Shirley & Burt Friedman
- 30 Jonathan & Leslie Koloms

October Birthdays

- 2 Ashley Schwerdlin
- 2 Heather Rosenbaum
- 2 Erik Ellingson
- 3 Michelle Piraino
- 5 Lizz Dewey
- 5 Milton Wohl
- 5 Heidi Freeman
- 5 Daniel Matz
- 6 Mark Rubin
- 7 Tali Ilani
- 8 Edward Webster
- 8 Jeff Hymer
- 11 Evan Zivin
- 11 Marlee Gauthier
- 11 Joseph Rosenfeld
- 11 Rose Marie Smith
- 11 Jeffrey Barrash
- 12 Sara Gerlach
- 13 Phyllis Brenner
- 14 Gene Lindow
- 15 Stuart Hymen
- 15 Edward Wolf
- 15 Steve Abrams
- 15 Rebecca Cox
- 16 Aaron Wolfensohn
- 18 Raul Aron
- 18 Tiffany Finger
- 18 Stacy Graaff
- 19 Michelle Licht
- 21 Diane Linne
- 22 Nancy Cox
- 23 Judi Schweinler
- 24 Manfred Lindow
- 24 Terry Melinger
- 25 Allen Saxon
- 25 Cari-lyn Zatz
- 25 William McFarlane
- 26 Sue Johnson
- 26 Aidan Graaff
- 27 Lucas Agins
- 28 Erica Hymen
- 30 Albert Simon
- 30 Cheri Rubin
- 30 Susan Goozh
- 30 Charles Evans



Yahrtzeiten

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

Sep 27	Oct 2	Isadore Rosenberg	Oct 11	Oct 17	Bradley Zeman*
Sept 27	Oct 2	Minnie Freeman*	Oct 11	Oct 17	William A. Smith*
Sept 27	Oct 3	Oscar Herzberg*	Oct 18	Oct 18	Lee Mary Miller*
Sept 27	Oct 3	Tom Lin	Oct 18	Oct 18	Bertha Levin
Sept 27	Oct 3	Lewis Keller	Oct 18	Oct 18	Irving Feldman
Oct 4	Oct 4	Dr. Daniel Haffron*	Oct 18	Oct 18	Sam Brenner*
Oct 4	Oct 5	Frank Goldwasser	Oct 18	Oct 19	Sherwin I. Fischer*
Oct 4	Oct 5	Georgia Fishman*	Oct 18	Oct 20	Ethel Lange
Oct 4	Oct 8	Mary Sue Greenberg*	Oct 18	Oct 23	Frieda Leibovitz Finston*
Oct 4	Oct 8	Morris Morrison*	Oct 18	Oct 23	Jules Libby
Oct 4	Oct 8	Howard Rifken*	Oct 18	Oct 24	Robert Nitzberg
Oct 4	Oct 8	Dina Rodman*	Oct 25	Oct 25	Frank Rys
Oct 4	Oct 9	Benjamin Shalett	Oct 25	Oct 25	Esther Harris
Oct 4	Oct 9	Dr. Albert Simon	Oct 25	Oct 28	Clara Fishman*
Oct 4	Oct 10	Fannie Fishman*	Oct 25	Oct 28	Morris Spector
Oct 4	Oct 10	Sylvia Newman	Oct 25	Oct 29	Israel Brenner*
Oct 11	Oct 11	Benjamin Rosengarden*	Oct 25	Oct 30	Charles Kreeger*
Oct 11	Oct 11	Jerry Rodman	Oct 25	Oct 30	Milton Raff*
Oct 11	Oct 11	Simon Freund	Oct 25	Oct 31	Howard Gombiner*
Oct 11	Oct 12	Milton T. Salstone*	Oct 25	Oct 31	Jacob M. Rubnitz*
Oct 11	Oct 13	Lillian Fisher*	Nov 1	Nov 2	Ned R. Ginsburg*
Oct 11	Oct 14	Ida Fischer*	Nov 1	Nov 2	Harry Rifken*
Oct 11	Oct 14	Samuel Saxon	Nov 1	Nov 3	Jeanette Scholnick*
Oct 11	Oct 15	Minnie Cohen*	Nov 1	Nov 5	Samuel Strickman*
Oct 11	Oct 16	Oscar Willerman	Nov 1	Nov 6	Janet Ellyn Eisner*
Oct 11	Oct 16	Norman M. Rubenstein*			

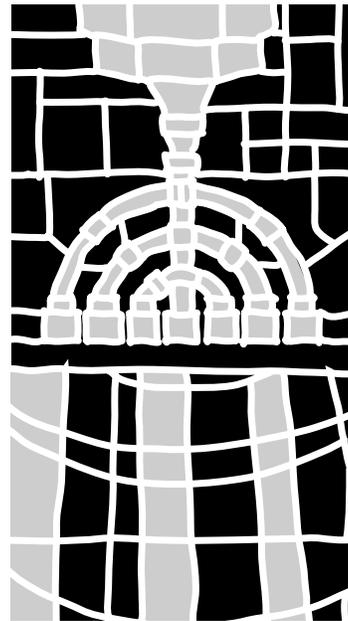
There are two dates listed above on our *yahrtzeit* list. The first is the **day of the service at which the name will be read**. The second is the **actual date of the *yahrtzeit***. An asterisk (*) after the name indicates a plaque is affixed to the Memorial Tablet. Memorial candles should be lit on the preceding evening.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

Oct. 4.....6:11 PM
 Oct. 115:59 PM
 Oct. 185:48 PM
 Oct. 254:29 PM

NOTE: Shabbat ends one (1) hour after candlelighting time on Saturday night.

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5	Build <i>Sukkah</i> No School <i>KOL NIDREI</i>	9:00 AM 6:15 PM		15	Pizza-In-The-Hut Service Dinner	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
6	<i>YOM KIPPUR</i> (office closed) Youth Service <i>Minhah</i> Break the Fast	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:30 PM 7:30 PM		17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES <i>FAMILY SHABBAT</i> Service: <i>Dalet</i> Oneg: 7th Grade parents	7:30 PM
7	No Shalom Academy			18	<i>SH'MINI ATZERET (Yizkor)</i> <i>SIMHAT TORAH</i>	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
8	Decorate <i>Sukkah</i> during Hebrew school	5:00 - 6:30 PM		19	<i>SIMHAT TORAH</i> (No school)	
10	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES			24	<i>SHABBAT SERVICE</i> Oneg: Donald & Sandra Hurwitz (in honor of their granddaughter, Sloane Merdinger)	7:30 PM
11	<i>SUKKOT</i>			25	<i>BAT MITZVAH</i> : Sloane Merdinger <i>Kiddush</i> : Susan & Greg Merdinger	9:30 AM
12	<i>SUKKOT</i> (No School) Junior Congregation	Service 9:30 AM 10:00 AM		26	Set clocks back 1 hour (Central Standard Time) <i>Minyan</i> Regional <i>Kadima</i> Day	9:15 AM 12:00 noon
13	Confirmation Class <i>Hadassah Sukkot</i> party at Pitzele <i>sukkah</i>	6:30 PM				
14	Sisterhood Board Mtg.	7:00 PM				

Shabbat Services: Friday evenings 7:30 PM
 Saturday mornings 9:30 AM