

# Kol Kneseth Israel

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## A Message from Our President

Last month, on Tuesday night May 15th, a number of us attended an enjoyable and informative talk at the Gail Borden Library by Rabbi Kohn entitled "Things You May Know That Aren't So." One of the questions that the Rabbi dealt with was "Is Judaism only a religion?" The answer that he provided was that we are more than a religion; we are in fact a civilization, a people. Subsequent to the talk, I followed a procession of cars back to the Synagogue to attend our annual Congregational Meeting. Somehow I found something very moving about the juxtaposition of the two events. After just hearing the Rabbi describe us as a people, we came together as a people to choose who our next leadership would be. For those of you who were not able to attend that meeting, we elected our next Executive Board as well as four new Board members.

But before listing the results of that election, I would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions as board members:

**Mia Fossa, Malcolm Morris and Sue Zemel.**

All three have made real contributions to the leadership of our *shul*. I would also like to thank our out-going Executive Vice President, **Ira Fosco**. Ira is someone who I could count on to take ownership for tasks assigned to him, approaching them with enthusiasm and achieving real results. Ira will continue on the Board filling in an unexpired term. Also, joining the Board is **Steven Eagels** who is taking over a vacated term as well. Finally, I would like to recognize the three members of the Nominating Committee who had the challenging task of putting together a slate of candidates:

**Jack Fishman, Jerry Goozh and Saul Mariasis.**

Now, for your Executive Board:

**President: Perry Pitzele**

**Executive Vice President: Jack Fishman**

**Treasurer: Marc Zemel**

**Financial Secretary: Charles Zimmerman**

**Recording Secretary: Carole Burstein**

**Vice President-Education: Anita Hornung**

**Co-Vice Presidents-Sisterhood: Rochelle Fosco & Wanda Pitzele**

**Immediate Past President: Paul Glaser**

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# Torah School News

"Oh, my goodness," sighed I. **Time** to write another article."

Well, Rabbi Kohn has been writing about **time** this year, so I guess I'll just jump on his soapbox. Let's have some fun with a kind of stream-of-consciousness exercise – sort of.

**Time** heals all wounds. A stitch in **time** saves nine. A **time** for all seasons. **Time** enough. Not enough **time** in the day. Since the beginning of **time**. **Time** to go. **Time** and **time** again. Where has the **time** gone. How **time** flies. **Time** to reap and **time** to sow. **Time** can go so slowly. The **time** has come. As **time** goes by. Tea **time**. Tee **time**. 'Til the end of **time**. Chicken and **thyme**. Check out **time**. The **time** is ripe. **Time** will tell. **Time** waits for no man. The **time** is right. **Time** was when... One heck of a **time**. **Time** to think. **Time** of day. **Time** lapse. Absolute **time**. Greenwich Mean **time**. Against **time**. Ahead of **time**. For the **time** being. Turn back **time**. High **time**. Daylight Savings **time**. **Time** clock. **Time** and a half. Double **time**. **Time** out. **Time** exposure. **Time** frame. **Time** warp. **Time** slot. **Time**'s up. All in good **time**. **Time** waits for no man. **Time** to grow. **Time** after **time**. **Time** away. On **time**. Out of **time**. **Time** of life. Gain **time**. Game **time**. Keep **time**. Waltz **time**. Make **time**. In no **time**. Pass the **time**. Waste **time**. **Time** immemorial. **Timeless**. **Timeliness**. **Time** limit. Good **time**. Bad **time**. Dinner **time**. Nap **time**. Bath **time**. Morning **time**. Night **time**. Quiet **time**. **Time** alone. Bonding **time**. Prime **time**. Quality **Time**. **Time** together....

Okay, spending **time** together we get the point. We're on a roll. And...

**Time** is such a major ingredient in our life that we have a **time** expression for almost every facet of it. Just take the **time** to think about that for a moment.

We have to be on **time** for a theater performance, a sporting event, a party (especially if it's a surprise), a dinner reservation, a worship service, work, a

concert, a test, an appointment, a job interview, a wedding, a funeral, a movie, a practice/rehearsal, a date, a flight, paying bills, school...

Okay, school. Now that school is out for the summertime, we still have to take the **time** to give some **time** to learning, discovering and exploring. So just because we have some **time** off from the rigors of school and the classroom, don't deprive your kids of some quality learning **time** during the next few months. I know that good "R'n'R" is a totally necessary part of our **time** – just for our own well being. But that doesn't mean that we have to put learning **time** on complete hold. Just think of what you can do while still having fun and quality **time** with your kids. It doesn't have to be complicated or all the **time**. It just has to be enough to keep that education – especially Jewish education -- roll going.

Let me take a short **time** to suggest some things for the kids and for you. All summer long you can do many marvelous mitzvot. Give tzedakah. Light Shabbat candles on Friday night. Surf the web for sites of Jewish interest. Say a blessing when you get up in the morning and/or when you go to sleep at night. Set a regular **time** to read some Jewish story together. Practice your Hebrew. Bake a challah. Hang a mezuzah on your doorpost and recite the blessing. Come to a Shabbat service. Say a blessing before and/or after eating. Go to a concert of Jewish music. Listen to a CD of Jewish music. Go to the library and find some Jewish stories/biographies/histories to read. See a film with a Jewish theme. Do a little research together about a Biblical garden and plant some of those flowers and vegetables in your home garden. Take a nature walk and compose a blessing for some wonder in nature that is new – a wildflower or bird that you have never seen before. Write letters and notes to friends and family. If you play a musical instrument, learn a Jewish melody you can play. Offer your help and **time** to someone in need.

And for adults only, some books I've taken the **time** to read and enjoy this past year.

(Thanks to Bridget Hillman for this one.)

## **Life Is So Good -- George Dawson and Richard Glaubman**

Remarkable memoir of George Dawson – a man who has lived in three centuries, who offers us insights into humanity and history, and who learns to read at the age of 98!

## **Dean and Me: A Love Story -- Jerry Lewis**

The joyous and often sad story of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

(Thanks to Sue Johnson for this one.)

## **The Book Thief -- Markus Zusak**

Narrated by Death, this is a tale of Liesel Meminger, a non-Jewish foster child in Nazi Germany who copes in her existence by stealing books. She truly learns about the "ability of books to feed the soul."

## **The Lambs of London -- Peter Ackroyd**

A clever and fresh novel about deceit. Upon the discovery of 19th century papers attributed to Shakespeare, we take the journey with the Lambs to find if they are real or a hoax. It's an entertaining, quick read faithful to the period.

## **Under the Banner of Heaven -- Jon Krakauer**

The author of *Into Thin Air* writes about Mormon Fundamentalism and a murder in the Mormon community on July 24, 1984. "The book raises provocative questions about the nature of religious belief."

So roll with the **time**! It's **time** to have a wonderful summer, but don't let summertime stop your learning or discussion or participating in Judaism. Okay, everyone – IT'S **TIME TO BEGIN!**

L'chaim,

# Sisterhood News

A woman is a multi-faceted being. She begins as a daughter and then she becomes many things...a sister, a friend, a wife, a mother, a career woman, a nurturer, a grandmother... She is pulled in many different directions and is confronted by even more choices. As we end our term as co-presidents of sisterhood, we would like to thank those women who made the choice to serve sisterhood and our CKI community, making our two years so very enjoyable.

**Karen Sigal and Melinda Abrams**, our Vice Presidents of Hospitality – If food really is love, then we here at CKI must be adored. Thanks for organizing many wonderful events that ranged from *Yom Kippur's Break-the-Fast* to *onegs* and luncheons. Each occasion offered a welcoming atmosphere and an abundance of tasty treats.

**Barb Razowsky**, Vice President Membership – Your warm disposition and sincere friendliness made you the ideal person to greet new members. You made everyone feel welcome, and we thank you for your work in this capacity.

**Mia Fossa**, Vice President Fundraising and Programming – These are difficult positions to fill because they take creativity, attention to detail and lots of perseverance. You demonstrated it all in the planning of several luncheons and craft programs. We are lucky to have you and are looking forward to your continued work on the next board.

**Adele Stein**, Financial Secretary – Working with both our VP of Membership and Women's League, you help us track everyone and ensure a strong membership base. Your efforts in this capacity are important, and we always depended on you. Thank you for your wonderful efforts and for continuing in this capacity for the next two years.

**Jana McFarlane**, Recording and Corresponding Secretary – Thank you for taking accurate notes on monthly meetings as well as distributing important information in a moment's

notice. You are our "go to internet gal" and "New Year's Card maven" and we are so pleased that you are continuing in your positions in the next term.

**Wendy Barrash**, Treasurer – You demonstrated diligence and dedication to this job. Sometimes we take finances for granted, but you kept us informed of the situation, handling everything accurately and in a timely manner. Thank you for your good work and for continuing to serve on the Executive Board as Vice President of Hospitality.

Sisterhood also has many dedicated committee chair people who did wonderful work for us and our synagogue throughout the year. This incredible, enthusiastic group includes **Wanda Pitzele** who served as both Bakery and Handicraft Chairs, **Nina Finn** who headed up the corned beef luncheon, **Kara Gauthier** who was our liaison to Torah School, **Barb Sharf** who continued to chair the Lee Miller Book Fund and Clara Wechter Education Fund, **Nancy Zimmerman** who organized Meals-on-Wheels, **Wendy Shankman** who chaired the Library, **Cheryl Stanczak** who headed up Torah Fund in our synagogue and at the regional level, **Adele Stein** who undertook Sisterhood *Shabbat*, and **Maureen Rosenfeld** who was our Parliamentarian and Nominating Committee Chair.

We both feel blessed to have served with such a wonderful group of women and all the unmentioned others who selflessly dedicated their time and efforts to assist with specific projects or events that benefited us all.

For the last time and with gratitude,

*Jana  
Sandi*

– Tina Wolf and Sandi Phelan  
*Sisterhood Co-Presidents*

## The Mazal Tov Corner...

Our hearty congratulations to...

**NIKKI ZEOLI** who is the recipient of a *B'nai Brith* Scholarship for college. (This scholarship is given to a student who has been an active member on any high school sports team.)

**MOLLY ROSENFIELD** who represented CKI At Congregation *Beth Shalom* when the USYers dedicated their *Torah scroll*. Molly wrote one of the final letters in the scroll, thus fulfilling one of the 613 *mitzvot* at the age of 16!

**REBECCA FISHMAN** who has won the bronze and GOLD medals at the Regional Karate Championships. Now Rebecca is off to the AAU National Competition in North Carolina. **GOOD LUCK, BECCA!**

**SHAYNA STEIN, NIKKI ZEOLI, SARA SHANKMAN, EMILY BURKER, RACHEL PITZELE, PATRICK FINN and SYDNEY MERDINGER** on their graduation from high school. Good luck!

**ETHAN FINN, MARLEE GAUTHIER, DEANNA PHELAN, ROBYN PHELAN, DORI STEIN and BRITTANY ZEOLI** and their families on their being confirmed at CKI. This begins a whole new chapter in their life as a member of the CKI community!

**ADAM SCHULMAN and BRETT JACOBY** on their graduation from college. Good luck!

## CKI BOARD MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT**, Perry Pitzele

**EXECUTIVE VP**, Jack Fishman

**Co-VPs/Sisterhood**,

Rochelle Fosco & Wanda Pitzele

**VP/Education**, Anita Hornung

**RECORDING SECRETARY**,

Carole Burstein

**TREASURER**, Marc Zemel

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**,

Chuck Zimmerman

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**,

Paul Glaser

## USY and Kadima News

I'm pleased to announce that the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year was elected at the May USY Board Meeting:

**President: Joel Seigle**

**Communications VP: Lucy Marshall**

**Membership/Kadima VP: Laura Cox**

**Religious Education VP: Jake Marshall**

**Social Action/Tikun Olam Co-VPs:  
Leah and Ben Schillmoeller**

**Israeli Affairs VP: Teddi Stanczak**

**Freshman Representative: Danielle Stone**

**Immediate Past President: Molly Rosenfeld**

*Mazel Tov* to one and all!

At *Kinnus*, the final retreat weekend of the year for USY, our CKI Chapter received THREE awards! The first was for our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraising event. The second was for Outstanding *Kadima* participation. And the third, and most prestigious, was for "active and commendable participation in the *Tikun Olam* program of USY by having the greatest increase by percentage – OVER 58% increase – in Social Action funds raised."

*Yasher Koach* to our chapter for leading the Region in this endeavor!

Also in May, our USYers collected new and gently used toys from the children of our congregation and sold them at a garage sale. All proceeds generated from this effort were then donated to CKI towards our congregation's roof repair. Thanks to all of our congregants who participated in this event.

Finally, on May 20 *Kadima* hosted a successful "Last Day of Torah School" lunch and architectural treasure hunt event. A good time was had by all.

Coming up this month, on Friday June 8, the congregation is invited to join us for the annual USY *Shabbat*. Members of our chapter will lead us in various parts of the service at 7:30pm. And please join us for the *oneg* immediately following the service, which USY will host.

On Sunday June 17, USY will serve as ushers for the CKI Music Committee's Neshama Carlbach concert.

Watch for 2007-2008 applications to arrive in the mail to all CKI 6th-8th graders (*Kadima*) and all 9th-12th graders (USY). A prompt response would be most appreciated.

Finally, the Region will be mailing Camp applications to all paid members for Camp *Kadima* and Camp CHUSY, which will occur this year on August 8-14 at Camp Ramah in Conover, Wisconsin.

Please be in touch with any questions or suggestions.

– Maureen Rosenfeld, Youth Chair  
847-888-1950 or JustSayMo18@cs.com

### Changes for the Blue Book???

Contact Phyllis Lesser at  
(847) 741-8784 or  
phyllisCKI@aol.com

## CKI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**ADULT EDUCATION** - Barbara Sharf

**BY-LAWS** - Malcolm Morris

**CEMETERY** - Ben Rifken

**ENDOWMENT** - Charles Zimmerman

**FUND RAISING** - Anita Hornung (New Donor Tree)

**HA KOL EDITOR** - Ron Razowsky

**HOUSE** - Dan Marshall & Carl Schweinler

**MEMBERSHIP** - Dr. Joe Rosenfeld

**PUBLICITY** - Melinda Abrams and Marcie Monteith

**RITUAL** - Paul Glaser

**SOCIAL ACTION** - Sherry Wiesman, Fern Raben and Tina Wolf

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES** - Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld

*To contact a Committee Chairperson,  
call CKI at 847-741-5656*

## MILK AND HONEY

- In 1991, during the Gulf War, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra played a concert wearing gas masks as scud missiles fired by Saddam Hussein fell on Tel Aviv.
- Israel has the world's second highest per capita of new books.

*More next month...*

## The "CKI SENIORS" Lox & Bagel Luncheon

Mark your calendar:  
**Tuesday, June 12**  
**12:00 noon at CKI**



RSVP to Phyllis Lesser  
(847) 741-8784 OR phyllisCKI@aol.com

Please respond DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN  
Thursday, June 8.

Payment by cash or check at \$8.00 per person  
Please make check payable to "Cash"

# A Measure of Time – Part IV

by Rabbi Jonathan Kohn

We've been studying the Jewish calendar in these pages for a while now, and its strangeness hasn't diminished. For what it's worth, the Moslem calendar looks strange too. So does the Gregorian. Well, perhaps that one's not as strange, because there at least the holidays seem to come out on the same dates every year—at least the Christian and secular holidays. But even on the Gregorian calendar, *Ramadan* isn't on the same date every year. *Yom Kippur* isn't. The Fourth of July, yes.

On the other hand, the system of months that we have in the Gregorian calendar makes no sense at all. A month approximates the period of the orbit of the moon (hence the name—"moonth"), but the Gregorian months do that so badly that within about eight of them the calendar misses an entire lunar cycle. Gregorian months tell us no more about the moon than if they had just said, "It's up there somewhere." Since months have no other practical purpose than to tell us about the moon, Gregorian months serve mainly as decoration.

Not so the Moslem and Jewish months. Both of them begin at the same time—on the new moon. The Moslem calendar, though, takes this principle and runs with it to the point where there is no thought given to the sun at all.

What time of year is *Ramadan*? It's a trick question. *Ramadan* can be found in any season, depending on the year. The Moslem calendar treats the sun pretty much the way the Gregorian calendar treats the moon. The cycle of the sun is approximately twelve lunar months, and that's the length of the Moslem year. But again, the approximation of the solar cycle is so bad that it quickly becomes useless. Go to the Gregorian calendar, therefore, for an accurate year, and to the Moslem calendar for a sensible month.

Or to the Jewish calendar for both. Yogi Berra is supposed to have said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it," and that's what the Jewish people did.

In our calendar the year makes sense, the month makes sense, and it's as complicated as anything.

The Jewish calendar insists on having it both ways, and sort of succeeds—just like Conservative Judaism. (But I digress.) We manage it by having the year run back and forth around the sun, sometimes a little late and sometimes a little early but always pretty close. Our calendar divides all time into cycles of nineteen years, and in seven years of each cycle we add an entire extra month. (If we added just a few days here and there, then we'd get out of step with the moon. Gotta keep all those plates spinning.) That month is called *Adar II*, or *Adar Bet*, and, as we noted in the first installment of this series, it comes at the end of the year, as the year was calculated in Biblical times.

Therefore a leap year on the Jewish calendar (seven times in nineteen years) has thirteen months. That's how we do it. But it's even more complicated than that, because we also sometimes fiddle with days here and there. You see, we don't want to have a situation where, for instance, *Yom Kippur* comes out on a Friday, because then we wouldn't have a chance to prepare for *Shabbat*. And so some months in the Jewish year can be adjusted by a single day, to protect *Shabbat* (and incidentally to make sure that no one but an expert can calculate the calendar).

Once again, therefore, we see the calendar reflecting Jewish values. As we noted in January, it was revolutionary of the Bible to declare that light was created before the sun. All the people before us had assumed that the sun was the source of light. The Bible disagreed, claiming that light came directly from God, and that the sun and moon themselves could claim no higher authority.

The calendar declares the very same thing. Our calendar charts the motion of both the sun and the moon, refusing both the Gregorian and the Moslem compromises. Does our calendar yield to anything? Yes—to the holidays alone. Only preserving the sanctity of festivals can deflect the Jewish calendar from

the accurate measure of physical month and year. The calendar chases faithfully after the sun and the moon, but if there's a holiday in its path crying out for holiness, it turns aside. Just like the light, it may seem bound to the luminaries, but ultimately it's anchored only to God.

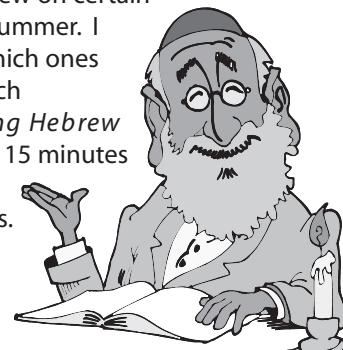
Does the Gregorian calendar do anything similar? Yes, at least in America. The American Congress has rescheduled several national holidays to Monday, to allow the people a long weekend of celebration. This concern for the convenience of the people is proper for the calendar of a republic, just as the concern to preserve the sanctity of the holidays is proper for a Jewish calendar. Each is serving its own master, and thus we find the proper balance of church and state. The American calendar cries, "Liberty," and the Jewish one responds, "In God we trust."

There's an awful lot more to say about the calendar, really. There's a rabbinic hour that's different from the secular hour, and that grows and shrinks over the course of the year. And of course there is *Shabbat*, the 25-hour day. And the way our calendar favors equinoxes over solstices. But enough already. With this article we suspend the series, at least for now. But who knows? Perhaps one day, when you least expect it, we'll start it up again, in another measure of time.

## Rabbi's Calendar

**Judaism 101 every Tuesday at CKI, 7:30 pm to 9 pm**

I understand that Saul Mariasis is teaching Hebrew on certain Sundays this summer. I don't know which ones yet, but I'll teach *Understanding Hebrew* on those days, 15 minutes following the end of his class.



## Rabbi: Wasting Time (cont'd from p. 2)

pleasantly without giving us anything in return. "As if we could kill time," wrote Henry David Thoreau, "without injuring eternity."

Omar Khayyam wrote joyously about the pleasures of wine:

*I sometimes wonder what the  
vintner buys  
One half so precious as the goods  
he sells.*

But he, too, distinguished between wasting time and killing it:

*I once when young did eagerly  
frequent  
Doctor and saint, and heard great  
argument  
About it and about, but evermore  
Went out by the same door as in  
I went.*

A sorry practice it was that didn't let him out by a better person's door than he entered.



I remember one day of summer vacation when I was about twelve years old. My family stayed at a hotel in Toronto, and I had developed a mania for shuffleboard. That afternoon I was lying on a lounge chair with good food beside me and the swimming pool and shuffleboard courts nearby. I remember saying, "This is the life." I wasn't doing anything, but I was immensely grateful that I was able to do anything that afternoon that I was likely to want. That moment of appreciation is one of the most delicious memories of my childhood. The afternoon in the lounge chair was not wasted. I was a better person for it afterwards in every way.

If you have time off this summer, then I wish you many afternoons like that one. Enjoy your vacation. Use it. Come back better for it. Waste it well.

## Social Action

### Evil Takes No Vacation

Even as we plan to spend days and weeks having fun in the sun, people are dying in Darfur – victims of war, displacement and hunger. Please take a few minutes to educate yourself. The forces exerting various pressures in the region are both political and economical. Several good educational links are: Doctors Without Borders (<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>) who continue to provide aid to displaced persons in refugee camps in both the Sudan and in Chad; the US Holocaust Memorial Museum (<http://www.ushmm.org>); Darfur Peace and Development (<http://darfurpeaceanddevelopment.org/home/php>); and Save Darfur.org (<http://www.savedarfur.org/content>). Above all, please pray for G-d to intercede.

### Food Pantry

We want to thank **EVERYONE** who has donated food for the food pantry. Also, thank you to **Duane Kotter** and **Bill Guralnick** who did some heavy lifting and brought four full boxes of assorted

food and hygiene products to the Elgin Crisis Center Food Pantry. However, just this past weekend the Crisis Center informed us that the community food pantry is still severely under-stocked. Each time you grocery shop, remember the important *mitzvah* of feeding the hungry. The Crisis Center also needs baby formula and diapers. At this time of year, so many more of us travel on vacation. The Food Pantry always welcomes those small individual soaps and hygiene items provided by hotels as well as all non-perishable items. Make it a habit of bringing several items with you to shul each time you come (except on Jewish holidays and *Shabbat*). We will deliver it to the Food Pantry for you. Our Food Pantry collection cupboard is located to your immediate right as you enter through the parking lot.

Please conserve energy in any way you can.

Have a "green" summer!

– Sherry Wiesman, Tina Wolf and Fern Raben

## Honorable Menschen

*Todah rabah to...*

**ANITA HORNUNG** for all her work in organizing and facilitating our portion of the Walk With Israel at *Etz Chaim* and for volunteering to coordinate all the volunteers on that Sunday.

**DEANNA PHELAN, ROBYN PHELAN, SHAYNA STEIN, DORI STEIN, and SARA SHANKMAN** who were our TOV Volunteers at the Walk With Israel.

**SHERRY WIESMAN** and **SHARI HEISS** for volunteering their help at the Walk With Israel.

**SHERRY WIESMAN** for the donation of the catalpa tree that now grows in front of our synagogue. It has buds!

**JOE ROSENFELD** for doing the physical work so we could plant the tree as an all-school event.

**JENNIFER FOGEL** for the donation of a new silver chain to hold a shield on a *Torah*.

**JERRY GOOZH** for attaching the chain to the *Torah* shield.

**AMY FOSCO** for all the work she did organizing and facilitating *Torah School's* Cookie Dough fund raiser.

**CARL and JUDI SCHWEINLER** for taking all of the reel-to-reel tapes of Rabbi Greenfield they found stashed away in the basement and burning them onto four CDs.

**KEN and GALE JACOBY** for their donation of several story and learning books for our primary students.

# Don't Miss Out!!!

## Some regular and student-priced tickets are still available

for the concert by Neshama Carlebach. Husbands, fathers, and grandfathers will enjoy attending this concert by a traditional folk singer who is also a pop star of international stature.

Be entertained and inspired by English songs written by Neshama along with the religious and traditional Jewish melodies made famous by her father, Reb Schlomo Carlebach. Neshama's talent and charisma endear her to audiences of all ages and backgrounds

**Father's Day, June 17, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.  
Arts Academy Auditorium at Larkin High School  
1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin, IL 60123**

**\$54.00 Premium Tickets (includes post concert reception)  
\$36.00 Adult Tickets  
\$18.00 Students (22 years and under)**

*Group discounts are available.*



Order tickets by phone, by mail, or online. Credit card purchases are available. Call the ECC Ticket Office at (847) 622-0300. After hours calls will be returned.

Order on line at [www.elgin.edu](http://www.elgin.edu), click on "Arts Center" then "order online now."



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# Ritually Speaking

## ALL ABOUT THE KAPLAN TORAH FUND

The Simon & Ruth Kaplan *Torah Fund* was established at CKI nearly ten years ago through a generous donation from Dolores Kaplan Nesbit in loving memory of her parents. The purpose of the Kaplan *Torah Fund* is to pay for the maintenance and repair of the *Sefrei Torah* and the Ark in CKI's sanctuary.

Since its inception, the Kaplan *Torah Fund* has helped pay for the registry of our *Torah scrolls* (to insure against possible theft) as well as actual repair of several of our scrolls – both the parchment and writings as well as the wooden rolls. And recently, a large part of the Fund was used to help pay for the repair of the roof over the Ark and the sanctuary.

We invite you to share  
in our happiness at  
Shabbat Services on  
Saturday, June 16, 2007  
as our son

**Jacob**

becomes Bar Mitzvah



Please join us for Kiddush  
following services



**Jana and Bill McFarlane**

Although we were under the impression that our scrolls were in good shape, one never knows when another repair (and expenditure) might be necessary. For example, at a *Shabbat* service just last month, while Rabbi Kohn was reading the *parsha*, our *gabbaim* (and of course, Rabbi Kohn) discovered a missing letter in one of the scrolls. (And you thought our *gabbaim* are just joking around up there, didn't you?) The spelling error means that the scroll is no longer kosher and cannot be used for communal reading until it is repaired by a *sofer*. The problem is probably as minor as could be, but it is a new expense, nevertheless. And since the scroll in question was one of our lighter ones, it was one that was used often, and the sooner it can be put back into good use, the better. But thanks to

## Greeting the Bride

"My favorite *Shabbat* time is right after washing the hands. Yoni (age 3) knows that he can't talk until he eats, so we take about three minutes to get to the bread, so we can have the silence."

—Janice Reznik  
in *The Art of Jewish Living: The Shabbat Seder*

the Kaplan *Torah Fund*, the repair should be covered without any additional outlay from the synagogue's General Fund.

There are any number of worthwhile funds here at CKI that deserve and need your support. The Kaplan *Torah Fund* is certainly one of those, and it is hoped that you'll consider a donation to the Kaplan *Torah Fund* soon

– Paul Glaser, *Ritual Chair*

*Please join the Mussar Family*

*on*

*Saturday, June 2, 2007*

*at 9:30 am*

*to celebrate the naming  
of our daughter*

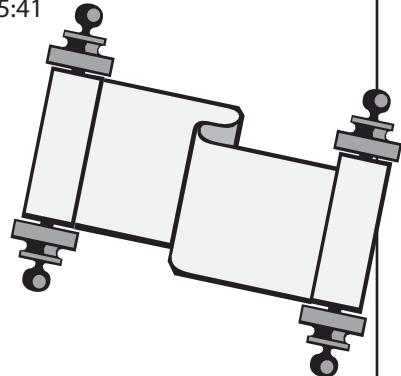
**Jenna Renée  
(Shana Rachel)**



*Kiddush to follow*

## Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

<b>June 2</b> 16 Sivan	<i>B'Ha'alotekha</i> – Numbers 10:35-12:16 <i>Haftarah:</i> Zekhariah 2:14-4:7
<b>June 9</b> 23 Sivan	<i>Birkat Hahodesh</i> <i>Shekach-Lekha</i> – Numbers 15:8-15:41 <i>Haftarah:</i> Joshua 2:1-24
<b>June 16</b> 30 Sivan	<i>Rosh Hodesh Tammuz</i> <i>Korach</i> – Numbers 17:25-18:32 <i>Maftir:</i> Numbers 28:9-15 <i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 66:1-24, 66:23
<b>June 23</b> 7 Tammuz	<i>Chukkat</i> – Numbers 20:22-22:1 <i>Haftarah:</i> Judges 11:1-33
<b>June 30</b> 14 Tammuz	<i>Balak</i> – Numbers 22:39-25:9 <i>Haftarah:</i> Micah 5:6-8



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**USY/Kadima Youth Group** – Support for programs for our United Synagogue Youth

## June Birthdays

- |    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Ethel Schillmoeller |
| 1  | Jacob McFarlane     |
| 1  | Isaac Marshall      |
| 2  | Alysa Hwalisz       |
| 3  | Richard Stanczak    |
| 4  | Maxine Turek        |
| 11 | Danielle Lindow     |
| 12 | Bill Wolf           |
| 13 | Adam Berkson        |
| 13 | Jeff Silberman      |
| 13 | Rachel Gauthier     |
| 13 | Daniel Schulman     |
| 13 | Fatima Izel         |
| 14 | Shirley Friedman    |
| 16 | Lynn Glaser         |
| 16 | Kenneth Abrams      |
| 20 | Barbara Levine      |
| 21 | Jennifer Finger     |
| 23 | Liana Ginder        |
| 25 | Steven Miller       |
| 25 | Marc Bear           |
| 26 | Kevin Phelan        |
| 26 | Jacob Fosco         |
| 26 | Sandra Lindow       |
| 27 | Ellie Evans         |
| 27 | Richard Cox         |
| 29 | Jacob Rifken        |
| 30 | Jennifer Rifken     |
| 30 | LilyMarlene Flynn   |
| 30 | Jacob Gantz         |

## June Anniversaries

- |    |                                     |
|----|-------------------------------------|
| 8  | Richard & Marci Zeoli               |
| 9  | Gene & Sandy Lindow                 |
| 14 | Elaine Sofferman & Patrick Lewis    |
| 16 | Charles & Miriam Evans              |
| 17 | Ron & Carole Burstein               |
| 17 | Jerry & Rose Goldstein              |
| 18 | Alan & Irene Loss                   |
| 19 | David & Roselle McLaughlin Ashkenaz |
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| 27 | Bruce & Kipp Freeman                |
| 28 | Alvin & Norma Hass                  |
| 28 | Richard & Sue Johnson               |

## Bar Mitzvah



**Jacob McFarlane** is to be called to the *Torah* as a *Bar Mitzvah* on **June 16th**. Jacob is entering the 8th grade this fall at Canton Middle School in Streamwood.

He enjoys building with Legos, playing video games and hanging out with his friends. He loves drawing, reading, photography, and playing on the computer. He recently attended *Kadima Kallah*, and plans to attend Camp *Kadima* in August.

Sharing this special occasion with Jacob are his proud parents Bill and Jana, his Great-Aunt Charlotte Bennett, as well as many of his other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jacob has learned from his Jewish education and his experiences at CKI that CKI is like a second family. "The people of CKI care and help each other out, and CKI does its best to meet everyone's needs, just like a full-fledged 2nd family."



## Torah Fund 2006-2007

As our *Torah Fund* Campaign winds down for this year, my thanks to everyone that came to Tina Wolf's home on May 8 for our annual *Torah Fund Potluck Dinner*. Our Central Region President, Karen Kaufman, was able to join us this year, also. It was a really enjoyable evening. The dinner table topics were VERY interesting, and the video, *The Tribe*, was a huge hit!

I know you have heard me speak this past year of the 50th anniversary of the *Torah Fund Pin*. But, how many organizations, or couples, are lucky enough to reach that golden milestone? The Women's League for Conservative Judaism *Torah Fund Campaign* IS that lucky. Our 50th pin, is "Hallel, Song of Praise!" As Miriam and the women sang and danced praising G-d for Israel's deliverance so, too, do we rejoice at the success of our fundamental role of preserving Jewish continuity in our homes, synagogues, and communities! And we need to raise our voices and be proud of our successful and ongoing support of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies.

Overheard at our last convention was a first time delegate saying how magnificent it was to see this "sea of pins!" These small tokens of appreciation, from the *Torah Fund Campaign*, symbolize your generous gifts to these schools. Conservative Judaism, our traditions, rituals, and culture, will continue to thrive through our graduates, the products of the finest Jewish education in America. Your support guarantees the needed scholarship funding for these dedicated students. The next generation and the next will reap the benefits of these scholars.

I extend to you a personal invitation to visit JTS/Ziegler/ and Schechter schools. Take ownership and pride in these schools! Your heart will be warmed forever when you hear the love of Judaism in the voices of our students. And you will see the appreciation on their faces, for they all know what the *Torah Fund Campaign* is about. Do not doubt for a moment their sincere appreciation of our hard work. They know where the funds come from: they come from YOU.

## CKI Book Club

**Saturday, June 23, 2:30pm**

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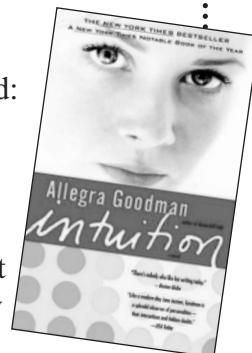
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Book to be discussed:

**"Intuition"**

by Allegra Goodman.

This novel is about intrigue and mystery in a cancer lab.



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Our Campaign was incredibly successful this year! Our original goal was \$1,400. But we raised \$2,114!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The following list acknowledges our donations:

Benefactors (gifts of \$180):

Helen Lindow, Barb Maring, Jana McFarlane, Sandi Phelan, Wanda Pitzele, Tina Wolf

Guardians (gifts of \$300):

Lisa Schulman, Cheryl Stanczak

Other donors:

Rochelle Fosco, Marsha Schwartz, Robin Seigle, Nancy Zimmerman, Sue Johnson, Sarah Frisch, Maureen Rosenfeld, Cyril Friend, Laurie Winner, Sue Zemel, Blossom Wohl, and Rose Smith

You are all fantastic, dedicated women, and I thank you for your participation in this year's *Torah Fund Campaign*!  
*Yasher Koach!*

—Sincerely,  
Cheryl Stanczak  
CKI Torah Fund Chair  
Central Region Torah Fund VP

## *Yahrtzeiten*

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

May 26	Jun 1	Sarah Dinah Mell*	Jun 9	Jun 10	Rachel Flowers*	Jun 23	Jun 23	Byrna Hornung*
May 26	Jun 1	Edward Simon*	Jun 9	Jun 10	Harris Wolfson*	Jun 23	Jun 24	Amy Venetianer
May 26	Jun 1	Gertrude Winner*	Jun 9	Jun 10	Bertha Kahn Polis*	Jun 23	Jun 25	Beatrice Feldman
Jun 2	Jun 2	Bette Unick	Jun 9	Jun 10	Frieda Levin	Jun 23	Jun 25	Leona Michaels
Jun 2	Jun 2	Lena Sievers*	Jun 9	Jun 12	Manuel Sievers*	Jun 23	Jun 25	Lottie Franks*
Jun 2	Jun 3	Tessie Rose	Jun 9	Jun 13	Daniel Hochstadter	Jun 23	Jun 25	Ida Katz*
Jun 2	Jun 3	Anna Rosengarden*	Jun 9	Jun 14	Sam Mintzer	Jun 23	Jun 25	Charles Vopner*
Jun 2	Jun 5	Etta Le Vine*	Jun 9	Jun 14	Ann Goldstein*	Jun 23	Jun 26	Harry Panimon*
Jun 2	Jun 5	Julius Kreeger*	Jun 9	Jun 15	Minnie Bernstein*	Jun 23	Jun 27	Clarence Abrams
Jun 2	Jun 6	Bessie Turek Solomon*	Jun 9	Jun 15	Rabbi Morris Greenfield*	Jun 23	Jun 27	Frances Hirsch
Jun 2	Jun 6	Benjamin Bear*	Jun 16	Jun 16	Louis Burstein*	Jun 23	Jun 28	Clara Massouda*
Jun 2	Jun 7	Barney Berman*	Jun 16	Jun 16	Henrietta Rosenberg*	Jun 23	Jun 28	Morton Rubin
Jun 2	Jun 8	Renee Levine*	Jun 16	Jun 16	Phyllis Rothman	Jun 23	Jun 28	Arthur Gross*
Jun 9	Jun 9	Joseph Fisher*	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jerome Finger*	Jun 23	Jun 29	Hyman Herron*
			Jun 16	Jun 17	Barbara Johnson	Jun 23	Jun 29	Abe Kreeger*
			Jun 16	Jun 18	Lillian P. Modes	Jun 30	July 1	William J. Rothmann
			Jun 16	Jun 19	Albert Samuel Miller*	Jun 30	July 1	Phil Gore
			Jun 16	Jun 19	Maxine Allen*	Jun 30	July 2	Iris Richberg*
			Jun 16	Jun 19	William Fishman*	Jun 30	July 2	Goldie Leibovitz
			Jun 16	Jun 19	Minnie Seigle*	Jun 30	July 3	Benjamin Mestetsky*
			Jun 16	Jun 20	Benjamin Rosenthal*	Jun 30	July 3	Esther Strickman Smith*
			Jun 16	Jun 21	Edward Cohen*	Jun 30	July 3	Robert Bloomberg
			Jun 16	Jun 21	Jennie Hymen*	Jun 30	July 4	Eva London
			Jun 16	Jun 22	Josef H. Fischer*	Jun 30	July 5	Maurice D. Kaplan*



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

### KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

- June 1 .....8:01 PM
- June 8 .....8:06 PM
- June 15.....8:09 PM
- June 22.....8:11 PM
- June 29.....8:12 PM

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

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#### In honor of Pearle Brody's Special Birthday

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#### In memory of Dr. Alvin Zeman

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#### Graduation: Billy Wolf, Jessica Shankman & Lucy Marshall

Brad Burker, Anita Hornung, Sarah & Emily

#### Mazal Tov on your High School

#### Graduation: Patrick Finn, Sydney

#### Merdinger, Rachel Pitzele, Shayna Stein, Sara Shankman, Nikki Zeoli and Emily Burker

Brad Burker, Anita Hornung, Sarah & Emily

#### Mazal Tov on your College Graduation

#### - Brett Jacoby

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#### In honor of Jacob McFarlane's

#### Bar Mitzvah

Saul Mariasis

#### In honor of Pearle Brody's special birthday

Paul & Barbara Maring  
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#### In honor of the birth of Marty & Merle Wolfensohn's grandson, Mason

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#### In honor of Emily Burker's and Sara Shankman's H.S. Graduation, and Jessica Shankman's Jr.H.S. Graduation

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#### FLOWER FUND

#### Get Well Wishes to Irv Durchslag, Shirley Friedman, and Herb Friend

Paul & Barbara Maring

#### TREE OF LIFE - LEAF

In honor of  
becoming Bar Mitzvah  
JACOB WILLIAM MCFARLANE  
June 16, 2007  
Jana & Bill McFarlane

#### SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Walk with Israel was wonderful. The day was perfect. Our West walk had 500 participants with over 65 from CKI alone. As part of the committee, I would like to THANK the following wonderful, lovely people who volunteered their time and smiles so early on a Sunday morning: Brad Burker, Sherry Wiesman, Deanna Phelan, Robin

Phelan, Shari Heiss, Sara Shankman, Shayna Stein, Doreen Stein and our bus captains, Rochelle Fosco and Ron Raben. I thank all of the participants from the bottom of my heart.

"Next year in Chicago,"

= Shalom,  
Anita Hornung

## In Our Family

### HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

The congregation expresses condolences to the family of Dr. Alvin Zeman

May God comfort you and may his memory be a blessing

### R'FAUH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Fern Raben	Sarah Haffron
Ben Rifken	Shirley Friedman
Rose Goldstein	Irv Durchslag
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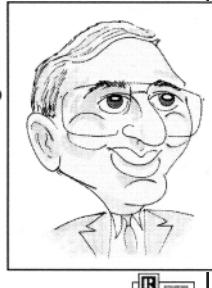
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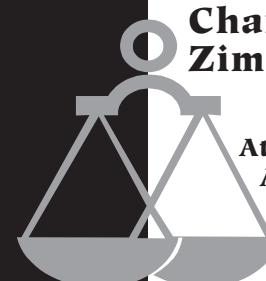
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	<b>Saturday mornings</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>

1	<i>Ima &amp; Me</i>	10:30 am	16	<i>Bar Mitzvah: Jacob McFarlane</i>	9:30 am
2	Naming of Jenna Renée Mussar	9:30 am		<i>Kiddush: Jana &amp; Bill McFarlane</i>	
5	<b>CKI and Sisterhood Installation Dinner Installations</b>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	17	<i>Fathers Day Neshama Carlebach Concert</i>	5:00 pm Larkin High School, Arts Academy Auditorium
8	<b>USY Shabbat</b>	7:30 pm	18	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES <i>Hadassah Meeting</i>	
11	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES		23	CKI Book Club: <i>"Intuition"</i> by Allegra Goodman at home of Dr. Milton & Blossom Wohl	2:30 pm
12	CKI Seniors Bagel & Lox Luncheon Sisterhood Meeting	Noon 7:00 pm			
15	<i>Ima &amp; Me</i> <i>LAST FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE</i> <i>Oneg hosted by</i> <i>Jana and Bill McFarlane</i>	10:30 am 7:30 pm			

Drs. Albert & Frieda Simon Adult Study Group  
Sunday mornings 10:00 AM