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SAUL MARIASIS TO BE FETED AS MAN OF THE YEAR ON FEBRUARY 25



The Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs has a long tradition of honoring valuable members from each of the chapters at its annual Man of the Year Dinner. This year, CKI Men's Club is proud to nominate Saul Mariasis as its Man of the Year.

The dinner will take place at **Beth Hillel**

Congregation B'nai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree

Lane, Wilmette, on Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30 pm for the reception and 7:00 pm for the dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$36 per person. All are invited.

Checks, made out to "CKI Men's Club," must be mailed to Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld, 992 Deborah Ave, Elgin, IL 60123, and must be received *absolutely no later than February 4. No late RSVPs will be accepted.*

Please do *not* contact the CKI Office.

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From the Rabbi's Study...

For centuries *Tu Bish'vat* was simply a calendar day in the Jewish year—the fifteenth day of the month of *Sh'vat*. The *Talmud* mentioned its agricultural significance, and people studied about it in the ancient *Yeshivot*, but it had no special religious observance.

Then, after the expulsion from Spain in 1492, Jewish mystics moved to the town of *Ts'fat* in the land of Israel. There Rabbi Isaac Luria organized a *Tu Bish'vat Seder*, modeled after the Passover *Seder*, to celebrate the mystical significance of the trees of the Holy Land.

Later, and for many more centuries, *Tu Bish'vat* slept and its observance was ignored. In our time, though, we began

to celebrate the *Seder* once again, but we gave it a new significance that it had never had before.

The birth of the State of Israel in 1948 inspired the *Seder's* rebirth. Once again, after five hundred years, we gathered at the *Tu Bish'vat* table to eat the fruits of trees—but we avoided local trees and used only species that were native to Israel. If we lived in the cold Northwest, where in February it still was frozen winter, the *Tu Bish'vat Seder* showed that our hearts were in the East, where the first blossoms of spring were appearing on the trees. Just as at *Chanukah*, so on *Tu Bish'vat* we could say *Nes Gadol Haya Sham*—a great miracle happened, not where we are here, but over there, in Israel.

Today, *Tu Bish'vat* is the central holiday of the Ecology movement, and its *Seder*,

like that of Passover, now combines messages of celebration and of responsibility. One concept—the New Year for Trees—thus took on three different meanings over time.

This is how a people stays forever young. Judaism remains vigorous over the centuries by renewing its structure from time to time. Observances lie dormant and are reborn in a pattern similar to that which sustains the fresh and ancient flowers of the Israeli springtime.



A Message from Our President

On a number of occasions, both in his *D'var Torahs* and *HaKol* articles, the Rabbi has cautioned against “following your heart.” By this he does not suggest that we lack compassion or empathy for others but rather that our standard for behavior should not be what emotionally feels right at any given time, but what the *Torah* teaches us. The *Torah* provides us a moral compass that keeps us from making bad personal decisions, even when they're well-intentioned.

This point has never become clearer than when we look at recent events both in Israel and the Gaza and even here, closer to home in the Chicago area, with attacks on local synagogues. Since the Gaza came under the control of *Hamas*, an organization whose charter calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, there has been a gradual escalation of rocket attacks from the Gaza to cities in Israel. Initially, this consisted of the Quassam rockets which had limited range and accuracy but eventually were replaced by Katyushas provided courtesy of Iran. As a result,

these attacks have gone beyond border communities in southern Israel such as Sderot to include communities such as Ashkelon. Recently, I read an op-ed piece in the *Chicago Tribune* where the author made the incredible argument that Israel's attacks on Gaza were unjustified because the number of Israelis killed by *Hamas* rockets were far fewer than the number of Palestinians who have died. This argument of “proportionality” would have Israel tie its hands behind its back, because it seems wrong for them to use whatever force is necessary to stop the *Hamas* attacks. This is just the kind of thinking that encourages *Hamas'* tactics, not only against Israel but also its own people as Alan Dershowitz observes,

“*Hamas* has learned how to manipulate the media's coverage of Israeli military actions. They deliberately fire their rockets from behind civilian shields in order to provoke Israel to respond and kill civilians. They are then ready to bring out the cameras to record and transmit every civilian death around the world.”

The predictable response of the world has been to roundly condemn Israel for carrying out “acts of genocide” against the Palestinians in what could aptly be described as a “knee-jerk” reaction. It is human for us to react with horror and revulsion when we view bloody scenes of children and other innocent victims severely injured or killed by attacks. In the absence of any consideration of Israel's legitimate right to self-defense,

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Ha Kol Information

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Make checks payable to CKI.

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All material for the March (YES, MARCH, already!) issue is due NO LATER than February 10, PLEASE.

All items should be emailed to ronrazowsky@gmail.com

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Torah School News

"No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure."

– Emma Goldman

February Schedule:

Wednesday Hebrew School and Sunday Torah School as regularly scheduled.

Friday, February 13, Family Shabbat, Alef Class Participating

Saturday, February 21, Junior Congregation, 10:00 am

Confirmation Class, Monday, February 9 and 23

If we need to close school due to weather we will be listed on:

www.emergencyclosingcenter.com

You can register on the web site to get an automatic e-mail when the site is notified of our closing.

We are going to start a **Beginning Adult Hebrew** class. There will now be a beginners' class and an advanced class. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. We

would like to get the class going by the end of February. You may contact me at CKI or e-mail me at: cki.nina@yahoo.com

Our **Purim Carnival** is scheduled for **March 8**. Any parents who are available to help, please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

We are going to start a **Coupon Group**. Anyone that is interested on learning the ins and outs of saving with coupons is welcome to participate. The idea will be to save money, of course, and also to help others.

The group will work together to try to find huge savings so that we can fill the CKI's own food pantry. Extras will be sent to the local food pantry at the Crisis Center.

The group will meet on **Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm**, and **Sunday mornings at 10:00 am**. You are welcome to come to one day or both.

If you would like more information, please contact **Deborah Stone** or me.

Nina Silverman

Bat Mitzvah



Then



Now

Rochelle Fosco (Baubi) is to be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **February 28**. In December 2008, she completed her education with a Certificate in Health Care Insurance Billing and Coding from Harper College.

Rochelle is currently on the CKI Board and is CKI Sisterhood President. She enjoys being with her grandchildren, three of whom are members of CKI. She also enjoys computers, electronic gadgets, and the Wii.

Sharing this special occasion are her children, their wives, and her grandchildren: Darrell and Cindy Fosco, Kyle and Megan; Ira and Amy Fosco, Shelby, Carlee, and Jacob; and Cory and Cynthia Fosco, Frederic and Lillian.

Rochelle is having this Bat Mitzvah 50 years after her 13th birthday. For her mitzvah project, Rochelle requests that everyone attending her celebration bring a non-perishable item either for the Crisis Center pantry or a new or gently used, warm winter coat for the Crisis Center. Please bring these items to CKI prior to Shabbat, or on Sunday, March 1.

Ira and Amy Fosco are hosting Kiddush following the services. RSVPs are requested, but all are welcome. (See page 4.)

50+ GROUP

continues the Musical Winter of 2009
with
"Hello Dolly"

February 21 at 7:30
at the Blizzard Theater at ECC.

Tickets are \$18.00 adults
and \$16.00 for seniors

Afterwards, we'll chill at Colonial Restaurant for dessert.

Contact Jana McFarlane at 630-483-7330 or jemcfarlane@earthlink.net by February 10 to make reservations.

If you'd like to do dinner before the show, let Jana know and we'll make arrangements!



Sisterhood News

We just finished the first in a series of three joint programs with *Hadassah* on aging. We had a nice turnout for lunch and the program. Unfortunately, our speaker for the program was not able to attend, but thanks to Barb Maring for jumping on board and moderating our program. Barb shared many of the positive and negative aspects that we, as children of elderly parents, have to assume and know in regards to taking care of our parents and, when the time comes, the passing of our loved ones. Barb opened the discussion up to everyone present and we shared our experiences. It was a very informative afternoon. Again, thank you, Barb, for moderating our program.

Our second session of "As We Age," Service and Residence, is on February 8, 2009. Please see the article in this month's *Hakol*.

On a personal note, I am in the process of finalizing details for my upcoming *Bat Mitzvah* that is on February 28, 2009. Everyone at CKI is invited. I now realize all the hard work my granddaughter Shelby Fosco had done when she was preparing for her *Bat Mitzvah* last year. As I attend Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary



with all the *Torah* school students, I see the work each child puts in. Parents, be very proud of the commitment your child is making. I have seen their progress, and it is amazing. I am in awe of my fellow "B'nai Mitzvah" students.

Sisterhood is putting together a nominating committee to select a slate of candidates for the year 2009-2010. If you are interested in being an officer or chairing a committee, please let us know. As always, if you have any ideas on new programs or fundraising, please voice your opinion. Your sisterhood is only as good as its members.

Until next month,

Shalom,

Rochelle

Men's Club

MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS HAGBAH HIGH SCHOOL

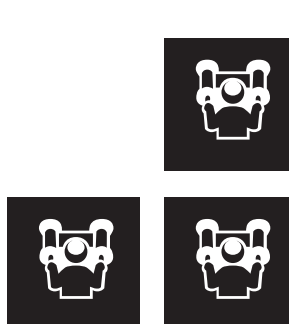
Being selected to serve as *Hagbah*, or *Torah* scroll lifter, at a service, is intended to be an honor, not the cause of unwarranted trepidation. However, it is natural for many to be a little scared of having to raise the scroll for all to see. After all, the *Torah* is arguably the central icon of Jewish religious culture, so what would happen, one frets, if something goes wrong?

There is a right way and a wrong way to lift a *Torah* scroll. But it's really not all that complicated, as CKI's Men's Club will endeavor to show on **Sunday, February 15, at 10:30 am**. Attendees will hear a very brief discussion from Men's Club Education Chair Paul Glaser about traditions and procedures related to lifting and carrying a *Torah*, followed by hands-on practice with a "PracTorah," a life-sized *Torah* simulator constructed by our very own Dr. Joe Rosenfeld.

One does not have to be a Men's Club member to attend (or even a man, for that matter). But if you have a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* in your family's future, or if you'd simply like to know more about the happiness that comes with being a *hagbah*, you'll want to be there.



**Next Men's Club meeting:
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 pm
– Check your email for location
announcement.**



The entire Fosco family

*invites you to share
their joy*

*at Shabbat Services on
Saturday, February 28, 2009
as their mother & baubi*

Rochelle

*is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah*



*Please join us for an extended
Kiddush following services*



RSVP requested by February 20

847-534-2753 or

sfosco@comcast.net

USY and Kadima News

The First Annual USY Lounge Night was a great success! We included our current 8th graders to begin welcoming them into USY! We just hung out, talked, played cards, played games, watched videos, drank hot chocolate, and ate snacks. A group of kids also made a fleece blanket to donate to the Crisis Center!

We are now looking forward to GAMEWORKS on January 25.

If you are not receiving Youth Group information emails and would like to, please email me at Archbroch@sbcglobal.net, and let me know.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb 6-7 - CHUSY Israel *Shabbaton*/SATO

Feb 9 - USY Board Meeting 8 pm

Feb 21 - USY-Kadima Movie Night - Details to be announced soon. Either we will go to a show at Elgin Fox, or we will watch a movie at CKI. Check your email for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH:

Mar 8 - USY Purim Jail - SATO Fundraiser

Mar 15 - USY-Kadima Laser Quest

Mar 16 - USY Board Meeting 8 pm

Holocaust Observance Planned for April at Gail Borden Library

The Gail Borden Public Library on Grove Avenue, in Elgin, is in the process of preparing a Holocaust observance. It will be held **Thursday evening, April 2, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 pm** in Community Rooms A,B, & C. The speaker is TBA. The speaker will hopefully be a survivor or a hidden child from the Holocaust.

The program is free and is open to all, ages 12 or older.

Come to the Table: Who Is My Neighbor?

Sunday, February 8th, 2pm
Elgin Community College
University & Business Center
1700 Spartan Drive,
Dining Room 136

For the last few months, Rabbi Kohn has been working with the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders to prepare an exciting new program in the Coalition's *Come to the Table* series.

"Who Is My Neighbor?" grew out of the decline, as those on the Planning Committee saw it, in the level of discourse on the important topic of immigration. In many ways, the Elgin community seems to have lost the ability to discuss the issues of immigration with reason and civility.

This program is an attempt to re-learn that vital skill. It is an exercise in civil discourse, whose purpose is to develop our ability to listen and learn from those with whom we disagree. "Who is wise?" asked the ancient sage Ben Zoma. "He who learns from everyone." "Who Is My Neighbor?" has no other agenda than to cultivate Ben Zoma's form of wisdom.

The tightly scheduled exercise begins at 2:00 pm, with refreshments at 1:30. Rabbi Kohn is scheduled to present the multi-faceted Jewish perspective.

Many organizations are expressing an interest in this program, and it is expected to be a major Elgin event. The Jews of Elgin offer a unique contribution to this dialogue. Please "Come to the Table" and be part of it.

The Pleasure of Reading

As we go to press, the shelling in Gaza is intensifying. As usual, Israel is portrayed as the heavy by the American press and international media. Not too familiar with the events shaping the last 60 years of Israel's history? This would be a perfect time to visit the CKI library. Read the history and the biographies that shaped Israel. Our collection is extensive; these are but a few of the many titles. For example, check out:

- *Personal Witness, Israel Through My Eyes* (Abba Eban)
- *My Country: The Story of Modern Israel* (Abba Eban)
- *Operation Susannah*
- *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*
- *The Gate Behind the Wall*
- *Ben-Gurion and the Birth Of Israel*
- *Ben Gurion Looks Back*
- *Moshe Dayan: Story of My Life*
- *Summoned to Jerusalem: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah*
- *The Case for Israel*
- *The Story of Modern Israel*
- *The Yom Kippur War: Israel and the Jewish People*
- *Israel Journal: June, 1967*

- *Swift Sword: The Historical Record of Israel's Victory, June 1967*
- *National Security and Public Opinion in Israel*
- *They Came from Everywhere: Twelve Who Helped Mold Modern Israel*
- *The Untold History of Israel*
- *The Diary of the Sinai Campaign*
- *Six-Day Warriors*
- *Shield of David: The Story of Israel's Armed Forces*
- *One Jerusalem: 1967-1977*
- *Israel on the Road to Sinai: 1949-1956*
- *Holy City: Jews on Jerusalem*
- *Israel's Secret Wars*
- *Beautiful People of the Book: A Tribute to Ethiopian Jews in Israel*
- *Longest War: Israel in Lebanon*
- *The Battle for Jerusalem*

Younger readers may enjoy: *Folktales of Israel*; *The Story of Israel in Stamps*; *How the Jewish People Lives Today*, *Israeli Humor and Satire*; *I Live in Israel*, *The Children of Israel*; *The Story of Israel in Coins*; and *Israel Is*.

— Sherry Wiesman



President's Message (cont'd from p. 2)

there seems to be no justification for Israel's actions. In other words, if we allow ourselves to follow our hearts, our feelings, we fail to see the moral imperative Israel has to protect its people. This is apparent from the number of articles and blogs condemning Israel for its action. What is really significant is the absence of this same outcry against *Hamas* for targeting civilians in Israel. As Dershowitz so effectively states,

"No one condemned Great Britain and the United States for the collateral damage it caused while trying to defeat those who attacked it during the Second World War. Moreover, Germany did not deny the right of Great Britain or the United States to exist. The *Hamas* Charter not only denies Israel's right to exist, it calls for the complete destruction of the Jewish state. Surely Israel has as much right to defend its citizens as did the United States and Great Britain."

Israel must do what is necessary to safeguard its people. The question is, when will the rest of the world find its moral compass? More importantly, how can there ever be a reasonable chance for peace if the only response to continued terrorism against Israel is profound silence?

Perry

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Welcome Wonderful Wishes...

We're still wishing for...

- ✧ **More new lightweight 8-foot long tables for the social hall.**
(We purchase them at Sam's. Prices: 8' long tables are \$70.00 each. 60" round tables are \$100.00 each. We are tax exempt.)
- ✧ **New 3- or 6-foot long bookshelf (with 3 shelves) for the library on which we can house our growing Dr. Daniel and Lisa Schulman Young Adult Library acquisitions.** (Check out the one we have in the library. It isn't tall, because it stands in front of the windows.)

Please keep those wishes coming true!!
Thank you!

Torah Fund

Dear Sisterhood Friends!

Torah Fund is alive and well at CKI; I just got a very slow start last fall. Let's make up for lost time!! If you would like to make a Benefactor pledge of \$180, please let me know and I will forward the beautiful "Heart and Soul" pin to you. You can pay it in installments, with the total due in May. All donations are tax deductible. Please mail the check, made out to "*Torah*



Fund," to me, Cheryl Stanczak, at 1184 Independence Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103. And, if you need more information, contact me at cgs@flash.net or 630-830-5359. Watch for the annual *Torah* Fund event coming in May!

And, thank you for all your good wishes...
— Cheryl Stanczak
CKI Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair

Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

February 7 *Shabbat Shirah*
13 Shevat *B'Shalah* – Exodus 14:15-16:10
 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

February 14 *Yitro* – Exodus 19:1-20:23
20 Shevat *Haftarah*: Isaiah 6:1-7:6

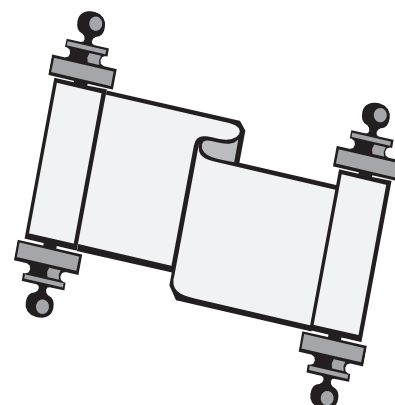
February 21 *Birkat Hachodesh; Shabbat Shekalim*
27 Shevat *Mishpatim* – Exodus 22:4-23:19
 Maftir: Exodus 30:11-16
 Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17

February 24 *Rosh Chodesh Adar*
30 Shevat Numbers 28:1-15

February 25 *Rosh Chodesh Adar*
1 Adar Numbers 28:1-15

February 28 *Terumah* – Exodus 26:1-26:30
4 Adar *Haftarah*: I Kings 5:26-6:13

FIND YOURSELF
IN SHUL!
SHUL IS GOOD!



Social Action

KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED

Please read and forward this important message. We are encouraging people to help us find a kidney donor for the father of a rabbi in Philadelphia.

The patient had end stage renal disease and started dialysis on December 29. The regional waiting list is approximately six years. They need donors that are type O blood. No family members qualify.

Surgery for the donor is done laparoscopically usually involving a 2-night stay in the hospital and several weeks of recovery. Simple blood tests are done to determine if the potential donor is a match. All the donor's relevant medical costs will be covered by his medical insurance. Potential donors will receive directions for screening following a brief telephone registration at the Westchester Medical Center.

PLEASE HAVE POTENTIAL DONOR INQUIRIES RESPOND TO: Katie Eisenstadt at KEisenstadt@aol.com.

Remember – to save one life is as if you saved the world.

Winter Coats Collection

We are still collecting gently used, clean winter coats. Men's coats are especially needed. There is a collection box on the stage.

Film on February 22

Please join us in the CKI sanctuary on Sunday morning, Feb. 22 to view the film **Renewal**. Truly a film of *tikkun olam*, *Renewal* documents various ways many religious communities are making efforts to repair the earth. A discussion will follow. There is no charge, and the greater at-large community is welcome to attend.

In the Community

Gail Borden Public Library will be presenting their annual **Holocaust observance program** on April 2. We, the CKI family, need to make every effort to support this important education programming. Save the date: **Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm** in the GBPL Community Room.

Important Message – Please Read

“The Jewish tradition of caring for others, part of the broader *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, has always connected Jews to one another and to the rest of humanity. We believe that by giving to others in need, we make ourselves God's partners in the care of other human beings. Helping those who are hungry is one of the simplest and most important ways of coming to the aid of a fellow human being—a concrete expression of the Jewish love of life.”*

And so we take care of our own internal community/congregation as well as those in the external world.

“All who are hungry, let them come and eat.” – Ta'anit 20A

In light of this belief, if you are a member of CKI and are a family in need, please avail yourself of the food items in the cupboard located in the hallway from the parking lot. You DO NOT have to clear this with anyone. You may take any and as many items as you wish.

The cupboard includes shelves of food items for those of you who keep kosher. Plastic bags are also in the cupboard.

We will still continue to donate non-perishable food items, baby supplies, etc. to the Community Crisis Center.

*From *It's A Mitzvah: Step-By-Step to Jewish Living* by Bradley Shavit Artson

Food Pantry

Even though the “holiday season” is past, we still need to remember those who are hungry.

We are ALWAYS collecting food for the Crisis Center Food Pantry. Please bring in non-perishable food items, and let's

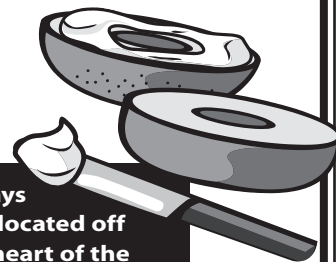
fill the cupboard in the hallway from the parking lot. Debbie Stone will sort it all and bring it to the Crisis Center for us.

– Fern Raben and Sherry Wiesman
Social Action Co-chairs

JANUARY PROGRAM RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

The “CKI SENIORS” Lox & Bagel Luncheon

Tuesday, February 10
12:00 noon at CKI



Leonard Kofkin has recently returned from five days in Palma, the capital city of the island of Mallorca located off the coast of Barcelona, Spain. Barcelona was the heart of the Sephardic community and Jews were prominent in Palma for nearly 1500 years. He toured the Jewish quarter and while there is little left of the buildings, the history is rich and the quarter is distinctive, particularly with evidence of forced conversions and the persistence of Jewish culture.

Leonard will present slides and discuss the history and artistry of the Jews of Palma.

RSVP to phyllisCKI@aol.com or (847) 741-8784

Please respond **DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN**
Thursday, February 5.

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

Acknowledgements

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Rose Goldstein

Lisa & Dan Schulman
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Shirley Zeman

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(Siddur)

In memory of Rose Goldstein

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In memory of Rose Goldstein

Len & Laurie Winner

In honor of Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman's new granddaughter, Gabrielle

Len & Laurie Winner

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To Michael & Morgan Farr, Mazal Tov on the birth of your son, Isaac Samuel

Fern & Ron Raben

To Chuck and Nancy Zimmerman, Mazal Tov on the birth of your new granddaughter, Gabrielle

Fern & Ron Raben

Len & Laurie Winner

To Jerry Goldstein, in memory of Rose, your beloved wife, mother and grandmother

Fern & Ron Raben

CKI LIBRARY

Book donations

Barbara Maring
Rina Baxter

MAZAL TOV

...to Chuck and Nancy Zimmerman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Gabrielle.

IN APPRECIATION

...to Phyllis Brenner for her generous donation of two cemetery lots at Bluff City Cemetery.

TREE OF LIFE

Leaf:

GABRIELLE REESE ZIMMERMAN

BORN 12/18/08

Grandchild of

Charles & Nancy Zimmerman

Leaf:

In Tribute to

MY BELOVED SISTER-IN-LAW

ROSE GOLDSTEIN

From Bernice Brazner

Leaf:

In Tribute to our special cousin

ROSE GOLDSTEIN

Elyse, Marc, Hayley & Adam
Russman



In Our Family

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Fern Raben	David Goodman
Lisa Schulman	Pearle Brody
Sherry Wiesman	Rebecca Eagels
Shirley Friedman	Cheryl Stanczak
Herman Loeb	Ron Raben

May God bring speedy and complete healing to you and all others who are ill among the people of Israel.

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

The Congregation expresses condolences to the families of
...Rose Goldstein, wife of Jerry Goldstein

...John Gruner, son of Charlie (Charlotte) Gruner

May God comfort you and may their memories be for a blessing.

Greeting the Bride

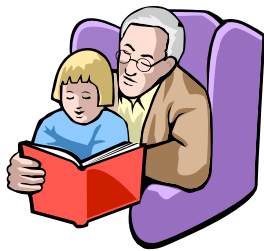
"Although my parents could never understand why we were doing all this and couldn't make head or tail of it, they always loved Friday night. They looked forward to it. And there wasn't a Friday night that they were here that my mother didn't come into the kitchen and give me a hug and a kiss before dinner."

— Sandy Goodglick
in *The Art of Jewish Living:*
The Shabbat Seder

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CKI Sisterhood and Elgin Area Hadassah Present
As We Age – Part II – Services and Residence
 Sunday February 8, 12:30 – 2:30

Aging, as part of the lifecycle, has its unique set of joys and challenges. Elgin Area Hadassah and Sisterhood are collaborating on a program series (January 11, February 8, and March 15) titled "As We Age, Parts I, II, and III.

The first session January 11 focused on legal issues that confront us and our families.

Part II, **February 8**, will deal with services and appropriate residential placements based upon the particular needs of the individual.

Part III will focus upon Alzheimer's and how caretakers can keep their emotional balance.

A light lunch and beverages will be served at 12:30; the cost is \$10.00

Please RSVP to Susan Robbins 847-331-3771 or
susanr613@yahoo.com by Monday February 2.

If you're planning on having lunch, please make your check out to CKI Sisterhood and either give it to Susan or leave it in the CKI office.

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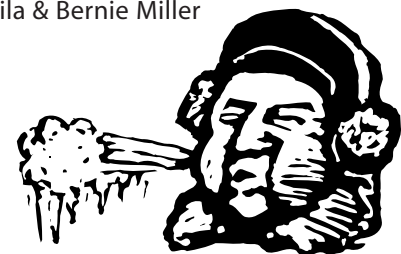
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February Birthdays

- 3 Sara Shankman
- 3 Gretchen Bush
- 3 Rochelle Fosco
- 3 Richard Kruth
- 4 Helen Lindow
- 4 Lucy Marshall
- 4 Abram Wiesman
- 5 Brian Finn
- 6 Sarah Bender
- 7 Anna Gilbert
- 7 Jack Bush
- 8 Michael Berkson
- 8 Chandler Abrams
- 9 Ron Razowsky
- 9 Carolyn Ginder
- 10 Richard Johnson
- 11 Jennifer Eagles
- 14 Zachary Kohn
- 14 Ellie Kohn
- 14 Erik St. Pierre
- 15 Jessica Shankman
- 18 Laura Wolf
- 19 Paul Maring
- 19 Kara Gauthier
- 19 Adeline Kohlhagen
- 20 Sylvia Karnal
- 21 Cyril Friend
- 21 Marla Finger
- 22 Spencer Kravis
- 23 Marc Stone
- 26 Mindy Bear

February Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff & Sandy Rifken
- 18 Richard & Eva Kruth
- 28 Sheila & Bernie Miller



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

Jan 31	Feb 1	Marvin Schneider	Feb 7	Feb 8	Lester Fischer*	Feb 21	Feb 23	Faye Ginsberg Korn*
Jan 31	Feb 2	Lillian Roth*	Feb 7	Feb 8	Anna Gombiner*	Feb 21	Feb 23	Israel Hymovitz*
Jan 31	Feb 3	Lillian Bloomberg	Feb 7	Feb 10	Yuddy Wolfensohn	Feb 21	Feb 24	Sheldon Franks*
Jan 31	Feb 3	Hyman Ableman*	Feb 7	Feb 11	Sidney Slutsky	Feb 21	Feb 25	Marion Bromberg
Jan 31	Feb 4	Zeldah Demont*	Feb 7	Feb 11	Henry Greenberg*	Feb 21	Feb 25	Jerome M. Roth*
Jan 31	Feb 4	Louis Gordon*	Feb 7	Feb 11	Bernice Sievers*	Feb 21	Feb 25	Joseph A. Hass
Jan 31	Feb 5	Max Kohlhagen	Feb 7	Feb 13	Howard Karl Lebovits	Feb 21	Feb 26	Lillian Nitzberg
Jan 31	Feb 5	Eugene Bernstein	Feb 7	Feb 13	Anna Libby Strickman*	Feb 21	Feb 26	Philip Turek*
Jan 31	Feb 6	Martin Kornstein*	Feb 14	Feb 14	Mildred Lipofsky*	Feb 21	Feb 26	Sylvia Zimmerman*
Jan 31	Feb 6	Nathan Cohen*	Feb 14	Feb 14	Lena Simon*	Feb 21	Feb 27	Edward A. Dato*
Jan 31	Feb 6	Nate Krohn*	Feb 14	Feb 15	Dr. Harlan Levin	Feb 21	Feb 27	Jewel Singer*
Jan 31	Feb 6	Sam Becker*	Feb 14	Feb 15	Isadore Ginsberg*	Feb 28	Feb 28	Abraham Kowitz*
Feb 7	Feb 7	Teri Ann Knoll	Feb 14	Feb 15	Harold Modes	Feb 28	Feb 28	Samuel David Lipofsky*
Feb 7	Feb 7	Milton L. Durchslag	Feb 14	Feb 15	Fannie Rosenthal*	Feb 28	Mar 1	Abraham Levin*
Feb 7	Feb 8	Frank Lindow*	Feb 14	Feb 16	Sophie Kaplan*	Feb 28	Mar 1	Sarah Burstein*
			Feb 14	Feb 17	Anna Lillian Rogoff*	Feb 28	Mar 3	Bernadine Rifken*
			Feb 14	Feb 17	Anna Perlman*	Feb 28	Mar 3	Peter Rose
			Feb 14	Feb 18	Millie Flowers*	Feb 28	Mar 5	Lorraine Silins*
			Feb 14	Feb 18	Beryl Niznik*	Feb 28	Mar 5	Ethel Bleicher*
			Feb 14	Feb 19	Morris Agins	Feb 28	Mar 5	Max Burstein*
			Feb 14	Feb 20	Jean Ginsburg*	Feb 28	Mar 5	Ida Fox*
			Feb 21	Feb 21	Anna Sweet*	Feb 28	Mar 5	William Durchslag
			Feb 21	Feb 22	Marvin Kaplan	Feb 28	Mar 6	Ethel Rifken*
			Feb 21	Feb 22	Ella Schlossberg*	Feb 28	Mar 6	Esther Goozh
			Feb 21	Feb 22	Suzanne J. Greenfield	Feb 28	Mar 6	Michael Levin
			Feb 21	Feb 22	Beverly Weiner*			



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

Feb. 64:54 pm

Feb. 13.....5:03 pm

Feb. 20.....5:12 pm

Feb. 27.....5:20 pm

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

The Hekhsher Tzedek Commission Announces the Creation of Magen Tzedek

Conservative Movement's Ethical Certification Seal To Be Introduced to Kosher Food Industry in Coming Months

December 22, 2008 (New York, NY) – The Hekhsher Tzedek commission has announced the creation of Magen Tzedek, the new ethical certification seal that will be introduced to the kosher food industry in the coming months.

Magen Tzedek, a stylized version of a star of David, is the logo that will appear on the packaging of kosher foods whose producers successfully apply for ethical certification from the Hekhsher Tzedek commission.

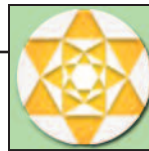
The commission was launched in the summer of 2007 as a joint project of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly.

The work of the Hekhsher Tzedek commission already has been credited

with creating new interest in the ethical aspects of *kashrut* both within the Conservative movement and beyond it. The Magen Tzedek seal does not replace the *hekhsher* that certifies that food is *halachically* kosher but is designed to supplement those seals

"Magen Tzedek is a proud product of Conservative Judaism but also a gift for the entire Jewish community," said Rabbi Michael Siegel, a co-chair of the Hekhsher Tzedek commission. "It is a bold new symbol that signifies kosher food produced with the highest degree of dignity."

The Magen Tzedek seal will be awarded to kosher food companies based on a number of criteria having to do with such



Magen Tzedek

A joint project of the Hekhsher Tzedek Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

matters as employee health, safety and training; wages and benefits; the company's environmental impact; corporate transparency, and product development.

Rabbi Siegel speculated that even non-Jews or Jews who do not keep kosher might select a product with a Hekhsher Tzedek certification as a way of expressing their commitment to social justice. "In this regard Hekhsher Tzedek assumes an important position in the broad social movement of ethical eating," he added.

For more information, go to www.hekshertzedek.org, www.rabbinicalassembly.org or www.uscj.org.

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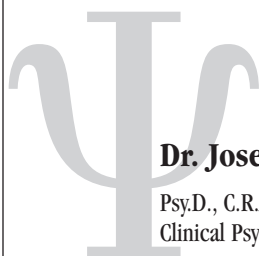
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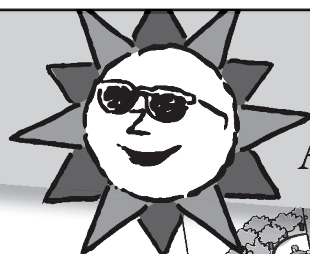


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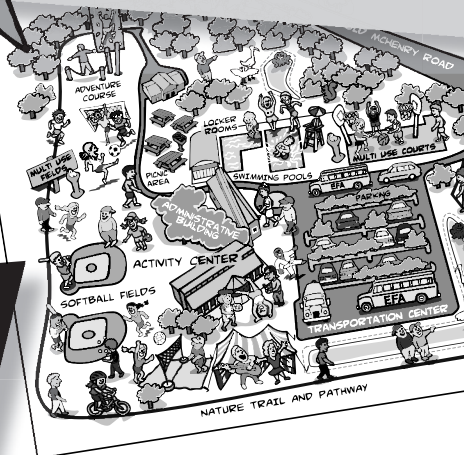


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1	Torah School		13	Family Shabbat Service – Kita Alef	7:30 pm
3	CKI Board meeting	7:30 pm	15	Torah School	
4	Hebrew Class	5:00 pm	17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	
6	Oneg: The Johnson and Razowsky families	7:30 pm	18	Hebrew Class	5:00 pm
6-7	CHUSY Israel Shabbaton/SATO Marathon		21	Junior Congregation 50's Plus Night - "Hello, Dolly!" at the Blizzard Theatre, ECC Kadima/USY movie night	10:00 am 7:30 pm 7:00 pm
8	Tu b'Shevat Seder Hadassah/Sisterhood Series with Lunch: As We Age, Part II	during school 12:30-2:30 pm	22	Torah School Social Action film, "Renewal," in the sanctuary	10:00 am
9	Tu B'Shevat Confirmation class USY Board meeting	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	23	Confirmation class	6:30 pm
10	CKI Seniors Lox & Bagel Lunch Sisterhood Board meeting ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	noon 7:00 pm	25	Hebrew class	5:00 pm
11	Hebrew Class Men's Club meeting - location TBA	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	27- Mar 1	CHUSY Kadima Kallah	
			28	Rochelle Fosco Bat Mitzvah Kiddush sponsored by Amy & Ira Fosco	9:30 am