

Kol Kneseth Israel

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It's Time to Shop!

The CKI gift shop is stocked with lots of new items that will satisfy all your shopping needs.

Come see us for birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, weddings, hostess gifts, and a treat for yourself as well.

Did you know that the CKI has been on Oprah? Well, our t-shirts by *Be.ology* have been! We have 3 styles in assorted sizes for adults.

In addition to the t-shirts, we have many new items. Here is a sample:

- Dancing and singing toys
- Candy and flavored popcorn
- Glass vases
- Artist-created jewelry
- Travel toys, animal bookmarks
- Reusable shopping bags
- Accessories with Yiddish names like "Meshugenah" pill box, "Shlepper" luggage tag, or "Chicken Soup" flask (that needs no translation)
- Pop-up enclosure gift tags and cards for gift certificates
- Silver serving pieces such as trivets, salt & pepper set, bowls, and napkin holders
- Candy wrapper purses
- Fused glass plates



Of course, we have many Judaica items for *Chanukah* and all other holidays. Don't forget to stock up on candles and wrapping paper. Special orders can also be filled.

So don't wait in line at a store; don't drive miles to find something which is out of stock.

Shop CKI because it is quick, easy, and it helps our congregation!

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Chanukah Bazaar dates:

Sunday, November 22	9-1
Tuesday, December 1	7-9
(during congregation meeting)	
Wednesday December 2	5:30-6:30
Sunday December 6	9-1
Tuesday December 8	Noon-1:30
(during senior lunch)	
Wednesday, December 9	5:30-6:30
Sunday December 13	9-1

Additional times can be arranged by contacting Tina Wolf 630-377-1287 or Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160.



From the Rabbi's Study...

Israel in the World

If everyone loves you, then you're doing something wrong.

That is, if everyone loves you during your lifetime. After death it's different. Everyone loved Moshe after he died. Nearly everyone today mourns the victims of the Holocaust. Even its perpetrators mourn them. But alive, Moshe would never have survived the people's anger without God's protection, just as the British would have hanged Washington, and half the country would have assassinated Lincoln.

The best of us are known by the enemies we make.

And who has more enemies than we do? Now, having lots of enemies is, by itself, nothing to be proud of. But who are our enemies? Who hates the Jews? Having the right enemies makes all the difference.

And there, the Jewish people can truly be proud. Not everyone hates us, only those who hate. Those who claim to love death

more than life hate the Jews. Those who despise achievement and live by violence hate us. Tyrants, despots, terrorists, kleptocrats, and bullies all hate us. Aren't you proud? None of the bad guys are our friends.

If we Jews in America are to relate to our brethren in Israel, then we have to understand the virtue of making the right enemies. The whole world doesn't hate Israel, only the world's most despicable parts. How humiliating it must be, for instance, that Arabs of Israel enjoy more rights than those of Arab lands. How intolerable that freedom and industry in Israel have accomplished so much. How frustrating that lies and libels must be invented to equate Israel's most restrained and disciplined army with its bloodthirsty and chaotic adversaries.

They hate us while we live, and—*am yisrael chai*—Israel lives forever.

Make no mistake, the world's current condemnation of Israel that began in Arabia,

has spread throughout Europe, and is reaching America and is not based on Israel's misdeeds, even were those misdeeds ten times as grievous as in fact they are.

As malicious or misguided as we might imagine Israeli policies to be, they could not match the enormities perpetrated by Israel's adversaries around the world. If every slanderous allegation were true, it would still not account for the obsessive fixation on the behavior of Israel over all other nations.

This is nothing new. We read about it every year in the Book of Esther, when the life task of the greatest villain in Persia (of all places) deals not with matters of his own empire but with the eradication of us. And we recite it also a month later at the *Pesach* table, when we read that "every generation has those who would rise up to destroy us, and each time the Holy One, praised be He, saves us from their hand."

We are finding, once again, that whole continents seem to be rising against Israel,

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A Message from Our President

Excerpts from Barb Maring's address to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah.

What is a synagogue?

A synagogue is a community center.

A synagogue is where we participate in *Shabbat* services.

A synagogue is where we participate in and celebrate *haggim*.

A synagogue is a place of learning.

A synagogue is a gathering place.

A synagogue is the place to celebrate life cycle events: *aufreufs*, weddings, baby namings, *bar & bat mitzvahs*, consecrations, confirmations and Hebrew School graduations. Funerals and memorial services take place and we say *kaddish* in our synagogue.

Concerts are held in synagogues. Speakers come to educate, community programs and events such as interfaith Thanksgiving services take place.

For some a synagogue is a second home. There is cooking, cleaning, meeting, planning, learning, arguing, hugging, crying, praising, and praying. As a second home, "it is a place that, when you have to go there, they have to let you in."

We hope you will come often. If you choose to come occasionally, OK. However, keep in touch with us so we know when you are rejoicing and when you are hurting or frightened. We are here for births and marriages as well as educating children and adults. If there is sickness in your family, we

are here. If there is a death in your family, we are here. Our full time rabbi is here for you. Call on him. How fortunate we are to have a full time rabbi.

A secretary is in the office from 9:00 am to 3:00pm M-F. She can assist with routine questions. She is great about contacting whomever needs to respond to you. The synagogue employs a *Shabbos* assistant, a custodian, an Education Director, teachers, and independent contractors. It's awesome. It's expensive. It is very expensive.

I challenge each of you to be a recruiter and public relations agent for CKI. Let people

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Torah School News

**To accomplish great things,
We must not only act, but also
DREAM.**

Not only plan, but also BELIEVE!

— Anatole France

We have some very exciting things happening with the school!

First, check out the progress on the children's library. We have an entertainment center, books, DVD player, crafts, and games, too! It is in the downstairs classroom.

Next, we will be starting a Sunday morning preschool program! It will be starting soon. One Sunday morning each month, the children (age 6 and under), accompanied by an adult, and a teacher will get together to play, do crafts, sing songs, and discuss Jewish holidays.

People do not need to be members to join this group. If you know anyone who would be interested, please have him or her call or e-mail me for details.

We are again looking for a group interested in Adult Beginning Hebrew. If anyone is interested please contact me.

A big, big THANK YOU to Ira and Amy Fosco for the donation of the entertainment center and DVD player for the children's library.

Thank you, also, to Et Schillmoeller, Mindy Bear, and Karen Radest for helping in the kitchen with the "Hut Dog" dinner. You guys are great!

November Schedule:

1, Sunday – Torah School – 9:00 am

Daylight savings time ends, change your clocks back!

2, Monday – Confirmation Class – Dinner at 6:00, Class at 6:30 pm

4, Wednesday – Hebrew School – 5:00 pm

8, Sunday – Torah School – 9:00 am

11, Wednesday – Hebrew – 5:00 pm

14, Saturday – JUNIOR CONGREGATION – 10:00 am

15, Sunday – Torah School – 9:00 am

16, Monday – Confirmation Class – Dinner at 6:00, Class at 6:30 pm

18, Wednesday – Hebrew – 5:00 pm

20, Friday – FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE, 7:30 pm

22, Sunday – Torah School – 9:00 am
Chanukah Bazaar Begins!

25, Wednesday – NO SCHOOL,
THANKSGIVING RECESS

29, Sunday – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING
RECESS

December 2, Wednesday – SCHOOL
RESUMES – Hebrew – 5:00 pm

Order your AFFY TAPPLES NOW!!!

**SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR
DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE!!!**

Shalom,

Nina Bobrow Finn, Director of Education

From the Rabbi' Study (cont'd from p. 2)

and we are tempted to say, "What must be bothering those people? How can we rectify it and satisfy them? When everyone condemns Israel so obsessively, can they all be wrong?"

And we've seen that yes, in fact they can. The European common wisdom of seventy-five years ago was that Jews were the bane of civilization. The only question in Europe was whether we should be tolerated or rejected outright.

Well, the common wisdom was all wrong. We are, in fact, the vanguard of civilization, and Israeli society bears the greatest resemblance to none other than the most enlightened of other societies around the world.

You can see it if you consider, for instance, just the Middle East. Israel is distinguished there not by its malice or oppression, but by its art, music, literature, philosophy, industry, agriculture, freedom and, under the circumstances, extremity of tolerance. It is, at least relative to its neighbors, a light to the nations.

And the best of people in the world love that about us, while the bad guys hate it, and those who hate it most have proven to be the worst.

So don't fret about Israel's moral standing. It is doing very well. And as Israel moves forward through this storm, under God's protections, we can expect it, as it always does, to rise from strength to strength.

USY and Kadima News

The USY Pancake Breakfast, which took place on the first day of Torah School, was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the "Special Toppings!" We saw many unique edible creations! We made **\$105.00** for Social Action/Tikun Olam and continue to think of more ways to raise funds.

Danielle Piraino attended the USY Leadership Training Institute and came back fired up with all sorts of inspirational programs and ideas. We are excited as a group to implement them! Thanks, Danielle, for attending and educating us!

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to our annual USY/Kadima Bowling event, which is always a good time. And we can't wait for our first ever "Bring Your Own Percussion" Friday Night service! Riva Kohn, our Religious Ed VP, helped conceive the idea, and we are hopeful for a good turnout.

Eighth graders should have received notice of the 8th Grade Shabbaton taking place on Dec. 4-6. It should be a great time. Please encourage your kids to attend—they could end up being a USYer for life!

If you are on Facebook, you can join the CKI USY 2009-2010 Group to keep up with all USY events.

UPCOMING USY/Kadima PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER:

- 6-8 USY CHUSYfest
- 14 USY/KADIMA Daven, Dish and Dine
- 16 USY Board Meeting, 8 pm
- 25 USY/KADIMA Turkey Dance BEANS

UPCOMING USY/Kadima PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER:

- 4-6 8th Grade CHUSY Shabbaton
- 5 USY/Kadima Ice Skating at Leafs Ice Center 7:45-9:45 pm
- 14 USY Board Meeting, 8 pm
- 23-31 International USY Convention – Chicago!
- Liza Bachrach, Youth Chair, USY
- Susan Robbins, Youth Chair, Kadima

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If you are not receiving youth group information emails and would like to, please email me at Archbroch@comcast.net, and let me know. You can also download flyers from the website at www.ckielgin.org/youth.html



Sisterhood News

The air is brisk and fall is definitely here, and as I write this there is frost on the lawn. The CKI new member *Shabbat* was held on Friday, October 16. We welcomed members from last year and this. Thanks to Adele Stein. In her role as Membership Vice President, not only did she organize this but is responsible for the exhibit of Sisterhood activities in the social hall. Also, thanks to Wanda Pitzele, Jana McFarlane, Rochelle Fosco, and Judy Rubenstein-Gantz for assembling the *oneg* we shared.

The new member *Shabbat* was held as we recite *Bereishit*, the beginning of the *Torah*. I mentioned on that Friday how both new members, as they begin their relationship with CKI, and existing members, as they renew their relationship, have a chance to meet. Then, as we include these individuals into our community, we are *all* beginning anew. It is nice to share these experiences together. The service was very enjoyable.

As I was preparing for that Friday, I found an article on *aish.com* about that week's *parsha*. "Adam, the first human being, was all alone in the world, but then God revealed to him that it wasn't good for him always to be alone (Gen. 2:18) and made Eve as his partner and companion." We can learn from

here the value of being with others, of having friends, and of making acquaintances.

November is soup and *challah* sales. As you can tell, the gift shop is full of wonderful gifts for all occasions. Please SHOP! The *Chanukah* Bazaar is this month. Individuals wishing to help with the gift shop or bazaar, please contact Tina Wolf or Sue Johnson.

In December, we will celebrate *Chanukah* together. Anyone with ideas, please contact Medina Gross.

Do not hesitate to call with ideas. If you need a ride to an event, call.

Join us for a little or a lot, but **join us** and share in the community of CKI Sisterhood.

— Risa Cohen, CKI Sisterhood President



DON'T FORGET!!

Set your clocks back
1 hour at 2:00 am on
November 1.

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

know about our synagogue. When you talk with and e-mail friends and relatives around the Chicagoland area, around the country, and around the world, let them know the current activities taking place at CKI. We never know who has a Jewish friend or relative relocating to this area. Spread the word that there is a friendly, Conservative Jewish congregation with a thriving, diverse membership, a full-time rabbi, and a beautiful building in Elgin, Illinois, the heart of the Fox Valley. With all of us recruiting, our membership will increase.

Look around your workplace or your workout place. Bring an unaffiliated Jewish person or family to a service, lecture, or event. This is a busy place. Our monthly calendars are full.

Come to CKI to pray. Come to CKI to learn. Come to CKI to party. As often as possible, come to CKI.

L'shanah tovah,
Barbara Maring

Illinois Holocaust Museum: Docent-Led Tour Nov. 22, 2009

Sunday, November 22, has been confirmed as a **Hadassah-Sisterhood** collaboration, leaving CKI ***no later than 9:30 am*** via car pools in order to be checked in and ready to begin the tour at 11 am. There is a café on site for those wishing refreshments before returning to Elgin. There will also be at least one car returning to Elgin immediately after the tour in order to attend the Elgin Symphony's Pops Concert that afternoon at 3:30 pm.

Pre-paid reservations can be made by mail with Medina Gross (833 Prospect St., Elgin, 60120) or Nancy Zimmerman (983 Hillcrest Rd., Elgin, 60123). Questions can be directed to Nancy at (847)-828-6090. Men and youths, 12 and above, are welcome along with Hadassah and Sisterhood members. Admission is \$10 for adults under 65; \$8 for seniors 65 and grander; youths (ages 12-17) are also \$8. *The maximum number of slots is 30.* Should you be unable to attend, having made a paid reservation, please contact Nancy Zimmerman as a waiting list will be kept, should we reach 30 paid reservations. Otherwise, you may resell your spot.

Social Action

Blood Drive – November 15 8 am until 12 pm

The Heartland Blood Mobile will once again be parked in the CKI parking lot on the morning of November 15. This community event is open to the general public. Please talk this up among your friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Donating blood is a quick and painless opportunity to perform a wonderful *mitzvah* which, quite literally, helps so many and does not require you writing a check!

If you are not personally able to donate blood, we are looking for additional volunteers to help the morning of the drive. It's an easy one-time commitment. Contact Paul Glaser for additional details.

Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located across for CKI on the southeast corner of College and Division, is once again hosting a flu shot clinic on **November 9** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The Visiting Nurses Association is administering the shots.

Books and School Supplies

President Obama is striving to reach the goal of having every American child graduate from high school and has challenged every person (whether or not you personally have children) to help make that goal a reality. It is important that pre-schoolers through teens have the tools they need to accomplish that task. Here are two ways in which you can play a small part:

1. We are once again collecting new and gently used books. They do NOT have to be on a Jewish subject or theme. Books should be appropriate for readers from preschoolers through young adult (early teens). We will be collecting books up until winter recess. All books will be distributed to the Crisis Center Head Start, Big Brothers, and other local charities.

If you are purchasing books through Amazon.com, please do so by clicking on <http://www.ckielgin.org/amazon.html> to enter the Amazon site. Also, if you want to purchase some new books, you may use **Fundability gift cards** for Barnes & Noble, Border's, and Wal-Mart in denominations of \$10, \$20, or \$25. You may also purchase Amazon.com gift certificates through Fundability. In that way, you have done a double *mitzvah* by supporting CKI through Fundability purchase and by donating books to needy children. If you need information about that, please contact Fern Raben.

2. Another way that we all can help children is to replenish their school supplies. Now is a good time to look for sales on school supplies: back packs, notebook paper, crayons, rulers, calculators, pens, pencils, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, and all sorts of computer accessories. We will be collecting school supplies through winter recess. All school supplies will be donated to the Elgin Crisis Center. (You can use Fundability cards here, too, to make your purchases.)

Receptacles for both projects will be located near the stage in the social hall.

WE'RE MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU...

**WE ARE YOUR ONE-STOP
DONATION CENTER!**

**GIVE BLOOD, BOOKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
FOOD – all on the same morning!**

**When you come on November 15 to
donate blood, bring your donations of
school supplies, new and gently used
books, and something for the food
pantry.**

Looking for Work?

www.JobsForJews.com is a site that may be just what you need in the local Chicago job market.

Collections – Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges

In addition to food for the food pantry, the Social Action Committee continues on an on-going basis to collect used cell phones for the Crisis Center. The collection box is on the stage. The phones are reprogrammed for 9-1-1 only and given to those in crisis.

Also, please continue to bring in your empty ink cartridges (both laser and ink jet). They benefit the synagogue.

– Sherry Wiesman and Fern Raben

IF THE BLOODMOBILE IS ROCKIN'... JOIN US! 7th Annual Cki Blood Drive Sunday, November 15, 8:30-Noon

Now that the holidays are behind us, put down the *kugel* and start eating your spinach! The Seventh Annual CKI Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, November 15, from 8:30 to noon. The donation process is easy, painless, physically and spiritually healthy for you (not to mention the benefits to the recipient), and hardly takes any time at all—the entire donation process, from questionnaire to Band-Aid, usually takes less than 30 minutes.

Once again, CKI will be working with Heartland Blood Centers, a federally licensed non-profit medical organization. Heartland will again be bringing its MobileCoach (a/k/a "the Bloodmobile") which features five donor beds to keep waits to a minimum.

General donor qualifications include: being in good health and feeling well, 17 years of age or older (or 16 with written parental consent), 110 pounds or more, and at least

eight weeks since the last donation. If you're on a medication for high cholesterol, blood pressure, allergies, diabetes, or other conditions, chances are that you will be acceptable. (Note: blood-thinning medication may disqualify you.) Most anti-inflammatory drugs are acceptable. There are also some travel-based restrictions, but even those are subject to change (like, for example, a trip to Cancun, or other popular Mexican resort areas, will no longer disqualify you). If you have any questions, call Heartland at 630-892-7055 and ask for "donor services." Or, check out Heartland's website at www.heartlandbc.org. Be sure to eat something within four hours of the donation, and bring a photo ID. And bring a friend! Membership in CKI is not required to participate.

While reservations are not required, they are encouraged. **And it's even easier this year:**

simply sign up at www.heartlandbc.org.

1) Go to the top middle of the home page to the "Donating" tab. 2) Select "Schedule Appt Online" from the drop-down menu. 3) Click on "Schedule an Appointment for a Blood Drive Open to the Public." 4) Enter "Elgin." 5) Select the blood drive here at CKI, and a sign-up sheet will appear. 6) Insert your name and phone number, select your preferred time, specify how you'd like to be reminded (phone or email), and then click "save appointment."

Or, if you have any questions, contact Drive Coordinator Paul Glaser, at pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to you, we've been able to meet or exceed our goal every year. Let's keep the drive going! This Thanksgiving, give the gift of life!

November Events at Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago

Ground Level Projects - Jason Lazarus

October 28, 2009 — January 17, 2010

Jason Lazarus Artist Talk

Sunday, November 1 at 1 pm

Spertus Museum's Ground Level Projects is a dynamic new initiative consisting of a series of artist commissions for Spertus' glass-enclosed, street-level vestibule space. The project aims to foster creative encounters that investigate, challenge, and expand traditional perceptions of the Jewish experience.

Jason Lazarus' new work *The top of Anne Frank's chestnut tree, Amsterdam 2008* was recorded at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. In her diary, Anne Frank often reflects upon a chestnut tree, the top of which was her only connection to the outside world. With this poignant moving image, Lazarus invites viewers to share in the act of looking. This is event free.

Tour an Architectural Gem

Spertus Architecture—Inside and Out

Sunday, November 8 at 1:15 pm

Discover the relationships between the award-winning Spertus building and its historic neighbors. Learn about the building's green architecture and how ideas central to Judaism are woven into the building's design.

\$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors, \$5 for Spertus members.

Visit www.spertus.edu or call 312.322.1773.

Exhibition-Related Program

What Does It Say to You? is a special exhibition that presents objects from the Spertus collection and invites visitors to share their impressions and interpretations. On the second Thursday of every month, join Spertus Museum staff and a line-up of Jewish community leaders and scholars, artists, performers, museum professionals and more, to explore the ways we experience objects and the roles they play in our lives.

In addition to the second Thursday programs, Spertus Museum exhibitions are open for public viewing from 10:30 am to 3 pm on alternate Sundays. This month the Museum will be open Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 22.

Fragile Family Ties:

Conserving Personal Histories

Thursday, November 12

Exhibition viewing 5:30-6:15 pm Presentation 6:15-7:15 pm

Heather Becker, CEO of The Chicago Conservation Center, helps us understand the important role conservation of your family treasures can play in the continuation of family and cultural history. Drawing on a range of personal items that CCC has conserved, she shows images from before, during, and after the restoration of objects that now have

lasting impact on how families and communities understand themselves. A must for anyone who has wondered about the importance of objects in their home, and for those interested in Jewish and genealogical history.

\$7 | \$5 for students and seniors | free for Spertus members

Includes exhibition admission.

Buy online at www.spertus.edu or call 312.322.1773.

A Celebration of Jewish Professional Life

Tuesday, November 17

Reception at 5:30 pm, Program at 6 pm

Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies and the Center for Innovation in Israel education (the iCenter) invite you to attend a reception honoring this year's students and mentors of Spertus College's Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies (MAJPS) program. Meet the current MAJPS students and mentors, and toast upcoming graduates. Welcome students from our new partner program in Canada, and learn about the program's new component—a special certificate in innovative Israel education.

Network with MAJPS students and other Jewish professionals, and hear from leaders—both present and future—about their visions for Jewish life in the 21st century. This is an evening for all of Chicago's Jewish Professionals to celebrate together.

This event is free, but reservations required. Email Diane at dhalivni@spertus.edu or call 312.322.1719.

Save the Date for these special *Chanukah* programs:

Chanukah Arts Workshop

Sunday, December 6

Activities in the Gray Children's Center 10:30 am - 3 pm

Chanukah Arts Workshop 1:30 - 3 pm

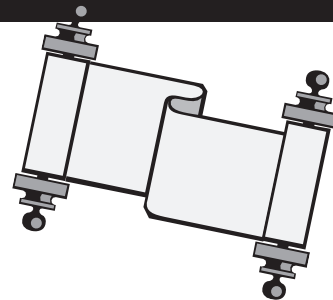
Ignite your creativity at this special *Chanukah* program with artist and educator Ellen Gradman of Spark Your Art. Come early to enjoy family-friendly activities in the Spertus exhibitions and the Gray Children's Center, and then join Ellen for her special brand of artistic practice that infuses art materials and projects with Jewish meaning. Known for her commitment to recycled materials and her colorful mixed-media projects, Ellen will engage your whole family in a creative *Chanukah*-themed project enriched with lessons about responsibility and renewal.

All ages welcome. No advance reservations needed.

Reservations requested. Call 312.322.1773.

\$7 for adults, \$5 for children, free for children under 5 and Spertus members

Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions



November 7 Vayera – Genesis 21:1-22:24
20 Cheshvan Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

November 14 Birkat Hachodesh
27 Cheshvan Chaye Sarah – Genesis 24:53-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

November 17 Rosh Chodesh Kislev
30 Cheshvan Pinchas – Numbers 28:1-15

November 18 Rosh Chodesh Kislev
1 Kislev Pinchas – Numbers 28:1-15

November 21 Toldot – Genesis 27:28-28:9
4 Kislev Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

November 28 Vayetze – Genesis 31:17-32:3
11 Kislev Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

FIND YOURSELF
IN SHUL!
SHUL IS GOOD!

Secrets From a Kosher Chef: The Chanukah Edition

Learn the festival's best dishes from around the globe in Chef Laura's family-friendly boot camp for *Chanukah*!

Sunday, December 6 at 3 pm

Celebrate the festival of lights and the miracle of the oil as **Laura Frankel**, Chicago's leading kosher chef, lets you in on her secrets of how to make the crispiest latkes and the best Hanukkah treats from around the world. The whole family is invited to learn how to make *arancini* (meat or vegetable filled fried rice balls) from Italy and *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts) from Israel.

Bring your appetite (and your kids!) because tastings and recipes are included.

\$25 for adults and \$12 for kids | \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids for Spertus Members

Call 312.322.1773 for reservations.

Ritually Speaking

WANT TO TRY YOUR OWN HAFTARAH? HERE ARE A COUPLE OF "NEW" SOURCES

You know (or should know) that we encourage our members (of all ages; not just *bar/bat mitzvah* students) to participate in *Shabbat* services. That includes chanting the *Haftarah* on Saturday mornings. Over the past few years, a resolute handful of (adult) volunteers have come forward to demonstrate what they learned a few years back, when they turned 13.

Maybe you've been wondering whether you could try being our *Haftarah* presenter on a given *Shabbat* but hesitate because it's been a while, and you've long-ago lost the record or tape (with your portion) your cantor or rabbi gave you to practice with, or you have it, but your record player is broken, or maybe you feel a bit shy about practicing in front of another person. Fear not. I've discovered a couple options from the Internet that could help you practice in the privacy of your own home:

The first is from the "*Navigating the Bible*" website produced by ORT. This allows you to hear portions, or all, of any *Haftarah* or *Torah* chapter. Some computers may have trouble opening the program to actually hear the audio, but if it works for you, it's worth a look and listen. And best of all, it's free. You can access it at <http://bible.ort.org>.

The second can be found, like most anything else, at "iTunes." Someone called "The Rabbi" has a number of albums on which he chants both *Torah* and *Haftarah* chapters. To find

Men's Club

EXPERIENCE THE RUACH! MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

On Saturday, November 14, CKI's *bimah* will once again be turned over (temporarily) to our very own Men's Club, which will once again preside over that morning's *Shabbat* service. Club members will lead the davening, teach and lain *Torah*, and, for the second year, chant the week's *Haftarah* portion (*Chaye Sarah*, for those keeping score) from the traveling *Sefer Haftarah* from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

The *Sefer Haftarah* scroll was created in Israel and contains all *Haftarot*, including vowels and trop. Since it was first unveiled during the 2003 FJMC Biennial Convention in Ft. Lauderdale, the FJMC *Sefer Haftarah* scroll has travelled around to retreats, conventions, and Men's Clubs in synagogues throughout North America, from West Coast to East Coast, and from Florida to Canada. It

it, go to www.iTunes.com and enter (in the search box) the Hebrew title of the portion you're interested in. With a little searching, you can find the one you want. Of course, if the title of the portion is a little common, like, say, "Noah," or "Exodus," you will have to comb through a lot more listings than, say "Devarim," but eventually you'll find it. Unfortunately, you'll only be able to listen to a short portion of it for free, but at 99 cents for a complete download, it's not a bad deal. (Note: You can buy iTunes cards through CKI's Fundability Program.) You can download

is scheduled to be here directly from a visit to a congregation in Minnesota. Owing to the limits of the traveling regulations, this may be the last visit of the scroll to CKI for at least two years.

This year, Men's Club *Shabbat* coincides with Junior Congregation, so if you're dropping off your son or daughter, you'll want to stick around and see how *Shabbat* sounds, Men's Club style.

Of course, if anyone would like to join Men's Club, the door is always open! Contact Vice President Richard Kruth for more information about membership, or if you have any questions about Men's Club *Shabbat*, contact Paul Glaser.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 pm, again at the The Shanghai Restaurant in downtown Elgin.

it onto your computer and practice a little every night, or play it in your car while you drive to and from work. (Just be sure to pay attention to the road, too, please.)

There may be other online tutoring programs out there, (in fact, I've found some websites devoted to prayer *nusach*, but that's for a future story), and if so, I'd love to learn about them. But even more, I'd love to hear more of you chanting one Saturday morning. *Practice, practice, practice!*

– Paul Glaser, CKI Ritual Committee Chair

KRISTALLNACHT - "THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS"

On **Monday, November 9, 2009**, the Men's Club of CKI will conduct a commemoration and memorial of the deadly November 1938 riots in Berlin that ransacked hundreds of Jewish homes, destroyed 7,500 Jewish stores and businesses, and severely damaged or destroyed over 200 synagogues. Leonard Kofkin, a member of the CKI Men's Club, will review the events of that time and present a commentary, with a slide showing, on Jewish life in a small city not far from Berlin on that fateful night.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 pm

All members and non-members of the synagogue are welcome.

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November Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Miller
- 1 Laura Cox
- 1 Michael Gantz
- 2 Margot Seigle
- 3 Stephanie Berg
- 5 Helen Neumark
- 6 Joey Miller
- 7 Sydney Peterson
- 9 Danny Seigle
- 9 Marsha Schwartz
- 9 Elaine Sofferman
- 13 Morgan Abrams
- 16 Gareth Sitz
- 18 Adam Levine
- 20 Shana Bender
- 20 Lorinda Lewandowski
- 22 Rebecca Berg
- 22 Marci Zeoli
- 22 Lisa Wohl
- 22 Scott Miller
- 25 Sandi Phelan
- 26 Shelby Fosco
- 27 Rebecca Eagles
- 30 Larry Berg

November Anniversaries

- 6 Pat & Nina Finn
- 19 Don & Phyllis Lesser
- 23 Marc & Sue Zemel

The Mazal Tov Corner...

Our hearty congratulations to...

ZAHAVA RAZ on the birth of her new grandson, Andrew Michael. Now she's the grandmother of 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

DICK JOHNSON on successfully running the Chicago Marathon in a time of 5 hrs, 37 min. This is the 3rd year he has run as a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, raising funds to help stop leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma.

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—Brad, Anita, Sarah, and Emily Burkert

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—Brad and Anita

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brought us all closer to G-d. Thank you for
sharing them with us. *Shalom.*

—Brad, Anita, Sarah and Emily Burkert

Jack is Back!!

Cantor Jack Falk is back in Chicago next
month for something very different. He's
performing on **Saturday, November 14,**
with **clarinetist Don Byron's ensemble** at
the **Museum of Contemporary Art**.
They are performing the music of Mickey
Katz as part of the Chicago Humanities
Festival.

There are two performances: **7:30 pm**
(which is almost sold out) and **9:30 pm**.
Tickets are \$20.



Don Byron; photo by Cory Wells Braun

Here's a description from the museum's website:

"For this concert, Don Byron gathers his original nine-member all-star
band for a revival of his groundbreaking 1993 recording, *Don Byron
Plays the Music of Mickey Katz*. The performance is a faithful tribute
to the campy wit and musical innovation of klezmer-style music by
Mickey Katz, a touring and recording star of the 1950s, who
entertained audiences with his virtuoso clarinet and wild pastiche
of ethnic Jewish comedy."

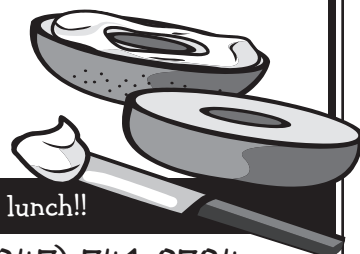
The show is at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 East Chicago
Avenue, Chicago (312.280.2660 or 312.397.4010).

For online ticket sales, go to:

http://www.mcachicago.org/performances/perf_detail.php?id=504

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The Pleasure of Reading

Due no doubt in part to this unusually cool and rainy autumn, people today seem to be 'hunkering down' in their homes more often. The children are now well into their school routines. As we try to deal with the uncertainties of this difficult economy, people are seeking out more structured traditions such as eating together at home, at least once daily, as a family.

One of the most unique aspects of Judaism is that the home is central to observance. Not only do we have home observance of the one-week holiday of Passover, but also weekly we have the holiday of *Shabbat* in which home observance is central. The CKI Library has many books that relate to the continuity of the Jewish home and the celebration of *Shabbat*.

We have an entire shelf of Jewish cookbooks such as *The Taste of Shabbos: The Complete Sabbath Cookbook*. We own Kosher cookbooks authored by various *Hadassah* chapters, as well as books strictly of international Jewish recipes, while others yet highlight American Jewish cooking.

But *Shabbat* is more than just eating. As we sit around the table we sing, we discuss, we philosophize, we *kibbitz*, we argue and debate. Come roam through our collections and prepare your mind to do all of this with your family and guests. Discover and explore the thoughts of centuries of great minds. While you are wandering through the shelves, you will be surprised that we have quite an extensive library of children's collections (pre-schoolers, early readers, youth and teen). After dinner, read with your children. Share, for example, the adventures of Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Stories for Children* or *Bubby, Me, and Memories* by Barbara Pomerantz.

Volunteers needed:

If you are handy with tools, we could use one or two people with carpentry skills to help us. Contact me (Sherry Wiesman) at: 847-915-0517

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The CKI Library is now also available during *Torah School*. Feel welcome to use the CKI library any time the building is open.

Although the library may be used for reading and studying on all Jewish holidays (including *Shabbat*), books cannot be checked out or removed from the building on those days.

And thanks to Rina Baxter and Nancy Zimmerman, the children's library is frequently staffed during *Torah School* to assist the *kinder* with their selections.

We use the Honor System

Sign your name and date the blue checkout card (usually found in the front inside cover of the books). Place the card in the small basket found on one of the shelves. When returning the books, do not reshelve them. Put them on the table. If you have read something from our library, please share a short review with us for inclusion in this column. Just e-mail it to me: SherryWiesman@gmail.com

Please take this opportunity to stop by and visit both the adult, and now, the new children's library.

– Sherry Weisman

Torah Fund News



Our 2009-10 *Torah Fund* Campaign is off to a fantastic start!! We are sincerely grateful to the following seven women who have pledged the Benefactor level of \$180 to this campaign (payable throughout the campaign year, ending in May). They have each received the beautiful pin as a personal thank you from the *Torah Fund* Office in New York. They are Risa Cohen, Helen Lindow, Wanda Pitzele, Cheryl Stanczak, Jana McFarlane, Shirley Friedman and Lisa Schulman. So we have raised \$1,260. The sky is the limit, and I am so proud of our small but mighty Sisterhood! If you are interested in making a pledge, in any amount, please contact me.

We are still "lighting" our "*Simcha* Cake" at each Sisterhood meeting but without the candles! For each *simcha* that you share at a meeting (\$1 per *simcha*), your name will go on a list, and when we reach \$180, the Benefactor level, we will draw a name and that lady will receive the pin of that year. At tonight's meeting, we raised \$16! The following is a list of *simchas* that were announced: **Wanda Pitzele:** They have a new dog, Daisy, rescued from a puppy mill; her daughter, Rachel, was accepted into her specialized college program; and she and Perry celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. **Carole Burstein:** Just because!

Jana McFarlane: She is thrilled for her husband's new job; *mazal tov*, Bill! **Rochelle Fosco:** Her oldest grandson is a new driver as of today; Carly is a Cardinal Cheerleader; Jacob had no homework tonight; and Shelby has made Colorguard! **Tina Wolf:** Her brother is going to China to adopt a 1-1/2 year old baby boy; *mazal tov*; Laura is Vice President of the equestrian club at SIU. **Sue Johnson:** Her husband, Dick, finished the Chicago Marathon and bettered his time by 50 minutes! **Adele Stein:** She won a Kohl's gift certificate for her sales last week, and her daughter surprised Adele with renting a chair in a salon! **Cheryl Stanczak:** She and her husband, Richard, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary September 2.

Great *simchas* this month! Come to a Sisterhood meeting and share YOUR *simchas*! It is really a great way to share the wonderful times of our lives with our friends.

Last but not least, my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have continued to keep me in your prayers for my return to good health. I'm working on it!!

– Cheryl Stanczak
CKI Sisterhood *Torah Fund* Chair



CAUTION!

***Chanukah* may be closer than expected!! (Dec.11)**

Be ready for it by stocking up on **Fundability** certificates.

November's order will be the last before the big days and will be here in plenty of time. You can place your orders either with me or with "*Fundability Fern*" Raben. We will attempt to have an ample supply of your favorites in stock at the synagogue. Just let us know what you want.

Please shop early and shop often. Every purchase directly benefits our synagogue.

Our supplier has also just notified us that **Meijer** certificates are now available.

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

Oct 31	Nov 1	Lillian Rosengarden*	Nov 7	Nov 9	Serena Kornstein*	Nov 21	Nov 24	Mary Greenberg
Oct 31	Nov 1	Barbara Ann Burstein*	Nov 7	Nov 9	Anna N. Brenner*	Nov 21	Nov 25	Walter Kohlhagen*
Oct 31	Nov 1	Abraham Miller*	Nov 7	Nov 10	Henry Cohien*	Nov 21	Nov 26	Helen Skolnik
Oct 31	Nov 3	Joseph Fischer*	Nov 7	Nov 11	Edward William Goldstein*	Nov 21	Nov 26	Emma Vopner Salk*
Oct 31	Nov 3	Joseph Kreeger*	Nov 7	Nov 11	Cyrus Demont	Nov 21	Nov 26	Charles Fox
Oct 31	Nov 5	Louis Gold*	Nov 7	Nov 12	Harry Fischer*	Nov 21	Nov 27	Zelda Sklute*
Oct 31	Nov 6	Sarah Gordon*	Nov 7	Nov 12	Bessie Fischer*	Nov 21	Nov 27	Paul Greenberg*
Oct 31	Nov 6	Sylvia Fishman Wigodner*	Nov 7	Nov 13	Gertrude Osmansky*	Nov 28	Nov 29	Herman Boskind*
Oct 31	Nov 6	Sidney Julius Raffelson*	Nov 7	Nov 13	Pinchas Dermer*	Nov 28	Nov 29	Rose I. Goodman*
Nov 7	Nov 7	Joseph Fischer*	Nov 7	Nov 13	Libby Kupper*	Nov 28	Nov 29	Evelyn Schack*
Nov 7	Nov 7	Iris Newman	Nov 14	Nov 14	Dr. George Cutts*	Nov 28	Nov 30	Sylvia Hymen*
Nov 7	Nov 7	Josephine Burstein	Nov 14	Nov 14	Alvin Burstein*	Nov 28	Dec 1	Dr. Joseph Bachrach*
Nov 7	Nov 8	Harry Jacob Becker*	Nov 14	Nov 15	Adolph Bernstein*	Nov 28	Dec 1	Adolph Frisch
Nov 7	Nov 8	Julius Kornstein*	Nov 14	Nov 16	Arthur Sidney Mendel*	Nov 28	Dec 1	Joseph Silins*
			Nov 14	Nov 16	Albert Brazner*	Nov 28	Dec 2	Micky Burstein*
			Nov 14	Nov 18	Ken Rose	Nov 28	Dec 2	Abraham Goldstein
			Nov 14	Nov 18	Jennie Kreeger*	Nov 28	Dec 2	Ida Kreeger Marks*
			Nov 14	Nov 20	Hannah Goldstein*	Nov 28	Dec 2	Anna Raffelson*
			Nov 14	Nov 20	Gloria Hayden*	Nov 28	Dec 3	Frank Brodsky*
			Nov 21	Nov 22	Gary John Seigle*	Nov 28	Dec 3	Ann Hymen Swerdlow*
			Nov 21	Nov 23	Melvin Ruben*	Nov 28	Dec 4	Irving Spitzer
			Nov 21	Nov 24	William Sharf*	Nov 28	Dec 4	Tom Arnold
			Nov 21	Nov 24	Isaac Kreeger*			
			Nov 21	Nov 24	Gertrude Mestetsky*			



There are two dates listed above on our *yahrtzeit* list. The **first** is the **day of the service at which the name is 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.

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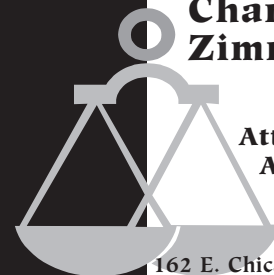
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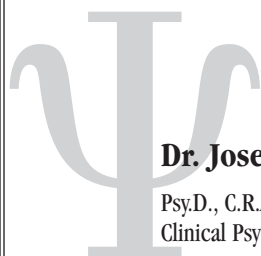
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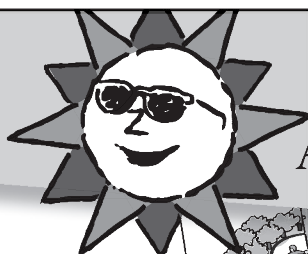
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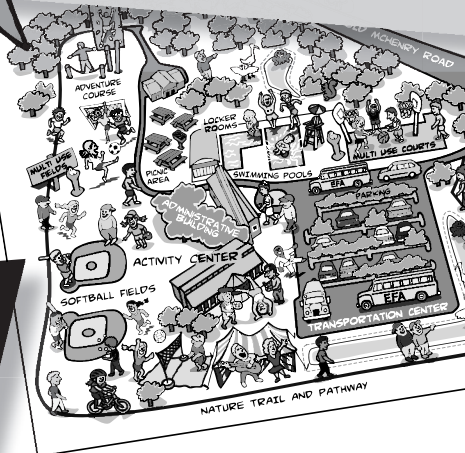


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Shabbat Services: Friday evenings 7:30 pm
Saturday mornings 9:30 am

1	Daylight Savings Time ends Set clocks back 1 hour. <i>Torah School</i> 9:00 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 am
2.	Confirmation class Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:30 pm
3	CKI Board meeting 7:30 pm
4	Hebrew School 5:00 pm
6	<i>Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 pm <i>CHUSY Fest</i> thru 11/8
8	<i>Torah School</i> 9:00 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 am
9	Men's Club Kristallnacht program 7:30 pm
10	Senior Lunch Noon
11	Hebrew School 5:00 pm
13	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Darfur Discussion at <i>Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 pm
14	Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> 9:30 am Jr. Congregation 10:00 am <i>Daven, Dish, Dine – USY w/Kadima</i>
15	BLOOD DRIVE 8 am-noon <i>Torah School</i> 9:00 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 am

16	Confirmation class USY Board meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:30 pm 8:00 pm
17	Sisterhood meeting 7:00 pm Men's Club meeting 6:30 pm
18	<i>CORNED BEEF LUNCH CANCELLED.</i> <i>FUNDRAISER POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH.</i> Hebrew School 5:00 pm
20	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Family <i>Shabbat</i> – <i>Gimel</i> class 7:30 pm
22	<i>Torah School</i> 9:00 am CHANUKAH BAZAAR 9:00 am-1:00 pm Joint <i>Hadassah/Sisterhood Trip</i> to Holocaust Museum 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am INTERFAITH SERVICE 7:00 pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church on Bode Rd, Elgin
25	No Hebrew School USY BEANS Chapter Turkey Dance
26	Thanksgiving
29	No <i>Torah School</i>



Drs. Albert & Frieda Simon Adult Study Group
10:00 am-noon in the CKI Library
Every Sunday morning when there is school.