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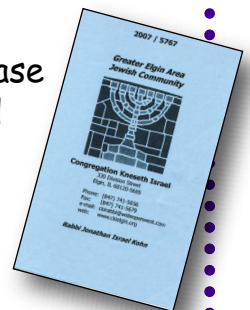
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We're working on a NEW issue of the BLUE BOOK!

If there are changes you want to make, please contact **Phyllis Lesser** with the corrected information **no later than December 15!**

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Save the Date: Kinder Shabbes! Friday, January 7, 6:30 pm



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From the Rabbi's Study...

Israel and American Jews
My connection with the State of Israel is personal. Israel affects almost every aspect of my life and makes me a better person than I would be otherwise. It can do the same for you.

Most countries confer benefit primarily on their own citizens. France, for instance, serves mainly the French. Its art, poetry, and cuisine enrich the rest of the world, as do its beneficent efforts on an international scale, but France is not there to affect the lives of people who are not French.

Israel, by contrast, serves to benefit Jews all over the world. Wherever Jews are oppressed, whenever we have no other place to go, we have Israel. Robert Frost wrote, "Home is where, when you have to go there, they have to let you in." By this definition, Israel is our home.

Israel helps not only its own citizens, but oppressed Jewry worldwide. It is there for anyone who must leave his home without a refuge in the world besides the Jewish state.

But I am not part of oppressed Jewry. Those Jews are my brothers and sisters, and we are all family. I am responsible for them more than I am for others, but I am no refugee, and I have no clear prospect of ever becoming one. Still, Israel impacts directly on my life.

Once, long ago in a math class, my professor posed a problem—I forget what—to which my solution referred to a concept called "imaginary numbers."

The professor shot back, "Imaginary numbers don't exist."

"Just because they don't exist," I replied, "doesn't mean that we don't know anything about them."

I thought about that exchange recently in our Elgin interfaith clergy group. I had suggested that we meet with other local groups, such as the Evangelicals, not to establish fraternity or to discuss theology, but to work together for the good of the community.

Some in our group were skeptical. "Jonathan, you've got to realize that for a number of those congregations you don't exist."

"Just because I don't exist," I said, "doesn't mean that I can't work with them."

Seeing the distress on their faces, I added, "Have courage."

"I'm afraid that you're the one who'll need courage," said one. "They'll be there only to convert you."

"It's okay," I answered. "Been there. Done that."

It's easy now for me, as an American Jew at the turn of the millennium, to have a thick skin. For centuries, we had been defensive about our role in this society. Now, thanks to the efforts and sacrifices of the Zionists founders, we don't have to be. When I assert my role in America, it is not as if I'm defending my life. There is always a place for me. If I want to live surrounded, governed, and protected by Jews, I can. Being here is now my choice, and that fact brings a confidence and dignity, a graciousness and a certain degree of generosity to everything I do.

Early on, American Jews felt that we had to be quiet. According to Treasury Secretary

Henry Morgenthau, Franklin Roosevelt let Jews and Catholics know, when it suited him, in no uncertain terms that this was a Protestant country that accepted us here on sufferance. At about the same time, if you were in a restaurant talking about an upcoming Bar Mitzvah, you might lower your voice for fear of antagonizing diners at neighboring tables. With nowhere else to go, we moved heaven and earth to fit into non-Jewish America.

Later, some of us took the opposite course, becoming conspicuously assertive, and many (especially among those who don't identify strongly with Israel) are that way still. Out with crosses on state monuments, they said. Nothing may be done in the American public square that does not include us or address our sensibilities: no Christmas stamps without Chanukah stamps, no *Silent Night* without *I Have a Little Dreidle*.

We had to choose the one way or the other, to be either very quiet or very loud. We clung to our status in this distinctly non-Jewish society because we had nothing and no one else to stand by us in the entire world.

Now, we do. Because of the State of Israel, we can live here naturally and in perfect confidence as Jews. Not only am I satisfied that my American brethren would never take that from me, but I am utterly convinced that they could not even if they tried. We always have Israel. Because of that land, we stand firmly here. Nothing we do here is out of the kind of need that we have known for two millennia. Everything now is our choice. The American world surrounds us on

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From the President

An afternoon of inspiration, friendship, and camaraderie was enjoyed by **Les Grandames**, members of CKI and other friends on Sunday afternoon, November 14. This successful fund- and fun-raising event was possible due to the hard work and talent of **Helen Lindow** and her committee. **Sue Johnson** prepared the program. **Carole Burstein**, MC for the event, entertained and educated the audi-

ence. **Perry Pitzele** contibuted to the event in many ways. Most of all, thank you to the CKI members and friends who came to celebrate honorees **Pearle Brody, Shirley Simon, Cyril Friend, Blossom Wohl, Barbara Sharf, Adeline Kohlhagen, and Marian Loeb**.

Todah Rabah,
Barbara Maring

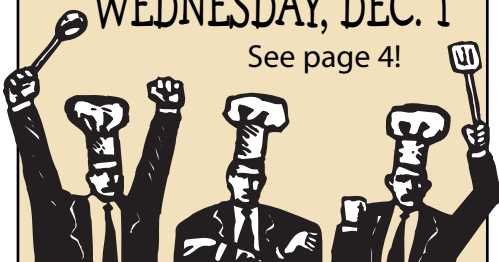
Don't miss the now famous
MEN'S CLUB

LATKE LUNCH

**Sunday, December 5
at Noon!**

Reservation Deadline
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

See page 4!



SOMETHING WAS MISSING

by Rochelle Fosco

It started with Selichot. We watched a fantastic movie, and we had a short service in our sanctuary. This was the start of the Jewish holidays. Erev Rosh Hashanah came. The services were inspiring, but something was missing. Rosh Hashanah days one and two flew by, but something was missing. **Cantor Falk** did an amazing job at Kol Nidre and the rest of the Yom Kippur service. BUT SOMETHING WAS MISSING.

I do not know how you feel about this, but I was missing our CHOIR. If you feel as I do, please think about joining the choir. If you know someone you think should be in the choir, please ask them. For any questions in regards to the choir, please contact our Choir Director, **Sue Zemel**, mnszemel@comcast.net.

CKI LOOKS TO THE FUTURE WITH VISION

What will the CKI of 2012 look like? Or 2015? Or 2020? Or beyond? What would you like it to look like? Earlier this autumn, the CKI Board approved the formation of a Vision Committee to see where we are and where we are going in the future.

The Vision Committee has already met a number of times and is currently designating focus groups and questions to survey both those within our congregation and

beyond. The Committee is doing extensive research, including resources within Judaism and the secular world, and will begin contacting congregants to attend focus groups beginning in January with the goal of presenting a final report to the Congregation in June 2011. If you have any questions, contact **Sue Johnson**, (847-695-7160 or susansjohnson@wideopenwest.com), Chair of the Vision Committee.

Guess what's coming back ???!?!?



CKI Sisterhood's Corned Beef Sale! Watch for the flyer in January 2011. Delivery is Thursday, March 10, 2011. Yum-yum!!!



Sisterhood News

Here we are at the end of the secular year already, trying to keep up with all the school, Federal, and "Hallmark" holidays! This year there's a good chance of eating our latkes with leftover turkey and cranberries!!

While we enjoy this abundance of food, we must remember those who are less fortunate. Many people, especially in these economic times, do not have the ability to have a celebratory dinner, or eat at all. If you are able, please donate to **Mazon – A Jewish Response to Hunger**, at <http://mazon.org>.

At the local level, to help the needy who would like to celebrate not only the holidays, but birthdays, as well, **Sisterhood and Hadassah are celebrating Chanukah together** in a unique way on **Dec. 2** (see article at right). We are making "Birthday Boxes" to distribute to local food pantries. The pantry clientele may pick up a box that contains all the necessary things to help them make a birthday party: cake mix, can-

dles, plates, napkins, gift wrap, etc.! Bring your menorahs, too. We will *bensch Chanukah licht* and enjoy freshly-made cookies and coffee. If you would like to help bake the cookies, contact **Nancy Zimmerman**, at 847-695-6540, or at nanzim@foxvalley.net.

Have you completed all your *Chanukah* shopping yet? For you last-minute shoppers, our gift shop's **Chanukah Bazaar** is open one more time on **Sunday, Dec. 5**, from **9:00 am until noon**. Shop, then *fress* at the **Men's Club Latke Lunch!** (Yes, we do cross-marketing!)

Looking ahead, please save the date for our **Sisterhood Shabbat: Friday, January 21, 2011**. Warm your heart and soul on a cold winter night! To participate, please contact **Adele Stein**, at aistein55@aol.com, or 630-815-3354.

B'Shalom,
Jana McFarlane,
Executive Vice-President, CKI Sisterhood

Hadassah and Sisterhood Joint Chanukah Celebration

Be sure to attend Hadassah and Sisterhood's joint Chanukah Celebration on **Thursday, December 2**, at **7:00 pm**. at CKI. Those attending should bring menorahs to light together and **materials to donate for Birthday Boxes for the Food Pantry**: shoe boxes, cake mixes, candles, a spare tiara/crown, birthday plates, napkins, etc. USY and confirmation students are invited to attend and assist in assembling the boxes. Clean out those leftover party goods to include in the Birthday Boxes! Chanukah cookies and coffee will be served as refreshments.

Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

- Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Education
- Endowment Fund** – See the President
- General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
- Lee Miller Book Fund** – New books for Library
- Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** – (See the President)
- Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. (See the President)
- Memorial Plaques** – \$300.00
- Prayer Book Fund** – Chumash is \$60 (Siddurim are no longer available)
- Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund** – Repair of Torah scrolls
- Sisterhood Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur \$50
- Tree of Life** – Leaf is \$100
- USY/Kadima Youth Group** – Support for programs for our United Synagogue Youth

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Todah rabah to those who contributed generously to the special fund for the boiler replacement. The new boiler was installed. It is truly a *mitzvah* to provide heat and light to the synagogue.

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Congregation Kneseth Israel's Men's Club Presents
An Alter Cooker Production

LATKE LUNCHTIME BANQUET

Real Potatoes Cooked By Real Men

Sunday, December 5 at 12:00 Noon

(Suggested minimum donation)

Adult Fressers: \$8.00

Student Fressers: \$5.00

Children: Kindergarten and younger: free (but remember, no running!)

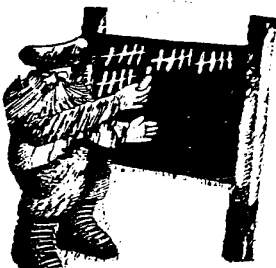
Gourmet meal includes kosher tube steak, relish tray, drink, dessert, one-of-a-kind **Entertainment, and of course** all the yum-yum, that's good eatin', rib-stickin' potato latkes you can eat.

(3% of proceeds will be donated to MAZON to help feed the hungry)

Volunteers always needed . . . No special skills or experience necessary!! Call or contact Paul (Potatohead) Glaser (630) 513-8268 (pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net)



Please reserve your latkes no later than DECEMBER 1! **Seating is limited!** Send this form, with check payable to "CKI Men's Club" to the CKI office by Sunday, December 1. **(Late reservations may not be accepted.)**



Yes! Count us in! We want latkes! Now!

Name _____

_____ adults _____ students _____ small children

\$ _____ enclosed _____ waist size (before latkes)

USY and Kadima News

The USY/Kadima Bowling outing was fun. Twenty-one kids showed up and bowled!

Nine of us enjoyed Daven, Dish and Dine on Nov. 6. We especially liked the milk shakes at Al's Cafe after the shortened Shabbat service. Mazel tov to **Riva Kohn** and **Lucy Marshall** for taking honors at the service.

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to CHUSYfest on Nov. 19-21 and the Regional Turkey Dance. Eight kids are planning on attending CHUSYfest, and **Morgan Stanczak** will be one of the staff.

We decided to cancel our Chanukah Party scheduled for Dec. 3, and instead we want to attend, as a group, the Men's Club Latke Lunch, noon on Sunday, Dec. 5. USY and Kadima will sit together and enjoy the lunch, and we will do our own "White Elephant Gift Exchange." So bring a wrapped gift—something you already own but don't want anymore—and we'll pass the gifts on to each other! **Please RSVP to me or Paul Glaser for this event—there is limited space!**

Please be sure to RSVP and attend the following programs!

DECEMBER 2010

- 5 Latke Lunch at CKI, Noon
- 6 USY Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10-13 Kadima Konvention
- 22 or 23 to 25 USY Preconvention
- 26-30 International USY Convention – Orlando, Florida

JANUARY 2011

- 10 USY Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
 - 16 USY/Kadima Gameworks, TBA
- Liza Bachrach, Youth Chair - USY

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

December Birthdays

- 3 Norman Agins
- 6 Michael Schwartz
- 7 Rachel Bloomberg
- 9 Laurie Winner
- 10 Geoffrey Lindow
- 11 Jared Epstein
- 17 Benjamin Schillmoeller
- 18 Ken Jacoby
- 18 Teddi Stanczak
- 19 Robin Seigle
- 21 Malcolm Morris
- 22 Riva Kohn
- 23 Michael Finger
- 24 Scott St. Pierre
- 25 Leonard Winner
- 29 Debbie Abrams
- 31 Marc Zemel

December Anniversaries

- 8 Pearle & Ed Brody
- 17 Nancy & Charles Zimmerman
- 20 Mike & Debbie Poper
- 23 Adrienne & Gerald Himmelfarb
- 23 Lisa & Stuart Kravis

50+ GROUP

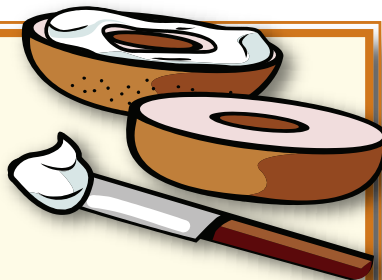
On Sunday, December 12, at 5:30 pm, join us at **Villa Verone Ristorante Italiano** for a chance to visit with your friends and enjoy classics of opera, Broadway and more, all in a casual, intimate cabaret setting. **Solange Sior** (who performed for Café CKI last February) and her ensemble will perform from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Villa Verone is located at **13 Douglas Avenue** in historic downtown Elgin. **Please reserve** with **Medina Gross** (847 695-1316 or medinag@gmail.com) by **Monday, December 6**. For menu and other information on the restaurant, visit www.villaverone.net.

Great company, great food, great music—what more could you want?

The "CKI SENIORS"

Lox & Bagel Luncheon



Tuesday, December 14 • 12:00 noon at CKI

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

Please respond **DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN**
Thursday, December 9.

Payment by cash or check at **\$10.00** per person.
Please make check payable to "Cash."

CKI Gift Shop

Chanukah Bazaar

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...HURRY
Chanukah is minutes away.
The gift shop still has gifts for everyone on your shopping list. The shop will be open Sunday morning, December 5 before the latke lunch, or contact Sue Johnson (847-695-7160) or Tina Wolf (630-377-1287) for a shopping appointment.

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In memory of Milton Wohl
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To Sue Johnson:

In honor of your haftorah anniversary

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In memory of Cantor Alan Smolen for all of his dedication to Steve and Melinda Abrams and their children Brandon and Jacob.

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To Les Grandames in honor of their years of service to CKI

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Happy Anniversary to Susie & Marc Zemel
Sherry Wiesman



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R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

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| Lisa Schulman | Pearle Brody |
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May God have mercy upon you and others who are ill among the people of Israel.

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

Congregation Kneseth Israel wishes to extend condolences to the family of

...**Hazzan Alan Smolen**, husband of **Marla Topp**, son of **Ernie Smolen**, who served as **Hazzan** and spiritual leader here at CKI from 1994-2004.

...**Maxine Turek**, wife of the late **Philip Turek**, mother of **Lee (Jo) Turek**, grandmother of **Karisa (Michael) LaFleur** and **Jenna Turek**, great-grandmother of **Braden** and **Audrey**.

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

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.

| Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Dec 2 | Nov 27 | Rose Goldstein* |
| Dec 2 | Nov 27 | Dulce Mann |
| Dec 2 | Nov 27 | Rose Schwartz* |
| Dec 3 | Nov 27 | Meyer Moshe Kohan Ghadosh* |
| Dec 3 | Nov 27 | Esther Iseberg* |
| Dec 5 | Dec 4 | Lora Seigle* |
| Dec 6 | Dec 4 | Leo Greenberg* |
| Dec 6 | Dec 4 | Suzanna Massouda Levi* |
| Dec 6 | Dec 4 | Sadie Salstone* |
| Dec 6 | Dec 4 | Anna Singer* |
| Dec 7 | Dec 4 | Charles Rogoff* |
| Dec 7 | Dec 4 | Bessie Wiener |
| Dec 8 | Dec 4 | Helen Cooper* |
| Dec 8 | Dec 4 | Beverly Fishman |
| Dec 8 | Dec 4 | Esther Flowers* |
| Dec 8 | Dec 4 | Helen Louise Rys |
| Dec 9 | Dec 4 | Nancy Mariasis Ashcraft |
| Dec 9 | Dec 4 | Ann Jacoby |
| Dec 10 | Dec 4 | Sara Shatz* |
| Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Rhea Herzberg* |
| Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Earl Lesser* |
| Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Idelle Sherman* |

| Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name |
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| Dec 12 | Dec 11 | Rachel Polis* |
| Dec 13 | Dec 11 | Nathan Breen* |
| Dec 13 | Dec 11 | Lillian Grosken |
| Dec 13 | Dec 11 | Beatrice Shatzkin* |
| Dec 15 | Dec 11 | Sylvia Glaser |
| Dec 15 | Dec 11 | Ida Pearl Goldstein* |
| Dec 15 | Dec 11 | Sarah Hymovitz* |
| Dec 16 | Dec 11 | Foster Poper |
| Dec 17 | Dec 11 | Sarah Meyer* |
| Dec 18 | Dec 18 | Mary Dreyer |
| Dec 18 | Dec 18 | Jean Eagels |
| Dec 18 | Dec 18 | Erika Lindow* |
| Dec 19 | Dec 18 | Michael Glaser |
| Dec 19 | Dec 18 | Hyman Miller |
| Dec 20 | Dec 18 | Sarah Cohen* |
| Dec 20 | Dec 18 | Harold Durchslag |
| Dec 20 | Dec 18 | Frances Ruth Hayden* |
| Dec 20 | Dec 18 | Louis Meyer* |
| Dec 20 | Dec 18 | Celia Flowers Reback* |
| Dec 21 | Dec 18 | Benjamin B. Baker* |
| Dec 22 | Dec 18 | Lillian Salk Stein* |
| Dec 23 | Dec 18 | Martin Fischer* |
| Dec 23 | Dec 18 | Henry Grosken |

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

| Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Dec 23 | Dec 18 | Irene Kramer* |
| Dec 23 | Dec 18 | Molly Levine |
| Dec 24 | Dec 18 | Henry Norman Eisner* |
| Dec 25 | Dec 25 | Louis M. Brenner* |
| Dec 25 | Dec 25 | Dorothy Cohen |
| Dec 27 | Dec 25 | Irving Paul* |
| Dec 28 | Dec 25 | Sylvia Coady* |
| Dec 28 | Dec 25 | Florence Shankman |
| Dec 29 | Dec 25 | Bertha Beler* |
| Dec 29 | Dec 25 | Miriam W. Cohen* |
| Dec 30 | Dec 25 | Harry Seigle* |
| Dec 31 | Dec 25 | Irving Durchslag |
| Dec 31 | Dec 25 | Betsy Lynn Zeman* |
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| Jan 02 | Jan 01 | Ellen Goodman |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Elizabeth Chesler |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Sarah Miller |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Jean Fischer Schenker* |
| Jan 04 | Jan 01 | Juan Rizal Querubin |
| Jan 05 | Jan 01 | Gerald London |
| Jan 06 | Jan 01 | Roy Rifken* |

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.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT

Fri Dec 34:02 pm
 Fri Dec 104:01 pm
 Fri Dec 174:03 pm
 Fri Dec 244:06 pm
 Fri Dec 314:11 pm

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat Dec 45:05 pm
 Sat Dec 115:05 pm
 Sat Dec 185:06 pm
 Sat Dec 255:10 pm
 Sat Jan 15:15 pm

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| Albertson's (Jewel/Osco) Debit | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Dominick's (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| CVS Pharmacy Debit Card (6%) | \$25 | | |
| Walgreens Debit Card (6%) | \$25 | \$100 | |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Amoco/BP (2%) | \$50 | | |
| Exxon/Mobil Debit Card (1.5%) | \$50 | | |
| Shell Debit Card (2.5%) | \$25 | \$50 | |
| Marathon Gas (3%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| SpeedWay (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |

RETAILERS

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|--------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Ace Hardware Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Amazon.com (4%) | \$25 | | |
| American Eagle Outfitters (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Barnes & Noble Debit (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Bath & Body Works (13%) | \$10 | | |
| Banana Republic Debit (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Bed Bath & Beyond Debit (7%) | \$25 | | |
| Best Buy Debit Card (3%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Blockbuster Debit Card (7%) | \$10 | | |
| Borders Debit (9%) | \$10 | \$25 | |
| Claire's (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Crate and Barrel (8%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Express Debit Card (10%) | \$25 | | |
| Foot Locker (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Gymboree (13%) | \$25 | | |
| Harry & David (10%) | \$25 | | |
| Home Depot Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| J Jill (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Jiffy Lube (8%) | \$30 | | |
| Jo-Ann Fabric Debit Cart (6%)* | \$20 | | |
| I-Tunes (4%) | \$15 | | |
| Kids/Toys/Babies R Us (1.5%) | \$20 | | |

RETAILERS (CONT)

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|-----------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| LL Bean (15%) | \$25 | | |
| Lands' End (17%) | \$25 | | |
| Lane Bryant (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Limited (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Lord & Taylor (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Lowe's Home Improvement (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Macy's (10%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Marshalls/TJ Maxx (7%) | \$10 | \$25 | |
| Menard's (3%)* | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Men's Warehouse (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Michaels (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Office Depot Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Office Max Debit Card (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Old Navy/GAP Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Pier 1 Imports Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Pottery Barn (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Radio Shack Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Restoration Hdwr Debit Card (12%) | \$25 | | |
| Staples Debit Card (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Talbot's (13%) | \$25 | | |
| Walden Books (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Williams-Sonoma (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Wal-Mart (2%) | \$25 | | |
| Zappos.com (8%) | \$25 | | |

DEPARTMENT STORES

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|----------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Cabela's (11%) | \$25 | | |
| Dick's (8%)* | \$25 | | |
| JC Penney Debit Card (7%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Kohl's (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| K-Mart Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | \$50 | |
| MC Sports (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Sears Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Sports Authority Debit Card (8%) | \$25 | | |

RESTAURANTS

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|---------------------------------|------|--|--|
| Applebee's Debit Card (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Arby's (8%) | \$10 | | |
| Bahama Breeze Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Baskin Robbins (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Bob Evans (10%) | \$10 | | |
| BoneFish Grill (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Boston Market Debit Card (12%) | \$10 | | |
| Burger King (4%) | \$10 | | |
| California Pizza Kitchen (4%) | \$10 | | |
| Champps (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Cheesecake Factory (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Chevy's (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Chili's Debit Card (11%) | \$25 | | |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%) | \$10 | | |
| Claim Jumper (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Cold Stone Creamery (8%) | \$10 | | |
| Dave & Busters (13%) | \$25 | | |
| Denny's (7%) | \$10 | | |
| Jamba Juice (7%) | \$10 | | |
| Kentucky Fried Chicken (9%) | \$5 | | |
| Lettuce Entertain You (12%) | \$25 | | |
| Lou Malnati's (8%) | \$10 | | |
| Macaroni Grill Debit Card (11%) | \$25 | | |
| Maggiano's Debit Card (11%) | \$25 | | |
| Max & Erma's (13%) | \$20 | | |
| Olive Garden Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Outback Steakhouse (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Panera Bread (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Pick Up Stix (12%) | \$25 | | |
| Pizza Hut (8%) | \$10 | | |
| Rainforest Cafe (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Red Robin (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Ruby Tuesday's (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Starbuck's Debit Card (7%) | \$25 | | |
| Subway (3%) | \$10 | | |
| Sweet Tomatoes (8%) | \$10 | | |
| TGI Fridays (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Wendy's (4%) | \$10 | | |

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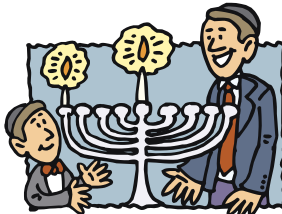
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MEALS ON WHEELS: a Great Way to Contribute to the Community

As usual, volunteers simply came forward to lend a hand last month. **Sue Johnson** and **Barb Maring**, a great bunch of **USY'ers** accompanied by **Liza Bachrach**, the **Zimmerman** team, and **Len and Laurie Winner** each delivered on a Monday in October. **In January 2011, Mondays will be CKI delivery dates.** Note that one of those Mondays will be a school holiday—a good time for teens to help.

Thanks for all the help last month. Get your bids in early for January dates!

Sue Johnson (847-695-7160) and Nancy Zimmerman (847-695-6540)



Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

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|--------------------------------|---|
| December 2 25 Kislev | First day Chanukah Numbers 7:1-17 |
| December 3 26 Kislev | Second day Chanukah Numbers 7:18-29 |
| December 4 27 Kislev | <i>Birkat Hachodesh</i> ; third day Chanukah <i>Miketz</i> – Genesis 41:1-41:52 <i>Maftir</i> : Numbers 7:24-7:35 <i>Haftarah</i> : Zechariah 2:14 4:7 |
| December 5 28 Kislev | Fourth day Chanukah Numbers 7:30-41 |
| December 6 29 Kislev | Fifth day Chanukah Numbers 7:36-47 |
| December 7 30 Kislev | <i>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</i> ; sixth day Chanukah Numbers 28:1-15; 7:42-47 |
| December 8 2 Tevet | <i>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</i> ; seventh day Chanukah Numbers 28:1-15; 7:48-53 |
| December 9 1 Tevet | Eighth day Chanukah Numbers 7:54-8:4 |
| December 11 4 Tevet | <i>Vayigash</i> – Genesis 44:18-45:27 <i>Haftarah</i> : Ezekiel 37:15-28 |
| December 17 10 Tevet | Fast of 10th of Tevet <i>Torah</i> : Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 55:6-56:8 |
| December 18 11 Tevet | <i>Hazak Shabbat</i> <i>Vayehi</i> – Genesis 47:28-48:22 <i>Haftarah</i> : I Kings 2:1-12 |
| December 25 18 Tevet | <i>Sh'mot</i> – Exodus 1:1 – 2:25 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23 |

FIND YOURSELF
IN SHUL!
SHUL IS GOOD!

[One of four minor fast days (daylight hours only), commemorates beginning of Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem which led to the destruction of the first Temple]

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

our sufferance. We can choose otherwise, and so we never have to.

Never forget the grace and dignity that Israel brings to your life. The last time that we lived this way was 2,200 years ago, under the Maccabees. We made history then. We stood tall in the community of nations, collecting and distributing our own taxes in the currency of our own coin. We were proud and independent, which was reason enough for Greeks and Romans to try to destroy us.

Well, now we're back, and the world is better for it. Being Jewish is so much easier now because of Israel. The spiritual wealth that the Jewish state lends us allows us to be gracious. We can afford to reach out to other Americans on their terms. It no longer threatens us. Without Israel, how terribly difficult would be the fulfillment of God's promise, that we be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Now we can do it. We have our own blessing, our chance always as Jews to join our free people in the Jewish land. It lets us live here as Americans with confidence, and to stand arm in arm with our American brethren freely on our own terms.



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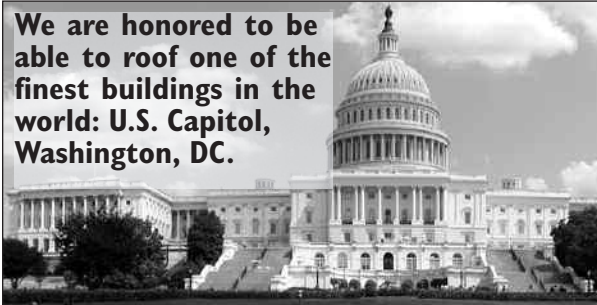
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Shabbat Services: **Friday evenings** **7:30 pm**
Saturday mornings **9:30 am**

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|----|---|--|-------|--|---|
| 1 | Hebrew School Erev Chanukah – Light first candle! | 5:00 pm | 12 | Torah School Sunday School Adult Study Group Kadima Convention 50+ Group event at Villa Verone | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 5:30-8:00 pm |
| 2 | Chanukah Day 1 Joint Sisterhood and Hadassah Chanukah Party | 7:00 pm | 13 | Kadima Convention | |
| 3 | Friday Shabbat services | 7:30 pm | 14 | Senior Lunch | Noon |
| 4 | Saturday Shabbat services | 9:30 am | 15 | Hebrew School | 5:00 pm |
| 5 | Torah School Sunday School Preschool with Mrs. Moose Adult Study Group Chanukah Bazaar Latke Lunch Confirmation class | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00-noon noon 6:30 pm | 16 | PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES | |
| 6 | USY Board meeting | 7:00 pm | 17 | Friday Shabbat services | 7:30 pm |
| 7 | CKI Board meeting | 7:30 pm | 18 | Saturday Shabbat services (Shortened service) | 9:30 am |
| 8 | Hebrew School ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES | 5:00 pm | 19 | Winter Recess | |
| 10 | Friday Shabbat services Family Service Kadima Convention | 7:30 pm | 22 | Winter Recess – USY Pre-convention begins | |
| 11 | Saturday Shabbat Service Jr. Congregation Kadima Convention | 9:30 am 9:30 am | 23 | Winter Recess – USY Pre-convention begins | |
| | | | 24 | Friday Shabbat services Winter Recess | 7:30 pm |
| | | | 25 | Saturday Shabbat services Winter recess | 9:30 am |
| | | | 26-30 | Winter Recess –International USY Convention, Orlando, FL | |
| | | | 31 | Friday Shabbat services Winter recess | 7:30 pm |

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