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TORAH FUND EVENT MAY 11

This year, we are doing "Movie, Munchies, & Dessert." We'll be showing and discussing the documentary film *In Search of the Bene Israel*. It is a 38 minute film about filmmaker Sadia Shepard's journey to research and reconnect with the way of life her Indian Jewish grandmother left behind. In her memoir *The Girl from Foreign*, Shepard tells the story of her journey to India to document the *Bene Israel*, a shrinking community of Jews which believe that it was ship-



wrecked in India 2000 years ago. In this film, Shepard searches out this community and gives us a moving portrait of this dwindling community in transition. For more information, see: www.sadiashepard.com.

RSVP as soon as possible to Cheryl Stanczak, 630-830-5359, as this will determine the location for the event.

The Girl from Foreign is available (via CKI website) on Amazon.com.

NEW COMMITTEE FORMING IN ANTICIPATION OF CKI'S 120th ANNIVERSARY

Anyone interested in joining a new committee being formed on the past, present and future of Congregation Kneseth Israel, please contact **Rochelle Fosco** at 847-207-3179, or sfosco@comcast.net.

CKI will be 120 years old in 2012. We are interested in putting a publicity piece together that we could send to the newspapers in the weeks prior to our 120th anniversary. The piece will

talk about CKI, our community, our family and our presence in the surrounding area.

We will be forming this committee right after the Walk for Israel. We also are hoping to be able to put together a 120th Anniversary event to include past and present members, as well as our neighbors in our surrounding communities.

KEEP ON SHOPPING THROUGH THE SUMMER!

As you plan for summer gifts or treats for yourself, don't forget the **CKI gift shop**. The gift shop is the major fundraising project of Sisterhood. Without it, we can not maintain our kitchen, serve *onegs* or *kiddushes*, or many other services you expect. So shop with us before you hit the stores or online.

If you would like to make a purchase, contact **Tina Wolf, 630-377-1287**, or **Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160**.



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REMEMBER:
Yizkor Services
Thursday, May 20
8:00-10:00 am



From the Rabbi's Study...

What Is a Conservative Jew?

Will Rogers, the social commentator of the 1930's, was once asked about his own political affiliation. He answered, "I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

Well, I don't belong to any organized religious movement. I'm a Conservative Jew. That's the kind of Jew who got rhymed once in a song by my colleague, Jack Moline, with "this, that, and the other thing too."

People know that Conservative Judaism is in the middle somewhere between Orthodoxy and Reform, but beyond that, many are uncertain. Who are we?

There is a document explaining this, which I commend to your attention. You can find it online by searching for *Emet ve-Emunah*.

In the meantime, here is my short answer.

If Judaism were a faith or a philosophy, as Christianity is, then it might describe itself in opposition to some other faith or philosophy. Sometimes, for instance, from a Christian pulpit, you might hear warnings against a nemesis called Secular Humanism. That's a case of one philosophy speaking out against another.

But Judaism is not a philosophy but a way of life, and so it often defines itself in conflict with another way of life. In the ancient world, that nemesis was paganism. Today it's something else, because of something that happened in Europe beginning about five hundred years ago.

What happened was a series of changes that washed over the continent from west to east in five overlapping waves. In art it was called the Renaissance; in religion, it was the Reformation; in philosophy, the Enlightenment; in politics, the

Emancipation; and in economics, the Industrial Revolution.

All five of these waves together produced the modern world.

Today, Jewish movements can be understood most easily in relation to the modern world. The two ways of life, Judaism and modernity, challenge one another.

In Orthodoxy, in any conflict between traditional values and modern ones, the modern ones are rejected. (For ultra-Orthodoxy, which calls itself *Chareidi*, modern values are rejected whether they conflict with traditional ones or not.)

In Reform, in any such conflict, what gets rejected is tradition. Reform judges traditional Judaism by the standards of the modern world, and if a tradition does not meet those standards then it gets lost.

Orthodoxy says, "It's no good if it conflicts with tradition." Reform says, "It's no good if it conflicts with modernity."

Conservative Judaism says, "Tradition and modernity are both good, and we are entirely committed to each."

The Conservative model follows that most beautiful of geometric shapes, the square circle, whose only flaw is that it cannot possibly exist.

We are unphased. We remain completely traditional. Commandments are commandments for us. They are both authoritative and binding. Even if we don't yet keep them all, they are still our ideal.

And we are entirely modern. We learn from every new modern discipline. Traditional values can be improved. Modern critics and ancient rabbis both bring us nearer to God.

May Birthdays

1 Marian Loeb	14 Perry Pitzele
1 Herbert Gross	15 Jordana Wolfensohn
1 Medina Gross	16 Micah Fogel
1 Carlee Fosco	17 Wendy Barrash
2 Burton Friedman	18 Jennifer Fogel
2 Michael Goldberg	20 Richard Zeoli
2 Mark Rosenfeld	20 Sandy Rifken
3 Robert Cox	21 Risa Cohen
3 Nina Finn	23 Diane Agins
5 Molly Rosenfeld	24 Albert Bender
5 Rina Baxter	24 Emily Burker
6 Aubrey Lewandowski	24 Patrick Finn
7 Sophia Kohn	24 Terry Morris
9 Carl Schweinler	28 Cory Jacoby
9 Saul Mariasis	29 Rabbi Jonathan Kohn
10 Ari Nye	
10 Tim Lewandowski	31 David Seigle
11 Wendy Shankman	31 Blossom Wohl
11 Christopher Miller	31 Jonathan Glaser
11 Leonard Kofkin	

May Anniversaries

1 Malcolm & Terry Morris
5 Clarissa & William Guralnick
28 Todd & Sandra Nye

Of course, it doesn't really work, this commitment to both at once, but neither does anything else that's important. Just ask the optimistic realist. Or ask the married man or woman, whose relation is full of contradictions that require constant attention. But marriage can make enough sense, enough of the time, or almost, to provide both partners with a good and happy life.

So we commit ourselves completely to this contradiction. We are fully traditional and fully modern. We give up nothing, and we compromise constantly. I love it. It's Conservative Judaism.

USY and Kadima News

The Lox Box Sale was a great success! We sold 52 boxes and raised approximately \$500 for Social Action/*Tikun Olam*! Seven boxes were donated directly to the Elgin Crisis Center! A special thanks goes to Cheryl Stanczak who took the initiative to buy all the components of the box so that we did not have to pay for the prepackaged items. As a result, she was able to get the price down to \$25 per box! Thank you to all who participated and made this such a success!

The March Board Lock-in was productive and fun. We designed our yearly USY t-shirt and completed our Chapter Book for *Kinnus* awards. Look out for our Reptar!

Our April Board meeting took place at Nick's Pizza to usher out Passover! It was nice to eat the *chametz*. We are beginning to make our slate for the USY Board 2010-2011. Check our website at <http://ckielgin.org/youth.html>, and you can see the list of positions. Please email me if you are interested, and I will get you the forms. We are

looking for some current 8th graders to be our Freshmen Representatives.

We want to welcome all 5th graders into *Kadima*! At the time of this writing, we are hoping to see some attend the Swimming/Rock Climbing Event.

We are also looking forward to a weekend of *KIN-NUS*! We have a whopping figure of 10 kids attending! Outstanding!

Please encourage your kids to come to *Kadima*/USY. They may not realize how much fun they will have and the comfort they will find in being part of the Jewish community.

I would like to congratulate the following USYers:

Morgan Stanczak, who graduated on the Dean's List from Roosevelt University on December 18, 2009 with a Bachelor of Business and Marketing degree. *Mazel Tov* Morgan!

Teddi Stanczak, who finished Bartlett High School in January, 2010. She is planning to attend the Culinary Arts Program at ECC in fall, 2010. Teddi is working at Sandwichville in Bartlett, traveling to see friends around the country, serving on the CKI-USY Board as the Israeli Affairs Chair,

and attending *Kinnus* for the last time. She is looking forward to when she can be a counselor at Camp CHUSY like Morgan has done for so many years.

Be sure to congratulate them both!

UPCOMING USY/Kadima PROGRAMS IN MAY:

- 2 – USY/Kadima Walk for Israel
- 3 – USY Board meeting, 8 PM
- 21 – USY *Shabbat* service at CKI

UPCOMING USY/Kadima PROGRAMS IN JUNE:

- 12 – *Daven*, Dish and Dine, picnic & nature walk (note this was rescheduled from June 5)

– Liza Bachrach, *Youth Chair* – USY
Susan Robbins, *Youth Chair* – *Kadima*

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.



Sisterhood News

Maintaining the CKI kitchen is an important role for our Sisterhood. There are rules for using and maintaining a kosher kitchen. When we turned over the kitchen after Passover, we found some pots and pans, plastic ware, and cutting boards that no longer could be used. These need to be replaced. If anyone is interested in providing these, please contact **Nina Finn, Jennifer Fogel**, or **me** to find out what we need. Your assistance is appreciated!

In April, **Jana McFarlane** and I attended the **Central Great Lakes Region (CGLR) Shabbaton** in Cleveland. It was a wonderful event for sharing ideas and celebrating *Shabbat* with other Sisterhoods throughout our region. Many of us have similar issues, and we look forward to using many of the ideas at CKI.

The *Shabbaton* included both Friday evening and Saturday services. There were two sessions Saturday afternoon. One of them involved learning a bit of *Tai Chi*. I am STILL trying to figure out the right moves versus the ones I made! The other session was "Keeping Your *Shul* Kitchen Kosher," an important part of Sisterhood's obligations to the synagogue. Could you ask for better timing?

But your ideas are important, too. Our year comes to an end with the annual **Torah Fund Event** on **Tuesday evening, May 11**. Please come join us as we view and discuss the film *In Search of the Bene Israel*, and enjoy a myriad of sweets! **Please RSVP!** Call **Cheryl Stanczak** at **630-830-5359**.

This summer, there will be plans made for next year, so let **Medina Gross, Jana**, or **me** know what you would like to see or hear from your Sisterhood.

Thank you to Tina Wolf and Sue Johnson and all their helpers for the spring gift shop bazaar. Items are still available. Be sure to include a stop at the shop when looking for that gift!

Remember, if you need a ride to the meeting or any activity, please call. But whatever you do, join us for a little or a lot, but come join us.

– Risa Cohen
847-934-4953

The next issue will be a June/July combo. Get all submissions in to Jana by May 10!!!

HaKol Information

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Make checks payable to CKI.

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All items should be emailed to: jemcfarlane@earthlink.net

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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!

May School Schedule:

May 2, Sunday – WALK WITH ISRAEL

May 5, Wednesday - Hebrew 5:00 pm

May 7, Friday – Family *Shabbat* Service / Honor our CKI Teachers

Attendance mandatory grades 3 - 7

May 9, Sunday – *Torah* School – Hebrew 9:00 am – *Torah* 10:00 am

All School – Shofar Factory Program; Mandatory attendance for confirmation class

Early Education Program – 10:00 am

May 12, Wednesday - Hebrew 5:00 pm – (Last Wednesday)

May 16, Sunday – *Torah* School – Hebrew 9:00 am – *Torah* 10:00 am

All school assembly 11:00 am – 7th grade fundraiser Hot Dog Lunch 11:30 am

Yasher Koach to the Confirmation Class for their participation in the Family *Shabbat* Service.

Mazel Tov to the Confirmands! Rachel Gauthier, Lisa Gerlach, Riva Kohn, Jacob McFarlane, and Jenna Mussar!

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined!

Shofar Factory Program:

Participants will gain new insights into the history and significance of the *shofar* and it's role on the holiday of *Rosh Hashanah*. Throughout the presentation, participants help cure, saw, drill, finish and shellac a ram's horn to create a genuine kosher *shofar*. During this "hands-on" workshop, the students are taught how to sound and practice the traditional sequence of notes blown on *Rosh Hashanah*. At the end of the presentation, each participant will be given his or her *shofar* to keep as a memento of this exciting workshop!

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Men's Club

The CKI Men's Club has just announced its slate of officers for the new fiscal year:

President – Leonard Kofkin
Vice President – Rich Kruth
Secretary – Brad Burkner
Treasurer – Joe Rosenfeld
Social Chairman – Arthur Shankman
Education Chairman – Perry Pitzele
Tzedakah – Herb Gross

Congratulations to all!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 17 at 6:30 pm, The Assembly Restaurant, 2570 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL (just south of I-90 on the east side of Barrington Rd,) 847-843-3993.

Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

May 1 17 Iyar	<i>Emor</i> – Leviticus 23:23-24:23 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 44:15-31
May 8 24 Iyar	<i>Birkat Hachodesh</i> <i>B'Har-B'Hukotai</i> – Leviticus 27:1-27:34 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
May 14 1 Sivan	<i>Rosh Hodesh Sivan</i> Numbers 28:1-15
May 15 2 Sivan	<i>B'Midbar</i> – Numbers 3:14-4:20 <i>Haftarah:</i> Hosea 2:1-22
May 19 6 Sivan	<i>Shavuot</i> <i>Torah:</i> Exodus 19:1-20:23 <i>Maftir:</i> Numbers 28:26-31 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12
May 20 7 Sivan	<i>Shavuot / Yizkor</i> <i>Torah:</i> Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17 <i>Maftir:</i> Numbers 28:26-31 <i>Haftarah:</i> Chabakuk 3:1-19
May 22 9 Sivan	<i>Naso</i> – Numbers 7:1-7:89 <i>Haftarah:</i> Judges 13:2-25
May 29 16 Sivan	<i>B'Ha'Alotekha</i> – Numbers 10:35-12:16 <i>Haftarah:</i> Zekhariah 2:14-4:7

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

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

The "CKI SENIORS" Lox & Bagel Luncheon



Tuesday, May 11 • 12:00 noon at CKI

RSVP to PHYLLIS LESSER • PhyllisCKI@aol.com or (847) 741-8784

Please respond DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 6.

Payment by cash or check at \$8.00 per person.

Please make check payable to "Cash."

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 services during the month of **May**. **It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.**

Shabbat	Actual	Deceased	Shabbat	Actual	Deceased
May 1	May 2	Albert Goodman*	May 15	May 20	Isaac Cohien*
May 1	May 2	Henry Harris*	May 15	May 20	Herb Friend
May 1	May 2	Seymour Salstone*	May 22	May 22	Max Fishman*
May 1	May 4	Frank Podolsky*	May 22	May 22	Maurice Hymen*
May 1	May 4	Abraham Wohl*	May 22	May 22	Harry A. Jaffe*
May 1	May 5	Herman Goldstein*	May 22	May 22	David Abraham Nerove*
May 1	May 5	Anne Mell*	May 22	May 22	Morris Rosengarden*
May 1	May 6	Sarah Rosengarden*	May 22	May 23	Rose Meza
May 1	May 7	Bessie Fisher*	May 22	May 25	Joseph Fisher*
May 1	May 7	Anna Kowitz*	May 22	May 26	Ruth Phelan
May 8	May 8	Sam Goldman*	May 22	May 27	Richard Kenneth Johnson
May 8	May 11	Bella Goldman*	May 22	May 27	Sam Pevan
May 8	May 11	Jack Lisagor*	May 22	May 27	Rose I. Schwartz*
May 8	May 13	Jenny Brazner*	May 22	May 27	Elsie Wiener
May 8	May 13	Michael Fosco*	May 22	May 27	Gertrude Winner*
May 8	May 13	Edith J. Mendel*	May 22	May 28	Sarah Dinah Mell*
May 8	May 13	Rose Sohn*	May 22	May 28	Ed Simon*
May 8	May 14	Norton T. Burstein*	May 29	May 29	Lena Sievers*
May 8	May 14	Melvin Frisch	May 29	May 30	Tessie Rose
May 15	May 15	Capt. Irene N. Wirschafter* USN	May 29	May 30	Anna Rosengarden*
May 15	May 16	Allen Mintzer	May 29	Jun 1	Julius* Kreeger
May 15	May 16	Sarah Stern*	May 29	Jun 1	Etta (Cookie") LeVine**
May 15	May 17	Abraham Brody*	May 29	Jun 2	Benjamin Bear*
May 15	May 18	William Goldstein*	May 29	Jun 2	Bessie Turek Solomon*
May 15	May 18	Joseph Polis*	May 29	Jun 2	Loraine Zaler
May 15	May 19	Captain Bernard Sohn*	May 29	Jun 3	Barney Berman*
May 15	May 20	Ruth Bachrach*	May 29	Jun 24	Renee Levine*

KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

May 77:37 pm
May 147:44 pm
May 217:51 pm
May 287:58 pm

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

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.

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Marion & Joseph Braun, and Gertrude & Albert Winner

Len & Laurie Winner

In honor of Joseph Miller becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. We welcome you.

Brad & Anita Burker

Mazel Tov to our confirmands: Rachel Gauthier, Lisa Gerlach, Riva Kohn, Jacob McFarlane, & Jenna Mussar. We look forward in sharing "a billion" more simchas with you and your families.

Education Board: Anita Hornung, Nina Finn, Kara Gauthier, Elizabeth Fishman, Tina Wolf, & Joe Rosenfeld.

In honor of Ron & Fern Raben's 45th wedding anniversary. May you be blessed with many many more!

Bill, Jana & Jacob McFarlane

In honor of Perry & Wanda Pitzele, for another memorable Pesach!

Bill, Jana & Jacob McFarlane

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

In loving memory of Nancy Mariasis Ashcraft

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In honor of Lucy Marshall, for winning the Jewish Federation's Teen Leadership Award

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MAZAL TOV

To **Michael and Marla Finger** on the birth of their new grandson, **Aiden Joseph Oinounou** born to **Jennifer** on 3-27-10

TREE OF LIFE

Leaf: AIDEN JOSEPH OINOUNOU

Born March 27, 2010

In Our Family

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

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Eva Kruth

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

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

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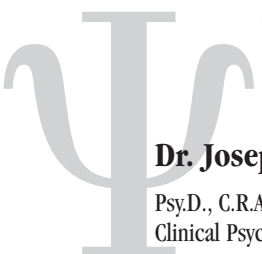
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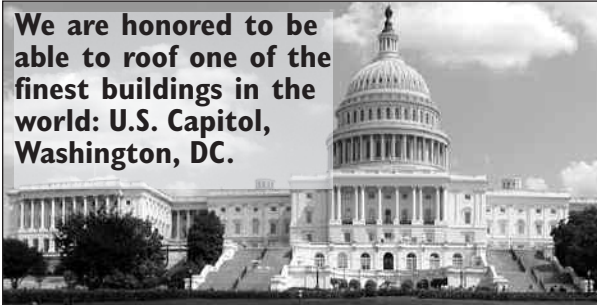
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May 2010

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

1	Bat Mitzvah: Carlee Fosco	7:00 pm	12	Hebrew School – Last Day	5:00 pm
2	Torah School Sunday School WALK FOR ISRAEL	9:00 am 10:00 am	16	Torah School – Last Day Sunday School – Last Day Assembly 7th Grade Hot Dog Fundraiser	9:00 am 10:00 am Noon
3	USY Board Meeting	8:00 pm	17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Men's Club Meeting The Assembly Restaurant, Hoffman Estates	6:30 pm
4	CKI General Election and Congregational Meeting CKI Board Meeting	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	18	Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Shavuot Study Candle Lighting	7:30-10:30 pm 7:50 pm
5	Hebrew School	5:00 pm	19	Shavuot – Office closed	
7	Shabbat Family Services honoring our CKI teachers	7:30 pm	20	Shavuot – Office Closed Yizkor	8:00-10:00 am
9	Torah School Sunday School Dr. Irving Bush Lecture: Breast Cancer	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	21	Friday Shabbat Services USY Family Service	7:30 pm
10	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES				
11	Senior Lunch Torah Fund Event – Desserts and showing of the film "In Search of the Bene Israel" (location TBA)	Noon 5:30 pm			

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