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President's Message

With all that is happening across the sea in the Gaza strip, the freedom of the Jewish people is at risk. The people in the area cannot get along. Yet, here in the City of Elgin, Congregation Kneseth Israel hosted the Interfaith Thanksgiving service, where Jews, Christians, and Muslims all got together and were able to pray for peace for all. We had representatives from many religions. We heard church bells, the sounding of the shofar, and the Muslim call to prayer. We spoke of peace, freedom and the ability to honor diversity. Our synagogue looked beautiful. It was alive and brimming with a feeling of peace amongst all of us.

I want to thank Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein for her involvement with the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders (CERL) which put together this wonderful evening.

I want to thank Lynn Glaser and Robin Seigle for all of their hard work in putting together the refreshments and décor for the evening; our Sisterhood members who helped bake the delicious cookies and cakes; Maureen

Manning-Rosenfeld for making her hot mulled cider; the Men's Club for ushering and their hard work in setting up the tables and chairs. Thank you, also, to our Torah school children for participating in the play "Molly's Pilgrim," and a BIG, heartfelt thank you to all of our members

of Congregation Kneseth Israel who attended and welcomed the Elgin community to our synagogue.

We all came together and brought food and gave monetary donations for both the Community Crisis Center and PADS.

Across the sea they fight, but here in Elgin, Illinois, we pray and work together. We respect each other and our beliefs. We respect diversity. We respect freedom. We are thankful to live in a country where we can worship in our individual religions.

Rochelle

Wanted: A Few Good Advertisers

Join the celebration of Congregation Kneseth Israel's 120 of service to our Fox Valley Jewish community. Building on our past, we have developed a new vision for the future. We have a new Rabbi, a new enthusiasm, new growth and a new healthy outlook for CKI. Our religious school has doubled in enrollment and we are providing quality programming for young and old. The synagogue is alive with people devoted to the best traditions of Judaism.

We need your help. HaKol, a creative and dynamic way to tell the CKI story, is published monthly online in full color and available on our synagogue website. We need advertising revenue to cover the cost of production. As an advertiser you get the benefit of reaching a

growing Jewish community of parents and children, grandparents and friends that stretches from Crystal Lake to Aurora and from Schaumburg to Huntley. Advertising in HaKol is cost effective and a great way to reach a unique target audience.

For 2013, a business card ad in 12 months of HaKol is available for \$150.00, a double size ad is \$250.00. All proceeds go towards the cost of production.

Ads to start in February 2013 must be submitted by December 15, 2012.

For more information contact Congregation Kneseth Israel at 847-741-5656 or e-mail *Ron Razowsky@gmail.com*. This is an opportunity you or someone you know should not miss.

We are working on updating the database at CKI with email addresses (which will save us postage and time!) Please email *cki@ckielgin.org* with email address for your kids who have moved out, and also name changes if they have gotten married. Hopefully we can use this to spread the word about the CKI celebration weekend in February!

Please note: This list will be strictly for all CKI correspondence, and will not be shared with anyone else!

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

—Robin Seigle

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From the Rabbi's Study...

The sounds of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service are still ringing in my ears. What an amazing event. Kudos to the whole CKI family who, under the direction of Lynn Glaser and Robin Seigle, made the building look wonderful, smell divine, and glow with hospitality. A few excerpts from thank you emails we received: "Our St. Laurence Choir can't thank you and your congregation enough for your warm hospitality. Everything about the evening was wonderful. We all grew a little richer because of our exposure to such beautifully different cultures and customs. It was a great start to such an important time in our liturgical year. We look forward to a continued relationship throughout the year." And this one: "I want to add my appreciation for a wonderful evening together. Thanks especially to Rabbi Margaret and CKI for amazing hospitality! I think it's the best service we've done."

One of my favorites, "Thank you and thanks to CKI for hosting a great Thanksgiving event! This event was as diverse as we have done—good representation from a variety of people and groups. I think God smiled!" I love the idea of God smiling, especially as we continue to watch with sadness the tragedy unfolding in Israel and Gaza. That night, Elgin taught the world there can be another way—and for that I am very, very grateful. In the process, we raised \$1,185 for the most vulnerable among us, and we donated 60 handmade warm scarves to the Community Crisis Center and PADS.

In November, our building was aglow with lots of happenings and lots of people, from the PJ Shabbat dinner and service, to Scott Zonis, who spoke about his tours of Afganistan and Iraq, to a reflection by the Sternfelds and Zimmermans about their recent trip to Israel, to the CKI blood drive, to singing 18 songs for peace, to a very important tribute to our veterans. We are told that each of us should write our own Torah made of the stories of our lives. November was a month for all of us to write such a Torah. Some of us began by writing our own ethical will—or at least started to. In a month of no Jewish holidays, we created holy

time together. These were true moments of holiness as people shared deeply of themselves.

Now we turn to Kislev and the celebration of Chanukah. In the middle of winter we are commanded to light candles, one more each night, to publicize the miracle and to increase our joy. I love to watch the candles flicker each night, spending time really, really watching to see which candle will burn the longest, coming closest to the miracle of Chanukah. This is a fun holiday with lots of food, with games, songs, and, in some families, presents. What's not to like?

Need Chanukah supplies? Chanukah presents? Check out the Chanukah Bazaar. Lots of great choices of menorot, candles, gelt, dreidles, and other fun things. I have my eyes on a couple of things for myself. Can't afford new ways to make Chanukah beautiful? Build a memorah yourself. My two new favorites? Building one out of clementines using olive oil. It is supposed to smell wonderful. Or, I saw one in the Sertus catalog made out of glow sticks. Kids would think that is really fun!

The building will be aglow with lots of opportunities to celebrate in our CKI community: A special PJ Shabbat, a magical musical Friday night of Chanukah, the annual latke lunch, a joint CKI Sisterhood-Hadassah party. Details for all of those are elsewhere in the bulletin.

Worried about the instrumental music question? The music subcommittee, ritual committee, and board, based on the focus groups from the vision process, looked at this question in November and decided to try instrumental music, again, on Friday nights only. Shabbat morning will not be touched. Ahead of the return of an old CKI tradition, instrumental musical Shabbatot, I will be hosting an adult study workshop on "Make a Joyful Noise: The Halacha of Instrumental Music," on Sunday, December 2 at 10:00 am. Come join us, wrestle with the texts, and understand the range of opinion on this topic that seems so contemporary and is really quite ancient. I promise a fun, energizing session—with maybe some music thrown in!

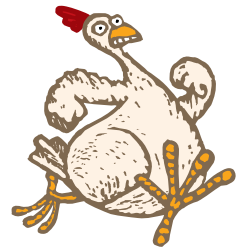
Some families struggle during the holiday season. How to get it all done? How to keep up with the Jones or the Greenbergs? How to blend Jewish traditions with other more prominent traditions this season? How to feel happy if I don't have a job, might lose my house, are facing health issues or coping with grief? You are not alone. Rather than hosting a workshop on the December Dilemma this year, I am willing to meet with anyone who needs help to brainstorm ideas that will help in your unique situation. Call the office, send me an email, or call my cell phone.

Now that we are settling in, a word about reaching me. Mondays are my days off. I am trying to be in the office Tuesday mornings from 10-12, Wednesday afternoon from 2-7 although I teach some during that block, and Thursday afternoons from 2-6. Can't make any of those times? Call and set another time. I'll meet you almost anywhere, anytime. I am accessible by cell phone, 978-590-8268 or email rabbi@ckielgin.org.

My mother always taught us that Jews around the world were celebrating Chanukah. In fact every country has unique fried food for this holiday. We are used to latkes and sufganiyot, but in Greece they eat fried zucchini, in Mexico sopapillas, and in Italy they make a lovely lemon marinated fried chicken that my husband serves every year—and only once per year. It is my Chanukah gift to you!

Pollo Fritto per Chanuka (Fried chicken for Chanukah)

- 1 small frying chicken, cut into pieces
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt
- Juice of one lemon
- Olive oil
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 lemon, cut in wedges



(recipe continued on next page)

HaKol Information

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Make checks payable to CKI.

All material for the January issue is due **NO LATER than December 16, PLEASE.**

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In our effort to offer more transparency and to encourage more participation, the CKI Board now makes our upcoming meeting agendas available on our website as a downloadable PDF. Please go to: www.ckielgin.org/board-meeting-agenda.html

PLEASE...
If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, please call CKI at 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can contact you and be of help.

School Calendar for December

December is a short month for school but it is loaded with fun and joyous celebration!

Saturday, December 1	Saturday morning services 9:30 am
Sunday, December 2	Hebrew/Torah school and preschool meet at 9:00/9:45-noon
Wednesday, December 5	Hebrew School 5:00-6:30 pm
Saturday, December 8	Saturday morning services 9:30 am JUNIOR CONGREGATION WITH STUDENT PARTICIPATION.
Sunday, December 9	Hebrew/Torah school 9:00/9:45-noon – This week is FUN<FUN<FUN Chanukah begins! We kick it off with a Latke Lunch and play put on by the Men's club at NOON! Stay for the fun and enjoy those handmade latkes made by our men.
Wednesday, December 12	Hebrew school 5:00-6:30
Friday, December 14	PJ Shabbat starting at 6:00 pm with dinner (\$10 donation per family), followed by a Musical Shabbat at 7:30 pm.
Saturday, December 15	Saturday morning services 9:30 am
Sunday December 16	Hebrew/Torah school and preschool meet 9:00/9:45-noon
Wednesday, December 19	Hebrew school 5:00-6:30 pm

School will be closed for Winter Break from December 23-Jan 6, when we return. There will be Friday and Saturday Services during the break.

For all services there will be stickers available for the students to apply to the monthly chart. **If your child is not going to be attending a class, please call the office and let us know. Leave a message if needed. Office phone number: 1-847-741-5656.**



Judaism Rocks!



We scored with the third addition of Judaism Rocks at CKI! Kara Morgan read the book, *Hanukkah*, and led a lively discussion about the holiday and what it means to each of us. We sang our favorite Chanukah songs under the direction of Sue Zemel. Then we all participated in a Menorah making workshop. Special thanks to Chuck Zimmerman and Ron Razowsky, who cut out all of the wood bases and hundreds of wood blocks! Of course, a huge thank you to parents, grandparents, teachers and friends who helped make the day a success. Stay tuned for the next Judaism Rocks to be held on January 20.

Rochelle Tremmel shows off her handiwork: a new Chanukah menorah.



Recipe From the Rabbi's Study

(cont'd from page 2)

Sprinkle chicken evenly with salt, pepper, nutmeg, and garlic salt. Place in a bowl with lemon juice and 2 Tbsp olive oil and set aside in refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Toss to ensure even marinating.

Heat one cup of oil in a large skillet or dutch oven. Roll the chicken in flour and dip in egg. Fry in hot oil over high heat for 1 or 2 minutes. Lower heat and fry for 15 minutes until pieces are golden brown and chicken does not juice pink. Serve with lemon wedges and risotto with raisins.

Men's Club Yoga Night



(Above) Class in session

(Left) Men's Club President Joe Rosenfeld untwisting long enough to award Danae Molitor, Yoga Instructor, with a CKI T-shirt in appreciation of her efforts leading the session.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SHOP!!!

CHANUKAH IS ALMOST OVER!

BRING YOUR LIST TO THE GIFT SHOP BAZAAR
LOTS OF ITEMS FOR ALL AGES



BAZAAR HOURS

Sunday, Nov. 25
10:00am-noon
SPECIAL DISCOUNT SALE

Wednesday, Nov. 28
5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 2
9:00 am-12:30 pm

For private appointment or information, contact Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160 or Tina Wolf, 630-377-1287



~ CKI Celebration Brunch ~
for past & present members & guests
Sunday, February 10th, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as our 120th anniversary celebration weekend culminates at CKI. Gather in the social hall with old friends and meet new ones. The food will be scrumptious, and the camaraderie will be most enjoyable! Plus, be prepared to dance if you are so inclined!

11:30 a.m. - Quartet from Maxwell St. Klezmer Band and Socializing
Noon - Brunch catered by Rebecca Albert

*Menu: Spinach and Scramble Benedict with Artichoke Hollandaise Sauce,
Strawberry and Nutella Stuffed French Toast, Smoked Salmon Crepes
with Crème Fraîche, Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls, Muffins, Coffee, Tea and Juice*

1:00 p.m. Special presentation to honor past CKI Presidents

_____ Adults x \$20.00 = _____

_____ Children 10 and under x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Children 3 and under: free **TOTAL \$ DUE:** _____

Name _____ phone _____

e-mail address: _____

Please send payment and this form to CKI BRUNCH, 330 Division, Elgin, IL 60120, attn: Anita Hornung. Checks made out to Congregation Kneseth Israel. **RSVP no later than January 22nd.**



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

LATKE LUNCHTIME BANQUET

Real Potatoes Cooked By Real Men

Sunday, December 9 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.

As always, 3% of proceeds will be donated to MAZON to help feed the hungry nationally; this year please bring one non-perishable food item per person to help the Elgin Food Pantry

Want to help? . . . 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 3!** **Seating is limited!** Send this form, with check payable to "CKI Men's Club" to the CKI office by December 3. (**Late reservations may not be accepted.**)

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

Name _____

_____ adults _____ students _____ small children \$ _____ enclosed _____ waist size (before latkes)





Ma'ayan BBYO News

Jay Pliskow, Ma'ayan BBYO advisor, came to CKI on October 26 and introduced himself to the kids and parents at CKI Hebrew school. At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to Wednesday, Nov. 28, when Louis Stromberg, BBYO Connect & Outreach Coordinator, will host a "Taste of BBYO Connect" at Hebrew school and play some games with the kids. All in an effort to get them excited about being with Jewish friends, which is something they don't get to do on a regular basis!

Fifteen kids attending our bowling outing in St. Charles, ranging from 5th grade through high school, including two kids from Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors. It was great to see some new faces! CKI Confirmation class joined in on the event and Stephanie Burak lead a game with the kids, and slushies were an added bonus!

MCJC invited our kids to join them in November with a Fall Bash, but unfortunately, none of our kids were able to attend. We really appreciate the efforts MCJC is making to connect with us. Hopefully something else will work out in the future.

Chuck and Nancy Zimmerman were looking for some BBYO "workers" to help rake the leaves from their lawn. A big thank you to David and Rachel Schillmoeller for stepping up and helping out.

And a big thank you to Brandon Abrams, Ellie and Zack Kohn, Isaac Marshall and Daniel Simon for helping sisterhood pack corned beef lunches.

The kids are planning an ice skating event for December 15. Stay tuned.

Please join the Ma'ayan BBYO Facebook page in order to keep up-to-date with programs and to RSVP. The address is:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/221937037867507/>

Be sure to join us for the following programs!

December 15, Tentative Date for Ice Skating

December 24, GMT: Latke Bash

February 14 - 18, BBYO International Convention in Washington DC

BBYO is for High School Ages.

BBYO Connect is for 6th through 8th grade.

— Liza Bachrach, Youth Group Chair

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

Men's Club

CKI's Men's Club presented a "Yoga Night" on October 25. The event featured a discussion with Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein on a connection between Judaism and yoga practice, a 45-minute session with Danae Molitor, a certified personal trainer and yoga teacher, and a healthy post-yoga meal featuring veggie burgers and other organic

snacks prepared by CKI Men's Club's Iron Chef, Paul Glaser.

Those attending the presentation learned that yoga practice can stimulate one's nervous system, joints, ligaments, glands and other internal organs, and provide quite a challenge keeping one's kippah on while in Fish Position.

See photos on page 3!

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Dec. 1 *Vayishlach* – Genesis 35:16-36:43
17 Kislev *Haftarah:* Obadiah 1:1-21

Dec. 8 *Birkat Hachodesh*
24 Kislev *Vayeshev* – Genesis 39:1-40:23
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Dec. 9 *First Day Chanukah*
25 Kislev Numbers 7:1-17

Dec. 10 *Second Day Chanukah*
26 Kislev Numbers 7:18-29

Dec. 11 *Third Day Chanukah*
27 Kislev Numbers 7:24-35

Dec. 12 *Fourth Day Chanukah*
28 Kislev Numbers 7:30-41

Dec. 13 *Fifth Day Chanukah*
29 Kislev Numbers 7:36-47

Dec. 14 *Rosh Chodesh Tevet*
1 Tevet Sixth Day Chanukah
Numbers 28:1-15; 7:42-47

Dec. 15 *Seventh Day Chanukah*
2 Tevet *Miketz* – 43:16-44:17
Maftir: Numbers 7:48-7:53
Haftarah: Zehariah 2:14-4:7

Dec. 16 *Last Day Chanukah*
3 Tevet Numbers 7:54-8:4

Dec. 22 *Vayigash* – Genesis 46:28-47:27
9 Tevet *Haftarah:* Ezekiel 37:15-28

Dec. 23 *Fast of 10th of Tevet*
10 Tevet Exodus 32:1-14; 34:1-10
Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

Dec. 29 *Vayehi* – Genesis 49:27-50:26
16 Tevet *Haftarah:* 1 Kings 2:1-12

December Birthdays

- 3 Norman Agins
- 6 Michael Schwartz
- 7 Rachel Bloomberg
- 7 Adrienne Zimmerman
- 8 Tom Baxter
- 9 Laurie Winner
- 9 Gail Korn
- 11 Jared Epstein
- 16 George Russell Stokes III
- 17 Benjamin Schillmoeller
- 18 Ken Jacoby
- 18 Teddi Stanczak
- 19 Robin Seigle
- 21 Malcolm Morris
- 21 Amy Poper
- 23 Michael Finger
- 23 Ian Goozh
- 23 Marina Fink
- 24 Yasmin Baxter
- 25 Leonard Winner
- 28 Brad Epstein
- 29 David Barrash
- 29 Debbie Abrams
- 31 Marc Zemel



December Anniversaries

- 18 Marina Fink & Dr. Steven Lekah
- 17 Nancy & Charles Zimmerman
- 20 Mike & Debbie Poper
- 22 Isabel & Jerome Goldberg
- 23 Lisa & Stuart Kravis
- 30 Julie & Mark Dillon
- 31 Scott & Peggy Zonis

Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

Clara Wechter Education Fund – Supports Torah School and Adult Education

Endowment Fund – (See the President)

General Fund – For multi-purpose use

Lee Miller Book Fund – New books for Library

Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund – (See the President)

Ma'ayan BBYO/BBYO Connect – Support for programs for our synagogue youth

Memorial Plaques – \$300.00

Prayer Book Fund – Chumash is \$60
(Siddurim are no longer available for inscription)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – Needs decided by Rabbi

Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund – Jewish cultural enrichment programs

Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund – Repair of Torah scrolls

Sisterhood – Support our women's group to maintain the kitchen and other projects

Sisterhood Flower Fund – Pulpit flowers

Sisterhood Vision Fund – Large-type Siddur \$50

Tree of Life – Leaf is \$100

Major Gifts – \$5,000 and up. (See the President)

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Joseph Zisook

Ed & Tina Wolf
Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld

In memory of Cheryl Stanczak

Manuel and Ann Martin
Wanda & Perry Pitzele
Jana & Bill McFarlane

In memory of Pearle Brody

Wanda & Perry Pitzele

Mazal tov to Carissa and Steve Graffia on the birth of their new baby daughter

Wanda & Perry Pitzele

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Joseph Zisook

Barbara & Paul Maring

In memory of Pearle Brody

Barbara & Paul Maring

In memory of our daughter, Jamie Hass

Norma & Alvin Hass

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

To Richard Stanczyk and family in memory of Cheryl

Marc & Sue Zemel
Paul & Risa Cohen
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To Adele Stein & Family in memory of her father

Dick & Sue Johnson
Marc & Sue Zemel
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Paul & Risa Cohen

To Martin Brody, In memory of your mother

Marc & Sue Zemel

To Molly Rosenfeld, in honor of your selection for Americor

Ron & Barb Razowsky

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Sherry Wiesman Leila Bowersox
David Goodman Yale Norris
Paul Maring Don Lesser
Bernie Miller

May God have mercy upon you and others who are ill among the people of Israel.

HAMAKOM YENACHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

Congregation Kneseth Israel wishes to extend condolences to the family of ...**Cheryl Garson Stanczak**, wife of **Richard Stanczak**, mother of **Morgan** and **Teddi**.

May God comfort you and may her memory be for a blessing.

THANKS to those of you who helped make the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service such a huge success! We couldn't have done it without ALL the help from our CKI members. Thanks to Sisterhood, Sunday school Mom's, Men's Club, and our husbands. It was surely a team effort!

With gratitude,
Lynn Glaser & Robin Seigle

Sisterhood News



A tremendous THANK YOU from me and Chair **Adele Stein** to all who helped with the Corned Beef Lunch Fundraiser!! What a community effort!

Our BBYO kids (and a few parents) did a fabulous job getting things going on Monday night, November 12. Our thanks to Brandon Abrams, Ellie and Zack Kohn, Isaac Marshall, and Daniel Simon.

Thank you, also, to our Sisterhood ladies for their tenacity and patience with this huge project! HUGE Kudos to Anita Hornung, Wanda Pitzele, Rochelle Fosco, Judy Rubenstein Gantz, Medina Gross, Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld, Barb Razowsky, and Tina Wolf.

We could not have completed our task without the tremendous assistance of Norm Agins, Paul Cohen, Ron Burstein, Simon Klein, Bill McFarlane, and Marc Zemel.

Last, but CERTAINLY not least, our Hebrew School Moms worked incredibly hard to help us finish up and meet our deadline! A very heartfelt THANK YOU to Mindy Bear, Marina Fink, Lisa Kravis, and Amy Robinson.

Again, thank you to all. We couldn't have done it without you!

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SHOP SHOP SHOP at our Gift Shop's Chanukah Bazaar! (See sidebar, p 3.)

Next up: Please join us for our annual **Sisterhood/Hadassah Chanukah party!!** (See below.)

Hadassah and Sisterhood members will celebrate Chanukah together on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at CKI with food, fun, fellowship, games, music, and mitzvot. Please bring menorahs to light and mini toiletries, as well as used towels, wash cloths, and single bed sheets (flat and fitted) to donate to PADS.

The Crisis Center is also in need of disposable diapers sizes 4, 5, or 6.

RSVP to Medina Gross at 847-695-1316 or medinag@sbcglobal.net

CKI had 14 donations for last month's blood drive, which was two more than last year. Yasher Koach to all who donated!

Social Action – Tikkun Olam

Thanks...

To all who supported the Pre-Thanksgiving food drive. Please remember to replenish our CKI Food Pantry with something each time you come to the shul. Remember how you felt as a child on those infrequent days you forgot to bring your lunch? Remember that gnawing feeling all morning making it difficult, impossible to focus on your school work? Now think about this: over 50% of all U-46 school children depend upon the free and reduced lunch program; and remember, when school is not in session most of these kids do not eat! Sad, very sad, but true.

Winter Outerwear Collection

Yes, the weather has turned cold and harsh as we endure another Midwestern winter. As you bundle up and huddle warmly in your homes, hopping between work and errands in heated autos, pause for a minute to remember how terribly brutal the winter is for the many persons in our own community who do not have warm clothing. During December and January Social Action is collecting warm, very gently used and new outerwear to be donated to the

Community Crisis Center for distribution to needy persons. All coats, but especially heavy coats for men, are greatly needed. Also needed are scarves, hats mittens and especially gloves —particularly very warm adult sized gloves in dark colors that can be worn by men. Please clear out your closets and bring clean usable and new items to CKI. The collection box is on the stage.

Promotion for PADS

On December 11 there is a joint Sisterhood and Hadassah Chanukah party. Both groups have chosen to have a Social Action promotion, that is we will be collecting toiletries, hygiene items, used towels, washcloths, single bed sheets (flat and fitted) to donate to PADS.

Back by Popular Demand!

You have requested, and Social Action has listened! January is CAN-U-ARY! When you are our running your errands or if you see a sale, remember to grab a couple of can openers. During January we will be donating can openers to the Community Crisis Center. A labeled collection box will be placed upon the stage.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW WHILE GOOD SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU FOR A FUN EVENING OF DINNER AND COMEDY!

Saturday, February 9, 2013 • 7:30 pm

Robert Klein

at ECC Blizzard Theatre
Pre-Show Dinner, at the Spartan Terrace

In celebration of Congregation Kneseth Israel's 120th Anniversary and co-presented with the Elgin Community College Arts Center, we are pleased to announce this special comedy performance in Elgin!

For over 40 years, Robert Klein has entertained audiences on Broadway, television and film. An alumnus of Second City in Chicago, Klein was the first comedian to film an HBO Special and has made a total of nine special appearances for that network!



He has appeared on *The Tonight Show* and *The Late Show with David Letterman* over 100 times and can be seen in films such as *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *Primary Colors* and *Radioland Murders*.

Dinner Information:

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in ECC's Spartan Terrace Restaurant and will be prepared by their award-winning Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program chefs. It will include 3 courses and wine.

For Tickets:

Call the ECC Arts Center Box Office at 847.622.0300 or go online to tickets.elgin.edu. Box Office hours are Monday-Thursday from Noon to 7:00 pm and Friday-Saturday from Noon to 5:00 pm.

Robert Klein Event Location:

Elgin Community College Arts Center,
Blizzard Theatre,
1700 Spartan Drive, Building H,
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CKI's pillar of Lifelong Learning will be getting a lot of attention over the next few months. CKI is dedicating itself to providing various opportunities for our adult community to participate in a variety of educational experiences. Here is a preview of what is currently being planned. Please join us for as much as you can. We hope you will enjoy interacting with the CKI community while expanding your knowledge! All programs will be held at CKI. Watch your email and HaKol for future announcements and additional details.

Make a Joyful Noise:

The Halacha of Instrumental Music Sunday, 12/2/2012, 10:00-11:30 am

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will lead an enlightening session on various opinions regarding Jewish Law and Music on Shabbat. We will look at Biblical sources, Talmudic sources, codes and modern responsa. Texts will be in English with Hebrew available for those who want. Questions covered will include what is permissible on Shabbat or holidays and according to whom? Is there a difference between percussion and string instruments? What is a string breaks? Who can do the playing? Is it permissible to have a non-Jew? And, what does this mean for CKI?

The How-To's and Meaning of Prayers 3rd Saturday, January 2013 – April 2013

During one Saturday morning service a month, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will discuss the traditional methods and meanings of various sections of our prayers. To provide this learning experience to as many as possible, these Praying Tutorials will coincide with Junior Congregation..

Many Streams of Judaism Thursday, 1/10/13, 8:30 pm

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will lead this session investigating the various formal and informal branches of Judaism.

Kashrut in the Kitchen of our Kneseth: An Introduction

Sunday, 1/13/13, 10:00-11:30 am

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein (in coordination with CKI Sisterhood) will conduct an informative session about the Kosher Kitchen at CKI. If you are interested in the basic rules of keeping Kosher, this will be an interesting session for you. If you volunteer in the kitchen at CKI, regardless of whether you are a new or experienced volunteer, this will be a very worthwhile session for you. Of course, food will be involved!

Fast of the First Born Study Group (and Break Fast)

Sunday, 3/24/13, 6:30-7:00 pm
(watch for more details)

Just prior to Passover, those who were first born are required to fast in memory of the first born Israelites being "passed over" by the Angel of Death. However, the rabbis realized that that would be a burden the day before Passover. In order to avoid fasting, if you are a first born, come complete studying a text with Rabbi Frisch Klein and then you are entitled to celebrate, along with those who are not first born. Yes, there will be food.

Yom HaShoah Sunday, 4/7/13

A Holocaust survivor will share her story. Open to the public. Time and details to be announced

Erev Shavuot – Study Group 5/14/13, 7:00 pm – ?

Details to be announced.

–Gale Jacoby, *Adult Education Chair*

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

~Attributed to Harry S. Truman

In response to an email blast this past October, CKI's Ritual Committee received more than two dozen formal comments about our High Holiday services. This was a far, far larger response than we have ever received before, and I thank everyone who took the time to let us know what they thought. The Committee considered each comment and will take your suggestions sincerely as we plan our future services.

I can also report that the impressions we received were overwhelmingly positive.

What does "Meaningful Observance" mean? It may mean different things to different people, but certainly one view is that a synagogue ought to provide its members the opportunity to come together and share a consequential prayer experience as a community. In short, as a Jewish community, we need to get together and daven together. We're Jews; so we pray. And the goal of the Ritual Leadership here at CKI –both lay and professional– is to make those prayer events important and substantial to those attending.

Like many other things --physical exercise, dieting, brushing one's teeth-- doing something like davening in shul once a year is not likely to cause a change in one's life, however eloquent that prayer service might be. True, there may be an occasion when something you hear or see at a service might jolt you into a heightened state of religious awareness and appreciation. But it's simply not fair to expect that attending one prayer service is all you'll ever need. Like working out or flossing, meaningful davening depends on repeated practice. That's why it's called "ritual."

If you enjoyed our High Holiday services, I encourage you to attend our services throughout the year: Friday nights, Saturday mornings, or services for other holidays as they arise. You will enjoy the heightened level of member participation and the timely and varied perspectives offered by Rabbi Margaret.

If you attended our High Holiday services but unfortunately didn't find what you were hoping for, then let me suggest you try to make it a habit to attend more of our "regular" services. It was once said that High Holiday services are like a set of "final exams," and just like taking a final exam without attending the classes, if High Holiday services are your only exposure to davening over the course of a year, they can be very, very difficult.

We at the Ritual Committee are doing our best. Meet us halfway. Meet us in shul.

–Paul Glaser, *Ritual Committee Chair*



Make a Joyful Noise: The Halacha of Instrumental Music Sunday, December 2, 2012 • 10:00-11:30 am

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will lead an enlightening session on various opinions regarding Jewish Law and Music on Shabbat. We will look at Biblical sources, Talmudic sources, codes and modern responsa.

Texts will be in English with Hebrew available.

Questions covered will include:

What is permissible on Shabbat or holidays and according to whom?

Is there a difference between percussion and string instruments? What if a string breaks?

What does this mean for CKI?

Please join us as we pursue our pillar of Lifelong Learning together!

Remembering Cheryl

The following is the eulogy for Cheryl Garson Stanczak, presented by Wanda Pitzele on Monday, October 29, 2012.

In the last few weeks and months, I've had a lot of time to look back on the part of Cheryl's life I shared. I got a bit philosophical and started wondering when did we turn the corner between acquaintances and friends and then, later, the next corner between friends and best friends. And finally to the corner where the staff at the hospital thought we were sisters. We were. We were sisters by choice.

When I first met Cheryl, she was pregnant with Teddi. Morgan was just the cutest little girl – in age, right in between my two. We would see each other briefly on Sunday mornings as we brought our children to school. In those early days, we began to get active with Sisterhood. Cheryl actually is the only person I know who ever volunteered to be Hospitality Vice President. Later she volunteered to become President of Sisterhood. I had already been President of Hadassah.

We had a lot in common.

When she took on the Presidency of Sisterhood, she became active in the Central Region of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. She went to her first national convention at the famous Concord (hear the sigh that it's gone). Her enthusiasm and leadership skills grew. When I became Sisterhood President, she made sure I became active in the region also. Later, she became president of Hadassah (we learned not to make her treasurer ever again). For those who remember, Cheryl did not like computers. She did not have an email account, at a time when all of us were getting them. Finally, between Carol Gopman and me, we convinced her that she had to at least get email –

this had become an essential communication tool. She did get better. She eventually stopped asking Rich to do things on the computer (like print her emails so she could read them) as she got more comfortable.

I have lost track of the number of conferences, conventions and meetings for Women's League we went to together. We always shared a room.

She loved Torah Fund and was the Regions VP, as well as CKI's Torah Fund Chair. She loved Hadassah and Israel. She began as our local President and went to region functions, as well as a convention. She always came back to Torah Fund and her friends in the Central Branch.

I think all the traveling we did together – back and forth to Skokie and to other areas for conferences and conventions, we did a lot of talking! Last night Rabbi asked what music Cheryl liked. I couldn't tell her – the radio was always off and we talked. We talked about everything, our families, our organizations, our hopes and desires. When my mother-in-law moved to Skokie, we would go every two weeks, like clockwork, to visit her and check out another restaurant there. We became quite familiar with the area!

Cheryl loved her job at Central DuPage Hospital, although I still wonder how she managed to get there so early in the morning to work – she was such a night person! You never called Cheryl before 11 a.m. when she wasn't working! Ask me later about my 'professional' experiences at the hospital with Cheryl.

Cheryl taught me her secret recipe for matza balls when I complained that mine were never consistent – Manishevitz Matzo Ball Mix! Last year she brought a box over so I

could try it. Darn if she wasn't right! Although when I brought her some soup in the hospital, she did tell me I need to put a little salt in the mix! We had to agree to disagree on Passover cakes, though. She always stocked up on the box mixes (yuck) while I delighted in finding new recipes for cakes each year.

Cheryl was my best cheerleader. When I started making beaded kip-pot, she would model them at WLCJ conferences and conventions and create a steady stream of women coming to see me at meal times (I always gave her my table number). When I branched out into jewelry, she came up with ways to help me sell that also.

The one thing she wanted more than anything was to have a close family. She was so proud of her girls. And always seemed to roll with whatever surprises the girls presented her. In her final months, she thought of Rich. She did a lot of the planning for this funeral. She had a list of people for me to call, so Rich would be spared. She never had an opportunity to give me this list and, given her filing system, Rich will probably find it in a few years! She described the experience of preparing to die as surreal. That it was.

Cheryl was much loved, not just by her family, but also by friends she had from every part of her life – her neighborhood, her job, her organizations. She leaves a large hole in our hearts. I hope that when we get together at CKI later, that you all will share your stories of Cheryl with each other and with Rich and Morgan and Teddi. I know we all have some good ones!

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

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
1-Dec	1-Dec	Tom Arnold
1-Dec	1-Dec	Tillie Shore
1-Dec	1-Dec	Abraham Zonis
1-Dec	1-Dec	Miriam Zonis
2-Dec	1-Dec	Florence Schwartz
3-Dec	1-Dec	Maurice Burstein*
3-Dec	1-Dec	Rabbi Abraham Rose*
4-Dec	1-Dec	Joel Abrams
4-Dec	1-Dec	Avrom Blumberg
4-Dec	1-Dec	Augusta Hass
4-Dec	1-Dec	Bessie Strickman*
4-Dec	1-Dec	Clara D. Wechter*
5-Dec	1-Dec	Leo Cooper*
5-Dec	1-Dec	Anna Herzberg
5-Dec	1-Dec	Clare Mell*
5-Dec	1-Dec	Wilbur Simon*
6-Dec	1-Dec	Mordechai Ableman*
6-Dec	1-Dec	Dorothy Jacobson Stein
9-Dec	8-Dec	Rose Goldstein*
9-Dec	8-Dec	Dulce Mann
9-Dec	8-Dec	Rose Schwartz*
9-Dec	8-Dec	Frieda Stein
10-Dec	8-Dec	Meyer Moshe Kohan Ghadosh*
10-Dec	8-Dec	Esther C. Iseberg*

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
12-Dec	8-Dec	Lora Seigle*
13-Dec	8-Dec	Leo Greenberg*
13-Dec	8-Dec	Suzanna Massouda Levi*
13-Dec	8-Dec	Sadie Salstone*
13-Dec	8-Dec	Anna Singer*
13-Dec	8-Dec	Bessie Wiener
14-Dec	15-Dec	Helen Cooper*
14-Dec	15-Dec	Beverly Fishman
14-Dec	15-Dec	Esther Flowers*
14-Dec	15-Dec	Charles Rogoff*
14-Dec	15-Dec	Helen Louise Rys
15-Dec	15-Dec	Nancy Mariasis Ashcraft*
15-Dec	15-Dec	Ann Jacoby
16-Dec	15-Dec	Sara Shatz*
16-Dec	15-Dec	Renee Wielk
17-Dec	15-Dec	Rhea Herzberg*
17-Dec	15-Dec	Earl Lesser*
17-Dec	15-Dec	Idelle Sherman*
18-Dec	15-Dec	Rachel Polis*
19-Dec	15-Dec	Nathan Breen*
19-Dec	15-Dec	Lillian Grosken
19-Dec	15-Dec	Beatrice Wohl Shatzkin*
20-Dec	15-Dec	Clarence Mehr
21-Dec	15-Dec	Sylvia Glaser

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
21-Dec	15-Dec	Ida Pearl Goldstein*
21-Dec	15-Dec	Sarah Hymovitz*
22-Dec	22-Dec	Foster Poper*
23-Dec	22-Dec	Sarah Meyer*
24-Dec	22-Dec	Mary Dreyer
24-Dec	22-Dec	Jean Eagels
24-Dec	22-Dec	Erika Lindow*
25-Dec	22-Dec	Michael Glaser
25-Dec	22-Dec	Hyman Miller
26-Dec	22-Dec	Sarah Cohen*
26-Dec	22-Dec	Harold Durchslag
26-Dec	22-Dec	Frances Ruth Hayden*
26-Dec	22-Dec	Louis Meyer*
26-Dec	22-Dec	Celia Flowers Reback*
27-Dec	22-Dec	Benjamin B. Baker*
28-Dec	22-Dec	Lillian Salk Stein*
29-Dec	29-Dec	Martin Fischer*
29-Dec	29-Dec	Henry Grosken
29-Dec	29-Dec	Irene Kramer*
29-Dec	29-Dec	Molly Levine
30-Dec	29-Dec	Henry Norman Eisner*
31-Dec	29-Dec	Louis M. Brenner*
31-Dec	29-Dec	Dorothy Cohen
2-Jan	29-Dec	Irving Paul*
3-Jan	29-Dec	Sylvia Coady*
3-Jan	29-Dec	Harry Richberg
3-Jan	29-Dec	Florence Shankman
4-Jan	29-Dec	Bertha Beler*
4-Jan	29-Dec	Miriam W. Cohen*

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

KINDLE THE SHABBAT

Fri Nov 30.....4:03 pm
 Fri Dec 74:01 pm
 Fri Dec 14.....4:02 pm
 Fri Dec 214:05 pm
 Fri Dec 28.....4:09 pm

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat Dec 15:05 pm
 Sat Dec 85:04 pm
 Sat Dec 15.....5:05 pm
 Sat Dec 22.....5:08 pm
 Sat Dec 29.....5:13 pm

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

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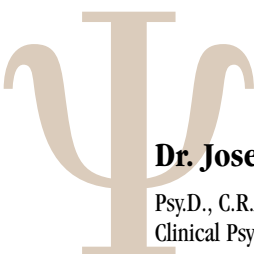
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Sweet Tomatoes (8%)	\$10	_____	_____	\$10	_____
TGI Fridays (9%)	\$25	_____	_____	\$25	_____
Wendy's (4%)	\$10	_____	_____	\$10	_____

TOTAL SALE
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Shabbat Services: **Friday nights 7:30 pm**
Saturday mornings 9:30 am

1	Shabbat Services	9:30 am	14	PJ Sabbath	Dinner: 6:00 pm Service: 6:30 pm
2	Hebrew School	9:00 am		Musical Shabbat and Consecration (7th Chanukah candle)	7:30 pm
	Torah School	9:45 am			
	Preschool	9:45 am	15	Shabbat Services (8th Chanukah candle)	9:30 am
	Adult Education – <i>Make a Joyful Noise:</i> <i>The Halacha of Instrumental Music</i>	10:00-11:30 am			
	Ma'ayan BBYO Board Meeting at Elgin Library	7:00 pm	16	Hebrew School	9:00 am
	Chanukah Bazaar	9:00- am-12:30 pm		Torah School	9:45 am
4	CKI Board meeting	7:30 pm		Preschool	9:45 am
5	Hebrew School	5:00 pm		Ma'ayan BBYO Board Meeting at Elgin Library	7:00 pm
7	Friday Shabbat Services	7:30 pm	17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	
8	Shabbat Services Junior Congregation (1st Chanukah candle)	9:30 am	18	Education Committee meeting	7:00 pm
9	Hebrew School	9:00 am	19	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
	Torah School	9:45 am	21	Friday Shabbat Services	7:30 pm
	Latke Lunch & Play – a Men's Club Production	Noon	22	Shabbat Services	9:30 am
	"Judaism Rocks" School Program (2nd Chanukah candle)		23	No School – Winter Break thru January 2	
10	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES (3rd Chanukah candle)		24	BBYO Latke Bash	
11	Joint Hadassah & Sisterhood Chanukah Party at CKI (4th Chanukah candle)	7:00 pm	25	Office Closed	
12	Hebrew School (5th Chanukah candle)	5:00 pm	28	Friday Shabbat Services	7:30 pm
13	(6th Chanukah candle)		29	Shabbat Services	9:30 am
			30	No School – Winter Break thru January 2	