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PUTTING "COMMUNITY" BACK INTO THE CKI COMMUNITY SEDER

by Carole Burstein, Sisterhood Secretary

My first Community Seder at CKI was in 1970. Ron and I had just become engaged, and in order to meet the Burstein family and all their friends in the CKI community, my mother-in-law, Mae Burstein, invited all the Bursteins to the seder, and we all sat at one table right on the dance floor of the "old" social hall, under the basketball hoop. I remember the room was filled to over-flowing, Rabbi Rose was presiding, and EVERYONE was so thrilled that Ronnie was finally getting married!!

I remember when Rabbi and Suzanne Greenfield came in 1973, and because of complications with the kosher caterer at the time, there was no seder at all! The next year Suzanne suggested we make our OWN seder. For an entire week, we cooked briskets, and I actually learned how to properly carve a brisket "against the grain" from Phyllis Brenner's dad, Lester Fisher. Rabbi held a wonderful seder, and everyone felt "like a community" again.

Because Ron and I come from large families, we didn't attend the Community Seder every year. We DID, however, try to attend one each time we got a new rabbi, so we've been to several. And each time we come, we realize the "family" community spirit in the room. Like the "breaking of the fast," these communal dinners bind us together. My parents always felt great comfort in knowing that CKI would take care of me and provide me with a community.

Each year, Sisterhood has been responsible for planning and executing the Community Seder. And each year, Sisterhood has underwritten a good portion of the cost of the seder, because the ticket cost could not possibly cover all the expenses involved. *This year, sadly, Sisterhood is just not able to cover this shortfall.*

That is why we are appealing to our community to help us defray the costs of the seder. We Jews have always been caring and charitable people. In fact, it is commanded in the Torah that we perform mitzvot and provide for our community.

This year our Community Seder will be held on Friday, April 6. We are reaching out to you. We are looking for "angels." We are asking for donations in an amount you can afford to give in order to insure that our Community Seder continues to be available to *all* members of our community. Won't you please help us? Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Please keep the spirit of the Community Seder at CKI alive! Then we will truly continue to be bound together!

Thank you!

YES! It's a mitzvah! I will help CKI Sisterhood defray the costs of the Community Seder with a donation of \$ _____ . Please make checks out to "CKI Sisterhood," and mail to CKI, attn: Sue Johnson. Or to use CKI's online PayPal service, [click here](#).

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Lillian Roth Scholarship: Applications Available

Class of 2012 graduating seniors, whose families have been members of CKI for a minimum of one year, are eligible to apply for the annual award to support a post-high school educational program.

Emailed requests for Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund applications should be sent to **Nancy Zimmerman** at nanzim@foxvalley.net or by phone at 847-828-6090 as of March 1.

Completed applications should be returned to the scholarship committee via the same email or by mail to CKI, attention to the LRSF, **no later than**

April 30. The selected recipient will be announced in May.

The Committee looks forward to reading your submissions.

– Nancy Zimmerman, Maureen Rosenfeld, and Barbara Njus

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR LIP BALM OR CUTICLE BALM!

Help our Confirmation Class fulfill their mitzvot by purchasing one of our many varieties of lip or cuticle balm for \$3 each, or four balms for \$10. Place your orders online at www.compassionatejew.com by Sunday, March 4, or in person at the Purim celebration during Hebrew School on the morning of March 4.

KINDERSHABBES

Come welcome the Shabbat with a half hour service designed especially for children preschool–3rd grade.

Friday, March 9 • 6:30 pm
Special Kiddush • Story • Singing

Join your family and friends and learn why Shabbat is the best day of the week!



President's Message



In the next couple months, we will be celebrating Purim (a fun holiday – costumes, reading of the Megillah, Gareth Sitz's awesome play she wrote, directed, and produced, and of course, hamentashen, all flavors which were prepared by our Torah School mothers) AND we will be celebrating Passover (a bit more serious, but still joyous, holiday). I hope you all come out to help celebrate and enjoy all the activities.

Growing up in Chicago, a special time would be getting dressed up and going downtown to see a movie and dinner with my parents and sister. I remember when walking around downtown there would be people who would take your picture and they would sell them to you. We would get a photo on each trip.

One of the most memorable movies we saw was *The Ten Commandments*. This

1956 epic film dramatizes the biblical story of the Exodus, in which the Hebrew-born Moses, an adopted Egyptian prince, becomes the deliverer of the Hebrew slaves. The film, released by Paramount Pictures in VistaVision on October 5, 1956, was directed by Cecil B. DeMille and starred Charlton Heston in the lead role, Yul Brynner as his adoptive brother, Pharaoh Rameses II, Anne Baxter as Nefretiri, Edward G. Robinson as Dathan, Yvonne De Carlo as Sephora, Debra Paget as Lilia, and John Derek as Joshua. The supporting cast includes Sir Cedric Hardwicke as Pharaoh Seti I, Nina Foch as Bithiah, Martha Scott as Yoshebel, Judith Anderson as Memnet, Vincent Price as Baka, and John Carradine as Aaron. *The Ten Commandments*, which DeMille narrated, was the last film that he directed. (*Wikipedia*).

As a little girl, I was fascinated by this

movie. It was all about Passover. I thought it was very interesting that they made a movie explaining the story of Passover. When the movie was finally released to be aired on television, it became an annual movie tradition to watch it. Over the years, I noticed that Disney Corporation, the owners of ABC, seems to believe that this movie is all about a different holiday that generally comes around our Passover. I thought I must be mistaken, as the movie is definitely about Passover, but since both holidays traditionally are celebrated around the same time, I thought, "No, it is being shown for Passover." Then one year I noticed that there was almost two weeks between the holidays, and guess what? They did not show it at Passover but rather the week before when it was Easter. I could not understand why this was done. *The Ten Commandments*, clearly and without any misconceptions, (continued on next page)

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Make checks payable to CKI.

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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.



Sisterhood News

Sisterhood has a lot on its plate right now: We've planned the refreshments for the Megillah reading and Schpiel, we're planning the Community Seder, we're getting the gift shop ready for Passover and Mother's Day, and we're planning a wonderful Women's Seder/Taste 'n' Tell at Risa Cohen's.

But we also take care of many behind-the-scenes operations, such as making sure you have goodies for each oneg and kiddush, and have a clean and functioning kitchen.

That last item is a doozy. We will soon need a NEW FREEZER in the kitchen, to



the tune of about \$2500+. I hope that those of you who have been financially contributing to Sisterhood will continue to do so—and perhaps up the ante—and I would love it if others would consider Sisterhood when deciding where to put your donation dollars.

We really need your help!

Come see what we're about: our next open Board meeting is March 13, at 7:00 pm at CKI.

Thanks!

School Dates to Remember

3/4: Purim celebration at 10 am until noon. (Pre-Schoolers to Dalet class invited to come in costume and stay for hot dog lunch.)

3/11: Pre-school meets at 9:45 am until noon

3/11: "Matzah Factory"; hands-on matzah making for all ages (CKI parents and younger sibs invited along with congregation members.)

3/16: First & second grade service & oneg

3/17: Junior Congregation – Participation in services

3/4 & 3/18: Confirmation Class meeting between 6:30 and 8:00 pm

3/25-4/1: Spring Break (School resumes April 4.)

President's Message

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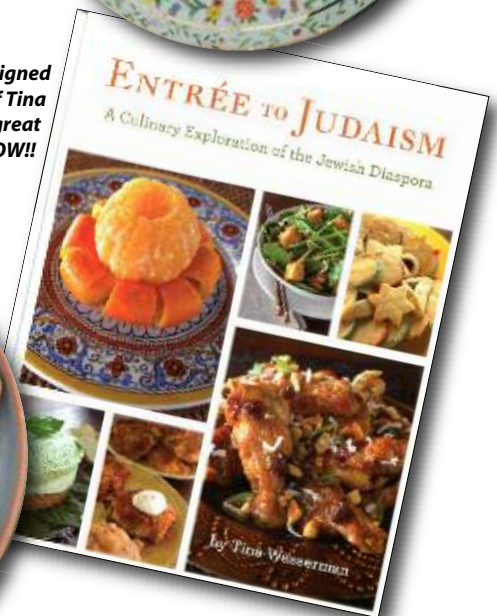
explains our bondage in Egypt and how we were let go and wandered in the desert for forty years until we came to the Promised Land. It tells of the plagues, it tells of Moses going up to the mountain and coming down with the commandments, and it tells the story of Passover. When we read the Haggadah, I can see clearly what is happening because of this movie: the parting of the Red Sea, how we left before we were able to let the bread rise and therefore eat matzo (unleavened bread), and how we put lamb's blood over our doorways so the Angel of Death would know to pass over our homes. All of this is the story of Passover, but Disney and ABC continue to show it as an Easter story. I wish someone would explain that to me. Of course, because this movie is one of the greatest movies ever released, it does inform the rest of the world of our holiday. Maybe we should have more movies of all of our holidays to share with the world, and they would know who we are as a people. Another great movie is *Exodus*, and that also spoke of our commitment for a homeland and freedom, but that is for another time.

Passover is Coming!

It is not too soon to begin to plan for Passover. Shop the CKI gift shop. We have a selection of seder plates, kiddish cups, matzah covers. New products are arriving. We can also special order for you. Our prices are **CHEAPER** than a mall or internet store and the profits help Sisterhood provide for our community. Contact Tina Wolf, 630-377-1287 or Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160.



Get your signed copy of Tina Wasserman's great cookbook NOW!!



FUNDABILITY... THE EASIEST CONTRIBUTION TO CKI YOU WILL EVER MAKE!

GROCERY/DRUG STORES

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

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	\$25
Banana Republic Debit (9%)	\$25	
Bed Bath & Beyond Debit (7%)	\$25	
Best Buy Debit Card (3%)	\$25	\$100
Blockbuster Debit Card (7%)	\$10	
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	
LL Bean (15%)	\$25	
GROUPON (7%)	\$25	

RETAILERS (CONT)

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	
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Pier 1 Imports Debit Card (9%)	\$25	
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Radio Shack Debit Card (4%)	\$25	
Restoration Hdw'r Debit Card (12%)	\$25	
Staples Debit Card (5%)	\$25	
Talbot's (13%)	\$25	\$100
Target (2%)	\$25	
Walden Books (9%)	\$10	
Williams-Sonoma (8%)	\$25	
Wal-Mart (2%)	\$25	
Zappos.com (8%)	\$25	

DEPARTMENT STORES

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

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	
Little Caesars (8%)	\$20	
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	

TOTAL SALE
TOTAL CERTIFICATES

Note: * = No Change

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CKI
Orders due by the 10th of the month

CONGREGATION KNESETH ISRAEL

330 Division Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120-5685

See our website (ckielgin.org) for a complete listing of all available retailers.

CKI Community Pesach Seder



5772/2012

Friday, April 6, 2012

Short evening service at 5:15 pm

Seder at 6:00 pm

Reservations **MUST** be made by Friday, March 23

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PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS, ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK

Payable to CKI SISTERHOOD:

Anita Hornung, 5N240 Hunters Hill Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175 / 630-377-1351

shoptodrop1@comcast.net

DO NOT MAIL TO THE SYNAGOGUE!

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Adults (13 & over) ___\$36.00 ea Children (6-12) ___\$12.00 ea

Children (5 & under) ___Free = Total ___

Name _____ Phone _____

Please indicate on reverse side, your seating preference (1st and last names, please)

___YES! I can help set tables (Anita will call you with date and time)!

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEDER FUND

TO COVER NON-DINNER COSTS

(Flowers, dish replacement, etc.)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Amount\$ _____ (may be included in dinner check)

For more information, contact Anita Hornung - 630-377-1351



Ma'ayan BBYO News

Four of our Ma'ayan BBYO board members took the next step and became official BBYO members! Mazel tov to Brandon Abrams, Lisa Gerlach, Ellie Kohn and Riva Kohn!

A special thanks to them for being our youth leaders!

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to delivering for Meals on Wheels. This is a great opportunity for the kids to give back to the community.

We are also looking forward to "A Taste of BBYO Connect" where we will get the Torah School kids excited about upcoming BBYO events like Daven, Dish and Dine at Al's!

We are excited about "A Taste of BBYO" which is taking place on Sunday, March 18 at the Northbrook JCC from noon to 3 pm. Ma'ayan BBYO will be representing Great Britain and will be preparing authentic Great Britain/Hogwarts foods! Please join us for

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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

the fun! Please let me know if you are able to help.

And I would like to offer special congratulations to Riva Kohn and Lisa Gerlach who were both accepted into the Nativ College Leadership Program in Israel! Mazel Tov! We are already looking forward for you to share your experiences with us while you are in the holy land!

Save the dates for the following programs:

March 4 – BBYO Ma'ayan Board meeting, 8 pm at CKI

March 18 – Taste of BBYO, noon-3 pm, Northbrook JCC

April 14 or 15 – Movie with other BBYO chapters- TBD

BBYO is for High School Ages.

BBYO Connect is for 6th through 8th grade.

– Liza Bachrach, *Youth Chair*

Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

Mar 3 Shabbat Zakhor
9 Adar Tetzaveh – Exodus 28:31-29:18
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34

The portion commands the people of Israel to wipe out the memory of Amalek for his cowardly attack on the rear of the procession to the promised land.

Mar 7 Fast of Esther (daytime public fast)
13 Adar Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10

Mar 8 Purim
14 Adar Exodus 17:8-16

Mar 10 Ki Tissa – Exodus 31:18-33:11
16 Adar Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39

Mar 17 Shabbat Parah
23 Adar Vayakhel-Pekudei – Exodus 37:17-39:21
Maftir: Numbers 19:1-2
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

This Shabbat marks the beginning of preparation for Pesach; the Maftir portion recounts the sacrifice of the red heifer.

Mar 24 Rosh Hodesh Nisan; Shabbat Hahodesh
1 Nisan Vayikra – Leviticus 3:1-4:26
Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

The Maftir tells the story of the first Pesach.

Mar 31 Shabbat HaGadol
23 Adar Tzav – Leviticus 7-11 – 7:38
Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24; 3:23

Shabbat HaGadol is the name given to the Shabbat before Pesach.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are five mitzvot associated with celebration of Purim:

1. Listen to the reading of the megillah in the evening service.
2. Listen to the reading of the megillah at the morning service.
3. Give a gift of food, drink, money, or clothing to poor people.
4. Give gifts of food and drink to family and friends.
5. Take part in a joyous Purim feast, leading to a schpiel.

FIND YOURSELF IN SHUL!
SHUL IS GOOD!

Search Committee Report

The Rabbi Search Committee continues to work very hard. We have been able to list our vacancy with several sources and are receiving resumes from talented rabbis. After receiving a resume, three members of the committee screen candidates by conducting a phone interview. If the candidate shares our congregation's vision, he/she is brought before the entire committee for an interview. Committee interviews are being conducted in person and by Skype. The intent of the search committee is to bring all viable candidates to the congregation in order to have the congregation's input. This process is much like dating; we will search until we "fall in love." The search committee will follow the direction provided by the congregation to ultimately find the right candidate who embodies the characteristics delineated through the survey process. The final decision will be made by the congregation. We are rapidly approaching that step, so stay tuned for announcements. Any time during the process, feel free to contact me or a member of the committee to share your thoughts.

Sue Johnson, Search Committee chairman

Committee: David Bear, Rochelle Fosco, Paul Glaser, Herb Gross, Gale Jacoby, Stuart Kravis, Don Lesser, Marian Loeb, Barb Maring, Dan Marshall, Malcolm Morris, Wanda Pitzele, Maureen Rosenfeld, Mark Seigle, Ericka Yeger, Marc Zemel, Charles Zimmerman

Announcement for CKI Group-Think Session

Have you been wondering whatever happened to those wonderful ideas that were recommended by the Vision Committee?

What about some of those new committees the Board created like **Bikur Cholim**, **Tikkun Olam**, and **Keruv**. Want to know what they are about?

More important, how about finding out ways you can be a part of this process of defining the continuing mission going forward for CKI for "**Lifelong Learning**," "**Embracing Diversity**," "**Building Community**," and "**Meaningful Observance**?"

On **Sunday, March 11, at 12:30 pm** you will have your opportunity through a special congregation event. After a brief meeting there will be break-out sessions to cover various topics. Find one that peaks your interest.

Refreshments will be served at the event. Don't miss out!



Saturday evening, March 17, 2012

Men's Club is pleased to host this special "double-header"
evening of entertainment!

Come experience the amazing illusions of magician Paul Lee and enjoy a complimentary tasting of kosher wines that you can purchase for Passover!

Paul Lee is a remarkable magician who performs for audiences all over the Chicago area. His show will be kid-friendly, too, so definitely plan to bring your children for this great show!

We also will be hosting our Annual Passover Kosher Wine Tasting & Sale with help from our friends at Binny's. Come sample a wide variety of affordable and delicious wines and place your order for your upcoming spring Seder!

TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Adults: \$10.00 each Kids under 18: \$5.00 each

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adults: \$12.00 each Kids under age 18: \$6.00 each

Mail ticket request & check payable to: **CKI Men's Club** to:
BRAD BURKER, 5N240 Hunters Hill Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175

QUESTIONS?

Contact Brad Burker: 630-377-1351 or bradb1@comcast.net

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of David Zemel

Manfred & Helen Lindow
Michael Finger
Ed & Tina Wolf
Rochelle Fosco
Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld

Mazal Tov on Marc & Sue being grandparents again

Manfred & Helen Lindow
Ed & Tina Wolf
Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld

In memory of Jerome Silverberg

Ed & Tina Wolf

In honor of Brad Burkner receiving the Man of the Year award

Ron & Karen Sigal

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

To Ed Wolf & family in memory of his mother, Marie Jensen

Al & Karen Bender

To Wendy Shankman & family in memory of her father, Jerome Silverberg

Al & Karen Bender

To Marc Zemel & family in memory of his brother, David Zemel

Al & Karen Bender
Paul & Risa Cohen
Ed & Adele Stein

To Marc & Sue Zemel in honor of their new granddaughter, Ellie Ann

Al & Karen Bender
Paul & Risa Cohen

To Rochelle Fosco, Happy Birthday

Paul & Risa Cohen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of David Zemel

Sherry Wiesman

Mazal Tov to the Zemels on their new grandbaby

Sherry Wiesman

CKI YOUTH

To Wendy Shankman & family in memory of her father, Jerome Silverberg

Fern & Ron Raben
Gale & Ken Jacoby

To Ed Wolf & family in memory of his mother, Marie Jensen

Fern & Ron Raben
Gale & Ken Jacoby

To Marc Zemel & family in memory of his brother, David Zemel

Fern & Ron Raben
Gale & Ken Jacoby

To Marc & Sue Zemel in honor of their new grandchild

Gale & Ken Jacoby

Congratulations in honor of Brad Burkner as CKI's Men's Club Man of the Year

Fern & Ron Raben
Gale & Ken Jacoby
Sue & Dick Johnson

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Lisa Schulman Pearlle Brody
Sherry Wiesman Cheryl Stanczak
Shirley Friedman Adrienne Himmelfarb
Burt Friedman Bernie Miller
David Goodman Marcy Tremmel-Cohen
Sue Zemel Corinne Grotenhuis
Leila Bowersox Cyril Friend

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

To have a grandchild is such a joy. To lose a brother is a devastating loss. Having these two occasions coincide in less than 24 hours was quite a shock.

Thank you, CKI family, for your cards, donations, and all the numerous ways you let us know you cared and wanted to help us get through this difficult time. Your love and support are, have been, and always will be much appreciated.

Love,
Marc and Sue Zemel

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 for inscription)

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

CKI-Youth/Youth-Connect Groups – Support for programs for our synagogue youth

March Birthdays

- 1 Peggy Zonis
- 1 Carole Burstein
- 2 Joshua Bear
- 2 Eva Kruth
- 3 Krista Ravenscraft Goldberg
- 3 Charles Zimmerman
- 3 Emily Shankman
- 4 Adrienne Himmelfarb
- 6 Jared Monteith
- 7 Jerry Levine
- 7 Nicole Bear
- 7 Amy Robinson
- 7 Michael Bloomberg
- 8 Brett Jacoby
- 15 Danielle Howard
- 16 Brandon Abrams
- 16 Lisa Ann Schulman
- 17 David Goldberg
- 18 Kimberly Ann Grimes
- 18 Carissa Agins Graffia
- 18 Lilianna Wiesman-Bernstein
- 19 Michael Rosenfeld
- 19 Matthew Wolf
- 20 Laurel Feldman
- 20 Sara Glaser
- 20 Paul Cohen
- 21 Nancy Zimmerman
- 23 Neil Goldberg
- 24 Marcie Monteith
- 26 Alex Morris
- 26 Arthur Shankman
- 29 Jennifer Aron
- 29 Frank Yeger

March Anniversaries

- 3 Paul & Barbara Maring
- 4 Manfred & Helen Lindow
- 8 Barry & Karen Kehl Rose
- 9 Mark & Akville Bear
- 12 Larry & Estee Berg
- 14 Robert & Barbara Levine
- 18 Richard & Eva Kruth
- 25 Norman & Diane Agins
- 25 Edgar & Laurel Feldman



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

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
Mar 01	Feb 25	Bernadine Rifken*	Mar 12	Mar 10	Jennie Brown*	Mar 19	Mar 17	Ben Goldman
Mar 01	Feb 25	Peter Rose	Mar 12	Mar 10	Edward Gross	Mar 19	Mar 17	Abraham Kaplan
Mar 03	Mar 03	Ethel Bleicher*	Mar 12	Mar 10	Israel Shankman	Mar 20	Mar 17	Marla Finger
Mar 03	Mar 03	Max Burstein*	Mar 12	Mar 10	Isadore Smolensky*	Mar 20	Mar 17	Marla Finger
Mar 03	Mar 03	William Durchslag	Mar 13	Mar 10	Simon Frank*	Mar 20	Mar 17	Dena Sudow Steinberg*
Mar 03	Mar 03	Ida Fox*	Mar 13	Mar 10	Kate Vopner Liebovitz*	Mar 23	Mar 17	Leo Wechter*
Mar 03	Mar 03	Lorraine Silins*	Mar 13	Mar 10	Albert Silins*	Mar 23	Mar 17	Harold Wiesman
Mar 04	Mar 03	Esther Goozh	Mar 13	Mar 10	Esther Vopner*	Mar 24	Mar 31	Anna Berman*
Mar 04	Mar 03	Michael Levin	Mar 13	Mar 10	Rev. Jacob Waterman*	Mar 24	Mar 31	Max Schwartz
Mar 04	Mar 03	Ethel Rifken*	Mar 14	Mar 10	Jane Gertrude Wolfson*	Mar 25	Mar 31	Rebecca Fishman
Mar 05	Mar 03	George S. Friedman*	Mar 15	Mar 10	Gertrude Brown*	Mar 26	Mar 31	Jacob Louis Mell*
Mar 05	Mar 03	Sylvia Lisagor*	Mar 15	Mar 10	Richard Harris*	Mar 27	Mar 31	Carl Franks*
Mar 05	Mar 03	Clifford Manning	Mar 15	Mar 10	Marvin Joseph*	Mar 27	Mar 31	James Kucuy
Mar 05	Mar 03	Rachel Rifken*	Mar 15	Mar 10	Ted David Le Vine*	Mar 27	Mar 31	Revella Panimon*
Mar 05	Mar 03	Abraham Silvian*	Mar 15	Mar 10	Jeannette Razowsky	Mar 28	Mar 31	Arthur Goozh
Mar 06	Mar 03	Minnie Greenberg*	Mar 15	Mar 10	Sol Simon*	Mar 28	Mar 31	Harold Slutsky
Mar 06	Mar 03	Michael E. Mell*	Mar 16	Mar 10	Ruth Goldstein*	Mar 29	Mar 31	Harris Goldman*
Mar 06	Mar 03	Paul Weisz*	Mar 16	Mar 10	Jacob Stern*	Mar 29	Mar 31	Irving Kessler*
Mar 07	Mar 03	Robert Isadore Burstein*	Mar 16	Mar 10	Joseph Vopner*	Mar 30	Mar 31	Simon Ableman*
Mar 07	Mar 03	Mabel Fray	Mar 17	Mar 17	Joseph Fishman	Mar 30	Mar 31	Aaron Kadetsky*
Mar 08	Mar 03	Norman Schack*	Mar 17	Mar 17	Morris Greenberg*	Mar 30	Mar 31	Esther Narofsky*
Mar 09	Mar 03	Mae Burstein*	Mar 17	Mar 17	Shirley Silberman*	Mar 30	Mar 31	Ellen Raphaelson
Mar 09	Mar 03	Anna M. Goldman*	Mar 18	Mar 17	Samuel Abraham Brazner*	Apr 01	Mar 31	Harry Raffelson*
Mar 09	Mar 03	Samuel Krasnick*	Mar 18	Mar 17	Phyllis Lipsky	Apr 02	Mar 31	Rose Smolensky*
Mar 09	Mar 03	Dorothy Kruth	Mar 19	Mar 17	Rinard K. Brown*	Apr 03	Mar 31	Gerald Arkin*
Mar 09	Mar 03	Ethel Thomas	Mar 19	Mar 17	Esther Epstein*	Apr 03	Mar 31	Sandra Berman Bernstein*
Mar 11	Mar 10	Charles Harris*	Mar 19	Mar 17	Mary E. Goldberg*	Apr 04	Mar 31	Ida Louise Cohen*
						Apr 04	Mar 31	Cynthia Weisz*
						Apr 05	Mar 31	Anna Rubnitz*
						Apr 06	Mar 31	Rabbi Eugene Kohn
						Apr 06	Mar 31	Bernard Le Vine*

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 Mar 25:25 pm
 Fri Mar 95:33 pm
 Fri Mar 166:41 pm
 Fri Mar 236:48 pm
 Fri Mar 306:55 pm

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat Mar 3 6:29 pm
 Sat Mar 106:37 pm
 Sat Mar 177:45 pm
 Sat Mar 247:52 pm
 Sat Mar 317:59 pm

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

Join our CKI 50's Club on **Saturday, April 21**, when **Peter Yarrow** will perform at ECC. Come re-live the '60s as Peter shares his music from "Puff the Magic Dragon" to "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Light One Candle."

We've arranged a block of tickets to be reserved for CKI – our discounted price is **\$28 per ticket**.

Deadline to reserve is March 26

Email Maureen Rosenfeld at MaureenMR@wowway.com

We plan to meet for dinner beforehand at the Colonial Cafe.

50+ GROUP



Your Family Seder

No Jewish holiday strengthens the home and family like Pesach.

It's not just that the Seder takes place in the home. It helps define the home. Through the Seder, families come to learn who they are. You can go to every Jewish home in the world and never find two Sedarim alike.

At your Seder, how many people do you have? How many adults, and how many kids? How do the kids participate? Do you have a single leader? How do you handle the balance of English and Hebrew?

Is there discussion? Are topics prepared, or is it all spontaneous? Do you celebrate with the extended family, or with a larger community, or just with the immediate parents and kids?

How is the table laid out? Are all the ritual foods taken from the Seder plate, or are they distributed beforehand? Does your family have any extra foods that have taken on ritual status? (Mine has a boiled egg in salt water, and some years a boiled potato. And there are my aunt's liver puffs, which I haven't tasted in years. Some people add an empty place setting, to welcome any stranger who may come.)

Who does the singing? Are new tunes introduced year to year? (Growing up we sang in many different keys at once, and no one ever backed down or switched to another person's key, because we were free.)

How are the ritual objects handled? Are they raised when they're mentioned? By the leader, or by everyone?

How is the Hagada used? Which are the favorite parts? Which parts get left out? Are there any parts that you spend extra time on?

How is the Afikoman handled? Is it hidden? Stolen? Hidden and then stolen? How is it returned? (In some homes the kids write skits.)

What is your wine? Is it the traditional stuff sweetened with enough sugar to count as a food group, or perhaps one of the recent prize-winners? Do you use one for the ritual and another during the meal?

And what is your meal?

How do you greet Eliyahu? Do you rise? Open a door?

Are there special sections that you add for the Holocaust? For oppressed Jewry? Do you include the section that begins "Pour down Your wrath..."? How do you handle the negative images, and the transition from despair to hope?

Where do your melodies come from? (Now's the time to buy CDs or check YouTube.) What's their style? Who performs?

How do you feel at the end of a Seder? What does it take for a Seder to be at its best?

Does your Seder teach you something new each year?

The word Seder means "order." (Some say that since the Hebrew S is related to the English O, the two words are in fact the same.) But the order, and the rules, don't constrict us. The rules of the Seder give us our freedom. Without them how could each family on Pesach show so vividly its unique character within the Jewish people? The Seder shows how families are made and how traditions are born.

The night before the Exodus from Egypt we put lamb's blood on the doorposts of our homes. Today our doorposts sport Mezuzas. The Seder joins both together. Like the Mezuzah, it unites us by family. Like the lamb's blood, it protects our Jewish home.



DON'T FORGET!!

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour at 2:00 am on March 11.

(So do it Saturday night before you go to bed so nobody will be late to the Matzo Factory or Sunday school in the morning!)



CKI Adult Education



REGISTRATION FORM

(Class A) Hebrew Reading (beginners) – Contact Ericka for Schedule

This class is geared for adults who want to learn to read Hebrew. After mastering the Hebrew letters and vowels (3-4 weeks), the students will be introduced to easy reading of prayers from various books and the Siddur (Prayer Book).

(Class B) Hebrew Reading (intermediate) – Sundays 10:00 am – 11:00am

This class is geared for adults who have knowledge of the letters and vowels and able to read. The students in this class will continue to strengthen their Hebrew Reading while learning to read and chant the prayers for Shabbat (Sabbath) Services. (Class start March 4, 2012)

(Class C) Conversational Hebrew (beginners) – Sundays 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

This class is geared for adults who want to learn Hebrew spoken in Israel. The students in this class will be introduced to basic Hebrew vocabularies. By the end of the semester the students will be able to construct simple sentences using various nouns, pronouns, adjectives and verbs. Please note: This is not a class to learn the Hebrew written in the Bible and in Prayer books. (Class start March 4, 2012)

(Class D) Jewish History – Weekdays – Contact Ericka for schedule

This class is geared for adults who want to learn Post-Bible Jewish History. Abba Eban’s book, ‘History of the Jews’ will be the outline of the class. The teacher will provide additional sources while the students will be asked to do their own research to share with the class.

Fees are per class for the entire spring semester (March–June): \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Please fill out the registration form and mail it to CKI or to Ericka Yeger: 60 Glenbrook Cir. Gilberts, IL 60136. Please enclose your payment payable to: Congregation Kneseth Israel and write Adult Education in the memo of the check.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Mark X by the class you registering for:

Class A _____ Class B _____ Class C _____ Class D _____ Total Amount inclosed _____

Contact Ericka Yeger at: erickayeger@att.net or call: (847) 760-6044

Another Mitzvah Opportunity! Help Repair the World!

Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago has been in existence since 1908. Hundreds of volunteers gather twice yearly—for Passover and for Rosh Hashanah—to pack and deliver food packages for thousands of needy Jews and our community, enabling them to celebrate the holidays in a traditional and dignified manner.

You can volunteer as a team, as individuals, as a committee or a family. All volunteers, 12 years of age and older, can fill boxes with nonperishable items one to two weeks before delivery. You can come to **Motzie Shabbos**, the Saturday night before delivery, with your entire family and help, or you can come the morning of our delivery and put perishable foods into the boxes and/or load cars with boxes intended for delivery. If you have a group you can meet a truck at one of the large buildings and remove boxes and deliver them directly to recipient's apartments.

Delivery dates for 2012 are:
For Passover – Sunday, April 1, 2012
For Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 9, 2012

For more information on how to volunteer either as a family or if you are interested in forming a group, please contact **Sherry Wiesman** at 847-915-0517, or at SherryWiesman@gmail.com.

Let's make a difference!!

– Sherry Wiesman
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March 2012

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

2	Friday Night Shabbat service Gimel class participation Men's Club to lead services at Friendship Village in Schaumburg	7:30 pm	14	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
3	Shabbat Service	9:30 am	16	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Friday Night Shabbat Service Oneg: 1st & 2nd grades	7:30 pm
4	Hebrew School Torah School Purim Celebration with Parade during school Hot Dog Lunch following festivities Hebrew Reading class (intermediate) Conversational Hebrew class (beginners) Ma'ayan Board meeting	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 8:00 pm	17	Shabbat Service Junior Congregation CAFÉ CKI – Magician Paul Lee and Passover Wine Tasting	9:30 am 7:00 pm
6	Hebrew Reading class (beginners)	6:00 pm	18	Hebrew School Torah School Hebrew reading class (intermediate) Conversational Hebrew class (beginners) Confirmation Class	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm
7	No Hebrew School All Congregation Megillah Reading and Schpiel	6:30 pm	20	Hebrew Reading class (beginners)	6:00 pm
8	PURIM		21	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
9	ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Shushan Purim KINDERSHABBAS Friday Night Shabbat Service	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	22	Home Sweet Hadassah Celebration at Ontarioville Art Gallery, Hanover Park	6:15 pm
10	Shabbat Service	9:30 am	23	Friday Night Shabbat service	7:30 pm
11	SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR Hebrew School Torah School Matzah Factory presentation during school Hebrew reading class (intermediate) Conversational Hebrew class (beginners) Group-Think Sessions	2:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	24	Shabbat Service	9:30 am
13	Hebrew Reading class (beginners) Sisterhood Board meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	25	No Hebrew or Torah School No Adult Education classes	
			27	Hebrew Reading class (beginners)	6:00 pm
			28	No Hebrew School	
			30	Friday Night Shabbat service	7:30 pm
			31	Shabbat Service	9:30 am