

Tevet - Shevat 5774



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From the Rabbi's Study...

A few Sundays ago, there was a tent set up in the social hall. It was open to all four sides. Some people thought it looked like a chuppah, and, in fact, there is a connection. It was supposed to be Abraham and Sarah's tent, ready to welcome any guest from any direction. Even when Abraham himself was still healing, he and Sarah rushed to welcome three visitors. From this we learn the Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests.

When we planned for Judaism Rocks and this exercise with the kids, I didn't realize it would become the subject of my bulletin announcement. Recently, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the head of the Reform Movement, spoke at their biennial. He spoke about "audacious hospitality." What Abraham and Sarah practiced was audacious hospitality. It was bold, it was gutsy. It is what we as a Jewish community need to practice. He recommended "taking every member of the board, every staff and team member, everyone who might come early one Friday night and give them a run through on the power of being Abraham and Sarah." We are well on our way to doing that as a community, as the board, synagogue employees and other community leaders all read and discuss *Relational Judaism*. Wolfson wrote another book as well, *The Spirituality of Welcoming*. Yes, opening our doors wide and practicing audacious hospitality is spiritual! It builds the community and brings us closer to G-d.

But, Jacobs cautioned, audacious hospitality is more than being greeted warmly at the door. It isn't a temporarily act of kindness. "It is an ongoing invitation to be part of a community where we can become all that G-d wants us to be—and a way to transform ourselves in the process. Audacious hospitality is a two-way street, where the synagogue and the stranger need each other. Hospitality is not just our chance to teach newcomers but, just as important, an opportunity for them to teach us."

Mayyim Hayyim, the community mikveh and education center in Boston, has a postcard taped to their front desk. It reminds all of us that we are ambassadors of the Jewish people. We are each Abraham and Sarah welcoming people to our tent, to our home. The postcard urges us to remember,

"That's why I will always keep these three points in mind. 1. This might be the first time the caller is contacting a Jewish institution in years, or ever, so my tone represents the entire community. 2. If I can't help the caller myself, I'm going to find the person who can. 3. This could be the one and only opportunity to connect this newcomer to the meaning and values of our Jewish community." Think about that every time you have an encounter with someone at the congregation—in person, on the phone, in an email, on social media.

We all need to be careful with our words. I spoke about this at a recent board of directors meeting. Every week when Simon reads a Woman of Valor on Friday night, we use it as a checklist. Yes, I gave food to my workers. Yes, I burnt the midnight oil and "did not eat the bread of idleness." One trips me up every week. "She opens her mouth with wisdom and the law of kindness is on her tongue." I try. I really do. But I fail. All too often. Most of us do. That is why there are more sins listed in Al Cheyt about speech than any other category—more than about keeping kosher or observing Shabbat. Words have the power to hurt or to heal. I am sure most of our mothers taught us: if we don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all. And yet, sometimes it seems as though when we walk through that door of the synagogue, the beautiful new foyer door, we forget our filters and say whatever pops into our heads. I've heard it. People coming to me concerned that

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CKI SAVE THE DATES

- 02.01 – Rabbi Frisch Klein's Birthday
- 02.02 – Men's Club: World Wide Wrap
- 02.03 – CKI Board meeting
- 02.09 – Great CKI Chili Cook-Off!
- 02.13, 20, 27 – Adult Education: Partnering with G-d Series
- 02.23 – Men's Club Man of the Year Dinner, honoring Bill McFarlane

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From the Rabbi's Study

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someone is wearing torn jeans, or a cross, or not wearing a kippah or a tallit. People telling me that I shouldn't eat the cheesecake—they are right, but don't you think I already know that? People saying that something, or someone, isn't Jewish. People who say that if we've never done something before, we can't do it now.

These are not new ideas. When Jacobs was first appointed to head the URJ, he came to a Chicago Board of Rabbis meeting and taught an interesting piece of Talmud (Berachot 28a):

"They came and said to [Rabbi Eleazar ben Azariah], "[Would] it please you, sir, to be head of the academy?"

He said, "I will go and consult my household."

He went and consulted his wife. She said, "Maybe they will remove you."

He said to her, "(Better for) a person to use an expensive cup for one day, even if it breaks the next day."

She said to him, "You have no white hair."

That day he was eighteen years old, and a miracle happened to him, and eighteen rows of his hair turned white. This is as Rabbi Eleazar ben Azariah said, "Behold I am as one who is seventy years old," and not "I am seventy years old."

(A tanna) taught: That day, they removed the entrance guard and gave permission to [the students] to enter, for Rabban Gamliel used to announce, "Any student whose inside is not like his outside may not enter the House of Study."

That day they added a number of benches.

How to reach the Rabbi:

I am in the office at least ten hours each week for people to drop in to see me. Come sit and have coffee with me. Mondays are my days off. I am in the office Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM, and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-6:00 PM. Call first just in case something has come up. 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 by email, rabbi@ckielgin.org.

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President's Message

Six Month Report

I have had the honor of being the President of CKI for the past six months, and I thought I would share what I have learned so far. I'll borrow a segment from the Northwest Herald's Business Supplement and conduct an interview with myself.

So, how's being President? Pretty good so far. Everyone has been great. As I mentioned before, 95% of everyone I have asked to help with this or that has said yes. Plus a lot of people and committees just do things without having to be asked. It makes the job much easier and is good for the community.

How's the time commitment? It's busy, but it is mostly informational. There is a lot going on around here. Happy things; sad things; meetings; regularly scheduled religious events; meeting with the paid staff; and the capital improvements. By mostly informational, I mean that I am included in all of the discussions that the "doers" are having with each other. Generally I don't have to get involved. So it is a lot of information flow. One of the former presidents advised me that I can control my level of busy, and I've done that.

What is the best part of the job? The best part is when things are working well. For example, the school has been running very smoothly this year; last week there was a large circle of the parents talking with each other, we've had very good attendance at religious services, and the corned beef and latke lunches were awesome. It's great to see. There are a lot of other examples, but these are just the ones that came to mind.

What is the worst part of the job? That's a harder one, because there hasn't been a worst part. I worry about things. I wasn't as on top of the planning for CKI's part of the B'nai Mitzvot that we had this fall. I got lucky and everything went pretty smoothly, but it was just luck and not preparation (on my part). I also worry about our volunteers. I worry that we do too much, but I wouldn't know where to cut back. Different people have different interests and passions, and CKI is the place where they

should feel free to pursue them, but it runs us a little thin I think.

What keeps you up at night? That's a very good question...you're a very good interviewer.

You're easy to interview, but answer the question... O.K. Judaism, like many faith communities, is in a period of flux. We know that many Jews don't see the benefit of joining faith communities, and that many don't stay once their kids are out of the school system. Every Jewish organization is trying to find the answer, to find a way to reverse this trend. The possible solutions are coming out fast and furious, and from many directions. I worry we won't be able to figure it out.

I've gained a new appreciation for the Jewish people since being President. I have gained a greater sense of us as "the chosen people." I can't imagine anything better than being G-d's chosen people. Say it to yourself just once out loud, "I am one of G-d's chosen people." It isn't a matter of how observant we are. No matter what, G-d loves us all the same. The choice of how observant we are is up to each of us, based on our desires. It doesn't change how G-d feels. A place like CKI is the place we go to be with others like us. To share our special place in the world, and to pursue our faith to the depth we choose. I can't imagine a world without synagogues, and yet they seem to be threatened institutions.

I don't know yet how to turn that around; to help every Jew find the joy and purpose in who we are. It keeps me up at night but I won't stop trying.

How has being President changed you?

Well, it has me thinking about things like the ones I just spoke about. This experience has brought me closer to Judaism. I am surprised. I didn't think the job would take me deeper into my faith, but it has. I am certainly not perfect, but in many ways I feel more alive; more blessed. That's the best way I can describe it.

Where do you see the next six months going? I just want to keep a steady course. I

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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 took a break from meetings last month, but we still stayed busy, preparing onegs and kiddushes as usual, and dealing with our fickle kitchen appliances.

Our freezer needed “emergency surgery” again last month! This time the condenser fan motor was replaced. The freezer is over 20 years old, and I took this as a sign that it is FINALLY time to purchase a new one. **ANY FINANCIAL HELP** at this point would be GREATLY APPRECIATED, and are, of course, tax deductible! **Checks toward the freezer can be made out to CKI**

SISTERHOOD! A new freezer will be purchased within the next couple of months!

Our next meeting, on January 14, will be a joint program with Hadassah. We will be doing a fun Judaic craft called “prayer weaving,” led by our own Wanda Pitzele. Come join us for a completely different way of examining tefillot (prayers). See info at right.

B'Shalom,
Jana McFarlane, *Sisterhood President*

A Joint Sisterhood Hadassah Program
Creative Judaic Crafts presents

Prayer Weaving

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM at CKI

If you are not used to studying text it can be intimidating, so we supply the text and you take it apart and reassemble as a prayer of your own making.

Place it in an acrylic frame and display the text in a new way. This is a decorative way to develop your own artifacts.

We will be using texts associated with Tu B'Shevat—trees and conservation

Led by Wanda Pitzele, Creative Judaic Arts Chair of Women's League

This program is also suitable for older children.

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believe we've been heading in the right direction. I want to see where it takes us.

What is the most important lesson you've learned? I've learned to turn the sync on my cell phone off at 10:00 PM. People around here keep sending e-mails at all hours of the night. Turning off the sync is the only way I can get any sleep.

Well, that's very profound. Thank you.

Thank you, and Shalom.
– Dr. Joe Rosenfeld

**CELEBRATE
TU B'SHEVAT AND HELP
CKI BY PURCHASING
A LEAF OR ROCK ON
OUR TREE OF LIFE!**

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

January 2 1 Shevat	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</i> Numbers 28:1-15
January 4 3 Shevat	<i>Bo</i> – Exodus 10:1-11:3 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 46:13-28
January 11 10 Shevat	<i>Shabbat Shirah</i> <i>Beshallah</i> – Exodus 13:17-15:26 <i>Haftarah:</i> Judges 4:4-5:31
January 18 17 Shevat	<i>Yitro</i> – Exodus 18:1-20:22 <i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6
January 25 24 Shevat	<i>Mishpatim</i> – 21:1-22:3 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26
January 31 30 Shevat	<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</i> Numbers 28:1-15

From the Rabbi's Study

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Rabbi Yohanan said, “Abba Joseph ben Dostai and the Rabbis dispute over this, one saying ‘they added four hundred benches,’ and one saying, ‘they added seven hundred benches.’”

We learn important things from this: that when looking at a new job, you should consult your spouse, that you should try the new job, even if you fear you might fail or be fired because it will stretch you and that is good even for one day, that age doesn't matter so much if you are doing it as a partner with G-d. For our purposes, however, what is important is that once he took the job, he didn't wait long before making a change. He removed the entrance guard and gave permission for all to enter. He removed the barriers to entry and the house of study grew exponentially—either four hundred or seven hundred. What are the implications for us, in our congregation?

In order for us to be successful, we need to remove the barriers of entry. For some, that means making sure they feel welcome. For others that means making sure they can physically get from the parking lot to the sanctuary. For others that means not judging their religious observance. For others that means making sure that people feel comfortable when they walk in the sanctuary or the library for services. That may mean using the transliteration guide or sitting next to someone who can help explain the service. See Paul's article about Tefillah Trainers.

This coming month we have many opportunities to practice audacious hospitality. In terms of meaningful observance, check out Friday night services in the warm and cozy library, enjoy the Men's Club Shabbat, all lay led with a very special haftarah scroll, come celebrate Tu B'Shevat, come to learner's minyan and Junior Congregation, welcome Ron Raglin, the Chief of Equity and Social Justice and the newly appointed Interim Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, as we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, listen to what our 4th graders have to teach us about Shabbat. For lifelong learning, snuggle up with a good

book—*Relational Judaism* or *Sacred Trash* or some other favorite Jewish book. Come discuss Jews in the News at our Kiddush Roundtable on January 25 at 11:45 AM, or Relational Judaism with me on Sunday morning, January 26 at 10:30. For building community, help paint a classroom on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend. Then participate in some other social action project of your choosing. Come back to CKI for ice cream.

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From the Rabbi's Book Shelf: *Sacred Trash* by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole

I loved this book. Part history, part mystery, part travelogue, part puzzle, it takes us from academia in England, to Cairo, to Manhattan, and points in between as Solomon Schechter realizes the value in what two learned Presbyterian women are holding in their hands—scraps of the Cairo Geniza. Jews threw scraps of paper bearing G-d's name in a store room off the women's section of the Cairo synagogue and then forgot about them for nine centuries. From what was saved we learn about day-to-day life from contracts, the differences between the Babylonian Talmud and the Jerusalem Talmud, and the thriving medieval Jewish community of Cairo. Dubbed the Living Sea Scrolls, it was perhaps a more important find than the Dead Sea Scrolls. And like the Dead Sea Scrolls, the information they contained had to be painstakingly put back together like a giant puzzle. It is like our own burying sacred literature in our geniza at the Bluff City Cemetery, or maybe the boxes labeled geniza at the synagogue that haven't made it over to Bluff City yet.

As Anthony Grafton of Princeton University said in his review, “Sacred Trash is a jewel of a book: a lively and deeply informed account of the Cairo Geniza, a magnificent Egyptian treasure-house of Jewish religion, literature, and history that was forgotten for centuries, and of the extraordinary crew of scholars and impresarios who saved the documents, fitted the scraps back together, and made them speak and sing.”

MAAYAN BBYO AND CONNECT

BOWLING!

All 5th graders thru High School

Sunday, January 12

1:45 PM to 3:45 PM

\$10 per person

Please arrange your own carpooling!

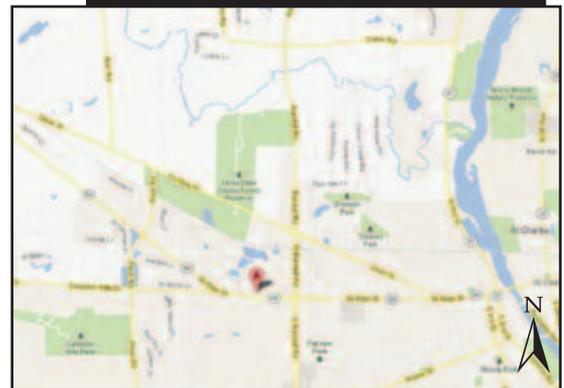
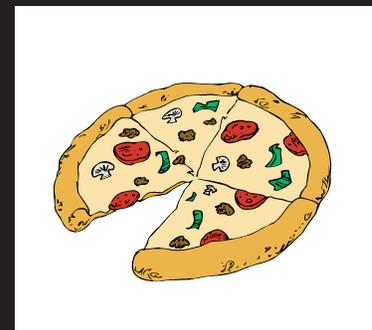
St. Charles Bowl

2520 W. Main Street, St. Charles

Includes pizza snack, shoes and bowling.

Please RSVP to Liza at
Archbroch@comcast.net

Make Checks payable to Ma'ayan BBYO and mail to:
Liza Bachrach, 7 Clove Court, South Elgin, IL 60177



will attend the Ma'ayan/CONNECT bowling on Sunday, January 12,
from 1:45 PM to 3:45 PM, at St. Charles Bowl.

Make Checks payable to Ma'ayan BBYO, and send to:
Liza Bachrach, 7 Clove Court, South Elgin, IL 60177



Ma'ayan BBYO News

A special thanks goes to Jacob Gantz who (solely!) represented CKI BBYO and helped pack corned beef lunches with the sisterhood! Yascher Koach Jacob!

Five kids had a great time at our first CKI BBYO Connect Game day which took place on Sunday, December 8. Lisa Gerlach did a marvelous job leading ice breakers and the kids had a great time playing GaGa. Lots of positive energy!! See the photos!

Our Ma'ayan BBYO Advisor, Jay Pliskow, will be moving out of the state for a new job in December of 2013. BBYO is actively searching to replace him. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering to be the BBYO advisor for our High School Chapter, please let me know! No experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm and must be at least 22 years old. It is a wonderful way to help shape the future of Jewish teens in the Fox Valley. Although it is not a paying job, it does include advisor training, which always looks good on a resume!

I am the new Chairperson for the Prairie Jewish Coalition Youth Committee. Our first meeting was cancelled due to bad weather but we are hoping to reschedule for January. Representatives from MCJC, CKI, TBI, Beth Am, FVJN, BBYO, and Pushing the Envelope Farm will all be present. Our goal is to investigate ways to bring our youth together.



Please encourage your child to attend the following upcoming program:

BOWLING!

Sunday, January 12

1:45-3:45 PM at St. Charles Bowl

2520 W. Main Street, St. Charles

\$10 per person, includes pizza snack, shoes, and bowling!

Open to all Jewish 5th graders through high school.

RSVP to Lisa Gerlach at lisa.gerlach@mail.com

or Liza Bachrach at Archbroch@comcast.net

See flyer on page 4.

Please have your child join the Ma'ayan BBYO Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/221937037867507/> If you would like to receive BBYO emails, please let me know at Archbroch@comcast.net.

BBYO is for High School Ages.

BBYO Connect is for 6th through 8th graders.

– Liza Bachrach, Youth Group Chair



QUOTABLES

Let me tell you the one thing I have against Moses. He took us forty years into the desert in order to bring us to the one place in the Middle East that has no oil!

– Golda Meir

Even a secret agent can't lie to a Jewish mother.

– Peter Malkin

It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it.

– Sam Levenson

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating, and in fourteen days I had lost exactly two weeks.

– Joe E. Lewis

Sisterhood and Men's Club present

CKI's Second Great Chili Cook-Off!

Judging will be **Sunday, February 9, 2014, at 12:30 PM.**

Sisterhood and Men's Club will take on all challengers.

Does everyone say your chili is the best?

Here's the chance to find out. Teams are now forming for the challenge – **ONLY 6 SLOTS AVAILABLE!!**

All cooking will be done in the CKI kitchen.

Sisterhood will help you make sure ingredients are kosher. If teams need help shopping for kosher meat, we can help with that, too.

Join us Sunday, February 9, after Torah School to taste and vote on the best chili at CKI!

For information contact **Wanda Pitzele** at 630-289-3349 or wandnp@sbcglobal.net, or **Perry Pitzele** at 224-558-7199 or pesachp@sbcglobal.net (or, really, just call Wanda)



FIND RUACH AT MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT JANUARY 4

"Ruach" is a Hebrew word meaning "wind," or "spirit." Its true meaning depends on its context. Sometimes it is used to refer to the "spirit of the Lord," and other times it refers to a sense of community and camaraderie.

True "Ruach" will make its presence known at the annual Men's Club Shabbat, to be held on Saturday morning, January 4. Members of CKI's award-winning Men's Club will lead the entire service with an enthusiasm you won't want to miss.

A highlight of the service will be a reading of the weekly Haftarah portion from the **FJMC Sefer Haftarah scroll**, which is traveling around the country.

Another highlight will be the kiddush presented after the services.

All are welcome. Even women.

Experience "passionate davening" and "Ruach," Men's Club style!



CKI Men's Club is proud to recognize **Bill McFarlane** as its "Man of the Year" recipient this year.

When a need arises, whether it's installing or repairing awnings, light fixtures, kitchen equipment, painting the Rabbi's office, or any other of the many odd jobs that routinely arise, CKI knows it can count on Bill McFarlane for his expertise and effort. One who prefers to roll up his sleeves and do the work rather than seek the limelight, Bill is a man who can be counted on to get the job done.

In addition to doing yeoman's work to maintain and upgrade CKI's physical plant, Bill also has regularly, and with no fanfare, delivered

donations to a local food pantry and helps congregants with work around their homes. For several years now, he's also served as the Chief Cook for our CKI's Men's Club's annual Latke Banquet.

Yasher koach, Bill!

Please plan to join us in honoring Bill at the **FJMC Man of the Year Banquet Dinner, Sunday evening, February 23, at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3440 Walters Road, Northbrook.** The event will begin at **5:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM.** Cost is just **\$36.00** per person, and includes appetizers, chicken or vegetarian dinner, and awards presentation ceremony. Carpooling will be available from CKI that evening.

New this year, **reservations** may be made **directly on the Midwest Region's website:** <http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org/event-registration/?ee=1> and are **due NO LATER than Friday, February 7.**

If you would like to honor Bill by placing an ad in the Ad Book, orders for ads are also being taken on-line, at <http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org/adbook-instructions>

Deadline for Ad Book is December 30!!

Orders may be paid for by check or credit card.

If you have any questions, contact Paul Glaser at pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net or (630-513-8268).

Adult Education

Adult education, one of the initiatives of CKI's Vision Pillar of Lifelong Learning, strives to create a learning environment that feels comfortable regardless of one's background. Join us as we provide a variety of experiences to enhance and strengthen your connection to Judaism and to our Jewish Community.

**January 25, 2014
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM**

Kiddush Round Table

Join us following Shabbat morning services as we explore topics of Jews in the News. Our current events discussions are always thought-provoking.

**February 13, 20, 27, 2014
7:00 PM**

Partnering With G-d Series

Join us for as many sessions as you desire as we explore our personal relationships with G-d. Wherever your personal relationship is currently, these sessions promise to, at the very least provide food for thought, and perhaps even help to enhance our partnership with G-d.

**April 27, 2014
4:00 PM**

**Holocaust Remembrance Day featuring Author Marty Brounstein:
Two Among the Righteous Few**

Mark your calendars now. You do not want to miss this amazing opportunity as Marty Brounstein recounts the remarkable story of a Christian couple in the Netherlands who, despite great risk and danger, help save the lives of at least two dozen Jews from certain death during World War II.



For more information about these, or other Adult Education events, feel free to contact me at galejacoby@gmail.com.

"Lifelong learning is simply the pursuit of knowledge over the course of one's lifetime... it is just pushing yourself to learn, grow, and experience new things."

— Wiki.answers.com

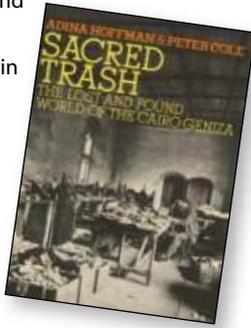
**A Mezuzah for Our
New Back Entryway...**



Book Club

On **January 28, at 7:00 PM**, we will be discussing the book, **Sacred Trash** by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole

Please feel free to join us at the home of **Gareth Sitz**, 653 Park Street, Elgin 60123. Her phone number is 847-695-6719.



For more information, contact Sue Johnson at SusanJohnson@wideopen-west.com or Suzy Zemel at mnszemel@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome. Join the fun!

January Birthdays

- 3 Jenna Mussar
- 3 Jessica Njus
- 4 Cathy Aron
- 4 Jeff Rifken
- 5 Sarah Burker
- 5 Madeline Lewis
- 6 Anita Hornung
- 6 Sarah Klein
- 7 David Goodman
- 12 Kathy Lange
- 15 Avery Epstein
- 15 Alan Lekah
- 17 Barry Rose
- 19 Isabel Goldberg
- 20 Katie Burstein
- 20 Geoff Zimmerman
- 21 Jeremy Seigle
- 21 Nicole Zeoli
- 22 Bridget Hillman
- 25 Melissa Gerlach
- 26 Estee Berg
- 26 Karen Kehl Rose
- 30 Joel Lent
- 31 Peggy Zonis

January Anniversaries

- 3 Leonard and Joyce Kofkin
- 14 Peggy & David Howard
- 22 Ken & Maureen More
- 26 Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld



Torah School News

I hope everyone is enjoying their winter break, and everyone comes back to school energized! I want to thank the parents for organizing, and keeping track of the students on the day of Teacher Workshop. The workshop was excellent! I know the teachers all walked away with some great ideas and tools to use in the classroom.

Mark your calendars for January 20th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. WE WILL BE PAINTING THE CLASSROOMS!!!! So roll up your sleeves and join us for a Community Service Day!

January School Calendar:

Jan. 1, Wed.	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK
Jan. 5, Sun.	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK
Jan. 8, Wed.	5:00-6:30 PM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7
Jan. 9, Thur.	6:30-8:00 PM	Chai School
Jan. 10, Sat.	6:00 PM	P J Shabbat
Jan. 12, Sun.	9:00-10:00 AM 9:45 AM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7 Torah School – Grades PreK-3
Jan. 15, Wed.	5:00-6:30 PM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7
Jan. 18, Sat.	10:00 AM	Jr. Congregation – Learners Minyan
Jan. 19, Sun.	9:00-10:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7 Torah School – Grades K-3 Judaism Rocks – ALL GRADES Madrachim Class
Jan. 20, Mon.	TBA	Painting Classrooms at CKI
Jan. 22, Wed.	5:00-6:30 PM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7
Jan. 23, Thur.	6:30-8:00 PM	Chai School
Jan. 24, Fri.	7:30 PM	Family Shabbat – Grades 4 and 5 Participating
Jan. 26, Sun.	9:00-10:00 AM 9:45 AM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7 Torah School – Grades PreK-3
Jan. 29, Wed.	5:00 PM	Hebrew School – Grades 4-7

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Ritual – Prayer, Community, and Tefilah Trainers

As Jews, we are provided numerous ways—613 to be exact—to show our commitment to God and our community. We call these mitzvot, commandments. For example, we can observe the Sabbath, or the laws of kashrut, or study Torah, or engage in acts of loving-kindness, or give charity to the less fortunate, or help renew the Earth.

Another direct way to take part in a Jewish community is to take part in tefilah, or prayer. Here at Congregation Kneseth Israel, our Ritual Committee is actively engaged in working with Rabbi Frisch Klein to offer meaningful communal prayer services, on a weekly basis, on holidays and on an as-needed basis for life cycle events. Offering a “house of prayer,” or beit tefillah, is one of the accepted roles of any synagogue. So what does a “meaningful” service mean?

We must recognize that different things can have different meanings to different people. As Ritual Chair, I often hear that “people prefer the traditional way” of davening. But what is “traditional”? Since we are a congregation that embraces diversity, there is no one right answer to this question. One could probably sing Adon Olam with a different tune every week of the year, and maybe each tune could be “traditional” to someone. Or no one. To some, prayers must be chanted in Hebrew. To others, Hebrew is too difficult to read, or understand, and therefore Hebrew prayers may have no “meaning.”

This much is certain: prayer cannot have any meaning unless one tries to pray.

Simply reading about exercise routines in a fitness magazine cannot produce meaningful results. One has to try the exercise. And even then, on some days, one might exercise precisely as set forth in the book and feel energized, yet on other days, the same jog or weight-lifting routine might do nothing other than leave one sweaty. Similarly, one might participate in a prayer service and walk away empty. But at other times, it might be something said by the Rabbi, or a line or two read in the prayer book, that causes one to reach a new level of understanding or simply reflect on the meaning of life. That’s why we “practice” our Judaism. Practice makes perfect, right?

It may be that you feel hesitant about attending a service because something about it feels foreign. Maybe there’s a lack of confidence in one’s Hebrew ability, or a lack of understanding as to the “choreography” involved in a service. That’s okay. No one here knows everything. We want to help. Rabbi has put together a very helpful transliteration guide to enable anyone to follow along in the Hebrew. That’s a great start. Now we’d like to offer a new program.

Just as the fitness world has fitness trainers to help people get into a fitness routine, as Chair

of the Ritual Committee, I would be happy to offer the services (no pun intended) of a “tefilah trainer” to help you feel more comfortable the next time you come to our sanctuary. Your tefilah trainer will sit with you and explain the service as we go along—what page we’re on, when to stand, when to bow, when to sit. The trainer will also try to answer “why” questions as well. As your confidence grows, we’d love to have you perform an honor at the bimah; or if you’d prefer to remain at your seat, that will be okay, too. Just meet us halfway: take a seat in the sanctuary. As one fitness-related company says: “Just do it.”

As a point of fact, a growing number of members are attending services here at CKI on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Our Friday version runs about an hour; Saturday mornings (which involve reading of the Torah) are bit over two. Both are followed by an entertaining exercise in community called an “Oneg Shabbat” or “Kiddush”—food and conversation after the service.

Contact me, at pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net. I’ll set you up. See you in Shul.

– Paul Glaser, *Ritual Chair*

Honorable Menschen...

A letter from Food For Greater Elgin:

Hi Rabbi Klein,

I wanted to share with you that we distributed today the awesome, wonderful Turkey basket the youth put together—to an Elgin family in need.

The mother was so appreciative and shared a handwritten note that I will send you. Here was the message:

*11/23/2013 - Just want to thank you so much for this great blessing you have provided. We are a family of 7 in our household. We barely scrape by each month, but this gift is something we are so grateful for!
Thank you so much and God Bless you all
- Bertha*

She was overwhelmed and in tears at the generosity of someone that people cared!

Thanks for making Thanksgiving extra special for one of our clients.

Also, Sherry [Wiesman], the CKI Garden total was 754.5 pounds! Really amazing!

Sue

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Mitzvah Project:

Shane Bonner, 12, of Hoffman Estates, and his sister, **Angelina**, 10, children of **Shaun & Bonnie Bonner**, grandchildren of **Peretz Mehr**, made dessert plates for the Elgin Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the First United Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Day. Shane and Angelina made brownies and cupcakes themselves to bring to the event. Shane will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah next year, and this was his way to give to the community in preparation.

Vision Committee

A few years ago, CKI established a Vision Committee to research and develop a vision to sustain our congregation. And so, with the input of this congregation, our vision was born:

Congregation Kneseth Israel is a sacred Jewish community striving to meet the needs of our congregation through...

Meaningful Observance
Lifelong Learning
Embracing Diversity
Building Community

The Vision Committee is thrilled to enhance this vision with efforts to adopt many of the ideals in Ron Wolfson’s book *Relational*

Judaism. We continue to meet and work to keep our community engaged in this amazing congregation. Don’t be surprised if you hear from us. We want to know you, and we want you to know us, for that is how we are able to be a community. Feel free to contact any of the members of this committee, or myself. And at the risk of being a bit corny, may the warmth of Congregation Kneseth Israel help to keep you warm this winter!

Vision Committee members: Liza Bachrach, Rochelle Fosco, Paul Glaser, Sue Johnson, Perry Pitzele, Amy Robinson, Mark Seigle.

– Gale Jacoby, Vision Committee Chair
galejacoby@gmail.com

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Wanda & Perry Pitzele

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In honor of CKI for making Gianna's naming a success.

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R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH - GET WELL

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Perry Pitzele	Sherry Wiesman

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

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM - CONDOLENCES

....to the family of **Burton Glazov**, brother of **Jordan (Sheila) Glazov**

....to the family of **Anna Gilbert**, beloved mother of **Emma** and **Howard**, grandmother of **Carrie, Scott, Heidi, Katrina**, and **Jose**, and great-grandmother of **Rosalie, Theresa, Cecilia, Kenya**, and **Avi**.

May God comfort you and may their memories be for a blessing

THANK YOU for purchasing a leaf or rock for the tree of life:

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For information about ordering a leaf or rock, which will be a permanent fixture at CKI, contact Robin Seigle at robin.seigle@gmail.com or 847-426-8426. See form on page 13.

We are half way to our goal, so BUY A LEAF OR A ROCK NOW! So far the total is \$2,670! Celebrate Tu B'Shevat and help CKI with the purchase of a leaf or rock.

To my CKI family,
Home at last. Faster than expected.
Lots of work left to do. Thanks to all for the great support and good wishes and for keeping me in your hearts. Knee replacement is not something I would recommend lightly but with the support of friends, the journey is far easier.

Thanks,
Ron Razowsky



Did You Know...



that Wanda Pitzele was our Sisterhood's Valued Volunteer for 2013? She was honored this last Spring at the Regional Conference in Deerfield/Northbrook. Here's what was in the program booklet:

What hasn't Wanda done? Wanda is a former CKI Sisterhood president who has also served in numerous regional positions. Currently, she holds three positions in her sisterhood: kitchen chair, bakery chair, and oneg/kiddush chair. She is also treasurer for Central Great Lakes Region, as well as the International Women's League creative Judaic arts chair. Wanda is very generous in the amount of time she spends at her synagogue helping out in numerous ways.

She is on many shul committees and is co-chair of their Keruv committee. She is a true maven and graciously shares her wealth of knowledge with others. She is a great teacher and is willing to pass on to others her knowledge and "secrets" that she utilizes to make everything she does look so effortless.

Besides all that, she is a great delegator so that she has the time to create marvelous art projects that she teaches to her sisterhood and to various sisterhoods in her area and around the country. Wanda has a rich enthusiasm for Sisterhood that shows in all she does. She is a friend to many.

This is Wanda's second time being honored as a Valued Volunteer. She was the unanimous choice.

Todah Rabbah!

Latke Lunch Nov. 24, 2013



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

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
Jan 01	Dec 28	Gerald London
Jan 02	Dec 28	Roy Rifken*
Jan 03	Dec 28	Florence Schwartz
Jan 04	Jan 04	Yetta Bear*
Jan 04	Jan 04	Maurice Bender
Jan 04	Jan 04	Michelle Diane Fosco*
Jan 04	Jan 04	Bessie Puklin*
Jan 04	Jan 04	Lizzie Richberg
Jan 04	Jan 04	Helen Sugar
Jan 04	Jan 04	Natalie Iris Troy*
Jan 05	Jan 04	Ruth Kaplan*
Jan 05	Jan 04	Sibyl Kaplan Moses*
Jan 05	Jan 04	George Neumark
Jan 05	Jan 04	Joseph Ruben
Jan 06	Jan 04	Jane Barrow*
Jan 06	Jan 04	Jean Boskind*
Jan 06	Jan 04	Rochelle Fey*
Jan 06	Jan 04	Wendy Karen Slutsky
Jan 07	Jan 04	Mandel Bochner*
Jan 07	Jan 04	Sarah Seltzer Frisch*
Jan 07	Jan 04	Pearl Harris*
Jan 09	Jan 04	Edythe Kadin
Jan 09	Jan 04	Lillian Ruth Seigle Roth*
Jan 10	Jan 04	Hyman Ableman*
Jan 10	Jan 04	Lillian Bloomberg

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
Jan 11	Jan 11	Zeldah Demont*
Jan 11	Jan 11	Louis Gordon*
Jan 11	Jan 11	Theresa Silber
Jan 12	Jan 11	Eugene Bernstein*
Jan 13	Jan 11	Sam M. Becker*
Jan 13	Jan 11	Nathan Cohen*
Jan 13	Jan 11	Herman Garson
Jan 13	Jan 11	Martin Kornstein*
Jan 13	Jan 11	Nate Krohn*
Jan 15	Jan 11	Lester Fischer*
Jan 15	Jan 11	Anna Newmark Gombiner*
Jan 15	Jan 11	Frank Lindow*
Jan 17	Jan 11	Betty David*
Jan 17	Jan 11	Yuddy Wolfensohn
Jan 18	Jan 18	Henry Greenberg*
Jan 18	Jan 18	Beverly Iseberg
Jan 18	Jan 18	Bernice Sievers*
Jan 18	Jan 18	Sidney Slutsky
Jan 20	Jan 18	Anna Libby Strickman*
Jan 21	Jan 18	Mildred Lipofsky*
Jan 21	Jan 18	Lena Miller Simon*
Jan 22	Jan 18	Isadore Ginsberg*
Jan 22	Jan 18	Harlan Levin
Jan 22	Jan 18	Harold Modes
Jan 22	Jan 18	Fannie Rosenthal*

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
Jan 23	Jan 18	Sophie Kaplan*
Jan 23	Jan 18	Anna Perlman*
Jan 24	Jan 18	Anna Lillian Rogoff*
Jan 25	Jan 25	Beryl Niznik*
Jan 27	Jan 25	Morris Agins
Jan 27	Jan 25	Jean Ginsburg*
Jan 27	Jan 25	Sanford J. Zemel*
Jan 28	Jan 25	Philip Sternfeld
Jan 28	Jan 25	Anna Sweet*
Jan 28	Jan 25	Beverly Kessler Wiener*
Jan 29	Jan 25	Suzanne Greenfield
Jan 29	Jan 25	Ella Schlossberg*
Jan 30	Jan 25	Millie Flowers*
Jan 30	Jan 25	Israel Hymovitz*
Jan 30	Jan 25	Faye Ginsberg Korn*
Jan 31	Jan 25	Joseph Fishman
Jan 31	Jan 25	Sheldon Franks*
Feb 01	Feb 01	Marion Bromberg
Feb 01	Feb 01	Jerome Roth
Feb 02	Feb 01	Lillian Nitzberg
Feb 02	Feb 01	Leonard Abraham Plotzker
Feb 02	Feb 01	Philip Turek*
Feb 02	Feb 01	Sylvia Zimmerman*
Feb 03	Feb 01	Edward Dato*
Feb 04	Feb 01	Abraham Kowitz*
Feb 04	Feb 01	Samuel David Lipofsky*
Feb 05	Feb 01	Sarah Burstein*
Feb 05	Feb 01	Abraham Levin*
Feb 07	Feb 01	Bernadine Rifken*
Feb 07	Feb 01	Peter Rose

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.

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

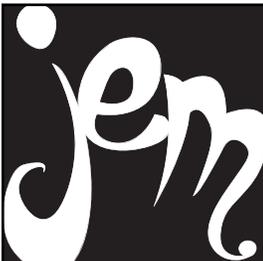
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Fri. Jan. 10.....	4:23 PM
Fri. Jan. 17.....	4:31 PM
Fri. Jan. 24.....	4:40 PM
Fri. Jan. 31.....	4:49 PM

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat. Jan. 4.....	5:47 PM
Sat. Jan. 11.....	5:54 PM
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Sat. Jan. 25.....	6:11 PM
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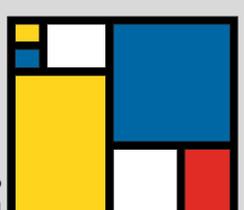
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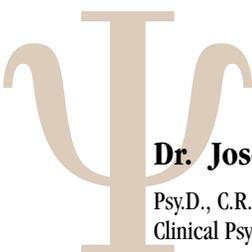
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BUY A LEAF OR ROCK ON THE TREE OF LIFE IN HONOR OF TU B'SHEVAT!!

There are many ways you can easily participate in the new fundraising project for CKI. For \$100 per leaf you can honor a teacher or special mentor, acknowledge the birth of a new baby, a birthday, wedding, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, Chanukah gift, or any type of celebration. Of course this is also a perfect way to memorialize those we have lost. For those of you who would like to make a donation of \$1,000, CKI will purchase more bronze rocks for engraving. To make this fundraiser even more affordable, consider "chipping in" with other congregants to purchase a rock or leaf. Any amount will help reach our quota!

_____ Leaf/ Leaves - @\$100 each (maximum lines: 5)

_____ Rock - @\$1,000 each (maximum lines: 6)

Engraved message (please print) - see suggestions below.

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 _____

Line 5 _____

Line 6 _____

Your Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail check (made out to Congregation Kneseth Israel) along with this completed form to:
CKI, 330 Division, Elgin, IL 60120.

Any questions, contact Robin Seigle at robin.seigle@gmail.com or 847-426-8426.

Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for installation on the "Tree of Life." Thank you!



Inscription Suggestions:

Celebrating the birth of
Hannah Friedman
February 12, 2013
from her grandparents
Joel and Susan Kaufman

To Mrs. Shapiro
for your many
years of service at CKI
fondly,
Your 4th grade students
2013-2014

Mazel Tov to the
Bat Mitzvah girl
Rachel Rosenberg
May 11, 2013
love, from Mom & Dad

In memory of our parents
Harold and Lora Seigle
Herb and Cyril Friend
with love and gratitude
from Robin & Mark Seigle

Warmest Wishes on
your 60th birthday
with love from
your dear friends
~ The Klein's & Wolf's ~

To our Grandparents
in honor of
their 60th wedding
anniversary.
love, Sarah & Bekah

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Building Community
Meaningful Observance

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January 2014

Shabbat Services: Friday evenings 7:30 PM
Saturday mornings 9:30 AM

1	New Years Day – No Hebrew School Office closed		18	Saturday Shabbat Service Jr. Congregation and Learner's Minyan	9:30 AM 10:00 AM
3	Friday Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	19	Hebrew School Torah School Judaism Rocks Madrichim class	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
4	Saturday Shabbat Service /Men's Club Shabbat	9:30 AM			
5	No School				
8	Hebrew School	5:00 PM	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Painting the classrooms	TBA
9	Chai School	6:30 PM	21	Education Meeting	7:00 PM
10	PJ Shabbat "Musical" Shabbat	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	22	Hebrew School	5:00 PM
11	Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM	23	Chai School	6:30 PM
12	Hebrew School Torah School & Preschool Ma'ayan BBYO Bowling	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 1:45-3:45 PM	24	Friday Shabbat – 4th Grade Family Service	7:30 PM
14	Sisterhood & Hadassah Meeting with "Prayer Weaving" craft program	7:00 PM	25	Saturday Shabbat Service Kiddush Round Table	9:30 AM 11:45 AM
15	Hebrew School	5:00 PM	26	Hebrew School Torah School & Preschool	9:00 AM 9:45 AM
16	Tu B'Shevat		28	Book Club	7:00 PM
17	Tu B'Shevat Seder Friday Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	29	Hebrew School	5:00 PM
			31	Friday Shabbat Service	7:30 PM