For Immediate Release:

**Annual Synagogue Picnic and Torah School Registration**

July 28, 2013, Elgin, Illinois

Congregation Kneseth Israel will be holding its annual "Back to School and Jewish New Year Picnic" on August 11, 2013 in the Burnidge Forest Preserve. President Joe Rosenfeld, when asked about the purpose of the picnic stated, "We are entering a very busy time in the Jewish calendar. Not only is our Torah School starting at the end of summer, but we are observing a string of holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. All in very quick succession. Our picnic is a relaxed way for our current members to reconnect, and for new or potential members to meet us in an informal setting. We will also be welcoming back our Director of Education, Nina Finn."

The Torah School is hosting this event, and will be providing watermelon, ice cream, and water. Families are encouraged to bring any additional food they may desire. Nina Finn, CKI's Director of Education stated, "We are looking at a very exciting year. CKI had a great deal of growth last year, and this year we are introducing self-paced learning modules that students can use in our building and at home, as well as other expanded Jewish learning opportunities."

The picnic is being held at the Burnidge Forest Preserve at 14N035 Coombs Road, Elgin (west of Randall Road along Big Timber Road about 1 ½ miles) from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on August 11th. Watch for the CKI banner.

All current congregants as well as new and prospective members are welcome. Reservations would be appreciated. To make a reservation or to talk with Nina Finn call 847-741-5656 or email cki@ckielgin.org. Membership materials will be available as well as school registration forms.

 (CKI) serves the diverse Jewish Community of the Greater Fox Valley area. We offer weekly services, a religious school, observance of all lifecycle events, and a variety of additional programming.

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