

Congregation Kneseth Israel to Install New Rabbi and Board Members

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Congregation Kneseth Israel will be installing Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein on June 2, 2013 starting at 6:45 pm. Rabbi Frisch Klein will be installed by Rabbi Neil Kominsky and Rev. David Ferner and signifies the weaving together of the relationship between the congregation and their spiritual leader. The installation will take place at CKI which is located at 330 Division Street in Elgin.

The tradition of the installation of Rabbis began over two thousand years ago, after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. It marks a covenantal relationship between the congregation and its leader. "This ceremony is especially meaningful to me, because now that I have been here for a while, I really know people. We have celebrated together. We have laughed together. We have played together, cooked together, and we have cried and mourned together. Now we get to formally proclaim what is already true. I am the rabbi of CKI and I welcome that title and the responsibilities that come with it. It is a humbling moment."

Rabbi Frisch Klein was ordained by The Academy for Jewish Religion now in Yonkers, NY. She had previously served as rabbi/educator at Congregation Beth Israel in Andover, MA. She and her husband Simon and their daughter Sarah are proud to call Elgin and Congregation Kneseth Israel home. "We've finally returned to Chicagoland and the Midwest where we have deep roots.

Being installed that evening are a number of elected board members. Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld will be installed as President; Marc Zemel as Executive Vice-President; Barry Rose as Treasurer; Dick Johnson as Financial Secretary; Amy Robinson as Secretary; Sue Johnson as Vice-President of Education; Jana McFarlane as Sisterhood President, and Perry Pitzele as Men's Club President. Rochelle Fosco will become Immediate past-President. Michael Bloomberg. Marcy Cohen Tremmel, Charles Gauthier, and Gale Jacoby.

Also being installed sisterhood officers: Sue Johnson as treasurer, and Risa Cohen as Secretary; and Men's Club Officers: Ed Katz as Vice-President; Herb Gross as Treasurer; and Brad Burker as Secretary.

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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. CKI welcomes interfaith families. The synagogue is located at 330 Division Street in Elgin; parking is available behind the building. For more information contact the office at 847-741-5656. For regular updates or more information, please visit our website at www.ckielgin.org.