



From the Rabbi's Study...

because in the land of Israel most of the winter rains are over, according to the Talmud, (Rosh Hashanah 14a), the sap is starting to rise, the almond trees are blooming.

There is a promise of new growth. It brings hope.

Here in Chicagoland, we need the promise of new growth. We need hope. Winter will end at some point. (Although as I write this, there has been very little snow and no forecast for any until after Jan.1.)

We need hope. We need to have an optimistic expectation of a positive outcome for our lives and the world at large. It may seem hard to believe that, in a world of war in the Middle East or rising antisemitism here in the United States. It may seem hard if your loved one is in hospice or died recently. If you lost your job. Many of you have talked about hopelessness and despair.

Then comes Tu B'shevat, a minor holiday, to remind us. A tiny acorn can become a tree. The trees are blooming in Israel. People are curling up with seed catalogs and planning their summer gardens. The cycle alone brings me hope. One of the things that brought me hope in

December was a picture of Kibbutz Be'eri planting a new crop of winter wheat. That's resilience. Other things that brought me hope: CKI members who stepped up and brought us all a Magical Hanukkah Extravaganza. CKI members who joined the matching donation programs. People in the wider community who added to our security fund. The Elgin Police Department who thanked us for providing them with bagels in order to thank them. There is nothing quite like an EPD hug at 7:30 in the morning or 10:30 at night.

Another way to see hope, to participate in hope, is the CKI blood drive, Sunday, January 7th. (See flyer elsewhere in this Ha Kol.) Where else can you save three lives in a day. Where else can you model loving your neighbor as yourself.

We have been urged to find our glimmers. Those little bursts of light, joy, calmness, connection. It may be a sunrise or a sunset, a piece of art, a phone call with a friend. Look around you.

And it could be Tu B'shevat, which these days is often marked with a Tu B'shevat seder designed by the mystical rabbis in Tzefat in the 16th

century.

Like a Passover seder, it features four cups of wine, from Winter White to full Red Harvest. Different kinds of fruit, with shells, without shells, representing different types of people, and lots of music and poetry, Jewish and otherwise, about trees. Our Tu B'shevat seder will take place January 26.

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

To reach Rabbi Margaret, please call her cell number after 8:00 am except on Mondays or Shabbat: 978-590-8268.

In case of emergency (hospitalization or death) please call, leave a message, and Rabbi will get back to you promptly.

If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, call CKI @ 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can reach out and be of help.



Alden Solovy & friends picking avocados

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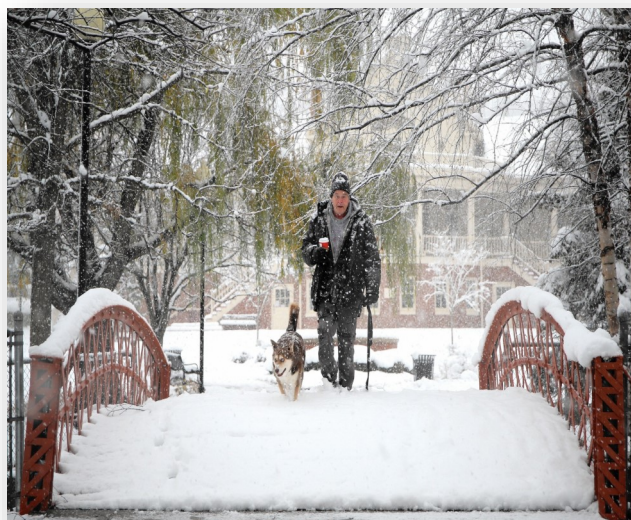
Vice President's Message Cont.

My point is we are more alike than dissimilar. We should celebrate our similarities and understand and honor our differences. One just had to look at the attendees at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service to appreciate what and who we are.

In this time of cold and 4:30 sunsets, find some light. If you can't find the light, then be the light for someone else.

This month we also celebrate Tu BiShvat, the birthday of the trees. Winter seems like an unlikely time to think about trees and flowers and gardens, but keep spring alive in your heart, and it will be here before you know it. Happy and Healthy 2024

—Jerry Niederman



January 9th @ 9:00 am

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at rabbi@ckielgin.org for more information.

CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is OPEN
and Peg is in the office.
To reach the office, call 847-741-5656 during
office hours, Monday—Friday:
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, make it payable to
Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI.
Please note what the money
is intended for.
Thank you!

CKI Book Club Schedule 2023—2024

Date	Book	Author	Time
July 18 (Tues.)	The Observant Wife	Naomi Ragen	10:30 am
August 15 (Tues.)	On Division	Goldie Goldbloom	10:30 am
October 17 (Tues.)	The Prison Minyan	Jonathan Stone	10:30 am
Nov. 21 (Tues.) at Gail Borden	Mr. Perfect on Paper	Gene Meltzer	10:30 am
December 19 (Tues.)	Bookish People	Susan Coll	10:30 am
January 16 (Tues.)	Dreamers of the Day	Mary Doria Russell	10:30 am
February 20 (Tues.)	The Three Muses	Martha Anne Toll	10:30 am
March 19 (Tues.)	Ten Year Gone	Jonathan Dunskey	10:30 am
April 16 (Tues.)	If All the Sea Were Ink	Ilana Kurshan	10:30 am
May 21 (Tues.)	Kantika	Elizabeth Graver	10:30 am
June 11 (Tues.)	Taking Miracles Seriously	Michael Zedek	10:30 am

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- Douglas Bakley

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- James Harvey
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- Ed & Tina Wolf
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In memory of Philip Pomerance

- Helen Lindow
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- Elaine Kornitsky

In memory of Philip Pomerance
I enjoyed every moment of every meeting & telephone conversation that we ever had. Bright, funny, illuminating, & with a heart of gold.

You will be missed, my friend

- Alan Leafman

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To Ms Shira Coffee & Family, in memory of Philip

- Paul & Risa Cohen

To Nina Finn & Family, in memory of Joel

- Paul & Risa Cohen
- Dick & Sue Johnson
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- Ron & Barb Razowsky



Special Funds

The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- **Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- **General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- **Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** See the President.
- **Building Security Fund** — EPD security for special CKI events
- **Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- **CKI Youth Fund** – Supports programs for our synagogue youth
- **Prayer Book Fund** – Siddur is \$36; Chumash is \$60
- **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** – Supports women's group's various projects
- **Blossom Wohl Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur is \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. See the President

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Jan 6 25 Tevet	<i>Parashat Shemot</i> — Exodus 1:1-6:1 Haftarah Isaiah 27:6 -28:13; 29:22-23
Jan 13 3 Shevat	<i>Parashat Va'era</i> — Exodus 6:2-9:35 Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
Jan 20 10 Shevat	<i>Parashat Bo</i> — Exodus 10:1-13:16 Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28
Jan 27 17 Shevat	<i>Parashat Beshallah</i> Shabbat Shirah Exodus 13:17-17:16 Haftarah Judges 4:4 -5:31

January Birthdays

Jesse Njus	Jan 3
Cathy Aron	Jan 4
Sarah Burkert	Jan 5
Anita Hornung	Jan 6
Sarah Elizabeth Klein	Jan 6
Shivali Klionsky	Jan 8
Sabrina Rabin	Jan 8
Kathy Lange	Jan 12
Stefanie Byk	Jan 14
Avery Epstein	Jan 15
Jerry Niederman	Jan 16
James Morgan	Jan 16
Barry Rose	Jan 17
Judi Tepe	Jan 20
Kim Atkins	Jan 20
Jeremy Seigle	Jan 21
Samantha Newby	Jan 22
Abigail Marczak	Jan 23
David Bromet	Jan 25
Karen Kehl Rose	Jan 26
Eugene Klionsky	Jan 27
Rebecca Hymer	Jan 30
Zachery Drew Hymer	Jan 30

January Anniversaries

Charlie & Helen Neuman	Jan 1
Steven Sirin & Scott Scholten	Jan 23



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Hadassah rehab facility uses anti-gravity device to heal wounded medic

Dvir is a Nahal Brigade combat medic who lives with his family in Gush Etzion. During the first days of the war against Hamas, shrapnel from a mortar shell hit his leg. Despite being wounded and applying a tourniquet to his leg, he continued to help everyone around him and even managed to deliver medical



equipment to his wounded comrades as bullets whistled overhead.

With the arrival of more soldiers to the area, Dvir, 22,

was flown by helicopter to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Medical Center in Ein Kerem and rushed to receive urgent treatment from specialists in surgery, orthopedics, neurology, and blood vessels.

Amid all the fighting and concern for his friends, he hardly noticed that shrapnel had also hit his head. After undergoing complex surgery on his leg and being treated for the shrapnel in his head, Dvir was transferred to Hadassah's rehabilitation department at Mount Scopus in a wheelchair.

He is being retaught how to walk on an anti-gravity rehabilitation device that simulates a zero-weight environment, similar to those used by NASA for astronauts.

"When I train on the device, I feel as if I am walking like before, before the injury," Dvir said. "Here I am, already fighting to be like I was before my

injury," he said. "Every day, with the physical therapy and the use of the devices I train on, I make more progress and am already walking with crutches. Only when I get off it do I remember that I'm not there yet. But I'm fully on my way to walking with both feet independently. There is no other option for me."

NASA and Israel work hand-in-hand. Prof. Isabella Schwartz, director of the hospital's rehabilitation department, said the device, the first of its kind, was imported from the US.

"It gives the staff amazing therapeutic

walking track, Schwartz said.

"Over time, and at the pace of each patient's personal progress, we increase the weight we allow him to step on," she said. "This gradual treatment allows for a more efficient and correct rehabilitation. Dvir shows an admirable determination in the struggle to get back on his feet. This determination and the desire to move forward is an inspiration to everyone around him."

The device, which was first used at NASA, was bought with a donation from Hadassah International-Israel.



Dvir training on anti-gravity device

options," she said. "Dvir steps a little and floats with air flowing from below, allowing him to step on his leg in an incomplete, measured, and supervised manner almost immediately after surgery. His progress in rehabilitation is much faster than what we have known so far."

The device protects patients from all sides and guides their steps on a

"This technology definitely proves itself in the rehabilitation of various types of injuries and wounds that limit or prevent walking, such as muscle weakness or balance problems," Schwartz said.

Sports injuries can also be rehabilitated with anti-gravity, she said, adding that the device is used by members of the Real Madrid soccer team and elite tennis players.

Yahrzeits

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrzeits are commemorated during the coming weeks, and those whose names are read in the synagogue at Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services during January. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

Barnett Kadin	Jan 6	Jan 5 & 6	Emil Arendt	Jan 20	Jan 19 & 20
Molly Levine*	Jan 6	Jan 5 & 6	Louis Gordon*	Jan 20	Jan 19 & 20
Albert Smilgoff	Jan 6	Jan 5 & 6	Theresa Silber	Jan 20	Jan 19 & 20
Ellen Goodman	Jan 7	Jan 5 & 6	Max Smith	Jan 20	Jan 19 & 20
Elizabeth Chesler	Jan 8	Jan 5 & 6	Minnie Barnett Gordon	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Paula Fay Levy	Jan 8	Jan 5 & 6	Sam M. Becker*	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Sarah Miller	Jan 8	Jan 5 & 6	Nathan Cohen*	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Jean Fischer Shenker*	Jan 8	Jan 5 & 6	Sonja Duke	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Gerald London	Jan 10	Jan 5 & 6	Herman Garson	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Sarah Sweet	Jan 10	Jan 5 & 6	Martin Kornstein*	Jan 22	Jan 19 & 20
Marlene Gordon	Jan 11	Jan 5 & 6	Beverly Levin	Jan 23	Jan 19 & 20
Roy Rifken*	Jan 11	Jan 5 & 6	Elina Cortes	Jan 24	Jan 19 & 20
Jacob Greenfield	Jan 12	Jan 5 & 6	Lester Fischer*	Jan 24	Jan 19 & 20
Florence Schwartz	Jan 12	Jan 5 & 6	Anna Newmark Gombiner*	Jan 24	Jan 19 & 20
Yetta Bear*	Jan 13	Jan 12 & 13	Frank Lindow*	Jan 24	Jan 19 & 20
Maurice Bender	Jan 13	Jan 12 & 13	Ada Pannenbaum	Jan 24	Jan 19 & 20
Michelle Diane Fosco*	Jan 13	Jan 12 & 13	Betty David*	Jan 26	Jan 19 & 20
Lizzie Richberg	Jan 13	Jan 12 & 13	Yuddy Wolfensohn	Jan 26	Jan 19 & 20
Helen Sugar	Jan 13	Jan 12 & 13	Yuval Berger	Jan 27	Jan 26 & 27
Ruth Kaplan*	Jan 14	Jan 12 & 13	Beverly Iseberg	Jan 27	Jan 26 & 27
Sibyl Kaplan Moses*	Jan 14	Jan 12 & 13	Joy Jacobson	Jan 27	Jan 26 & 27
George Neumark	Jan 14	Jan 12 & 13	LeRoy Liss	Jan 27	Jan 26 & 27
Joseph Ruben	Jan 14	Jan 12 & 13	Sidney Slutsky	Jan 27	Jan 26 & 27
Jane Barrow*	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Geraldine Bonner	Jan 28	Jan 26 & 27
Lillian Davis	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Mildred Lipofsky*	Jan 30	Jan 26 & 27
Rochelle Fey*	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Marian Ginsberg Loeb	Jan 30	Jan 26 & 27
Peretz Mehr	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Isadore Ginsberg*	Jan 31	Jan 26 & 27
Sol Rolnitzky	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Yetta Haft	Jan 31	Jan 26 & 27
Wendy Karen Slutsky	Jan 15	Jan 12 & 13	Betty Hillman	Jan 31	Jan 26 & 27
Mandel Bochner*	Jan 16	Jan 12 & 13	Harlan Levin	Jan 31	Jan 26 & 27
Sarah Seltzer Frisch*	Jan 16	Jan 12 & 13	Harold Modes	Jan 31	Jan 26 & 27
Michael Joseph Modes	Jan 16	Jan 12 & 13	Sophie Kaplan*	Feb 1	Jan 26 & 27
Meryl Wise	Jan 16	Jan 12 & 13	Anna Perlman*	Feb 1	Jan 26 & 27
Edythe Kadin	Jan 18	Jan 12 & 13	Jerome Arendt	Feb 2	Jan 26 & 27
Lillian Ruth Seigle Roth*	Jan 18	Jan 12 & 13	Marion Weiser Belgrad	Feb 2	Jan 26 & 27
Lillian Bloomberg	Jan 19	Jan 12 & 13	Barbara Parrello	Feb 2	Jan 26 & 27
Bernie Miller	Jan 19	Jan 12 & 13			

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

Kindle the Shabbat Candles		and HAVDALAH Candles	
Fri Jan 5	4:17 pm	Sat Jan 6	5:26 pm
Fri Jan 12	4:24 pm	Sat Jan 13	5:34 pm
Fri Jan 19	4:32 pm	Sat Jan 20	5:42 pm
Fri Jan 26	4:41 pm	Sat Jan 27	5:51 pm

NOTE: Shabbat ends 50 minutes after candle lighting time on Saturday nite

Ritually Speaking



5784 Thirteen Months Not Twelve

Starting at sundown on Wednesday January 10, we start the 5th month of Shevat. Judaism follows a lunar calendar which has 354 days while the solar calendar is 365 days. I am amazed that our ancestors were able to calculate how to make this work. Here are some facts:

- A lunar year is 354 days, 8 hours, 48 minutes, and 34 seconds.
- The accepted length to calculate a lunar month is 29 days, 12 hours. This is explained as being from new moon to new moon.
- Some lunar months have 29 days, others 30 (29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, 2.8 seconds, if you look it up on Google).
- The solar calendar must be our guide for celebrating holidays in the correct seasons: Passover/Spring and Sukkot in the Fall.
- For this to be achieved, a leap month is added, which is better known as ADAR II. 5784 is a leap year, so this is why Passover will be so late this year (April 22).
- The lunar calendar runs on a nineteen-year cycle. The adjustment is made by calculating an additional leap month every third, sixth, eighth, eleventh, fourteenth, seventeenth, and nineteenth year.
- This is year eight of the nineteen-year lunar cycle.
- Recanati answers the question, “**Why do we follow the lunar system?**” The moon is the only heavenly body that renews itself each month...it serves as a lesson in faith. Another reason why the Jewish calendar is guided by the moon is that the moon, unlike the sun, can be seen both by day and night.
- Judaism is not the only religion that follows a lunar cycle; Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Christianity are also some major players.

The lunar calendar cycle is amazing—every 19 years your birthdate and your Hebrew date fall within a day of each other; the variable causing the differentiation is the leap month. On the website hebc.com, you can do your own research by using “convert from Gregorian to Hebrew.” It takes some time, but try some dates, such as your bar/bat mitzvah. Then you can reserve your anniversary service to commemorate that life-changing moment! We would love to have you recite your haftorah on that day, but you don’t have to wait...hint, hint!

May 2024/5784 bring you happiness, health, simchas, and more!

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
cki.ritual@gmail.com

Torah School

Shalom-

In Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1, verse 2 it states, "Shimon the Righteous was from the remnants of the Great Assembly. He would say, "On three things the world stands: on the Torah, on the service, and on acts of loving-kindness."



What does this mean? How do we take this and apply it to our lives right now?

Our Torah School students celebrated Hanukkah big, by inviting the greater community to celebrate Hanukkah with us. It was a big joint effort with the Men's Club, PJ library, and Torah School. There were 118 people experiencing the Magical Chanukah Extravaganza. From the dreidel spinning facts, to the magic show, to the magically delicious latkes, to the fabulous stations, everything was in fact "magical."

In the second half of the school year we look forward to Tu B'Shevat, Purim, Passover, and the end of the school year celebrations. The time always flies!

What's something you can do to make a difference?

B'Shalom, Heather



Fun at Magical Hanukkah Extravaganza

The Soup Kettle Scoop

Next CKI Soup Kettle is January 30!!!

The Soup Kettle is a safe, warm place for people to get dinner and visit. Donations, both food and money, are way down and need is way up. Volunteers are always needed to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00. We can work in shifts if we have enough volunteers.



Remaining 2024 dates: April 30, July 30, Oct. 29, & Dec. 31.

To volunteer, please contact Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com
or Judi Tepe juditepe@gmail.com

We need your help!



ACTS OF CHESED

Thank you to those who have pitched in to make CKI warm and welcoming (and safe). Many times, things are done very quietly and anonymously, so if you did something that isn't acknowledged, please know that your deed was greatly appreciated—

All Volunteers and sponsors for Magical Hanukkah Extravaganza
What a great event for the whole community!

Barb Razowsky for her Gail Borden Public Library Chanukah program.

Tina & Ed Wolf, Barb Razowsky, & Sue Johnson for the Chanukah Bazaar.

Chai Babies Snacks provided by Anna & Matthew Way.

Judi Tepe & Risa Cohen for Book Club coordination.

All Those who attended the shivas for Phil Pomerance and Joel Bobrow.

Giving

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**Sunday
January**

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330 Division St. Elgin, IL.
Blood Drive will be held in Social Hall.

To schedule an appointment scan the QR code below
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Blood Center of Illinois

Hadassah Sponsored Program

Mail Order Homes: Sears & Other Kit Houses—A Vintage Feature of Elgin

Elgin Chapter of Hadassah will host architectural historian, Rebecca Hunter, to share her expertise on **Thursday, February 8, at 7 p.m. CT** in the upstairs room at **Elgin History Museum, 360 Park St., Elgin**. Ms. Hunter, an author as well as a “kit home” investigator /documenter, will speak to an in-person audience AND via Zoom. A “Q & A” period will follow together with refreshments.

A Registration LINK to accept advance payment of \$10.00 per person will become available in early January through Hadassah Midwest (847-205-1900). Profits, beyond the cost of the presentation, will support Hadassah’s Pediatric Emergency Room and Pediatric care units at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Additional donations to Hadassah can be made at the time of registration for this program.

Please note that the Elgin History Museum is handicapped accessible from the east parking lot. Street parking is also available.

A Note of Thanks...

Dear Congregation Kneseth Israel,

Thank you very much for helping me celebrate my becoming Bat Mitzvah. It was one of the most amazing days. I am very grateful for your generous gift of Kiddush cups and candlestick holders. Your thoughtfulness and support increased the joy of this important milestone in my life.

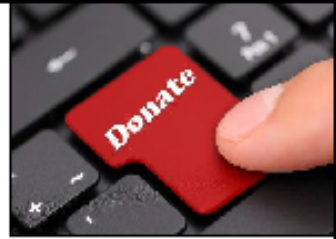
Thank you again, Lizzie Berger



Missing a key?

This key has been at CKI on the ledge by the kitchen since the High Holy Days. It's now in Peg's office. Please come and reclaim it if it's yours.

Easy as 1, 2, 3 ... 4 or How to Make Donations to CKI



We sincerely thank you for both your spiritual and financial support of CKI. To answer your questions on how to send in dues and donations to Congregation Kneseth Israel, here are 4 ways to donate money to CKI (in no particular order):

1. **Bill Pay** (through your bank's online app/website) to "pay a bill online."
 - a. Your bank creates a physical check and mails it to CKI.
 - b. Typically takes 5 business days to arrive at CKI. Your bank notifies you if the check isn't cashed. (Maybe it was lost in the mail.)
 - c. There is no fee to you or CKI.
2. **Zelle** to transfer funds electronically.
 - a. Funds are available quickly at CKI, often within minutes.
 - b. There is no fee to you or CKI.

*Note: This is allowed **only** through your bank app. You cannot send money directly from the Zelle app on your phone.*
3. **PayPal** payment using a credit or debit card. Note that fees apply.
 - a. PayPal reduces the funds given to CKI. For example, if you pay \$2300 for full membership dues, PayPal takes over \$47 in fees. However, if you check the box to cover the processing fees, CKI receives the full \$2300, plus you have a donation total amount of \$2347. Win-win!
 - b. The fee for each payment is based on a small dollar amount plus a percentage of the payment. So, if you make 4 donations of \$18 each at one time, the PayPal fee is about \$4. However, if you group the 4 donations into one for \$72, the PayPal fee is about \$2. You can still specify all the reasons for your donation.
 - c. These little fees add up. Donors are now taking on less and less of the PayPal fees, so CKI must pay them. We don't deduct this amount from your donation summary. However, we may need to consider it in the future. **Please consider adding the PayPal fees to your donations.**
4. **Paper Check**, payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel.
 - a. Easy to do.
 - b. Delivered or mailed to CKI

Tips on how to initially set these up.

1. **Bill Pay** – go to your bank website. Add the payee **Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120.**
2. **Zelle** – On your bank app, set cki@ckielgin.org (i.e., the CKI email address) as the recipient. Do not set it to CKI's phone number.
3. **PayPal** – Best done through the [CKI website](#) or by [clicking here](#). Because CKI is charged fees for accepting payments through PayPal, we appreciate it when you pay the fee by checking the box!
4. **Paper Check** –. Make check payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel, not CKI.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Charlie Neuman (csneuman3@gmail.com or 314-497-8688) or Sandi Phelan (phelansan@gmail.com or 630-947-2157).

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January 2024 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Jan 1	Office Closed for New Year's Day		Jan 16	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
Jan 4	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Jan 5	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jan 17	Alden Solovy	7:30 PM
Jan 6	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jan 18	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jan 7	No Torah School			First Friday Family Shabbat	5:30 PM
	CKI Blood Drive	9:00 AM	Jan 19	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Jan 20	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Jan 9	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Jan 21	Torah School	9:00 AM
	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Jan 23	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Jan 11	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jan 25	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jan 12	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jan 26	Tu B'shevat Seder	TBD
Jan 13	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jan 26	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Jan 14	Torah School	9:00 AM	Jan 27	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Jan 15	Office Closed for MLK Holiday		Jan 28	Torah School	9:00 AM
Jan 16	Ha Kol Submissions Due		Jan 30	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM