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## From the Rabbi's Study

"If you're lost, you can look  
and you will find me  
Time after time  
If you fall, I will catch you,  
I'll be waiting  
Time after time"

These lyrics by Cyndi Lauper may really resonate with you this year. They are about memory. This month we mark the second anniversary of the beginning of COVID. Some people describe this time as BC (Before Covid) and AC (After Covid). In any case, so much has changed. And much remains the same. You may feel

like you are in a time warp. Time after time.

On the Hebrew calendar, we have entered Adar. Be happy: it's Adar. This is a year with two months of Adar. It is a Jewish leap year where we add a full month. It is like the Jewish Ground Hog...Month? Nevertheless, it keeps our holidays in the right season. So that Purim is in early spring. Passover is a spring holiday, and the High Holy Days are in the fall.

Purim was the last big event at CKI.

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## President's Message

There is a time for everything, and it is wintertime. I don't need to tell you that we are now in the thick of

winter with short days, icy pavement, frigid temperatures and, worst of all, long yahrzeit lists. The news, with COVID spikes, horrendous fires, natural disasters, one of our neighbors succumbing to carbon monoxide poisoning, and worshipping Jews being taken hostage, isn't exactly uplifting either. I admit I was feeling low, until I listened to Rabbi Margaret's sermon at Kabbalat Shabbat. She told of Re'uven and Shimon crossing the Red Sea and getting bogged down in the mud that

they needed to walk through, ruining their sandals. All they saw was mucky mud. Rabbi went on to talk of others on the journey, the bondwoman that was oblivious of the mud and looked up and saw the glory of G-d. I realized that I was getting stuck in the "mud" and that I needed to look up. I looked up at my Zoom screen and saw the smiling faces of my community, some over a thousand miles away. I saw one of our young B-Mitzvah students leading the Sh'ma and the V'ahavata with her sweet voice. The next day I saw a proud grandpa kvelling about his baby grandson. I saw a grandmother's pride

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### Save the Date!

- Jewish Utopia February 26
- Hadassah: Building a New Family March 9

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## From the Rabbi's Study...

The calendar in the kitchen still reads March 2020. Another example of the time warp. However, we are not frozen in time. There is much planning going into Purim next month, next month! Watch for details.

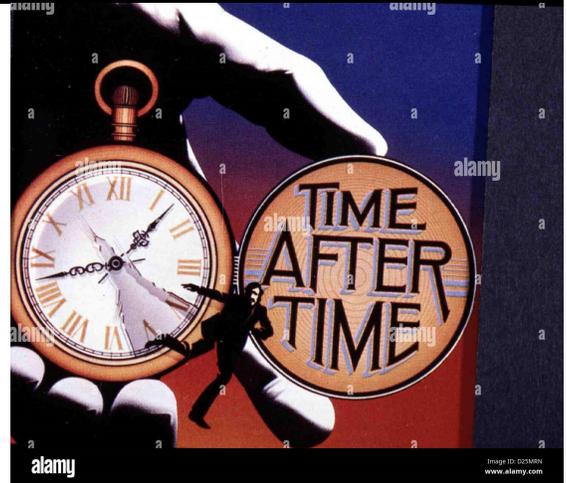
Adding a second Adar, however, makes people who have a *yahrzeit* during Adar confused. When should they say Kaddish? When should they light a candle? The truth is that there are several acceptable answers to that. Some say you say it in both Adar 1 and Adar 2. Some say you should say it only in Adar 1, and some say only in Adar 2 if the death was in a year that had an Adar 2. There is no absolute right or wrong way to do this. And how we mark *yahrzeit* dates at CKI may not line up 100% with a notice you receive from a funeral home. If you have questions about an Adar *yahrzeit*, call me.

At CKI, we are in the process of updating our database program that handles how we keep track of Hebrew names, send out *yahrzeit* letters, generate the Blue Book and other membership details. It is exciting because we will have more capabilities. Robin, Charlie, Peg, and Risa have been working very hard on this because knowing who our members are is important. Peg and I have been calling members to make sure that each of you know how valued you are and to make sure all of your information, including *yahrzeit* dates and Hebrew names are accurate.

*Yahrzeits* are important. Whether you observe them on the Hebrew calendar or the English calendar. Whether you do them once or twice in a year with Adar 1 and Adar 2. They give us a moment in time to remember those who came before. They connect us with our past and

provide a window to our future. There are the traditional ways to mark a *yahrzeit*: saying Kaddish, lighting a candle, making a donation, sponsoring a Kiddush or Oneg (someday again, we hope soon), leading a teaching. Then there are more subtle ways. Making a favorite meal. Talking to friends and family who share memories. Playing a favorite song. Sharing a joke. Sometimes the memories come not at a specified *yahrzeit* but at other times. Who hasn't reached for the phone to call someone we miss? Sometimes the memories are not always pleasant or nostalgic. Sometimes they bring great pain. In this complicated time of COVID our ways of coping with grief have changed or have been interrupted. I am honored to provide you with additional resources both from Jewish Children and Family Services as well as Fox Valley Hands of Hope. If you feel you need additional support around grief, either from the last two years or from years past, there are great people who can work with you.

One of the questions I get asked most frequently is, "What happens after I die?" As part of Lifelong Learning I am working to bring in Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. who is the Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training. He has been Adjunct Faculty in Religion at LaSalle University and Temple University and works as a psychotherapist and spiritual director in Philadelphia. He has written extensively on death and afterlife and is author of the ground-



breaking Jewish Views of the After-life. His website is [www.daatinstitute.net](http://www.daatinstitute.net).

Another question I receive is, "What will Judaism look like in the future?" We have a wonderful opportunity as a sponsoring organization to dream a little bit as part of a national study session. On Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock our time, we will join with 45 other congregations to learn about Jewish Utopia. Can We Repair the World? This fits squarely into our own celebration of our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary where we remember our past and celebrate our future. I urge you to sign up for this exciting opportunity.

Be Happy, It's Adar. Be Happy, It's Adar. This year's time warp.

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

To reach the Rabbi please call her cell number: **978-590-8268**. If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, please call CKI @ 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can contact you and be of help.

## CKI BOARD MEMBERS

**President** – Robin Coyne  
**Immediate Past President** – Risa Cohen  
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**Financial Secretary** – Sandi Phelan  
**Recording Secretary** – Barb Edelstein  
**VP of Education** – Barb Razowsky

## CKI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**Adult Education** – (available)  
**Bylaws** – Rachel Newby  
**Cemetery** – Dick Johnson  
**CKI Cares** – Karen & Al Bender  
**Director of Education** – Heather Weiser  
**Fundraising** – (available)  
**HaKol Editor** – Peg Lehman  
**CKI Music Director** – Stewart Levin  
**House Manager** – Brock Friedman  
**Keruv** – (available)  
**Kitchen** – (available)  
**Membership** – Dick Johnson  
**Publicity** – Brad Burkner  
**Roth Scholarship** – Maureen Manning  
**Tikkun Olam** – (available)  
**Vision** – (available)  
**Youth Activities** – (available)

To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

## President's Message continued

as her grandson, one of CKI's young adults, participated in the Torah service. Even amid Shiva minyan, I looked up and saw our future, the smiling faces of babies and toddlers. I looked up and made sure that my smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working (really important!). I looked outside and saw blue skies and winter's unique bright sunshine. I saw an evergreen, fresh and fragrant. I saw bare trees with the promise of being trees of green in just a few months and bushes that will likely be laden with red roses too. I saw a beautiful world. Please join me in just looking up. Stay vigilant, healthy, safe and find things to be joyful about.

Now it is time for me to put on my safety hat. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly. Have your furnace checked periodically to make sure it is operating properly and not producing carbon monoxide. Know where your fire extinguisher is and how to use it! Make sure automatic door closers really close the door. If you need to use a space heater because a room is cold or draughty, make sure that it has UL or equivalent approval, that the space heater is on an even surface, away from combustible materials, and that it has auto shut off in case it overheats or tips over. Don't leave space heaters on when unattended or sleeping. Please plug space heaters into the wall, not an extension cord or power strip, and check that the cord and plug are in good condition and not a tripping hazard.. Lastly, be sure to keep space heaters away from small children and pets!

—Robin Coyne



**Tuesday, February 1st @ 9:00 am**

On Zoom only. Check your email or contact  
Rabbi Margaret: [rabbi@ckielgin.org](mailto:rabbi@ckielgin.org)

## CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is open, and  
Peg is back in the office.  
If you need to reach the office, please call  
847-741-5656 during office hours, which are:

**Monday—Friday:**  
**10:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, please make it  
payable to

**Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI**  
as the bank does not recognize CKI.

Please note in the memo line  
what the money is for.

Thank you!

## CKI Book Club Schedule 2021—2022

Date	Book	Author	Moderator	Time
September	No discussion			
October 19 (Tues.) Zoom	Hello Darkness My Old Friend	S. Greenberg	Deborah Arendt	10:30 am
November 16 (Tues.) Zoom	Florence Adler Swims Forever	R. Beanland	TBA	10:30 am
December 21 (Tues.) Zoom	The Light of Days	J. Batalion	Sue Johnson	10:30 am
January 18 (Tues.) Zoom	The Last Kings of Shanghai	J. Kaufman	Gareth Sitz	10:30 am
February 15 (Tues.) Zoom	The Adventures of the Peculiar Protocols	N. Meyer	Chuck Zimmerman	10:30 am
March 15 (Tues.) Zoom	Eternal	L. Scottoline	Judi Tepe	10:30 am
April 19 (Tues.) Zoom	The Lev Effect	S. Greene	Bob Protter	10:30 am
May 17 (Tues.) Zoom	The Nine	G. Strauss	Risa Cohen	10:30 am
June 21 (Tues.) Zoom	Sacred and Profane	F. Kellerman	Deborah Arendt	10:30 am
July 19 (Tues.) Zoom	Selection of new books			10:30 am

### Generous Donations

#### **GENERAL FUND Donations**

- Douglas Bakley
- Harold Morgan

#### **In memory of my mom and dad**

- Anita Silverman

#### **In appreciation for a beautiful Shiva service**

- Myron Goldman

#### **In memory of Stew Levin's mother**

- Sandi & Kevin Phelan

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

##### **In memory of Laurie Winner**

- Steve Winner

##### **In memory of Myron's sister, Meryl Wise**

- Joy Wener Bang
- Charlie & Helen Neuman

##### **In memory of Beverly Levin to support CKI Choir**

- Joy Wener Bang
- Don & Carole Babendir
- Stuart & Nancy Babendir
- Ed & Tina Wolf
- Marilyn Sprung

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

##### **In memory of Beverly Levin, Stew's mother**

- Maureen Manning
- Charlie & Helen Neuman
- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld

#### **CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND**

##### **To Heather Weiser, in memory of Kerric**

- Ron & Barb Razowsky

##### **In memory of Laurie Winner**

- Steve Winner

##### **To Myron Goldman, in memory of his sister**

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

##### **To Stew Levin, in memory of his mother**

- Ken & Gale Jacoby

### 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.
- **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**

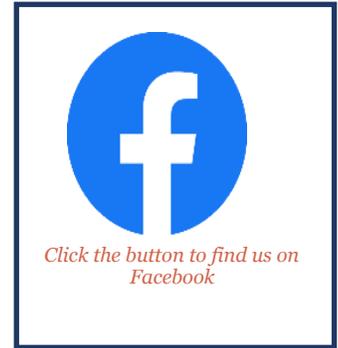
<b>Feb 5</b> <i>4 Adar I</i>	<i>Parashat Terumah</i> — Exodus 25:1 – 27:19
<b>Feb 12</b> <i>11 Adar I</i>	<i>Parashat Tetsavveh</i> —Exodus 27:20- 30:10
<b>Feb 19</b> <i>18 Adar I</i>	<i>Parashat Ki Tissa</i> — Exodus 30:11-34:35
<b>Feb 26</b> <i>25 Adar I</i>	<i>Parashat Vayakhel</i> —Exodus 35:1-38:20

**February Birthdays**

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein	Feb 1
Richard Kruth	Feb 3
Sara Shankman	Feb 3
Helen Lindow	Feb 4
Lucy Marshall	Feb 4
Cindy Placko	Feb 5
Jason Garland	Feb 6
Sarah Bender	Feb 6
Sarah Klein	Feb 8
Carolyn Ginder	Feb 9
Ronald Razowsky	Feb 9
Dick Johnson	Feb 10
Harrison Hillman	Feb 14
Jessica Shankman	Feb 15
Max Bromet	Feb 16
Laura Wolf	Feb 18
Kara Gauthier	Feb 19
Miles Gomberg	Feb 20
Daniel Gonzalez	Feb 22
Elliot Pacanowski	Feb 22
Dennis Mariasis	Feb 23
Rochelle Tremmel	Feb 23
Jeffrey Kohlhagen	Feb 24
Paige Chez	Feb 25
Ken More	Feb 26
Max Miller	Feb 26

**February Anniversaries**

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# 90-Year-Old Patient and His Hadassah Oncologist Light a Candle Together

Aharon Yehuda Matos, age 90, was privileged to light the fourth Hanukkah candle on Wednesday

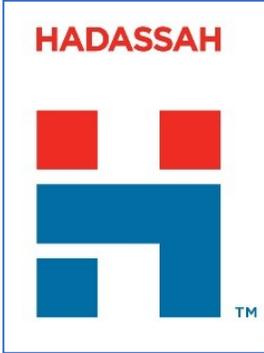
evening, December 1 at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, together with his oncologist Prof. Aron Popovtzer

Matos is now being treated successfully for cancer with a unique method of radiation that directs the beams onto the tumor itself. Despite his illness, Matos continues to work every morning in the family pharmacy, assisting with whatever is needed. According to his family, he never complains.

Popovtzer at the candle lighting.

“We are privileged to witness his determination and perseverance in choosing life, and to see the unwavering support of his family. I wish Aharon and all our other patients complete healing.”

Aharon's son, Barty Mathos, who accompanied his father and mother, Shoshana, to the ceremony, told the audience, "Prof. Popovtzer is a symbol and role model not only for professionalism and thinking outside the box but also for exceptional modesty and humility, which led to my father's successful care. I thank all the staff at Hadassah, and I wish each of the patients at Hadassah the same miracle that happened to my father.”



director of Hadassah's Sharett Institute of Oncology.

Born in a small town in Romania, Matos studied civil engineering and started a family. After years of refusal by the Romanian authorities to allow the family to emigrate to Israel, they finally succeeded.



“Hanukkah is very significant when you get to know Aharon and his family,” commented Prof.

### Hadassah's Elgin Chapter Celebrates Anniversary of Founding on Shabbat Zahor

Shabbat Zahor coincides with the founding of Hadassah in 1912. Please join us in celebrating Hadassah's accomplishments over 110 years and our members' and associates' involvement in the organization on **Friday evening, March 11, at 5:30 p.m.**

Members and Associates are encouraged to attend and anticipate. “Keepers of the Gate” and “Annual Givers” will be recognized. Please contact Rabbi Frisch Klein at [rabbi@ckielgin.org](mailto:rabbi@ckielgin.org) or 978-590-8268 or Nancy Zimmerman at [nanzim@foxvalley.net](mailto:nanzim@foxvalley.net) or 847-828-6090.

Those interested in membership should attend to learn about the history of Hadassah, to speak to members, or to receive a membership brochure. Our Membership Chairperson, Carol Thor, can be contacted at [carol.thor@gensolco.com](mailto:carol.thor@gensolco.com)

If you are unfamiliar with registering for in-person attendance at Congregation Kneseth Israel services or current Covid protocols, please contact the office on weekdays for details at 847-741-5656. Hadassah will require the signing of a Liability Waiver prior to entry.

# 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 the month of February. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service
Samuel David Lipofsky*	Feb 5	Feb 4 & 5	Kate Vopner Leibovitz*	Feb 20	Feb 18 & 19
Sarah Burstein*	Feb 6	Feb 4 & 5	Albert Silins*	Feb 20	Feb 18 & 19
Harriet Coyne	Feb 6	Feb 4 & 5	Esther Vopner*	Feb 20	Feb 18 & 19
Harry Gordon	Feb 6	Feb 4 & 5	Gertrude Brown*	Feb 22	Feb 18 & 19
Abraham Levin*	Feb 6	Feb 4 & 5	Jeannette Razowsky	Feb 22	Feb 18 & 19
Anna Rolnitzky	Feb 6	Feb 4 & 5	Laurie Winner	Feb 22	Feb 18 & 19
Bernadine Rifken*	Feb 8	Feb 4 & 5	Alan Jacobson	Feb 23	Feb 18 & 19
Peter Rose	Feb 8	Feb 4 & 5	Joseph Vopner*	Feb 23	Feb 18 & 19
Ethel Bleicher*	Feb 10	Feb 4 & 5	Bella Bender	Feb 24	Feb 18 & 19
Max Burstein*	Feb 10	Feb 4 & 5	Ken Korn	Feb 24	Feb 18 & 19
Lorraine Silins*	Feb 10	Feb 4 & 5	Shirley Silberman	Feb 24	Feb 18 & 19
Esther Goozh	Feb 11	Feb 4 & 5	Albert Zimble*	Feb 24	Feb 18 & 19
Michael Levin	Feb 11	Feb 4 & 5	Cyril Friend*	Feb 25	Feb 18 & 19
Alan Miller	Feb 11	Feb 4 & 5	Gerhard Jacoby	Feb 25	Feb 18 & 19
Ethel Rifken*	Feb 11	Feb 4 & 5	Phyllis Lipsky	Feb 25	Feb 18 & 19
Rachel Rifken*	Feb 12	Feb 11 & 12	Ben Goldman	Feb 26	Feb 25 & 26
Linda Schaffer	Feb 12	Feb 11 & 12	Abraham Kaplan	Feb 26	Feb 25 & 26
Frederic Lorsch	Feb 15	Feb 11 & 12	Marla Finger*	Feb 27	Feb 25 & 26
Norman Schack*	Feb 15	Feb 11 & 12	Leo Wechter*	Mar 2	Feb 25 & 26
Frances Spitzer	Feb 15	Feb 11 & 12	Phyllis Crohn	Mar 3	Feb 25 & 26
Dorothy Kruth	Feb 16	Feb 11 & 12	Raymond Smith	Mar 3	Feb 25 & 26
Ethel Thomas	Feb 16	Feb 11 & 12	Marion Bromberg	Mar 4	Feb 25 & 26
Jennie Brown*	Feb 19	Feb 18 & 19			

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 Feb 4	4:53 pm	Sat Feb 5	6:03 pm
Fri Feb 11	5:02 pm	Sat Feb 12	6:12 pm
Fri Feb 18	5:11 pm	Sat Feb 19	6:21 pm
Fri Feb 25	5:20 pm	Sat Feb 26	6:30 pm

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

## Ritually Speaking

### Darkest before the Dawn

Here we are, over 2 years in a pandemic, dealing with all that life is throwing at us, and I still find myself wondering what is around the next corner. I think of the Clint Eastwood movie, *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*. Below are my simplistic, condensed interpretations of the Torah readings in February. Would the sages agree?

Our last parashat in January was the Mishpatim - “rules” with major categories that Moses shared with the people in narrative form. These were civil, moral, humanitarian, and religious laws, and the people accepted these laws by stating, “We will do.” So, I interpret this as *The Good*, but the story continues. Human nature has difficulty accepting by blind faith without getting something tangible, such as the tabernacle. This was addressed via the rules; so that everyone would assist equally in the building and maintaining of the tabernacle, thus getting “ownership thru participation as a community.”

Some people were impatient and needed to have an instant God NOW, which caused this group to create the Golden Calf, which I call *The Bad*. They weren’t willing to have faith and commit to the hard work to see it through. Then Moses came down the mountain and saw the people, the calf, and the end-result, which was that 3000 people were killed who were guilty of misleading the people. This is *The Ugly*—how people’s actions can lead others astray by trying to meet their need for instant gratification. Traditionally we chant the story of the Golden Calf in a subdued voice, to symbolically minimize our ancestors’ misdeeds and lack of faith.

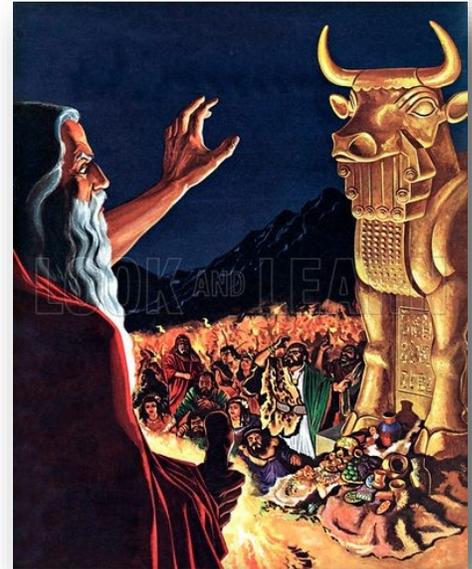
There have been numerous events in history that have challenged not only the Jewish people, but all of humanity. (In March we will have Purim.) Are we willing to learn from our history? To accept the hard guidelines that are meant for the betterment of the community, and in so doing, be provided with a positive outcome?

Our comfort levels are created by what we know, and I know that I don’t know what I don’t know! My mom, Helen Lindow, has tried to teach me that the wanting is more fulfilling than the having, and that **LIFE IS A JOURNEY**. Our actions can be impactful for so many.

May the journey bring out the best in ourselves and each other for years to come.

*Ken yihi ratzon*---May it be your will!

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



## From the Torah School

Shalom!

As I sit here, beyond the deadline for article submission, I don't know what the decision will be for the month of February for in-person vs Zoom Torah School. Out of 25 synagogue schools, 21 reported being virtual for the month of January.

We continued as best as we could in January. We were together as a group, split into classes, and then rejoined the big group. (I had to re-familiarize myself with Zoom.) We had a glitch or two, but overall, we made a successful transition to being remote.

Watch your email and Facebook group for updated information about returning to in-person school. Save **Sunday, March 13th** for Purim. We are playing around with some different safe ideas and hoping for nice spring weather to be able to be outside!

The teachers study every Sunday morning as a group. Here are the Pirkei Avot we have studied this month:

From Chapter 2:

- 5: He used to say: A brute is not sin-fearing, nor is an ignorant person pious; nor can a timid person learn, nor can an impatient person teach; nor will someone who engages too much in business become wise. In a place where there are no men, strive to be a man.
18. Rabbi Shimon said: Be careful with the reading of Shema and the prayer, and when you pray, do not make your prayer something automatic, but a plea for compassion before God, for it is said: "for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in kindness, and renouncing punishment" (Joel 2:13); And be not wicked in your own esteem.

From Chapter 4:

25. Elisha ben Avuyah used to say: He who learns as a child, what is he like? He is like ink written on new paper. He who learns as an old man, what is he like? He is like ink written on blotting paper.
26. Rabbi Yosi bar Judah of Kefar ha-Bavli said: He who learns from the young, what is he like? He is like one who eats unripe grapes and drinks wine fresh from his wine press. But he who learns from the aged, what is he like? He is like one who eats ripe grapes and drinks old wine.
27. Rabbi Meir used to say: Do not look at the flask, but at what is in it; there may be a new flask that is full of old wine and an old flask that does not even have new wine in it.

Some verses I picked and some were picked by the teaching staff. We take turns reading and leading discussions. How do these verses make you feel? Do they make you think of something that has happened to you recently? Is there something that you can take and apply to your life today?

Stay tuned for more!

B' Shalom,

~Heather

# Jewish Utopia: Can We Really Repair the World?



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Saturday, February 26

9:00-10:30 am PST

10 am MST / 11 am CST / 12 pm EST

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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

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## 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, know that your deed was greatly appreciated, we just weren't aware that you did it –

**All who came out and donated blood during our blood drive—**  
A true mitzvah! I'm not naming names for privacy reasons, but you know who you are!

**Ellen & Joel Levy, Elaine Steinberg, and Rabbi Margaret—** Their outstanding help with the blood drive and very yummy snacks.

**Samantha Rasmussen** – Motivating CKI to organize a blood drive during this time when it is crucially needed! You and your family are always in our prayers for good health and comfort.

**Ellen Levy, Deborah Arendt, and Risa Cohen** – All the fantastic behind-the-scenes assistance with Zoom Kabbalat and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Services wouldn't be as meaningful without you!

**Risa Cohen** – The compassionate help at Zoom Shiva minyan doing screen sharing so that the community could come together for prayer. A mitzvah!

**The 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – You are doing a fantastic job planning a lot of exciting, meaningful events! CKI will have a great celebratory year, thanks to you!

## The Soup Kettle Scoop

Are you looking for a way to practice Tikkun Olam in your own community? We know that the world is, well, mostly good, and that fortunately G-d left us with plenty of opportunities for making improvements. So look no further than the Spring Soup Kettle as we always need volunteers! We'll be cooking and serving in both March and May of this year. It's a fun, cooperative experience and a wonderful way to give back. Please call Judi Tepe at 630-250-7686 or email me at [juditepe@gmail.com](mailto:juditepe@gmail.com) to sign up.



## **Notes of Support from CKI Friends**

*(First message received by Rabbi Margaret on January 15.) Are you aware of the hostage situation of a Rabbi and three other members with Congregation Beth Israel in Texas? Praying that it turns out safe.*

**Bob Whitt, EPD Community Engagement Specialist**

*Dear Margaret:*

*I was sorry to hear of the assault on the members of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas on Saturday. It seems that this is another example of the increased violence that Jewish communities are experiencing in our day. I can only imagine the range of emotions that your entire community must experience each time such an act is committed. Please know that I am praying for those at Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Kneseth Israel, and all other communities impacted by such acts of violence. May God surround, protect, and sustain each and all of you throughout the days ahead.*

**Mark Torgerson, Judson University Professor**

*I thought of you immediately this morning when my brother, who lives in the Grapevine Colleyville area, wrote about the hostage situation at the synagogue. The synagogue is located a short distance from where my sister-in-law taught. What an awful situation! We lift our prayers for those affected.*

Blessings, **Jeanne & Arlyn Tolzmann**

*Just wanted to say I've been thinking of you in all the fallout of the hostage synagogue situation in Texas. Peg says you have good support. Just wanted to add mine. Sending you love and blessings of strength enough for each day.*

**Katie Shaw Thompson, Pastor of Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren**

*Thinking of you and your folks. Shalom. So glad folks are safe, but the trauma is so real for so many.*

**Ed Hunter, Chaplain & Former Director of Pastoral Care Amita Health St Joseph Hospital ELgin**

*Just a note to check in to see how you and CKI people are doing this week. I have been thinking about you following the Texas events. Praying for you all.*

**Dave Daubert, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and Interim Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



# February Lifelong Learning at CKI

## Sunday

Torah School, 10:00 am on Zoom

Structure of the Siddur, Feb 6, 13, 20, 11:30 am on Zoom

## Tuesday

Java and Jews, February 1, 9:00 am on Zoom

Book Club, *The Adventures of the Peculiar Protocols*, February 15, 10:30 am on Zoom

## Wednesday

Intermediate Hebrew, 5:30 pm on Zoom

Alef Bet Hebrew, 7:00 pm on Zoom

## Thursday

Torah Study, 4:00 pm on Zoom

Introduction to Judaism, 7:00 pm on Zoom

## Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat, 5:30 pm on Zoom

## Saturday

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am on Zoom

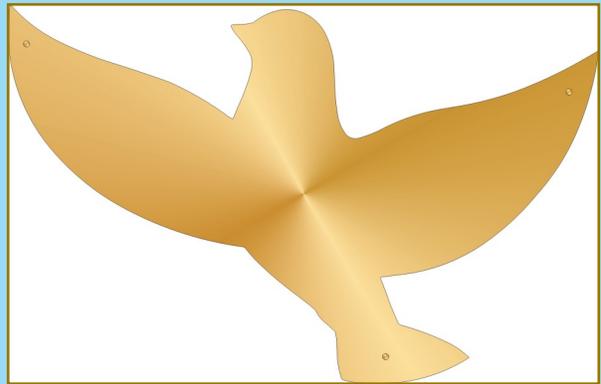
Jewish Utopia, February 26, 11:00 am on Zoom



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*Order online at [ckielgin.org](http://ckielgin.org)*

This has been a major CKI fundraiser since the 1960's and is a special way to memorialize AND honor those in our congregation, while also raising needed funds for our synagogue.



In the past we have offered two choices, leaves or rocks, but we now have a **NEW option**, which is a DOVE! The prices are as follows: \$125 to purchase a leaf, \$500 for a DOVE or

\$1,250 for a rock. You can honor a teacher or mentor, acknowledge the birth of a baby, celebrate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah or give as a Hanukkah gift. Of course, this is also the perfect way to memorialize the loved ones we have lost. To make this fundraiser even more affordable, consider "chipping in" with other members to purchase a leaf, dove or rock.

You can order online at [ckielgin.org](http://ckielgin.org) or print a form off the CKI website and mail it to the synagogue. Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for installation.

Thanks so much in advance for your support and allowing us to continue this meaningful tradition. Help us make a difference at CKI with your generous contribution to our Tree of Life.

~Robin Seigle, CKI Fundraising Chair  
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Join Elgin Hadassah  
for a presentation via Zoom  
Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

*"Building A New Family"*



Hadassah member, Gale Jacoby, will bring us a moving presentation about how her parents each lost their families in the Holocaust and joined together to make a new family of their own. Listen to their true story of survival and love, told in their own words through letters they wrote to each other as they found a way to survive.

This presentation is FREE but registration is required.

Please email Debbie Sternfeld at [rxman1216@gmail.com](mailto:rxman1216@gmail.com) or call (847) 985-1122 to RSVP.

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## February 2022

Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 5:30 PM, Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Feb 1	Java & Jews Zoom Only	9:00 AM	Feb 15	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
Feb 2	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Feb 16	Regathering Committee	4:00 PM
	Alef Bet Hebrew Class	7:00 PM		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Feb 3	Torah Study	4:00 PM	Feb 17	Alef Bet Hebrew Class	7:00 PM
	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM		Healthy Hadassah Women	7:00 PM
Feb 4	Shabbat Service Zoom	5:30 PM	Feb 18	Torah Study	4:00 PM
Feb 5	Shabbat Service Zoom	9:30 AM		Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
Feb 6	Torah School	10:00 AM	Feb 19	Shabbat Zimrah Service Zoom	5:30 PM
	Structure of the Siddur Class	11:30 AM	Feb 20	Shabbat Service Zoom	9:30 AM
Feb 8	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Feb 23	Torah School	10:00 AM
Feb 9	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM		Structure of the Siddur Class	4:00 PM
	Alef Bet Hebrew Class	7:00 PM	Feb 24	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Feb 10	Torah Study	4:00 PM		Alef Bet Hebrew Class	7:00 PM
	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM	Feb 25	Torah Study	4:00 PM
Feb 11	Shabbat Service Zoom	5:30 PM		Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
Feb 12	Shabbat Service Zoom	9:30 AM	Feb 26	Shabbat Service Zoom	5:30 PM
Feb 13	Torah School	10:00 AM	Feb 27	Shabbat Service Zoom	9:30 PM
	Structure of the Siddur Class	11:30 AM		Jewish Utopia Zoom	11:00 AM
Feb 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due			Torah School	10:00 AM