



Lifelong Learning

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Mar 16—Purim Fiesta Carnival/Wine Tasting
- Mar 18 —Shalom Connections
- Apr 7—Hadassah Holocaust Program
- Apr 12—Community Passover Seder



**From the Rabbi's Study**

Be Happy! It's Adar. That is the saying for the entire month in which Purim falls. Why are we happy? Because Esther saved her people. Every year we read the farcical story of Queen Esther in the Book of Esther, and it makes us happy because the Jewish people survived a serious threat. We celebrate by reading the scroll, the whole megillah, by making and eating hamantaschen, by dressing up, playing games, participating in a Purim carnival, and drowning out Haman's name. This year's Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading will have a Mexican Fiesta flare. An early

spring holiday, it is a chance to let loose and have a little fun, after a long winter.

Yet, in this story is a serious underside. Do we as a people need to always be on our guard to watch for the next Haman who wants to destroy us? How can we be happy in a world that seems upside down? How do we celebrate while there are still hostages in Gaza, so many people were murdered, and Gaza itself is a mess? Is there any amount of self-defense that is too much?

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**President's Message**

This month we begin the spring season, which means renewed growth in our green spaces, the return of baseball, and the authoring and approving of CKI's annual budget. I believe it is imperative to be transparent about our budgeting process, whenever possible. With that in mind, here is the schedule we will follow for budgeting this year:

Committee with their ideas and thoughts.

Between February and March Board Meetings: Finance Committee meets to establish initial budget.

March Board Meeting: Present the initial budget for comment at the board meeting and take feedback.

Between the March and April Board Meetings: Finance Committee will meet to incorporate feedback and make any necessary adjustments to the budget.

February Board Meeting: Announce the beginning of the budget process for 25-26. Invite anyone with comments or suggestions to contact the Finance

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# From the Rabbi's Study Continued...

The Academy for Jewish Religion recently published its third supplement, "An Upside-Down World: Esther and Antisemitism." in part to answer just such questions. Being Jews there is not just one answer to this question. That fits nicely with CKI's vision of embracing diversity, which includes a diversity of opinions. This serious book is an important look at how to respond to Jewish life, to Purim itself, after Oct. 7, and with the continuation of rising antisemitism.

I am proud to have one poem included, "Remember Not to Forget." Like CKI itself, there is a range of voices and opinions expressed on these very important topics. You can order it from Amazon or download it for free here:

[Click here to purchase the book on Amazon.](#)

[Click here to complete the download form.](#)

Yet, we are doing something additional this year which brings me hope. On March 8<sup>th</sup> at CKI, we are joining with First Presbyterian Church who owns an Esther scroll.

My understanding is that they acquired it in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. One of their missionaries, stationed in Africa, visited Jerusalem and purchased it in the Old City. Their pastor and church council believe it rightfully belongs with the Jewish community and are bringing it to us as a gift. This congregation has already supported our security fund. We welcome them this Shabbat morning. We will read (in English) the whole megillah, study it, eat hamantaschen, drown out Haman's name, and maybe make some new friends.

There is one more thing. (At least.) We are commanded to celebrate

Purim, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Adar, "That is why village Jews, who live in un-walled towns, observe the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and make it a day of merrymaking and feasting, and as a holiday and an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor." (Esther 9:22)

We still do this today, by making lunches as part of the Purim Carnival for the Community Crisis Center. We also send goodie bags to those who cannot make it out. Tradition says there must be two kinds of food in each "shalach manot." Often it is hamantaschen and an orange. We also tend to put in something fun—bubbles, a gragger, chocolate. Come on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, be happy, be fierce like Esther, and remember, we survived and are still surviving. Come help us celebrate.

—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.



Rabbi Margaret at Andrea Delaney's Installation as Holy Trinity Pastor

## CKI BOARD MEMBERS

**President** – Josh Stober

**Past President** – Risa Cohen

**Executive Vice-President** – Jerry Niederman

**VP Ritual Chair**—Gene Lindow

**Treasurer** – Charlie Neuman

**Financial Secretary** – Sandi Phelan

**Recording Secretary** – Melissa Margason

**VP of Education** – Barb Razowsky

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**Adult Education** – Myrna Rosenbaum

**Bylaws** – Rachel Newby

**Cemetery** – Larry & Elaine Steinberg

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**Director of Education** – Heather Weiser

**Fundraising** – (available)

**HaKol Editor** – Peg Lehman

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**House Manager** – (available)

**Keruv** – (available)

**Kitchen** – (available)

**Membership** – Dick Johnson

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**Publicity** – Brad Burker

**Roth Scholarship** – Maureen Manning

**Tikkun Olam** – (available)

**Vision** – (available)

**Youth Activities** – (available)

To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

## President's Message Cont.

April Board Meeting: Present final budget for board approval.

Between April and May Board Meetings: Email full membership with board-approved budget and invitation to annual membership meeting.

May Membership Meeting: Final membership vote on the budget.

Please note that the Finance Committee consists of the President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.

I look forward to hearing from those of you with thoughts about the budget, and I encourage you to join us at our March and April meetings to give feedback on the proposed budget. After the board approves the budget, it will be sent to all members before the final vote, which is taken at the annual membership meeting.

—Josh Stober



**March 4th @ 9:00 am**

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at [rabbi@ckielgin.org](mailto: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

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 2024—2025

Date	Book	Author	Time
September 17 (Tues.)	Jephte's Daughter	Naomi Ragen	10:00 am
October 15 (Tues.)	Rhapsody in Schmatiz	Michael Wex	10:00 am
November 19 (Tues.)	The Amen Effect (One Book, One Elgin)	Sharon Brous	10:00 am
December 17 (Tues.)	The Postcard	Anne Berest	10:00 am
January 21 (Tues.)	Challenging Faith	Susan Berman	10:00 am
February 18 (Tues.)	The Takeaway Men	Meryl Ain	10:00 am
March 18 (Tues.)	The Boy with the Star Tattoo	Talia Carner	10:00 am
April 15 (Tues.)	Kill Brothers	Steven Moscovitz	10:00 am
May 20 (Tues.)	My Promised Land	Ari Shavit	10:00 am
June 17 (Tues.)	We Were the Lucky Ones	Georgia Hunter	10:00 am

### Generous Donations

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Donations

- Steve Sirin
- Douglas Bakley

##### In honor of Helen Lindow's 90th Birthday

- Adrienne Himmelfarb
- Barbara Edelstein
- Stuart Hymen
- Betty Sobelman & Norman Weisberg
- Mark & Robin Seigle

##### For Shira Coffee's first Haftarah

- Paul & Risa Cohen

##### In honor of the birth of a baby boy to the Chris & Jeanette Pacanowski

- Barbara Maring

##### In memory of Jennifer Steinberg's father

- Barbara Maring

##### In honor of the birth of a baby girl to Sarah & Josh

- Barbara Maring

##### In memory of Frank Lindow, Phyllis Crohn, & Sheldon Franks

- Helen Lindow

##### In memory of Whalen yearzeit

- Jerry Niederman

##### In memory of Frank Clemmer's yearzeit

- Joy Wener Bang

##### In honor of Ethan's bris

- Jeanette & Chris Pacanowski

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

##### In honor of Rabbi's birthday

- Barbara Edelstein
- Ellen Levy & Family

##### In honor of Helen Lindow's 90th birthday

- Ellen Levy & Family
- Barbara Maring

##### In honor of Rabbi Margaret & Helen Lindow's birthdays

- Jana & Bill McFarlane

##### In memory of Rabbi's cousin, Richard Hodgson

- Ellen Levy & Family

##### In honor of Rabbi, the CKI Book Club, & Helen Lindow

- Ruth Heinemann & Susan Berman

##### In memory of Richard Dettling's yearzeit

- Matt Schwartz

#### CLARA WECHTER FUND

##### To Josh Stober & Sarah Goldman, Mazel Tov on the new baby!

- Ken & Gale Jacoby

##### To Chris & Jeanette Pacanowski, Congratulations on the birth of your child!

- Ken & Gale Jacoby

##### To Helen Lindow, Happy 90th Birthday!

- Dick & Sue Johnson

### Special Funds

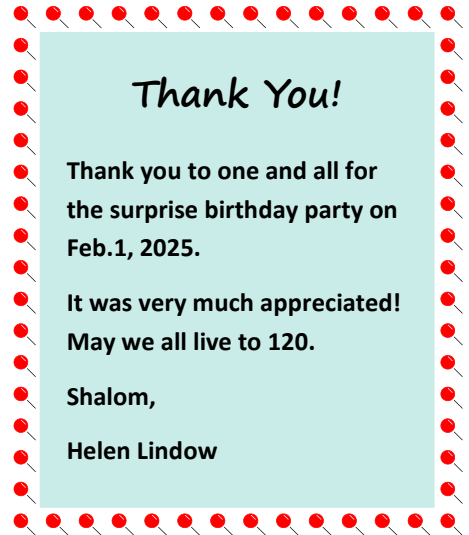
The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- **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

<b>Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions</b>	
<b>March 1</b> <i>1 Adar</i>	Terumah Shabbat Shekalim (3 Torahs) Exodus 25:1-27:19 Torah #2 Numbers 28:9-15 Torah #3 Exodus 30:11-16 Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17
<b>March 8</b> <i>8 Adar</i>	Tetsavveh Shabbat Zakhor (2 Torahs) Exodus 27:20-30:10 Torah #2 Deuteron- omy 25:17-19 Haftarah I Samuel 15:2-34
<b>March 15</b> <i>15 Adar</i>	Ki tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35 Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39
<b>March 22</b> <i>22 Adar</i>	Vayak-hel Shabbat Parah (2 Torahs) Exodus 35:1-38:20 Torah #2 Numbers 19:1-22 Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38
<b>March 29</b> <i>29 Adar</i>	Pekudey Shabbat Hahodesh (2 Torahs) Exodus 38:21-40:38 Torah #2 Exodus 12:1-20 Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

<b>March Birthdays</b>	
Maya Castro	Mar 2
Eva Kruth	Mar 2
Charles Zimmerman	Mar 3
Emily Shankman	Mar 3
Jacob Atkins	Mar 3
Adrienne Himmelfarb	Mar 4
Gerald G. Levine	Mar 7
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 7
Elizabeth Bromet	Mar 10
Brandon Garland	Mar 11
Elijah Morgan	Mar 11
Joshua Mitchell	Mar 14
Leah Gomberg	Mar 15
Spencer Nicholas	Mar 15
Matthew Salinas	Mar 18
Sarah Beth Rabin	Mar 19
Harvey Braus	Mar 20
Paul Cohen	Mar 20
Nancy Zimmerman	Mar 21
Zachary Edelstein	Mar 23
Charles Neuman	Mar 25
Arthur Shankman	Mar 26
Alyson Costello	Mar 30
Dan Marczak	Mar 31
Hailey Trygar	Mar 31

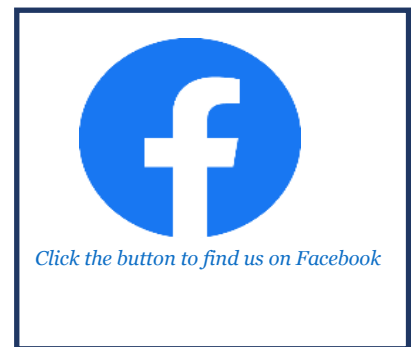
<b>March Anniversaries</b>	
Barry & Karen Kehl Rose	Mar 8
Keith & Marsha Nicholas	Mar 9
Jenny & Matt Trygar	Mar 10
Richard & Eva Kruth	Mar 18
Simon & Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein	Mar 20
Norman & Diane Agins	Mar 25
Maralee Gordon & Leo Schlosberg	Mar 28



**Roth Scholarship**

High School Seniors of CKI members in good standing are invited to apply for the Jerome and Lillian Roth Scholarship. This award is made annually to a student wishing to attend post high school educational programs - including college, university, and professional or technical programs.

Applications can be obtained from the CKI Office or from Maureen Manning. Deadline is **noon on April 15**. The winner will be announced at our May Congregation Meeting .



## “Brain on a Chip” Meets Organoids in 3-D Research for Autism Treatment

A research team at an Israeli start-up in Tel Aviv named *Itay and Beyond* has developed a unique, innovative technology that creates brain organoids and a 3D “brain on a chip” that allows for testing and repurposing a wide variety of existing drugs to see if they would



be effective – or help develop new drugs that could treat patients successfully.

They are working on autism

spectrum disorder (ASD) at the Hadassah-University Medical Center in Jerusalem’s Ein Kerem, on epilepsy at the Schneider Children’s Medical Center in Petah Tikva, and at other medical centers in Israel. A lot of places have put an organ on a microfluidic chip, but when the brain is involved, you have to look for the electronic coding mechanism.

A brain organoid is a tissue that is artificially grown in vitro, resembling parts of the human brain. It is created by culturing pluripotent stem cells into a three dimensional culture that can be kept for years.

Since the brain is an incredibly complicated system of heterogeneous tissues and consists of a diverse array of neurons and glial cells, examining the brain and getting a grasp of how it functions is grueling, especially when it involves autism, epilepsy,

schizophrenia, and other neuro-degenerative and developmental diseases.

Dr. Nisim Perets, a translational science and tech-transfer specialist with a doctorate in neuroscience at Tel Aviv University and a post-doctorate at Haifa’s Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, is co-founder and CEO of *Itay and Beyond*.



Dr. Nisim Perets

“Our innovative platform combines patient-derived brain organoids, advanced AI technology, and unparalleled functional readouts

to break the deadlock in drug discovery,” Perets told The Jerusalem Post in an interview.

“Organoids are known, but not a brain chip; we are the first to do it. When I first heard of the idea of tissue organoids, I was amazed and moved. To do an examination outside the body, it was usually carried out on blood or various cells,” Prof. Ariel Tenenbaum, chief of pediatrics at Hadassah, told the Post.

“We were chosen to work on a brain chip because Hadassah has an accelerator with companies that have innovative ideas. We put stress on autism, but my team and I are also involved in Down syndrome.

“We grew urine stem cells from patients and reprogrammed it to become a stem cell to restart it as brain tissue.

Since 2023, we have a platform for ASD and other diseases and have two compounds that are already approved by authorities that could be beneficial,” Tenenbaum concluded.



Itay & Beyond scientists at work

## Ritually Speaking

### To Cover or Not to Cover

Judaism has always welcomed questions that lead to discussion. After discussion, a new custom is created, and then another new custom is created. The next generation revisits and creates yet another custom. In other words **CREATE A TRADITION!**

Have you noticed that during a Torah service the mantle (covering) may be placed on top of the closed scroll? Some synagogues leave the Torah uncovered except during questions/answers, saying Mi Shebeirachs (special blessings), recitation of the Hatzi Kaddish, or discussions that have come out of the last reading.

Throughout my years of participation at CKI with various spiritual leaders, I have experienced them all. Yet there is not just one reason to justify why we do what we do—tradition or “minhag ha machom” (the custom of the place). WHY?

Here are some possible explanations, but there are many more:

By leaving the Torah uncovered, one can save time.

By leaving the Torah open and the yad (pointer) marking the place will save time.

Idle talk should not be done with the words of the Torah being open.

Some people may perceive that the blessings may be written in the Torah itself (Ramah).

The one that I remember from my younger days is the following: The person who is receiving the aliyah will recite the blessing, then the Torah is opened—like it was for the first time. The honoree is experiencing the Torah as if it was/is their first time and will not lessen the impression of future aliyot on the individual.

The Biur Halacha promotes that the scroll is kept closed and only opened during the recitation of the Torah. Others hold the custom of touching the first word with their tzitzit (fringe) or the wimple (cloth used to tie the scroll closed). Then the Torah is closed and opened only after the blessing—again to make the recitation special. During weekdays many synagogues just leave the Torah open to keep the service flowing. Rabbi Yehuda stated that the closing/opening of the Torah isn't critical; receiving the message from the Torah is what is most important.

Here at CKI we honor individuals with the aliyah. They can read from the Torah, follow along with the yad, or have the honor of one of our students perform the mitzvah of pointing out each word in the Torah during the recitation. This is done for Jews in the sanctuary during the service and also for honorees on Zoom.

We have some very talented students who impress me with their ability to follow along in the Torah. I invite you to join us and experience the wonders of the services that happen here at CKI.

**Gene Lindow**  
**CKI Ritual Chair**  
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## Yahrzeits P.1

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

Name	Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Date Observed	Date of Service
Marion Bromberg	Mar 1	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Ida Fox*	Mar 9	Mar 7 & 8
Rae Pitzele	Mar 1	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Lorraine Silins*	Mar 9	Mar 7 & 8
Jerome Roth	Mar 1	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Esther Goozh	Mar 10	Mar 7 & 8
Joseph Hass	Mar 2	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Michael Levin	Mar 10	Mar 7 & 8
Lillian Nitzberg	Mar 2	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Alan Miller	Mar 10	Mar 7 & 8
Leonard Abraham Plotzker	Mar 2	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Ethel Rifken*	Mar 10	Mar 7 & 8
Philip Turek*	Mar 2	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Clifford Manning	Mar 11	Mar 7 & 8
Sylvia Zimmerman*	Mar 2	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Meyer Pickoff	Mar 11	Mar 7 & 8
Barbara Sharf*	Mar 3	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Rachel Rifken*	Mar 11	Mar 7 & 8
Samuel David Lipofsky*	Mar 4	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Linda Schaffer	Mar 11	Mar 7 & 8
Sarah Burstein*	Mar 5	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Abraham Silvan*	Mar 11	Mar 7 & 8
Harriet Coyne	Mar 5	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Robert Isadore Burstein*	Mar 13	Mar 7 & 8
Harry Gordon	Mar 5	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Mabel Frary	Mar 13	Mar 7 & 8
Abraham Levin*	Mar 5	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Patsy McQuary	Mar 13	Mar 7 & 8
Anna Rolnitzky	Mar 5	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Thomas Puklin	Mar 13	Mar 7 & 8
Rose Epstein	Mar 6	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Frederic Lorsch	Mar 14	Mar 7 & 8
David Morgan	Mar 6	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Norman Schack*	Mar 14	Mar 7 & 8
Joyce Bloomberg	Mar 7	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Frances Spitzer	Mar 14	Mar 7 & 8
Bernadine Rifken*	Mar 7	Feb 28 & Mar 1	David Wener	Mar 14	Mar 7 & 8
Peter Rose	Mar 7	Feb 28 & Mar 1	Mae Burstein*	Mar 15	Mar 14 & 15
Shirley Yuskowitz	Mar 8	Mar 7 & 8	Dorothy Kruth	Mar 15	Mar 14 & 15
Ethel Bleicher*	Mar 9	Mar 7 & 8	Ethel Thomas	Mar 15	Mar 14 & 15
Max Burstein*	Mar 9	Mar 7 & 8	Adele Epstein	Mar 17	Mar 14 & 15
William Durchslag	Mar 9	Mar 7 & 8	Jennie Brown*	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15

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 28	5:24 pm	Sat Mar 1	6:34 pm
Fri Mar 7	5:32 pm	Sat Mar 8	6:42 pm
Fri Mar 14	6:40 pm	Sat Mar 15	7:50 pm
Fri Mar 21	6:48 pm	Sat Mar 22	7:58 pm
Fri Mar 28	6:56 pm	Sat Mar 29	8:06 pm

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



## Yahrzeits P.2

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Gerald Crohn	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15	Gerhard Jacoby	Mar 24	Mar 21 & 22
Edward Gross	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15	Phyllis Lipsky	Mar 24	Mar 21 & 22
Wayne Rosenbaum	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15	Rinard K. Brown*	Mar 25	Mar 21 & 22
Israel Shankman	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15	Jerome Drew	Mar 25	Mar 21 & 22
Jo Lynn Turek	Mar 18	Mar 14 & 15	Ben Goldman	Mar 25	Mar 21 & 22
Ruth Aronson	Mar 19	Mar 14 & 15	Abraham Kaplan	Mar 25	Mar 21 & 22
Kate Vopner Leibovitz*	Mar 19	Mar 14 & 15	Libby Oxenhirt	Mar 25	Mar 21 & 22
Albert Silins*	Mar 19	Mar 14 & 15	Marla Finger*	Mar 26	Mar 21 & 22
Esther Vopner*	Mar 19	Mar 14 & 15	Fannie Greenfield	Mar 26	Mar 21 & 22
Gerald Crohn	Mar 20	Mar 14 & 15	Leo Wechter*	Mar 29	Mar 28 & 29
Gertrude Brown*	Mar 21	Mar 14 & 15	Anna Berman*	Mar 30	Mar 28 & 29
Ted David Le Vine*	Mar 21	Mar 14 & 15	Max Schwartz	Mar 30	Mar 28 & 29
Jeannette Razowsky	Mar 21	Mar 14 & 15	Rebecca Fishman	Mar 31	Mar 28 & 29
Laurie Winner	Mar 21	Mar 14 & 15	Eduardo Cortes	Apr 1	Mar 28 & 29
Ruth Goldstein*	Mar 22	Mar 21 & 22	Nathan Niederman	Apr 1	Mar 28 & 29
Alan Jacobson	Mar 22	Mar 21 & 22	Carl Franks*	Apr 2	Mar 28 & 29
Melvin Tannebaum	Mar 22	Mar 21 & 22	James Kucuy	Apr 2	Mar 28 & 29
Joseph Vopner*	Mar 22	Mar 21 & 22	Abraham Seltzer	Apr 2	Mar 28 & 29
Bella Bender	Mar 23	Mar 21 & 22	Arthur Goozh	Apr 3	Mar 28 & 29
Joseph Fishman	Mar 23	Mar 21 & 22	Barbara Lorsch	Apr 3	Mar 28 & 29
Ken Korn	Mar 23	Mar 21 & 22	Harold Slutsky	Apr 3	Mar 28 & 29
Shirley Silberman*	Mar 23	Mar 21 & 22	Leonard Winner	Apr 3	Mar 28 & 29
Albert Zimble*	Mar 23	Mar 21 & 22	Harris Goldman*	Apr 4	Mar 28 & 29
Cyril Friend*	Mar 24	Mar 21 & 22	Irving Kessler*	Apr 4	Mar 28 & 29

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## Torah School

Shalom!

I hope everyone is planning their Purim costume and ordering hamantaschen. There are special 2025 Fiesta flavors! (Trust me, they are delicious!)

*In Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1, verse 13, states, "Spread a name, lose his name. And one who does not increase [knowledge] ceases. And one who does not study is liable to die. And one who makes use of the crown [of learning] passes away."*

What does this mean? How does it apply to today?

Sunday, March 16 is our Purim Carnival. The theme is A Purim FIESTA. Plan your best traditional Purim costume. Kings, Queens, Princesses, etc. Sunday, March 16, the day begins at 10:00 with Megillah Reading, followed by food, games, a pinata.

Remember, no Torah School March 23rd and March 30th for Spring Break.

Looking ahead, please join us Saturday night, April 12th for our Passover Seder. It has been moved to the first night to make it family friendly.

As the Pirkei Avot quote states, "Keep on learning!"

B'Shalom,

Heather

### CKI Choir Openings for 2025

#### We Need Your Voice!

Shalom All! We are looking for singers of any age to join the CKI High Holiday Choir. Preferably bass (baritones) and tenors. Even if you have limited singing and music experience, we would love to teach and broaden your musical endeavors. Shira Coffee and I will be your points of contact if you have questions and/or interest. Please contact Shira at 708-560-5370 and Stew at 630-531-7164.

### SAVE THE DATE

Stew Levin's group, The Grey Matter Quartet, will be at the Old Elburn Hall in Elburn, Wednesday April 23rd, 7-9:30pm.

Cocktails and select plates prepared by Reams are available.

Details can be found on our website:

[https://greymatterquartet.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlprp9leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHXGQdvphEN-T0CN2\\_ZgHDS-KdeQJV9ou3OUb8lhVg9iH5X5irUCrYV-5gw\\_aem\\_AlWWBtN6BpolhHe6Y](https://greymatterquartet.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlprp9leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHXGQdvphEN-T0CN2_ZgHDS-KdeQJV9ou3OUb8lhVg9iH5X5irUCrYV-5gw_aem_AlWWBtN6BpolhHe6Y)



## Soup Kettle Scoop

We always need people to help cook, serve, and clean up. We can work in shifts if we have enough volunteers. That is the “magic” word—volunteers. We need about a dozen people.

In a world where there is so much suffering, the Soup Kettle is a wonderful way to honor CKI’s commitment to the Elgin community by helping those who need it.

**Our next Soup Kettle is April 29.** I can pretty much guarantee you a CKI, after Passover, wonderful experience. To volunteer, please contact:

Barb Razowsky [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)  
or Judi Tepe [juditepe@gmail.com](mailto:juditepe@gmail.com)

## 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—

**Patrick Harper** for fixing the parking lot door

**Peg Lehman** for going out in an ice storm to secure the building after the break-in

**Castros** for sponsoring First Friday Family Shabbat

**Torah School Parents** for sponsoring the Castro baby sprinkle

**Stew & Nina** for sponsoring the kiddush for Shira and in memory of Stew’s mother

**Nikki Berger** for baking cookies and challah

**Melissa Margason** for substitute teaching

**Simon & Margaret** for sponsoring the 90th birthday kiddush for Helen







CONGREGATION KNESETH ISRAEL  
330 DIVISION, ELGIN

# Purim Fiesta

Sunday, March 16th  
10-12

MEGILLAH READING  
CARNIVAL  
FOOD  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
FACE PAINTING  
PRIZES  
COSTUME CONTEST

ADULT ONLY: WINE TASTING

\$18 OR \$36  
SUGGESTED  
DONATION  
TO CKI



Sunday, March 16, 2025

*join us for a*

Passover Wine Tasting

hosted by CKI Men's Club

During the Purim Carnival

10-12pm in the Library

Taste and order your wines and spirits perfect for your seder table with Sommelier Danielle Fivelson

*All payments will be collected by CKI Men's Club*

*Questions? Contact Brad Burker: [bradb1@comcast.net](mailto:bradb1@comcast.net)*

## CKI Men's Club Passover Wine Sale

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Description	Price	Qty	Total
<b>SPARKLING</b> Bartenura Sparkling Moscato Rose – <i>Italy</i>	On the nose, strawberry, watermelon, raspberry, apple, stone fruit & rose. A bit sweet on the palate, red fruit, floral & citrus.	\$21		
<b>WHITES</b> Rimapere by Baron Edmond de Rothschild Sauvignon Blanc – <i>New Zealand</i>	A medley of tropical fruits and citrus. It has a strong Marlborough signature and a subtle French accent.	\$26		
Château Les Riganes Blanc - <i>France</i>	Aromas of yellow grapefruit, earthy minerals, lemon peel, hints of freshly cut grass and white spring flowers.	\$13		
Yarden Mount Hermon White Blend – <i>Israel</i> Chardonnay, Viogner, Sauvignon Blanc	Exhibits bright notes of citrus, melon, peaches, green apple and tropical fruits.	\$17		
<b>REDS</b> Pacifica Pinot Noir – <i>Oregon</i>	Light and balanced , traces of black fruits and sweetness. Very pleasant in its simplicity.	\$31		
Teperberg Vision Dry Malbec – <i>Israel</i>	Medium tannins support cranberry, pomegranate, Seville orange, oregano & sage.	\$14		
Borgo Bella Chianti Riserva – <i>Italy</i>	A deep ruby color and an inviting nose of ripe red cherries, earthy herbs, and subtle spice	\$23		
Clarendelle Medoc – <i>France</i>	Aromas of dark berries and subtle hints of spice, it showcases smooth tannins and a deep, full-bodied profile.	\$20		
<b>SWEET</b> Bartenura Malvasia di Castelnuovo – <i>Italy</i>	Luscious ripe berries, black cherries and a touch of acidity on the finish.	\$14		
Zacuto Ruby Port – <i>Portugal</i>	Red fruits bouquet evocative of raspberry, blackberry, and red currant. Pairs with chocolate mousse, apple tart, or dates.	\$31		
<b>PASSOVER CLASSICS</b> Bartenura Moscato – <i>Italy</i>	Tried and true in the blue bottle.	\$11		
Barkan – <i>Israel</i>	Cabernet _____ Merlot _____ Shiraz _____ Chardonnay _____	\$15		
Manischewitz – <i>New York</i>	KFP Concord _____ KFP Blackberry _____	\$8		
<b>SPIRITS</b> Dead Drop Artesian Gin – <i>Illinois</i>	Juniper berries from Italy, orris root from Morocco, hibiscus from Egypt and citrus from California.	\$32		
Dead Drop Silver Rum – <i>Illinois</i>	An amazing rich and creamy spirit emerges with floral notes and hints of tangerine, pear and clover honey.	\$38		
<b>Cash or check only for payment</b> Checks payable to: <i>CKI Men's Club</i>	<b>CHANGE!</b> Mail checks & order form to: Brad Burker, 599 Cardinal Cove Court, Elgin IL 60124	<b>TOTAL</b>		

**All orders due and paid for by Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Order pick up date is Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at CKI**

# Shalom Connections

## BOWLING

**WHO:** 21+

**WHAT:** Bowling

**WHERE:** Glo Bowl @

101 Franks Rd Marengo

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 18th

6:00–8:00 pm

**WHY:** To socialize with other CKI members

### **ADDITIONAL INFO:**

\$9 for shoes and 2 hours of bowling

(pay to Jenny Trygar night of by  
cash, check, or Zelle)

Drinks and/or dinner can be paid individually

RSVP to Jenny Trygar by March 9th

Jendonintendo@gmail.com

(847)668-7120



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

**INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED  
VIOLINIST AND KLEZMER PERFORMER  
JAKE SHULMAN-MENT**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025  
3:00-5:30 PM**



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330 DIVISION STREET  
ELGIN, IL 60120**

**Go to [www.ckielgin.org](http://www.ckielgin.org) for more information**



# *Survival on the Kindertransport*

Presented by Elgin Hadassah  
Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00pm



**Commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day**

In-person at  
Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120



Debra Stern Green will share the story of her mother, Hilda Stern, and how she survived the Holocaust, including her experience with the Kindertransport (Children's Transport).



Open to the Public. No Fee.  
To register:  
Email [rxman1216@gmail.com](mailto:rxman1216@gmail.com)  
Subject Line:  
Holocaust Remembrance

*Parental discretion advised. Material appropriate for over age 12.*  
Waiver signature required at entry.

**NEVER FORGET. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER.**

[www.hadassah.org/midwest](http://www.hadassah.org/midwest) | [midwest@hadassah.org](mailto:midwest@hadassah.org) | 847.205.1900 or 248.683.5030  
Chicago Location: Hadassah Midwest, 900 Skokie Blvd., Suite 295, Northbrook, IL 60062  
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Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein  
330 Division Street  
Elgin, IL 60120-

**"Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much."**

*- Helen Keller*

January 29, 2025

Dear Congregation Kneseth Israel,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and clients of the Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center, Inc. thank you for your generous donation of hot dogs, buns, and birthday boxes on 01/26/2025. Your organization's donation allows us to provide essential needs for individuals and families in crisis.

Each year the Crisis Center responds to the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and financial crisis. Services include a 24-hour hotline, a shelter for women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems. Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Crisis Center has grown to serve over 4,000 people each year.

The Community Crisis Center is committed to helping those in need. We are indeed fortunate to have individuals, organizations, and businesses as partners working to make a difference in the lives of others. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Warm Regards,

Maureen Manning, MS, LCPC, CDVP, CPAIP  
Executive Director

*Shalom Chaverim!  
Todesh Lebach  
for your wonderful Tzedakah,  
Dana*

P.S. Current tax laws require us to state that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, making it tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Community Crisis Center, Inc., EIN 36-2835797, is a tax-exempt organization outlined in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. You, the donor, determine the value of donated items. Please retain this letter as your official receipt for tax purposes.

**Donation Details**

**Organization Name:** Congregation Kneseth Israel  
**Contact Name:** Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein  
**Donated item(s) or service(s):** hot dogs, buns, and birthday boxes  
**Donation Date:** 01/26/2025

**COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER, INC MISSION:**

The Community Crisis Center's skilled, caring individuals provide 24/7 crisis intervention, resources and shelter.

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Building Community  
Embracing Diversity  
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Lifelong Learning

Return Service Requested



## March 2025 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Mar 1	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Mar 14	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Mar 2	Torah School	9:00 AM	Mar 15	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Mar 4	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Mar 16	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Mar 5	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM		Torah School Purim Fiesta	10:00 AM
Mar 6	Torah Study	4:00 PM		Passover Wine Tasting	10:00 AM
Mar 7	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Mar 18	CKI Book Club	10:00 AM
	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM	Mar 19	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
Mar 8	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Mar 20	Torah Study	4:00 PM
	Esther Study with First Presbyterian	11:30 AM	Mar 21	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time		Mar 22	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Torah School	9:00 AM	Mar 23	NO Torah School - Spring Break	
Mar 10	Men's Club @ Danny's Pizza	6:00 PM		Seltzer Music Fund Concert	3:00 PM
Mar 11	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Mar 26	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
Mar 12	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM	Mar 27	Torah Study	4:00 PM
	Hadassah Zoom Program	7:00 PM	Mar 28	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Mar 13	Erev Purim		Mar 29	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Torah Study	4:00 PM	Mar 30	NO Torah School - Spring Break	