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## From the Rabbi's Study

Passover. The most celebrated Jewish holiday for American Jews. Congregation Kneseth Israel is no exception. We spend a lot of time, energy, and creativity planning for Passover. This year is no exception.

Passover is designed to have our children ask, "Why? Why is this night different? Why are we doing this?" This year is no exception.

There are some differences:

- This year we will host our community seder on the FIRST night, Saturday night, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Why? Because after last year's seder, people requested it. It will be easier for work and school schedules, rather than the second night on Sunday which would back into Monday morning.

- This year we are introducing a new Haggadah. It includes all the old standards in more modern, understandable English language.
- This year we are expanding children's programming while making sure the seder is appropriate for all ages. From our youngest member

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## President's Message

At our March Board of Directors meeting the board discussed some potential changes to our budgeting process as well as our dues. The discussion was useful and provided important feedback to the Finance Committee for next steps to present a final budget.

At our next board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, the board will discuss and vote on a recommended final budget for the 2025-2026 budget year. I encourage anyone who

is interested in attending this meeting to share your thoughts.

One item the board is considering is increasing membership dues by 8.7% to \$2,500. The Finance Committee is advocating this increase to help close some of the budget gaps that have to be filled each year by fundraising and to better reflect the current operating costs of CKI.

The final budget will then be voted on by the full membership at our annual membership meeting on

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### SAVE THE DATE!

- Apr 7—Hadassah Holocaust Program
- Apr 12—Community Passover Seder
- May 4—CKI Blood Drive
- May 13—CKI Annual Membership Meeting

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# From the Rabbi's Study Continued...

under age 1 to our oldest at 103!

- This year we will explore more traditions from around the world. What is your family's favorite tradition? Where is it from?

Four.. Get it? Just like the Four Questions, the Four Cups of Wine, The Four Children, The Four Seasons...

There are many ways people prepare for Passover. They clean their homes (and the synagogue!). They may sell their chametz. (See form elsewhere in HaKol.) They may work on the menu and who they are going to invite. They order wine. They shop. They book tickets to visit family or friends.

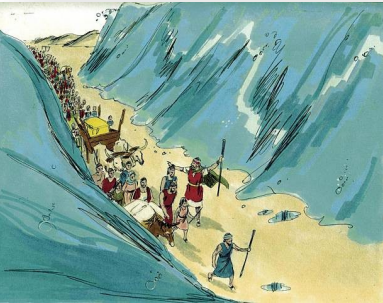
We take the mitzvah of "Let all who are hungry come and eat" seriously. This year is no exception. We welcome guests to come join us at the seder. We send donations to organizations like the Community Crisis Center, Centro de Información, Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Food for Greater Elgin, Ma'ot Chitim, and Mazon, so that anyone who is hungry can access food.

Every year seems like a Passover scavenger hunt—for the supplies. This year is no exception. Here are my top places to shop: Buffalo Grove Jewel. Evanston Jewel on Howard. Elgin Jewel on Summit. Sarah's Tent in Skokie. (Also four!) But the truth is that the vast majority of my shopping gets done right here in the Fox River Valley. I love the book *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household* by Blu Greenberg and her chapter on Passover. She reminds us to have two slices of pizza and a coke before shopping (very New York!) and that really, we don't need all the prepackaged convenience foods that now exist. Passover cereal, blech. Simon makes a great granola. Dried cakes

that have been sitting there for a month; I don't need to waste my carbs. Passover chocolate matzah, yum! If you get stuck, call me. I always love the signs in Evanston: "If you have a question, call your local rabbi." I am your local rabbi. Don't call me the day before, however, looking for red horseradish. I've already found it. It's in Buffalo Grove for sure.

Passover? Why? Because it is as modern as it is ancient. Each of us were slaves in Egypt. Each of us were freed with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, out of the narrow places, out of Egypt. This year is no exception. From our house to yours, Simon joins me in wishing you a happy, joyous Passover. However you celebrate. This year is no exception.

—Margaret Frisch Klein



### Asparagus Nicoise Recipe

2 pounds asparagus, trimmed  
 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar (or balsamic)  
 2 tsp. Dijon mustard (or skip, Kosher for Passover mustard is weird)  
 2/3 cup olive oil  
 2 shallots minced (or green onion)  
 2 plum tomatoes, diced  
 1/3 cup Niçoise olives, (or Israeli) diced  
 1 Tbsp. drained capers

Cook asparagus in large pot of boiling water until just tender, about five minutes. Drain. Transfer to serving platter.

Whisk vinegar and mustard in small bowl.

Gradually whisk in oil. Mix in shallots, tomatoes, olives and capers.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pour over asparagus and serve. It can be served chilled, room temperature, or hot.

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein via Nelle S. Frisch via Bon Appetit

**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.**

## CKI BOARD MEMBERS

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**Roth Scholarship** – Maureen Manning

**Tikkun Olam** – (available)

**Vision** – (available)

**Youth Activities** – (available)

To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

## President’s Message Cont.

Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30.

We will also elect new members of the Board of Directors, including a new Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and four member-at-large positions. If you are interested in serving as a board member or have more questions about board service, please reach out to me.

I hope you can join us at our April and May meetings to discuss and vote on the budget and new board membership.

—Josh Stober



**April 1st @ 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
- Jeff & Michelle Gomberg
- Jen Brackmann
- Anonymous

##### To replace kitchen freezer

- Brad Burker & Anita Hornung

##### To help replace security door and freezer

- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld

##### For refrigerator repair

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

##### In memory of Jen Steinberg's father, Steve Gilliana

- Gene & Sandy Lindow
- Larry & Elaine Steinberg

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

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

##### In honor of Larry & Elaine Steinberg's new grandbaby

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

##### In memory of Misako Bobrow

- Sandi & Kevin Phelan
- Shira Coffee

##### In memory of my dad David Wener's yahrzeit

- Joy Wener Bang

##### Tickets donation to Klezmer concert

- Frank Gross

##### In memory of Chrstine Fielder

- Shira Coffee

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

##### In appreciation for Rabbi's opening prayer at the Kane County Board Meeting

- Vern & Judi Tepe

#### CLARA WECHTER FUND

##### To Nina Finn & Famly, in memory of your mother

- Dick & Sue Johnson
- Ron & Barb Razowsky
- Ken & Gale Jacoby
- Paul & Risa Cohen

### 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

<b>April 5</b> <i>7 Nisan</i>	Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26 Haftarah Isaiah 43:21-44:23
<b>April 12</b> <i>14 Nisan</i>	Tzav Shabbat Hagadol Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Haftarah Malachi 3:4-24
<b>April 19</b> <i>21 Nisan</i>	Shabbat Pesach Two Torahs Exodus 13:17- 15:26 Maftir Numbers 28:19-25 Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51
<b>April 26</b> <i>28 Nisan</i>	Shemini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Haftarah II Samuel 6:1-19

## April Birthdays

Deanna Phelan Smith	Apr 1
Robyn Phelan	Apr 1
Rich Placko	Apr 3
Judy Rubenstein Gantz	Apr 7
Daniel Schlack	Apr 9
Otis Goldman	Apr 9
Nancy Protter	Apr 11
Sandra Rabin	Apr 17
Evan Steinberg	Apr 19
Josh Stober	Apr 21
Eric-Jan M. Ginder	Apr 22
Kara Morgan	Apr 22
Dorothy Costello	Apr 23
Debby Poper	Apr 26
David Perlman	Apr 27
Alaina Trygar	Apr 28
Tina Wolf	Apr 29
Dave Weiser	Apr 30
Bonnie Bonner	Apr 30

## April Anniversaries

Judi & Vern Tepe	Apr 13
Glorilee & Patrick Harper	Apr 23

## Roth Scholarship 2025

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 .

For more information please contact Maureen Manning.



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## Hadassah VECTRA Technology Revolutionizes Early Skin Cancer Detection

The Hadassah Medical Organization, the Israeli hospital system of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Association of America, is the first health network in Israel to acquire the VECTRA WB360 3D, a whole-body imaging system that allows doctors to examine the skin on a patient's entire body in just two minutes.



The virtually instant imaging is the work of a massive camera – really, 92 separate, unseen cameras – that creates an

extremely accurate 360-degree picture almost immediately. The photography is noninvasive and contains no radiation.

The Hadassah Medical Organization's acquisition of the VECTRA was made possible by a generous supporter of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Association of America.

During regular patient appointments, dermatologists at Hadassah hospitals can now examine every potential skin anomaly in three-dimensional detail. This is a dramatic contrast to what can usually be done during patient check-ups, when dermatologists focus on specific kinds of blemishes, freckles, beauty marks and moles, and must schedule additional appointments for anything more comprehensive.

The highly sophisticated VECTRA imaging system offers two additional advantages.

First, it is connected to a global database containing millions of patient images. Using artificial intelligence, the VECTRA can compare one patient's skin marks to those of patients around the world and rank, on a scale of one to 10, the likelihood of any skin anomaly's being or becoming cancerous. Second, the VECTRA can compare a patient's latest images to those taken at previous appointments.



Dr. Rony Shreberk Hassidim

"With the VECTRA, we have the technology to prevent, identify and treat skin cancers as early as possible," said Dr. Rony Shreberk Hassidim, Senior Physician in the Department of Dermatology at Hadassah.

"This is especially important for high risk patients, like those with a family history of skin cancer, a compromised immune system, or an overabundance of moles."



Dr. Rony Shreberk Hassidim & VECTRA

For more than a century, the Hadassah Medical Organization, the Jerusalem-based hospital system founded and owned by Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, has set the standard for excellence in medical treatment and research in Israel. The experience and ingenuity of Hadassah's doctors and scientists have led to new tools and treatments in all areas of medicine, including therapeutics, diagnostic medical devices and digital health.

### About Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America:

Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States. With nearly 300,000 members, donors and supporters, Hadassah brings women together to effect change on such critical issues as ensuring Israel's security, combating antisemitism, and promoting women's health care.

Through its Jerusalem-based hospital system, the Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah helps support exemplary care for more than 1 million people every year as well as world-renowned medical research.

Hadassah's hospitals serve without regard to race, religion or nationality and in 2005 earned a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for building bridges to peace through medicine. Hadassah also supports two youth villages that set at-risk youth in Israel on the path to a successful future.

## Ritually Speaking

### DAYENU? IF?

Passover is less than two weeks away and so many preparations are in motion. We are commanded to “retell the exodus”—again and again, for all generations to come. Having the ability to fulfill this commandment can seem as a “given,” but for many generations Jews were forbidden to practice Judaism and celebrate Passover for various reasons. As I get older, I return to the Seder looking for a new theme or spin on the story.

#### Had G-d brought “DAYENU”?

Had G-d left us as slaves in Egypt ... where would we be?

Had G-d not executed judgements against the Egyptians ... where would we be?

Had G-d not given us the riches of the Egyptians ... where would we be?

Had G-d not given us protection and sustenance ... where would we be?

Had G-d not give us the Torah ... where would we be?

Had King Saul followed the commandment of destroying the Amalekites ... where would we be?

“A Gene Lindow addition.” (See the Haggadah for the full list.)

#### Part 2: sample of “IFs”

475 BCE: If Haman had been successful in his attempt for genocide against us...

70 CE: If the Second Temple had not been destroyed by the Romans, and over one million Jews killed...

418 CE: If the first of many forced conversions of Jews or expulsions had never happened...

529 CE: If the Byzantine Emperor, Justinian the Great, had not instituted restrictions against the Jews, such as the practice of Judaism being forbidden, synagogues turned into churches, and many forced to become servants...

**This was the beginning of several centuries of intense persecution.**

681 CE: If the Council of Toledo had not enacted antisemitic laws such as burning the Talmud and other books...

685 CE: If the Jewish residents of Sparta hadn't been expelled or numerous Jews of Barcelona hadn't been killed...

1160 CE: If Bishop William had not issued his edict that it was unlawful to beat Jews during Palm Sunday...

1203 CE: If the Jewish quarter of Constantinople had not been burned down by the crusaders...

1290 CE: If King Edward I had not expelled all the Jews of England (Edict of Expulsion)...

1348-50 CE: If the European Jews had not been blamed for the **BLACK DEATH** plague...

IF we were unable to survive all these attempts and many more of annihilation, and if we ignore the current anti-semitism, where would we be?

My last “IF” is: where would the world be without **YOU**?

**WE ALL MATTER**, and my holiday wish for you is that your celebration of Passover may exceed your expectations with your family, friends, and the stranger. In my mind, continuing education is the most impactful way to combat antisemitism and turn positive “IFs” into reality.

We thank you, G-d, for our ability to be Jews and practice Judaism—which is **not** to be taken lightly.

Chag Sameach!

Gene Lindow

CKI Ritual Chair

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# 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 April. 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
Ellen Raphaelson	Apr 5	Apr 4 & 5	Otto Grenton	Apr 23	Apr 18 & 19
Medina Benn Gross	Apr 7	Apr 4 & 5	David B. Rosenberg*	Apr 23	Apr 18 & 19
Kurt Jacoby	Apr 8	Apr 4 & 5	Gordon Roth	Apr 23	Apr 18 & 19
Sandra Berman Bernstein*	Apr 9	Apr 4 & 5	Ben Mehr	Apr 24	Apr 18 & 19
Alexander Isadore Newman	Apr 9	Apr 4 & 5	Ruth Mintzer	Apr 24	Apr 18 & 19
Saul Zavel Chez	Apr 10	Apr 4 & 5	George Pondel	Apr 24	Apr 18 & 19
Ida Louise Cohen*	Apr 10	Apr 4 & 5	Milton Ginsberg*	Apr 25	Apr 18 & 19
Rabbi Eugene Kohn	Apr 12	Apr 11 & 12	Brian Baumann	Apr 26	Apr 25 & 26
Bernard Le Vine*	Apr 12	Apr 11 & 12	Karen Goldstein Goren	Apr 26	Apr 25 & 26
Henriette Simon	Apr 12	Apr 11 & 12	Dan Knopoff	Apr 26	Apr 25 & 26
Dr. Howard Ravenscraft	Apr 13	Apr 11 & 12	Leah Liss	Apr 26	Apr 25 & 26
Irving Schwartz	Apr 13	Apr 11 & 12	Marc Garson	Apr 27	Apr 25 & 26
Sylvia Garson Karnal	Apr 14	Apr 11 & 12	Anne Goldman	Apr 27	Apr 25 & 26
Ada Novak	Apr 14	Apr 11 & 12	Bessie Silvian*	Apr 27	Apr 25 & 26
Jacob Rifken*	Apr 14	Apr 11 & 12	Stanley Pinter	Apr 28	Apr 25 & 26
Edward S. Fox*	Apr 15	Apr 11 & 12	Barbara J. Richman	Apr 28	Apr 25 & 26
Merrian Rifken	Apr 15	Apr 11 & 12	Carl Cohen	Apr 29	Apr 25 & 26
Betty Snider	Apr 15	Apr 11 & 12	Eve (Leah) Kucuy	Apr 29	Apr 25 & 26
Edith Ernsthal	Apr 17	Apr 11 & 12	Copol Leavitt	Apr 29	Apr 25 & 26
Benjamin Rifken*	Apr 17	Apr 11 & 12	Nahum Mariasis	Apr 29	Apr 25 & 26
Anna Schack*	Apr 17	Apr 11 & 12	Pnina Mariasis	Apr 29	Apr 25 & 26
Linda Garland	Apr 18	Apr 11 & 12	Samuel Ehrenreich	Apr 30	Apr 25 & 26
Leo Karnal	Apr 18	Apr 11 & 12	Marc Garson	Apr 30	Apr 25 & 26
Pearl Rosenberg	Apr 18	Apr 11 & 12	Belle Freund	May 1	Apr 25 & 26
Louis Wolf	Apr 20	Apr 18 & 19	Sadie Lascoe*	May 1	Apr 25 & 26
Marion Braun*	Apr 21	Apr 18 & 19	Milton Nitzberg	May 1	Apr 25 & 26
Bella Durchslag	Apr 21	Apr 18 & 19	Herold Rifken*	May 1	Apr 25 & 26
Melvin Pitzele	Apr 21	Apr 18 & 19	Louis Vopner*	May 1	Apr 25 & 26
Andrea Schneider	Apr 21	Apr 18 & 19	Erwin Coyne	May 2	Apr 25 & 26
Lena Bochner*	Apr 23	Apr 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 Apr 4	7:04 pm	Sat Apr 5	8:13 pm
Fri Apr 11	7:12 pm	Sat Apr 12	8:21 pm
Fri Apr 18	7:19 pm	Sat Apr 19	8:29 pm
Fri Apr 25	7:27 pm	Sat Apr 26	8:37 pm

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



## Torah School

Shalom!

It's amazing how strong our school community is! I think we are stronger than ever! The strength of everyone was felt at our Purim Fiesta! We made lunches for the community crisis center. We heard the story of Purim, smashed a pinata, sang songs, played games, and built castles!



April 6th we return from Spring Break. April 12th is the Community Seder. We are hosting Beth Tikvah and planning special family activities for the first seder. It is on a Saturday night, and there is no Torah School April 13 or April 20!



As the school year wraps up, we are looking forward to what next school year will look like. Our final day of this school year is Sunday, May 4th. Our advanced class (Mr. Earl's class) will be having an Israel Fair to culminate their study on Israel, in addition to other festivities.

B'Shalom,

Heather





## Soup Kettle Scoop

**Our next Soup Kettle is April 29.** 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** 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—

**Barbara Maring, Helen Lindow, Joy Wener Bang, Brad Burker, Josh Stober, Ken Jacoby, & Dave Goldman** for organizing the Seltzer Music Klezmer concert

**Jenny Trygar & Gene & Sandy Lindow** for the Shalom Connections bowling outing

**Heather, Biana, Jenny, Melissa, Josh R., Nikki, Ken, Brad, Patrick, Glorilee, Danielle, & Torah School teachers** for the Purim Fiesta & Passover wine sale

**Anonymous diaper donors**



## **Todah Rabah \*\*\*\* Thank You**

Thank you CKI members and the Elgin arts community for supporting and attending the Jake Shulman-Ment Klezmer concert on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were, indeed, amazed by the melodies and information Jake, Abigail Reisman, and Kurt Bjorling shared with us.

Special thank you to:

- \* Sarah Goldman for bringing Jake to our attention
- \* Josh Stober for assisting the Seltzer Music committee and above all for all the physical work you did the day of the concert
- \* David Goldman for his expertise with sound systems and for the hours he gave to making this performance an outstanding event
- \* Helen Lindow who planned and executed the post-concert reception
- \* Ken Jacoby for his helpful ideas, support, and for directing parking in the pouring rain
- \* Joy Bang for her enthusiastic support and for taking tickets
- \* Brad Burkner and Liza Bachrach for advertising the event
- \* Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein for promoting the concert to several facets of the Elgin community
- \* Peg Lehman for assistance in many ways and for being a cheerleader for CKI

The Seltzer Music Fund was established by my mother, Sarah Frisch, to enable bringing quality cultural performances to CKI. Anna Seltzer was a violinist.

I am grateful to be part of the CKI community.

Barbara Maring

Chair, A.M. & Anna Rose Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Fund



# *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  
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of women  
who **DO**

## SELLING OF CHAMETZ 2025/5785

In traditional Jewish law, we are not allowed to possess chametz, leavened bread, or leavening agents during Passover. Some families have the tradition of changing over their dishes and really scrubbing down the whole house. Think about spring cleaning on steroids. However, not owning chametz could put many families at an economic disadvantage. Therefore, the rabbis found a workaround. Any chametz left undisposed of could be sold to someone not Jewish then repurchased after the holiday.

At Congregation Kneseth Israel, we do precisely that. I, as the Rabbi, act as our agent to carry out this complicated piece of Jewish and civil law. If you would like to participate in this ancient tradition, I will sell our chametz to Pastor Andrea Delaney at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—all of our chametz, in our houses, cars, businesses, and the synagogue. I will then buy it back from the pastor within two hours of sundown after the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Passover. As part of the sale, monies collected in the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for this purpose are donated in CKI's name to the Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Community Crisis Center, Mazon, and Ma'ot Chitim of Chicago. This helps us build bridges in the community and "love our neighbors as ourselves." Now, more than ever, these organizations need our help as they provide for the most vulnerable amongst us. "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_

*Hereby authorize Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein to act as my/our agent, to sell all chametz located on our premise. This is in accordance with all rabbinic and Torah laws.*

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cars \_\_\_\_\_

*Pets (since most people do not change over their pet food and most pet food is grain based and thus not Kosher for Passover.)*

I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_

*Understand that these products are to be re-purchased for our use immediately after Passover. Enclosed please find a check for \_\_\_\_\_, made out to CKI Rabbi's Discretionary fund in order to fulfill the mitzvah of "ma'ot chitim", gathering of wheat in order to provide all Jews with matzah. This contract can also be emailed back to the rabbi at [rabbi@ckielqin.org](mailto:rabbi@ckielqin.org)*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**RABBI FRISCH KLEIN NEEDS YOUR FORM BY**

**April 11th**

**before 10:00 AM.**

**HAVE A HAPPY, KOSHER, AND SWEET PESACH!**

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Congregation Kneseth Israel and Beth Tikvah Congregation present:

## **First Night Community Seder Passover Around the World**

At Congregation Kneseth Israel in Elgin

Led by Cantorial Leader Ilana Axel and Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

**April 12, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**\$36 per adult, \$18 for children 13 and under**

Children and adults of all ages welcome

Fully Kosher for Passover Menu Still In Development:

- Matzah Ball Soup, Chicken or Vegetarian
- Individual seder plate appetizers with international charoset options
- Israeli Roast Chicken, a Vegan Entree or Kid-friendly entree
- Ashkanasi Potato Kugel
- French Asparagus Nicoise
- Dessert Buffet including Chocolate Matzah and Italian Kings Cake
- Kosher for Passover Wines from Around the World

New Friends, New Haggadah, New Traditions, New Music, and all the old favorites.

Special children's programming.

RSVP to CKI's office, Zelle or Check 847 741 5656. Seating is limited. Please specify number of adults and ages of children; special dietary restrictions (allergies such as dairy free, nut free, vegetarian, vegan, other)

**Your payment is your reservation, due by April 6th.**

330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120

## Shalom Connections Information

**WHO:** Adults 21-110 years old

**WHAT:** Social events every 1-2 months

**WHERE:** Different locations around the area

**WHEN:** Different days of the week... stay tuned for our next event in May

**WHY:** To have fun and meet new people

Come when you can! There is no membership/requirement to attend every event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenny Trygar at 847-668-7120 or email at Jendonintendo@gmail.com



**Kvelling...We add our mazel tovs to—**

- Maureen Manning for her successful Community Crisis Center Gala.
- Peg Lehman's elbow is healing!

*We'd like to celebrate with you. Please let us know about the special events in your life.*

## 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.

GREY MATTER  
QUARTET

Cocktails and select plates prepared by Reams are available.

Details can be found on our website:

[https://greymatterquartet.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlprp9leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXGQdvphEN-TOCN2\\_ZgHDS-KdeQJV9ou3OUb8lhIVg9iH5X5irUCrYV-5gw\\_aem\\_AIWWBtN6BpolhHe6Y](https://greymatterquartet.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlprp9leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXGQdvphEN-TOCN2_ZgHDS-KdeQJV9ou3OUb8lhIVg9iH5X5irUCrYV-5gw_aem_AIWWBtN6BpolhHe6Y)

# Create More MOMents



## BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday

May

4

9:00AM - 1:30PM

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

### Congregation Kneseth Israel Community Blood Drive 9am-1:30pm

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

To schedule an appointment scan the QR code below or  
use link: [bit.ly/donatekneseth4](https://bit.ly/donatekneseth4) or call (800) 7TO-GIVE  
or go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL)

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!!

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

Call (630) 723-2589 with  
eligibility questions.



Blood Center of Illinois



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Embracing Diversity  
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## April 2025 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Apr 1	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Apr 14	Office Closed - Passover Day 2	
Apr 2	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM	Apr 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Apr 3	Torah Study	4:00 PM		CKI Book Club	10:00 AM
Apr 4	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Apr 16	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM	Apr 17	Torah Study	4:00 PM
Apr 5	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 18	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Apr 6	Torah School	9:00 AM	Apr 19	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Apr 7	Hadassah Holocaust Presentation	7:00 PM	Apr 20	No Torah School - Passover Day 8	
Apr 8	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Apr 23	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM
Apr 9	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM	Apr 24	Yom Ha Shoah	
Apr 10	Torah Study	4:00 PM		Torah Study	4:00 PM
Apr 11	Fast of the First Born	9:00 AM	Apr 25	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM	Apr 26	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Apr 12	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 27	Torah School	9:00 AM
	Community Passover Seder	5:30 PM	Apr 29	CKI Soup Kettle	3:30 PM
Apr 13	No Torah School - Passover Day 1		Apr 30	Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM