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From the Rabbi's Study

This is no joke. Passover begins April 1st (also known as April Fool's Day) at sundown. It is the most celebrated on the American Jewish holidays. This always surprises me, and I saw it again as a statistic this year. More than the High Holy Days. More than Chanukah.

There is a lot of preparation that goes into Passover. In homes. In synagogues. In Jewish communities at large. Menus. Guest lists. Cleaning. (Spring Cleaning on Steroids, I say). Cooking, Serving. CLEAN UP. And in our modern world security. By the time

you read this, much of that will be done. While I am writing early, we estimate we will have between 80 and 100 people at the community "Seder with Your Neighbor." We have invited friends and partners to celebrate with us as a thank you.

Why are community seders important? Because even in the Torah it tells us that, "But if the household is too small for a lamb, let it share one with a neighbor who dwells nearby, in proportion to the number of persons: you shall contribute for the lamb according to what each household will

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President's Message

I'm pleased to share an important facilities update. We have received approval from the City of Elgin for the first phase of our electrical upgrade project. This phase will include, among other improvements, the installation of a new 400 amp main distribution panel and feeders, the replacement of all remaining fuse boxes with modern circuit breakers, and necessary wiring upgrades throughout the building. To safely complete this work, there will be a one or two day shutdown of the building during which all power will be

turned off. We are working closely with our electrician to carefully schedule this shutdown so that it does not impact religious observances, Torah School, or any previously scheduled programs or events. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we take this important step in maintaining and improving our facility.

The safety and security of our building and congregation continues to be top of mind for all of us, and I want to assure you that we are continuing to stay in communication with many

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- Apr 3 —Community Seder
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 - Apr 24—JNF Shabbat Dinner
 - Apr 26 —Nefesh Mountain Storytellers Concert
 - May 17—Shalom Connections

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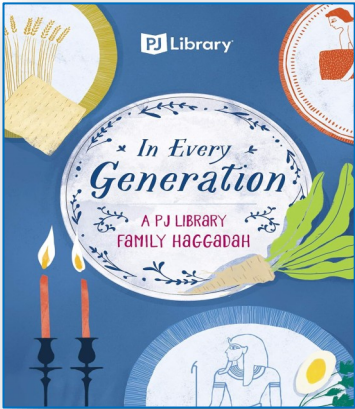
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From the Rabbi's Study Continued...

eat.” (Exodus 12:4)

That’s what we do at CKI. We make sure that everyone who wants to celebrate Passover with a seder has access to one. Whether you are a single, a small family, a widow, an orphan, or a sojourner, we have a place for you. “Let all who are hungry come and eat.” That is both the physical meal and the spiritual meal. It builds community.

The words of the Haggadah thrill me. Often, they give me goose-bumps. Last year we introduced our new synagogue Haggadah, *In Every Generation, A PJ Library Haggadah*.



As most of you know, I have a Haggadah collection, built over many years. No, I am still missing some of it. And, no, it wasn’t with the torah covers. If I loaned it to you, please call me.

Every year, I buy a new one to add to the collection. This year there may be three. First, my poem about immigration was just published in the AJR Haggadah supplement, *In Every Generation, Immigration as a Jewish Value*. My poem joins 33 other submissions about immigration. It is available on Amazon or as a free download on the AJR website.

Second, I purchased a new Haggadah from Central Synagogue and the CCAR in celebration of Rabbi Angela Buchdahl’s 20th anniversary in her congregation. Entitled *Haggadah Shel Ever Rav: The Mixed Multitude Haggadah*. We were a mixed multitude when we left Egypt. We still are. We are at CKI. It is a core value. And that strengthens us. Peg also sent an announcement of a new Haggadah, *Out of the Narrows: The Artists Haggadah, a Visual Midrash*, by Chicago Jewish Artists.

Finally, I am eyeing *Haggadah Shel Pesach*, published in Israel by Asufa, the Israeli design studio, filled with beautiful, colorful artwork. (It’s a little pricey.)

Every Jewish organization seems to produce readings for Passover. I have, as of this writing, seen readings from AJWS, HIAS, Keshet, Kveller, Lord Sacks Legacy Project, RAC, Notice, that these organizations span a range of Jewish pluralism and diversity. If you are planning a home seder, pick something to add to and increase your meaning.

So far in this article, I have now used three of our pillars, community, diversity, meaning. And in preparing this story, I have increased my own lifelong learning.

The month of April doesn’t end when Passover ends. There is much more to do at CKI. On April 15, Rabbi Jill Hackell, MD, will offer a Zoom presentation on

the Jewish ethics of medically assisted suicide. Gale Jacoby and Hadassah’s program “Whisked Away” should be a fascinating Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day program. The JNF Israeli Dinner on April 24 kicks off an exciting weekend, with Shabbat Dinner and then Nefesh Mountain on April 26th. There are flyers elsewhere in HaKol for all of these!

From our house to yours,
Chag Pesach Samayach,
May it be a sweet, happy, healthy,
and safe Passover

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

To reach Rabbi Margaret, please call her cell number after 8:00 am except on Mondays or Shabbat: 978-590-8268.
In case of emergency (hospitalization or death) please call, leave a message, and Rabbi will get back to you promptly.
If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, call CKI @ 847-741-5656, so that your CKI family can reach out and be of help.



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To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

President’s Message Cont.

to discuss and assess best practices to keep us safe. At the end of March Rabbi Margaret and I met with Elgin Police Department Chief Ana Lalley to thank her for EPD’s continued support of CKI and to reiterate that the threats we face as Jews in America are ongoing and unpredictable.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our Annual Membership Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. During the meeting, we will be voting on proposed bylaw amendments as well as the 2026–2027 budget. Your participation, whether in person or online, is essential, and I strongly encourage all members to attend and make their voices heard.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment to our community.

—Josh Stober



April 7 @ 9:00am Zoom Only

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

CKI Office Hours

Peg is in the office Monday—Friday:
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM @ 847-741-5656
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 2025—2026

Date	Book	Author	Time
October 21 (Tues.)	The Auschwitz Violinist	Jonathan Dunsky	10:00 am
November 18 (Tues.) at Library	Beyond Dispute	Daniel Taub	1:00 pm
December 16 (Tues.)	The Boys in the Light	Nina Willner	10:00 am
January 20 (Tues.)	On Her Own	Lihi Lapid	10:00 am
February 17 (Tues.)	The Confidante	Christopher Gorham	10:00 am
March 17 (Tues.)	Landsman	Peter Charles Melman	10:00 am
April 21 (Tues.)	The Midwives Escape	Maggie Anton	10:00 am
May 19 (Tues.)	On Democracies & Death Cults	Douglas Murray	10:00 am
June 16 (Tues.)	The Last Dekreplitzer	Howard Langer	10:00 am
July 21 (Tues.)	When We Were Arabs	Massoud Hayoun	10:00 am
August 18 (Tues.)	A Calculated Restraint	Richard Breitman	10:00 am

Generous Donations

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- Douglas Bakley
- Steve Sirin
- Judi & Vern Tepe

In memory of Josh Raben's mother

- Joy Wener Bang

In memory of Josh Whalen's yahrzeit

- Jerry Niederman & Phyllis Guth

In memory of my dad's yahrzeit

- Joy Wener Bang

In honor of Barbara Sharf & Leo Wechter's yahrzeits

- Dick & Sue Johnson

For shalach manot in honor of Timothy Cousineau & all members of the IDF

- Jessica Cousineau

In honor of Nikki Berger for her awesome hamantaschen baking

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

In honor of Danielle Lindow Fivelson for her leadership in our CKI Passover Wine Sale

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

Donation to CKI Security Fund

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Kiddush in memory of Walter Beaudette's mother

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Yellow Candle Donation

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To Simon Klein for a speedy recovery

- Dick & Sue Johnson
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To Anita Hornung for a speedy recovery

- Dick & Sue Johnson
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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
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- **Blossom Wohl Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. See the President

Hadassah Nurse Saves Passenger's Life Mid-Flight

Thanks to her ongoing training at Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus, veteran nurse Avivit Eliyahu sprang into action when a fellow passenger collapsed during a flight from Ethiopia to Israel, performing life-saving procedures which helped save his life.

After 38 years at the hospital, most of them as a nurse in the maternity ward, Avivit had just returned from a 12-day jeep tour. Midway through the flight, shortly after the meal

was served, one of the passengers noticed something unusual. A man of about 75, seated a row ahead, was slumped in his seat with his head tilted at an unnatural angle. He was unresponsive, and strange sounds were coming from his mouth.

"At first, he seemed stable, and then he began to gasp," Avivit recalled. "Two young passengers sitting next to him were asleep and didn't realize that anything was wrong." When the announcement was heard over the intercom: "Is there a doctor or nurse on board?" Avivit did not hesitate. "I got up right away. It's instinct. When you hear the call, you're already there."

When she reached the passenger, the situation was clear to her. "It was right after the meal, and he was unresponsive. I realized he had likely suffered partial choking, and food had entered his airway."

Checking his pulse, she found it was extremely weak, almost imperceptible. Time, she knew, was working

against him, and every minute was critical. "I asked the two young passengers sitting next to him to help lay him down on as firm a surface as possible. I began clearing secretions from his mouth, checking his pulse and assessing his condition. It was truly a field situation."

"According to the people near him, he was traveling alone. His son had put him on the outbound flight from Israel to Ethiopia to visit family and was apparently waiting for him in Israel on the return."



Nurse Avivit Eliyahu

As the man was unconscious, Avivit began chest compressions, suspecting partial choking and attempting to dislodge food that may have been stuck in his airway. The action was a precise and calculated procedure, learned and reinforced time and again in CPR and resuscitation courses.

"At Hadassah hospitals, a professional resuscitation system conducts CPR training and regular refresher courses for the teams. In moments like these, every review of the material saves lives quite literally."

After minutes that felt like an eternity, "suddenly he opened his eyes. There were signs of life. It's a moment of immense relief, but also

of great responsibility — because it's not over yet."

Avivit mobilized those around her, assigned roles and continued to monitor the passenger closely. "Everyone was given a task. Everyone wanted to help." The man began to move his lips, but appeared very confused.

"I suggested that if people speak to him gently in Amharic, it might help orient him. But he was disoriented and didn't really understand where he was."

"I didn't leave him for a moment until he was stable. I was genuinely worried about his condition. There's always the fear that you won't succeed or that the situation will deteriorate."

After she updated the captain that the man's condition had stabilized, the captain decided to continue the flight. The passenger remained under observation until landing.

"It was very moving but also exhausting. The sense of responsibility stays with you throughout the flight, and physically you're working nonstop."

"When I got home, I didn't sleep all night. I was overwhelmed," she said. Reflecting just hours after the incident, she added:

"There is no real preparation for saving a life. It's an incredible feeling. What matters most to me is that people understand the importance of the practical side of training, the knowledge, and the hands-on practice — even when you think you already know it. I simply did what needed to be done. I'm a nurse," she concluded modestly.

Ritually Speaking

RESPECT

The holiday of Passover is here. The story of Passover, told through our reading of the Haggadah, recalls our ancestors' pain, suffering, challenges, and the overcoming of obstacles. It was not an easy path to achieve freedom. There were disagreements and dissension between the people and their leaders. There were moments of breakdown and mistrust of the leadership and sometimes even the leaders mistrusted each other or themselves. It is a part of our history, and the lessons remain timeless. **R. E. S. P. E. C. T.**

R Responsive

It is our responsibility to respond to the challenges that are being placed in the world. The world ecology. The people being displaced whether by war, economic breakdown, or politics that cause families to be broken apart. The challenges **REQUIRE** more than just sending an email or making a Facebook post.

E Expend and Expand

To be responsive you will need to expend energy and be proactive. Be willing to put yourself in a position to share your thoughts with positive communication. Expand your mind to be open to conversations, truly listen, and be willing to accept what could feel like a stalemate. Agree to disagree, without anger and frustration.

S Smile

One of the simplest things to do is smile. It takes less energy to smile than frown. A smile is a wonderful part of being human. When used at the proper time, it can be the catalyst to effective communication. When I smile, I feel better. When you feel better, you might be able to influence others and make a difference.

P Pride and Persevere

It is not always easy being human. There are so many outside forces that try to influence our actions to a different path. To be a positive person requires us to have pride in ourselves and the choices that we make. Are we always right? No! This is where perseverance becomes a vital part of our action. What do you want in life? With whom do you want to surround yourself? Life is full of ups and downs and to survive them, you must know who you are. So much easier said than done.

E Empathy

We don't know what we don't know. None of us has all the facts or answers. It takes patience to try and understand what is going on around us and with whom we engage. "We are not walking in their shoes."

C Control

We need to listen more and respond less. This takes practice and self-control! Think about what you say and how you present your opinion. In marriage it can be one of the hardest things not to respond with passionate communication, both verbal and physical. I heard recently on the Comedy Channel that when you impulsively respond to your partner's action which you interpret to be idiotic, your first thought's response could lead to a divorce. Your second thought's response could lead to you sleeping on the couch. Your third thought's response could give you the luxury of being in the moment. You might live to see another day. I need to learn this patience; Sandy will agree.

T Trust

The world is lacking trust. Whether it is in our relationships, family, government, work environment, and yes, even in G-d. We don't always like the choices that we are given. It is hard work. Yet, at the same time we don't have to follow leaders blindly. Our hearts must be the guiding lights to our actions.

Passover, the traditions, and its timeless message deserve our respect. Our rich history and our future depend on it. The lessons of RESPECT are more than just the eight days we are commanded to honor. Respect is a vital component of our interactions in our world. As the prayer says, "May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease—when a great peace embraces the whole world." **Chag Samayach! (Happy Holiday!)**

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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 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
Saul Chez	Apr 4	Apr 3 & 4	Rebecca Fishman	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Merrian Rifken	Apr 4	Apr 3 & 4	Lena Bochner*	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Betty Snider	Apr 4	Apr 3 & 4	Otto Grenton	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Edward S. Fox*	Apr 4	Apr 3 & 4	David B. Rosenberg*	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Moses Schlossberg*	Apr 4	Apr 3 & 4	Gordon Roth	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Joseph Sklute*	Apr 5	Apr 3 & 4	Ed Narofsky*	Apr 12	Apr 10 & 11
Myron Shore	Apr 5	Apr 3 & 4	George Pondel	Apr 13	Apr 10 & 11
Benjamin Rifken*	Apr 6	Apr 3 & 4	Ruth Mintzer*	Apr 13	Apr 10 & 11
Edith Ernsthal	Apr 6	Apr 3 & 4	Ben Mehr	Apr 13	Apr 10 & 11
Anna Schack*	Apr 6	Apr 3 & 4	Milton Ginsberg*	Apr 14	Apr 10 & 11
Pearl Rosenberg	Apr 7	Apr 3 & 4	Leah Liss	Apr 15	Apr 10 & 11
Leo Karnal	Apr 7	Apr 3 & 4	Louis J. Schwartz*	Apr 15	Apr 10 & 11
Linda Garland	Apr 7	Apr 3 & 4	Brian Baumann	Apr 15	Apr 10 & 11
Deirdre Covell	Apr 8	Apr 3 & 4	Karen Goldstein Goren	Apr 15	Apr 10 & 11
Louis Wolf	Apr 9	Apr 3 & 4	Dan Knopoff	Apr 15	Apr 10 & 11
Melvin Pitzele	Apr 10	Apr 3 & 4	Bessie Silvian*	Apr 16	Apr 10 & 11
Marion Braun*	Apr 10	Apr 3 & 4	Marc Garson	Apr 16	Apr 10 & 11
Bella Durchslag	Apr 10	Apr 3 & 4	Anne Goldman	Apr 16	Apr 10 & 11
Andrea Schneider	Apr 10	Apr 3 & 4	Barbara J. Richman	Apr 17	Apr 10 & 11

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 3	7:02 pm	Sat Apr 4	8:12 pm
Fri Apr 10	7:10 pm	Sat Apr 11	8:20 pm
Fri Apr 17	7:18 pm	Sat Apr 18	8:28 pm
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Carol Schwedel	Apr 17	Apr 10 & 11	Paul Kulefsky	Apr 23	Apr 17 & 18
Stanley Pinter	Apr 17	Apr 10 & 11	Sadie Salnick	Apr 24	Apr 17 & 18
Carl Cohen*	Apr 18	Apr 17 & 18	Paul R. Fields*	Apr 25	Apr 24 & 25
Copol Leavitt	Apr 18	Apr 17 & 18	Arthur R. Levine*	Apr 26	Apr 24 & 25
Pnina Mariasis	Apr 18	Apr 17 & 18	Bernie Spies	Apr 26	Apr 24 & 25
Eve (Leah) Kucuy	Apr 18	Apr 17 & 18	Milton Wohl*	Apr 26	Apr 24 & 25
Nahum Mariasis	Apr 18	Apr 17 & 18	Mary Fischer*	Apr 27	Apr 24 & 25
Marc Garson	Apr 19	Apr 17 & 18	Ellen Jo Hein	Apr 27	Apr 24 & 25
Samuel Ehrenreich	Apr 19	Apr 17 & 18	Jennie Krasnick*	Apr 27	Apr 24 & 25
Herold Rifken*	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Harry Zimble*	Apr 27	Apr 24 & 25
Abe J. Strickman*	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Marvin Berger*	Apr 28	Apr 24 & 25
Belle Freund	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Sarah Pinter	Apr 28	Apr 24 & 25
Sadie Lascoe*	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Marilyn Horn	Apr 28	Apr 24 & 25
Milton Nitzberg	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Theodore (Ted) Garson	Apr 28	Apr 24 & 25
Louis Vopner*	Apr 20	Apr 17 & 18	Shirley Simon*	Apr 29	Apr 24 & 25
David Brazner*	Apr 21	Apr 17 & 18	Syrell Byk	Apr 29	Apr 24 & 25
Erwin Coyne	Apr 21	Apr 17 & 18	Sarah Abelman*	Apr 30	Apr 24 & 25
Malka Ehrenreich	Apr 22	Apr 17 & 18	Ed Korn	Apr 30	Apr 24 & 25
Herman Fischer*	Apr 23	Apr 17 & 18			

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Torah School

Shalom!

In Pirkei Avot, chapter 1, verse 13, it 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 1 was our Purim Carnival. The theme was Queen Esther's Mad Science Masquerade. Everyone planned their best Purim costume: Mad Scientist, King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Spiderman, Super Girl, etc. The day began at 10:00 with a Megillah Reading, followed by a science show, a wine sale, mitzvahs, and making slime.

Sunday, March 22nd was our All School Model Passover Seder during Torah School. What are you doing for Passover?

Remember, no Torah School March 29th and April 5th for Spring break.

Looking ahead, please join us Friday night, April 3rd at 6:00 pm for the congregation's Community Seder. It has been moved to Friday night to make it family friendly.

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

B'Shalom

Heather



Making sandwiches for Crisis Center



Science Show



Making Matzah



Patrick as Pharaoh



Making Slime

Soup Kettle Scoop

THANK YOU!!



We appreciate the folks who volunteered to help cook, serve, and clean up for our March 31 Soup Kettle. We work hard, but we have the meal preparation almost down to a science. We all leave the kitchen at the end of the evening feeling as though we made someone's life just a bit brighter.

Mark your calendar for upcoming CKI Soup Kettle dates: June 30, September 29, and December 29.

To volunteer, please contact

Judi at juditepe@gmail.com or Barb Razowsky at barbrazowsky@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.

Frank for donating ramen noodles and socks

Risa for helping to clean the refrigerator

Nina & Stew for a wonderful Oneg Shabbat

Danielle for coordinating CKI's Passover tasting and wine sale

Sandy for helping to sort the wine bottles

Anita, Brad, Myron, Deborah, & Kathy for table setting for the Community Seder

Patrick for lightbulb changing

Torah School Students for making lunches for the Community Crisis Center



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 for submission of all materials is noon on **April 15**. The winner will be announced at our Congregation Meeting in May. For more information, please contact Maureen Manning.

Queen Esther's Tea





Seder With Your Neighbor

**Friday, April 3, 2026
6:00 PM**

\$36 for adults, 12 and under are free.

RSVP: ckl@cklelgn.org

Deadline: March 30, 2026

**Congregation Kneseth Israel
330 Division Street, Elgin, IL**

Whisked Away

Presented by Elgin Hadassah
Sunday April 19, 2026 at 2 pm

Commemorating
Holocaust Remembrance Day

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



Rose Marie Gerdisch will share stories of her family, her grandmother, and her own survival during the Holocaust, when she was whisked away into hiding.



*(Picture left:
Grandmother
Myriam Mosse
Picture right:
Camp de Drancy)*

Open to the Public. No Fee. Registration Required. To register:
Email rxman1216@gmail.com Subject Line: Hadassah Program

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

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the power
of women
who DO

In between tours with their Nefesh Mountain Band, Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg tour as an acoustic duo.

“Storytellers” is an incredible, stripped down version of many songs from their music catalog.

Their performance shares a meaningful focus on lyrics and the stories behind them, and is a profound expression of their mighty Jewish spirit.

Sunday | April 26 | 3 pm
Congregation Kneseth Israel

Tickets: \$25.00

Children 13 and under: Free

Scan QR code to purchase tickets at

events.ticketleap.com/tickets/ckielginorg/nefesh-mountain-storytellers



NEFESH

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Join us for this intimate experience,
aimed at bringing communities
together with love in these tender
and complicated times.

Shalom Connections



SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

6:00-8:00 PM

REC HAUS IN ST. CHARLES

Join us for food, drinks, and/or games! Separate checks and individual game cards will be available. Time-based games (like bocce ball or shuffleboard) are charged per person per hour and can be arranged that evening.

****Please RSVP to Jenny Trygar by May 10th****
Jendonintendo@gmail.com



Putter Pong

Pinball

Table Games



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Building Community
Embracing Diversity
Meaningful Observance
Lifelong Learning

Return Service Requested



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April 2026 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Apr 1	Rabbi's Study Session	8:00 AM	Apr 15	Jewish Ethics of End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients	7:00 PM
Apr 2	Office Closed for Pesach Day 1		Apr 16	Torah Study	4:00 PM
Apr 3	Office Closed for Pesach Day 2		Apr 17	Kabbalat Shabbat Zimrah Service	7:00 PM
	CKI Community Seder	6:00 PM	Apr 18	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Apr 4	Shabbat & Festival Service	9:30 AM	Apr 19	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 5	No Torah School			Holocaust Remembrance Program	2:00 PM
Apr 7	Java & Jews Zoom Only	9:00 AM	Apr 21	CKI Book Club	10:00 AM
Apr 8	Office Closed for Pesach Day 7		Apr 23	Torah Study	4:00 PM
Apr 10	First Friday Family Shabbat	5:30 PM	Apr 24	JNF Israel Shabbat Dinner	6:00 PM
	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM		Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Apr 11	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 25	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Apr 12	Torah School	9:00 AM	Apr 26	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 14	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM		Nefesh Mountain Storytellers	3:00 PM
Apr 15	Ha Kol Submissions due		Apr 30	Torah Study	4:00 PM