

Lifelong Learning

Embracing Diversity

Building Community

Meaningful Observance

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Save the Date!

July 24—1 pm, Hadassah Game Day
Aug. 21— 4 pm, Listen Up Concert
Sept. 9—11 – 130th Anniversary Weekend Event with author, Anita Diamant



From the Rabbi's Study

June brings with it more time to celebrate. We begin with Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, seven weeks after Passover. We have been diligently counting the days since the second night of Passover. 50 days. Measuring the growth of our Omer, the winter barley growing in our community garden. Measuring our own growth through the mystical Sephiroth, emanations of the Divine. We are called as Jews, as people of faith and spiritual people to be like G-d and to track that growth. How are we full of lovingkindness, chesed?

How are we slow to anger, endlessly patient, forgiving? How do we measure that growth?

On June 4th at 8:00 PM, we will gather in the evening to celebrate Havdalah and Yizkor and then to begin our study of next year's study topic: "Teach us to number our days." The full verse from Psalm 90 says, "Teach us to number our days that we may attain a heart of wisdom." Counting, numbering is exactly right as we celebrate CKI's 130th anniversary. Our youngest

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President's Message

Wow, I can't believe that I have been President of CKI for a whole year! A year ago, I told you how honored I was, and I still am, that you trust me to do what is best for the common good. I went on to say that I hope that I will meet your expectation, and I hope that I have. I admit that I had sincerely thought that by now COVID would be just a bad memory, or at least well controlled. Unfortunately, I was wrong. As I have said several times, I don't have a crystal ball to predict the future. I do try to look at the positive side, so here are some of the positive things that came out of the travail:

- When we were not able to have in-person services, Rabbi Margaret got us going on Zoom. Since the early days of the pandemic, we have continually increased our technology capabilities with the help of lots of people both inside and outside CKI. We are now at a point where people "drop" in on services and programs from all over the world. Even after the doors reopened, we knew that we had to remain accessible to those who, for a variety of reasons, could not attend in-person services, so we morphed into hybrid services. I am astonished each week that we have not missed having a

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From the Rabbi's Study...

Torah School kids tried to understand that BIG number by counting 130 candles. That's a lot of candles!



Torah School students counting 130 candles

On Sunday morning, June 5th at 9:30 AM, we will be at Carl Hansen Woods, the first picnic shelter, for the reading of the 10 Commandments and Hallel. Watch your email for more details for both these events.

The celebrations in June don't stop with Shavuot. We are keeping Friday night services in June still hybrid and moving to 7PM to better accommodate people who are working and can't get home in time to be here in person or online.

We celebrate our board of directors, our lay leadership team, with a special Kabbalat Shabbat service on June 10th at 7:00 PM. "Sanctifying our sacred trust" reminds us that a leadership team engages in sacred, holy, spiritual work, not just the nuts and bolts of running a business. It is like the celebration of Shavuot, "covenantal."

The weekend celebrations continue with the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha

Newby on June 18th. Some of you may be celebrating Father's Day that weekend.

We hope to celebrate the return of Shabbat on the Road on June 24th at Canterbury Fields in Hoffman Estates: <https://www.heparks.org/canterbury-fields-park/> A brief Kabbalat Shabbat service and a chance to schmooze over potluck dinner. Bring something to share, lawn chairs, and bug spray. Rain location—the Klein home (within walking distance of Canterbury Fields).

On June 26th we will celebrate the history of Elgin's Jewish community as the first program of our 130th Anniversary. A joint program of Hadassah and CKI, Rich Renner, from the Elgin History Museum, will make our early history come alive. It should be a fascinating afternoon.

One thing we count is how CKI brings meaning to our lives. It is hard to quantify, but as we end this fiscal year, it is good to remind you of all the things that CKI offers to each of you. But we can't do it without you. We count on you!

Among the things we offer as I enumerated at the Annual Meeting:

- **Lifelong Learning**
 - ✧ Adult Alef Bet Hebrew and Intermediate Hebrew
 - ✧ Book Group
 - ✧ Java and Jews
 - ✧ Torah School
 - ✧ Periodic one-time learning opportunities
- **Meaningful Observance**
 - ✧ Friday Night and Saturday Morning Services
 - ✧ Holiday Observances and Life Cycle Events
 - ✧ Kosher Kitchen
- **Building Community**
 - ✧ Social Events

- ✧ Safety and Security Upgrades
- ✧ Community Garden
- ✧ Streaming and Zoom to keep us connected
- ✧ Men's Club and Hadassah
- ✧ Visibility in the wider community through things like CERL, CBR, EPD, St.. Joseph's Hospital, Gail Borden Public Library, FFGE, Blood Drives, Ukraine, ADL Signature Synagogue

• **Embracing Diversity**

- ✧ 30 communities, 11 school districts, 4 counties, and 4 congressional districts
- ✧ A home for everyone—Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Bagels and Lox, High Holy Days, whatever your level of observance, Interfaith, empty nester, single, married, LGBTQ+

As you can see, quoting an old commercial, "Membership has its benefits." Each of these is a benefit! Make sure we count you! Please join us!

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein



**To reach the Rabbi,
please call her cell number:
978-590-8268.**

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

CKI BOARD

Mazel tov and a warm welcome to the new officer and Board Members who were voted in at Annual Meeting!

Executive Vice President – Jerry Niederman

Board Member Term Expiring MAY 2025

- Biana Castro
- Lisa Neilon
- Jeanette Pacanowski
- Matt Schwartz

Board Member Expiring 2024 – to complete Jerry Niederman's term

- Myrna Rosenbaum

Board Member Terms expire MAY 2023 – to replace Brock Friedman's spot

- Gale Jacoby

We would like to express our gratitude to the remainder of the officers and Board Members for their dedicated service.

President - Robin Coyne

Vice President of Education – Barb Razowsky

Vice President Ritual Chair - Gene Lindow

Treasurer – Charlie Neuman

Financial Secretary – Sandi Phelan

Recording Secretary – Barb Edelstein

Immediate Past President - Risa Cohen

Board Members

Maureen Manning

Dan Marshall

Barb Razowsky

David Bromet

Judi Tepe

Kara Morgan

Men's Club – Ken Jacoby

Lastly, CKI would like to thank Lee Berger and Stew Levin for having served on the CKI Board for the past three years. Your participation was greatly valued. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers, so please feel free to call either Robin Coyne, an officer, or a member of the Board and let us know what you would like to do.

President's Message continued

minyan. Services have become a critical point of community and connection, whether in person or on Zoom. CKI can truly say that we do not place stumbling blocks before anyone; all are welcome in our community.

- Rabbi Margaret's illness demonstrated the depth and richness of the CKI community. We stuck together and some extraordinarily talented people led us in beautiful, meaningful services. Again, we didn't miss a beat.
- At a time when religious schools are closing, CKI's Torah School is flourishing. Sunday morning Torah School is a beautiful experience. Hebrew Coaching is a program that is being modeled nationally. The Scientists in the Synagogue grant provided meaningful, creative programming.
- I'm not going to be entirely "happy clappy." Being on Zoom isn't the same as being together. We have missed the opportunity to gather and socialize. We've missed Kiddushes and Oneg Shabbats, the community Break-the-Fast and Seders. Our fundraising opportunities such as the Corned Beef Lunch could not happen. The boiler really didn't care that we have not been able to do fundraising and it needed some major repairs. Speaking of the boiler, as all of you are aware energy prices are at all-time highs. CKI is still financially strong, but we definitely need your support to stay strong and viable. Judi Tepe is now chairing the Fundraising Committee, so if you have an idea or you would like to help, give either Judi or me a call. Please continue to be vigilant, stay safe and healthy, be kind, and find things to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne



Tuesday, June 7th @ 9:00 am

On Zoom only. Check your email or contact
Rabbi Margaret: rabbi@ckielgin.org
for more information.

CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is open, and
Peg is back in the office.

If you need to reach the office, please call
847-741-5656 during office hours, which are:

Monday—Friday:
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, make it payable to
Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI.

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

Thank you!

CKI Book Club Schedule 2021—2022

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

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

Donations

- Douglas Bakley
 - Kate, Cindy & Bernice Bakley
 - Sandi & Kevin Phelan
 - Judi & Vern Tepe
 - Anonymous
- In memory of Ada Novak, Robin Coyne's aunt**
- Charlie & Helen Neuman
 - Sandi & Kevin Phelan
 - Maureen Manning
 - Barbara Maring & Bob Kulefsky
 - Jana & Bill McFarlane
- In memory of David Goodman**
- Rosalie Goodman
- In memory of Rae Pitzele, Perry Pitzele's mother**
- Jana & Bill McFarlane
- In memory of my mother, Ruth Mintzer**
- Risa Cohen
- In memory of my father**
- Paul Cohen

In honor of Milton & Marian Ginsberg & Faye Hollie Ginsberg Korn to help celebrate 130 years of CKI

- Susan Ginsberg

GENERAL FUND

For CKI's 130th Anniversary

- Ken More
- Barbara Njus
- Joy Wener Bang

Men's Club Donations for Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle

- Dan & Stephanie Rich
- Nancy & Harvey Braus
- Barbara Edelstein
- Stuart Hymen
- Ken More
- Barbara Njus
- Vern & Judi Tepe

In honor of Gareth Sitz for a great Seder

- Jana & Bill McFarlane
- In memory of the Neuman Family**
- Charlie & Helen Neuman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Robin Coyne's aunt, Ada Novak

- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld
- Brad Burkner, Anita Hornung, & Vanessa Allen

Donation

- Jerry Niederman
- Judi & Vern Tepe

Special Funds

The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- **Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- **General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- **Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** See the President
- **Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- **CKI Youth Fund** – Supports programs for our synagogue youth
- **Prayer Book Fund** – Siddur is \$36; Chumash is \$60
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
- **Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- **Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund** Repair of Torah scrolls
- **Sisterhood** – Supports women's group's various projects
- **Blossom Wohl Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur is \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up See the President

**Parashat HaShavu'a:
Weekly Torah Portions**

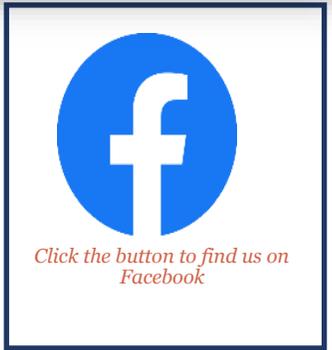
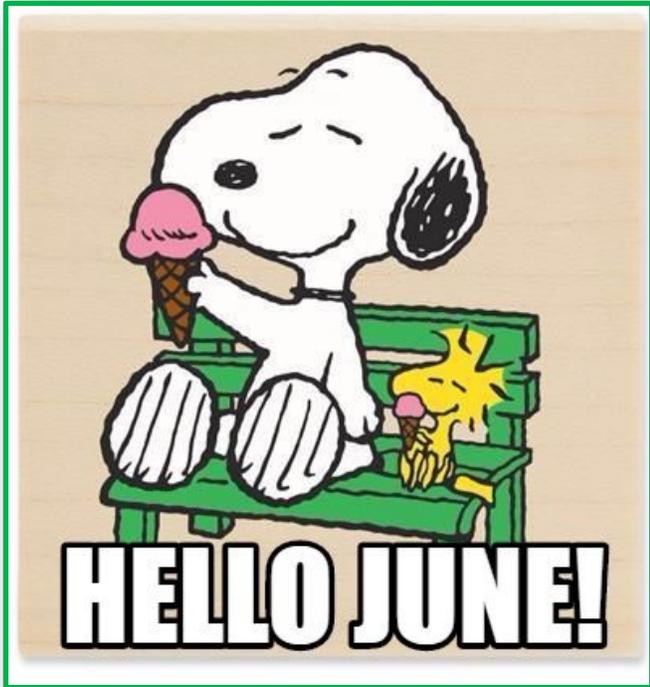
June 4 5 Sivan	<i>Bamidbar</i> — Numbers 1:1 thru 4:20
June 5 6 Sivan	<i>Shavuot/Yizkor</i> — Exodus 19:1 thru 20:23
June 11 12 Sivan	<i>Naso</i> —Numbers 4:21 thru 7:89
June 18 19 Sivan	<i>B'Haalot'kha</i> — Numbers 8:1 thru 12:16
June 25 26 Sivan	<i>Sh'lah L'kha</i> — Numbers 13:1 thru 15:41

June Birthdays

Ethel Schillmoeller	Jun 1
Renee Berger	Jun 1
Isaac Marshall	Jun 1
Jacob McFarlane	Jun 1
Rachel Greenberg	Jun 6
Michael Castro	Jun 6
Ted Frisch	Jun 11
Jeffrey Silberman	Jun 13
Rachel Gauthier	Jun 13
Joshua Atkins	Jun 18
Barbara Levine	Jun 20
Jennifer Finger	Jun 21
Anita Silverman	Jun 22
Liana Ginder	Jun 23
Mark Huggins	Jun 24
Kevin Phelan	Jun 26
Brendan Weiser	Jun 26
Jacob Morris Gantz	Jun 30

June Anniversaries

Daniel & Karen Schlack	Jun 6
Gene & Sandy Lindow	Jun 9
David & Sandi Perlman	Jun 16
David & Wendy Barrash	Jun 19
Jennifer Finger	Jun 21
Joel & Ellen Levy	Jun 24
Michael & Janet Seigle	Jun 24
Ken & Gale Jacoby	Jun 25
Raul & Cathy Aron	Jun 28
Dick & Sue Johnson	Jun 28
Lee & Nikki Berger	Jun 29



Hadassah Helps Elderly Ukrainian Refugee with Medicine and a New Life in Israel

Despite the onset of war, 77-year-old Janna had no intention of leaving her home in Mariupol, Ukraine. But when the relentless bombing of her city

started, she realized it was not possible for her to remain there.

Fortunately, Janna was evacuated through a humanitarian

corridor. During an arduous three-day journey to the Ukrainian city of Lviv, however, she contracted a severe case of pneumonia. Arriving in Lviv, she was hospitalized and started on intravenous (IV) treatment. It seemed the war had followed her, for after seven days of hospitalization, bombing began in that city, too. Armed with a full suitcase of IV bags filled with a broad range of medicines, including antibiotics, antifungal drugs, and steroids, Janna was discharged from the hospital and evacuated to the Polish border city of Przemyśl.

Janna was brought to Przemyśl's Ukrainian Cultural Center, which has recently been transformed into a refugee center. Unable to provide for all the medical needs of those finding shelter under their roof, the managers of the center, Polish citizens of Ukrainian ethnicity, had asked the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) Medical Humanitarian Mission to send a doctor and a nurse for one to two hours a day to provide medical care.

Sitting in a wheelchair, Janna was spotted at the center by Dr. Mohamad Hahhud, an HMO pediatrician, and Alexander Furmanov, an HMO neurosurgical and cardiothoracic surgical intensive care

nurse, during their rotation there. They noticed an IV port in her arm. Furmanov, a Jewish Israeli nurse who speaks both Russian and Ukrainian, asked Janna what had happened to her and why she had the IV port. Janna explained that before fleeing Mariupol, she was an active woman who didn't need any special assistance. She told them about her hospital stay in Lviv and her discharge in the midst of treatment because of the bombing.

The administration of such a broad intravenous regimen without medical supervision, Dr. Hahhud explains, is risky. Since Janna wasn't immunocompromised and the copy of the X-ray that she brought with her from Lviv indicated that she no longer required IV treatment, Dr. Hahhud prescribed an appropriate oral medicine, which he and Furmanov located for her.

Dr. Hahhud explains that because of the week Janna spent in bed, her muscles have atrophied so that she is now unable to stand up alone and is confined to a wheelchair. She will need physiotherapy to be able to stand and walk again.



This is not the first time that Dr. Hahhud volunteered for a humanitarian mission. In 2017, he spent six weeks taking care of Syrian refugees in Lesvos, Greece. Still a medical student at the time, he

worked as a medic in the Pikpa camp, caring for children and adults with special needs, particularly the young refugees' post-traumatic stress.

He explains, "As a pediatrician, I feel an obligation to help wherever and whenever possible— especially the children. Even if this help means only a smile, already that is sometimes enough!"

Dr. Hahhud adds, "Leaving my wife, my home, my family and my friends behind, especially during the holy month of Ramadan, isn't easy at all. But because of my calling to aid those in need, I volunteered to help the Ukrainian refugees. Taking 12-hour shifts during the 17-hour daily fast of Ramadan is the hardest part of the mission for me, physically and mentally. But nothing is more important than bringing relief and smiles to the refugees' faces."

In the course of conversation with the HMO mission team members, Janna noticed the Israeli flag on Dr. Hahhud's and Furmanov's masks. She told them that she had relatives living in the Israeli city of Ma'alot. Realizing that she was eligible to immigrate to Israel, Furmanov contacted Janna's relatives in Israel as well as Joint Distribution Committee representatives stationed at the Medyka border crossing in Poland and asked them to begin the formalities that would enable Janna to come to Israel.

As members of the HMO mission have frequently expressed during their time at the refugee centers, they don't provide just medical care; they offer emotional support and whatever other aid they can to help these devastated people heal and reach a less temporary safe haven.

Hopefully, Janna will be united soon with her Israeli family and begin a new, healthier life.

Yahrzeits

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

Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service
Ron Burstein	June 4	Jun 3 & 4	Benjamin Bear*	June 19	June 17 & 18
Ruth Bachrach*	June 6	Jun 3 & 4	Charles Vopner*	June 19	June 17 & 18
Herb Friend*	June 6	Jun 3 & 4	Lorraine Zaler	June 19	June 17 & 18
David Goodman	June 6	Jun 3 & 4	Robert Burak	June 20	June 17 & 18
Morris Hartzman*	June 7	Jun 3 & 4	Marcia Silberman Light	June 20	June 17 & 18
Burt Friedman	June 9	Jun 3 & 4	Renee Levine*	June 21	June 17 & 18
Howard Hymen	June 9	Jun 3 & 4	Lena Wohl	June 22	June 17 & 18
Alyce Lesser	June 9	Jun 3 & 4	Richard Klein	June 23	June 17 & 18
Rose Meza	June 9	Jun 3 & 4	Sarah Frieda Levin	June 23	June 17 & 18
Sidney T. Kramer*	June 11	Jun 10 & 11	Nancy Rabin	June 23	June 17 & 18
Ruth Phelan	June 11	Jun 10 & 11	Sandra Rae Herbstman	June 26	June 24 & 25
Al Zeman*	June 12	Jun 10 & 11	Sidney Pecker	June 26	June 24 & 25
Florence Ginsberg*	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Louis Bender	June 27	June 24 & 25
Richard Kenneth Johnson	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Steve Fox	June 27	June 24 & 25
Allen Mitzenmacher	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Ann Goldstein*	June 27	June 24 & 25
Sam Pevan	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Sam Mintzer	June 27	June 24 & 25
Elsie Wiener	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Rabbi Morris Greenfield*	June 28	June 24 & 25
Gertrude Winner*	June 13	Jun 10 & 11	Louis Burstein*	June 29	June 24 & 25
Nathaniel Saul*	June 15	Jun 10 & 11	Henrietta Rosenberg*	June 29	June 24 & 25
Tessie Rose	June 16	Jun 10 & 11	Jerome Finger*	June 30	June 24 & 25
Bill Kass	June 17	Jun 10 & 11	Barbara Johnson	June 30	June 24 & 25
Lorraine Schwartz	June 17	Jun 10 & 11	Leona Goldstein Fosco	July 1	June 24 & 25
Cookie Le Vine*	June 18	June 17 & 18	Jerome Gerchikov	July 1	June 24 & 25
Don Lesser*	June 18	June 17 & 18	Lilian P. Modes	July 1	June 24 & 25
Etta (Cookie") LeVine**	June 18	June 17 & 18			

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 Jun 3	8:05 pm	Sat Jun 4	9:14 pm
Fri Jun 10	8:10 pm	Sat Jun 11	9:19 pm
Fri Jun 17	8:13 pm	Sat Jun 18	9:21 pm
Fri Jun 24	8:14 pm	Sat Jun 25	9:23 pm

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

Ritually Speaking

“S” stands for—

The letter “S” is the beginning of so many words: *Situation, Sweet, Suggestion, Share, Singular, Socialize, Sunshine, Simple, and Supportive*. For my theme, I am concentrating on and embellishing the word *Supportive*.



The definition of support is: **“to agree with, to approve, to give comfort, encouragement.”** Religion can be experienced by oneself in the singular, but the experience is enhanced when done with others; Judaism has numerous commandments and ways of showing how to be supportive through community.

Education—We are commanded to share traditions with our children and others - *L’dor v’dor*. To lead through example is the greatest way to make a lasting impact.

Prayer—To have a minyon (ten Jews) allows certain prayers to be said together.

Corners of your fields—To provide sustenance to others in need.

Being a role model—To volunteer your time and knowledge to enhance others.

Charity—To share our good fortunes to help others in need (not just financial).

Compromise—Though we may not always agree, take a path that supports achieving the desired outcome. Be willing to try something different.

Here at CKI we are blessed with individuals who are serious about supporting others through action. Rabbi Margaret is very giving of her time, not only for the members of CKI, but also for the Elgin community. She promotes understanding of how each of us can make a difference in the world—thank you! But wait; we have the board, committee members, volunteers, teachers, Hadassah, Sisterhood, Men’s Club, and others who support individuals and families through all our life cycles.

I will share a mantra I have said before that helps support my perspective and influences my actions. **“The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.”**

So much has happened these past few years with COVID. Thank God that our community is strong and has survived the pandemic. Has it been easy? NO! Has it caused some dissention? Yes, but in the end, we have been supportive of the overall decision on how to find new ways of being community, with the goal of returning to what so many consider “normal,” if that is even possible. The synagogue is always in need, and you can make such a difference. In the upcoming months, I hope you can be supportive of the decisions made by our leaders to provide a safer, supportive synagogue to all who enter our doors. The High Holy Days are only a few months away, but you don’t have to wait. We look forward to your taking an active role all year long. This year we celebrate 130 years of CKI—Our 150th is just around the corner!

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

Shavuot 5782



Erev Shavuot, June 4th at 8:00 PM

Zoom Only

- Havdalah
- Yizkor
- Study

A delightful evening of music, memory, and munchies.

The tradition is to stay up all night studying, so that we are ready to receive the 10 Commandments.

This year we will shake things up just like our Omer wave offerings. Beginning with Havdalah, a little study, Yizkor, then more study. Register in advance, and we will deliver you cheesecake and other goodies to enjoy during the evening. Volunteer to teach your favorite verse of Torah.

Shavuot Morning, June 5th at 9:30 AM

Carl Hansen Woods (entrance on Route 59)

- Meet at Picnic Shelter #1
- Hallel
- Reading of the 10 Commandments
- Hike (short) to Mount Sinai (a Kame prairie hill)
- Dairy snacks and coffee!



Samantha Newby Bat Mitzvah

Samantha Kennedy Newby will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 18, 2022. Sharing this special occasion with Samantha are her proud parents, Keenan and Rachel Newby. Also sharing this wonderful day are Samantha's grandparents, Gary and Gloria Moreau and Kirby and Carol Newby, Samantha's Aunts and Uncles John and Amy Grimley and Kent and Kristin Newby, and many cousins and great aunts and great uncles and friends from around the country.



Samantha will be an 8th grade student at Central Middle School next year. Most times, Samantha can be found dancing at Duet Dance Academy, participating in dance competitions, or performing at special events and recitals. When Samantha is not dancing, she likes to spend time with friends and family. Samantha also likes reading, making art, and occasionally playing her clarinet.

While finding spare time can be challenging, Samantha loves to give back to the community. She has been a long-time supporter of the local animal shelter and has decided she would now like to turn her efforts to serving people in need throughout the community. Samantha will be volunteering at Gail Borden Public Library and plans to continue her service beyond her Bat Mitzvah.

Samantha has learned many things in her time at CKI. She has learned about Jewish history and traditions. Samantha has also learned to read and write Hebrew. Most importantly, Samantha has learned information about many topics from Rabbi. Depending on the day,

Rabbi will teach in the morning and then explain and show its relevance. On a snowy day Rabbi will teach or remind everyone of the Hebrew word for snow and then tell a story and ask everyone questions about themselves. CKI is a cherished part of Samantha's family.

2022 ROTH SCHOLARSHIP

The members of the Roth Scholarship Committee – Barbara Njus, Anita Hornung, and Maureen Manning – are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's awards: Angelina Bonner.

Angelina has been involved in organizations and extra-curricular activities at school including: JV Badminton, Varsity Badminton, and Student Council, and has also been a member of the Teen Group at Chabad of Elgin from 2019 to the present. Her community activity has been her involvement as a Food for Family Volunteer from 2014 to the present.

This fall Angelina will be attending the University of Tampa where she will major in film and media arts in hopes of going into the film industry. She has been accepted into their honors program.

Angelina wrote an eloquent essay about the importance of Judaism in her life, citing the influence of one grandparent in particular as a key person in the formation of her Jewish identity. She expressed her commitment to continuing with traditions like attending High Holy Day services with her family. Angelina shared that when planning on attending a university so far away, she made sure that there was a Hillel on campus in order to continue practicing her faith. She looks forward to forming new connections and developing new friendships there.

Yasher Koach to Angelina, and Mazel Tov to her parents, Shaun and Bonnie Bonner.

~Maureen Manning, Chair



Mark Your Calendars for 130th Anniversary Events

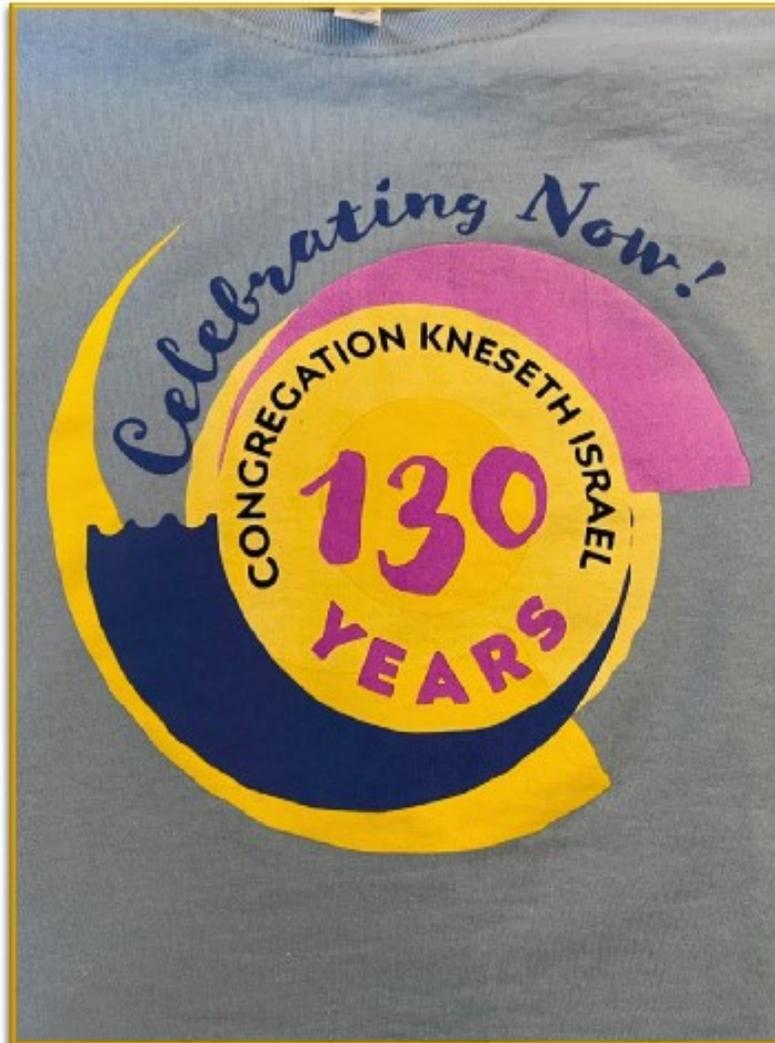
- **June 26** —Richard Renner, 2 PM at CKI “The History of Elgin’s Jewish Community: Turning Back the Clock,” sponsored by CKI and Elgin Hadassah
- **August 21**—Concert, *Listen Up*, 4 PM, sponsored by CKI Sisterhood
- **September 9—11**—A Scholar-in-Residence weekend with well-known author Anita Diamant, sponsored by the Clara Wechter Education Fund
Friday night @ CKI
Saturday night @ CKI
Sunday afternoon @ Gale Borden Public Library
- **November 4**—Billy Joel Concert, sponsored by CKI Men’s Club
- **November 20**—Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service hosted at CKI
- **December 18**—Northwestern Hillel Acapella Choir Concert
- **More to come**—Lucy Marshall, Mayyim Kayyim,



An outstanding committee has been working for several months. We welcome anyone who would like to participate in planning these or other events. Contact Dick Johnson dickjohnson20@gmail.com and Sue Johnson, johnson.susans@gmail.com



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

Dan Marshall – Consulting on the HVAC system to keep it working efficiently. Crucial help!

Ellen & Joel Levy and Rabbi Margaret – Helping out with the blood drive and super yummy treats. A real Mitzvah!

Gene Lindow – Installing the air conditioners, repairing the sanctuary seat (it looks good as new!) and installing a new rock on our Tree of Life in memory of Medina Gross. You are priceless!

The Harper and Newby Families – Lag Ba'omer treats and setting up the grill for our s'mores "bonfire." What sweet families!

Jana McFarlane – Replenishing our necessary supplies. You are truly appreciated!

Jerry Niederman & Gage – Planting the Community Garden. Your efforts will truly blossom and nourish!

Helen Lindow — Donating the book that includes our beautiful Ner Tamid. Always adding to our knowledge and appreciation!

The Soup Kettle Scoop

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Our next Soup Kettle CKI date is **TUESDAY, MAY 31st**. It's a fun, cooperative experience and a wonderful way to give back. When the dishes are washed and put away, we all feel as though we made the world just a bit better than we found it.

Please call Judi Tepe at 630-250-7686 or email her at juditepe@gmail.com and sign up NOW!

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Here's how Fundability works: you purchase, for example, a \$100 Jewel Foods gift card. CKI is paid \$4 from Fundability. The amount of CKI's profit depends upon the percentage of discount set by each vendor. Over the years, our most popular cards include Jewel Foods, Wal-Mart, Target, Panera, iTunes, and Amazon.com. You can even order an Amazon gift card and spend it using AmazonSmile and raise even more money for CKI !!!

Check out the huge list of Fundability gift card possibilities at the RaiseRight (formerly ShopwithScrip) website: <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

You can find ordering and process information on our website: <https://www.ckielqin.org/gift-certificates.html>

Fundability/Scrip gift cards make great gifts also, and they make gift giving even easier. Orders can do done *electronically* via the CKI website noted above.

NOTE: Payment (made out to *Congregation Kneseth Israel*) for the gift card **MUST** be made via check, online bill payment from your bank, or Zelle. Due to financial impact on CKI, payments should **NOT** be made electronically on the Fundability/RaiseRight website.

Dick Johnson
Fundability Chair

ELGIN HADASSAH GAME DAY



Sunday, July 24th, 1:00 to 4:00 at CKI, 330 Division Street, Elgin

We will learn how to play Mah Jongg from Liza Bachrach, and if you already know how to play, that's even better!

\$6.00 admission for those who have their own 2022 card. *Please let us know if you can bring a Mah Jongg set we can use at the event and also if you have a group who would like to be seated together.*

\$16.00 admission for those without a 2022 card, which we will purchase for you. *Entrance fees include refreshments and guests are welcome.*

Please reserve your prepaid seat with your payment by July 15th so we can plan to have enough cards, tables and tile sets. Make out your check to Hadassah and mail to Debbie Sternfeld, 1422 Chatham Lane, Schaumburg, Illinois 60193, or call her at 847-985-1122 with your charge card information. Questions? Email Debbie at rxman1216@gmail.com with GAME DAY in subject line.

If Mah Jongg isn't your thing, please let us know any other games that might be of interest and we will consider adding them.



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Jun 2	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jun 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Jun 3	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jun 16	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jun 4	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jun 17	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
	Shavuot Yizkor & Study Zoom	8:00 PM	Jun 18	Shabbat Service & Newby Bat Mitzvah	9:30 AM
Jun 5	Shavuot Torah Reading	9:30 AM	Jun 21	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
Jun 7	Java & Jews Zoom	9:00 AM		CKI Choir Practice	7:00 PM
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Jun 9	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jun 24	Shabbat on the Road	7:00 PM
Jun 10	Shabbat Service + Bd Installation Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jun 25	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Jun 11	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jun 26	History of Elgin's Jewish Community	2:00 PM
Jun 14	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Jun 30	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM