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**Save the Date!**

Nov 20 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
Dec 4 & 11—Chanukah Bazaar  
Dec 18—Northwestern Hillel Acapella Concert



**From the Rabbi's Study**

BRRRR. On mornings such as this, I am grateful for heat. For buildings with roofs that don't leak. For food and warm clothing. That is part of the message of Sukkot, which we just finished celebrating. Shelter is fragile. Impermanent.

The rabbis of the Talmud taught that we should say 100 blessings a day. This is something we practice with the Torah School kids. What are you thankful for? The list is always interesting and often includes things that are "unexpected." A recent school list included "bread, pets, life, family,

friends and Sundays." Yes, Sundays. Our kids really enjoy coming to Torah School and they enjoy time with their families in a more relaxed manner than the work week allows.

Modern psychology also recommends making a list of things we are grateful for. Some even suggest that coming up with a list of 3 and journaling them helps us sleep and improves our mood.

November is a season of gratitude. Thanksgiving is coming. As part of our

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**President's Message**

As I reflect on how amazingly meaningful the High Holy Day services were, I've been thinking about how Judaism has evolved. I pondered how today's prayers and practices developed after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, when Rabban Yochanan and Rebbe Yehoshua discussed how worshiping G-d would continue through the study of Torah, work or service, and kindness and charity.

When the COVID pandemic first struck, we agonized at first over how we would do proper Passover Seders; we got

through it with the introduction of Zoom. It wasn't the same as sitting together, but at least we could be "together." As life continued to be in a state of turmoil, with lives actually lost, rabbis continued an ongoing debate about the role of technology. They came together and discussed and even argued the Halakha and in the end stated that prayer with the aid of technology is permissible, even on Shabbat. CKI had already participated in this ongoing debate and was well equipped to introduce streaming or Zoom. With the ongoing pandemic, technology and our ability to use it has

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# From the Rabbi's Study...

130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are hosting the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. What CKI members have told me in the past is they especially appreciate the variety of music. This year in addition to groups from Second Baptist, St. Laurence, and our own CKI Choir, we will be joined by members of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. It should be a great event. The theme this year is "Thankful for the Journey." Each of you have had a journey to CKI, whether you live in Elgin or not. How did you find CKI? What brought you here? At Sukkot we asked you to bring in a picture of your ancestors (not an original!). We will use those as decorations for Thanksgiving.

I have no trouble coming up with things I am grateful for about CKI:

- Our board of directors, under the direction of Robin Coyne, and their willingness to manage the building and the finances.
- Our ritual team, under the direction of Gene Lindow, and their willingness to provide meaningful observance, week by week, holiday by holiday, life cycle event by life cycle event.
- Our choir, under the direction of Stew Levin, who enhances our services with great music.
- Our Torah School staff, under the direction of Heather Weiser, who care passionately about educating our children and creating positive Jewish memories for the next generation.
- Our new adult study chairperson, Myrna Rosenbaum, who has so many creative, new ideas of things to learn.
- Our office, under the direction of Peg Lehman, who keeps me on task and helps me get things done in a timely manner.

- Our Men's Club, our Sisterhood, Hadassah and the Clara Wechter Education Fund for making things happen. The Sukkah, ListenUp! Anita Diamant, Billy Joel, Chanukah Bazaar and so much more. And the Seltzer Music Fund for the concert to come in May.

- Each of you—who enable this synagogue to flourish—even after 130 years—to remain relevant and to be a place you call home.

But it is not all seen through rose-colored glasses. I know that times have been tough and for some are getting tougher. I am grateful to Jewish United Fund for a recent disbursement to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. That helps me help some of you. I am grateful for others who have stepped up in that regard as well. I worry about those who may have lost a job, who are struggling with illness or mental health issues, who may find it hard to find things to be grateful for. Reach out. That's part of what community is about. I am always available (although I would prefer no calls between 9PM and 9 AM unless it is an actual emergency!).

Some wonder why as Jews we celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is based on the biblical holiday of Sukkot, as we read in Governor William Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation*. So yes, celebrating Thanksgiving is a very Jewish thing to do. One of my favorite stories is Molly's Pilgrim about a Jewish immigrant who is bullied in school and then tasked with creating a pilgrim doll for a school diorama. Read it and discover what a pilgrim is.

### Making our Days Count—November

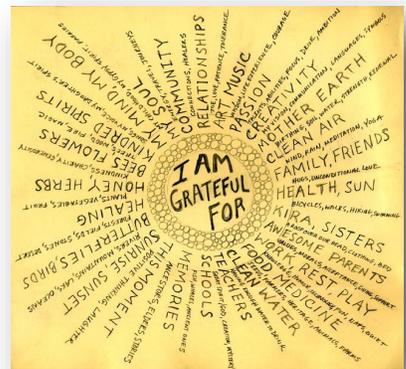
There are lots of opportunities to make our days count. To bring meaning to our lives.

- ❖ Start a gratitude journal. (I often do

one on Facebook!)

- ❖ Read a Jewish book! November is National Jewish Book Month.
- ❖ Consider a Jewish adult study course. We will be hosting a Comparative Religion Course in Nov (dates and times to be determined) and one on G-d concepts in January.
- ❖ Thank a veteran for their service.
- ❖ This November we have the opportunity to vote. That wasn't always true for Jews in other countries. However you vote—by mail, by early voting, by voting on the day of, or whomever you are voting for: Exercise your right! Your ancestors who came to this country may not have had that option in their country of origin. Consider joining the pool of election judges. Simon and Robin already have.

—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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**President** – Robin Coyne  
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**Recording Secretary** – Barbara Edelstein  
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## CKI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**Keruv** – (available)  
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**Youth Activities** – (available)

To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

## President's Message continued

improved to the point that it is now part of life. Comments from members who attended High Holy Day services via Zoom highlight how the pillars of Judaism were fulfilled and how a close, supportive community has been established. There are some who have "lobbied" for discontinuing Zoom, now that CKI is open, because sometimes it is distracting (like when glitches happen), but from my perspective, the richness that has been created overshadows the negatives. Having accessible services has allowed those who are unable to attend in person to be part of the CKI family, to share in the solemn and joyful times. I have even been told that those with hearing impairment can hear the service with less difficulty. It is my feeling that CKI's accessible services fulfill the vision of the ancient rabbis, we can all come together to study Torah, pray, and provide acts of loving kindness. Isn't enabling people who love each other to come together for prayer and support one of the most important acts of loving kindness? I hope that we will be able to share prayer and lend support for each other for many more joyous years. As always, please stay safe, healthy, and happy, be kind, and find things to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne



**November 8th @ 9:00 am**

Zoom. Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret:  
[rabbi@ckielgin.org](mailto:rabbi@ckielgin.org) for more information.

## CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is OPEN & Peg is in the office.  
To reach the office, please call 847-741-5656  
during office hours, Monday—Friday:  
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, make it payable to  
**Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI.**  
Note what the money is intended for.  
Thank you!

## CKI Book Club Schedule 2022—2023

| Date                      | Book                     | Author        | Moderator           | Time     |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|
| August 16 (Tues.) Zoom    | Day After Night          | A. Diamant    | Rabbi Margaret      | 10:30 am |
| September 20 (Tues.) Zoom | Gateway to the Moon      | M. Morris     | Risa Cohen          | 10:30 am |
| October 25 (Tues.) Zoom   | The Dead Sister          | J. Dunsky     | TBA                 | 10:30 am |
| November 15 (Tues.) Zoom  | Revenge: A Story of Hope | L. Blumenfeld | Gail Borden and CKI | 10:30 am |
| December 13 (Tues.) Zoom  | Year of Wonders          | G. Brooks     | TBA                 | 10:30 am |
| January 17 (Tues.) Zoom   | Red Sea Spies            | R. Berg       | Barbara Njus        | 10:30 am |
| February 21 (Tues.) Zoom  | A Thread of Grace        | M. D. Russell | TBA                 | 10:30 am |
| March 21 (Tues.) Zoom     | Defending Britta Stein   | R. Balson     | Anita Silverman     | 10:30 am |
| April 18 (Tues.) Zoom     | The Daughters of Yalta   | C. Katz       | TBA                 | 10:30 am |
| May 16 (Tues.) Hybrid     | People of the Book       | G. Brooks     | Marianne Bailey     | 11:00 am |
| June 20 (Tues.) Zoom      | The Sparrow              | M. D. Russell | Myrna Rosenbaum     | 10:30 am |
| July 18 (Tues.) Zoom      | The Observant Wife       | N. Ragen      | Judi Tepe           | 10:30 am |

### Generous Donations

#### **GENERAL FUND**

##### **Donations**

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

##### **High Holy Day Donations**

- Michael & Shirley Kroot
- Gayle & Larry Kantro
- Debbie & Michael Lorsch
- Marc & Helen Povitsky
- Alan Chapnick
- Phyllis Niederman

##### **In honor of Maureen Manning**

- Sam Manning Gotsdiner

##### **In memory of Ida Neuman**

- Charlie & Helen Neuman

**Thank you to the Lindows for lending me their car during HHD—a very generous & enormous help!**

- Stephanie Burak Gothmann

#### **BLOSSOM FLOWER FUND**

**In memory of Chuck's father, Joseph Zimmerman**

- Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman

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

##### **Donation**

- Jason & Miryoung Wenz

**In honor of opening the ark on Yom Kippur**

- Anita Silverman

**Thank you to Rabbi Margaret: for allowing me to join the congregation for the HHD**

- Joel Koenig

**In memory of Dick's wife, Sharon**

- Dick Zittler

**Thanks for lending Jewish group CKI's Sifre Torah for HHD**

- Rabbi Charles Rubovits

**In memory of Irwin Chinskey**

- Barbara Edelstein

**High Holy Day Donation**

- Steve & Bev Bromet

### 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

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Nov 5</b><br/>11 Cheshvan</p>  | <p><i>Parashat Lekh Lekha</i>—<br/>Genesis 12:1-17:27<br/>Haftarah Isaiah 4:27-41:16</p> |
| <p><b>Nov 12</b><br/>18 Cheshvan</p> | <p><i>Parashat Vayera</i>—<br/>Genesis 18:1-22:24<br/>Haftarah Kings 4:1-37</p>          |
| <p><b>Nov 19</b><br/>25 Cheshvan</p> | <p><i>Parashat Hayye Sarah</i>—<br/>Genesis 23:1-25:18<br/>Haftarah Kings 1:1-31</p>     |
| <p><b>Nov 26</b><br/>2 Kislev</p>    | <p><i>Parashat Toledot</i><br/>Genesis 25:19-28:9<br/>Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2-7</p>       |

## November Birthdays

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Michael Gantz     | Nov 1  |
| Annabelle Gomberg | Nov 1  |
| Miryoung Wenz     | Nov 1  |
| Bob Kulefsky      | Nov 4  |
| Deborah Sternfeld | Nov 5  |
| Arlene Bass       | Nov 7  |
| Jacob Bromet      | Nov 9  |
| Jeff Gomberg      | Nov 10 |
| Alice Harper      | Nov 11 |
| Lacretia Schwartz | Nov 14 |
| Zachary Bromet    | Nov 14 |
| Gareth Sitz       | Nov 16 |
| Raul Aron         | Nov 18 |
| Mindi Schwartz    | Nov 20 |
| Lisa G. Wohl      | Nov 22 |
| Jordana Salinas   | Nov 22 |
| Jean Suerth       | Nov 23 |
| Emma Bromet       | Nov 25 |
| Sandi Phelan      | Nov 25 |
| Brad Epstein      | Nov 28 |

## November Anniversaries

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Lisa & Joe Neilon         | Nov 1  |
| Bob & Nancy Protter       | Nov 5  |
| Myron & Charlene Goldman  | Nov 26 |
| Eugene & Supriya Klionsky | Nov 27 |

**2022 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO**

**Fall Back**  
November 6, 2022  
at 2:00am

Set your clocks back one hour.  
You GAIN an hour.

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## How Hadassah Saved My Husband's Life

By Peg Elefant, Hadassah National Vice President, October 13, 2022

Marrying Passion with Purpose? But of course! I am lucky. I marry two passions, my purpose in serving Hadassah, and my passion as a professional artist. What I know is



true: • My husband, Steve Elefant is 73 years old. He is alive and well 15 years post-mucosal melanoma. • Steve walks

two to four miles with me every day. • Steve is a mensch – we all love him! • Steve cooks every single meal and has for 41+ years. I clean a mean dish. • When the kids were in school and I was teaching, Steve made all our breakfasts and lunches early in the morning. • He lined the lunches up on the banister so we could easily grab them on the way out. We have different tastes, so all our lunches were different. • He came home from a hard workday and cooked dinner. He also does all the food shopping. • Did I mention that Steve has always done all the laundry. I do a mean fold. • For two years, Steve slept on the couch with our aging Pittie, "Coda." I occasionally saw him. He still attended to everyone's comfort, except his own. He napped daily... when possible.

Steve was diagnosed with Mucosal Melanoma in 2008. That means that the linings of his organs were full of cancer. He was given six months to "put his affairs on order." And here we are in Corvallis OR doing great, 15 years later. How did this happen? Fabulous Hadassah research with worldwide impact. Fabulous research, treatment, and care at Fred

Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. It's a long story replete with bumps in the road along with heralding grace and damn good science. You get the short version!

Four years ago, we learned just how Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel saved my husband's life. We were on a conference call with about twenty Hadassah members and Dr. Michal Lotem, MD, Head of the Center for Melanoma and Cancer Immunotherapy, Department of Oncology, Hadassah Medical Organization.

At one point in the call, a participant asked Dr. Lotem, "Why should we donate to Hadassah, thousands of miles away, when we have so many research facilities here in the U.S.?" Dr. Lotem's response: "I have collaborations all over the world. For example, I have collaborated with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle." I interrupted her and said, "I would like you to meet my husband, Steve, whose life was saved by immunotherapy." That shut everyone up!

Now, can I verify that the Hadassah Medical Organization saved my husband's life? No, but I can say for certain that Dr. Lotem's seminal research in immunotherapy over 20 years ago laid the foundation for his treatment, as did her collaboration with "The Hutch." Lucky us! Lucky so MANY people! Dr. Lotem's job as the leader of The Melanoma and Cancer Immunotherapy Center at Hadassah Hospital puts the world-class research hospital at the forefront of innovative research and patient treatment worldwide. As such, the Center has a significant impact on the management of cancer patients through the development of novel approaches to improve current immunotherapies.

Dr. Lotem was one of the instrumental, founding researchers of KEYTRUDA. Fabulous research at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and superb care at its affiliate, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, provided Steve with world class research physicians who are also professors at the University of Washington Medical School. Dr. Shailender Bhatia, Steve's oncologist, quickly made an accurate diagnosis (after a major mistake in Corvallis, Oregon), and to this very day he stays on top of and is intricately involved in innovating, exciting melanoma research.

Though mucosal melanoma is not the skin cancer melanoma you are probably familiar with, the immunotherapy clinical trial worked for Steve! How grateful are we? Words cannot express our gratitude. Bless Hadassah Medical Organization. Bless Fred Hutchinson. We are the fortunate beneficiaries of world class science.



Dr. Michal Lotem

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

|                        |        |             |                           |        |             |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Janet Ellyn Eisner*    | Nov 5  | Nov 4 & 5   | Donald Gross              | Nov 18 | Nov 11 & 12 |
| Cheryl Garson Stanczak | Nov 5  | Nov 4 & 5   | Fannie Cohen              | Nov 19 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Phil Arendt            | Nov 6  | Nov 4 & 5   | Bess Fischer*             | Nov 19 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Walter Goozh           | Nov 6  | Nov 4 & 5   | Harry Fischer*            | Nov 19 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Rebecca Levy           | Nov 6  | Nov 4 & 5   | Joseph Fischer*           | Nov 19 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Barbara Ann Burstein*  | Nov 8  | Nov 4 & 5   | Dr. George Cutts*         | Nov 20 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Joseph Fischer*        | Nov 10 | Nov 4 & 5   | Pinchas Dermer*           | Nov 20 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Merle Blumberg*        | Nov 11 | Nov 4 & 5   | Alvin H. Burstein*        | Nov 21 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Louis Gold*            | Nov 12 | Nov 11 & 12 | Morton Niederman          | Nov 21 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Sarah Gordon*          | Nov 13 | Nov 11 & 12 | Ken Rose                  | Nov 24 | Nov 18 & 19 |
| Sam Himmelfarb         | Nov 13 | Nov 11 & 12 | Catherine (Kay) Burker    | Nov 26 | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Raul Robledo           | Nov 13 | Nov 11 & 12 | Bertha Garson             | Nov 26 | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Josephine Burstein     | Nov 14 | Nov 11 & 12 | Eugene Greenfield         | Nov 26 | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Lawrence M. Goch       | Nov 14 | Nov 11 & 12 | Gloria Hayden*            | Nov 27 | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Harry Jacob Becker*    | Nov 15 | Nov 11 & 12 | Elyse Baumann Krisolofsky | Dec 1  | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Julius Kornstein*      | Nov 15 | Nov 11 & 12 | Sam Gershman              | Dec 1  | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Anna Brenner*          | Nov 16 | Nov 11 & 12 | Joseph Harold Glazov      | Dec 1  | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Serena Kornstein*      | Nov 16 | Nov 11 & 12 | William D. Sharf*         | Dec 1  | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Jesse Yale Norris      | Nov 16 | Nov 11 & 12 | Phyllis Siegel            | Dec 1  | Nov 25 & 26 |
| Delores Friedman       | Nov 18 | Nov 11 & 12 | Walter Kohlhagen*         | Dec 2  | Nov 25 & 26 |



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 Nov 4                  | 5:25 pm | Sat Nov 5            | 6:32 pm |
| Fri Nov 11                 | 4:17 pm | Sat Nov 12           | 5:24 pm |
| Fri Nov 18                 | 4:11 pm | Sat Nov 19           | 5:18 pm |
| Fri Nov 25                 | 4:06 pm | Sat Nov 26           | 5:14 pm |

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

## Ritually Speaking

### CHANGE

As the Ritual chairperson I'd like to convey how proud I was with the way our CKI team came together to welcome everyone to participate in the High Holy Days services. The discussions started after last Passover about how to provide meaningful experiences for the High Holy Days. I invite you to share your opinion on how they were for you—good/bad/indifferent. Please send your feedback to Rabbi Frisch Klein or the CKI office. Thank you, team—**YOUR selflessness** made the difference for all who joined us during services!

Daylight now is getting shorter, along with colder temperatures. Leaves are falling as we transform our mindset for the upcoming winter months. Six weeks ago we were together saying prayers, reflecting on our lives over the past year, and deciding where to make changes. **NOW**, we are back in our regular schedules of work and family life. Did we return to our old ways, since they are easier and familiar? They say in order for changes to become permanent, it can take anywhere from 21 to 180 days. Change can be overwhelming, but very rewarding if achieved and becomes the new normal. One of the hardest things to accept is if the process falls short of your expectations; please don't get discouraged. Look at what was accomplished through your efforts.



As I get older, I find myself working harder to invite change(s); personally, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. To create change, you truly need to open your heart and mind—exposing yourself to be vulnerable. Others may see an opportunity to take advantage of your self-actualization. By no means is this a “one and done” action, but that is how it starts. So I challenge you to revisit what moved you these past few months and to re-evaluate your action

plan. Remember, this is yours and yours alone to create during the early stages. Once started, I hope you will find the inner strength to continue. Your actions can be influential to others, and you can be their inspiration for change. I truly believe that change is a constant, along with taxes and death.

May each of us be blessed with health, vitality, **KOACH** (strength), and the desire to be a difference-maker for the ones with whom we interact. Wishing you a Happy Chanukah. May the lumination from the candles warm your heart.

Gene Lindow  
CKI Ritual Chair  
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## From the Torah School

**Shalom!**

In Pirkei Avot Chapter 5, verse 22, it states "Ben Bag Bag said: Turn it over, and [again] turn it over, for all is therein. And look into it; And become gray and old therein; And do not move away from it, for you have no better portion than it."

As the school year is underway and we just read Bereshit and started re-reading the Torah, we are reminded that we are in a different place than last year when we read these portions. We have something new to learn from the "same old stuff."

That is why we study the holidays every year. While Miss Jeanette's class is introduced to topics, Miss Jordana's class learns some things that are new, Mr. Sam's class learns others, Miss Lila's class learns others, and Mr. Earl's class still learns other things. We keep on spiraling on what we know and where we are.

As a whole group, we will be learning about life cycles and ways to make our days count!

We had such a joyous Simchat Torah and look forward to hearing our "MITZVAH" students read their portions this year! Zach, Aiden, Ezra, Emma, Abi, and Lizzie. In November we look forward to preparing to participate in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service!

Find new meaning in familiar things! Make your days count!  
B'Shalom,

Heather



A Joyous Simchat Torah



# CHAI BABIES @ CKI

Congregation Kneseth Israel Elgin



## SAVE THE DATES JOIN US

- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH-10AM
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH-3 PM
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH-5 PM
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH-3 PM
- SUNDAY, APRIL 23-2 PM
- SUNDAY, MAY 7-12 NOON

## WHY JOIN US?

- Connect with other young diverse Jewish families in the Elgin Area
- Be part of the larger Jewish Community
- Make lifelong friends
- Celebrate Jewish Holidays
- Start Jewish traditions

\*\* event locations TBD

FOR MORE INFO:  
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Rabbi Margaret Klein

Mr. Jerry Niederman

On behalf of our Jewish group at Lincolnwood Place, I want to thank you so very much for your generosity and compassion in providing us with one of your special Sifre Torot for our use during the High Holy Days this year. The scroll is beautiful and really made our attendees feel as though we were in a true house of worship. Your kindness was shared by everyone who attended our holiday services.

Here's wishing you and your congregation a very happy and healthy 5783 and with a bit of good luck, we may be able to put together a small group to come to Elgin for a Shabbat service and meet you and your members in person.

Rabbi, please accept our small check for one of your special funds.

Thanks again and may we all remain well to celebrate Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur again for many years to come.

Cordially,



Rabbi Charles Rubovits



Rabbi Rubovits and Jerry Niederman's mother



## CKI's New Sukkah!

A well-deserved *yasher koach* to my fellow Men's Club guys for setting up our new *sukkah*, that was also donated by Men's Club. It looks great and will store easier and assemble faster than the heavy wooden one it replaced. We hope the congregation enjoyed it during *Sukkot* as much as we did.

—Brad Burker



## **Words of Praise for Our High Holy Day services**

**Eighteen people sent in kvells. Here are some of their comments:**

- It was a lovely service. It was nice to be included this year.
- Just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to both of you for an amazing high holiday season. Due to my former life of being on the road all the time, I have experienced high holiday services all over the USA and in a good number of other countries. This last week was truly exceptional. Erev Yom Kippur was amazing! Nothing can top a solo cello player for a classical music fanatic. Thank you. PS no complaints—if anyone does complain—send them to me!!!
- The services were beautiful! The combined effort really was evident. Ellen summed up the sentiments of so many. I know we all appreciate the new dimensions of community and spirituality. The connections we share are as special as traditional connections. Different but still important. Our spiritual lives are expanding. Thank you to all!
- Great job! You were very impressive...Hope you get a chance to rest a little now! PS my parents enjoyed their zoom experience as well!
- Kol Ha Kavod to you and all who worked so hard on the High Holiday services. It was wonderful! In general, the online services had great connections and a wonderful way to participate. I would rate it A plus. Being able to attend in person and on Zoom was very meaningful. We feel fortunate to be part of the dynamic and talented CKI community. Having Stephanie at the afternoon and Neilah service was a special addition. Thank you for meaningful High Holiday services.
- NO “AI chaits” are necessary! We all realize the fragile nature of the internet, pardon the pun. It was unfortunate that the disconnection happened shortly before the shofar blowing, but if you consider all of our Zoomed services and other virtual events that have occurred during the pandemic, we have a terrific track record! What was important was that most of us hung in there to end Yom Kippur together! Our mini-community had some nice chatting, and two fascinating videos of shofar-blowing, even if they weren’t exactly what we had anticipated. Last night was a unique end to our Yom Kippur observance, and I believe we all enjoyed the lemonade we created from a lemon. Spending High Holy Days “at” CKI was a meaningful experience for me.. I’m grateful for the technology we have to participate in a manner none of our ancestors could have imagined.
- We are all very grateful for the opportunity to participate that Zoom provides. Afterward, our group became more of a community as we got to know each other better. The High Holidays were definitely meaningful observance. We are all grateful to everyone involved. Thank you to all the people who helped coordinate with the Zoom room, so we could feel such an integral part of CKI’s wonderful High Holiday services.
- I always find that things happen for a reason, and I must say that those final minutes of services helped to demonstrate how special CKI is...Everyone rallied together to find solutions, while remaining calm. Trust me when I say I have seen every possible scenario in which Zoom failed, and I can say with 100% certainty that the response by all was something very unique and special. Just another reason we are so very excited to join the CKI Family!!!
- The High Holy Day services were all one could ask for and then some. I do not think most people realize how difficult it is to not only orchestrate the services, but also lead and play the starting role as well. Well done!!
- I appreciated the opportunity to participate in High Holiday Services virtually. Thank you for being so welcoming.

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2022**  
**7 pm - 8:30 pm**

Congregation Kneseth Israel  
330 Division Street  
Elgin, IL

General Admission: \$20.00

## **A BILLY JOEL EXPERIENCE**



*Celebrate the music of one of the most prolific songwriters of all time. Billy Joel is brought to life through the amazing vocals and keyboard talents of leadman Thomas Linsk. Mulberry Street has played across the country, bringing a high-energy, emotionally-charged show that brings audiences to their feet. You won't want to miss it!*



**Purchase tickets online at**  
**[www.ckielgin.org](http://www.ckielgin.org)**

Doors open at 6 pm.

Free parking available across the street at Holy Trinity Church. Enter through rear door of the Synagogue. Rear parking is for disabled only.

## 130<sup>th</sup> Upcoming Events

- **November 20**—Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service hosted at CKI
- **December 18**—Northwestern Hillel Acapella Choir Concert
- **More to come**—Lucy Marshall, Mayyim Kayyim

130<sup>th</sup> Celebration Chairs: [dickjohnson20@gmail.com](mailto:dickjohnson20@gmail.com)  
[johnson.susans@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.susans@gmail.com)



## 130<sup>th</sup> Gift Giving

As we reach the peak of CKI's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, it dawned on me that when we celebrate simchas, we show our joy with gifts. One might wonder what is appropriate for an 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Here is a list of possible "gift registry" ideas. Monetary donations can be made to:

- **The General Fund** for building upkeep—  
Funds can be earmarked for HVAC and a new thermostat  
Funds for a phone system that doesn't "crackle"  
Funds for heat and light and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah  
Funds for security personnel
- **The Raise the Roof Fund** for continued maintenance and upkeep of the roof
- **Funds for programming and adult study**
- **Donations of time** to:  
Maintain the building  
Keep the kitchen in good shape  
Help prepare and serve Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush

—Robin Coyne

## Help Needed!

Sunday, November 20, CKI is hosting the annual Interfaith Service. This is an amazing gathering of many of the denominations in our area. We are in charge of the reception after the service. If you would like to help with the shopping (during the week before the event), serving, or clean up, please contact:

Barb Razowsky, 847-778-4388, [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)



**Interfaith  
Thanksgiving  
Service**

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**Thankful for the  
Journey**

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**Sunday,  
11/20/2022**

**4:00 PM**

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

All are invited for an afternoon service to give thanks for our own journeys and our neighbors journey. This service will include readings from a variety of religious traditions, music, poetry, and learning together as we give thanks.  
**Dessert reception after service.**

*Offering will be collected for: Centro de Información*

Attend IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM:

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYqceCoqTMpGdW1ubVFCKt4\\_9Fhm5VDZVF](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYqceCoqTMpGdW1ubVFCKt4_9Fhm5VDZVF)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## **Lox Box News**

42 orders @ \$25/order = \$1050

Donations = \$279

Total Gross = \$1329

Lox box expenses = \$684.49

Total Profit = \$644.51



- Thanks to Robin and Peg for your support and help!!
- Thanks to Nancy Zimmerman and Risa Cohen for taking care of the coffee & cleaning up after Break-the-Fast.
- Thanks to Rabbi Margaret for coordinating donations of Lox Boxes.
- Thanks to Gene and Sandy Lindow and Barb Njus for their generous donation of Lox Boxes for the Rabbi's list.
- Thanks to my sister, Nancy Haugen, for the help with all of the shopping, assembly of the Lox Boxes, and co-ordination of everything.
- Thanks to Rabbi Margaret for helping to deliver Lox Boxes.

—Barb Razowsky

## **The *Jews in Elgin* Exhibit Returns to Elgin!**

In January, Gail Borden Library, in conjunction with the Elgin History Museum and CKI, is mounting an exhibit of *Jews in Elgin*. The Seigle Foundation sponsored this event in 2006. For our 130th we would like to add to the exhibit which charted our history through the 1960s. We would like to bring our story into the 21st Century by adding a new panel. The panel will be produced by Liza Bachrach. Please consider making a donation to this extra 130th project. While a donation of \$36 is suggested, any amount you'd like to contribute would be greatly appreciated.

Barb Razowsky, 847-778-4388, [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)

## The Soup Kettle Scoop

### We need you!



Our next Soup Kettle at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin is on **November 29**. We will need a dozen people to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00. If we have enough volunteers, we can work in shifts for set up and cooking from 3:30—5:00 and serving and clean up from 5:00—6:30. The Soup Kettle is a wonderful way to honor CKI's commitment to the Elgin community by helping those who need it. Please contact Judi Tepe: [juditepe@gmail.com](mailto:juditepe@gmail.com) or Barb Razowsky: [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Special thanks to Robin Coyne and Anita Hornung and Brad Burkner for their donations of food items.

## ACTS OF CHESED

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

**Gene Lindow & Rabbi Margaret** – “Re-turn-over” of the sanctuary back to blue. A lovely visual of the year progressing.

**Patrick Harper and Biana Castro** – Switching out High Holy Day Machzorim for the Siddorim. Wonderful way to get back to every day worship.

**Gene Lindow and Dan Marshall** – Fixing the downspout, trimming branches, and developing a task list for the new “House Team” to tackle. Helpful maintenance!

**Barb Razowsky & her sister Nancy** – Making & distributing the Break-the-Fast bags. Very yummy help!

**Earl & Debbie Sternfeld and Rabbi Margaret** – Delivering Break-the-Fast bags to those who couldn't make it out to CKI. Delivering welcome treats!

**Ken Jacoby, Jerry Niederman, Ken More, Myron Goldman, Chuck Zimmerman, Bill McFarlane, Dan Marshall, Mike Bloomberg, and Dave Bromet** – Assembling & disassembling the new sukkah for Sukkot. A special shelter for future events and memories.

**Jeanne Tolzmann & Barb Razowsky**—Babysitting on Yom Kippur. How wonderful to watch over our newest members, so their parents can have some spiritual time.

**Marc & Suzy Zemel**—Taking Angelina Bonner in when she had to evacuate from the University of Tampa due to Hurricane Ian. Caring in action!





## CKI Chanukah Bazaar

December 4 & 11 9 – 11:30AM

Shop in person or preorder for pick-up

Contact

Tina, 630-336-3983, Barb, 847-778-4388, or Sue 847-312-3507

**NEW CHANUKAH MERCHANDISE**

*candles, wrapping paper, menorahs, decorations, jigsaw  
puzzles, and much more!*



## Cozy Pajamas for Watching Your Candles Glow!

The gift shop is taking pre-orders for these cute, comfy, pajamas. Please complete the form below and return it with a check made out to CKI Sisterhood by **November 18<sup>th</sup>** to ensure delivery by Chanukah. Please send checks to:

Tina Wolf 5N336 Sundance Ct. Saint Charles, IL 60175

Have Questions? Contact Tina at 630 336-3983 or ewolf59@comcast.net



Size 12 - 18 months



Sizes 2T-3T, 4T-5T, Small (6-8)



Size M (8-10)

Children's pajamas are 100% cotton. Infant, small, and medium sizes run small, consider sizing up.



### JUMPSUITS

Please note our jumpsuits are unisex.

| Size | HEIGHT      | CHEST    | ARM LENGTH |
|------|-------------|----------|------------|
| XXS  | 5ft or less | 30-32 in | 22-23 in   |
| XS   | 5ft-5'2     | 33-35 in | 23-24 in   |
| S    | 5'2-5'6     | 35-37 in | 24-25 in   |
| M    | 5'6 - 5'10  | 38-39 in | 25-26 in   |
| L    | 5'10 - 5'2  | 40-42 in | 26 in      |
| XL   | 6'3 - 6'6   | 43-45 in | 27 in      |
| XXL  | 6'6 & up    | 46-47 in | 28 in      |

Jumpsuits: 80% cotton/20% polyester,  
machine washable

## COZY CHANUKAH PAJAMAS ORDER FORM

### SIZE QTY PRICE TOTAL

**Kid's Pajamas** 12-18 MONTHS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

2T – 3T \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

4T-5T \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Small (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (8-10) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children's pajamas are 100% cotton. Infant, small, and medium sizes run small, consider sizing up.

### Adult Unisex Jumpsuit

Write in size from xxs -xxl \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Write in size from xxs -xxl \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Merchandise total

\_\_\_\_\_ Tax (merchandise total x 0.085)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please your order with a check made out to **CKI Sisterhood** by **November 18th** to ensure delivery by Chanukah and mail to: Tina Wolf 5N336 Sundance Ct. Saint Charles, IL 60175

Have Questions? Contact **Tina** at **630 336-3983** or **ewolf59@comcast.net**



**The CKI community donated to Food for Greater Elgin for Yom Kippur. For every \$1 donated, Food for Greater Elgin is able to purchase \$8 worth of food. \$20 provides a family with a week's worth of food. At this time of increased food insecurity, you all have provided so much. Thank you for your generosity. This year we raised \$1,800!**

**Stuart Hymen**

**Ron & Barb Razowsky**

**Nancy Haugen**

**Barbara Njus**

**Simon Klein & Margaret Frisch Klein**

**Peg Lehman & John Grindler Katonah**

**Barbara Maring & Bob Kulefsky**

**Jerry Niederman**

**Phyllis Guth**

**Nancy & Harvey Braus**

**Robin Coyne**

**Matt & Jennifer Trygar**

**Gareth Sitz**

**Helen Lindow**

**Joy Wener Bang**

**Ken More**

**Paul & Risa Cohen**

**Ken & Gale Jacoby**

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**



**Michael Montgomery receiving CKI check from Rabbi Margaret**

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## November 2022 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM, Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

|        |                                     |         |        |  |          |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--|----------|
| Nov 1  | CKI Board Meeting Zoom              | 7:00 PM | Nov 15 | Ha Kol Submissions Due                       |          |
| Nov 2  | Prayer Book Hebrew Zoom             | 5:30 PM |        | CKI Book Club                                | 10:30 AM |
| Nov 3  | Torah Study Zoom                    | 4:00 PM | Nov 17 | Torah Study Zoom                             | 4:00 PM  |
| Nov 4  | Shabbat Service Hybrid              | 7:00 PM | Nov 18 | Giving thanks for Volunteers Shabbat Service | 7:00 PM  |
| Nov 5  | Shabbat Service Hybrid              | 9:30 AM | Nov 19 | Shabbat Service Hybrid                       | 9:30 AM  |
|        | Billy Joel Tribute Concert          | 7:00 PM |        | No Torah School                              |          |
| Nov 6  | Torah School                        | 9:00 AM | Nov 20 | Chai Babies                                  | 10:00 AM |
|        | Paul Sitz Celebration of Life       | 2:00 PM |        | Elgin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service        | 4:00 PM  |
| Nov 8  | Java & Jews Zoom                    | 9:00 AM | Nov 24 | Office Closed for Thanksgiving               |          |
| Nov 9  | Prayer Book Hebrew Zoom             | 5:30 PM | Nov 25 | Shabbat Service Hybrid                       | 7:00 PM  |
| Nov 10 | Torah Study Zoom                    | 4:00 PM | Nov 26 | Shabbat Service Hybrid                       | 9:30 AM  |
| Nov 11 | Shabbat Service Anna Moeller Hybrid | 7:00 PM | Nov 27 | No Torah School                              |          |
| Nov 12 | Shabbat Service Hybrid              | 9:30 AM | Nov 30 | Prayer Book Hebrew                           | 5:30 PM  |
| Nov 13 | Torah School                        | 9:00 AM | Nov 31 | Torah Study Zoom                             | 4:00 PM  |