

# Kol Kneseth Israel

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## Rabbi Kohn to Speak at Interfaith Service

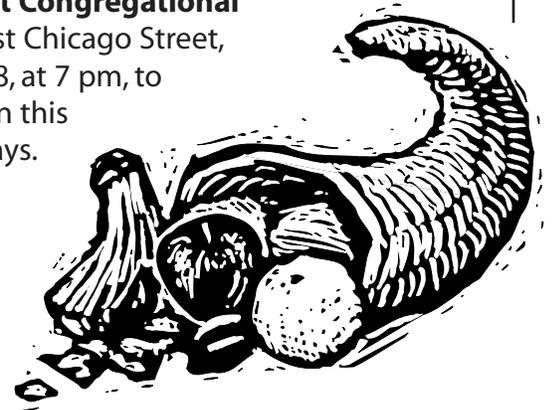
Elgin's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this year is scheduled for **Sunday, November 18**, at **7 pm**, when Rabbi Kohn is to speak on the topic, "What America Means to Me."

The Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders has designed a prayer service, says Rabbi Kohn, "that is both moving and meaningful to Americans of all faiths."

Many of those attending may remember Rabbi Kohn as Master of Ceremonies at the Elgin Model Seder to Benefit the Homeless, held last March at the Salvation Army headquarters. "When I speak to the people on Thanksgiving," said Rabbi Kohn, "it will be as a rabbi. But when we celebrate together, it is as Americans."

Last year, CKI was the honored host of this annual event, when we collected and distributed many *Tsedaka* donations of cash and of non-perishable food items, both kosher and non-kosher. Everyone is requested to make similar donations this year.

Please join us at the **First Congregational Church of Elgin**, 256 East Chicago Street, on Sunday, November 18, at 7 pm, to celebrate with all of Elgin this most American of holidays.



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## From the Rabbi's Study...

Lewis Carroll, author of *Alice in Wonderland*, once wrote an essay against the cruel use of animals for scientific research. When I read his argument many years ago my reaction was condescending: I was amused by his naïveté. Carroll's argument wasn't based mainly on the avoidance of pain to animals. (That argument would have been easier to accept.) Instead, he opposed the research because of its effect on the experimenters. He believed that these experiments would degrade the scientists, and turn them into coarser human beings.

"Nonsense, Mr. Carroll," was my response. "If you believe that the experiments are wrong in themselves, then say so, but don't tell me that they're a bad influence on people. Bad

influences can't degrade us. We're stronger than that."

Today I feel that Lewis Carroll had better wisdom than I. Bad influences don't degrade us all at once, just as good influences don't suddenly elevate us, but over time they have an effect.

In the *Torah*, we see this happen to Pharaoh. Pharaoh defies Moses so often that he loses the ability to do anything else. He hardens his heart, and then finds himself unable to soften it again.

The Sages had a phrase for it: *S'char Mitsva Mitsva, S'char Aveira Aveira*. The reward of a *Mitsva* is a *Mitsva*, and the punishment of a transgression is a transgression. Commentators explain that this refers to the next *Mitsva* and to the next transgression. If we do enough *Mitsvas*, then the reward is that we'll do

more. And each time we say no, it becomes harder the next time to say yes.

Adolescents don't understand this. They have never seen a really slow process working steadily over a long period of time. "Don't worry about habits," they say. "We're strong. We're in control."

Habits usually win out, though, sooner or later, and we're not as strong as we think we are. Being good isn't just doing right and avoiding wrong. It's doing what uplifts us and avoiding what degrades us over a period of many years.



## A Message from Our President

Previously, I had asked how we can make CKI a more welcoming community. Although I did not receive a huge response to this question, some of you have expressed a concern regarding a very important communication: how we notify you regarding *shiva* announcements. As you know these are sent out via an email "blast" to the membership. However, a number of individuals have expressed their disappointment at not receiving these announcements in a timely manner either because they do not have email or, otherwise, did not get the message.

Therefore, in an attempt to remedy this problem a more traditional "phone tree" is being organized by some of our Board members; **Marc Zemel** and **Barbara Maring**. There was some discussion as to the best approach for reintroducing this system, but the general conclusion was that we should include ALL members in the phone tree except for those who specifically

request to be excluded. **If you DO NOT want to be part of the phone tree and wish your *shiva* notification to remain email only, please notify Barbara Maring via either her email address at [bmaring@keystone.com](mailto:bmaring@keystone.com) or drop her a note to P.O. Box 46, Elgin, IL 60121.**

Although some of you may consider this an antiquated approach to communications, we have an obligation as a Jewish community to be as inclusive as possible and to exhaust all opportunities to get *shiva* notices to all of our membership. This is part of the definition of being a *hamish* community.

Speaking of being *hamish*, we will be reintroducing another program attempted approximately two years ago. This is to have *Shabbat* greeters to welcome everyone coming to services, particularly visitors new to our *shul*. I would ask that you agree to participate in this program by letting **Don Lesser**, the organizer, know you're willing to volunteer. Our goal here is that everyone who comes through our doors should feel like they are among friends.

If any of you have other ideas for improving our religious or cultural life at CKI please do not hesitate to let us know. Drop me a note, or better yet, share them with us at Board Meetings (first Tuesday of every month 7:30 pm).



## Ha Kol Information

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**Make checks payable to CKI.**



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## Torah School News

I have been in education a very, very long time. It's a sort of "catch-my-breath" reaction when I think of the time. And I end every year with the same panic and question -- "I'm losing all these great kids. Where am I going to find others to take their places?"

Well, the same panic and the same question flood through me at CKI at the end of each year. All those students with whom I worked in school and saw grow up are now going to college and creating new lives for themselves – **Emily Burkner, Sarah Burkner, Sara Shankman, Rachel Pitzele, Jason Sigal, Shayna Stein.** "Where am I going to find others to take their places?" PANIC!!

But then I hear voices. "Do you need me to help out in school?"

Do I need you to help in school? No thinking time needed! YES!! Absolutely, YES!!

So ladies and gentlemen, let's have a round of applause for CKI's "New Kids On The Block" and some of the "Come Back Kids On The Block!"

**DEANNA PHELAN**, a junior at St. Charles North High School, enjoys English and is a competitive figure skater. When asked what she'd like to be able to do, Deanna said, "Make it to the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals." She considers her best accomplishments so far are being on the honor roll and going to figure skating regionals six times. This is Deanna's second year with us.

**ROBYN PHELAN**, also a junior at St. Charles North High School, enjoys math and English. Along with her sister, she would like to be able to go to the U.S. Figure Skating National Championship. Robyn's best accomplishments so far are being on the honor roll and going to the Upper Great Lakes Regional Championship. This also marks Robyn's second year with us.

**MOLLY ROSENFELD** is a senior at Larkin High School where she enjoys math and English. She has been quite

active over the years in USY, where she has held several leadership positions, student government, National Honor Society, and softball. She'd like to be able to study abroad in Spain. Molly told me that her best accomplishment so far has been teaching a paraplegic how to swim. She returns for her second year.

**JACOB MCFARLANE** is an 8th grader at Canton Middle School in Streamwood. He loves math, building with Legos (if you were at his *Bar Mitzvah* you saw some of his creations on the tables), and drawing. Jacob would love to go to New York, get even better at math, and be a good cook. He says his best accomplishment to date is being the best in his math class.

**LISA GERLACH**, an 8th grader at Westfield Community School in Algonquin, loves science and being on both the soccer and cross-country teams. Lisa says what she'd really like to do is learn how to ride a horse. She feels her best achievement so far has been her *Bat Mitzvah*.

**SARA GERLACH** is a sophomore at Jacobs High School and in her third year of Confirmation. She plays soccer and volunteers with the athletic trainer. Sara would like to go to Europe and play college soccer. Her best accomplishment has been her *Bat Mitzvah*.

**DANIELLE STONE** attends Hampshire High School as a freshman. She loves journalism. Her major activity outside of school is coming to CKI and helping in the classroom and as a tutor. Danielle would like to become an even better tutor. Her best accomplishment either in or out of school has been her *Bat Mitzvah*.

**JENNA MUSSAR** is another 8th grader attending Algonquin Middle School in Des Plaines. She says her favorite subjects are math, science, gym, art and recess! Being in band, choir and gymnastics along with doing her homework and studying for her upcoming *Bat Mitzvah* in July, Jenna is keeping busy. Her goal is to speak Hebrew better. Playing the flute has been her best achievement so far.

**ALEX GURALNICK** attends Geneva Middle School North in Geneva where he is an 8th grader. His favorite subjects are art, science and social studies. He's on the football team, and he loves to draw and listen to music. Alex is a black belt in Hapkido, and he designed his *mitzvah* project around working with high-risk boys in Hapkido. At his recent *Bar Mitzvah*, Alex chanted the same *haftorah* as his father and grandfather. He says his biggest accomplishment to so far is "getting through seventh grade."

**RIVA KOHN**, an 8th grader at Ellis Middle School in Elgin, loves drama and acting. In fact, she will tell you that her best achievement was playing Puck in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Riva wants to learn to ride horses.

**SHAYNA STEIN** is a freshman at Waubonsie Junior College. She has been an aide with us for quite a few years, especially working in her mom's classroom. This year, she returns as our 4th grade teacher and as an aide on Wednesday evenings. Shayna loves art and music and has her goal set on attending Illinois State University in Normal.

There you have it – some quick introductions of kids who want to be with us on this island we call CKI, who want to help other kids, and who want to be with each other. This place has become an important part of their lives, and they have become an important part of ours.

Some kids just want to stay home and sleep in. Not these. They are a true blessing. They bring life, joy, light, and youth to *Torah School*! They are our future.

*L'chaim,*

## Sisterhood News

Wanda and I want to take this opportunity to thank the following people for our fabulous opening luncheon and program:

**Wendy Barrash** and **Kara Gauthier**, Hospitality Vice Presidents; **Susan Robbins** and **Mia Fossa**, Programming Vice Presidents; **Nina Finn**, who catered the wonderful lunch; and last, but not least, our own **Risa Cohen** for the program itself, "What's for Dinner". We had a very nice turnout and great discussion with Risa on how, what and when to prepare meals for the month to come. We all had a great time.

I have been very busy with school, and my mentor and Co-President has jumped right in to help out with whatever needed to be done to keep Sisterhood moving right along. Also, my Vice Presidents have been overwhelmingly helpful, and all have taken their positions very seriously to make sure we have a great year in Sisterhood. Everyone is assisting me so much, that my Fundraising Vice Presidents **Sherry Wiesman** and **Shari Heiss** have even helped writing this column! The following was written by these wonderful women:

"Do you think you are having a busy autumn? Come see what's happening with CKI Sisterhood!

**MAKE, PACK, AND DELIVER. Corned Beef Lunch is Nov. 15.** It is not too late to get involved! We need more orders: sell lunches to all your neighbors, relatives and co-workers. We also need volunteers. Please see the sign-up sheets posted on the vestibule doors. This is a great opportunity to get involved and to meet your fellow Sisterhood members.

Concurrent with the Corned Beef Lunch is the **Chanukah Bazaar!** Many thanks to **Tina Wolf** for helping **Shari** and **Sherry** keep their sanity by chairing this event. Order blanks for both events are included in this bulletin.

Think winter! Think **Sisterhood Shabbat on January 18, 2008.**

"Guaranteed to be the worst weather of the season." Buy ice scrapers for every vehicle you own (or lease) and support

Sisterhood. *C'mon—you know you need them!* They are never to be found when you need them, so buy several at \$3.00 each.

I have been asked by several members of the congregation wondering who they are to contact from Sisterhood for various questions they may have. So, I felt we should let everyone know who to contact with their questions. As I mentioned above, **Wendy Barrash** and **Kara Gauthier** are in charge of Hospitality, so any questions in regards to hosting an *oneg* on a Friday night or a *kiddush* on Saturday morning should be directed to either of them. *Simcha* and kitchen contact is **Sandi Phelan**. You would be surprised how many questions and ideas she can give you regarding both kitchen and *Simcha* occasions. **Wendy Shankman** and **Tina Wolf** are our Gift Shop chairs and would be happy to assist you with any ideas or needs you may have in purchasing Judaica items. While on the subject of the Gift Shop, we are in search of some "moms" who would be available during Sunday School or *Torah* School to assist in either selling, showing or taking orders for the Gift Shop. This would be VERY helpful to Tina, Wendy and Sisterhood. Please contact Tina or Wendy if you can help. Any other questions you may have on whom to contact, or if you have time to help, feel free to see **Wanda Pitzele** or me, **Rochelle Fosco**.

Wishing you all a good, busy November.

*Rochelle*

### Sisterhood Torah Fund "Simcha" Cake Has Arrived!!

Donors for the Sisterhood "Simcha" Cake at the October meeting were: **Susan Robbins, Wanda Pitzele, Cheryl Stanczak, and Shari Heiss.**

Come to the next Sisterhood meeting, in November to find out what this is all about!!

– Cheryl Stanczak, *CKI Torah Fund Chair, Central Region Torah Fund V.P.*

## Calling all Sisterhood Members to participate in a **BLIZZARD EVENT – SISTERHOOD SHABBAT!**

Please join our Sisterhood Shabbat on **January 18, 2008 at 7:30 pm.**

If you would like to participate by leading an English or Hebrew Prayer, please contact **Adele Stein** at [aistein55@aol.com](mailto:aistein55@aol.com) or call 630-406-1043, to make arrangements. This is an annual Service run by the Sisterhood women of our Congregation. You must be a member of CKI Sisterhood to participate on the *bima*. All are welcome to attend the service.

If you'd like to become a member of Sisterhood, please contact Adele Stein.



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## Torah Fund

Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the largest synagogue-based women's organization in the world. Through our dedication and generosity to the *Torah Fund* Campaign, we support The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Women's League, through its financial contribution to *Torah Fund*, assures that these institutions of Judaic learning produce the rabbis, cantors, scholars, teachers, and educated laity needed for the Conservative Movement.

Women's League women make a difference – perpetuating Judaism in our homes, in our communities, and in our world.

Our support of the *Torah Fund* Campaign is an ongoing fundraising project.



## Beauty, Brains & Brawn: The New World *Balabuste*

*Balabuste* (Yiddish: baal-a-boos-teh) is the Jewish-English expression for the accomplished housewife. It is a venerated image of the model Jewish woman who has mastered all that is necessary to tend hearth and home.

An exhibit from Women's League for Conservative Judaism commemorates the 350th anniversary of Jewish arrival in North America. It is a history replete with social, cultural and religious diversity and richness. It has also been, until recently, a historical narrative that focused on the accomplishments of men, with only scant mention of the few women whose activities were deemed worthy of recognition: union leaders, writers and other public personalities. Second wave feminism, beginning in the 1960's and fueled in part by a number of Jews, helped to restructure American political, social and educational institutions to include women as legitimate mediators of culture and change, taking them beyond their traditional housebound roles.

*Beauty, Brains & Brawn* presents a remarkable collection of Jewish women who have challenged social, cultural and religious conventions, recasting the image of the *balabuste* of old into categories that reflect more fully the experiences of women. In so doing, we are able to have a richer and more complete view of our past.

The geographical diversity of these women reflects the Regions of Women's League. It is a diversity not only of regions, but of social and cultural adaptation, ideology and religious identity. Ours is a world influenced and built by both men and women. It is now time to celebrate THE WOMEN!

Watch *HaKol* each month, as a different woman will be highlighted. Women, such as Sophie Tucker, Ida Cohen Rosenfeld, Gilda Radner, Estee Lauder, Ruth Mosko Handler, Jennie Grossinger, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Judy Blume, Theda Bara, Senda Berenson, Pauline Berman, Lillian Hellman, Ernestine Rose, Bobbie Rosenfeld...do you recall any of them?

Stay tuned!!

– Cheryl Stanczak  
CKI Torah Fund Chair  
Central Region Torah Fund V.P.

## NEW Sisterhood program!

***Common Threads: Women's Roles and Responsibilities Across Religions.***

**December 16 at 12:30 pm**

Women as a gender have many experiences in common... but what about in the context of our religions? Join women of many religions as we explore our experiences as Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and Bahai women. You'll learn about other religions and be reminded of our commonalities. The program will be presented in a moderated roundtable format, with audience participation and group activities. Topics for discussion include:

- The religion's "official position" on the role of women in the home, in the religious community, and in the world
- The religion's endearing/positive traditions about women
- Trends and current issues regarding women and the religion
- Heroic women

If you are interested in...

- Attending
- Participating in the roundtable
- Inviting other women, both Jewish and not (please do!)

...please contact **Susan Robbins** at 847-331-3771 or [susanr613@yahoo.com](mailto:susanr613@yahoo.com)



## USY and Kadima News

Our Youth Groups had fun in October. *Kadima* and USY enjoyed a joint event – Pizza and Bowling at Elgin Lanes on Sunday October 21. We were joined by the CKI Men's Club, and everyone had a great time!

This month, we have a very busy calendar. The Regional program **CHUSYFEST** will take place on the weekend of **November 9-11**. Several members of our USY chapter will participate in this event held at Camp Chi in Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

On Monday night, **November 12**, the **USY Board meets** briefly here at CKI at 7 pm, and then helps Sisterhood with preparations for their annual Corned Beef Lunch fundraiser.

On **Sunday, November 18**, *Kadima* holds *Maccabiah* Games here at CKI. Watch for a flyer, and direct questions about this event to **Liza Bachrach**.

And finally, on **Wednesday night, November 21**, BEANS Chapter (Congregation Beth El in Highland Park) holds their annual **Turkey Dance**. There



are actually two dances: one for *Kadima* and one for USY, held in separate locations in their building complex.

Looking ahead to next month: on **Saturday, December 1** at 7:30pm, weather permitting, USY & *Kadima* goes **Ice Skating** at the Elgin Civic Center Plaza skate rink. Parents: we need chaperones for this event, so please be in touch.

Watch the mail for registration materials regarding the **December 14-16 Eighth Grade Shabbaton**. This is a regional program, and all of our eighth graders who are paid members of the CKI chapter are encouraged to attend.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

– Maureen Rosenfeld, *Youth Chair*  
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## MILK AND HONEY

- Israel has two official languages: Hebrew and Arabic.
- Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.

More next month...

## Same Old Wishes – But Still Wishes!

We're still wishing for...

- ✧ Six portable CD players for the classrooms.
- ✧ A new lectern for the social hall. The one we have now is old and quite dilapidated. It doesn't have to have a sound system; it just needs to be a durable and simple lectern.
- ✧ More new lightweight tables for the social hall.
- ✧ Two matching couches for the library.

We appreciate anything you can do to help make these wishes come true.

Thank you!

## The "CKI SENIORS"

# Lox & Bagel Luncheon

Mark your calendar:

Tuesday, November 13  
12:00 noon at CKI



RSVP to Phyllis Lesser  
(847) 741-8784 OR [phyllisCKI@aol.com](mailto:phyllisCKI@aol.com)

Please respond DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN  
Thursday, November 8.

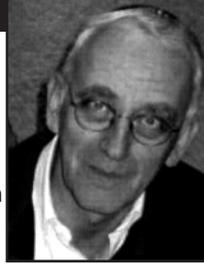
Payment by cash or check at \$8.00 per person  
Please make check payable to "Cash"

## CKI Welcomes USCJ Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb

On Monday, November 5, at 7 pm, CKI is pleased to welcome Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Midwest Region Scholar for 2007. Rabbi Goldfarb will instruct on "It's About Time! Jewish Calendar and its Meaning."

For example, did you ever wonder why Jewish holidays seem to be "early" some years while "late" others? Did you know this year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar? Why should you care? There's more to a lunar calendar than you might think. Rabbi Goldfarb, Director of the Conservative Yeshiva at the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, will answer those questions and many more.

The USCJ Midwest Region Scholar-in-Residence Program is now in its 20th year and has a national reputation for granting synagogues throughout the Region unprecedented access to some of the brightest scholars in the Conservative Movement. Rabbi Goldfarb's visit to CKI is being co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and Men's Club.



Come and learn!

## Another Reason to Shop AMAZON thru CKI

As you may have heard, Amazon.com is now offering a music downloading service. So now, if you (or someone younger in your household) wants to fill up your iPod, you can do so at Amazon and CKI can share in the proceeds. **All without any additional cost to you.**

In case you haven't "Amazoned" yet, it's easy: Simply go to CKI's website ([www.ckielgin.org](http://www.ckielgin.org)) and click the word "AMAZON" that appears on the first page. Then click the image of the product on the next screen. (Don't worry; clicking on that item merely gets you onto the Amazon website and does not obligate you to purchase that item.) Then, simply shop. Prices are not affected by using our website as your portal, and a portion of your shopping proceeds goes to CKI.



CKI has already received a couple reimbursements from Amazon this year. With Chanukah around the corner, we'd love to get a few more. And be sure to tell your friends; one does not have to be a member of CKI to help us out.

Thanks for your patronage!

## Jewish Employment Network

Job Seekers experience many hopes and challenges in the job market. If you have been recently downsized or are thinking of changing careers, the Jewish Employment Network offers numerous options to assist you with your career goals: career counseling, job search strategies, networking opportunities, and access to monthly round tables and support groups. For more information go to <http://www.jvschicago.org> or call Joyce Bogolub, JVS Career Counselor, at 630-889-0548.

## The Pleasure of Reading

The news media recently reminded us that it has been fifty years since federal troops escorted Ruby Bridges to school in Little Rock. Hurricane Katrina's winds blew away the myth that everybody is treated equally in 21st century America. More recently, the news media reported stories of students met by hangmen's nooses on the school grounds in Jena, Louisiana.

Racism, discrimination, segregation and anti-semitism are difficult subjects to discuss with our children. Yet, we as Jewish parents want (and are obligated) to teach Torah, ethics and morality to our children. These are hard topics to broach. In our CKI Library you can find: *EciduJerp*, *Prejudice: Either Way it Doesn't Make Sense*, a great family read for discussion.

Our adult collection includes other related titles such as: *Heeding the Call: Jewish Voices in America's Civil Rights Struggle*; *Zionism at the UN: A Diary of the First Days*; *Fire in the Streets: America in the 1960's*; "Some of My Best Friends"; *Good and Evil*; *Gentleman's Agreement*; and *Anti-Semitism: A Case Study in Prejudice and Discrimination*.

Check them out. Sometimes "reading for pleasure" is actually about expanding our minds.

—Sherry Wiesman



## The Mazal Tov Corner...

Our hearty congratulations to...

**LAURA WOLF**, daughter of **Ed and Tina Wolf**, who is one of seven students to receive a Kane County Chronicle Achievement Program Award for her outstanding academic achievement, activities involvement, and community service.

## Social Action

### Darfur Update

Thank you to **Marc Zemel** who gave us this update. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), as part of their Crisis in Darfur project, has partnered with Google, using satellite technology to enable users to zoom in on aerial images of burned villages and displaced persons' tent cities. Educate yourself, *please*. A good starting point is the USHMM's web site. <http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/alert/darfur/contents/01-overview/>

For those of you who missed our CKI *Selichot* presentation concerning the horrible crisis in Darfur, plans are in progress for an updated adult education presentation (early in 2008) on the topic. In the interval, please visit the links to educational web resources, which are found on the CKI web site. Click on the Social Action button.

### Food Drive

Thank you to all the families who brought donations to the *Kol Nidre*

Food Drive. We had two carloads of donations! In addition to the food items, we had many packages of diapers. The Community Crisis Center was extremely pleased to have them and reminds us that it barely makes a dent in the actual need. Please remember, we continually collect for the food pantry. Bring items each time you come to shul.\*

Thank you to **Marc Bear, Sue Goozh, Wanda Pitzele, Mindy Bear, Akvile Baran,** and **David Bear** for loading the cars. A very special thank you to **Shari Heiss** for helping transport all the donations to the CCC.

### Blood Drive

Thanks again to the hard work of **Paul Glaser**, CKI will be hosting our annual blood drive on **Nov. 18** during *Torah* School. Donors under age 16 need parental consent. Even if you cannot physically give blood, you can participate in this life-sustaining *mitzvah*. We also need volunteers to assist with the blood drive registration.

Please contact either Paul Glaser directly or any of the Social Action co-chairs (Tina, Fern or Sherry).

### Recycling

Don't forget that CKI recycles old cell phones, ink cartridges and toner cartridges. Receptacles for them are located on the stage in the social hall.

### Flu Shots

VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) of Fox Valley has prepared a list of 31 community sites for flu, pneumonia and DTP inoculations. We have posted a complete list of sites on the parking lot entrance bulletin board. To check for the most up-to-date schedule, go to [www.vnafoxvalley.org](http://www.vnafoxvalley.org) or call them at 630-978-2532. You may also call **Fern Raben** who has a complete list of sites and times.

–Tina Wolf, Fern Raben, Sherry Wiesman

\*Items are not accepted on Jewish holidays, including Shabbat.

## LOSE WEIGHT IN TIME FOR TURKEY DAY!

Looking for an easy way to lose a pound before the big meal? How about donating blood? (You lose a pound.)

On **Sunday, November 18**, CKI hosts its Fifth Annual Blood Drive, from 9 am to noon.

The Drive is being conducted with the assistance of Heartland Blood Centers, a non-profit medical organization that supplies blood to the area hospitals serving CKI members, such as Sherman, Provena St. Joseph, Delnor, and Central-DuPage. If you or someone you know had surgery locally in the past year requiring a blood transfusion, chances are the blood came from a Heartland donor.

Our goal this year is to supply 30 units of blood. Since each donor can only offer one unit, and since some prospective donors may be turned away due to medical reasons, we'll need

a minimum of 50 volunteer donors to come forward.

Donations will take place aboard Heartland's state-of-the-art Mobile Donation Unit (a/k/a The Bloodmobile) that will be parked in our lot. If you're here to drop off your children for Sunday School, this will be a perfect way to spend the morning. And bring a friend; non-members are welcome. And don't forget the juice and treats afterward!

If you've never donated blood before, it's easy, quick (in most cases the donation itself takes less than 15 minutes) and relatively painless. Most importantly, IT'S A MITZVAH!

The Social Action Committee is coordinating the Drive. Walk-ins will be welcome, but reservations are strongly suggested. To pre-register for a donation time, please e-mail **Paul Glaser** at [pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net).

General donor qualifications include: being in good health and feeling well, 17 years of age or older (or 16 with written parental consent), 110 pounds or more, and at least eight weeks since the last donation. Medications for high cholesterol, blood pressure, allergies, and most anti-inflammatory drugs are acceptable. Some travel outside the U.S. might disqualify you. For more information, including a list of medications which may affect eligibility, check out Heartland's website: [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org).

Be sure to eat something within four hours of the donation, and bring a photo ID.

In the meantime, some excellent food sources of iron include chard, spirulina, blackstrap molasses, tofu, thyme, parsley, cinnamon, and turmeric. So pound down the spirulina, and we'll see you all on November 18.

# Lollapajewza IV featuring Klezmerica with Joe Vass

If you are familiar at all with klezmer music, then you know this is an event that should not be missed! The heart-pounding, toe-tapping, just-can't-sit-still *yiddishe*-bluesy music is enjoyable for all ages.

*"The sound is wonderful. It could have come from a dozen countries and times. You hear prayers from ancient Hebrew times wrapped in American blues. The Gypsies are here, Hasidic Jews, too, bumping up against cool jazz and a marching tune. It makes your feet pump. If there was room... you'd grab somebody and dance. Or sing every sorrow and joy you ever felt. The music is boisterous, gaudy and brimming with tears."* – **Kay Miller, Minneapolis Star-Tribune.**

*"Hits the spot reserved for joy and sorrow, one that is universally understood."* – **The Los Angeles Times.**

**Let's attend this Jewish public music event as a group!**



**Saturday, December 15**

**7:30 pm**

**Prairie Center for the Arts  
in Schaumburg**

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**Tickets: \$20.00.**

**Group rate: \$18.00.**

When we reach the number for the group rate, each additional \$2.00 will go to the CKI building fund.

We will have your tickets ready for you at the performance.

**PLEASE!!! RSVP by December 3.**

To attend, please mail this form to CKI, 330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120, with your check (please do not send cash in the mail) **PAYABLE to the Seltzer Music Fund.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (number) attending *Lollapajewza* featuring Klezmerica at  
the Prairie Center for the Arts on December 15th.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

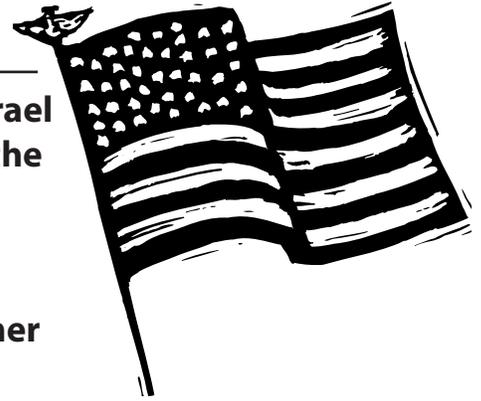
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## Veterans Shabbat

To commemorate Veteran's Day, Congregation Kneseth Israel would like to honor all our members who have served in the armed forces with a "Veterans Shabbat" on Saturday, November 10 starting at 9:30 am.

If you or any members of your family are (current or) former servicemen/women, please attend this special event.



## Greeting the Bride

"One of the joys was that I saved the things that the children wrote about the weekly Torah portion, and when a kid would be preparing for Shabbat, she would always ask to look at what the other had written last year about it. I would show them and they would come to the table and say: 'She was all wrong last year. That is not what it says....'"

—Sally Shafton  
in *The Art of Jewish Living:  
The Shabbat Seder*

## Honorable Menschen

*Todah rabah to...*

...to **IRA FOSCO** and **DAN RICH** for doing all the grilling and dishing out of food at this year's "Hut Dogs."

...to **JERRY HIMMELFARB** for being, once again, our "Affy Tapple Chauffeur."

Don't forget to turn your  
clocks **BACK** one hour  
Saturday night,  
November 3 !!



## 50+ GROUP\*

### Chanukah Party!

at the home of Cheryl and Richard Stanczak

Saturday, December 1  
at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be kosher deli sandwiches.  
Call Cheryl or Wanda with your  
parve dish to pass.  
And, yes, there will be a nominal charge  
of \$5.00 for the sandwiches.

Something New - Chinese Auction  
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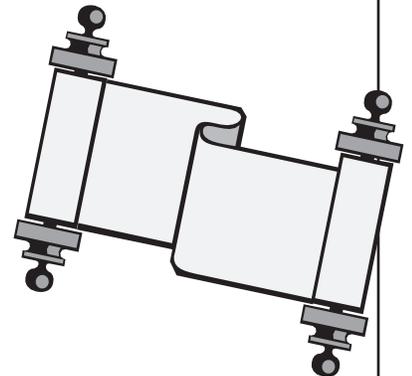
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\*Funny Fifties



## Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

<b>November 3</b> 22 <i>Heshvan</i>	<i>Hayyei Sarah</i> – Genesis 23:1-24:9 <i>Haftarah</i> : I Kings 1:1-31
<b>November 10</b> 29 <i>Heshvan</i>	<i>Birkat Hahodesh</i> <i>Tol'Dot</i> – Genesis 25:19-26:22 <i>Haftarah</i> : I Samuel 20:18-42)
<b>November 17</b> 7 <i>Kislev</i>	<i>Va'Yetzei</i> – Genesis 28:10-30:13 <i>Haftarah</i> : Hosea 12:13-14:10
<b>November 24</b> 14 <i>Kislev</i>	<i>Va'Yishlah</i> – Genesis 32:4-33:20 <i>Haftarah</i> : Ovadiah 1:1-21



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**Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs

**CKI Education Fund** – Support *Torah* School

**Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Support *Torah* School Endowment Fund – See the President

**General Fund** – For multi-purpose use

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi

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**Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** – See the President

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**Tree of Life** – Leaf is \$100; Rock is \$1,000

**USY/Kadima Youth Group** – Support for programs for our United Synagogue Youth

## November Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Miller
- 1 Laura Cox
- 1 Michael Gantz
- 2 Margot Seigle
- 3 Stephanie Berg
- 5 Helen Neumark
- 7 Rose Goldstein
- 7 Isabella DiSilvestro
- 9 Danny Seigle
- 9 Marsha Schwartz
- 9 Elaine Sofferman
- 13 Morgan Abrams
- 15 Daniel Flynn
- 18 Adam Levine
- 20 Shana Bender
- 22 Rebecca Berg
- 22 Marci Zeoli
- 22 Lisa Wohl
- 23 Karen Myrent
- 25 Alvin Zeman
- 25 Sandi Phelan
- 26 Shelby Fosco
- 27 Rebecca Eagels
- 29 Steven Flynn
- 30 Larry Berg

## November Anniversaries

- 6 Pat & Nina Finn
- 19 Don & Phyllis Lesser
- 22 Jerry & Sue Goozh
- 23 Marc & Sue Zemel



# Yahrtzeiten

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrtzeiten 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.

Oct 27	Nov 1	Joseph Fischer*	Nov 3	Nov 7	Libby Kupper*	Nov 17	Nov 19	Charles Fox
Oct 27	Nov 1	Iris Newman	Nov 3	Nov 8	Dr. George Cutts*	Nov 17	Nov 21	Zelda Sklute*
Oct 27	Nov 2	Harry Jacob Becker*	Nov 3	Nov 8	Alvin Burstein*	Nov 17	Nov 21	Paul Greenberg*
Oct 27	Nov 2	julius Kornstein*	Nov 3	Nov 9	Adolph Bernstein*	Nov 17	Nov 21	Herman Boskind*
Nov 3	Nov 3	Serena Kornstein*	Nov 10	Nov 10	Arthur Sidney Mendel*	Nov 17	Nov 21	Rose I. Goodman*
Nov 3	Nov 3	Anna N. Brenner*	Nov 10	Nov 10	Albert Brazner*	Nov 17	Nov 21	Evelyn Schack*
Nov 3	Nov 4	Henry Cohien*	Nov 10	Nov 11	Samuel Loss	Nov 17	Nov 22	Sylvia Hymen*
Nov 3	Nov 5	Edward William Goldstein*	Nov 10	Nov 11	Ken Rose	Nov 24	Nov 24	Dr. Joseph Bachrach*
Nov 3	Nov 5	Cyrus Demont	Nov 10	Nov 11	Jennie Kreeger*	Nov 24	Nov 24	Adolph Frisch
Nov 3	Nov 6	Harry Fischer*	Nov 10	Nov 13	Hannah Goldstein*	Nov 24	Nov 24	Joseph Silins*
Nov 3	Nov 6	Bessie Fischer*	Nov 10	Nov 13	Gloria Hayden*	Nov 24	Nov 25	Micky Burstein*
Nov 3	Nov 7	Gertrude Osmansky*	Nov 10	Nov 14	Dorothy Rosenbaum	Nov 24	Nov 25	Abraham Goldstein
Nov 3	Nov 7	Pinchas Dermer*	Nov 10	Nov 15	Gary John Seigle*	Nov 24	Nov 25	Ida Kreeger Marks*
			Nov 10	Nov 16	Melvin Ruben*	Nov 24	Nov 25	Anna Raffelson*
			Nov 17	Nov 17	William Sharf*	Nov 24	Nov 26	Frank Brodsky*
			Nov 17	Nov 17	Isaac Kreeger*	Nov 24	Nov 26	Ann Hymen Swerdlow*
			Nov 17	Nov 17	Gertrude Mestetsky*	Nov 24	Nov 28	Rabbi Abraham Rose*
			Nov 17	Nov 17	Mary Greenberg	Nov 24	Nov 30	Bessie Srickman*
			Nov 17	Nov 18	Walter Kohlhagen*	Nov 24	Nov 30	Clara Wechter*
			Nov 17	Nov 19	Helen Skolnik	Nov 24	Nov 30	Augusta Hass
			Nov 17	Nov 19	Emma Vopner Salk*			



There are two dates listed above on our *yahrtzeit* list. The first is the **day of the service at which the name are read**. The second is the **actual date of the *yahrtzeit*, and memorial candles should be lit on the preceding evening**. An asterisk after a name indicates that a plaque is affixed to the Memorial Tablet.

## KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

November 2 .....4:27 pm  
 November 9 .....4:19 pm  
 November 16 .....4:12 pm  
 November 23 .....4:07 pm  
 November 30 .....4:04 pm

**NOTE: Shabbat ends one (1) hour after candlelighting time on Saturday night.**

# Acknowledgements

## Generous Donations

### GENERAL FUND

#### In memory of Gert Burstein

Michael and Marla Finger  
Shirley Zeman

#### In Memory of Bernard Mirkin, my father

Mia Fossa & family

#### In memory of my dear friend, Gert Burstein

Shirley Zeman

#### In memory of Paul Zeman

Shirley Zeman

### THE PRAYERBOOK FUND

#### In memory of Gertrude Burstein

The Herb Friend Family  
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#### In honor of our daughter Sara's and our son Mark's engagements

Cheri & Howard Rubin

#### In memory of Gert Burstein

Phyllis Brenner

#### In memory of Celia Schreiber

Phyllis Brenner

Paul & Barbara Maring

#### In honor of Barb Sharf's 90th birthday

Marc and Sue Zemel

### CKI EDUCATION FUND

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#### To Paul Glaser, Joe Rosenfeld; Sue Zemel & Choir members; Jerry Goozh & Ushers; Saul Mariasis, Nina Finn, Brian Finn, Phyllis Lesser, Adele Stein, Wanda Pitzele: In honor of all you did for the High Holidays

Fern & Ron Raben

#### In honor of Alex Benjamin Guralnick's Bar Mitzvah

Saul & Dennis Mariasis

#### To Jerry Himmelfarb in honor of our "Affy Tapple Chauffeur"

Ron Raben

#### To Ira Fosco In honor of all you did for "Hut Dogs."

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#### To Dan Rich in honor of all you did for "Hut Dogs"

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### HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

The congregation expresses condolences to the families of ...**Bernard Mirkin**, father of **Mia (Tim) Fossa**, grandfather of **Talia, Elena** and **Peter Fossa**

...**Gertrude Burstein**, Longtime member of CKI and wife of **Alvin Burstein** of blessed memory

...**Celia Schreiber**, longtime member of CKI

*May God comfort you and may their memory be for a blessing*

### R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Fern Raben	Sherry Wiesman
Ben Rifken	Sarah Haffron
Rose Goldstein	Shirley Friedman
Lisa Schulman	Irv Durchslag
Sarah Frisch	Herman Loeb

*May God have mercy upon you and others who are ill among the people of Israel..*



## Fundability for Chanukah!!

Fundability certificates will be available for *Chanukah* at our annual **Chanukah Bazaar** on November 4 and November 11. New items this month will include **iTunes, Sweet Tomatoes, Cold Stone Creamery, Cabela's, Subway** and **Gymboree**.

A complete listing of all Fundability offerings will be available for you to consider in your gift giving plans. A complete listing also appears on the synagogue web site.

**This will be the last opportunity to order before Chanukah.** These certificates make excellent gifts for children, friends, and teachers and also help raise funds for the synagogue.

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- Because if you didn't go and later found out all that you had missed, you'd probably be mad at your parents.
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*More next month...*

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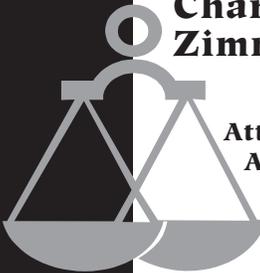
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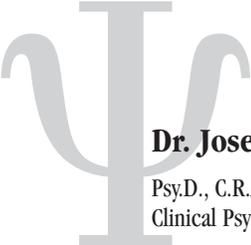
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## November 2007

**Shabbat Services:**      **Friday evenings**      **7:30 pm**  
**Saturday mornings**      **9:30 am**

2	<b>Shabbat Service</b> <i>Oneg:</i> In memory of Bernard Mirkin, hosted by Mia Fossa & family	7:30 pm	14	Hebrew School <b>Pick up Corned Beef Lunches</b>	5:00 pm 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
3	Clocks FALL BACK one hour before you go to bed!!		15	<b>CORNED BEEF LUNCH</b>	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
4	<b>Chanukah Bazaar</b>	During school	16	<b>Shabbat Service</b> <i>Oneg:</i> Hosted by Susan Robbins PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	7:30 pm
5	<b>USCJ Scholar-in-Residence</b> <b>Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb</b> , presented by Adult Education Committee/CKI Mens Club	7:00 pm	17	<b>Junior Congregation</b>	9:30 am
6	<b>CKI Board Meeting</b>	7:30 pm	18	<b>Blood Drive</b> during school <i>Kadima Maccabiah</i> Games at CKI <b>Interfaith Thanksgiving service</b> First Congregational Church of Elgin 256 E. Chicago St.	Noon 7:00 pm
7	Hebrew School	5:00 pm	21	No School – USY/Kadima Turkey Dance at Beth El	
9	<b>Family Services – Gimel</b> ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	7:30 pm	22-25	Thanksgiving Recess	
10	<b>Special Veterans Shabbat Service</b>	9:30 am	23	<b>Shabbat Service</b>	7:30 pm
9-11	CHUSYFest Fall Convention		26	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
11	<b>Chanukah Bazaar</b>	During school	28	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
12	Confirmation class USY Board and <b>Corn Beef Setup</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm			
13	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 pm			

*Drs. Albert & Frieda Simon Adult Study Group*  
Sunday mornings      10:00 AM