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Meet Nina Finn, Our New Director of Education

It is with great pleasure that we announce the selection of **Nina Finn** to serve as our new CKI Director of Education, replacing our wonderful outgoing leader, **Ron Raben**. As many of you already know, Nina has been an active member of CKI for many years and has been involved in a wide variety of synagogue activities. Taking on the new role of leading our student education program is a natural extension of her long-time commitment to CKI and all its members.

Nina is excited to get started with the upcoming new school year. She looks forward to meeting all the students, and sharing thoughts and ideas with the parents as well, to help ensure that the program continues to be a successful and rewarding one for everyone involved.

Please join us in welcoming Nina to her new endeavor. Plan to attend our **Annual CKI Family Picnic on Sunday, August 24**. You will have the opportunity to meet with Nina and register your children for school at the same time!

Sincerely,

The Education Board:

- Liza Bachrach
- Kara Gauthier
- Tina Wolf
- Elizabeth Fishman
- Joe Rosenfeld
- Anita Hornung



In the spirit of welcoming our new Director of Education, Nina Finn, we would like to share a few insights about her life.

What do you like to do for fun?

I have many interests. I like to cook, and read, and there is always shopping! My favorite activity, though, is hanging out with
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From the Rabbi's Study...

Reel Life

[I wrote this back in 2000, about a movie that was just then hitting the screens. Several of our teens have mentioned the movie to me in recent weeks, though, so that the article seems to me quite as relevant, and at least as important, as it ever was.—JK]

I first noticed it on a TV show called *Blossom*. Alan King played a rabbi whose advice to a young girl was, "I've been young and I've been old, and believe me, young is better."

That was the first time I heard an actor who played a rabbi say something that no real rabbi would say. Real rabbis are more inclined to what Rabbi Harold Kushner said when he contrasted youth and old age: something like, "The advantages of youth are that you can run fast and stay up late. Have I left anything out?"

I've seen this happen many times since, which is why I was less than thrilled when I heard, "Rabbi, you have to see a movie called *Keeping the Faith*. The comedian Ben Stiller plays a rabbi, and it's hilarious." Uh-oh, I thought. Goodbye *Blossom*, hello *Seinfeld*. This can't be good for the Jews.

Everywhere I turned, though, people kept telling me, "See the movie." A salesman interrupted his pitch to tell me about it. So all right already, I thought, how bad can it be? I went to see *Keeping the Faith*.

And you know what? It's pretty good. *Keeping the Faith* is funny and entertaining, and it made me feel good to be a rabbi. So I'm joining the chorus: go see the movie.

But before you do, if you haven't seen it yet, be very careful: Don't go without reading this article. Especially if you're young, because, kids, *Keeping the Faith* pitches a brand of snake oil, and you don't want to buy it.

Here's the movie's premise: A Conservative rabbi, a Catholic priest, and a high-powered secular Catholic businesswoman are lifelong buddies.

The movie almost pulls it off. It makes the premise seem credible, sort of like *Star Wars*.

The rabbi is a good rabbi and the priest is a good priest. They're both very mainstream. The rabbi has unusual teaching methods, but the content of his lessons is straight down the center; and as for the priest, he articulates in the movie precisely what I have always

understood the life of a good Catholic priest to be. They both love their work. The rabbi loves his *Torah*, the priest loves his Jesus (though I don't remember the name ever mentioned), and they both love their God.

They also both love the same woman, and therein lies the dramatic tension. Neither can marry her—the priest because he's a priest and the rabbi because he's an observant Jew. So the rabbi tries to date others, but—and here's the first lie in the movie—every Jewish young woman is a jerk. The only woman he can ever get serious about is the Catholic businesswoman. (It only just now occurs to me that of all the many people who urged me to see the film, not one was female.)

The rabbi hesitates about her so long that the exasperated priest finally lets him have it—he hauls off with a sermon that changes the rabbi's life as they wait for a light on a New York street corner.

"She loves you," says the priest. "You love her. What are you waiting for? What's to think about?"

Now, I'm working from memory here, and the priest may have been saying something else, so check me on this, but that's what I heard. And it's not what any real priest or rabbi or any other religious leader would say. Listen to me good, kids—it's a lie. Life isn't like that.

First off, there are at least fifteen people in the entire world that you could fall in love with, not just one. Second, having a crush is nice, but it's nothing to build on. Pump the crush up with air and hormones and call it "being in love," and that's nice too, but it's not love. Love is based on shared values that you can work with to build a life. I can't tell you how many times in the movie I heard the word fun. If you want fun and good times, go with your heart, go with the crush. If you want happiness and a good life, go with your head. There's a reason it's called a crush.

The message of the movie is, "Follow your heart." It's a terrible message. What man-made misery in all the world was not caused by people following their heart?

Hollywood loves this message. They use it also as the theme of *Good Will Hunting*. "Do what's in your heart, son. You'll be fine," says Robin Williams there. No. Do what makes sense, do what is kind, do what God would approve of.

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Ha Kol Information

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A Thank You from Ron...

Did you surprise Fern and me?

Oh, my goodness. I still haven't figured out how that happened. After all, I'm always in synagogue. People talk to me about everything. For the past years, nothing has passed me by. HOW DID YOU DO THIS? Oh, my goodness. In fact, I thought Nina was in the kitchen making a wedding cake for the mock wedding. Fern said, "What a great idea! A wedding and then a wedding cake!" I actually worked in the kitchen as Nina assembled it right next to me. Wedding cake? HA! It was for the surprise celebration. And I always thought I was a pretty aware and "with-it" guy.

Am I still overwhelmed?

Oh, my goodness. I still haven't processed all that happened. And I don't think I will for a long time. I just sit and look at all the things—the Dr. Seuss poem, the song, the *Hadassah* honor, the Drury Lane gift certificate, the incredible DVD presentation, the leaf for the Tree of Life, the thank you signed by all the kids and others, the upcoming scrapbook—and I say, "What happened?"

Am I blessed?

Oh, my goodness. You truly humble me; you make me cry; you bless my life.

Even though I haven't fully processed this event—this journey in my life—I do know that in the sanctuary an incredible power took over on that Sunday morning, May 18. I will never forget it. People were sitting and standing all over the place. Spirituality

and indescribable warmth filled the room. Love filled the room. God's presence filled the room. Every time I walk into the sanctuary, I will hear all the voices and remember.

How do I say "thank you?"

Oh, my goodness. I don't know. Maybe this will be one way.

I just had an interview to be a volunteer docent at the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. (Early in 2007, they asked if I would be a volunteer member of their Education Advisory Board. I did that.) The interviewers asked me some pretty thought-provoking questions. One was to share a most rewarding experience I have had being involved in the Chicagoland Jewish community. Without hesitation, I talked about my life and years of involvement at CKI and about the people I have come to love as family. I told them how unique we are as a Jewish community way out here in the Fox Valley, and I made them realize that a synagogue can be a place of true caring, compassion, acceptance and genuine love that people have for each other.

One is only as good as the people who surround him/her.

Oh, my goodness. The most beautiful people surround me. Just the numbers who designed this amazing morning stun me – Anita Hornung, Tina Wolf, Liz Fishman, Sue Zemel, Marc Zemel, Liza Bachrach, Herb Gross, Perry Pitzele, Adele Stein, Robin Seigle, Nina Finn, Zahava Raz, AND those who contributed to this breathtaking event – Et, Hank, Ben, Leah, David & Rachel Schillmoeller, Ed, Tina, Laura, Bill & Matt Wolf, Chuck, Kara, Marlee & Rachel Gauthier, Dan Marshall, Liza Bachrach & Jake, Lucy & Isaac Marshall, Rob, Nancy & Laura Cox, Bill, Jana & Jacob McFarlane, Herb & Medina Gross, Ron, Karen, Jason & Laura Sigal, Marc & Sue Zemel, Cyril Friend, Joe, Maureen, Michael & Molly Rosenfeld, Alvin & Norma Hass, Marc, Debbie, Danielle & David Stone, Paul & Lynn Glaser, Mark, Robin, Joel & Margot Seigle, Jerry & Sue Goozh, Bill, Clarissa, Alex & Samantha



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We always carry the quiet hope that we can travel through our lives and have some kind of impact on people and do something, in our own small way, to help others and the world. You have certainly done that for me. You have had a major impact in my life and have changed my world. You touch my heart. You make me laugh. You bring me joy. You give me treasures beyond. You have given me one of the best moments in my life that will continue to wrap me in warmth, blessings, and eternal love. You have been, and will continue to be, water for my soul.

L'chaim,

☆☆☆ SAVE THE DATE ☆☆☆

CKI School Registration
and Family Picnic

Sunday, August 24 at 4:00 pm

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Pre-School • Hebrew School • Torah School • Confirmation Class
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Sisterhood News

School is finally over. Public school, *Torah*/Sunday school and graduation parties are over. Families are going or just coming back from vacations. This is the time of year to relax; the hustle and bustle is for fun. However, before you know it, school is back in session, the holidays are starting, and it is time to reflect on CKI Sisterhood.

I plan to attend a few Wednesday evenings when *Torah* School is in session to talk to all the moms. I want to discover what Sisterhood can do to help them decide to join and be a part of Sisterhood. We have many exciting programs planned for 2008-2009. We are very interested in having our *Torah* and Sunday school moms more active in Sisterhood. If you are interested in having special programs when school is in session, let us know. We are YOUR Sisterhood.

Sisterhood has conventions and conferences throughout the year with other conservative Sisterhoods in Chicago, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and surrounding areas. These conferences and conventions are a nice way to meet other women who all share the same joys and *tsores* we do, such as juggling work, home, religion and all the activities we *shlep* our children to.

Again, we have a tour planned for **August 3** at **Ball Seed Gardens** with lunch at Sweet Tomatoes to follow. Read this *HaKof* for more information.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

Rockelle

Still a-Wishin' and a-Hopin'...

We're still wishing for...

- ✧ **New lightweight 8-foot long tables for the social hall.**
(We purchase them at Sam's. Prices: 8' long tables are \$70.00 each. 60" round tables are \$100.00 each. We are tax exempt.)
- ✧ **For privacy and comfort, we'd like to purchase and install vertical blinds to cover the windows in the kindergarten and 1st-grade classrooms on the first floor.**
- ✧ **A new video setup (camera, etc.) in the sanctuary that will record DVDs.**
- ✧ **Help to improve the sound system in the sanctuary.**

Wishes are good. Granting them is even better! We are truly grateful!

Thank you!

TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN 2007-08

My heartfelt congratulations and *todah rabah* to all of our Sisterhood women! We did it again this year! Our goal for this campaign was \$1500. Better sit down for our final figures!

Our Sisterhood raised \$2064 for *Torah* Fund!!! I am just so proud of us. By these generous donations we ensure the continuation of the education of the future leaders of Conservative Judaism. On behalf of all of these students, thank you.

The following women were Guardians with a donation of \$300: **Lisa Schulman** and **Cheryl Stanczak**.

The following women were Benefactors with a contribution of \$180: **Risa Cohen, Helen Lindow, Jana McFarlane, Barbara Njus, Wanda Pitzele, Susan Robbins, and Nancy Zimmerman**.



And the following women also made generous donations: **Marla Finger, Norma Haas, Sue Johnson, Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld, Barbara Maring, Ana McCarthy, Robin Seigle, and Sue Zemel**.

There is more *Torah* Fund to come next year. The new pin will be unveiled at our new Central Great Lakes Region Conference the end of June. Have a safe summer, and I will have great *Torah* Fund information in the August *HaKof*!!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Stanczak
Central Region Torah Fund Vice President
CKI Sisterhood Torah Fund Chairman

P.S. This is my last article to you as Central Region TF VP. I will hand over this office to Donna Neubauer of Wisconsin. You can be sure that she will visit us this year!

MILK AND HONEY

- The technology for AOL Instant Messenger was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis.
- A new acne treatment developed in Israel, the ClearLight device, produces a high-intensity, ultraviolet-light-free, narrow-band blue light that causes acne bacteria to self-destruct—all without damaging surroundings skin or tissue.

More next month...

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Nina Finn

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my boys at home watching a good movie. Nothing brings me more joy than seeing the four of them spread out all over the family room, hanging out.

What is your favorite memory from childhood?

My father used to take me to an ice cream store called Buffalo's when I was getting on my mother's nerves. I'd order a hot fudge sundae with an extra pot of hot fudge. The extra pot of hot fudge was reserved for me and my spoon. Another memory is hanging out with my aunt who had no children. She would take me to the theater, we would drink tea, dress up, and enjoy each other's company.

What is your favorite movie?

I know this sounds odd, but my favorite movies are *Gone With the Wind* and *Back to the Future*.

Favorite book?

The Joy Luck Club [by Amy Tan].

Tell me a little bit about your family.

I have three boys: Brian, 24, is a student and a barista. Patrick is 19, and also a student at Bradley. Ethan is 17 and a senior in high school. I have two step-children, Mike and Heather, and then there is always my wonderful husband, Patrick.

What do you see as the role of our parents at CKI in their children's Jewish education?

I would like to see them support the school, and bring spirituality and religion into their homes. I would like to see them talk to their children about Jewish customs, and about how important their role is as Jews. I would like them to be their child's advocate and feel free to speak to their child's teacher about their needs and how we can meet them.

What other ideas would you like to share about your new role?

I look forward to teaching confirmation class and getting to know our students, their parents, and families. I am excited about any new contributions I can make to our school program in order to make it the finest. I would like everyone to know that I have an open-door policy. Please come and visit, introduce yourself to me, and feel free to discuss any concerns you may have during our new year together.

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Interview conducted by CKI Vice President of Education, Anita Hornung.



KADIMA NEWS!

Youth Group for 6th-8th grade

We'd like to welcome all the incoming 6th graders into our Kadima Youth Group, and we are especially excited to have Susan Robbins assisting in the programming.

It should be a great year!

We are in the midst of scheduling next year's calendar and are planning a fun event each month.

Check HaKol and the website at www.CKIElgin.org for the upcoming calendar.

Kadima Advisors - Liza Bachrach & Susan Robbins

USY NEWS!

Youth Group for High Schoolers

We are looking forward to getting started with our newly elected Board. We have some great new ideas, so stay tuned!

Check HaKol and the website at www.CKIElgin.org for the upcoming calendar.

President - Lucy Marshall
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Bat Mitzvah



Jenna Renee Mussar will be called to the *Torah* as a *Bat Mitzvah* on **Saturday, July 12, 2008**. Jenna will be a freshman at Maine West High School in Des Plaines in the fall. Jenna enjoys the

fine arts which include: playing the flute, piccolo and alto flute, chorus, and drawing anim . She also enjoys math, science and history, specifically World War 2.

Sharing this special occasion with Jenna are her proud parents Reinhold and Sheri, and brother Matt, a.k.a. Moose. Also, sharing this wonderful day are grandparents, Howard and Marylyn Minkoff, Joyce and Jim Dow and Maria and Andreas Mussar.

Beginning her Jewish education at the age of 12, when most girls are getting *Bat Mitzvah*, Jenna has learned that it is never too late and to never give up!

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- Because we love you and want you to know as much about being Jewish as you possibly can.

More next month...

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Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

July 5 *Hukat* – Numbers 19:1-20:21
1 *Tammuz* *Haftarah*: Judges 11:1-33

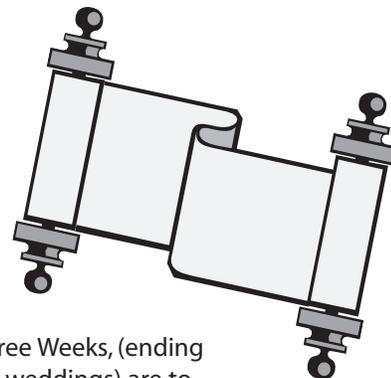
July 12 *Balak* – Numbers 22:2-38
8 *Tammuz* *Haftarah*: Micah 5:6-6:8

July 19 *Pinhas* – Numbers 25:10-26:51
16 *Tammuz* *Haftarah*: I Kings 18:46-19:21

[The 17th of *Tammuz* marks the beginning of the Three Weeks, (ending on *Tisha b'Av*), during which public celebrations (like weddings) are to be avoided. One of four minor fast days—lasting only during daylight hours—it marks the day the Romans breached the walls of Jerusalem leading to the destruction of the Second Temple.]

July 20 Fast of 17th of *Tammuz*
17 *Tammuz* *Torah*: Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10
Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

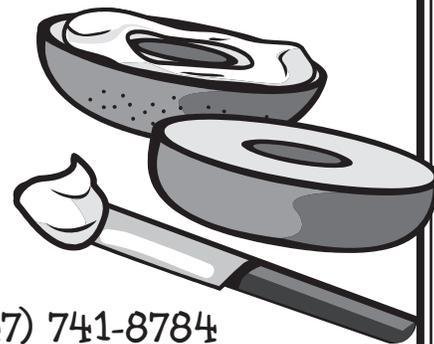
July 26 *Mattot* – Numbers 30:2-31:54
23 *Tammuz* *Haftarah*: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3



FIND YOURSELF
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SHUL IS GOOD!

The "CKI SENIORS" Lox & Bagel Luncheon

Tuesday, July 8
12:00 noon at CKI



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Thursday, July 3.

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

Social Action

Update Darfur:

B'nei Darfur is the name for the 750-odd Darfurian Muslims who have (primarily walked) through Egypt and across the border to Israel. They are poor, they live in Tel Aviv slums, but to them, this is Paradise. Not all is well, however, in this Garden of Eden. The first wave of 600 has legal status and will not be deported. The other 150 (some of whom are in prison) hope that the government will grant them temporary resident status. The Southern Sudanese who also live in Israel are not so fortunate. It is estimated that approximately 6000 Africans have sought refuge in Israel. The Southern Sudanese live in separate communities from the Darfurians.

Aliza Olmert (the prime minister's wife) is an advocate, urging the Interior Ministry to give all the refugees legal status. Some 250 Africans have been arrested because they entered the country illegally. UN officials have interceded and have secured Israel's promise not to apprehend people who have applied for refugee status. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert issued a directive to security forces saying that Africans caught trying to enter Israel illegally would be deported to Egypt on the spot, as the flood of new refugees is rising.

There are also sizeable refugee communities in Eilat and in Arad where, like their Tel Aviv counterparts, they work menial jobs. Several others work at *kibbutzim* and *moshavim*. Refugee children attend Israeli schools. However, 90% of the children enter

school without any ability to read or write in any language and, also, must learn Hebrew. The refugees need many social services and are dealing with the trauma of being on the run in a war-zone for several years.

Thank you to **Marc Zemel**, who made me aware of this content, which was based upon material, published April 4 in the *Jerusalem Post*.

Perform a *Mitzvah*; perform several!

JUF/TOV (*Tikkun Olam* Network) has introduced Green *Mitzvah* Mania, a series of *tikkun olam* activities (the Jewish obligation to repair the world). These are Eco-Friendly one-time volunteer opportunities. No experience necessary. TOV provides all necessary tools, instructions, and snack.

- The **North Branch Restoration** project (Air Station Prairie in Glenview) is scheduled for Sunday, July 13
- Help mulch and weed the conifer garden surrounding the **Lincoln Park Conservatory** on August 17
- Although no date has been announced, TOV will also be conducting an **E-Waste collection** for used batteries, small personal electronics, personal music players and PDA's.

Contact: TOV Hotline (312)357-4762 or visit www.juf.org/tov.

Honorable Menschen...

Thank you to...

BILL McFARLANE for the easy-rolling, lightweight service carts to use for banquet serving in the synagogue.



*Please share in our joy
as our daughter
Jenna
is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
Friday, July 11, 2008
at 7:30 P.M.
and
Saturday, July 12, 2008
at 9:30 A.M.*



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Shelby Fosco raised just under \$400 for the March of Dimes for her Bat Mitzvah project. Her team raised just under \$1000. Shelby raised the most money on her team thanks to the generosity of all of you from CKI. Thank you all so much!

Photo by Ira & Amy Fosco

**Back by popular
demand.....**



**The CKI Sisterhood
Ball Seed Garden Day
August 3, 2008
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

The gorgeous test gardens at Ball Seed's West Chicago site are open to the public only once a year. For just \$10.00*, you can spend the morning among beautiful flowers, plants... and your CKI friends!

We'll adjourn to Sweet Tomatoes in St. Charles for lunch after the garden tour.

Reservations are not necessary, but it would be great to look forward to seeing you! Call or e-mail Susan 847-331-3771 or susanr613@yahoo.com

***A portion of the \$10.00 goes to Ball Seed, and a portion benefits CKI Sisterhood. Everyone is welcome to come out!**

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Lee Miller Book Fund – New books for Library

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Prayer Book Fund – *Siddur* is \$25; *Chumash* is \$60

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Sisterhood Flower Fund – Pulpit flowers

Sisterhood Vision Fund – Large-type *Siddur* \$50

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

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

July Birthdays

- 1 Deborah Stone
- 2 Irene Barrow
- 2 Molly Freeman
- 3 Henriette Strutz
- 4 Barb Razowsky
- 6 Adam Freeman
- 7 Kipp Freeman
- 8 Paul Glaser
- 8 Mark Seigle
- 8 Michael Seigle
- 9 Jeremy Zeoli
- 9 Stephanie Bush
- 9 Isabella Lewis
- 10 Adam Schulman
- 10 Melissa Lindow
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- 31 Aaron Nye

July Anniversaries

- 2 David & Mindy Bear
- 2 Karen & Joseph Radest
- 4 Martin & Merle Wolfinsohn
- 4 Hillary Schneider & Jeff Hymer
- 5 Risa & Paul Cohen
- 7 Milton & Blossom Wohl
- 7 Edward & Adele Stein

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In memory of my mother, Iris Richberg

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Mazal Tov to Zahava Raz on the birth of her 5th grandchild, Matthew Howard

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Isaac Marshall had a tremendous turnout of people to help him make blankets for the needy for his Bar Mitzvah project. Volunteers came from both CKI and Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors.

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TREE OF LIFE: LEAF

[Correction from the June HaKol: the Phelan Family was inadvertently left out as one of the donors for the Rosenfeld leaf]

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In Our Family

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

The congregation expresses condolences to the family of **Saragrace Haffron**, longtime member of CKI

May God comfort you and may his memory be for a blessing.

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Fern Raben	Herman Loeb
Rose Goldstein	David Goodman
Lisa Schulman	Pearle Brody
Sherry Wiesman	Nina Finn
Shirley Friedman	

May God bring speedy and complete healing to you and all others who are ill among the people of Israel.

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*



Photos by Lucy & Isaac Marshall

From the Rabbi's Study (cont'd from p. 2)

Do what's right, not what feels right. The heart is greedy and shortsighted, and it will lie.

"Remember all the *Mitsvot* of the LORD, and don't follow your heart or your eyes that lead you wrong." That's from the *Torah*, from the *Shema*, and it's good. We learn what is right from studying *Torah* and doing *Mitsvot*. That has always given us a good life. Kids who grow up discover that the wisdom of *Torah* is better than the wisdom of movies, and that if you're looking for happiness then the *Torah* is a reliable guide.

It's an awful lot better than your heart.



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Grants are available from JUF for the first child in a family to enroll in a Jewish preschool.



The Religion Project

Dear Sir,

I am completing a project on world religion for my 8th grade history class. We are on a mission to better ourselves in the knowledge of other faiths. We hope to find similarities as well as differences. We hope you can complete the attached questionnaire.

Rabbi Kohn responds:

Q. Do you have an ultimate creator or religious GOD?

A. Yes.

Q. What belief do you have for after death experiences? Do you have an afterlife theory like heaven or reincarnation?

A. The afterlife is not a central concern of my religion. Immortality for us is not a matter of faith but of experience. We know by experience three immortal entities: God, the people Israel, and the *Torah* that links the two. Since our relation to God is through the covenant between God and Israel, it bears every element of immortality. My own individual immortality would be more important than it is if I were the center of creation, but I'm not. We have many understandings of an afterlife, many of them involving physical resurrection. For us, angels are not dead people, but a different order of being than the human. Human beings are essentially

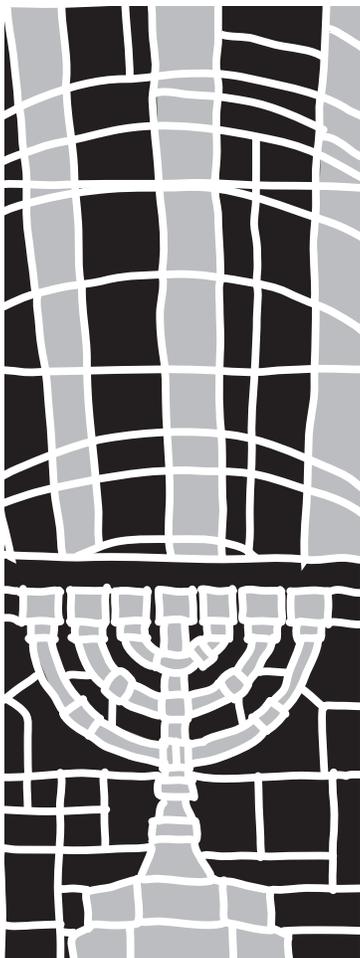
embodied, and we do not neglect the body nor hold it in low esteem. At death, "the body returns to the earth, and the spirit returns to God Who gave it." One aspect of the afterlife that we reject entirely is eternal punishment. As individuals we are not capable enough of sin to deserve eternal punishment. Beyond that, if there were such a thing then there could be no reward for us, because we could not take undistracted pleasure when our brethren are being punished. If there were a heaven and hell, then those of us in heaven would have no business there except to intercede with God on behalf of the rest of us.

More next month...

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

June 28	July 1	Sam Mintzer	July 5	July 6	Minnie Seigle*	July 12	July 18	Phil Gore
June 28	July 1	Ann Goldstein*	July 5	July 7	Benjamin Rosenthal*	July 19	July 19	Iris Richberg*
June 28	July 2	Minnie Bernstein*	July 5	July 8	Edward Cohen*	July 19	July 19	Goldie Leibovits
June 28	July 2	Rabbi Morris Greenfield*	July 5	July 8	Jennie Hymen*	July 19	July 20	Benjamin Mestetsky*
June 28	July 3	Louis Burstein*	July 5	July 9	Josef H. Fischer*	July 19	July 20	Esther Strickman Smith*
June 28	July 3	Henrietta Rosenberg*	July 5	July 10	Byrna Hornung*	July 19	July 20	Robert Bloomberg
June 23	July 3	Phyllis Rothman	July 5	July 11	Amy Venetianer	July 19	July 21	Eva London
July 5	July 5	Lillian P. Modes	July 12	July 12	Beatrice Feldman	July 19	July 22	Maurice D. Kaplan*
July 5	July 6	Albert Samuel Miller*	July 12	July 12	Leona Michaels	July 19	July 24	Margaret Kohlhagen
July 5	July 6	Maxine Allen*	July 12	July 12	Lottie Franks*	July 19	July 25	Mollie Werner
July 5	July 6	William Fishman*	July 12	July 12	Ida Katz*	July 26	July 26	Harold T. Sergle*
			July 12	July 12	Charles Vopner*	July 26	July 27	Charles E. Gauthier
			July 12	July 13	Harry Panimon*	July 26	July 27	Edward Miller
			July 12	July 14	Clarence Abrams	July 26	July 28	Sheila Perlman*
			July 12	July 14	Frances Hirsch	July 26	July 28	Michael Ableman*
			July 12	July 15	Clara Massouda*	July 26	July 29	Sadelle Cohien Barman*
			July 12	July 15	Morton Rubin	July 26	July 30	Stella Schwartz
			July 12	July 15	Arthur Gross	July 26	July 30	Shandes Knell*
			July 12	July 16	Hyman Herron	July 26	July 31	Jacob Burstein*
			July 12	July 16	Abe Kreeger*			
			July 12	July 18	William J. Rothmann			



There are two dates listed above on our *yahrtzeit* list.

The first is the **day of the service at which the names 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.

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July 48:11 PM
 July 118:08 PM
 July 188:04 PM
 July 257:58 PM

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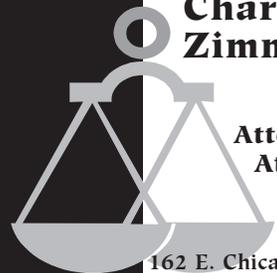


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4	INDEPENDENCE DAY – Office closed		12	Bat Mitzvah: Jenna Mussar	9:30 am
8	CKI Seniors Lox and Bagel Luncheon Sisterhood meeting at Sweet Tomatoes in Schaumburg	Noon 6:30 pm	17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	
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