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PERRY PITZELE IS CKI MEN'S CLUB "FJMC MAN OF THE YEAR"

CKI Men's Club is proud to recognize **Perry Pitzele** as its "Man of the Year" recipient this year. Perry's efforts were crucial to CKI's initial affiliation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) some years ago, and he served as the club's first president, gaining the experience necessary to propel him toward four successful years as President of the CKI Board of Directors. He has never (or, at least rarely) refused a request to help out. We are blessed to have him in our congregation and grateful for the many years of leadership that he has provided us. Yasher koach, Perry!

Please plan to join us in honoring Perry at the **FJMC Man of the Year Banquet Dinner, Wednesday, February 23, 2011** at Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai

Emunah, 3220 Big Tree, Wilmette, Illinois. Cost is just **\$36.00 per person**, and includes appetizers, chicken or vegetarian dinner (please indicate



preference with reservation), and awards presentation ceremony. The evening begins at 6:30 pm. Carpooling will be available from CKI that evening.

Reservations and checks (payable to "CKI Men's Club") are due **NO LATER than Tuesday, February 8**. Send

your reservation & check to: Paul Glaser, 7N615 Cloverfield Circle, St. Charles, Illinois 60175.

Contact Paul with any questions: pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net (630-513-8268).

WHAT WILL CKI LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

As reported in previous HaKols, the Vision Committee is gathering information to make recommendations for the future of CKI. An important part of this process is our membership. Each member will shortly receive a letter inviting him/her to participate in a focus group. While being led by a trained facilitator, each member will be

asked to reflect on a few open-ended questions. The groups will be held in members' homes, organized by zip codes. It is important that everyone participates, even non-member spouses. Please respond to the letter in a timely fashion and circle your date on the calendar.

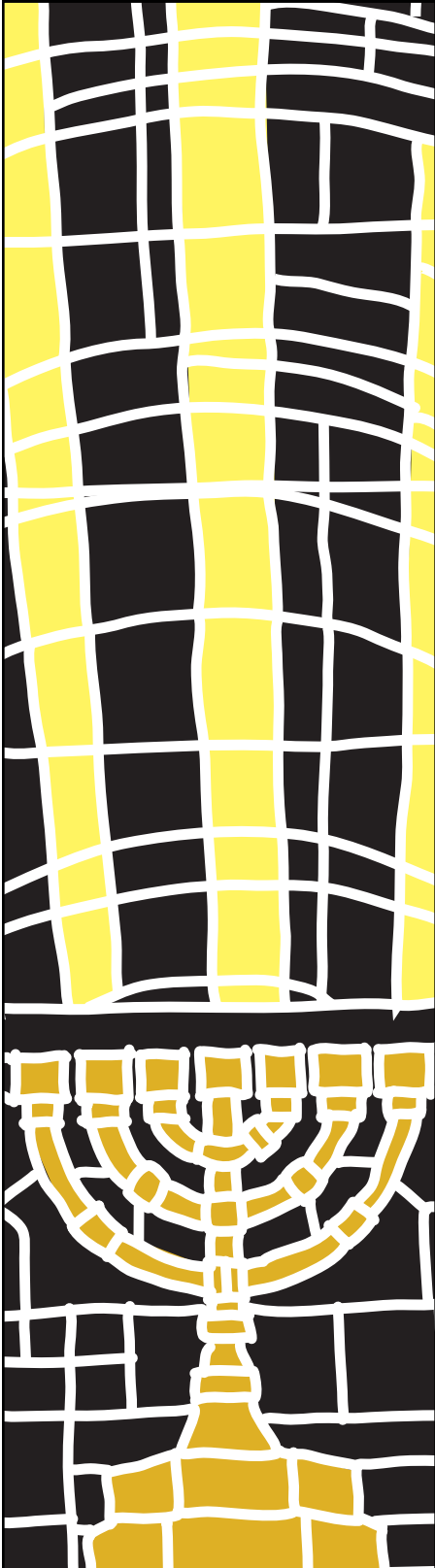
Thank you for your help.

Kinder Shabbes! Friday, January 7, 6:30 pm • Adult Services @ 7:30 pm

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From the Rabbi's Study...

At one point in the Torah, God studies humankind and concludes that "every plan devised by their minds is nothing but evil all the time."

Later, God says, "The devisings of man's mind are evil from his youth."

And later still, He observes, "Most devils is the heart. It is perverse. Who can fathom it?"

Human nature, by this account, is a pretty sorry resource. Even at its best it's not very good, as the Torah illustrates through the character of Moshe, who was the only person in the ancient world with the compassion and insight to recognize that slavery—at least of the oppressive Egyptian variety—was wrong. Moshe was so incensed by the beating of a Hebrew slave that he killed the offending taskmaster. But even Moshe never thought through to the next step. He just hid his victim's body in the sand and walked away. When he discovered that everyone knew what he did (what had he been thinking?), he

fled to Midian. By this point he had ruined his world, abandoned his family, infuriated Pharaoh, and improved the lot of no one. And this is the best that human nature has to offer.

Well, this is all good news. When we recognize how deeply flawed our nature is, then miracles are possible. If we had been created perfectly good, then we could never improve. We would be condemned to remain always as we are. But our flaws mean that we can be taught. We are not born knowing how to be good. Our nature is otherwise. But we can learn.

That is the great gift of Torah. Torah provides the outside resource that we need. (For proof, consider how effectively it has raised peaceful, civilized, literate, productive, socially responsible Jewish families in the face of every barbarism of history.) Through it, we learn to be good, if we make the enormous effort of study and practice. With proper instruction, we turn from actively doing wrong, and from failing to respond when other do wrong, toward

an entirely new set of instincts and moral reflexes. The process is both exhausting and exhilarating. In the end, it gives us mastery over ourselves, providing blessings to everyone around us, and transforming us into adults.

The first hint of this effort is given in the Bible's first sermon, delivered by God to Cain after a murderous jealousy first begins to stir in Cain's heart: "Why are you distressed," asks God, "and why is your face fallen? Surely if you do right, there is uplift. But if you do not do right, sin couches at the door. Its urge is toward you, yet you can be its master."

How can we be its master? If Cain didn't know, then we do. We master the beast couching at the door through study and practice. Cain followed his nature, but we don't have to do that. We have Torah, and so we can do better.



Sisterhood News

Hello 2011! What happened to 2010? For that matter, wasn't the start of the new millennium just last year? Often, the day or the week goes slowly, but the months and years speed by at lightning pace unless you are waiting for an event down the road.

But wait no more. On **Friday, January 21** we have our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat!** Give **Adele Stein** a call, mention the part you want, and then come and **practice** at our meeting (with dinner) on **Tuesday the 11th**.

Wait... there is more! Come March we will have our **Corned Beef Sale**. Yes, it is back!



Let me not forget to thank **Tina Wolf** and **Sue Johnson** for a wonderful Chanukah bazaar. Keep in mind our gift shop when you are looking for that special gift.

It may be winter, but Sisterhood at CKI is still planning and doing. Feel free to share your ideas. Maybe a Sunday or Wednesday Yahtzee tournament while the children are in class?

Maybe just sharing those hearty winter meal recipes? Let us know

The best to all in 2011 from Paul and me.

— Risa Cohen, *Sisterhood President*
847-934-4953

Who I am Spiritually at Age 18

by Lucy Marshall

Prior to my sophomore year in high school, I gave no deep thought to my faith. And I didn't need to. My life still seemed meaningful, and I approached no major challenges that caused me to question this notion. My successes and my satisfactions drove me to continue with what I unknowingly misunderstood as significant. School work, theater, art, public speaking—all activities that I truly enjoyed only because I succeeded in them. And so I felt complete. My soul? A God? My thoughts never even brushed the surface of these intangible concepts. I lived completely in a world of concrete, known ideas, together with my and other's sensual reactions. Judaism played a role in my life, but not in the sense of theology. I participated in a youth group and celebrated holidays with my family, but I did not identify as a Jew. I pursued my life choices based upon what would make me happy while maintaining the role of a "good

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It's ba-a-a-ack!!!
CKI Sisterhood's Corned Beef Sale!
Delivery is Thursday, March 10, 2011.
Yum-yum-yum!!!

Senior Lunch Attendees Enjoyed Special Speaker

Those who attended the December Senior Lunch had a wonderful time. A delicious luncheon was prepared by **Phyllis Lesser** (with help from **Saul Mariasis** who sliced the onions). We were fortunate to have a guest speaker: **Jim Kintz** from the Domestic Violence Courtwatch Program. Jim is a retired police officer who has started several programs to aid victims of Domestic Violence. He serves on the Faith Committee of the 16th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council, and is the former Chair of that committee. He began a Domestic Violence Ministry at his own parish, St. John Neumann in Saint Charles. This year, he began a Domestic Violence Courtwatch Program in Kane County. He explained to the group that their volunteers

attend the sessions of Domestic Violence Court in Room 209 at the Kane County Judicial Center. They take notes and ensure that victims of Domestic Violence are being treated fairly by the Judicial System. They issue reports and make recommendations to the Chief Judge and can also go to the press if necessary. Anyone interested in volunteering with their program can find more information on their website: www.foxvalleycourtwatch.org. The next training session for volunteers will begin on February 1, 2011. The group hopes to expand eventually into Kendall County as well. Jim was a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker, and we thank him for his time!

– Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld

January Birthdays

- 4 Cathy Aron
- 4 Jeff Rifken
- 5 Sarah Burkner
- 5 Madeline Lewis
- 6 Anita Hornung
- 7 David Goodman
- 10 Gordon Roth
- 12 Kathy Lange
- 17 Barry Rose
- 20 Katie Burstein
- 20 Edward Stein
- 21 Nicole Zeoli
- 25 Melissa Gerlach
- 26 Estee Berg
- 26 Karen Kehl Rose

January Anniversaries

- 17 Daniel & Lisa Schulman
- 26 Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld
- 31 Robert & Nancy Cox

Who I am Spiritually (cont'd)

person." And this simple code hid from me the missing piece of my consciousness—faith.

Changes began to stir within my thinking during an intensive Jewish history course while I studied in Israel for the second semester of my sophomore year. I learned to understand Judaism as a civilization, with a language, homeland, culture and narrative, not just as a

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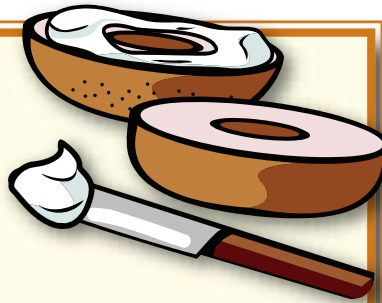
Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

- Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Education
- Endowment Fund** – See the President
- General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
- Lee Miller Book Fund** – New books for Library
- Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** – (See the President)
- Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. (See the President)
- Memorial Plaques** – \$300.00
- Prayer Book Fund** – Chumash is \$60 (Siddurim are no longer available)
- Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund** – Repair of Torah scrolls
- Sisterhood Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur \$50
- Tree of Life** – Leaf is \$100
- USY/Kadima Youth Group** – Support for programs for our United Synagogue Youth

The "CKI SENIORS"

Lox & Bagel Luncheon



Tuesday, January 11 • 12:00 noon at CKI

RSVP to phyllisCKI@aol.com or (847) 741-8784

Please respond **DEFINITELY NO LATER THAN**
Thursday, January 6.

Payment by cash or check at **\$10.00** per person.

Please make check payable to "Cash."

HaKol Information

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KADIMA & USY

Gameworks!

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders & USY Members & Dads (or Moms) !

Sunday, January 16, 2011

12:45 pm meet at Gameworks

Pick up 3:00 pm at Gameworks

601 N. Martingale Road #11, Schaumburg

**Early Bird Discount
for Members Only!**

if you RSVP and pay by January 11

Early Bird: Members & Dads \$36.00 per person

Pay at door: Members & Non-members

\$40.00 per person

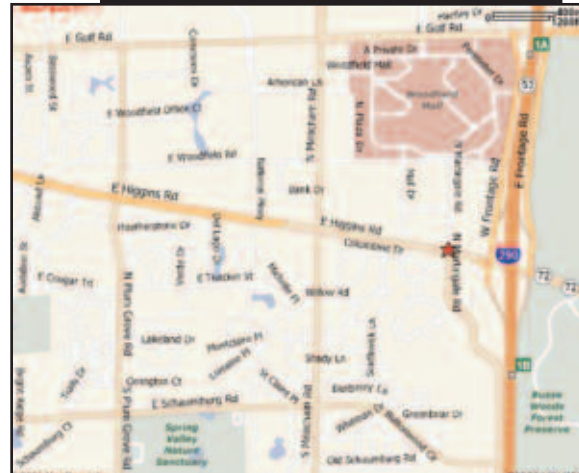
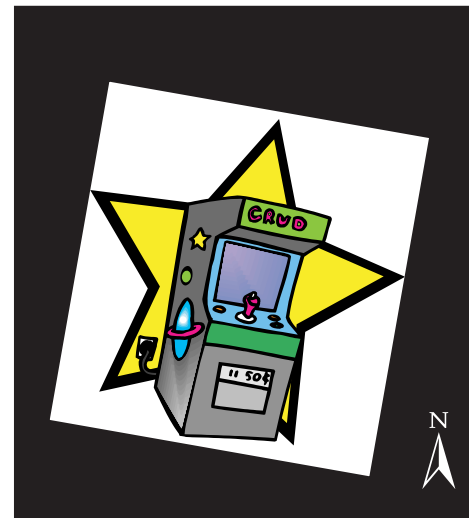
Includes a pizza and unlimited playing cards for 2 hours.

Please RSVP

Liza Bachrach at 847.622.8855,

Archbroch@comcast.net

Send checks to: Liza Bachrach, 7 Clove Court,
South Elgin, IL 60177. Checks payable to CKI-USY.



_____ will attend the Kadima-USY Gameworks program on
Sunday, Jan. 16.

Members & Dads/Moms, please include \$36 per person if paying by Jan. 11, \$40 per person after Jan. 11.
Non-members please include \$40 per person.

Please send checks to Liza Bachrach, 7 Clove Court, South Elgin, IL. Checks payable to CKI-USY.

CHUSYfest was well received! **Lisa Gerlach's** favorite part was the hypnotist. **Lucy Marshall** and **Danielle Piraino** were most impressed by the programming. In the past I have heard complaints about "too many services," but this year everyone felt it was very well balanced and had a great time. See our photo!

The Turkey Dance was the perfect way to reconnect with many CHUSYfest and camp friends. It was enthusiastically described as "Homecoming for Jews!"

USY had a nice time filling up a table at the Men's Club Latke Lunch. We were most proud of **Lisa Gerlach** who represented USY as a Jewpardy contender. SHE WON FIRST PLACE! Yasher Koach! We also enjoyed our White Elephants gifts, the favorites being an Obama Head Chia Pet, Silly Putty, and a flash-light alarm clock!

We added a new USY program to our calendar. It is called Havdallah in the House and will take place in the home of **Lucy** and **Isaac Marshall** on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 pm. We will enjoy a Havdallah service and have a bon voyage party for **Danielle Piraino**. She is spending next semester at Conserve School in Wisconsin. It is a special school aimed at students who feel a strong attachment to the natural world and who are motivated to conserve it. A perfect place for our SATO chair! Mazel tov and good luck Danielle!

Please note that all board meetings will be at 7:30 pm.

Please be sure to RSVP and attend the following programs!

JANUARY 2011

- 10 USY Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 16 USY/Kadima Gameworks, 12:45-3:00 pm
- 22 USY Havdallah in the House & Bon Voyage to Danielle Piraino, 7 PM (At the home of Lucy & Isaac Marshall)

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Friday, January 21 at 7:30 pm.

Oneg sponsored by
CKI Sisterhood.

FEBRUARY

- 4-5 Israel Shabbaton
- 5 Sato Marathon
- 7 USY Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 12 USY/Kadima Daven, Dish and Dine/Lunch at CKI
- 19 USY/Kadima Movie Night – Note date change
- 27 Regional Kadima to North Beach

– Liza Bachrach, Youth Chair - USY

If you are not receiving Youth Group information emails and would like to, please email Liza at Archbroch@comcast.net, and let me know. You can also download flyers from the website at www.ckielgin.org/youth.html

CKI USYers who enjoyed the BEANS Turkey Dance: (L-R) Danielle Piraino, Zach Kohn, Lisa Gerlach, Riva Kohn, Ellie Kohn, and Lucy Marshall.



religion. Judaism could no longer just be an added detail, a side note, to my identity. This realization flipped my tangible world upside down. I was appalled at my previous ignorance; how had I not seen this? How had I overlooked all that resides in Judaism? Dismayed by my negligence of my peoplehood and my nation, I was determined to change my ways and be committed to my Jewish identity. The need to serve my nation, study my ancient history, be dedicated to my homeland, and speak my language was overwhelming. No more did I require pleasure from my achievements in order to survive. I had finally caught a glimpse of what is more, what I can't explain, a passion. My life was rejuvenated with a true meaning. And this is how I defined my new faith. My past was meaningless, and Tolstoy would agree, as there exists no reason to live without faith.

But still, I had limits. I could accept the intangible power and gravity of a people, the unexplainable fervor that dwelled within me about my faith in the Jewish civilization, and the untouchable need for us, the Diaspora, to return to our land. But God? That idea was a bit too farfetched, too unknown. I could allow my mind to roam in the clouds, but my feet could never leave the ground. Judaism, as I formally viewed it, seemed to be just a religious element in a person's life, and I did not recognize it. When I renewed my definition of Judaism as a peoplehood, I threw away that religious notion. I still had too many doubts to even explore the God idea. Simply, it was easier to ignore it. Why spend time fighting with myself about my theological beliefs and doubts when I could limit my focus on

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Thank you to everyone who shopped at the CKI gift shop during Chanukah. The gift shop is the major fundraiser for the sisterhood and will continue to offer great gift ideas throughout the year. Contact Tina Wolf, 630-377-1287, or Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160, for any shopping need. Remember we offer kippah, tallit and all your needs for everyday or special occasions.

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of and in tribute to Maxine Turek

Phyllis Friedman and Aguan Wei
Milton & Dorothy Perlman
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In memory of Renee Yielk

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In gratitude for the kindness of Medina Gross

Sherry Wiesman

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In memory of Irving Spitzer and Abe Goldstein

Sherry Wiesman

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

To Michael Poper, in Memory of Renee

Sue & Dick Johnson

To Liza Bachrach, for a speedy recovery, hope you are soon at "full swing"

Sue & Dick Johnson

In Our Family

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Lisa Schulman Pearlle Brody
Sherry Wiesman Cheryl Stanczak
Shirley Friedman Eva Kruth
David Goodman Sandra Nye
Liza Bachrach

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

HAMAKOM YENAHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

Congregation Kneseth Israel wishes to extend condolences to the family of

... **Maxine Turek**, long-time member of CKI

... **Renee Wielk**, sister of Michael Poper

May God comfort you and may their memory be a blessing.

DEAR MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS:

If you've waited this long to offer your services for January, please imagine Sue and I chewing our nails! We'd appreciate a call as soon as you know your availability on Mondays between 10:00 am and noon.

Sue Johnson at (847)-695-7160 or Nancy Zimmerman at (847)- 695-6540.

Hadassah

"A Glimpse Inside Hadassah's Youth Aliyah" will be the program for Hadassah's January 24 meeting at CKI at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served and a short business meeting will follow. Inquiries and requests for rides may be directed to Nancy Zimmerman at (847) 695-6540.

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

| Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name | Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name | Actual Date Observed | Date of Service | Name |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Jan 01 | Jan 01 | Molly Levine* | Jan 10 | Jan 08 | Wendy Karen Slutsky | Jan 24 | Jan 22 | Anna Libby Strickman* |
| Jan 01 | Jan 01 | Albert Smilgoff | Jan 11 | Jan 08 | Mandel Bochner | Jan 25 | Jan 22 | Mildred Lipofsky* |
| Jan 02 | Jan 01 | Ellen Goodman | Jan 11 | Jan 08 | Sarah Frisch | Jan 25 | Jan 22 | Lena Miller Simon* |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Elizabeth Chesler | Jan 11 | Jan 08 | Pearl Harris* | Jan 26 | Jan 22 | Isadore Ginsberg* |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Sarah Miller | Jan 13 | Jan 08 | Lillian Ruth Seigle Roth* | Jan 26 | Jan 22 | Harlan Levin |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Jean Fischer Schenker* | Jan 14 | Jan 08 | Hyman Ableman* | Jan 26 | Jan 22 | Harold Modes |
| Jan 03 | Jan 01 | Jean Fischer Shenker* | Jan 14 | Jan 08 | Lillian Bloomberg | Jan 26 | Jan 22 | Fannie Rosenthal* |
| Jan 04 | Jan 01 | Juan Rizal Querubin | Jan 15 | Jan 15 | Zeldah Demont* | Jan 27 | Jan 22 | Sophie Kaplan* |
| Jan 05 | Jan 01 | Gerald London | Jan 15 | Jan 15 | Theresa Silber | Jan 28 | Jan 22 | Anna Lillian Rogoff* |
| Jan 06 | Jan 01 | Roy Rifken* | Jan 16 | Jan 15 | Eugene Bernstein* | Jan 29 | Jan 29 | Beryl Niznik* |
| Jan 08 | Jan 08 | Maurice Bender | Jan 17 | Jan 15 | Nathan Cohen* | Jan 30 | Jan 29 | Morris Agins |
| Jan 08 | Jan 08 | Michelle Diane Fosco* | Jan 17 | Jan 15 | Martin Kornstein* | Jan 31 | Jan 29 | Jean Ginsburg* |
| Jan 08 | Jan 08 | Bessie Puklin* | Jan 17 | Jan 15 | Nate Krohn* | Feb 01 | Jan 29 | Anna Sweet* |
| Jan 08 | Jan 08 | Helen Sugar | Jan 19 | Jan 15 | Lester Fischer* | Feb 01 | Jan 29 | Beverly Kessler Wiener* |
| Jan 08 | Jan 08 | Natalie Iris Troy* | Jan 19 | Jan 15 | Anna Newmark Gombiner* | Feb 02 | Jan 29 | Ella Schlossberg* |
| Jan 09 | Jan 08 | Ruth Kaplan* | Jan 19 | Jan 15 | Frank Lindow* | Feb 03 | Jan 29 | Millie Flowers* |
| Jan 09 | Jan 08 | Sibyl Kaplan Moses* | Jan 21 | Jan 15 | Yuddy Wolfensohn | Feb 03 | Jan 29 | Israel Hymovitz* |
| Jan 09 | Jan 08 | George Neumark* | Jan 22 | Jan 22 | Henry Greenberg* | Feb 03 | Jan 29 | Faye Ginsberg Korn* |
| Jan 09 | Jan 08 | Joseph Ruben | Jan 22 | Jan 22 | Beverly Iseberg | Feb 04 | Jan 29 | Joseph Fishman |
| Jan 10 | Jan 08 | Jane Barrow* | Jan 22 | Jan 22 | Bernice Sievers* | Feb 04 | Jan 29 | Sheldon Franks |
| Jan 10 | Jan 08 | Jean Boskind* | Jan 22 | Jan 22 | Sidney Slutsky | | | |

There are two dates listed above on our yahrtzeit list. The **first** is the **day of the service at which the name is 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

Fri Dec 314:11 pm
Fri Jan 74:18 pm
Fri Jan 144:25 pm
Fri Jan 214:34 pm
Fri Jan 284:42 pm

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat Jan 15:15 pm
Sat Jan 85:22 pm
Sat Jan 155:29 pm
Sat Jan 225:38 pm
Sat Jan 295:47 pm

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GROCERY/DRUG STORES

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| Albertson's (Jewel/Osco) Debit | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Dominick's (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| CVS Pharmacy Debit Card (6%) | \$25 | | |
| Walgreens Debit Card (6%) | \$25 | \$100 | |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Amoco/BP (2%) | \$50 | | |
| Exxon/Mobil Debit Card (1.5%) | \$50 | | |
| Shell Debit Card (2.5%) | \$25 | \$50 | |
| Marathon Gas (3%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| SpeedWay (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |

RETAILERS

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|--------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Ace Hardware Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Amazon.com (4%) | \$25 | | |
| American Eagle Outfitters (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Barnes & Noble Debit (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Bath & Body Works (13%) | \$10 | | |
| Banana Republic Debit (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Bed Bath & Beyond Debit (7%) | \$25 | | |
| Best Buy Debit Card (3%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Blockbuster Debit Card (7%) | \$10 | | |
| Borders Debit (9%) | \$10 | \$25 | |
| Claire's (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Crate and Barrel (8%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Express Debit Card (10%) | \$25 | | |
| Foot Locker (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Gymboree (13%) | \$25 | | |
| Harry & David (10%) | \$25 | | |
| Home Depot Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| J Jill (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Jiffy Lube (8%) | \$30 | | |
| Jo-Ann Fabric Debit Cart (6%)* | \$20 | | |
| I-Tunes (4%) | \$15 | | |
| Kids/Toys/Babies R Us (1.5%) | \$20 | | |

RETAILERS (CONT)

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| LL Bean (15%) | \$25 | | |
| Lands' End (17%) | \$25 | | |
| Lane Bryant (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Limited (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Lord & Taylor (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Lowe's Home Improvement (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Macy's (10%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Marshalls/TJ Maxx (7%) | \$10 | \$25 | |
| Menard's (3%)* | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Men's Warehouse (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Michaels (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Office Depot Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Office Max Debit Card (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Old Navy/GAP Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Pier 1 Imports Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Pottery Barn (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Radio Shack Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Restoration Hdwr Debit Card (12%) | \$25 | | |
| Staples Debit Card (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Talbot's (13%) | \$25 | | |
| Walden Books (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Williams-Sonoma (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Wal-Mart (2%) | \$25 | | |
| Zappos.com (8%) | \$25 | | |

DEPARTMENT STORES

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|----------------------------------|------|-------|--|
| Cabela's (11%) | \$25 | | |
| Dick's (8%)* | \$25 | | |
| JC Penney Debit Card (7%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| Kohl's (4%) | \$25 | \$100 | |
| K-Mart Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | \$50 | |
| MC Sports (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Sears Debit Card (4%) | \$25 | | |
| Sports Authority Debit Card (8%) | \$25 | | |

RESTAURANTS

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|---------------------------------|------|--|--|
| Applebee's Debit Card (8%) | \$25 | | |
| Arby's (8%) | \$10 | | |
| Bahama Breeze Debit Card (9%) | \$25 | | |
| Baskin Robbins (9%) | \$10 | | |
| Bob Evans (10%) | \$10 | | |
| BoneFish Grill (5%) | \$25 | | |
| Boston Market Debit Card (12%) | \$10 | | |
| Burger King (4%) | \$10 | | |
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Who I am Spiritually (cont'd)

my education and passion for Israel, Hebrew, and Jewish history? Yes, passion is an intangible concept, but I applied mine only to the tangible aspects of Judaism. I may have felt that I had restored my incomplete soul, but I had only taken one step closer toward true faith. What I didn't understand was that the Jewish peoplehood could not function without its religion, and that the only way for me to completely encompass the identity of a Jew would be to venture into the world of the unknown. I needed to embrace the "vital and organic relationship between religion and the other elements of a civilization," as Mordecai Kaplan wrote. But I was blinded by my selfish instincts to remain in the comfortable, unchallenging realm of pure reality.

It was not until my senior year at Chicagoland Jewish High School that I finally began to break down the wall that prevented me from reaching a place of critical thinking, suspense of

reason, and the beginning of a relationship with a divine. I was exposed to the writings of many theologians, all who expressed a different definition of the God idea. Never before had I considered all of these options, twists, to the conventional "God" which I was aware that people believed in. The literature I read and the discussions in which I participated illustrated to me that society, consciousness, and the universe could not be understood without theology. I read narratives about those whose intelligence inflicted struggle upon their faith and those whose search for faith gave them a reason to stay alive. I explicated poetry and discussed the separation between the realms of the known and the unknown, as if I fully understood and could relate to these ideas.

But soon I could no longer resume with my assignments and classes while ignoring how these concepts apply to my life. I accepted that these indefinable notions must exist in me if I was to

be truly human. How had I not seen this? How had I overlooked all that resides in my conscience and beyond it? I started to think constantly, ask questions, read and read and read. As I become more aware, more conscious, my doubts about an unexplainable divinity grow. I still have yet to find any answers, and I know that a final conclusion will be a struggle, or maybe even impossible, to reach. But even so, I am driven to continue studying and to continue shaping my beliefs. My goal is to someday exist only in the present, the now, trusting fully upon the assurance of the holy ineffable, to lead me, through amazement and wonder, to a true purpose of my life. Until then, my faith lies in my doubts and my questioning. For now, in the present, the meaning of my life lies in my pursuit of philosophical, theological, and personal exploration, rejection, and creation. Ready to face all of the challenges in my seeking for faith, I am aware--"the more complicated and richer [one's] ideas, the deeper [one's] problems." (A. Heschel)

Lucy, daughter of Liza Bachrach and Dan Marshall, is a senior at Chicagoland Jewish High School. This article was prepared for her AP literature class.



Parashat HaShavu'a – Weekly Torah Portions

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| January 1 25 Tevet | <i>Birkat Hachodesh</i> <i>Vaera</i> – Exodus 6:2-7:7 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 |
| January 6 1 Shevat | <i>Rosh Hodesh Shevat</i> Numbers 28:1-15 |
| January 8 3 Shevat | <i>Bo</i> – Exodus 10:1-11:3 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 46:13-28 |
| January 15 10 Shevat | <i>Shabbat Shirah</i> <i>B'Shalah</i> – Exodus 13:17-15:26 <i>Haftarah:</i> Judges 4:4-5:31 |

[*Shabbat Shirah* (the Sabbath of Song) refers to the reading of *Az Yashir Moshe* – "Then Moses sang the Song at the Reed Sea"]

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| January 22 17 Shevat | <i>Yitro</i> – Exodus 18:1-27 <i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 |
| January 29 24 Shevat | <i>Birkat Hachodesh</i> <i>Mishpatim</i> – Exodus 21:1-22:3 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 34:8-22: 33:25-26 |

Ritual notes for January:

The Shabbat morning service for January 1 will begin at 10:00 am, and will be a short service, completed by 11:30 am.

The Shabbat morning service on January 8 is Men's Club Shabbat, featuring the traveling Sefer Haftarah and a service led by the members of CKI's Men's Club. Come for the Ruach! Stay for the Kiddush!

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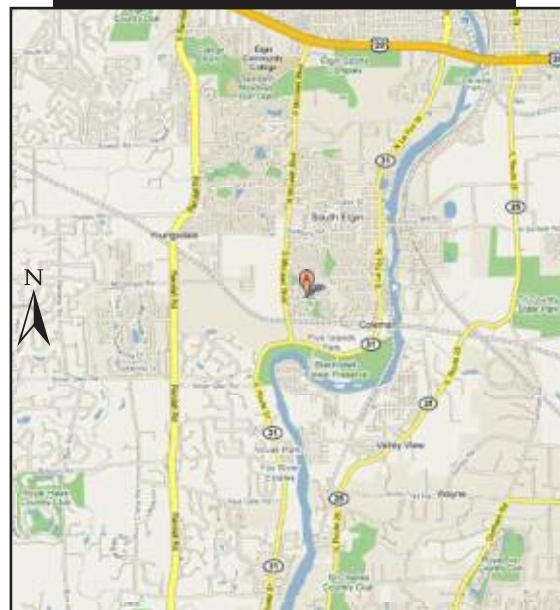


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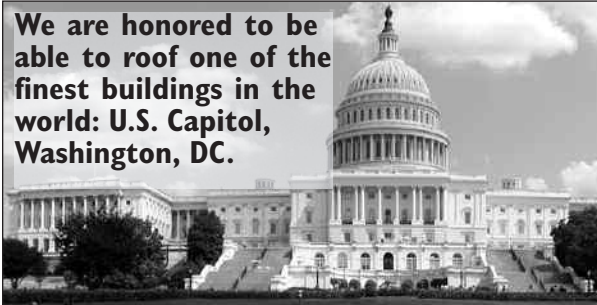
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| 1 | Short Shabbat Service | 9:30 am | 10 | USY Board meeting ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES | 7:30 pm |
| 4 | CKI Board meeting | 7:30 pm | 11 | Senior Lunch CKI Sisterhood Shabbat Rehearsal With dinner & Board meeting | Noon 7:00 pm |
| 5 | Hebrew School | 5:00 pm | 12 | Hebrew School | 5:00 pm |
| 7 | Tot Shabbat Service Regular Friday Shabbat Service | Note early time: 6:30 pm 7:30 pm | 14 | Friday Shabbat Service | 7:30 pm |
| 8 | Men's Club Shabbat Service | 9:30 am | 15 | Shabbat Service Jr. Congregation | 9:30 am 9:30 am |
| 9 | Torah School Sunday School Adult Study Group Confirmation class | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm | 16 | Torah School Sunday School Mrs. Mussar's Early Education Class Adult Study Group Tu B'Shevat Seder USY/Kadima at Gameworks | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am during school 12:45 pm |
| | | | 17 | Martin Luther King Day PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES | |
| | | | 19 | Hebrew School | 5:00 pm |
| | | | 21 | Sisterhood Shabbat | 7:30 pm |
| | | | 22 | Shabbat Service USY "Havdallah in the House" at Marshall home | 9:30 am 7:00 pm |
| | | | 28 | Family Shabbat – Oneg: Bet Class | 7:30 pm |
| | | | 30 | Torah School Sunday School Adult Study Group | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am |

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