

Tevet - Shevat 5773



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EDWARD STEIN is CKI Men's Club "Man of the Year"

Ed Stein was born in Yonkers, NY, and spent most of his childhood in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

He attended college at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, PA, where he earned his degree in History.

He moved to the Chicago area early in his working career when he was employed in sales with Maxell Corporation. He later met his lovely wife Adele while they were living in the Schaumburg area, they married in 1985, and have resided in Batavia since 1988. They have two beautiful grown daughters, Shayna and Doreen, and Ed is currently employed as a private contractor.

Ed and Adele have been dedicated members of Congregation Kneseth Israel for many years, and both are extremely generous with their volunteer efforts. Ed is a true "mensch" in every sense of the word, and devotes an enormous amount of his personal time on evenings and weekends, helping to maintain our synagogue facility. He has replaced our parking lot lights,



Ed Stein

removed our damaged concrete sidewalk by hand and poured a new one, worked on upgrading and maintaining our sanctuary sound system, painted classrooms and utilizes his electrical and carpentry skills to complete

many other projects.

Ed is one of those special volunteers who is entirely self-motivated and silently "flies under the radar," continuously looking around for projects to help improve the physical appearance of our synagogue. And he never asks for personal recognition for anything he does - which is why he deservedly is being recognized as our CKI Men's Club "Man of the Year." Thank you, Ed, for everything you do for us!

Honor Ed with a personal ad! See page 10.

President's Message



As we start the secular new year of 2013, let me remind you to make your reservations for our Celebration weekend, February

8-10, to commemorate 120 years of Congregation Kneseth Israel. Remember to get your tickets for Robert Klein, performing at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theater, February 9, at 7:00 pm. Plan on attending our special Friday Night Shabbat service where we will be bringing back some of our members of Friday Night Live; services start at 7:30 pm. Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Brunch which is being held on Sunday, February 10, catered by Becky Albert, and featuring a special performance by a quartet from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band - all starting at 11:30 am. There will also be a special pres-

entation to honor all of our CKI Presidents. If you have family and friends who have previously attended CKI and have moved out of the area, now is a good time for them to come and share memories of their time here.

As CKI culminates our 120 years as a synagogue here in Elgin, I am also celebrating another milestone in my personal life - my 50 year Reunion from Mather High School in Chicago. CKI has many members who attended Mather, mostly years after I left. When I attended Mather it was the country club of all high schools - country club being the defining word! I still associate with many friends from high school and enjoy their camaraderie and friendships. There is a group of us that

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We are working on updating the database at CKI with email addresses (which will save us postage and time!) Please email cki@ckielgin.org with email address for your kids who have moved out, and also name changes if they have gotten married. Hopefully we can use this to spread the word about the CKI celebration weekend in February!

Please note: This list will be strictly for all CKI correspondence, and will not be shared with anyone else!

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

-Robin Seigle

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From the Rabbi's Study...

Have you ever noticed that the Yahrzeit lists are longer in January and February than the rest of the year? It is sad but true.

Winter can be a tough time for families. We saw this in our own community in December, and we mourn with the Marings, the Phelans, and the Mussars. Our tradition teaches that everyone is equal in death. Typically that means that there are no extravagant funerals, that there are no (large) floral displays. It also means that everyone gets treated equally. Our community has done a good job of stepping up to the plate to support families as they grieve.

I wonder if we can do more. I wonder if there can be a group that can be trained to help a family prepare for hosting a shiva in their home, covering mirrors, coordinating the food, making sure the house is as neat as the family would like. Recently this task fell to a good friend of the Marings who just did it quietly behind the scenes. That's nice too, and we thank her. I wonder what would happen if we had our own people who are trained, part of our own beginnings of a chevra kadisha, people who would sit with someone as a shomer – a watchman – reciting psalms in shifts, and bringing comfort to loved ones, knowing their beloved is not alone. This could potentially save a family in midst of grief a lot of money if this is something they desire.

Treating everyone equally in death also means that our cemetery committee is looking at the feasibility of having a section of our cemetery be for interfaith families. There are halachic ways of making this happen potentially, and a subcommittee has been formed. I would like to hear your thoughts about this. Would you be interested in purchasing plots for your family if this is possible? Would you stay away? We want to hear whatever your thoughts are. Contact me or Risa Cohen. And many thanks to Jeff Rifkin, and his father before him, for all of his work on the cemetery committee.

And while winter is a time when more people die, January is also a time of growth and renewal. There are many happenings at CKI

this month that will reflect that. If your New Year's Resolution is to learn something new, come learn with us. We have several adult study offerings.

- Ever wonder what kashrut has to do with us as modern Jews? Need a tour of CKI's kosher kitchen? Not sure what parve means? Think that kosher food can't taste good? Join us on Sunday morning, January 13, at 10 am for a session on Kashrut at CKI.
- I will offer a course on the "Many Streams of Judaism" on Thursdays in January beginning January 10. Now that CKI is not part of USJC, who are we? What term do we use to describe ourselves? Do we need any term at all? We will look at unity and diversity in Judaism historically and now. Examine the fundamental similarities and differences between Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Renewal. What is transdenomination, postdenomination? What does any of this have to do with us? Come to one session or all four. They will stand independently.
- Some have mentioned that they don't feel comfortable being in our Shabbat morning service. They don't understand the structure of the service or the Hebrew. It feels archaic and inaccessible. Once a month, the same week as Junior Congregation, we will look at a section of the service. On January 19 we will look at the first section of the service, "Pisukei D'Zimra". Comprised of lots of blessings, this is my favorite part of the service and is how we "warm up" before the main part of the service.
- Want to be able to read the prayers of the service better? We are considering restarting an adult Hebrew class, focusing on decoding, fluent reading, and siddur Hebrew. Let me know what you want to learn and when you are available.

During January there are opportunities to celebrate. **January 18**, as part of our Kabbalat Shabbat service, we will mark Martin Luther King, Jr. day with lots of music. As is my per-

sonal custom, I will spend January 21, the day the nation celebrates Martin Luther King Day, working on some social justice project. Last year in Massachusetts I took our teenagers to a Habitat for Humanity site.

On **January 20**, Judaism Rocks will look at some traditional Jewish foods and begin to understand our Jewish history in Elgin as part of our celebration of the 120th anniversary. As our ancestors planted for us, so do we plant for our children and our children's children. Literally this year – because on **January 25** we will celebrate Tu B'shevat as part of our Kabbalat Shabbat service. That evening is Tu B'shevat. In the midst of winter we pause to celebrate the New Year of the Trees as we think about planting both here in Illinois and especially in Israel. We will be joined by our third grade students and their families as well as Donna Askins, president of Elgin Community Garden Network, to talk about how we can be part of the initiative to feed people in Greater Elgin. On Sunday, as part of my ruach session of Hebrew School, we will start seeds: parsley for our own use for Passover and salad greens for our community garden. Our children, therefore, will be learning about the mitzvah of planting and feeding the hungry.

How to reach the rabbi:

Mondays are my days off. I am trying to be in the office Sunday mornings from 9:00-11:30, Tuesday mornings from 10:00-12:00, Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-7:00, although I teach some during that block, and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-6:00. Call first just in case something has come up. Can't make any of those times? Call and set another time. I'll meet you almost anywhere, anytime. I am accessible by cell phone, 978-590-8268 or by email, rabbi@ckielgin.org

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In our effort to offer more transparency and to encourage more participation, the CKI Board now makes our upcoming meeting agendas available on our website as a downloadable PDF. Please go to: www.ckielgin.org/board-meeting-agenda.html

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

School Calendar for January

WELCOME BACK!

School returns from winter break on Sunday, January 6, 2013, with a full calendar!

Sunday, Jan 6	Hebrew/Torah School 9:00/9:45-12:00 noon
Wednesday, Jan 9	Hebrew School 5:00-6:30 pm
Friday, Jan 11	PJ Children's Shabbat 6:00 pm dinner (reservations \$10/Family) 6:30 pm Service. The regular service begins at 7:30 pm. Any student attending a Friday night service will be able to help lead some prayers! An oneg follows.
Saturday, Jan 12	Saturday morning services 9:30 am followed by a kiddush
Sunday, Jan 13	Hebrew/Torah School and Preschool 9:00/9:45-12:00 noon
Wednesday, Jan 16	Hebrew School 5:00-6:30 pm
Friday, Jan 18	Friday evening service 7:30 pm followed by an oneg
Saturday, Jan 19	Junior Congregation 9:30 am followed by a kiddush
Sunday, Jan 20	Hebrew School starts at 9:00 am, and then at 10:00 am begins JUDAISM ROCKS. Learn about the traditional Jewish Foods this month. Braid and bake some challah and learn how to make traditional matzoh balls for the upcoming Passover.
Wednesday, Jan 23	Hebrew School 5:00-6:30 pm
Friday, Jan 25	Friday evening service 7:30 pm followed by an oneg
Saturday, Jan 26	Saturday morning services 9:30 am followed by a kiddush
Sunday, Jan 27	Hebrew/Torah School and Preschool 9:00/9:45-12:00 noon

Stickers are available for every service attended. Each student needs to affix a sticker to the chart to get credit for the service. Some students will be getting a special reward from the Rabbi this month for attending at least 10 services already this year!

If your child is not going to be attending a class, please call the office and let us know. Leave a message if needed. Office phone number: 847-741-5656.

If you have any ideas, comments or concerns, please contact Adele Stein, CKI Vice President of Education at school@cckielgin.org.

**Chanukah is over
...but the gift shop
never closes!**

**Thank you all those
who shopped at our
Chanukah bazaar, but
don't forget that the
gift shop is a major
fundraiser for
Sisterhood.**

**We stock Judaica and
gift items for around
the year. It is not too
soon to buy a new
sedar plate for
Passover or a flip flop
for spring.**

*For information, contact
Tina Wolf, 630-377-1287 or
Sue Johnson, 847-695-7160*

Meals on Wheels

February will be CKI's next month for Monday deliveries:

Our days are 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 (President's Day), and 2/25. Contact a friend to deliver with you, if you wish, and reserve a date that works with your schedule. Volunteers new to Meals on Wheels are always welcome.

Contact Nancy Zimmerman at 847-828-6090 or nanzim@foxvalley.net to reserve a date, ask questions, or request an experienced partner. Non-CKI friends can be your partners too!

THANK YOU, GUYS !!

Special thanks to

...**Dan Rich** and **Bill McFarlane** for the great work they did rehabbing the iron railings out front.

...**Frank's Concrete** for grinding down the kitchen door step at no charge!

President's Message

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try to meet every month for dinner; most of the group went to Clinton grammar school. I attended McPherson grammar school in Ravenswood and actually went to Amundsen High School for my first two years before going on to graduate from Mather. It is warm and comforting to be with people who grew up with you.

When I came to CKI, I felt that same warmth and comfort; I felt that I found a home. Over the last two years, we have all tried to make CKI more warm and comforting to all who enter. Some of us feel we are doing something new, but realistically, this feeling of warmth, comfort, and community must have been going on all the time, as we ARE celebrating 120 years. It seems each generation has their own idea of how to make people feel as if they are part of the community. As we move forward to the next 120 years, I know that the future of CKI is safe, strong, and vibrant. I look at our young parents and their children and know that CKI is in good hands.

A healthy and happy new year to you all!

Rockelle

Looking Ahead to April, 2013

CKI's 120th Anniversary Committee has committed to staff **Food For Greater Elgin** during the week of April 15 (not including Saturday, of course). Daily service hours vary: Monday (6:00-8:00 pm), Tuesday (9:00-11:00 am), Wednesday (11:00 am-1:00 pm), and Thursday (6:00-8:00 pm). Each shift requires workers to arrive 30-45 minutes early for orientation.

Those who speak Spanish would be very helpful. Computer-savvy volunteers can assist checking clients in. Those age 14 and over are welcome to work alongside a relative/parent in the warehouse.

Call Nancy Zimmerman to sign up: 847-828-6090 or email: nanzim@foxvalley.net.

Eight volunteers per shift would be optimal.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Homemade Hamantaschen



FOR SALE!

The CKI Religious School will be selling their homemade Hamantaschen

On Sunday, February 24 at our Purim Party

Pre-order your Hamantaschen today!
Orders can be turned in to the office
by February 20 with payment

\$4.50 per dozen

Choose from Chocolate, Strawberry, Apricot, and Poppyseed.

To order, please fill out form in Hakol
or email Mindy Bear at
thembears@msn.com

or

Lisa Kravis at
slkravis@msn.com

Chocolate _____ dozen

Strawberry _____ dozen

Apricot _____ dozen

Poppyseed _____ dozen

Total \$ _____ Name _____



~ CKI Celebration Brunch ~
for past & present members & guests
Sunday, February 10th, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as our 120th anniversary celebration weekend culminates at CKI. Gather in the social hall with old friends and meet new ones. The food will be scrumptious, and the camaraderie will be most enjoyable! Plus, be prepared to dance if you are so inclined!

11:30 a.m. - Quartet from Maxwell St. Klezmer Band and Socializing
Noon - Brunch catered by Rebecca Albert

*Menu: Spinach and Scramble Benedict with Artichoke Hollandaise Sauce,
Strawberry and Nutella Stuffed French Toast, Smoked Salmon Crepes
with Crème Fraîche, Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls, Muffins, Coffee, Tea and Juice*

1:00 p.m. Special presentation to honor past CKI Presidents

_____ Adults x \$20.00 = _____

_____ Children 10 and under x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Children 3 and under: free **TOTAL \$ DUE:** _____

Name _____ phone _____

e-mail address: _____

Please send payment and this form to CKI BRUNCH, 330 Division, Elgin, IL 60120, attn: Anita Hornung. Checks made out to Congregation Kneseth Israel. **RSVP no later than January 22nd.**



Ma'ayan BBYO News

The Hebrew school students really enjoyed the "Taste of BBYO Connect" in November, lead by Louis Stromberg, BBYO Connect & Outreach Coordinator. The kids were very enthusiastic about playing the ice-breaker games and they were equally enthusiastic about the donuts! Louis supplied everyone with very cool BBYO hats! I am hoping to see the Hebrew school students at our upcoming Ma'ayan/BBYO Connect events!

The Ma'ayan Board continues to have monthly meetings with advisor Jay Pliskow, where they are learning essential leadership skills and how to plan programs.

Be sure to join us for the following programs!

Jan 6, 2013, 12:30-2:45 pm – LazerMaxx in Elgin, 5th-12th grade, see enclosed flyer.

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

Jan 25-27 – BBYO Invite, 9th-12th grade

Feb 16, 7:30-9:15 pm – Epic Air Trampoline Park in South Elgin, 5th -12th grade

Feb.14-18 – BBYO International Convention, Washington, DC

Please join the Ma'ayan BBYO Facebook page in order to keep up-to-date with programs and to RSVP. The address is:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/221937037867507/> and see us on the web:

<http://www.ckielgin.org/youth-groups.html>

BBYO is for High School Ages.

BBYO Connect is for 6th through 8th grade.

– Liza Bachrach, Youth Group Chair

January Birthdays

- 3 Jenna Mussar
- 3 Jessica Njus
- 4 Cathy Aron
- 4 Jeff Rifken
- 5 Sarah Burkner
- 5 Madeline Lewis
- 6 Anita Hornung
- 7 David Goodman
- 12 Kathy Lange
- 15 Avery Epstein
- 15 Alan Lekah
- 17 Barry Rose
- 19 Isabel Goldberg
- 20 Katie Burstein
- 20 Edward Stein
- 20 Geoff Zimmerman
- 21 Jeremy Seigle
- 21 Nicole Zeoli
- 22 Bridget Hillman
- 25 Melissa Gerlach
- 26 Estee Berg
- 26 Karen Kehl Rose
- 31 Peggy Zonis

Sisterhood News



THANK YOU to everyone who made purchases at the CKI Sisterhood Gift Shop's **Chanukah Bazaar** this year!! We appreciate your support!

On December 11, Hadassah joined us for a festive **Chanukah party**. (See photo, below.) We noshed on fruit, cheese, and sufganiot and drank tea and pop. We sang. We played games...you get the picture! Thank you to Medina Gross, Sherry Wiesman, Anita Hornung, Deb Sternfeld and ALL their committee members and other helpers for putting the party together so successfully!

We also lit myriad chanukiot and told of their history. My (and many others') favorite was the Jacoby chanukiah Ken constructed from actual shards of pottery from in Israel from the actual **MACCABEAN ERA!!** Too cool.

We also collected many needed items for both the Community Crisis Center and PADS.

Please join us at our next **Board meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 pm**, as we continue to plan for the upcoming year!

Jana



Photo by Gale Jacoby

January Anniversaries

- 14 Peggy & David Howard
- 22 Ken & Maureen More
- 26 Joe & Maureen Rosenfeld



Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

- Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Education
- Endowment Fund** – (See the President)
- General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- Lee Miller Book Fund** – New books for Library
- Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** – (See the President)
- Ma'ayan BBYO/BBYO Connect** – Support for programs for our synagogue youth
- Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- Prayer Book Fund** – Chumash is \$60
(Siddurim are no longer available for inscription)
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
- Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund** – Repair of Torah scrolls
- Sisterhood** – Support our women's group to maintain the kitchen and other projects
- Sisterhood Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur \$50
- Tree of Life** – Leaf is \$100
- Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. (See the President)

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sam Gershman

Rochelle Fosco
Sandi & Kevin Phelan
Bill & Jana McFarlane

In memory of Cheryl Stanczak

Blossom Wohl
Kara & Chuck Gauthier

In memory of Joseph Zisook

Kara & Chuck Gauthier

In memory of Paul Maring

Rochelle Fosco
Bachrach/Marshall Family

In memory of Maria Mussar

Rochelle Fosco
Jana & Bill McFarlane

In memory of Zalman Yegergarn

Jana & Bill McFarlane

CKI MEN'S CLUB

In memory of Sam Gershman

Bachrach/Marshall Family

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

In memory of my mother, Shirley Simon

Eleanor Simon

To Barb Maring, In memory of Paul

Paul & Risa Cohen
Ron & Barb Razowsky
Dick & Sue Johnson

To Reinhold & Sherry Mussar, in memory of your mother, Maria Mussar

Paul & Risa Cohen
Dick & Sue Johnson

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Sherry Wiesman Leila Bowersox
David Goodman Yale Norris
Bernie Miller Don Lesser

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

HAMAKOM YENACHEIM ETKHEM – CONDOLENCES

Congregation Kneseth Israel wishes to extend condolences to the families of ...**Samuel Gershman**, brother-in-law of **Joe (Maureen) Rosenfeld**, beloved uncle of **Mark, Michael and Molly**.

...**Paul Maring**, husband of **Barbara**, devoted father of **Paula (Louie) Vistalli** of Sacramento, CA, and **Noel (Tammy) Maring** of Spokane, WA., grandfather of **Noelle and Cameron Maring**, brother-in-law of **Theodore J. Frisch** of Rolling Meadows, IL.

...**Maria Mussar**, nee Schaschwarz, beloved wife of **Andreas** for 58 years. Loving mother of **Reinhold (Sheri) Mussar**. Cherished grandmother of **Matthew and Jenna**.

...**Zalman Yegergarn (Zalman ben Chayim)**, beloved brother-in-law of **Sandi and Kevin Phelan**, dear uncle of **Robyn and Deanna Phelan**

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

Social Action – Tikkun Olam

IT'S CAN-U-ARY!

As is the custom at CKI, in January we collect MANUAL CAN OPENERS to donate to the Community Crisis Center's Food Pantry, so that their clients can open all those cans we donate! If you find getting to a store is difficult during the January; optionally, you can purchase a Fundability gift card to Walmart (contact Dick Johnson) and I will take your gift card and go to Walmart for you.

ANNOUNCING: The first Annual CKI Community Garden

This is so exciting! This spring CKI will be planting a community garden! Our garden is different from other Community Gardens. In conjunction with the Vision Committee's goal of being more committed to serving our Greater Elgin Community, we will donate 100% of the harvest to Food for Greater Elgin. Food for Greater Elgin is approximately one year old. Recently CKI began volunteering there one day per month. Some volunteers keyboard information into their database. Others help out in their warehouse. Please contact Nancy Zimmerman or Rochelle Fosco if you are able to assist. See page 3.

In order to kick off our garden in style, on January 25 Donna Askins, the Director of the Elgin Community Garden Network, will be our guest speaker at services. Additionally, in honor of Tu B'Shevat on Sunday, January 27 (tentatively at noon) there will be a Social Action meeting to plan our garden. Please attend, as we will be deciding many important aspects of the garden, including the location and the crop(s). Please come voice your opinion and bring your seed catalogs.

The Community Garden Road Show

In the next few weeks I will be visiting as many Elgin churches and civic organizations as possible to introduce them to Community Gardening or to persuade them to dedicate a garden plot in their spring 2013 Community Garden. The concept of the community garden is not new of course, but what is new is that these gardens will have harvests 100% dedicated to Food for Greater Elgin, an idea we at CKI are committed to. We are the leading edge of this plan. If you or your spouse is associated with a church or secular group, please help me network and get my "foot in the door."

Winter Outerwear Collection

Perhaps because we have had a mild November and December, donations to the Social Action Coat Collection have not been as plentiful as in previous seasons. Please, clean out your closets and donate your old coat or the your children's outgrown coats. Out of respect for the dignity of the recipients, we ask that the donations be clean and please, only gently worn. We are also collecting new or gen-

tly worn winter scarves, mufflers, hats, gloves and mittens. Especially needed are black, navy and brown large sized gloves for men.

Hunger in our community

This is a terrible ongoing crisis. You may be surprised at the face of poverty in America. Unfortunately, many families are homeless. For a sobering look at the new reality of children of hunger, watch:

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2306814133/>

Did you know that CKI's Social Action Committee is DefEATING Hunger on Facebook? Visit our site. "Like" us, and follow important announcements by clicking www.facebook.com/DefEatingHunger?ref=ts&fref=ts

Hunger in our community is, unfortunately, common place. Slightly under 20% of the residents of Greater Elgin are food insecure, which means that they literally do not know where their next meal is coming from. Please help by donating to the CKI Food Cupboard, located on your right as you enter the building. We accept not only food, but also toiletries, baby formula and all sizes of diapers which we donate to the Community Crisis Center.

Many thanks to all who supported the combined Sisterhood and Hadassah Chanukah party which had a Social Action theme. We collected toiletries and diapers for the Community Crisis Center and twin bed sheets and towels for PADS.

Volunteering for PADS

Gareth Sitz has graciously taken over the responsibility of coordinating staffing for our PADS volunteering. Please contact her if you are able to commit one evening to performing this Mitzvah.

– Sherry Wiesman

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Jan. 5 23 Tevet	Birkat Hachodesh Sh'mot – Exodus 4:18-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23
Jan. 12 1 Shevat	Rosh Chodesh Shevat Vaera – Exodus 8:16-9:35 Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15 Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24; 66:23
Jan. 19 8 Shevat	Bo – Exodus 12:29-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28
Jan. 26 15 Shevat	Tu B'Shvat; Shabbat Shirah B'Shalah – Exodus 14:26-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

FIND YOURSELF IN SHUL!
SHUL IS GOOD!

TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU FOR A FUN EVENING
OF DINNER AND COMEDY!

Saturday, February 9, 2013 • 7:30 pm

Robert Klein

at ECC Blizzard Theatre
Pre-Show Dinner, at the Spartan Terrace

In celebration of Congregation
Kneseth Israel's 120th Anniversary
and co-presented with the Elgin
Community College Arts Center, we
are pleased to announce this special
comedy performance in Elgin!

For over 40 years, Robert Klein has
entertained audiences on Broadway,
television and film. An alumnus of
Second City in Chicago, Klein was
the first comedian to film an HBO
Special and has made a total of
nine special appearances for that
network!

He has appeared on *The Tonight
Show* and *The Late Show with David
Letterman* over 100 times and can be seen in films such as *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *Primary
Colors* and *Radioland Murders*.

Dinner Information:

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in ECC's Spartan Terrace Restaurant and will be prepared by their
award-winning Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program chefs. It will include 3 courses and wine.

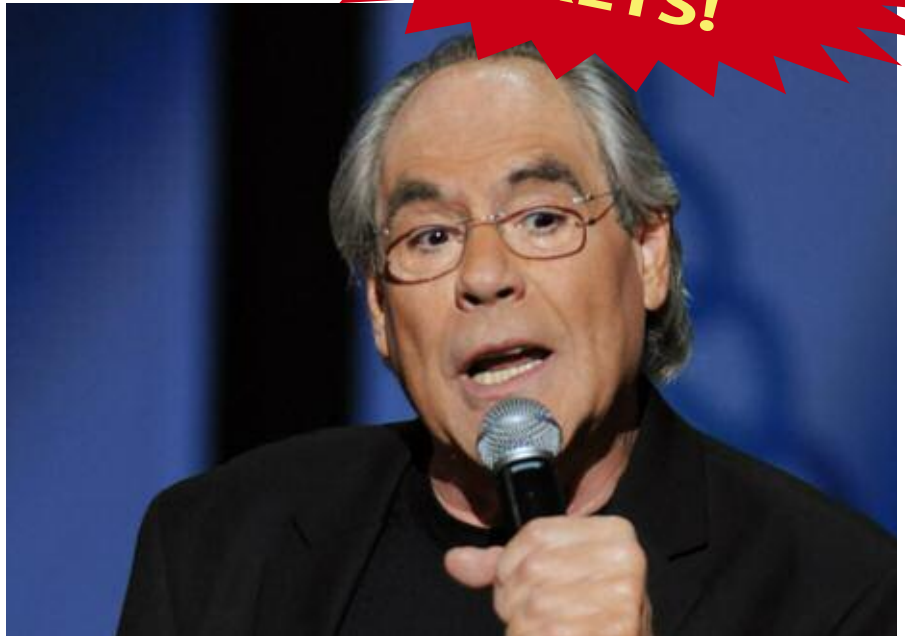
For Tickets:

Call the ECC Arts Center Box Office at 847.622.0300 or go online to tickets.elgin.edu. Box Office
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Adult Education at CKI

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."

— Albert Einstein

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The How-To's and Meaning of Prayers

Every third Saturday, January 2013 through April 2013

During the third Saturday morning service each month, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will discuss the traditional methods and meanings of various sections of our prayers. To provide this learning experience to as many as possible, these Praying Tutorials will coincide with Junior Congregation.

Many Streams of Judaism

Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 7:00-8:30 pm

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will lead this four-part session investigating the various formal and informal branches of Judaism. Join in as many sessions as possible; it is not necessary to attend all sessions.

Kashrut in the Kitchen of our Kneseth: An Introduction

Sunday January 13, 10-11:30 am

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein (in coordination with CKI Sisterhood) will conduct an informative session about the kosher kitchen at CKI. If you are interested in the basic rules of keeping kosher, this will be an interesting session for you. If you volunteer in the kitchen at CKI, regardless of whether you are a new or experienced volunteer, this will be a very worthwhile session for you. Of course, food will be involved!

Vision Committee Report

Recently, 15 Board members and chairs gathered to review progress made toward CKI's vision statement. The process was respectful and enlightening as we cooperatively listed both accomplishments and concerns. The general conclusion reached was that although CKI has made enormous progress implementing the Vision adopted by the congregation, there is still much to be done and we must continue to build upon all that has been done thus far. While significant accomplishments in all areas of the Vision Pillars were cited, in order to have continued success we also identified key areas that need addressing.

We urge the entire CKI community to get involved. Read HaKol and your email to keep informed of our many activities. There are a lot of awesome things going on. And we just keep getting better and better as we continue to work together in our endeavor to be

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"All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Mazal Tov Corner

Our hearty congratulations to...

Jacob Marshall who bowled a 300 game! Here is the newspaper article from the Kane County Chronicle, 12/11/12, by sports writer Kevin Druley:

Mr. perfect: St. Charles North [High School] junior Isaac Marshall rolled a perfect 300 game Saturday, taking individual high-game honors in a tournament at Rockford's Don Carter Lanes.

He treated the accomplishment coolly, he said, much like his discussion during Monday's practice at St. Charles Bowl.

"I wasn't really thinking about it too much," Marshall said. "I kind of was just going with the flow and seeing what was happening. Just try to forget about everything that was happening, so I think that worked."

Marshall recorded a strike in each of his 12 rolls. It was his first 300 game.

Men's Club

We had one of our most successful Latke Lunches on Sunday, December 9. Over eighty people were in attendance. The depth of help we had from our club members illustrates why CKI has one of the best Men's Clubs in the region. Thanks go, first of all, to Paul Glaser and Bill McFarlane (and Jana) for organizing ticket purchases and buying food.

The next thank you goes to the kitchen crew: Bill McFarlane and Dan Rich on the stove; Dick Johnson, Simon Klein, Jerry Goozh, and Ed Wolf on prep; and Ken More on condiments.

Then, we thank Joe Rosenfeld, Perry Pitzele, Ken Jacoby, and Paul Glaser for table set up.

Finally, we must thank the Men's Club Actors Guild which presented "Hershel and the Chanukah Goblins": Herb Gross (Director and narrator); Paul Glaser (Hershel); Rochelle Fosco (Villagers #1, #2, #3, and #4); Perry Pitzele

(Goblin 1), Jerry Goozh (Goblin 2); Ken Jacoby (Goblin 3); and Joe Rosenfeld (The King of the Goblins!).

Almost 80 pounds of potatoes were latke-ized. Yes! That is almost one pound per person. No one went home hungry. Other than the goblins, everyone had a great time. Thank you, Men's Club!





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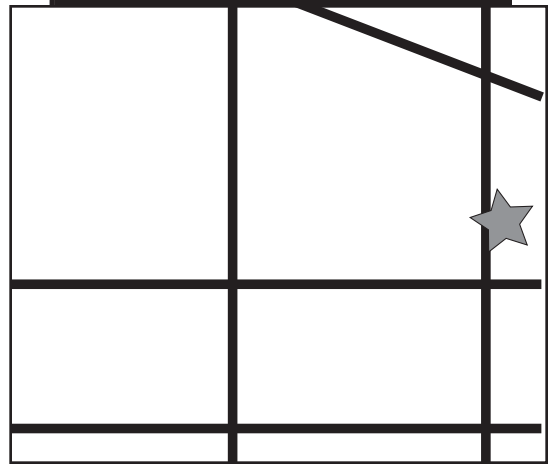
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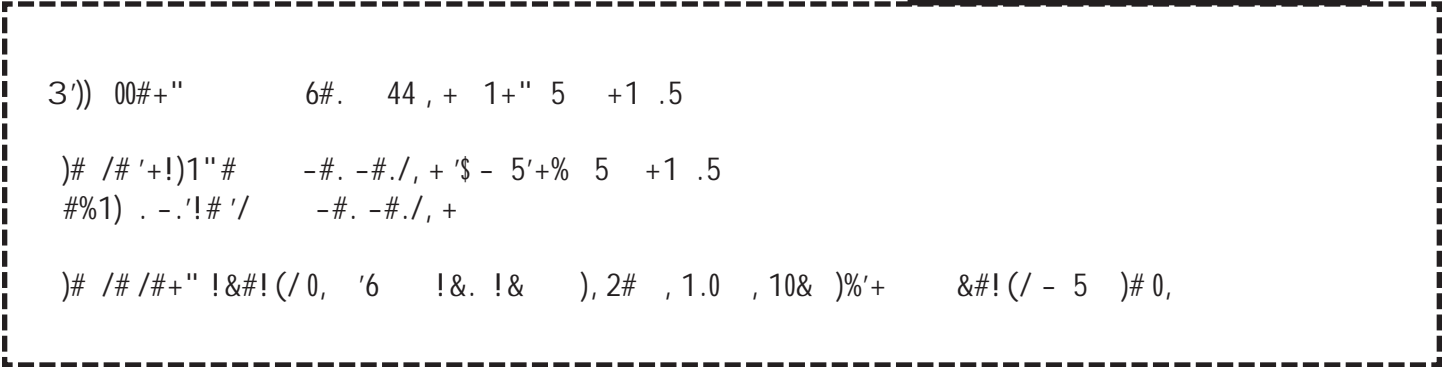
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Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Congregation Beth Shalom
3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook

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Genetic counselors from the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago will be available to address both general and personal questions. Hospital staff will take samples for screening. *(Results are confidential.)*

Program fee: \$180 per person. These tests usually cost more than \$4,000!

For alternative payment options, please contact the Center.

Program includes dinner, an educational presentation and genetic screening for 18 disorders. Visit www.jewishgenetics.org/disorders for the full list of disorders.

Pre-registration required. Space may be limited.

Contact Taryn Brickman at (312) 357-4988 or TarynBrickman@juf.org to sign up.

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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
2-Jan	29-Dec	Irving Paul*
3-Jan	29-Dec	Sylvia Coady*
3-Jan	29-Dec	Harry Richberg
3-Jan	29-Dec	Florence Shankman
4-Jan	29-Dec	Bertha Beler*
4-Jan	29-Dec	Miriam W. Cohen*
5-Jan	5-Jan	Harry Seigle*
6-Jan	5-Jan	Irving P. Durchslag*
6-Jan	5-Jan	Betsy Lynn Zeman*
7-Jan	5-Jan	Molly Levine*
7-Jan	5-Jan	Tillie Shore
7-Jan	5-Jan	Albert Smilgoff
8-Jan	5-Jan	Ellen Goodman
9-Jan	5-Jan	Elizabeth Chesler
9-Jan	5-Jan	Sarah Miller
9-Jan	5-Jan	Jean Fischer Schenker*
9-Jan	5-Jan	Jean Fischer Shenker*
11-Jan	5-Jan	Gerald London
12-Jan	12-Jan	Roy Rifken*
14-Jan	12-Jan	Yetta Bear*
14-Jan	12-Jan	Maurice Bender
14-Jan	12-Jan	Michelle Diane Fosco*
14-Jan	12-Jan	Bessie Puklin*
14-Jan	12-Jan	Lizzie Richberg

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
14-Jan	12-Jan	Helen Sugar
14-Jan	12-Jan	Natalie Iris Troy*
15-Jan	12-Jan	Ruth Kaplan*
15-Jan	12-Jan	Sibyl Kaplan Moses*
15-Jan	12-Jan	George Neumark
15-Jan	12-Jan	Joseph Ruben
16-Jan	12-Jan	Jane Barrow*
16-Jan	12-Jan	Jean Boskind*
16-Jan	12-Jan	Rochelle Fey*
16-Jan	12-Jan	Wendy Karen Slutsky
17-Jan	12-Jan	Mandel Bochner*
17-Jan	12-Jan	Sarah Seltzer Frisch*
17-Jan	12-Jan	Pearl Harris*
19-Jan	19-Jan	Lillian Ruth Seigle Roth*
20-Jan	19-Jan	Hyman Ableman*
20-Jan	19-Jan	Lillian Bloomberg
21-Jan	19-Jan	Zeldah Demont*
21-Jan	19-Jan	Louis Gordon*
21-Jan	19-Jan	Theresa Silber
22-Jan	19-Jan	Eugene Bernstein*
23-Jan	19-Jan	Sam M. Becker*
23-Jan	19-Jan	Nathan Cohen*
23-Jan	19-Jan	Herman Garson
23-Jan	19-Jan	Martin Kornstein*

Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name
23-Jan	19-Jan	Nate Krohn*
25-Jan	19-Jan	Lester Fischer*
25-Jan	19-Jan	Anna Newmark Gombiner*
25-Jan	19-Jan	Frank Lindow*
27-Jan	26-Jan	Betty David*
27-Jan	26-Jan	Yuddy Wolfensohn
28-Jan	26-Jan	Henry Greenberg*
28-Jan	26-Jan	Beverly Iseberg
28-Jan	26-Jan	Bernice Sievers*
28-Jan	26-Jan	Sidney Slutsky
30-Jan	26-Jan	Anna Libby Strickman*
31-Jan	26-Jan	Mildred Lipofsky*
31-Jan	26-Jan	Lena Miller Simon*
1-Feb	26-Jan	Isadore Ginsberg*
1-Feb	26-Jan	Harlan Levin
1-Feb	26-Jan	Harold Modes
1-Feb	26-Jan	Fannie Rosenthal*
2-Feb	2-Feb	Sophie Kaplan*
2-Feb	2-Feb	Anna Perlman*
3-Feb	2-Feb	Anna Lillian Rogoff*
4-Feb	2-Feb	Beryl Niznik*
5-Feb	2-Feb	Sara Mehr
6-Feb	2-Feb	Morris Agins
6-Feb	2-Feb	Jean Ginsburg*
6-Feb	2-Feb	Sanford J. Zemel*
7-Feb	2-Feb	Anna Sweet*
7-Feb	2-Feb	Beverly Kessler Wiener*
8-Feb	2-Feb	Suzanne Greenfield
8-Feb	2-Feb	Ella Schlossberg*

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

KINDLE THE SHABBAT

Fri Jan 44:15 pm
 Fri Jan 114:22 pm
 Fri Jan 184:31 pm
 Fri Jan 254:39 pm

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Sat Jan 55:19 pm
 Sat Jan 125:27 pm
 Sat Jan 195:35 pm
 Sat Jan 265:43 pm

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

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January 2013			Shabbat Services:	Friday nights	7:30 pm
				Saturday mornings	9:30 am
1	New Years Day – Office closed		17	PICK UP FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES Adult Education: Many Streams of Judaism, pt 2	7:00 pm
2	No School		18	Friday Shabbat Services honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.	7:30 pm
4	Friday Shabbat Services	7:30 pm	19	Saturday Shabbat Services Junior Congregation and Learner's Shabbat	9:30 am
5	Saturday Shabbat Services	9:30 am	20	Hebrew School Torah School "Judaism Rocks" School Program REPORT CARDS	9:00 am 9:45 am
6	Hebrew School Torah School 120th Committee meeting	9:00 am 9:45 am 9:30 am	22	Education Meeting	7:00 pm
8	CKI Board Meeting	7:30 pm	23	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
9	Hebrew School	5:00 pm	24	Adult Education: Many Streams of Judaism, pt 3	7:00 pm
10	Adult Education: Many Streams of Judaism, pt 1 ORDER FUNDABILITY CERTIFICATES	7:00 pm	25	Friday Shabbat Services Tu B'Shevat Seder – Class Shabbat Oneg: Third Grade	7:30 pm
11	PJ Children's Shabbat Friday Shabbat Services	Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	26	Saturday Shabbat Services	9:30 am
12	Saturday Shabbat Services	9:30 am	27	Hebrew School Torah School Preschool Social Action Planning meeting	9:00 am 9:45 am 9:45 am noon
13	Hebrew School Torah School Preschool Adult Education: Kashruth in the Kitchen	9:00 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 10:00 am	30	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
15	Sisterhood Board Meeting with program (TBA)	7:00 pm	31	Adult Education: Many Streams of Judaism, pt 4	7:00 pm
16	Hebrew School	5:00 pm			