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CKI SAVE THE DATES

- 09.05 - ***Selichot*** Service, 8:00 PM
- 09.10 - Sisterhood Meeting
- 09.11 - Friday Shabbat Services resume; New tablecloth reveal at oneg
- 09.13 - Torah School resumes ***Erev Rosh Hashanah***
- 09.14 - ***Rosh Hashanah I/Tashlich***
- 09.15 - ***Rosh Hashanah II***
- 09.16 - Hebrew School resumes
- 09.20 - ***Kever Avot*** at Bluff City Cemetery PJ Youth Kick off
- 09.22 - ***Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre***
- 09.23 - ***Yom Kippur/Break-the-Fast***
- 09.27 - Men's Club: Sukkah Set Up ***Erev Sukkot***
- 09.29 - Ladies' Night in the Sukkah: Wine, Chocolate, & More!

President's Message

Progress to Date – Maintaining a Community

Below is the text of my speech given at the Installation Dinner that was held on June 14, 2015. Due to its length, it will be divided across two editions of HaKol.

I stood here two years ago talking about how fortunate I was to be coming into the Presidency of CKI after the incredibly hard and difficult work done my immediate predecessors, Barb Maring and Rochelle Fosco. I am here today to tell you about the progress we have made in the past few years due to the hard work and support of everyone in this room.

First, we negotiated the Rabbi's contract five months early, and we are good for another three years. I mention this first because a good Rabbi makes all of the other things I will speak of possible. We are blessed to have an excellent Rabbi.

In the past year we have added fifteen new members. This gives us a net gain of seven members as we have also lost eight members. Why did they leave? Four moved, one passed away, one left in a dispute about monies owed, and two lost interest. Building an institution that keeps everyone's interest is a goal and by and large we have been successful. We won't stop aiming for 100% retention.

In addition to a net gain of members, we have had a net gain of full paying members as well. This is important to state due to a persistent rumor that we have increased membership by "giving away the store." We should not confuse our willingness to negotiate a fair fee with every family for some desperate attempt to pad the books. It doesn't happen. It doesn't need to happen.

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From the Rabbi's Study...

August? It hardly seems summer has begun, but here we are. Many preparations are underway for the coming fall. The choir has been rehearsing. The school has a new Education Director. New programs are in being put in place. It has been a very busy summer.

August, for me, represents the culmination of my fellowship with American Jewish World Service. From August 2-August 10, I will be in Guatemala with 12 other rabbis from across the US. For two years we have studied together about Judaism, social justice, and the reduction of poverty and violence.

American Jewish World Service works in 19 countries delivering much needed support through local organizations. See *www.ajws.org*. All of those countries are considered the Global South, what we used to call the Third World or the Developing World.

Why am I doing this? Aren't there things we could be doing—should be doing—locally? You bet. As I said in the last HaKol, quoting Pirke Avot, "Ours is not to finish the task, neither are we free to ignore it." American Jewish World Service is a compelling organization. It is effective because it partners with local organizations and doesn't try to re-invent the wheel in each country it works.

What it has learned is that in order to reduce poverty and deliver critical services to those who need them most, people need to reduce violence—especially against women and girls. This approach dovetails with my work with the Community Crisis Center and with

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President's Message
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In the past three years, the number of students in our religious school has increased from fourteen students three years ago, to twenty-seven last year, to forty this year. In addition, the synagogue, with a matching grant from the Seigle Family Foundation, raised nearly $10,000.00 to create a computer lab that makes possible a self-directed Hebrew language program that can be accessed from home; and the purchase of new furniture, white boards, and a monitor.

We have had a Minyan every Saturday for the past two years and every Friday night for the past year. These have been bolstered by delicious Onegs and Kiddishes. In addition, there has been significant lay leadership at services. People are coming, enjoying, staying, and learning.

Between Friday night, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning, over half of our membership (unduplicated numbers) is in the building. This does not take into account weekends when there is some special event or two occurring.

The projects from the Capital Improvement Campaign continue. This was a major fund raising effort that occurred before I was President and raised more than $200,000.00. In the past three years we have upgraded the kitchen; redone the main hallway; replaced all of the windows; replaced the sewer system (twice); added new doors; redecorated the back entrance way; rebuilt the parking lot and retaining walls; and updated the electrical system. As I write this article we are replacing and repairing the front sidewalks and railings. This will be followed by addressing landscaping issues.

In addition, we raised additional funds to make one of our bathrooms accessible, and we will be working on making the other bathroom accessible as well.

We have improved both internal and external communications. We have an "award winning" website and newsletter that are both just wonderful. We post the Board agenda before the board meetings, and we send out almost daily "Blasts" to keep our membership informed.

We have conducted an incredible amount of Tikkun Olam Activities. We have collected more food during the annual food drives than any other congregation of any faith or size in the area. In addition, we have had toiletry drives; provided volunteers for PADS; worked with Habitat for Humanity; collected school supplies; and participated in a summer lunch program. In addition, our Sisterhood Gift shop displays a large selection of Fair Trade items.

Our B'nai Mitzvah students have also performed acts of Tikkun Olam. They have built a garden (which is still functioning) for the hungry; collected school supplies; supported Alzheimer's and ALS research; and collected items for homeless animals.

This ends part one of the talk I gave at the installation celebration. Please continue reading in next month's issue of HaKol. ✡

How to reach the Rabbi:

I am in the office at least ten hours each week for people to drop in to see me. Come sit and have coffee with me. Mondays are my days off. I am in the office Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM, and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-6:00 PM. 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.*

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.

From the Rabbi's Study...
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the 16th Circuit Court Faith Committee on Domestic Violence, which I now chair.

My hope was that by learning from American Jewish World Service, and by completing the Wellstone Training about organizing, I would learn skills that translate to building our own community, right here in Elgin. That has been true.

We have increased our visibility by increasing the organizations we at CKI partner with the Elgin Police Department, the Elgin Cooperative Ministry, the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders, the U46 Clergy Council, the 16th Circuit Court, US Representative Peter Roskam, and State Representative Anna Moeller. Together, we have a better chance of making a difference in what seem to be intractable problems both here and in those 19 countries AJWS works in.

It is impossible to predict entirely what I will gain while I am in Guatemala. Deepening connections and friendships with the people I am traveling with. A broader understanding of a part of the world I knew little about. A better grasp on grassroots organizations and organizing. And coffee. And chocolate. And more Fair Trade Judaica. (I am going with two Guatemalan made kippot, one from our Sisterhood gift shop that I bought on my demo weekend!) I am sure that there will be stories to tell when I return.

While I am out-of-town, out of the country, there will be rabbinic coverage. If you have an emergency, please be in touch with our president, Dr. Joe Rosenfeld who will know who to contact and how to get me as well.

And while this is part of my professional development, I want to say thank you to the congregation for allowing me to have this experience. It has been a fabulous opportunity which has enriched my life and my rabbinate. I believe it has enriched the congregation's as well.

On a side note, I am delighted that so many people have been sponsoring oneg Shabbat and Kiddushes for all sorts of reasons, including celebrations of simchas. Simon has a milestone birthday in August. We will be celebrating in the congregation on August 22 with a special, sponsored Kiddush. Please join us.

Jews Around the World: Guatemala

Jewish presence in Guatemala dates back to the Spanish, and then Mexican, Inquisition. There were many Conversos, people who were forced to convert to Christianity. However, the bulk of the Guatemalan Jewish population were of German Jewish descent. Today, the approximately 900 Jews living in Guatemala are Sephardi, German, and Eastern European descent, mostly in Guatemala City (where I will spend the bulk of the time). There are three synagogues, including a Conservative one and

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Bat Mitzvah

Aliyah Maxy Kravis will be called to the Torah as a **Bat Mitzvah** on **August 29, 2015**. Aliyah will be an 8th grade student at Kenyon Woods Middle School. She loves to do competitive cheerleading and spend time with family and friends. Sharing this special occasion with Aliyah are her proud parents Stuart and Lisa, and her brothers Spencer, Trevor, and Ari. Also sharing this wonderful day are her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Something Aliyah has learned from her Jewish education is that it takes work and dedication to become a Bat Mitzvah.

We invite you to share
in our joy
as our daughter
Aliyah
becomes a Bat Mitzvah
on August 29, 2015.

Please join us
for a Kiddush
following services.

Lisa and Stuart Kravis

From the Rabbi's Study...

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a Reform one, where my colleague, Rabbi Elliott Baskin, will be leading services at the Reform congregation on the Shabbat before the group arrives. Other organizations include B'nai Brith, Wizo, and two youth groups, Maccabi and Guafty, part of the Reform Movement NFTY. The community has a strong Zionist bent, and Guatemala is responsible for two firsts in Israel history. It was the first Latin American country to recognize Israel in 1948 and the first country to open an embassy in Jerusalem.

Every country has its own haroset recipe. We found this one in Hadassah Magazine and tried it this year. *http://www.hadassahmagazine.org/2008/04/02/feature-like-haroset-hot/* A little spicy for me, but yummy.

Life Long Learning:

As I begin my second three year contract, I am always reminded of our congregation's vision statement as I walk into our social hall. One of those planks is Life Long Learning. It is something I am totally committed to—and the trip to Guatemala is one way I fulfill that on a personal level.

Our Hebrew School continues to grow. When I arrived we had just 17 students; now we are at approximately 39. That is in no small measure due to the hard work of our many volunteers, including Sue Johnson and Barb Razowksy, the VPs of Education, Suzy Zemel and the Judaism Rocks committee, the teachers, the parents, and Nina Finn. I am delighted to welcome Heather Tratt to our professional team and look forward to partnering with her. She brings an expertise in early childhood education and she is bursting with energy and ideas. Having an excellent Hebrew School is a clear marketing point for the synagogue and one of the ways to grow the shul. So tell your friends and bring them to the CKI picnic on August 16.

But life long learning doesn't stop at Bar Mitzvah. It is life long. We have added a substantial number of adult education opportunities, and they are listed elsewhere. I am delighted to introduce two new programs. The first is called **Chai Mitzvah** *(www.chaimitzvah.org)*. I have already registered us as a synagogue. This is a program ideal for smaller synagogues. There is a core curriculum which we will gather once a month to work on together and then individual projects—exactly what you want to learn? You want to learn Talmud? Great. How about studying for your adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Perfect. Want to learn to lead Musaf? We can do that, too. You have something else in mind? No problem. You and I will meet and figure out how to get you the tools and materials you need. When we gather as a group once a month, we will also talk about social action and ritual observance. In nine months, as they say, you will "Grow your Judaism." And in the process we will grow as a community. I am really excited about this new opportunity, so let me know if you would like to start with us and we will find a convenient time for the first session.

Finally, Simon serves on the board of **LimmudChicago**. Save the date now—November 7 and 8. There will most likely be over 100, 55-minute presentations about a wide range of Jewish topics. Last year was fabulous. LimmudChicago will be coming out here to do a Taste of Limmud to whet our appetite. We are just waiting to confirm dates. ✡

Adult Education

At CKI, lifelong learning is one of the pillars to which we are dedicated. It adds substance and spiritual meaning to our lives.

Please watch your emails and HaKol, or go to *www.ckielgin.org*, for details, or contact the synagogue office at 847-741-5656.

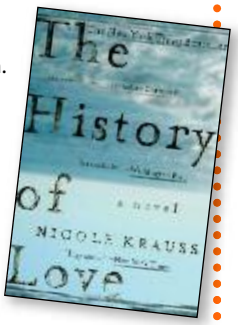
Ongoing Programs
Adult Hebrew
Adult B'nai Mitzvah
Conversion Classes
Kiddush Round Table
Rosh Hodesh Group
Chai Mitzvah

Holiday Study
Selichot
Passover-Fast of the First Born
Shavuot
Holocaust Commemoration
Kristallnacht
Yom Hashoah

Special Events
Taste of Limmud
Guest Speakers

Book Club

Please join us for our next Book Club event on **Wednesday, August 26**, at **7:00 PM**, at the home of **Karen Bender**, 2840 Waterfront Ave, Algonquin. We will be discussing



The History of Love
by Nicole Krauss

For more information, please contact Karen Bender at *akbender@comcast.net*.

Everyone is welcome!

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR CKI'S ANNUAL ROSH HASHANAH (NEW YEAR) GREETING CARD FOR 5776

New Year's greetings are a simple, long-standing tradition. The CKI Rosh Hashanah greeting card is an easy and special way to wish *all* of our congregants a Happy and Healthy New Year while saving its members time, energy, and cost! How efficient!

If you would like to be included in our greeting, please fill out the form below and return it **no later than August 24**.

Please check your choice:	*Examples:*
Name ($6.00) _____	**Suzy Zemel**
Mr. and Mrs. ($12.00) _____	**Mr. and Mrs. Marc Zemel, or Suzy and Marc Zemel**
Mr. and Mrs. and family ($18.00) ____	**Zemel Family, or Suzy and Marc Zemel and Family**

Name(s) as you would like them to appear on the card:

_____

_____

Amount enclosed: $_____
(Extra donations are always accepted.)

Donations are payable to "CKI Sisterhood."

Questions??? Contact Jana McFarlane at 630-464-6429 or jemcfarlane@earthlink.net

Send donations to:

"CKI Greeting Card"
c/o Jana McFarlane
4 Ash Court
Streamwood, IL 60107

Sisterhood News

Some people talk about the lazy, hazy days of summer. Others say that in summertime the living is easy. Those people have not seen our Sisterhood!

As the new president of Sisterhood, I am very excited about our board, and the goals we have set for this upcoming year. What do you need to know? Basically, we are a fun, enthusiastic, dedicated group that assists in many functions of our synagogue. Additionally, we care about the local community. For example, currently we are collecting feminine hygiene products for the Elgin Community Crisis Center. Feel free to drop these off at your convenience. We are also asking people to try to remember to bring them in for various events, especially those sponsored by Sisterhood.

I want to thank Programming VPs, Marcy Cohen-Tremmel and Sue Johnson for planning our fun-filled "field trip" to dinner at Duke's Ale House and Color Me Mine pottery. This was a fun-filled evening. We are planning to have more fun-filled events as the year progresses.

Tammy Marsala and Tina Wolf are our VPs for Membership and are the financial secretaries. They have created a new two-sided membership survey. Please fill this in and return it to Tina. We are very interested in what **you** think, your areas of interest, as well as areas

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Torah School News

We are very pleased to introduce to you our new Director of Education. We would like to thank everyone for their vision and hard work.

Heather Baumann Tratt

BA Elementary Education,

M.Ed Early Childhood Special Education,

Certificate of Advanced Studies, Education Leadership

Heather comes to us with extensive experience. She honed her early childhood education career expertise as preschool director at the Mayer Kaplan JCC in Skokie, teaching early childhood special education in Des Plaines, and overseeing the programs at Keshet. Heather is also an adjunct faculty member at Oakton Community College in the Early Childhood Education Department where she has taught the courses "The Exceptional Child" and "Child Growth and Development."

Excellent credentials and experience were what first attracted us to Heather. She has a BA in Elementary Education from National Louis University, a Master of Education in Early Childhood Special Education from Elmhurst College, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies, Education Leadership from National Louis University.

Heather is looking forward to meeting everyone, saying, "I have been very impressed with the staff and the programming at CKI. I am super excited to get to know the families and children, and I hope everyone will stop by and introduce themselves!"

Sue Johnson & Barb Razowsky
Vice-Presidents of Education

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Aug 1 *16 Av*	*Shabbat Nahamu* – *Va'et-channan* – Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 40:1-26
Aug 8 *23 Av*	*Ekev* – Deuteronomy 9:4-10:11 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 49:14-51:3
Aug 15 *30 Av*	*Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Elul 1*– *Re'eh* – Deuteronomy 12:29-14:29 *Maftir:* Numbers 28:9-15 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 66:1-24, 23
Aug 16 *1 Elul*	*Rosh Chodesh Elul 2* Numbers 28:1-15
Aug 22 *7 Elul*	*Shofetim* – Deuteronomy 18:6-19:13 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 51-12-52:12
Aug 29 *14 Elul*	*Ki tetse* – Deuteronomy 23:8-24:13 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 54:1-10 + 54:11-55:5

High Holiday Child Care

Babysitting services will be available for the High Holidays between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM on September 14 (the first day of Rosh Hashanah) and September 23 (Yom Kippur).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, PLEASE CONTACT **TINA WOLF** at **630-377-1287** or ***ewolf59@comcast.net*** **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7**.

When responding, please include your child/children's:
Name(s)
Age(s)
Your phone #
Date(s) of attendance
List of food allergies (snacks will be provided)

Though a fee is not required, all **donations to offset the cost of the sitter and snacks will be greatly appreciated**. This can be sent to Tina c/o the synagogue. *(Please do not pay during the holidays.)*

Wanted: High Holiday Flower Angels

Sisterhood is seeking out "angels" who will contribute toward providing beautiful bimah flower arrangements for the High Holy Days.
No amount is too small.
Please send checks made out to Cong. Kneseth Israel Sisterhood along with a note stating that your contribution is to go toward the Flower Fund.

CONGREGATION KNESETH ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

BIRDIES-N-BREWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 11:15 A.M.

STONE CREEK MINIATURE GOLF,

101 NORTH STREET, GENEVA

19TH HOLE: PENROSE BREWING COMPANY,

509 STEVENS STREET, GENEVA

JUST $10 PER GOLFER

(INCLUDES COURSE FEE AND PIZZA LATER AT PENROSE)

ALL MEN INVITED – MUST BE 21 OR OLDER

reservations required:

pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN

NOON, AUGUST 3

Prairie Jewish YOUTH

Pushing the Envelope Farm

May 31

For our Tie-Dye, Hot Dog, and Bonfire Shabbat on June 12, we had eleven awesome kids attend: 2 from FVJN, 1 from CKI, 5 from TBI, 2 from Am Chai, and 1 unaffiliated. It was hosted by the May family, and staffed by Nikki Zeoli, Zach Kohn and Isaac Marshall. Our Junior Staffer was Megan Placko

Upcoming Events:

LazerMaxx in Elgin

Sunday, August 2, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Open to all Jewish 5th graders through High Schoolers.

$25.00/person - *Early Bird Discount* if you RSVP & PAY in advance online!

$30.00/person - Regular Price at the door.

Price includes two 30-minute laser games, 20 arcade tokens, pizza, and soda.

NOTE: Bring extra money if you want to purchase additional arcade tokens.

Drop off and pick up at LazerMaxx
941 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 847-429-1900

RSVP ONLINE, or email *archbroch@comcast.net*

Check out Prairie Jewish Youth at:
http://www.ckielgin.org/youth-groups.html

Thanks,
Liza Bachrach & Elise Kleinman,
CKI Youth Co-Chairs

PJY Tie-Dye, Hot Dog, and Bonfire Shabbat on June 12

Sisterhood News

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of expertise. While we are currently working on preliminary planning, we really need input from **you**! It is our intention to take this information as input for future planning. Sisterhood is whatever you want it to be. We encourage ***ALL*** of you to come and check us out, and are always welcome at our general meetings and events. Thank you in advance for sending in the surveys as well as your Sisterhood dues.

Our Hospitality VPs, Lynn Glaser and Barb Razowsky, have met and already are thinking about our traditional Apples and Honey for Erev Rosh HaShanah, Breaking of the Fast for Yom Kippur, New Members' Shabbat, Ladies in the Sukkah, and our Opening Meeting, which will be a brunch on October 25.

Our Fundraising VPs, Jodi Sheba and Wanda Pitzele, have gotten into their jobs. It is never too early to begin prep for our famous, traditional corned beef lunch in November! (More will follow at a later date about this delectable project.) Currently we have Jana McFarlane working on the New Years Greeting.

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FUNDABILITY... THE EASIEST CONTRIBUTION TO CKI YOU WILL EVER MAKE!

GROCERY/DRUG STORES

Albertson's (Jewel/Osco) (4%)	$25	___	$100	___
CVS Pharmacy Debit Card (6%)	$25	___		
Walgreens Debit Card (6%)	$25	___	$100	___
Whole Foods Market (3%)	$25	___		

MISCELLANEOUS

Amoco/BP (1.5%)	$50	___		
Exxon/Mobil Debit Card (1%)	$50	___		
Shell Debit Card (2.5%)	$25	___	$50	___
Marathon Gas (3%)	$25	___	$100	___
SpeedWay (4%)	$25	___	$100	___

RETAILERS

Ace Hardware Debit Card (4%)	$25	___		
Aeropostale (7%)	$25	___		
Amazon.com (3%)	$25	___		
Americal Eagle Outfitters (10%)	$25	___		
Barnes & Noble Debit Card (9%)	$10	___	$25	___
Bath & Body Works (13%)	$10	___	$25	___
Banana Republic Debit Card (14%)	$25	___		
Bed Bath & Beyond Debit (7%)	$25	___		
Best Buy Debit Card (3%)	$25	___	$100	___
Claire's (9%)	$10	___		
Crate and Barrel (8%)	$25	___	$100	___
Eddie Bauer (10%)	$25	___		
Express Debit Card (10%)	$25	___		
Foot Locker (9%)	$25	___		
Groupon (9%)	$25	___		
Gymboree (13%)	$25	___		
Harry & David (10%)	$25	___		
Home Depot Debit Card (4%)	$25	___	$100	___
Jo-Ann Fabric Debit Card (8%)*	$20	___		
iTunes (5%)	$15	___		
Kids/Toys/Babies R Us (1.5%)	$20	___		

RETAILERS (CONT)

LL Bean (16%)	$25	___		
Lands' End (16%)	$25	___		
Lane Bryant (6%)	$25	___		
Limited (9%)	$25	___		
Lord & Taylor (8%)	$25	___		
Lowe's Home Improve (4%)	$25	___	$100	___
Macy's (10%)	$25	___	$100	___
Marshalls/TJ Maxx (7%)	$10	___	$25	___
Meijer (3%)	$25	___	$100	___
Menards (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 (14%)	$25	___		
Pier 1 Imports Debit Card (9%)	$25	___		
Pottery Barn (8%)	$25	___		
Restoration Hdwr Debit Card (12%)	$25	___		
Staples Debit Card (5%)	$25	___		
Talbots (13%)	$25	___		
Target (2.5%)	$25	___	$100	___
Williams-Sonoma (8%)	$25	___		
Wal-Mart (2.5%)	$25	___		
Zappos.com (8%)	$25	___		

DEPARTMENT STORES

Cabela's (11%)	$25	___		
Dick's (8%)*	$25	___	$100	___
JC Penney Debit Card (5%)	$25	___	$100	___
Kohl's (4%)	$25	___	$100	___
K-Mart Debit Card (4%)	$25	___		
MC Sports (8%)	$25	___		
Sears Debit Card (4%)	$25	___		
Sports Authority Debit Card (8%)	$25	___		

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's Debit Card (8%)	$25	___
Arby's (8%)	$10	___
Bahama Breeze Debit Card (9%)	$25	___
BoneFish Grill (8%)	$25	___
Boston Market Debit Card (12%)	$10	___
Bubba Gump (9%)	$25	___
Buffalo Wild Wings (8%)	$10	___
Burger King (4%)	$10	___
California Pizza Kitchen (4%)	$10	___
Cheesecake Factory (5%)	$25	___
Chevys (8%)	$25	___
Chili's Debit Card (11%)	$25	___
Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%)	$10	___
Claim Jumpers (9%)	$25	___
Cold Stone Creamery (8%)	$10	___
Dave & Busters (13%)	$25	___
Denny's (7%)	$10	___
Einstein Bros Bagels (10%)	$10	___
Jamba Juice (7%)	$10	___
Kentucky Fried Chicken (8%)	$5	___
Lettuce Entertain You (12%)	$25	___
Lou Malnati's (8%)	$10	___
Macaroni Grill Debit Card (11%)	$25	___
Maggiano's Debit Card (11%)	$25	___
Olive Garden Debit Card (9%)	$25	___
Outback Steakhouse (8%)	$25	___
Panera Bread (9%)	$10	___
Pizza Hut (8%)	$10	___
Rainforest Cafe (9%)	$25	___
Red Robin (9%)	$25	___
Smashburger (10%)	$10	___
Starbucks Debit Card (7%)	$25	___
Steak 'n Shake (8%)	$10	___
Subway (3%)	$10	___
Sweet Tomatoes (8%)	$25	___
TGI Fridays (9%)	$10	___
Wendy's (4%)	$10	___

See our Website (ckielgin.org) for a complete listing of all available retailers.

Note: * = No Change
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CKI Community Picnic

Sunday August 16, Noon-3 PM

Primrose Farm

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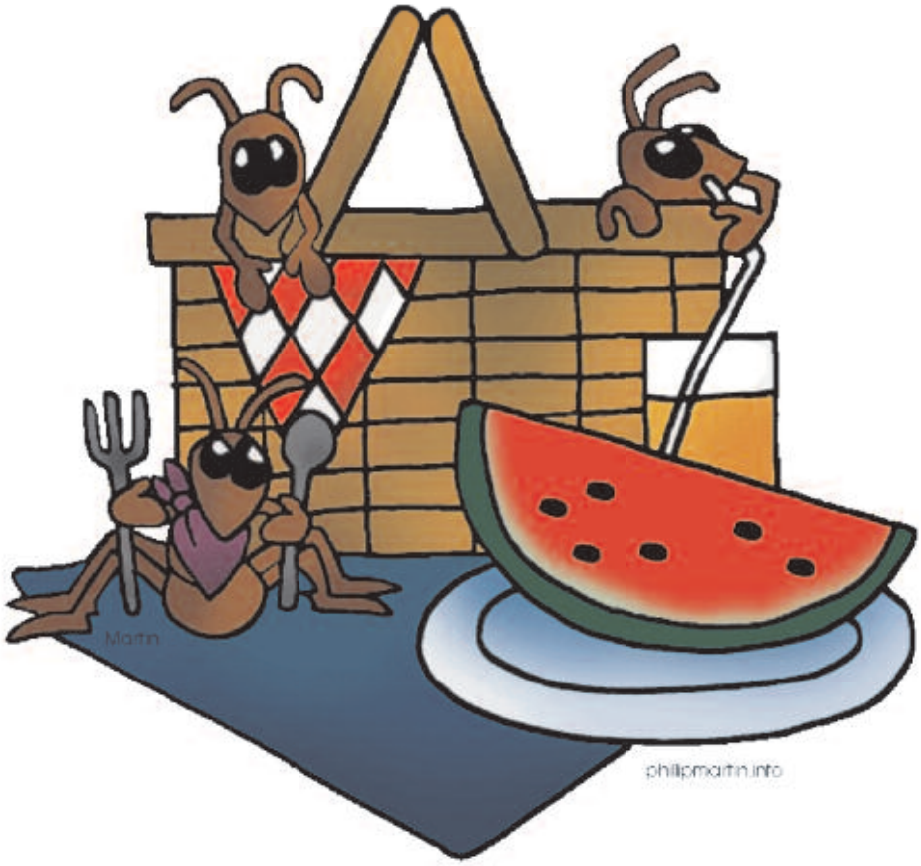
Games, Lunch Provided

All Ages Welcome



Directions to Primrose Farm: From Randall Road, turn west onto Bolcum Road. Turn left onto Crane Road. Pass ball fields and community gardens. Turn right into the entrance of Primrose Farm. Google Maps: https://goo.gl/maps/zL9KE.

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

Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name
Aug 01	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Charles Cohen*
Aug 01	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Morris Puklin*
Aug 02	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Jenny Dermer*
Aug 02	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Elsie Esther Fischer*
Aug 03	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Joseph Hillman
Aug 04	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Joseph Sable*
Aug 05	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Max Hirsch
Aug 05	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Max Rosengarden*
Aug 06	Jul 31 & Aug 1	Simon C. Kaplan*
Aug 7	Aug 7 & 8	Harry Berman*
Aug 7	Aug 7 & 8	Albert Weisner*
Aug 8	Aug 7 & 8	Anna Shankerman*
Aug 8	Aug 7 & 8	Dorothy Fern Weiner
Aug 9	Aug 7 & 8	Sylvia Bernstein*
Aug 9	Aug 7 & 8	Ruth Hornung*
Aug 9	Aug 7 & 8	George Zucker*
Aug 10	Aug 7 & 8	Tillie Finger*
Aug 10	Aug 7 & 8	Morris Thomas
Aug 12	Aug 7 & 8	Harry Sievers*
Aug 13	Aug 7 & 8	Mecca Carpenter
Aug 13	Aug 7 & 8	Jacob Jacobson*
Aug 13	Aug 7 & 8	Benjamin Rodman*
Aug 14	Aug 14 & 15	John Weisgerber
Aug 15	Aug 14 & 15	Rose Marks*
Aug 15	Aug 14 & 15	Kate Pondel
Aug 16	Aug 14 & 15	Fania Chitman
Aug 16	Aug 14 & 15	Dora Mariasis*
Aug 16	Aug 14 & 15	Maureen (Renie) Poper*
Aug 16	Aug 14 & 15	Rubin Raskin
Aug 16	Aug 14 & 15	Claire Robbins
Aug 17	Aug 14 & 15	Leo Schaffner*
Aug 18	Aug 14 & 15	Esther Poper*
Aug 19	Aug 14 & 15	Myrl Cohen
Aug 19	Aug 14 & 15	Rachel Rosenberg
Aug 19	Aug 14 & 15	Myron Zuckerman
Aug 20	Aug 14 & 15	Jeanette Panimon Gilles*
Aug 20	Aug 14 & 15	Meyer Kagen*
Aug 20	Aug 14 & 15	George Lascoe*
Aug 21	Aug 21 & 22	Rose Ableman*
Aug 21	Aug 21 & 22	Charles Theodore Levin
Aug 21	Aug 21 & 22	Herman Loeb*
Aug 21	Aug 21 & 22	Pierce Richberg*
Aug 21	Aug 21 & 22	Miriam Zuckerman
Aug 23	Aug 21 & 22	Minnie Noon Dato*
Aug 23	Aug 21 & 22	Esther Raben
Aug 23	Aug 21 & 22	Eve Rosenfeld
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Louis Kaplan*
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Howard Milton Meyers*
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Dora Eisner Mittledorf*
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Max Neustadt*
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Samuel Resnick*
Aug 25	Aug 21 & 22	Theodore Salstone*
Aug 26	Aug 21 & 22	Henry Lipofsky*
Aug 26	Aug 21 & 22	Werner Tuteur*
Aug 27	Aug 21 & 22	Bessie Lipofsky*
Aug 27	Aug 21 & 22	Sara B. Meyers*
Aug 27	Aug 21 & 22	Bernard Gustav Troy*
Aug 27	Aug 21 & 22	Gussie Tempkin Wohl*
Aug 28	Aug 28 & 29	Dinah Fishman
Aug 28	Aug 28 & 29	Morris Silins*
Aug 28	Aug 28 & 29	Yetta Wolfinsohn
Aug 29	Aug 28 & 29	Elias Aron
Aug 29	Aug 28 & 29	Louis H. Epstein*
Aug 29	Aug 28 & 29	Dr. Nathan S. Fox*
Aug 29	Aug 28 & 29	Daniel Gombiner*
Aug 29	Aug 28 & 29	Victor Marsala
Aug 30	Aug 28 & 29	William Joseph Gordon*
Aug 30	Aug 28 & 29	Belle Kantrowitz*
Aug 30	Aug 28 & 29	Daniel Wohl Mayshar*
Aug 30	Aug 28 & 29	Gishe Beila Sherman
Aug 31	Aug 28 & 29	Ida Gross
Aug 31	Aug 28 & 29	Joseph Mell*
Sep 1	Aug 28 & 29	Harold Eagels
Sep 2	Aug 28 & 29	Lou Raphaelson
Sep 3	Aug 28 & 29	Sarah Hold Klein*

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*** are the **days of the services at which the name is read.** An asterisk after a name indicates that a plaque is affixed to the Memorial Tablet.

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

KINDLE THE *SHABBAT*	**...and *HAVDALAH* CANDLES**
Fri July 31 .....7:54 PM	Sat Aug 1 .....9:23 PM
Fri Aug 7 .....7:45 PM	Sat Aug 8 .....9:14 PM
Fri Aug 14 .....7:36 PM	Sat Aug 15 .....9:04 PM
Fri Aug 21 .....7:25 PM	Sat Aug 22 .....8:54 PM
Fri Aug 28 .....7:14 PM	Sat Aug 29 .....8:43 PM

Fundraising – New Tablecloths Ready!!

On Friday night, September 11, we will have a special kiddush to unveil the tablecloths from our CKI fundraiser.
A group of women have been working for months to embroider all the signatures, and we are very excited to show off our hard work to everyone. Hope you can join us to celebrate! We're thrilled we have raised over $1,300 with this fundraiser!

Thank you,
Robin Seigle, *Fundraising Chair*

*15 pounds of lettuce from the CKI community garden. We calculated that is 90 servings of fresh salad! **Food for Greater Elgin** was delighted. Michelle Frampton, the director, was thrilled to receive fresh produce.*
(More on Tikkun Olam/Social Action on page 12.)

Generous Donations

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Sue & Dick Johnson
Nina Finn

To Jacob Gantz— Congratulations on your Bar Mitzvah
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To Gareth Sitz—For a speedy recovery
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in honor of Risa Cohen retiring
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David Sitz
Gareth Sitz
Marcy Cohen-Tremmel
Sherry Wiesman

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

For information about ordering a leaf or rock, which is a permanent fixture at CKI, contact Robin Seigle at *robin.seigle@gmail.com* or 847-426-8426.

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August Birthdays

1 Stewart Levin
2 Jerry Goldstein
2 Aliyah Kravis
3 Shaun Bonner
4 Barbara Maring
5 David Haft
6 Robert Levine
6 Leah Schillmoeller
8 Shane Bonner
9 Norma Hass
9 David Schillmoeller
9 Rachel Schillmoeller
10 Josh Poper
12 Rob Klein
14 Wanda Pitzele
15 Bernie Miller
16 Stephen Tremmel
20 Jana McFarlane
20 Samuel Meisgeier
20 Aiden Rockwood
21 Jacob Sheba
22 Dan Modes
24 Simon Klein
24 Sherry Wiesman
26 Lisa Gerlach
29 Rob Gerlach
30 Amy Klein

August Anniversaries

6 Stewart & Joanne Levin
7 Edward & Tina Wolf
9 Paul & Lynn Glaser
11 Rob & Melissa Gerlach
17 Michael Gantz & Judy Rubenstein-Gantz
22 Michael & Marsha Schwartz
23 Eric-Jan M. Ginder & Lisa Wohl
25 Leonard & Laurie Winner
26 Daniel & Anaïs Bowring
30 Herbert & Medina Gross
30 Henry & Ethel Schillmoeller

Special Funds

The following funds are available for your generous donations:

Clara Wechter Education Fund – Supports Torah School and Adult Education
General Fund – For multi-purpose use
Lee Miller Book Fund – New books for Library
Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund – *(See the President)*
Memorial Plaques – $300
Prairie Jewish Youth – Support for programs for our synagogue youth
Prayer Book Fund – Siddur is $36; Chumash is $60
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – Needs decided by Rabbi
Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund – Jewish cultural enrichment programs
Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund – Repair of Torah scrolls
Sisterhood – 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; Rock is $1,000.
Major Gifts – $5,000 and up. *(See the President)*

Torah School begins Sunday, August 30.

Don't forget to register your children.

Forms are available on the CKI website or by calling the office, 847-741-5656

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Memorial Booklet

On Yom Kippur, we remember our dear departed in prayer, and pledge charitable offerings in their honor.

It has been the tradition in our Congregation to publish a Memorial Booklet which is distributed on Yom Kippur at the time of the Yizkor Service. In this booklet, we list the names of our departed loved ones as a tribute to their memory.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to memorialize your loved ones by including their names in the Memorial Booklet.

All members should have received either a blank form or a form listing your names from last year. Please return the form to CKI as soon as possible, but ***no later than Friday, September 7***. Your enclosed offering, which will be much needed help to maintain the Synagogue and Religious School, is greatly appreciated. If you need a blank form or have any questions, please call **Karen Bender** at 847-658-2309 or email *akbender@comcast.net*.

Tikkun Olam / Social Action

Despite the heat, our crew worked hard and we had another successful and fun Build Day. The four bedroom home that we worked on today is near completion—the family closes on July 31.

We painted the entire first floor and doors and trim in the basement.

Thanks to all our hard workers: Simon Klein, Rabbi Margaret Klein, Robin Seigle, Mark Seigle, Joe Rosenfeld, Rich Kruth, Dan Marshall, Ken More, Dick Johnson, and Ali Irelan.

Also thanks to Katie Irelan for helping to make lunch, and I know the crew would like to thank me for making a late afternoon run to DQ for Dilly Bars.

We had a great time and we look forward to next year.

Thank you again,
Elise Kleinman, *Social Action Chair*

Dairy Break-the-Fast • Wednesday, September 23

CKI Sisterhood, once again, is sponsoring the annual Break-the-Fast Dairy Dinner. In order to better plan this event, we are asking that you RSVP as soon as possible. ***No one will be turned away***, but **your reservation will help us continue** this tradition with accuracy. A suggested donation of $10.00 per person would be **greatly** appreciated to help defray the cost of this yearly event.

PLEASE RSVP TO: *barbrazowsky@gmail.com*
and MAIL DONATIONS BY TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

Yes! We are coming to the Break-the-Fast!

Family name: _____ Number attending: _____

We'd like to help defray the cost!!
Amt enclosed $_____

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Regular_____
Prime_____
Deluxe_____

Total Amount $_____

The Elgin Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring its **annual sale of kosher one-pound round challahs** (plain or raisin) for the new year, on **Wednesday, September 9.**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

Your order will be available for **pickup at CKI** on **Wednesday, September 9**, between **Noon and 7:00 PM,** or at other times by arrangement.

Please mail your orders to **HADASSAH, c/o Charles Zimmerman, P.O. Box 5866, Elgin, IL 60121**. Payment must be ***received* by September 1.** Any questions? Please call Nancy at **(847) 828-6090** or send an email to ***nanzim@foxvalley.net***. Checks should be made out to ***Hadassah***.

I would like to order: _____**Plain** *challah(s)* @ $5.50 each = _____

_____**Raisin** *challah(s)* @ $5.75 each = _____

Total $_____

Name_____

Phone _____

Check enclosed: Check #_____ Amt _____
(Payable to *Hadassah. Please do not send cash.*)

Please mail your orders to:
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c/o Charles Zimmerman
P.O. Box 5866
Elgin, IL 60121
Payment must be received by September 1.

Sisterhood News

(cont'd from page 7)

This is a fundraiser with terrific **cost and time saving benefits for all of us!** Instead of spending the time and money preparing cards to send to fellow friends within the congregation, this beautiful card is sent to all congregants. Please be sure to send in the form and donation to Jana so that your names can be added. It is a beautiful way to share the joy of the holiday!

This is just a little peek of what is currently happening within Sisterhood. What can **you** look forward to in the future? Did you know that Sisterhood is a great place to develop friendships and to have fun? Did you know that through Sisterhood, not only do friendships develop, but also these bonds grow stronger and deeper? It is through "rubbing our elbows together" while having fun, and assisting with various projects this all happens. **What can you do if you have a busy schedule?** Let's say you have an hour every now and then to volunteer and/or to come to events. No problem, we will be happy to see you for that hour, and you will be glad you participated! If you are only available once in a while, but not all the time, that too is ok! Come when you can. We will be happy to see you.

This is ***OUR SISTERHOOD***. Like any other organization, it takes everyone to make it a success. Please help us maintain the activities that Sisterhood is responsible for, and help us help ourselves. Please do not feel like you have to make huge commitments of time. **Just do what you can.** You will be glad that you did! If all of us do this, we can make beautiful things happen. I can't wait to see what we will collectively create!

We do lots of things "behind the scenes," which help keep everything flow smoothly. For example:

- Kiddushes and onegs are organized by Sisterhood. Please consider hosting a Kiddush and/or oneg by yourself, or with a friend. For more information, please contact Elise Kleinman.
- Do you need a babysitter for during the High Holidays? Please see more information about this within the bulletin, and contact Tina Wolf.
- Sisterhood is responsible for the flowers on the bimah, Apples and Honey for Rosh HaShanah, babysitting for during the High Holidays, and the Break-the-Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur. These are all lovely traditions, but frankly, it takes a good deal of time and financial responsibility for these to happen. Please let Lynn Glaser and/or Barb Razowsky know that you are able to help with some of these activities. Please consider being a High Holiday angel to help defray the costs.

As your Sisterhood President, I am interested in **your** ideas. Please contact me at *mnszemel@comcast.net*, or at 847-464-2959, to share your thoughts. I look forward to working with all of you!

– Suzy Zemel

NOTE: If you ever need a ride to an event, let us know and we will help find you a lift.

• SAVE THE DATES •

Upcoming Sisterhood sponsored events:

Wed., Sept. 23: Break-the-Fast (See form on p.12)

Tues., Sept. 29: Ladies in the Hut for Chocolate, Wine, and Fun!

Fri., Oct. 16: A Celebration of Fall: Family Dinner followed by the New Member Shabbat

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August 2015

Shabbat Services: Saturday mornings 9:30 am

1	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
2	PJ Youth at LazerMaxx	2:00 PM
3	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM
4	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
5	Staffing lunch program at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC)	11:30 AM
8	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
9	Men's Club Golf Outing, Geneva	11:15 AM
10	Order Fundability Certificates PADS	
11	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
12	Staffing lunch program at HTLC	11:30 AM
14	HAKOL SUBMISSIONS DUE Shabbat on the Road: The Johnson's Residence	6:30 PM
15	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
16	CKI PICNIC Primrose Farm, St. Charles	Noon-3:00 PM
17	Pick up Fundability Certificates Project Uplift Craft	2:00 PM
18	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
22	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
25	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
26	Book Club at the home of Karen Bender	7:00 PM
29	Shabbat Service Aliyah Kravis Bat Mitzvah	9:15 AM
31	Calendar Meeting	7:00 PM