

Iyyar - Sivan 5778



Shavuot
May 20-21

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From the Rabbi's Study...

It is May. And the flowers are actually blooming. Does that mean that April snows bring May flowers? May also brings with it the celebration of education. Our students have had a fabulous year in Hebrew School and we will pause to honor our teachers on May 4. The Torah commands that we "teach our children diligently" and that we speak about these words, "in our homes and on our way." That's part of our journey. Teaching at home, during a carpool, at the synagogue, on vacation, wherever you might be.

My thanks especially to Heather Weiser and our teachers—Jordana Letizia, Lila Chavez, Marc Zemel, Earl Sternfeld and Sarah Klein. Sarah had been subbing and stepped in seamlessly when Marc moved.

We don't work in a vacuum. Parents are instrumental in the educational process, creating Jewish memories, celebrating holidays, driving to Hebrew School. As an example—I loved seeing all the pictures of seders in people's homes. What creative centerpieces you and your students crafted—with legos, with seashells, all to make Passover, the ultimate Jewish education holiday, designed to get children to ask the question, "Why? Why is this night different?" Parents have run the Purim Carnival. They sponsored Friday night Oneg Shabbat food. They have celebrated our teachers.

Our Vice-Presidents of Education, Sue Johnson and Barb Razowsky, should also be commended for their work often behind the scenes to be a sounding board, to help maintain our high quality and for things like managing the Clara Wechter Fund, and for participating in the Interfaith Family cohort on best practices.

Kudos to Heather Weiser, who, through her skilled grant writing, has earned CKI and the other synagogues of the Fox River Valley a third grant from JUF and BJE for joint programming and teacher training for next year.

Our education doesn't end at Bar or Bat Mitzvah. This year we have had three young women in Confirmation. They have helped lead our assembly program, Ruach. They chose to meet weekly instead of every other week. They have even met and worked independently when I was not there. Recently, they chose to continue as a class until next year, when they will be confirmed, together as a group, on Shavuot in 5779 (2019).

Another group of people—adults—meet every Wednesday to learn Hebrew. They are working on their second book and have learned to translate parts of our prayerbook and the Bible. In the process, they have enjoyed snacks, an occasional dinner out, and have become friends.

Lifelong learning, one of our vision statements, takes place in many ways. We streamed our first adult study class for Fast of the First Born on the subject of Resurrection in Judaism. Currently, we are working through the Book of Ruth. Just four short chapters and so much to discuss. The Confirmation class is working on it, as well as a group that meets after services on Shabbat afternoon, at least until Shavuot. We are figuring out how to stream these, but you should hear the depth of what we are learning—both from our kids and our adults.

Shavuot is also an "education" holiday. The least known of the three pilgrimage holidays, it commemorates the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. At CKI, we will be celebrating in three ways. On Saturday night, May 19, at 7:00, we will gather for our annual Tikkun L'eil Shavuot study session. In the old days, people would stay up all night studying since the Israelites fell asleep at Sinai. We'll try to make it to 10:00 PM. The topic will be "Journey to

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CKI SAVE THE DATES

- 06.05 - Java & Jews
- 06.10 - Greater Chicago Jewish Festival (www.jewishfestival.org)
- 07.27 - Hadassah & Friends Shabbat (in Bartlett)

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From the Rabbi's Study...

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Sinai," looking at all the aspects of who was there, what it was like, what did that mixed multitude hear, etc. In the morning, on the 20th, we will have our last session of Hebrew School with a special Shavuot service at 10:00 AM and a dairy picnic to follow. And on Monday morning, May 21, at 8:00 AM, we will gather for Yizkor and Torah reading and the book of Ruth.

Meet The Knopoff Family

Where have you lived?

We lived in Evanston when we were first married. When Kath became pregnant, we wanted a yard and couldn't find what we were looking for in Evanston, so we moved to Arlington Heights, where we lived for 30 years. It was a better school system than we initially thought, so we stayed. When Leslie went to college at Augustana, we were driving around and found ice cream at Grahams while we were antiquing. So we started looking in the Fox River Valley and found our present townhome in South Elgin. We still love the floor plan. It works really well for us, and because it is a townhome, we were able to cut down on the maintenance.

What do you do?

I have been a consultant for the last eight or nine years doing change management and training, mostly around communications, typically when putting in new technology. I'm the human connection. Kath does stuff with

fabrics. And all of us sing. Leslie and Kath sing with the Village Vocal Chords which meets in Glen Ellyn, a part of Harmony Inc. And I sing with the choir and MishMosh.

What brought you to CKI?

I was looking for a community. We still belonged to Beth Shalom in Northbrook, which had been our family home for years. Our connection was mostly so that my mom had a conduit into the synagogue, and I could sing with Cantor Stoehr.

After my mother died, I was looking for a closer place to say Kaddish. That first Shabbat morning I met Paul, Saul, and the rabbi. I like having a synagogue that is 10-15 minutes away. We were missing the community side. But to get there for things is tougher and tougher.

What do you like about CKI so far?

The laid back atmosphere that still gives me the ability to pray. I like the Saturday morning service. Different than what I experienced for 30 years. It meets my needs, but that doesn't say it well enough. I like coming in and turning off my phone and having that quiet. I like making friends and that's part of the community side. I like being able to sing with Stew and the rest of the folks. And because of the location, I can get a lift, if I need one.

My daughter, Leslie, talks about the relaxed, family feel that we created at the High Holidays.

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Do you have a favorite Jewish holiday?

I like the High Holidays. I used to be a festival guy, but I'm turned a little bit differently now. I like the music. It reminds me of sitting in Albany Park next to my dad listening to the music, the majesty of it.

Favorite Jewish object in your house...

A collection of menorahs. I still have the one I used as a little kid, plus my mother's now.

You can find Dan most Shabbat mornings, about the seventh row back when he's not singing in the choir or the MishMosh group. He also hangs out at Men's Club. If they are not here at CKI, you can find them antiquing somewhere in the Fox River Valley or beyond. ✧

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.

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or the loss of a loved one, please
call CKI at 847-741-5656 so that your
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and be of help.



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

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Just wanting to say thank you again for the joy of joining in the Seder meal. My family really enjoyed it! And we're really appreciating Barb Njus's friendship and the opportunity to get to know you and your congregation. It's really been a blessing,

– Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

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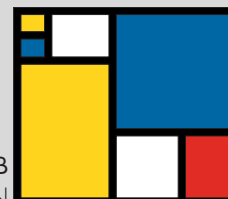
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Anita and I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those CKI members who provided us with assistance during Anita's recent rotator cuff surgery. We were able to personally experience the support of CKI's wonderful Bikkur Cholim initiative.

The procedure required Anita to be in a sling for six weeks with no driving allowed. Since I have my own limitations, and cannot drive, as well, many dear friends from CKI stepped up and took great care of us during that time—either driving us to physical therapy, doctor appointments, shopping, or preparing and delivering meals to us:

We couldn't have done it without your help. We encourage all CKI members to not hesitate in reaching out to your congregation should the need ever arise for assistance.

With love,
Brad Burker and Anita Hornung



A Personal 'Thank You' for Preparing Our Community Passover Seder

I would like to thank the following members who assisted me in preparation for our Seder—both setup and cleanup:

Dan Schlack
Tina Wolf
Gareth Sitz
Kathy Lange

We couldn't have done it without your help - thanks again!

Anita Hornung

Prairie Jewish YOUTH

Our Escape Room Adventure was quite an ADVENTURE! And to make it even better, we topped it off with Thai Roll ICE CREAM! Check out the photos!

Be sure to RSVP and join us for our last program for the season, Rock Climbing + Gaga + Pizza! It is open to **4th graders and up! Save money and RSVP now!**

Rock Climbing + Gaga + Awards!
Sunday, May 6

2:45 to 4:30 PM

At the Centre of Elgin

Open to Jewish 4th - 12th graders.

Have fun rock climbing, playing Gaga (Jewish dodge-ball) and snacking on pizza! Plus, everyone will receive an award!

Wear comfortable sport clothing and gym shoes.

\$15/person if you pay in advance on-line.

\$20/person at the door.

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<http://prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com/upcoming-programs.html>

Escape Room
Adventure
& Thai Roll Ice Cream!
April 8



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**Sunday, May 6
2:45 pm to 4:30 pm
The Centre of Elgin**

Open to all Jewish 4th graders through high schoolers.

Have fun rock climbing, playing Gaga (Jewish dodge-ball) and snacking on pizza!

Plus, everyone will receive an award!

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Roots Schmoots: Journeys Among Jews	Howard Jacobson	Tuesday, October 24	Karen Bender	
The Bridge Ladies	Betsy Lerner	Tuesday, November 28	Suzy Zemel	Margaret
John Lennon and the Jews	Ze'ev Maghen	Tuesday, December 19	CKI/Rochelle	
Leaving Lucy Pear	Anna Solomon	Tuesday, January 23	Sherry Wiesman	
Game of Queens: A Novel of Vashti and Esther	India Edghill	Tuesday, February 20	Gareth Sitz	
Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Irin Carmon and Iris Knizhnik	Tuesday, March 20	Location TBD/Barb Njus	Barb N.
Violins of the Holocaust	James A. Grymes	Tuesday, April 24	Karen Bender	
The Ritual Bath	Faye Kellerman	Tuesday, May 22	Sue Johnson	Sue J.
The Weight of Ink	Rachel Kadish	Tuesday, June 26	Nancy Zimmerman	
CKI Cookbook	POTLUCK/BOOK SELECTION	Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 PM	Barb Razowsky	
Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books	Aaron Lansky	August-TBD	TBD	

Yahrzeits

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrzeits 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
May 5	May 4 & 5	Abraham Wohl*
May 8	May 4 & 5	Bessie Fisher*
May 11	May 4 & 5	Ruth Bialson
May 11	May 4 & 5	Alexander Seltzer
May 12	May 11 & 12	Larry Lipsky
May 13	May 11 & 12	Gladys Fox
May 14	May 11 & 12	Michael Fosco*
May 15	May 11 & 12	Norton T. Burstein*

Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name
May 16	May 11 & 12	Capt. Irene N. Wirtschafter* USN
May 16	May 11 & 12	Melvin Frisch
May 17	May 11 & 12	Allen Mintzer
May 18	May 11 & 12	Abraham Brody*
May 21	May 18 & 19	Ruth Bachrach*
May 21	May 18 & 19	Herb Friend*
May 21	May 18 & 19	David Goodman
May 22	May 18 & 19	Morris Hartzman*
May 24	May 18 & 19	Alyce Lesser

Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name
May 26	May 25 & 26	Sidney T. Kramer*
May 27	May 25 & 26	Ruth Phelan
May 27	May 25 & 26	Al Zeman*
May 28	May 25 & 26	Florence Ginsberg*
May 28	May 25 & 26	Richard Kenneth Johnson
May 28	May 25 & 26	Sam Pevan
May 28	May 25 & 26	Elsie Wiener
May 28	May 25 & 26	Gertrude Winner*
May 30	May 25 & 26	Nathaniel Saul*
May 31	May 25 & 26	Tessie Rose

There are two dates listed above on our yahrzeit list. The **first** is the **actual date of the yahrzeit, 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.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT
 Fri May 47:37 PM
 Fri May 117:45 PM
 Fri May 187:52 PM
 Fri May 257:58 PM

...and HAVDALAH CANDLES
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 Sat May 128:54 PM
 Sat May 199:01 PM
 Sat May 269:07 PM

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Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

May 5 20 Iyyar	<i>Emor</i> – Leviticus 22:17-23:22 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 44:15-31
May 12 27 Iyyar	<i>Behar-Behuktotai</i> – Leviticus 25:39-26: 46 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
May 19 5 Sivan	<i>Erev Shavuot</i> <i>Bamidbar</i> - Numbers 2:1-3:13 <i>Haftarah:</i> Hosea 2:1-22
May 20 6 Sivan	<i>Shavuot 1</i> <i>Torah:</i> Exodus 19:1-20:22 <i>Maftir:</i> Numbers 28:26-31 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12
May 21 7 Sivan	<i>Shavuot 2</i> <i>Torah:</i> Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17 <i>Maftir:</i> Numbers 28:26-31 <i>Haftarah:</i> Habukku 3:1-19
May 26 12 Sivan	<i>Nasso</i> – Numbers 5:11-6:27 <i>Haftarah:</i> Judges 13:2- 25

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AmazonSmile FAQs

Did you know that Congregation Kneseth Israel has a unique AmazonSmile link that makes it easier for people to find and support us?

What is CKI's unique link?

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2824199>

What does our unique link do?

When customers click on CKI's unique link, they skip the process to search for a charity to support among over 1 million eligible charities. Instead, they're taken to *smile.amazon.com* and are automatically asked if they want to support Congregation Kneseth Israel.

Can supporters just search for CKI at *smile.amazon.com*?

Yes. However, that makes it harder for our supporters to find and select CKI. There are over 1 million eligible charities, and customers may end up picking a different organization during the selection process. Sharing our charity link increases the likelihood that customers will select CKI before they start shopping.

Do our supporters have to click on CKI's AmazonSmile link every time they shop?

No. Once customers select CKI, we will receive 0.5% of the price of all their eligible *smile.amazon.com* purchases, regardless of whether they use your unique AmazonSmile link to return to the site. However, we recommend that you bookmark and use our link so you don't accidentally shop at *www.amazon.com* instead of *smile.amazon.com*. Only purchases made at *smile.amazon.com* are eligible for donations.

What do customers that have already selected a charity see when they click on CKI's unique link?

If someone is already supporting CKI and they click on our unique link, they will simply be taken to *smile.amazon.com* so they can start shopping. They do not have to re-select CKI. If someone supporting a different charity clicks on our CKI link, they are asked if they'd like to switch to support us.

How can I share CKI's unique AmazonSmile link with friends, coworkers, and family?

Share our unique link on your website, in email, and on social media.

May Birthdays

1	Herb Gross
1	Marian Ginsberg Loeb
1	Medina Gross
3	Nancy Braus
4	Samuel Edward Hillman
8	Marsha Nicholas
9	Saul Mariasis
11	Leonard Kofkin
11	Wendy Shankman
13	Myron Goldman
17	Keith Nicholas
17	Karen Schlack
17	Wendy Barrash
18	Jerrold Goozh
21	Rachel Newby
21	Risa Cohen
23	Diane Agins
24	Al Bender
31	Blossom Wohl

May Anniversaries

21	Howard & Kim Atkins
25	Dave & Liz Bromet
25	Marcy Cohen & Stephen Tremmel
28	Aaron & Mindi Schwartz
30	David & Joelle Rockwood

Java and Jews

Have you wondered about Judaism? Have a question you need answered? Like to learn a little of the weekly *Torah* portion? Curious about Jewish responses to issues of the day? Join Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein for a cup of joe (or other beverage or snack).

Tuesday: May 1, 2018

Arabica Café, 59 Douglas Ave, Elgin, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Blue Box Café, 176 Chicago St, Elgin, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Good conversation, good coffee, good community.



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Shabbat Services:

Friday evenings

7:30 PM

Saturday mornings

9:30 AM

1	Java & Jews	Arabica Café, 59 Douglas Ave, Elgin Blue Box Café, 176 Chicago St, Elgin	8:00 AM 11:30 AM	14	PADS	6:30 PM
	Annual CKI Congregational Meeting		7:00 PM	15	HaKol Submissions due for both JUNE and JULY (double issue)	
2	Hebrew School		5:30 PM	16	Hebrew School	5:30 PM
	Adult Hebrew Class		5:30 PM		Adult Hebrew Class	5:30 PM
3	Lag B'Omer			17	Pick Up Fundability Certificates	
4	Shabbat Service / Teacher Appreciation Shabbat		7:30 PM	18	Shabbat Service / MishMosh Shabbat! Oneg sponsored by Robin Coyne	7:30 PM
5	Shabbat Service		9:30 AM	19	Erev Shavuot	
6	Torah School		9:00 AM		Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
	PJY Rock Climbing + Gaga + Awards		2:45 PM		Tikkun L'eil Shavuot Study Session	7:00 PM
9	Hebrew School		5:30 PM	20	Shavuot 1	
	Adult Hebrew Class		5:30 PM		Last Day of Torah/Hebrew School	9:00 AM
10	Order Fundability Certificates			21	Shavuot 2	
11	Shabbat Service		7:30 PM	22	CKI Book Club	
12	Shabbat Service		9:30 AM	25	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
13	Yom Yerushalayim			26	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
	Mother's Day			28	Memorial Day	
	No School					