

Shevat - Adar I 5779



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From the Rabbi's Study...

Ahavah, Love. It is a big part of Judaism. *Ahavat Olam*. G-d has always loved us and shows that love by giving us *Torah*. *Ahavah Rabbah*, G-d has loved us with a great love. *V'ahavta et Adonai*, You shall love the Lord your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might/being/everything. *V'ahavata l'raecha kamocho*. Love your neighbor as yourself. *Ve-ahavtem et hager*. Love the stranger because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

It should be simple, no? Love. Love G-d. Love yourself. Love your neighbor. Love the stranger. Micah makes it seem even simpler. All that G-d requires of us is to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our G-d.

The month of February is often a time in American culture to talk about love. There are a number of events in February here at CKI that will focus on love. Some would argue that it isn't very Jewish. I would argue—politely—but differently. St. Valentine for whom the holiday is named, is shrouded in mystery. There is so much mystery that St. Valentine's Day was removed from the Roman calendar in 1969. However, the appeal is so great that many continue to celebrate it as a day dedicated to romantic love. Why? Because one story of St. Valentine is that he would perform marriages of couples so that the new husband could not be conscripted and go to war. He may have even paid their dowries. Sounds like Deuteronomy which says, in Chapter 20, that newlyweds could not be forced to go into battle.

The Hebrew word *lev* means heart. The very last word of the *Torah*, *Yisrael*, ends with the letter *lamed*. The very first letter of Genesis, *Bereshit*, begins with a letter *bet*. *Lamed Bet, Lev*, so when we read *Torah* we are encircled by heart, by love. It makes sense. We are told that G-d is "*chanun v'rachum... rav chesed*, merciful and compassionate, full of love," and that we should strive to be like G-d. How? By studying *Torah*,

because it leads to all of the *mitzvot*, by surrounding us with love.

February 1 – Come celebrate the new secular month, and my birthday with a special *Oneg Shabbat*.

February 3 – Men's Club will host World Wide Wrap and wrapping *tefillin*, those little boxes that have the *V'ahavta*, the prayer commanding us to love G-d. We will also continue our adult study conversation on "Finding Meaning" at 11:00 AM.

February 5 – Join me for a cup of java—and discuss our love of coffee and chocolate while we talk about love: 8:00 AM at Arabica Café; 11:30 AM at Blue Box Café.

February 6 is *Rosh Chodesh Adar I*. This is a Jewish leap year, a pregnant year full of possibilities. Join Simon and me for a special *challah* baking class based on the book *Spiritual Kneading*. Each month you will help prepare *challah* for the synagogue and *challah* for you to take home, based on the theme of the month. Simon is a great *challah* baker and finds meaning and meditation in kneading the dough. It is a sign of love.

February 9 – We will show our youngest learners some love as they lead us in a *Havdalah* service to mark the end of *Shabbat*. The reason we have a blessing for spices is so that *Shabbat*, which we so dearly love, lingers just a little bit longer.

February 14, Valentine's Day, not a very Jewish holiday, except for this whole concept of love. Sometimes love goes awry. Join me, and others at Elgin Community College, between 10:00 AM and 12 noon for the annual One Billion Rising—Long Red Line to talk about saying no to sexual assault and

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CKI SAVE THE DATES

- 03.03 - Gaga Ball
- 03.07 - Rosh Chodesh Challah Baking
- 03.10 - PJY Hamantaschen Baking
- 03.15 - Mishmash Shabbat
- 03.17 - Passover Wine Sale; Purim Carnival
- 03.19 - CKI Book Club
- 03.20 - Megillah Reading
- 03.23 - Jazz Benefit Night
- 03.24-31 - Spring Break
- 03.30-31 - CKI Jewish Film Festival

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violence against women. Now in its seventh year, The Long Red Line is a visual demonstration of solidarity where community members are invited to bring a red scarf or piece of fabric that will be held together by participants—forming one long red line. This is part of the international movement started by Eve Ensler, so that women everywhere know that it is *not* OK to be assaulted. Ever. She tied these events into Valentine's Day to make the point that love should be loving. Now, more than ever, especially in the era of #MeToo, it is important. Seems simple, no?

February 15 – We try again to tell our choir and *Mishmash* singers just how much we love them as we welcome *Shabbat* with song and music and Stew's wonderful piano. In addition to the usual set and Stew's new *Ein Keloheinu*, expect an emphasis on Jewish love songs. Hope we don't get snowed out!

And that's just half the month. Keep watching the website, facebook, Brad's e-blasts and my "From the Rabbi's Study" as we get closer to all of these events.

Principles of Covenant: *Ahavah/Chesed*

Like in English, there is more than one word in Hebrew for love. *Ahavah* is one word. The first use of *ahavah* in the Bible is when Isaac meets Rebecca. It reads like a Hollywood script. He raised his eyes and saw her. She fell off her camel. He took her to his mother's tent. And he loved her. And was comforted by her.

We know that G-d loves us and we are commanded to love G-d, love our neighbor and love the stranger. All of these use the word *ahavah*.

But there is another word. *Chesed*. It is a very difficult word to translate. Sometimes it is love. Others use lovingkindness. Still others just kindness. Others still define it as the attribute of grace, benevolence or compassion. It is a *middot* (a trait, an attribute) of G-d. One that we **should** emulate. In mystical Judaism, like the *Kabbalah*, it is one of the *spherot*. How do we emulate G-d? By doing "*gemilut chasadim*," acts of love and kindness. We are told in *Pirke Avot* that the world stands on three things: On *Torah*, on *avodah* (service, sacrifice, work, prayer) and on *gemilut chasadim*.

In the *Midrash* we are told, "To walk in G-d's ways" (Deuteronomy 11:22). These are the ways

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I am accessible by cell phone, 978-590-8268 or by email, rabb@ckielgin.org.

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Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Feb 2 27 Shevat	<i>Shabbat Mevarekhim Hachodesh Mishpatim</i> – Exodus 23:20-24:18 <i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26
Feb 9 4 Adar I	<i>Terumah</i> – Exodus 26:31-27:19 <i>Haftarah:</i> 1 Kings 5:26-6:13
Feb 16 11 Adar I	<i>Tetzaveh</i> – Exodus 29:19-30:10 <i>Haftarah:</i> Ezekiel 43:10-27
Feb 23 18 Adar I	<i>Ki Tisa</i> – Exodus 33:12-34:35 <i>Haftarah:</i> 1 Kings 18:1-39

of the Holy One: "gracious and compassionate, patient, abounding in lovingkindness and truth, assuring love for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon." (Exodus 34:6). This means that just as G-d is gracious, compassionate, and forgiving, you too must be gracious, compassionate, and forgiving. (*Sifre - Devarim, Ekev*)

"Follow the Lord your G-d" (Deuteronomy 13:5). What does this mean?...The verse means to teach us that we should follow the attributes of the Holy One...As G-d clothes the naked, you should clothe the naked. The Bible teaches that the Holy One visited the sick; you should visit the sick. The Holy One comforted those who mourned; you should comfort those who mourn. The Holy One buried the dead; you should bury the dead. (*Sotah 14*)

These are those acts of lovingkindness, those *gemilut chasadim* that are so important to a holy community, a *kehilah hakadosh*, as we strive to live in our covenant with G-d and with one another. May this be a month for each of us for love, where we feel the love of G-d deeply, and where we can then share that love with others—our significant others, our families, our children, our neighbors, and the strangers amongst us. ✨



Peg Lehman's CKI Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Tuesday: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 Wednesday: 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM
 Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Friday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Tons of kids (7 to be exact) had a great time today playing *Gaga* and board games! And plenty of snacks! Thanks to Zack and Lila and Heather! Jeanette from PJY came to visit and meet the kids and parents. She hopes to see them at future PJY events! See the action photos!

And be sure to join us for our future *Gaga* dates, Feb. 10, March 3, and April 7! We had so much fun that we are starting the program at 8:15 AM so the kids have more time to enjoy!

For more information on other PJY programs and to RSVP, please go to:
<http://prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com/upcoming-programs.html>



Gaga Ball & Bagels!



Upcoming events:

- Valentine's Day and Tu B'Av on 2/3
- Hamentashchen Baking on 3/10
- Yom Ha'atzmaut Israeli Iron Chef on 5/5
- End of Year Celebration on 5/19 (could open this to families as well)
- Possible trip to the Botanic Gardens and Mizrahi Grill in April



CKI Book Club Schedule 2018-2019

Date	Book	Author	Hostess
August 30	<i>Outwitting History</i>	Aaron Lansky	Risa Cohen
September	(High Holiday Break)		
October 23	<i>Windy City Blues</i>	Renee Rosen	Karen Bender
November 27	<i>Walking the Bible</i>	Bruce Feiler	Gail Borden Library
December 18	<i>The Frozen Rabbi</i>	Steve Stern	Joy Bang
January 22, 2019	<i>The Rebbe</i>	Joseph Telushkin	Gareth Sitz
February 19	<i>The Golem of Hollywood</i>	Jonathan Kellerman	Sue Johnson
March 19	<i>Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean</i>	Edward Krotzler	TBA
April 16	<i>Waking Lions</i>	Ayelat Gunder-Goshen	TBA
May 21	<i>The Brigade</i>	Howard Blum	Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman
June 18	<i>Escape to Virginia</i>	Robert Gillette	TBA
July 16, 6:00 PM		Pot Luck	Barb Razowsky
August	TBA	TBA	TBA



All 2nd Graders through 12th Graders!

Come join Zack Kohn & Lila Chavez for a friendly game of GaGa Ball and nosh on Bagels and treats at CKI before Torah School!

Sunday, February 10 @ 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 3 @ 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 7 @ 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.



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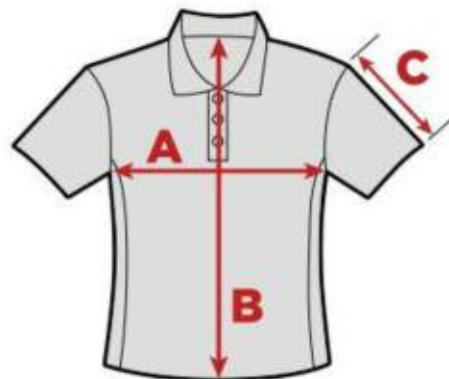
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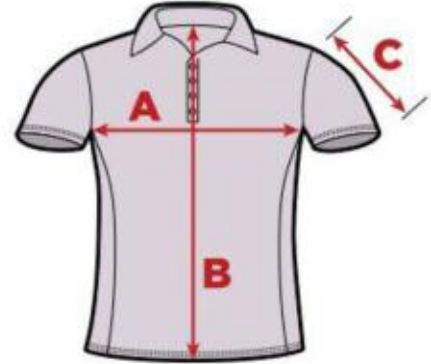
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Medium	21.75" (55cm)	23.5" (60cm)	7.5" (19.2cm)
Large	22.5" (57cm)	24.25" (61.3cm)	7.75" (19.9cm)
X Large	23.5" (59.5cm)	24.75" (62.6cm)	8" (20.6cm)
2X Large	24.5" (62cm)	25.25" (63.9cm)	8.5" (21.3cm)
3X Large	25.5" (64.5cm)	25.75" (65.2cm)	8.75" (22cm)
4X Large	26.25" (67cm)	26.25" (66.5cm)	9" (22.7cm)
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Medium	17.75" (45cm)	21.75" (55cm)	6.75" (17cm)
Large	18.5" (47cm)	22.5" (57cm)	7" (18cm)
X Large	19.25" (49cm)	23.25" (59cm)	7.5" (19cm)
2X Large	20" (51cm)	24" (61cm)	7.75" (20cm)
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HADASSAH AND HEART DISEASE

Heart Disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and worldwide. The disease can manifest as blockages in veins and arteries, disrupted heart rhythms, and more. Though men have historically been the subject of study and attention, women's unique signs and symptoms have been getting more visibility in recent years. Hadassah Medical Organization is leading the way.

HMO (HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION) RESEARCH:

- At HMO's Cardiovascular Research Institute, Dr. Ronen Beeri, Institute Director, is collaborating with colleagues at Mt. Sinai (NY) Medical Center in using gene therapy to replace failing heart cells. They are employing viruses as transporters of specific genetic material into the heart cell.
- HMO researchers have proven that heart cells can regenerate following a heart attack. They have implanted stem cells from a mouse's left atrial appendage that successfully replicated mature cardiac cells in a damaged area of the heart.
- HMO recently opened a cardio-genetic consultation clinic to identify the triggers of various heart conditions. With this knowledge,

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early diagnosis and treatment as well as preventive health measures can save lives.

WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH:

- Prof. Chaim Lotan, head of HMO's Heart Institute and former President of the Israel Heart Society, has pioneered the recognition of women's heart disease and the gender disparities in symptoms, research and treatment. He has made it his mission to raise awareness of these differences.
- HMO's Linda Joy Pollin Cardiovascular Wellness Institute, led by Dr. Donna Zfat-Zwas, learned in a research study that only 34.4% of Israeli women and 25.9% of Arab women know heart disease is a major cause of women's deaths.
- The Pollin Institute has initiated community outreach programs in Haredi and Arab neighborhoods to raise awareness about preventive heart health and empower women to be forces for change in nutrition and exercise in those communities.

NEXT STEPS:

- The Linda Joy Pollin Cardiovascular Wellness Institute has partnered with HMO's Endocrinology Department to investigate the

female heart's response to menopause in an animal model. The study is identifying the differences in heart anatomy and function in mice once the ovaries are removed.

- HMO is investigating the differences in the way men and women perceive chest pain as it relates to the signs and symptoms of a heart attack.
- Researchers are looking at differences in effects of anticoagulant drugs on women.
- In the United States, Hadassah is forging ahead with its growing advocacy campaign for Gender Equity in Medical Research (GEM) in order to fight these disparities in heart disease research and other health specialties.

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(This is the transcript of Lucy Marshall's D'var Torah that she composed and read at her and Jake Levine's aufruf.)

"i am no victim of life; i shape change. we are not victims of circumstance; we shape change."

This is one of my favorite emergent strategy mantras, written by adrienne maree brown.

Adrienne knows what we all know—change happens. All the time. But instead of resisting change, as so many of us do, adrienne invites us to embrace change, adapt with it, shape it into the world we want and need.

In the *Torah* and *Haftorah* readings, we're confronted with a lot of change. Jacob and David are looking back on their lives, saying their goodbyes, and finishing their time as leaders and fathers. As we all know, change can be stressful. To lose a leader or loved one is disorienting and painful. In this moment in the *Torah*, Jacob's sons are poised for many changes in addition to losing their dad, they will soon disperse into the 12 Tribes of Israel, all with their unique characteristics and trajectories. Everything they knew before will now be different. Their time as one single, family unit is over.

This story, in many ways, is an ending. We finish off the book of Genesis and close out the long, dramatic narrative of Jacob and his sons. But we know the rest of the story, and it doesn't end here. We've read the next four books in this series. We know that, really, Jacob's death is a beginning. Despite these daunting changes, Jacob's sons maintain their identities and keep alive the family legacy that Jacob wished for. The Jewish story carries on.

Transitions are often tumultuous, challenging, and confusing. So what made *this* transition, after many conflicts and twists and turns, so peaceful?

This parsha gives us three strategies for shaping change. The first, is family. On his deathbed, Jacob is surrounded by his 12 sons and his grandchildren. These three generations are gathered as a community to support each other, to honor Jacob, and to come together in strength and love.

As Jake and I navigate this time of transition in our own lives and prepare for our wedding this summer, it is our family and our community—all of you—who will guide us, teach us and ground us in the values we share. As we look ahead to our future together, I'm so moved to also be looking back, spending time in my hometown, in the synagogue that shaped my Jewish identity, surrounded by the community who raised me and continues to support and nurture me. As Jacob's family illustrates in this *Torah* portion, our relationships give us the reliable support and

the stable foundation we need to stay standing up when the weather gets harsh. Our communities—families and chosen

families—help us navigate transitions with adaptability, patience, and compassion for ourselves and others. Our families keep us anchored in our shared histories, and help us launch forward into our shared futures. Together, we have the collective power we need to shape change.

The second resource that we're given from this story is Jewish ritual. Before he passes away, Jacob blesses his grandchildren, saying "May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe."

Today, Jewish parents all over the world say these same words every week on *Shabbat* for the blessing over your children. And there's another ritual we observe that derives from this story. After Joseph and his brothers buried Jacob, [Joseph] observed a mourning period of seven days for his father. This is where the Jewish practice of sitting *shiva*, mourning for seven days, comes from.

Jewish ritual provides us with a meaningful framework to lean upon when everything else feels unstable, unpredictable, or overwhelming. These rituals keep the stories of our people alive, connecting us with our ancestors, while also offering us flexible tools and practices to make new choices and take new meaningful action. Jewish ritual offers us a guidebook of practices that bring our families together and mark the holiness of time, space and community. I've found that these rituals are especially helpful to me in moments of change. On the books, an *aufruf* is simply the groom or engaged couple being called up the *Torah*. But for us, this ritual is a reflection, a reunion, a celebration, a connection to Jewish weddings throughout history, and, of course, a great excuse for me to reenact the world's best *Bat Mitzvah* there ever was—I'm back by popular demand.

Finally, this story shows us the power of *teshuvah*, of making changes in ourselves to repair the harm we've caused to others. Jacob's sons were worried that, after the death of their father, Joseph would take revenge against them for selling him into slavery, plus all those crimes that Jake listed. But Joseph forgives them, because his brothers have done the hard work of transforming themselves for the better. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks teaches us that in this moment in the *Torah*, upon Jacob's death,

this one Jewish family transforms into the greater Jewish people. Rabbi Sacks writes, "We can only change the world if we can change

ourselves. That is why the book of Genesis ends with the story of Joseph and his brothers. It tells on an individual level the story that the book of Exodus tells on a national level. Israel is charged with the task of transforming the moral vision of [human]kind, but it can only do so if individual Jews, of whom the forerunners were Jacob's children, are capable of changing themselves." Each of us individually are like microcosms of all the possible justice, liberation, and joy in the universe, and we should

act accordingly. When we practice the kind of world we want to live in, we create that world.

Family, ritual, and *teshuvah* bring stability and strength to Jacob's family in this *Torah* reading, and these three Jewish elements continue to support us all in moments of transition in our own lives. Together, instead of fearing it as victims, we can shape change—in ourselves, our communities, and our world.

With that, Jake will share more of his thoughts about this week's *parsha*.

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Thanks again to all of you for joining us this morning. We feel so honored and moved to celebrate in community with each of you today. A special shout out and big thanks to everyone who made this aufruf possible, including...

- My mom for so generously and elegantly planning, preparing and hosting us.
- Rabbi Klein for leading a beautiful service.
- Jana McFarlane for coordinating the *kiddush* and decorations.
- Barb Edelstein, Barb Razowsky, Bryan Miller, and Peg Lehman for helping prepare the food—I know we're all looking forward to that!
- Everyone who participated in the service.
- And all of you, our friends and family who traveled from near and far to join us.
- And of course thanks to Jakey, who reads *Haftorah* like a pro, runs multiple marathons, and kills the law school, but still knows that I'm the best. *Shabbat shalom!*



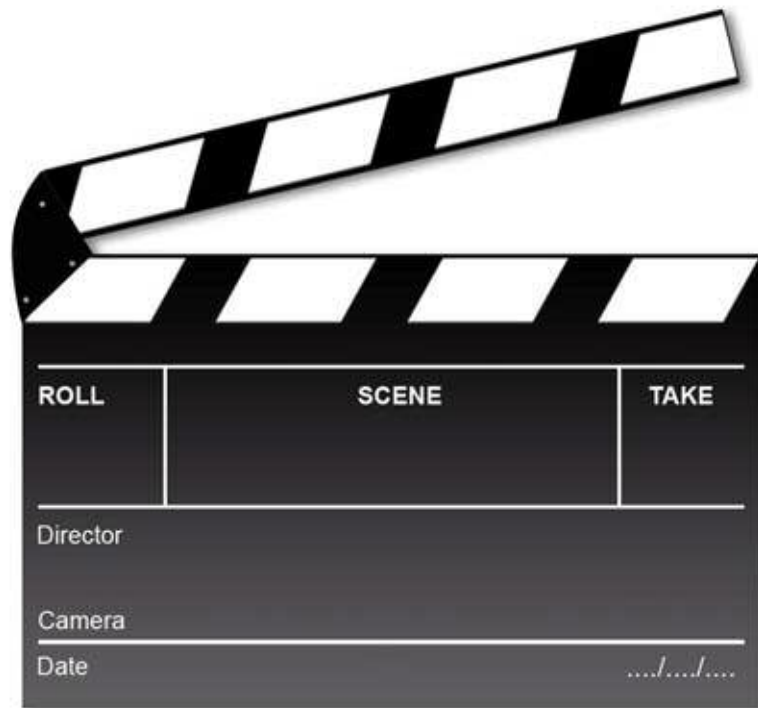
2019 Elgin Jewish Film Festival

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 PM, and Sunday, March 31, 2:00 PM

Both showings will be at **Gail Borden Library**, 270 N Grove, Elgin

Saturday: *The Band's Visit*, the 2007 movie which was the basis of the Tony-Winning musical

Sunday: *The Woman in #6*, 2014 Academy Winner for Best Documentary. Alice Herz Sommer, 109 years old Holocaust survivor, tells how to live a long happy life, and *Mah Jongg: The Tiles that Bind*, shows the role of Mah Jongg in two cultures.



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

Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name
Feb 2	Feb 1 & 2	Benjamin Garland	Feb 10	Feb 8 & 9	Sarah Burstein*	Feb 19	Feb 15 & 16	Frances Spitzer
Feb 2	Feb 1 & 2	Philip Sternfeld	Feb 10	Feb 8 & 9	Harriet Coyne	Feb 20	Feb 15 & 16	Dorothy Kruth
Feb 3	Feb 1 & 2	Suzanne Greenfield	Feb 10	Feb 8 & 9	Abraham Levin*	Feb 20	Feb 15 & 16	Ethel Thomas
Feb 4	Feb 1 & 2	Israel Hymovitz*	Feb 10	Feb 8 & 9	Anna Rolnitzky	Feb 23	Feb 22 & 23	Jennie Brown*
Feb 4	Feb 1 & 2	Faye Ginsberg Korn*	Feb 12	Feb 8 & 9	Bernadine Rifken*	Feb 24	Feb 22 & 23	Kate Vopner Leibovitz*
Feb 5	Feb 1 & 2	Joseph Fishman	Feb 12	Feb 8 & 9	Peter Rose	Feb 24	Feb 22 & 23	Albert Silins*
Feb 5	Feb 1 & 2	Sheldon Franks*	Feb 14	Feb 8 & 9	Ethel Bleicher*	Feb 24	Feb 22 & 23	Esther Vopner*
Feb 6	Feb 1 & 2	Marion Bromberg	Feb 14	Feb 8 & 9	Max Burstein*	Feb 26	Feb 22 & 23	Gertrude Brown*
Feb 6	Feb 1 & 2	Jerome Roth	Feb 14	Feb 8 & 9	Lorraine Silins*	Feb 26	Feb 22 & 23	Jeannette Razowsky
Feb 7	Feb 1 & 2	Lillian Nitzberg	Feb 15	Feb 8 & 9	Esther Goozh	Feb 27	Feb 22 & 23	Alan Jacobson
Feb 7	Feb 1 & 2	Leonard Abraham Plotzker	Feb 15	Feb 8 & 9	Michael Levin	Feb 27	Feb 22 & 23	Joseph Vopner*
Feb 7	Feb 1 & 2	Philip Turek*	Feb 15	Feb 8 & 9	Ethel Rifken*	Feb 28	Feb 22 & 23	Bella Bender
Feb 7	Feb 1 & 2	Sylvia Zimmerman*	Feb 16	Feb 15 & 16	Rachel Rifken*	Feb 28	Feb 22 & 23	Ken Korn
Feb 8	Feb 1 & 2	Barbara Sharf*	Feb 16	Feb 15 & 16	Linda Schaffer	Feb 28	Feb 22 & 23	Shirley Silberman*
Feb 9	Feb 8 & 9	Samuel David Lipofsky*	Feb 19	Feb 15 & 16	Norman Schack*	Mar 1	Feb 22 & 23	Cyril Friend*
						Mar 1	Feb 22 & 23	Phyllis Lipsky

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 ...and HAVDALAH CANDLES

Fri Feb 1	4:50 PM	Sat Feb 2	5:59 PM
Fri Feb 8	4:59 PM	Sat Feb 9	6:08 PM
Fri Feb 15	5:08 PM	Sat Feb 16	6:17 PM
Fri Feb 22	5:16 PM	Sat Feb 23	6:26 PM

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

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: February 5, 2019

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

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

Good conversation, good coffee, good community.

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Manfred Lindow

Sara Nudelman
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Donation to cover HaKol postage

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In memory of Saul Mariasis

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In honor of Lucy Marshall & Jake Levine

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In memory of Sue Goozh's father, Albert Smilgoff

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To Anita & Brad Burkner, in memory of Brad's mother

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To Liz & David Bromet, in memory of Liz' mother

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To Myron & Charlene Goldman, in memory of Jonathan Goldman

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To Helen Lindow and family in memory of Manny

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To Raul Aron, Congratulations on your retirement

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In honor of Rabbi Klein for her help with Lucy & Jake's Aufruf ceremony

Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall

SISTERHOOD

In honor of Jana McFarlane, Barb Razowsky, Barb Edelstein, Bryan Miller, and Peg Lehman for all their help making a beautiful and delicious Aufruf for Lucy and Jake

Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH – GET WELL

Brad Burkner	Debby Poper
Ron Burstein	Ron Razowsky
Nina Finn	David Sitz
Stuart Hymen	Gareth Sitz
Simon Klein	Marcy Cohen Tremmel

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

February Birthdays

- 1 Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein
- 3 Richard Kruth
- 3 Sara Shankman
- 4 Helen Lindow
- 4 Lucy Marshall
- 5 Brian Finn
- 6 Jason Garland
- 6 Sarah Bender
- 8 Sarah Emily Klein
- 9 Carolyn Ginder
- 9 Ronald Razowsky
- 10 Dick Johnson
- 14 Harrison Hillman
- 15 Jessica Shankman
- 16 Max Bromet
- 18 Laura Wolf
- 19 Kara Gauthier
- 19 Phil Arendt
- 21 Gaelyn Marsala
- 22 Daniel Gonzalez
- 22 Spencer Kravis
- 23 Rochelle Tremmel
- 24 Jeffrey Kohlhagen
- 26 Ken More
- 26 Max Miller

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

Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund – (See the President)

Saul Mariasis Memorial Fund 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)



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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	—	—
Marathon Gas (3%)	\$25	—	—
SpeedWay (4%)	\$25	\$100	—

RETAILERS

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Aeropostale (7%)	\$25	—	—
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Barnes & Noble Debit Card (9%)	\$10	—	—
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	—	—
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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)

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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 Malinatti'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	—	—
TGI Fridays (9%)	\$10	—	—
Wendy's (4%)	\$10	—	—

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February 2019

**Shabbat Services: Friday evenings 7:30 PM
Saturday mornings 9:30 AM**

1	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM	16	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	9:30 AM
2	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	9:30 AM	17	Pick Up Fundability Certificates <i>Torah/Hebrew School</i> Confirmation Class	9:00 AM 9:00 AM
3	World Wide Wrap <i>Torah/Hebrew School</i> Confirmation Class Study Group: Finding Meaning PJY Tu B'Av & Valentine's Event	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM TBA	18	Office Closed / Presidents' Day	
5	Java & Jews Arabica Café, 59 Douglas Ave, Elgin Blue Box Café, 176 Chicago St, Elgin CKI Board Meeting	8:00 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	19	<i>Purim Katan</i> CKI Book Club	7:00 PM
6	Hebrew School Adult Hebrew Class <i>Rosh Chodesh Challah Baking</i>	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	20	Hebrew School Adult Hebrew Class	5:30 PM 5:30 PM
8	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM	22	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM
9	<i>Shabbat Service</i> <i>Havdalah – Jordana's Class</i>	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	23	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	9:30 AM
10	Order Fundability Certificates <i>Gaga Ball & Bagels</i> <i>Torah/Hebrew School</i> Confirmation Class	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	24	<i>Torah/Hebrew School</i> Confirmation Class	9:00 AM 9:00 AM
12	Ritual Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	27	Hebrew School Adult Hebrew Class	5:30 PM 5:30 PM
13	Hebrew School Adult Hebrew Class	5:30 PM 5:30 PM			
15	HaKol Submissions Due <i>MishMosh Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM			

