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CKI SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 1 – Rosh Hashanah, Day 2
- Oct 8 – Kol Nidre
- Oct 9 – Yom Kippur
- Oct 13 – Erev Sukkot
- Oct 14 – Sukkot
- Oct 21 – Shmini Atzeret
- Oct 22 – Simchat Torah



From the Rabbi's Study

"The times they are a changing." Let me be the first to wish you, *Shanah Tovah*, a good year. But did you realize that *shanah* means both year and change?

Rosh Hodesh Elul, the new month of Elul, is just around the corner. This new month ushers in the formal preparations for the High Holy Days. For some, they represent a time of fear and trembling, the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe. For some, they represent a time for family dinners and family get togethers. It might be about a favorite honey cake recipe or apple picking. For others they represent the holiest days of the year, marked with spending time in synagogue reconnecting with G-d, ourselves and our community. There is an old joke.

Goldberg goes to shul to talk to G-d. I go to shul to talk to Goldberg.

So how does change fit into this? As we reflect on the year that's ending and the new year that stretches out before us, we can begin to think about what changes we want to make in our lives. Are there people we need to repair relationships with? Is our work-life balance in good shape? Are there ways we could be healthier? Do we want to spend more time in synagogue? How are we making the world a better place? What were the best parts of the year? What do we want to improve?

For me, the question is not, who shall live and who shall die or will I be written into

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President's Message

As I sit writing this month's article, I am perplexed. HaKol is the voice of CKI to our community and to those who are searching for a shared Jewish community. So what as President of such a community do I have to add?

Perhaps the answer is to provide a forum answering questions from the readers, but I have not received any. Or to provide my perspective on the upcoming holiday season, but I'm not sure that my traditions provide any insight into CKI's community. Perhaps to share community goings on, but at CKI we are made up of many cities and school districts, so which would I choose?

For this month I decided to write about why we chose Congregation Kneseth Israel. I am not a native of the Chicago area. Our

family moved here in 1987. I come from a Conservative background but as a family our traditions were just that, nothing more and nothing less, just our traditions. Some fit with a traditional congregation while others do not. Like any organization one joins, it is the characteristics of the organization and the personalities of the members that influence the choice. When we first got here I had not heard of Elgin, well, except for the clocks. We live in Hoffman Estates and north of 90, near Harper College, so why CKI?

CKI felt then and now as home for me. CKI provides the opportunity to practice being Jewish...I thought I was done learning, but CKI has taught me otherwise. It provides service options with a place to safely worship, including musical options I had never even considered,

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From the Rabbi's Study...

the book of life, although that is in the liturgy. For me the question is more around how do I answer "Hineini, Here am I" with my life, as is also in the liturgy. It is a humbling moment to know that I am the shliach tzibbur, the leader, the messenger, entrusted with your faith to guide you and help you find meaning and joy.

Rosh Hashanah gives us the chance to pause and reflect. To begin again. To feel refreshed and renewed. To re-commit. Plan to join us. There will be a mix of old favorites and some new traditions.

Personally, I like all the little moments. Selichot on Saturday evening, September 21st when we add some of the penitential prayers. We will be joined by members of MCJC and Rabbi Tom Samuels. We will also be treated to a quartet of the choir singing Stew Levin's original composition of Adonai, Adonai, the 13 Attributes of the Divine and Emma Cohen who will be playing Kol Nidre on the cello.

Tashlich will once again be at Lord's Park. Tashlich was a service that the rabbis of old fought against. But the people won. The tradition is to go to the water's edge and throw out your sins. Most people use breadcrumbs to represent those sins. Not so good for the birds and the fish, so we'll be using bird seed.

Family services are changing a little. This year they will be at CKI in the late afternoon, in the main sanctuary with me, Heather and the cantor leading. They will be age appropriate with storytelling, High Holiday music, shofar blowing and of course, Rosh Hashanah will have birthday cake! During the morning services there will be expanded High Holiday activities for kids of all ages to do. Families will also have the opportunity to go apple picking so that there will be plenty of apples and honey for your holiday dinners. And there will be a special Judaism Rocks before Yom Kippur to help us master that hardest word, "Sorry."

Kever Avot is held annually at our own part of the Bluff City Cemetery. It is an

opportunity to visit our ancestors—whether they are buried at Bluff City or not. Finding that connection between the generations can enrich our observance of the High Holidays as we realize that we are a link in that chain of tradition. That is part of the reason for Yizkor as well. To remember our ancestors.

Big changes in Hebrew School. We are piloting a new model as part of a JUF initiative. You may have read about this in an email I sent out "From the rabbi's study." In addition to everyone going 9:00-11:30 on Sunday, our older students will have a half hour of individualized coaching midweek. This does a number of things. It meets families where they are with their demanding schedules. It helps meet students where they are with what families want them to learn and their individual learning styles. And it makes families feel even more connected with the synagogue community. It is a win-win-win scenario that we are very excited about.

One of the biggest changes in the Klein household was moving this summer. Please join us for a Chanukat Habayit, a House Dedication, on September 7 at 6:30 PM at our new home, 1169 Clover Hill Lane, Elgin. RSVP to rabbi@ckielgin.org. Come join us. To rejoice. To refresh. To renew. To recommit. To remember.

The Leadership of Sarah, Hagar and Hannah

This month I want to highlight the leadership of some of our Biblical women that you will hear about during the High Holidays. Sarah was the wife of Abraham and she accompanied him on his journey. She rushed to feed the visitors, baking cakes and providing water. She laughed at the time to come, thinking that she would never have children.

She was fiercely protective of Isaac, maybe too much so, as she insisted that Abraham kick out Hagar and Ishmael as she felt

Ishmael was a bad influence on Isaac. She didn't get consulted about Abraham and Isaac's journey up the mountain, and she died shortly thereafter.

She was buried in a cave in Kiryat Arba, which Abraham purchased for her burial, giving us deed in perpetuity to the land of Israel.

Hagar, an Egyptian girl, her name literally means the stranger, was the maid-servant of Sarah. Sarah treated her harshly and she ran away to a spring. There she encountered an angel and was the first person to name G-d. She returned to Abraham and Sarah, and Sarah gave her to Abraham as his concubine. Together they had Ishmael. Sarah again pleaded that Hagar be sent away, this time with Ishmael. Abraham listened to Sarah and sent them away with a little water and bread. When they ran out, Hagar put Ishmael under a bush, not wanting to see her child die and cried out. G-d heard the cries of the lad, she opened her eyes and found the water.

Hannah was another of the Biblical women who were barren. She was one of two wives of Elkanah, but while she was the preferred one, she remained childless. Every year, Elkanah would offer a sacrifice at the Shiloh sanctuary and give Penninah and her children a portion but he gave Hannah a double portion "because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb" (1 Samuel 1:5). One year, Hannah went up to the temple and prayed with great weeping (1 Samuel 1:10). Her lips were moving but her words could not be heard so Eli, the High Priest, thought she was drunk. In her prayer, she asked God for a son and in return she vowed to give the son back to God for the service of God. Eli, when he realized what was happening, blessed her. She returned home, conceived and bore a son whom she named Samuel, "heard by G-d," since G-d had heard her prayer and answered her.

These three women have much to teach us about leadership and prayer.

– Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

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 at rabbi@ckielgin.org

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.

President's Message

but enjoy, just do not sit next to me, I cannot sing. Thank goodness my husband Paul can. CKI has people, all kinds of people. Whether sharing a service, happy events or providing comfort through sad life events, people are there. Sharing other experiences whether a school activity, a social activity, a community service project or just being able say hello, people are there. But part of belonging means participating, and when I was not watching, I became part of CKI and its lay leadership. Now I am its president.

I hope CKI can be that for each of our members. Let the community welcome you home, and let me know if there is something we can do to support that need.

Peg's CKI Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

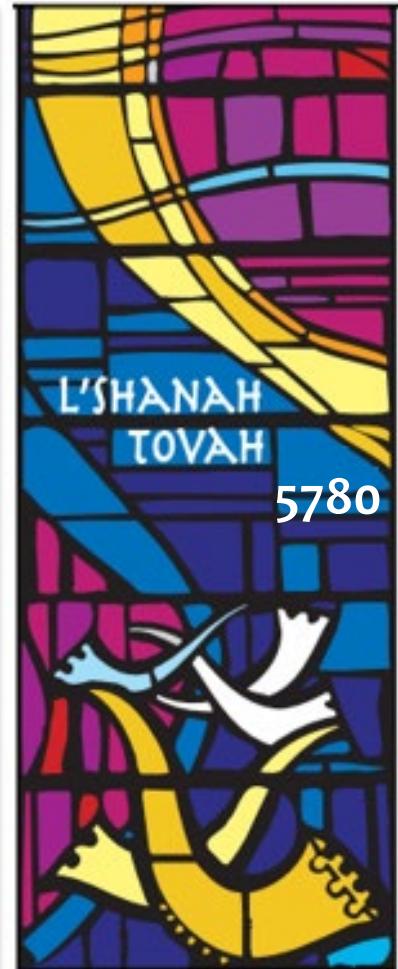
Tuesday: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM

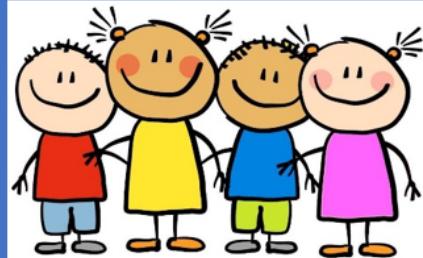
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To contact, call CKI at 847-741-565



High Holiday Child Care



Babysitting services will be available for the High Holidays:

September 30th (first day of Rosh Hashanah) from **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

October 9th (Yom Kippur) from **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

To take advantage of these services, **PLEASE CONTACT TINA WOLF at 630-377-1287, or ewolf59@comcast.net BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23rd.** Snacks will be provided.

When responding, please include your child/children's:

Name(s)			
Age(s)		Phone #	
Date(s) of attendance			
Food allergies			

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.)

CKI Book Club Schedule 2019-2020

Date	Book	Author	Hosts	Time
August 22 (Thurs)	The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris	Sue Johnson	7:00 pm
September 19 (Thurs)	The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict	Karen & Al Bender	7:00 pm
November 21 (Thurs)	TBD		Gail Borden Library	7:00 pm
December 17 (Tues)	The Zelmenyaners: A Family Saga	Moyshe Kulbak	Joy Werner Bang	7:00 pm
January 21 (Tues)	The Three Escapes of Hannah Arendt: A Tyranny of Truth	Ken Krimstein	TBD	7:00 pm
February 18 (Tues)	The Last Watchman of Cairo	Michael David Lukas	TBD	7:00 pm
March 17 (Tues)	The Trial of God	Eli Wiesel	Bob & Nancy Protter	7:00 pm
April 23 (Thurs)	Looking up: A Memoir of Sisters and Skokie	Linda Pressman	Jay & Carol Thor	7:00 pm
May 19 (Tues)	The Pearl Harbor Conspiracy	J. G Schwartz	Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman	7:00 pm
June 16 (Tues)	This Narrow Space: A Pediatric Oncologist, His Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Patients, and a Hospital in Jerusalem	Elisha Waldman	TBD	7:00 pm
July 21 (Tues)	Pot-Luck planning session		Barb Razowsky	6:30 pm

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

Numerous Donations

- Douglas Bakley

In memory of Susan Seigle

- Ed & Tina Wolf

Donations to High Holiday Flower Fund

- Helen Lindow
- Walter & Fely Arnold

In memory of Sheila Chinskey

- Barbara Edelstein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi's new home

- Sherry Wiesman

In appreciation of Rabbi Margaret, our friends at CKI, and the community support we've received.

- Susan & Jerry Goozh

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

Donations

In memory of Anne Smiloff

- Jerry & Susan Goozh

To Dorothy Perlman & family

In memory of Milt Perlman

- Ken & Gale Jacoby
- Dick & Sue Johnson

Special Funds

The following funds are available to receive 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)
- **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's various projects
- **Sisterhood Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur is \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf is \$100; Rock is \$1,000
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. (See the President)

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

September 7 <i>7 Elul</i>	<i>Shoftim</i> - Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 51:12-52:12
September 14 <i>14 Elul</i>	<i>Ki Tetzet</i> - Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 54:1-10; 54:11-55:5
September 21 <i>21 Elul</i>	<i>Leil Selichot</i> <i>Ki Tavo</i> - Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 60:1-22
September 28 <i>28 Elul</i>	<i>Nitzvam</i> - Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 61:10-63:9
September 30 <i>1 Tishrei</i>	Rosh Hashanah – Day 1 <i>Vayera</i> - Genesis 21:1-34 <i>Maftir</i> : Numbers 29:1-6 <i>Haftarah</i> : 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10
October 1 <i>2 Tishrei</i>	Rosh Hashanah – Day 2 <i>Vayera</i> - Genesis 22:1-24 <i>Maftir</i> : Numbers 29:1-6 <i>Haftarah</i> : Jeremiah 31:1-19

September Birthdays

Henry Schillmoeller	Sep 2
Ryan Rockwood	Sep 2
Earl Sternfeld	Sep 3
Gabrielle Atkins	Sep 4
Michael Popper	Sep 4
Liza Bachrach	Sep 6
Elizabeth Berger	Sep 8
Trevor Kravis	Sep 11
Vern Tepe	Sep 12
Bob Protter	Sep 13
Mark Kastner	Sep 16
Dan Marshall	Sep 17
Barbara Njus	Sep 24
Frank Gross	Sep 25
Steven Olshever	Sep 26
Brad Burker	Sep 29



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September Anniversaries

David & Kirsten Greenberg	Sep 1
Brock & Theresa Friedman	Sep 2
Ronald & Barbara Razowsky	Sep 3
Michael & Rachel Bloomberg	Sep 3
Dan Marshall & Liza Bachrach	Sep 4
Mark & Robin Seigle	Sep 4
Dan & Ilana Marczak	Sep 7
Brad Burker & Anita Hornung	Sep 9
Kevin & Sandi Phelan	Sep 13
Arthur & Wendy Shankman	Sep 13
Barb Maring & Bob Kulesky	Sep 18
William & Jana McFarlane	Sep 24

Please remember that checks to CKI need to be written to
Congregation Kneseth Israel.



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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: September 10, 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.

CKI Choir Rehearsals

The CKI Choir will be meeting every Tuesday night in September 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 and 9/24. All rehearsals are at CKI and start at 7:00pm.

All are welcome and we are always looking to add members. If you would like to sing with us next year, please contact either Stew Levin at (630) 531-7164 or Dan Knopoff at (847) 280-0227.

Toddler with Previously Blocked Esophagus Enjoys Solid Food for First Time

Two-and-a-half-year-old Yanki Leib Shetland had never eaten a carrot or a potato chip. He was subsisting on baby formula, chocolate milk, and porridge. It was no wonder he was so small and underdeveloped.

When his desperate parents brought Yanki to the pediatric gastroenterology department at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, he managed to surprise even the experienced physicians. The toddler had a tenth-of-an-inch passage in his esophagus, nearly a complete blockage.

Miriam Shetland, his mother, relates that from the time she tried to introduce solid foods at about six months, Yanki had not been able to keep them down. Eventually, he refused to even try solids. His neighborhood doctors suggested



therapy for an eating disorder as well as medications. Nothing worked.

A gastroscopy procedure at Hadassah, where a camera shows the esophagus and stomach in action, revealed Yanki's nearly closed food passage.

"We were astounded," says senior gastroenterologist Dr. Mordechai Slae. "No solid food could get through to his stomach."

The usual treatment for this condition is balloon expansion of the esophagus. "But Yanki's esophagus was so extremely narrow that it wouldn't stretch," relates Dr. Slae. "The next option was open-chest surgery, but children have a difficult recovery from this trauma to the body."

The global trend for reaching problematic areas of the body is to use an endoscope, an illuminated, typically slender tubular instrument that allows the physician to look deep into the body while only subjecting the patient to minimally invasive surgery.

Dr. Slae found a report in the literature of Boston Children's Hospital of good

results performing endoscopic surgeries in children.

My colleague at Hadassah Hospital, Dr. Harold Jacob, a senior physician at the Institute of Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases and director of the endoscopic unit, has been doing extraordinary esophageal surgery using a method developed in Japan, where there are high rates of esophageal cancer.

Two days after surgery, Yanki's parents were able to take him home. For the first time, their son ate a slice of bread. Yanki's mother describes a whole new life for her son. "Today my son eats bread, chicken, fruit, and vegetables. For all mothers, this seems natural and obvious, but for me, it's huge. Hadassah's doctors saved our son and changed my life and my family's as well. They treated my son as if he were the most important patient on earth. Who could have guessed that watching your child eat a sandwich would be such a joy?"

From Randy Heidenfelder, Great Plains Region Fundraising Coordinator,
RandyNote@me.com,

The Elgin Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring its annual sale of kosher one-pound round challahs (plain or raisin) for the new year, on **Thursday, September 26**.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

**SEPT. 19
DEADLINE**

Your order will be available for pickup at CKI on **Thursday, September 26**, between **5:00 and 7:00 PM**; **Friday, September 27**, between **10:00 AM and 2:00 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 Thursday, September 19. 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) @ \$6.50 each =

Raisin challah(s) @ \$7.50 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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P.O. Box 5866
Elgin, IL 60121**

**Payment must be received
by Thursday, September 19.**

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

Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service
Esther Raben	Sep 8	Sep 6 & 7	Morris Hayden*	Sep 20	Sep 13 & 14
Eve Rosenfeld*	Sep 8	Sep 6 & 7	Will Inesco	Sep 20	Sep 13 & 14
Louis Kaplan*	Sep 10	Sep 6 & 7	Shelley Mickervice	Sep 20	Sep 13 & 14
Dora Eisner Mitteldorf*	Sep 10	Sep 6 & 7	Pearle Brody*	Sep 21	Sep 20 & 21
Henry Lipofsky*	Sep 11	Sep 6 & 7	Marjorie Durchslag*	Sep 21	Sep 20 & 21
Werner Tuteur*	Sep 11	Sep 6 & 7	Sol Haft	Sep 21	Sep 20 & 21
Bessie Lipofsky*	Sep 12	Sep 6 & 7	Esther Levine*	Sep 21	Sep 20 & 21
Sara B. Meyers*	Sep 12	Sep 6 & 7	Morris Rubenstein	Sep 21	Sep 20 & 21
Gussie Tempkin Wohl*	Sep 12	Sep 6 & 7	Nathan Fishman	Sep 22	Sep 20 & 21
Dinah Fishman	Sep 13	Sep 6 & 7	Faye Rose	Sep 22	Sep 20 & 21
Morris Silins*	Sep 13	Sep 6 & 7	Sheldon Burstein*	Sep 24	Sep 20 & 21
Yetta Wolfinson	Sep 13	Sep 6 & 7	Irwin Gilbert	Sep 25	Sep 20 & 21
Elias Aron	Sep 14	Sep 6 & 7	Anita Rifken*	Sep 27	Sep 20 & 21
Irwin Chinsky	Sep 14	Sep 13 & 14	Walter Wolf Weinstein*	Sep 27	Sep 20 & 21
Dr. Nathan S. Fox*	Sep 14	Sep 13 & 14	Gussie Greenberg	Sep 29	Sep 27 & 28
Dan Gombiner*	Sep 14	Sep 13 & 14	Julius Raben*	Sep 29	Sep 27 & 28
Victor Marsala	Sep 14	Sep 13 & 14	Morris Robbins	Sep 30	Sep 27 & 28
William Joseph Gordon*	Sep 15	Sep 13 & 14	Seymour Yuskowitz	Sep 30	Sep 27 & 28
Dan Wohl Mayshar*	Sep 15	Sep 13 & 14	Joseph Zimmerman*	Sep 30	Sep 27 & 28
Moses Miller	Sep 15	Sep 13 & 14	Darryl Miller	Oct 1	Sep 27 & 28
Gishe Beila Sherman	Sep 15	Sep 13 & 14	Nathan Zuckerman	Oct 1	Sep 27 & 28
Ida Gross	Sep 16	Sep 13 & 14	Robert Zane, D.D.S. Fox*	Oct 2	Sep 27 & 28
Harold Eagels	Sep 17	Sep 13 & 14	Bessie Rifken*	Oct 2	Sep 27 & 28
Florence Miller	Sep 17	Sep 13 & 14	Alan S. Finger*	Oct 3	Sep 27 & 28
John (Jack) Marshall	Sep 18	Sep 13 & 14	Edythe Kulefsky	Oct 3	Sep 27 & 28
Lou Raphaelson	Sep 18	Sep 13 & 14	Lawrence Trachtman	Oct 3	Sep 27 & 28
Sarah Hold Klein*	Sep 19	Sep 13 & 14	Libby Lewis	Oct 4	Sep 27 & 28
Bertha Fox*	Sep 20	Sep 13 & 14	Jerome Schwartz	Oct 4	Sep 27 & 28

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 Candles		and HAVDALAH Candles	
Fri, Sep 6	6:59 pm	Sat, Sep 7	8:05 pm
Fri, Sep 13	6:47 pm	Sat, Sep 14	7:53 pm
Fri, Sep 20	6:35 pm	Sat, Sep 21	7:41 pm
Fri, Sep 27	6:22 pm	Sat, Sep 28	7:29 pm
Sun, Sep 29	6:19 pm	Mon, Sep 30	7:25 pm

NOTE: Shabbat ends 50 minutes after candle lighting time on Saturday night

Yom Kippur Memorial Booklets 5780

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 will soon receive 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 6th*. Your enclosed offering, which will be much needed help to maintain the Synagogue and Religious School, is greatly appreciated. If you need a form or have any questions, please call/text Karen Bender at 847-651-3209 or email akbender1@gmail.com.

Ritually Speaking

We are hard at work on our planning for the High Holidays. To make the Holidays run as smoothly as possible, we set and give out Honors in advance. These can be readings in Hebrew or English, Ark openings (there are a bunch of these), Aliyot, lifting and dressing the Torah, leading portions of the service and the list goes on. Our goal is to make honors available to every CKI member family. Once we have our lists together, we will be reaching out to you all. So, if you happen to see a phone number in a couple of weeks you don't recognize, it's probably someone from the Ritual or Honors Committee dialing you up.

This year, as part of our Sanctuary Turnover, we will be hosting an Honors Open House. We want any member accepting an honor to feel comfortable and confident with the honor – so we can take you through an “honors test drive” in a no-pressure, laid-back sort of way prior to the Holidays, when you do it for real.

Both the Sanctuary Turnover and Honors Open House happen on Sunday, September 22 starting at 8:30am. Please join us as we change our sanctuary over to our “holiday whites.” Like any CKI event, there will be treats. We’ll be serving – wait for it – apple turnovers!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Shalom,
Dan Knopoff, CKI Ritual Chair
cki.ritual@gmail.com

Save The Dates – High Holidays 2019 / 5780

Slichot: Saturday, 9/21, 7:00pm

Sanctuary Turnover Day: Sunday, 9/22, 8:30am

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, 9/29, 7:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Monday, 9/30, 9:30am

Family Service: Monday, 9/30, 4:00pm

Tashlich: Monday, 9/30, 5:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Tuesday, 10/1, 9:30am

Erev Yom Kippur: Tuesday, 10/8, 5:30pm

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, 10/9, 9:30am

Havdalah: Wednesday, 10/9, 7:10pm

Watch for more details as we get closer to the High Holidays.

What's New with Sisterhood

The answer to that question is almost everything. Let us explain.

Sisterhood was founded at CKI to be a voice and presence for the women. Initially, women had no role in the governance or the social life of CKI. Over the years, not only have women become members of the CKI board, but we have even served as President.

When the final addition of our building was added, it was the women who raised the money to furnish the kitchen. Over the years we have become so good at raising money, that we have added other fundraisers: gift shop, corned beef, flower fund, library fund, new year's greeting, and others. Money was used for congregational needs.

Recently, we have had an opportunity to reflect on the role of Sisterhood. In 2019 it is clear that we are no longer separate groups. We are one community. Therefore, most activities previously under the umbrella of Sisterhood will now operate as part of the Congregation. Men and women will continue to raise money, care for the kitchen, and provide Onegs and special events such as Break the Fast and the Community Seder.

So what is left of Sisterhood? We still feel there is a need for women of all ages to form friendships. We hope to plan lots of social events and are always looking for ideas and are eager for new blood to help plan. We also will continue to operate the gift shop. We have no officers but welcome volunteers to plan events.

Future plans are music night in a park, dinner, apple picking, cooking class, Chanukah party, movie & dinner night, pasta dinner. If you have ideas or wish to plan an event contact Tina, ewolf59@comcast.net Barb, barbrazowsky@gmail.com Sue, johnson.susans@gmail.com and Anita, shoptodrop1@comcast.net

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www.honeyfromtheheart.org/CKI or go to www.ckielgin.org, click on the honey link and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Order by July 31st, 2019 to avoid a \$5.00 per jar shipping fee.

For more information, please contact:

Karen Bender
akbender1@gmail.com
847 651-3209
Tina Wolf
Ewolf59@comcast.net
630 377-1287

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR CKI'S ANNUAL ROSH HASHANAH (NEW YEAR) GREETING CARD FOR 5780

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

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Please check your choice:

Name (\$8.00) _____

Examples:

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Questions?? Contact Peg Lehman at (847)741-5656
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Congregation Kneseth Israel

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**Please consider making a donation to
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It can be in honor or memory of a loved one,
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Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated!

Please make your check payable to **Congregation Kneseth Israel** with '**flower fund**' on the notation line.

You can then mail to or drop off with Peg at the CKI Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

From the Torah School

Shalom! Brachem Habonim! I hope everyone had a chance to recharge and gear up for the upcoming school year!

There are lots of exciting things happening at CKI. First, we started our Torah School year with a fantastic Judaism Rocks. There was learning the Shema, making a Shema pillowcase, cooking, decorating, Gaga, and learning about leadership! Everyone was so happy to see each other and get reacquainted and meet new friends!

Have you heard the buzz? CKI is piloting a new weekday Hebrew concept. We have listened to the need for more individualization and making a lasting connection for every learning opportunity. We are now introducing a 30-minute weekly Hebrew coaching session. This fantastic one-on-one time will create life-long relationships, individualized learning, and better learning!

Do you know a young child, toddler, or preschooler? Perhaps a niece, nephew, or grandchild. New this school year at CKI will be Blocks and Bagels. This will be an every-other-Sunday 10:30-11:30 parent-child class. If you know anyone or are interested, please let me know!

I am happy to announce our teachers for the school year:

Blocks and Bagels: Heather Weiser
Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st: Jordana Letizia
2nd and 3rd Grade: Sam Steinberg
4th and 5th Grade: Lila Chavez
6th and 7th Grade: Earl Sternfeld
Confirmation: Rabbi Margaret
Hebrew Coaches: Lila, Earl, Sam, and Rabbi Margaret

We are looking forward to a great school year L'Shana Tova!

-Heather Weiser, CKI Education Director

Young Professionals

Calling all young professionals aged roughly 25-36 interested in informal get-togethers with your peers.

Please contact Jeanette Pacanowski @ j.grosman92@gmail.com or text 224-321-4284 and Rabbi Frisch Klein @ rabbi@ckielgin.org or text 978-590-8268.

CKI Sisterhood Membership

As we approach autumn, it is again time to consider joining or renewing your membership in Congregation Kneseth Israel's Sisterhood.



Some of you may be wondering why you should join Sisterhood. After all, if you are reading this letter, you are already either a member of our synagogue, or have expressed an interest in learning about our ongoing CKI activities and events. Isn't that enough?

Synagogue membership is very important. But membership in Sisterhood is equally important. Sisterhood presents women with the opportunity to connect to one another – even though our interests, ages, and backgrounds may be quite varied.

As many of you may or may not know, Sisterhood has redefined itself as of late.

Because many of the activities that previously fell under the umbrella of Sisterhood will now operate as part of the Congregation, we now intend to focus on planning lots of social events as a means to strengthen friendships and enrich our minds. Sisterhood is always looking for creative ideas and is eager for new members to help plan activities.

Please also know that ALL women are truly welcome and you do NOT have to be a member of CKI or even be Jewish to join Sisterhood! If you know other women who are relatives or friends that would like to join our group and get involved – please share this letter with them!

So, consider joining Sisterhood or renewing your existing membership today by filling out the form below and returning it to the CKI Office with your \$36.00 dues (check made out to: *CKI Sisterhood*). Please note that no member will be refused because of financial difficulties – feel free to contact me to discuss this further. **It is going to be a great year – please join us!**

Tina Wolf Ewolf59@comcast.net 630-336-3983

I would like to join Sisterhood and have enclosed my dues check for \$36.00 payable to: *CKI Sisterhood*

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Please return to: CKI Office – Attn: Sisterhood Membership, 330 Division Elgin, IL 60120



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"And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days." Leviticus 23:40

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

\$12.00 per Corned Beef or Turkey Sandwich Lunch

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_____ I would like to make a donation		\$ _____
		Grand Total \$ _____

_____ I will pick up my lunch Wednesday, November 20, between 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

_____ I will pick up my lunch Thursday, November 21, between 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
(Pick up location – 330 Division Street, Elgin)

_____ Please deliver my order of 10 or more lunches to my Elgin-area business on Thursday, Nov. 21.
Orders are delivered between 10:00 AM and noon, unless otherwise requested.

SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

Corned Beef/ Turkey Lunch Sponsorship

We are working on different ways to make this fundraiser even more successful, and raise additional monies for our synagogue. YOU can help by selecting an item below to SPONSOR or asking local businesses to do the same. It's a great way to get the entire community involved! *Remember, every little bit helps!*

All our SPONSORS will be listed in every lunch, which will be distributed to 800 people.

Pickles = \$300



Rye Bread = \$200

Potato Chips = \$175

Matt's Cookies = \$100

Gluten Free Bread = \$25

Paper Bags = \$20

Gluten Free Brownies = \$15



Corned Beef and Turkey = almost \$4,000, so ANY other donations will go towards these expenses.

Please mail this completed form - with your check made out to Congregation Kneseth Israel - to Robin Seigle, 14N844 Lac Du Beatrice, West Dundee, IL 60118, or drop off at CKI, labeled CB SPONSORSHIP. Deadline is November 15th. Thanks in advance!
Questions? Email Robin at robin.seigle@gmail.com.

The CKI Corned Beef Lunch Committee: Karen, Tina and Robin

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Walgreens Debit Card (6%)	\$25	—	\$100	—	Lane Bryant (6%)	\$25	—	Bahama Breeze Debit Card (9%)	\$25	—
Whole Foods Market (3%)	\$25	—	\$100	—	Limited (9%)	\$25	—	BoneFish Grill (8%)	\$25	—
MISCELLANEOUS					Lord & Taylor (8%)	\$25	—	Boston Market Debit Card (12%)	\$10	—
Amoco/BP (1.5%)	\$50	—	\$50	—	Lowe's Home Improve (4%)	\$100	—	Bubba Gump (9%)	\$25	—
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Marathon Gas (3%)	\$25	—	\$100	—	Meijer (3%)	\$25	—	California Pizza Kitchen (4%)	\$10	—
SpeedWay (4%)	\$25	—	\$100	—	Menards (3%)*	\$25	—	Cheesecake Factory (5%)	\$25	—
RETAILERS					Men's Warehouse (8%)	\$25	—	Chewy's (8%)	\$25	—
Ace Hardware Debit Card (4%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Michaels (4%)	\$25	—	Chili's Debit Card (11%)	\$25	—
Aeropostale (7%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Office Depot Debit Card (4%)	\$25	—	Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%)	\$10	—
Amazon.com (3%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Office Max Debit Card (5%)	\$25	—	Claim Jumpers (9%)	\$25	—
American Eagle Outfitters (10%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Old Navy/GAP Debit Card (14%)	\$25	—	Cold Stone Creamery (8%)	\$10	—
Barnes & Noble Debit Card (9%)	\$10	—	\$25	—	Pier 1 Imports Debit Card (9%)	\$25	—	Dave & Buster's (13%)	\$25	—
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$10	—	\$25	—	Pottery Barn (8%)	\$25	—	Denny's (7%)	\$10	—
Banana Republic Debit Card (14%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Restoration Hdw/r Debit Card (12%)	\$25	—	Einstein Bros Bagels (10%)	\$10	—
Bed Bath & Beyond Debit (7%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Staples Debit Card (5%)	\$25	—	Jamba Juice (7%)	\$10	—
Best Buy Debit Card (3%)	\$25	—	\$100	—	Talbots (13%)	\$25	—	Kentucky Fried Chicken (8%)	\$5	—
Claire's (9%)	\$10	—	\$25	—	Target (2.5%)	\$25	—	Lettuce Entertain You (12%)	\$25	—
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Eddie Bauer (10%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Wal-Mart (2.5%)	\$25	—	Macaroni Grill Debit Card (11%)	\$25	—
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Gymboree (13%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	Dick's (8%)*	\$25	—	Panera Bread (9%)	\$10	—
Harry & David (10%)	\$25	—	\$25	—	J.C. Penney Debit Card (5%)	\$25	—	Pizza Hut (8%)	\$10	—
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Jo-Ann Fabric Debit Card (8%)*	\$20	—	\$20	—	McDonald's (4%)	\$25	—	Red Robin (9%)	\$25	—
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Kids/Toys/Babies R Us (1.5%)	\$20	—	\$20	—	Sports Authority Debit Card (8%)	\$25	—	Starbucks Debit Card (7%)	\$25	—
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September 2019

Shabbat Services -- Saturday Mornings 9:30am

September 2	Labor Day – Office Closed		September 18	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 p.m.
September 3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.		Alef Bet	7:00 p.m.
September 4	Hebrew Coaching	5:30 p.m.	September 19	Challah Orders Deadline	
	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 p.m.		CKI Book Club	7:00 p.m.
	Alef Bet	7:00 p.m.	September 20	Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
September 6	Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.	September 21	Shabbat Service	9:30 a.m.
September 7	Shabbat Service	9:30 a.m.		Selichot with MCJC at CKI	7:00 p.m.
September 8	Hebrew & Torah School	9:00 a.m.	September 22	Sanctuary Turnover Day & Honors Open House	8:30 a.m.
September 10	Order Fundability			Hebrew & Torah School	9:00 a.m.
	Java & Jews Arabica Café 59 Douglas Ave., Elgin	8:00 a.m..	September 24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	Java & Jews Blue Box Café 176 Chicago St., Elgin	11:30 a.m.		Hebrew Coaching	5:30 p.m.
	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	September 25	Alef Bet	7:00 p.m.
September 11	Hebrew Coaching	5:30 p.m.	September 26	Challah Pickup	5:00 p.m.
	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 p.m.	September 27	Challah Pickup	10:00 a.m.
	Alef Bet	7:00 p.m.		Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
September 12	Ritual Committee	7:00 p.m.	September 28	Shabbat Service	9:30 a.m.
September 13	Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.		Hebrew & Torah School	9:00 a.m.
September 14	Shabbat Service	9:30 a.m.		Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
September 15	Ha Kol submissions due		September 29	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	7:30 p.m.
	Hebrew & Torah School	9:00 a.m.		Office Closed	
September 17	Pick Up Fundability			Rosh Hashanah Service	9:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.		Family Service	4:00 p.m.
September 18	Hebrew Coaching	5:30 p.m.		Tashlich Service	5:30 p.m.