

August 2014 Committee Reports

Website Report – August 2014

I have removed the Senior Group page as there is no formal group at this time.

We continue to post a link to Amazon. Please use this link when shopping at Amazon and CKI will receive a percent of the sale.

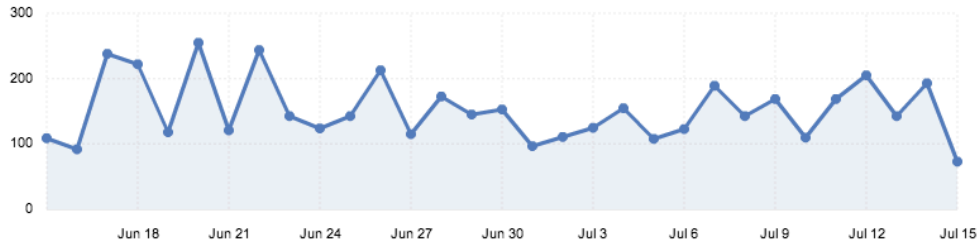
Be sure to view the new website for Prairie Jewish Coalition at <http://prairiejewishcoalition.org/>
And Prairie Jewish Youth at <http://prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com/>

Below are statistics showing the number of Pageviews per day for the last month, Top pages viewed, Search terms used to find the site and referring sites.

Statistics
Blog Comments
Form Entries

Statistics for www.ckielgin.org

Pageviews
Unique Visitors



Top Pages (this month)		Search Terms (this month)		Referring Sites (this month)	
Views	Page	Views	Keyword	Views	Referrer
799	/	4	cki elgin	61	www.google.com
236	/robots.txt	2	synagogues near wheaton, illinois	15	doska-vsem.ru
87	/leadership.html	2	synagogue in elgin illinois	12	semalt.semalt.com
67	/board-meeting-minutes--committ	2	congregation kneseth israel	9	vomalis.ru
58	/board-meeting-agenda.html	1	www.ckielgin.org	9	vk-mus.ru
54	/calendar.html	1	jewish temples near st charles il	9	kumuk.info
50	/contact-us.html	1	http://www.ckielgin.org/	9	el-vowano.ru
42	/newsletter.html	1	elgin synagogue	9	chimiver.info
37	/120th-anniversary.html	1	congregation kneseth israel elgin i	6	www.lozenkov.com
34	/rabbi-klein.html	1	ckielgin.org	6	www.fc-007.com
34	/about-us.html			6	www.2015god.org
31	/torah-school.html			6	venigreth.ru
31	/membership--embracing-diversit			6	soft-program.com
30	/youth-groups.html			6	shlyahten.ru
30	/donations--dues.html			6	sexvideo-sex.com
28	/shopping1.html			6	putevka24.ru
26	/worship--meaningful-observance			6	ngps1.ru
26	/committee-chairs.html			6	new-apps.ru
25	/sisterhood.html			6	musius.org
24	/order-a-tree-of-life-leaf-or-rock.hi			6	lampokrat.ws
23	/social-action.html			6	host-protection.com
23	/rabbi.html			6	fantasytown.ru
22	/directions.html			6	diesel-parts28.ru
22	/cki-in-the-news.html			6	brus-vsem.ru

Respectfully submitted, Liza Bachrach, Webmaster

YOUTH REPORT – August 2014

Movie night in June was hosted by FVJN. Four kids in attended. But it attracted 2 new kids.

The Topsy Turvy Bus environmental event at Pushing the Envelope was a huge success. Four kids from the Prairie Jewish Youth gathered before the program to enjoy a picnic lunch and we met families outside of CKI.

Elise Kleinman has volunteered to be a Co-Chair to the CKI Youth! This is wonderful news as Elise will bring lots of excitement to the group. I look forward to working with Elise and we look forward to looking for ways to improve our Youth program at CKI.

Lisa Gerlach has been accepted to Drake University where she will be attending in the fall. Lisa has been a fantastic CKI Youth Staff/Advisor. We will miss having her here but wish her the best at Drake and Mazel Tov!!

It's never too late to get involved with other Jewish Youth! Help your child make Jewish friends and solidify their Jewish identity. Sign them up for the Prairie Jewish Youth upcoming events! View our events and RSVP online at:

<http://prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com/>

July 20, Game Night

August 10 – 11, Overnight Camping at Pushing the Envelope Farm

September 14, Kickoff Bowling at Elgin Lanes

October 12, Sukkah Party at Pushing the Envelope Farm

November 16, Mitzvah Program

December – Hanukkah Party/Candle Making at MCJC

Thanks,

Liza Bachrach, CKI Youth Chair

Tree of Life

I am happy to say we raised \$5,070 this year. Since our existing tree of life is filling up, I would love to purchase an additional one. Here is information about a new TREE:

The cost for 300 leaf expansion and a newly created full size mounting template: \$3,300. Shipping & handling are not included.

Another option can be to create a template for the existing tree and

leaves including the 300 leaf expansion: \$3,850. This will allow us to

prepare the wall how we wish, and then remount the tree with the 150

additional on both sides.

so I think we may need a few “angels” to help pay for this. Maybe that can

be my goal for next year.

The Amazon fundraiser has brought it over \$300, would like to see that

become more popular with our congregants since it is “easy money”.

Thank you.

Robin Seigle

Education Meeting
July 15, 2014

present: Sue J, Ken H, Rabbi, Nina F, Barb R

discussion of table, chair, desk purchases-found a trapezoid table with a shelf for \$102.45/desk. Nina will relay the information to Joel Lent to see if he can get them. Order 12 for 4th, 5th, 6th grade.

Nina:

Calendar is done

Registration-everyone registered except 4 families

see attached for the following:

Last years' teachers salaries

Budget for 2013-14

Budget for 2014-15

Curriculum

Discussion of hiring Earl to teach Hebrew on Sunday and Rabbi teach on Wednesday. This is difficult for teachers and students. Rabbi and Nina would work with Earl and Marc on pacing themselves during the year. Rabbi and Nina need to break down the year so Marc and Earl will be able to pace themselves. Mitkadem will start from Day 1.

For a year we will have Earl teach Hebrew on Sunday mornings and Rabbi will teach Hebrew on Wednesdays.

There will be a Webinar on Mitkadem for the teachers. Rabbi needs to schedule it. Have 3 of the Modrikem students available so teachers can practice with real kids. We will have 2 aides assigned to the lab during the school year. Nina and Rabbi will schedule dates to discuss and plan the individual exercises for each Ramah in Mitkadem.

We will do a parent workshop on Mitkadem at Open House on the first day of school.

Chai School-Rabbi and Nina will report on this next meeting.
CAGE-Rabbi will be in touch with the organizers so that Nina will be able to go.

Jrocks meeting-July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi and Nina will decide what we do to do for the Children's Service for the High Holidays.

Picnic is being publicized by Joe.
Jana will put information in HaKol if we get it to her

Joe's requests:

Tikkun Olam in Woodstock does not have Torah/Hebrew School
Am Chai (Barrington Road) does not have a school.
He would like us to accept their kids into the school. No dues just school fees. We feel that we need to charge the full school fee plus the percentage that our dues cover the extra costs of the school (approx. 5%)

Change the policy that only children of members may attend the religious school. "Any family may enroll their child in the religious school if either parent is of the Jewish faith as decided by the Rabbi of Congregation Kneseth Israel, and they have agreed to a membership fee and school tuition; **or** the family or child is participating in conversion at Congregation Kneseth Israel and they have agreed to school tuition; **or** if a family (with no Jewish members) has paid an fee equivalent to a membership fee and school fees, and demonstrates respect for the Jewish Faith, and refrains from proselytizing any other faith to any of our members at any time."

Ken H will get us contact information on Patch (virtual newspaper) and Northwest Herald to put information about these topics.

August 19 would be the next meeting.

Pre-Kindergarten:
Graciela Greenman
Ezra Morgan
Liam Spagui

First:
Jaden Graffia
Ezra Morgan
Olivia Spagui

Second:
Rochelle Tremmel

Third:
Joshua Atkins
Sarah Bernstein
Mandy Bonner
Ari Kravis

Forth:
Gigi Atkins
Ayden Rockwood

Fifth:
Angelina Bonner
Alexis Graffia
Enrique Greenman
Eryn Lent
Isabella Lewis

Sixth/Seventh:
Jacob Atkins
Jacob Gantz
Aliyah Kravis
Elizabeth Lekah
Spencer Nicholas

Chai:
Shane Bonner
Sam Hillman
Katie Irelan
Sarah Klein
David Lekah?

Curriculum 2014-2015

Pre K:

Let's Discover the Alef Bet
Shalom Sesame (Holiday's, Israel, Shabbat etc)
Look at Me! Magazines (Core Jewish Concepts)

Kindergarten:

Sam the Detective - Reading Readiness
Teach me Torah Set 1 and 2
Jewish and Me (Fall and Spring)
Jewish and Me (Mitzvot)

First Grade:

Let's Discover - the Synagogue
Learn and Do Bible Book
Shalom Alef Bet Pre-primer
Sam the Detective - Alef Bet Mystery

Second/Third Grade:

Alef Bet - Ready, Set, Go Alef Bet (with on line component)
the Great Israel Scavenger Hunt
"Here I Am" - Workbook - Introduces Children to Journaling (activities and indepth writing exercises)
Building Jewish Identity - Volume 1 "Our Community" (option on line companion)

Fourth Grade:

Intro to Jewish History - with workbook
Building Jewish Identity - volume 2 " Sacred Time - The Jewish Calendar and Life Cycle (optional on line companion)

Fifth Grade:

Journey through Jewish History (picks up where Intro to Jewish History Leaves off)
Partners with God OR Living as partners with God
OR Building Jewish Identity - volume 3 "the people of the Book - Our sacred Texts (optional on line companion)

Sixth/Seventh Grade: (20 classes available)

Our Place in the Universe - Judaism and the Environment (7 classes)
the Holocaust - (6 classes - 1 will be to Holocaust Museum in Skokie)
Israel (6 classes)

*Robin Segal is going to do an Art project once per month.
for K - 3rd would be during Ruach*

Kings and things

Teaching Budget for 2014 - 2015

Number of Classes each month

	Sunday - Hebrew	Torah	Wednesday - Hebrew	Chai
September	4	4	2	2
October	3	3	5	2
November	4	4	3	2
December	2	2	3	2
January	3	3	4	2
February	4	4	4	2
March	3	3	3	2
April	3	3	5	2
May	3	3	2	1
Total	29	29	31	17

\$215 x 29 = \$6235.00

\$20 x 29 = \$580.00

\$30 x 31 = \$930.00

Total estimated teaching budget = \$7745.00

Sunday Torah:

PreK - \$45

No K - \$0

1st - \$45

2nd/3rd - \$45

4th/5th - \$40

6th/7th - \$40

TL Torah = \$215 weekly

Sunday Hebrew:

\$20

TL Hebrew (Sun) \$30 weekly

Wed Hebrew:

\$30

TL Hebrew (Wed) \$30 weekly

Tikkun Olam Committee Report

It is not what one says but what one does, but rather what one does, that makes a difference in the world. – Pirke Avot 1:17

On the second Monday of every month we continue to volunteer at PADS- four volunteers are needed each month. Contact Gareth @ femmeprov@gmail.com to volunteer. Our August 11th volunteers will be Nancy Zimmerman, Chuck Zimmerman, Fely Arnold and Elise Kleinman, a big thanks to them for their efforts.

Per our AED grant, we are committed to serving at least 50 volunteer hours at City of Elgin sponsored events over the course of the next year. We will be manning the Parks & Rec table at the Elgin Harvest Market on Thursday August 21 and Thursday Sept 18 from 8:45-2:15. We should be able to fulfill our commitment by volunteering both days. However, in the spirit of Tikkun Olam we will continue to volunteer at city sponsored events throughout the year. Please contact Elise Kleinman @ miss_elise@yahoo.com if you wish to volunteer.

From our garden we harvested 13 large shopping bags of lettuce and 10.5 lbs of potatoes, which were donated to Food for Greater Elgin. Various types seeds have again been planted so our garden will yield a second harvest.

The Men's Club Habitat for Humanity Build, on July 27th was a great success and though all were tired and dirty by the end- it was a fun day. Thanks to Rich Kruth, Simon Klein, Mark Seigle, Joseph Rosenfeld, Perry Pitzele, Rabbi Margaret Klein, Sue Johnson, Dick Johnson, Elise Kleinman, Paul Marsala, Barb Razowsky and Ali Irelan for all their hard work.

We have begun planning a PJC Mitzvah Day. The event will occur on Sunday November 16th and we will be collecting and packing food for military families, many of who live at or below the poverty line.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise Kleinman