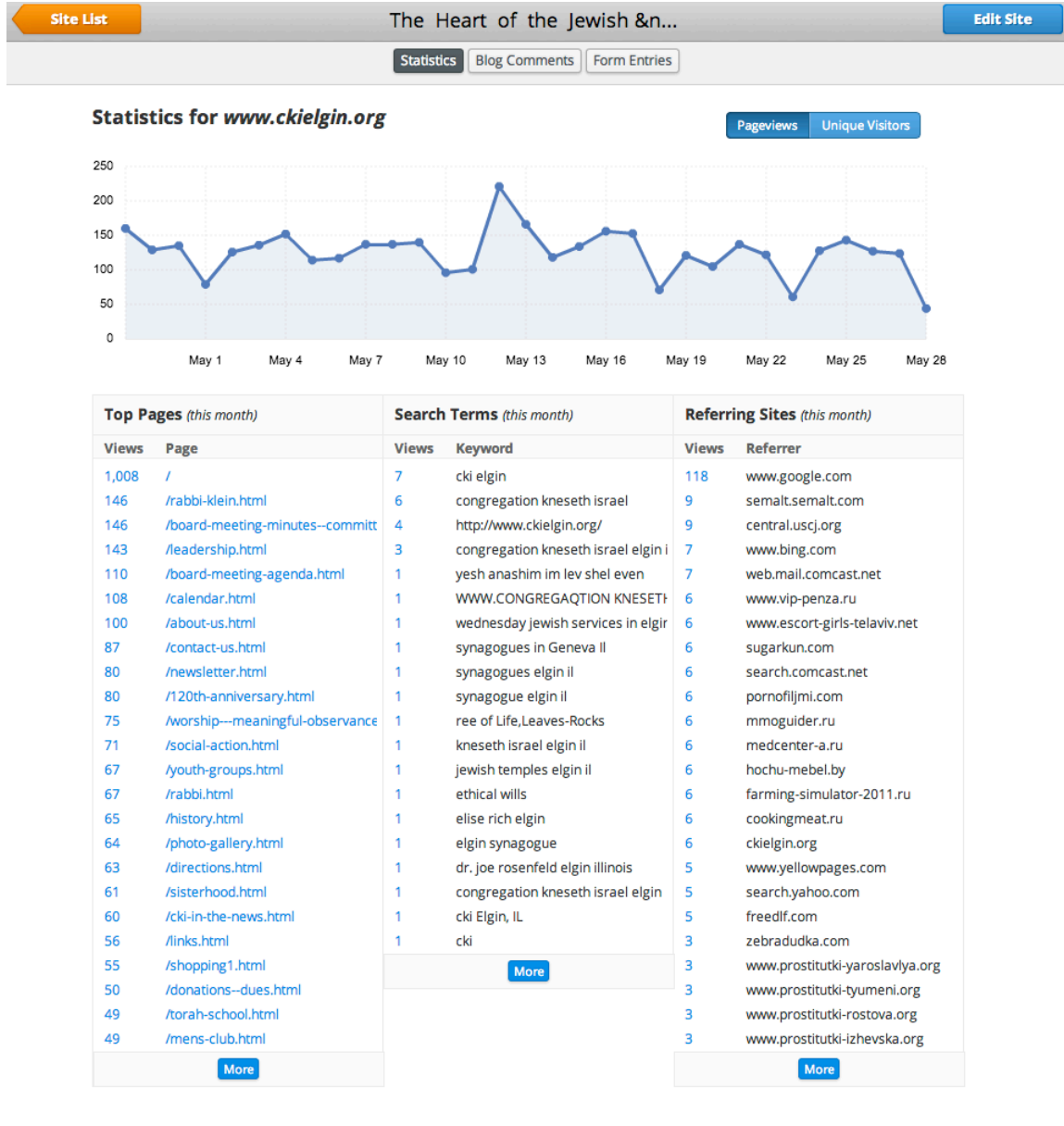


Website Report – June 2014

New postings include **Board Meeting Minutes** and **Committee Reports**, which can be found on the **LEADERSHIP** page.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,
Liza Bachrach, Webmaster

YOUTH REPORT – June 2014

The Prairie Jewish Coalition Youth Committee, which represents Congregation Kneseth Israel, Temple B'nai Israel, Am Chai, Fox valley Jewish Neighbors and Pushing the Envelope Farm continues to plan monthly events for our youth. We have decided to give our regional group a name, "Prairie Jewish Youth" (PJY). It has been wonderful watching kids connect from all these groups and it has been such a pleasure to work with the committee!

I attended a meeting on April 8 with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago along with the Jim Joseph Foundation to develop a Strategic Plan for Jewish Teen Engagement. Two possible plans were proposed. 1. A **Spring Break** program, and 2. **Joogle** – an online concierge service for Jewish teens. We should hear more results in July.

Twelve kids had a great time at Under the Big Top in April. We went Go-karting, played laser tag had pizza and games! What could be better than doing that and building Jewish friendships? Kids attended from CKI, TBI, MCJC and Chabad.

Several Prairie Jewish Youth participated in the J-Serve Program on May 4 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, as well as volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on May 8.

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!

Saturday, June 28, 7 PM to 10 PM
Havdalah, Movie Night and Ice Cream
at Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors
Geneva, IL
Details to follow.

Sunday, July 13
Topsy Turvy Bus
at Pushing the Envelope Farm
Details to follow.

August 10-11
Camping at Pushing the Envelope Farm!
Details to follow

See what we did and what we are doing next at:
<http://www.ckielgin.org/youth-groups.html>

Respectfully submitted, Liza Bachrach, Youth Chair

Tikkun Olam Committee Report

We had 18 donors at our Blood Drive on May 18th. A big thank you to all those who donated! We will be hosting the blood mobile again in November.

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.

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 had 8 volunteers help to prepare the runner's packets for the Fox Trot, totaling roughly 19 hours. This is a great opportunity to raise our profile in the city, and give back to the community that has been home to CKI for over 120 years! So look for emails about upcoming volunteer events with the city.

The Torah School students (and Joe) planted lettuce and potatoes in the community garden. Once harvested the produce will be donated to Food for Greater Elgin.

The Men's Club Habitat for Humanity Build is scheduled for July 27th. The address for the rehab is 484 Division- talk about acting locally. We currently have 15 volunteers for the event but would love to have more, perhaps then we can have rotating shifts.

We are looking at a Torah school Tikkun Olam event at Feed my Starving Children in Schaumburg because kids as young as five can help pack food, and they have special stations for kids younger than 5. Also this may be an event for the entire CKI community. (Wouldn't we all look great in hairnets?)

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise Kleinman

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Sisterhood Report — CKI Board Meeting, Monday, June 2

- Sisterhood Shabbat was, again, a wonderful experience. Thank you to all who attended and participated!
- We're providing the requisite blintz soufflés and cheesecake, etc. for the CKI Leil Shavuot Study & Nosh tomorrow (June 3)
- We are planning a Garden Walk through the Rosenfeld garden, followed by dinner at Paul's Restaurant on Tuesday, July 8.
- We have voted to no longer participate in WLCJ/JTS Torah Fund fundraising. An announcement with mailing and email info was placed in HaKol for those who wish

to still donate. Please contact Jana if you have any questions regarding this, or wish to donate.

- There is NO meeting on June 10

Respectfully submitted,
Jana McFarlane

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Vision Committee Report

The Vision Committee is meeting over the Summer to work on some of the issues facing CKI and will report to the Board as conclusions are made.

Adult Education Report

The Adult Education Committee will meet with the Rabbi over the summer and plan next year's calendar. Pleased to announce that Maggie Anton has been scheduled for Tuesday 10/21/14.

Both reports respectfully submitted by,
Gale Jacoby