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Save the Date!

April 27—Jewish Experience in Elgin @ Library
May 20—ESO Violins of Hope Concert
May 21—Chamber Music on the Fox Concert



From the Rabbi's Study

Passover. It's here. With much anticipation and preparation. It is the most celebrated of American Jewish holidays and eagerly awaited. And perhaps those words, anticipate, prepare, await are appropriate.

Recently I attended a study session from the Chicago Board of Rabbis taught by Rabbi Michael Balinsky. It focused on just one word, "Zeh," in Hebrew. This is a pointing word. Think of the Israelites at the shore of the sea who proclaim, "Zeh Eli, This is my G-d." It is a word sprinkled throughout the

traditional Haggadah. The question that Rabbi Balinsky was asking is whether it is pointing behind or pointing forward. Is it reflective of telling our children on that day what the Lord did for me, for each of us individually when we went forth from Egypt, out of the narrow spaces? OR is it looking forward and pointing to the obligation, the commandment, the mitzvah to eat matzah and tell the story through matzah, maror (bitter herbs), and pesach (the lamb bone)?

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President's Message

Hillel said "Whatever is hateful and distasteful to you, do not do to your fellow man. This is the entire Torah; the rest is commentary. Go learn." It makes perfect sense to maintain a civil society. I continued to think about what happens when people do things to others that are hateful and distasteful to themselves; what are the consequences. At a minimum we have hurt feelings, but it can contribute to the unraveling of the community.

It was essential that the sense of community be strong for our ancestors' survival. With the increase in antisemi-

tism, a strong unified community is just as important today as it was in the days of yore. People don't necessarily realize that their words or deeds are offensive; my mother used to say that people's tongues got in front of their eye teeth, and they couldn't see what they were saying. To keep our community strong, please consider your words and deeds and think about how you would like to be treated. Please remember that you might not need the "services" of CKI today, but someone else might. Sometime down the road you might really need CKI, and I'm sure you will want CKI to be there for you.

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From the Rabbi's Study...

What if it is both? Looking back and looking forward, with each of us a bridge. That may be the real power of Passover. We are the bridge between the generations that come before and the generations yet to come.

What is it that is so compelling about the Passover story? What is so compelling about freedom? In every generation there are new stories to be told.

I particularly like the reading, even before lighting the festival candles:

"Tonight, we participate as members of multiple communities. As Jews, the Exodus is our heritage...equality, justice, and peace are our dreams...

Freedom from bondage
and freedom from oppression
Freedom from hunger
and freedom from want
Freedom from hatred
and freedom from fear
Freedom to think
and freedom to speak
Freedom to teach
and freedom to learn
Freedom to love
and freedom to share
Freedom to hope
and freedom to rejoice
Soon, in our days, Amen."

In every generation, in fact every year, there are new editions of the Haggadah. There are new ways to

tell about freedom. This year the new favorite one seems to be *The Shakespeare Haggadah*. Yes, I ordered it. Every year I pick a new one to spotlight. A Sarajevo one. A Holocaust one written by Eli Weisel. There is a Harry Potter one. A superhero one. A baseball one. A Seuss one. A 30 minute one and those designed to help us linger over the telling. The list goes on and on. Each Jewish movement has one—actually more than one by each generation.

There are seder plates that have added more recent symbols—a tomato, an olive, a beet, fair trade chocolate or coffee. An artichoke. An orange. These may help tell the modern-day stories of narrow places. What would you add?

It seems the purpose of the seder is to get the children (children of all ages) to sit up and notice and then to ask the question, "Why is this night different?" It is different. In lots of ways.

Simon compiled our own family Haggadah, designed to ask and answer questions. Asking questions is a measure of freedom.

"You are free to ask, for questioning is the path to true wisdom:

you are free to question,

free to learn the answers of tradition,

free to add answers of your own."

(page 14, *Gates of Freedom: A Passover Haggadah* text by Chaim Stern, Rossel Books, 1981)

And then having asked and answered questions—it is time to eat. And search for the afikomen to root out slavery anywhere. And to open the door for Elijah with the hope that the world will be a better place. "Ours is not to finish the task. Neither are we free to ignore it," teaches Pirke Avot. Come celebrate with us. There are many opportunities at CKI, your community:

- Selling your chametz, the donations of which go to feed hungry people to fulfill the mitzvah of "Let all who are hungry come and eat." Due by April 5th
- Studying the morning of the first seder, April 5th. The topic of which will be the Four Children. Traditionally known as a siyyum, a celebration of study for the first born, you don't have to be a first born to participate.
- Coming to the Community Seder on April 6th, 5:30 PM
- Shabbat Morning and Festival Services, April 8th, 9:30 AM
- Torah School, April 9th, 9:00 AM
- Yizkor, April 11th, 7:00 PM

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein



To reach Rabbi Margaret, please call her cell number after 8:00 am except on Mondays or Shabbat: 978-590-8268.

In case of emergency (hospitalization or death) please call, leave a message, and Rabbi will get back to you promptly.

If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, call CKI @ 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can reach out and be of help.

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President's Message continued

I wish you and all those you hold dear a very happy Passover and a wonderful spring! Please continue to be vigilant to stay healthy and safe, please be happy and kind and always look for things to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne

Roth Scholarship

High School Seniors of CKI members in good standing are invited to apply for the *Jerome and Lillian Roth Scholarship*. This award is made annually to a student wishing to attend post high school educational programs - including college, university, and professional or technical programs.

Applications can be obtained from the CKI Office or from Maureen Manning. Deadline for submission of all materials is noon on **April 15**. The winner will be announced at our Congregation Meeting in May. For more information, please contact Maureen.



April 4th @ 9:00 am

Hybrid. Check your email or contact Rabbi
Margaret: rabbi@ckielgin.org for more information.

CKI Office Hours

The CKI building is OPEN
and Peg is in the office.
To reach the office, call 847-741-5656
during office hours, Monday—Friday:
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When writing a check, make it payable to
Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI.
Please note what the money
is intended for.
Thank you!

CKI Book Club Schedule 2022—2023

Date	Book	Author	Moderator	Time
August 16 (Tues.) Zoom	Day After Night	A. Diamant	Rabbi Margaret	10:30 am
September 20 (Tues.) Zoom	Gateway to the Moon	M. Morris	Risa Cohen	10:30 am
October 25 (Tues.) Zoom	The Dead Sister	J. Dunsky	TBA	10:30 am
November 15 (Tues.) Zoom	Revenge: A Story of Hope	L. Blumenfeld	Gail Borden and CKI	10:30 am
December 13 (Tues.) Zoom	Year of Wonders	G. Brooks	Nancy Zimmerman	10:30 am
January 17 (Tues.) Zoom	Red Sea Spies	R. Berg	Barbara Njus	10:30 am
February 21 (Tues.) Zoom	A Thread of Grace	M. D. Russell	Judi Tepe	10:30 am
March 21 (Tues.) Zoom	Defending Britta Stein	R. Balson	Anita Silverman	10:30 am
April 18 (Tues.) Zoom	The Daughters of Yalta	C. Katz	TBA	10:30 am
May 16 (Tues.) Hybrid	People of the Book	G. Brooks	Marianne Bailey	11:00 am
June 20 (Tues.) Zoom	The Sparrow	M. D. Russell	Myrna Rosenbaum	10:30 am
July 18 (Tues.) Zoom	The Observant Wife	N. Ragen	Judi Tepe	10:30 am

Generous Donations

GENERAL FUND

Donations

- Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman
- In memory of yahrzeits for Nate Niederman & Joseph Whalen**
- Jerry Niederman
- In memory of David Wener, a righteous man & a great dad!**
- Joy Wener Bang
- In memory of Barbara Sharf & Leo Wechter**
- Sue & Dick Johnson
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein on her ordination Bat Mitzvah & to CKI for 130 years! L'chayim!**
- Joel & Ellen Levy
- Maureen Manning
- Ken & Gale Jacoby
- Dick & Sue Johnson

Donors to Spring Fundraiser

- Charlie & Helen Neuman
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- Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall
- Simon & Margaret Frisch Klein
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- Glorilee & Patrick Harper
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- Robin Coyne
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- Jana & Bill McFarlane
- Myrna & Larry Rosenbaum

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi's 13 years since ordination!

- Sandi & Kevin Phelan
- Ron & Barb Razowsky

Special Funds

The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- **Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- **General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- **Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** See the President.
- **Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- **CKI Youth Fund** – Supports 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** – Supports women's group's various projects
- **Blossom Wohl Flower Fund** – Pulpit flowers
- **Sisterhood Vision Fund** – Large-type Siddur is \$50
- **Tree of Life** – Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- **Major Gifts** – \$5,000 and up. See the President

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions	
Apr 1 <i>Nisan 10</i>	<i>Parashat Tsav</i> — Shabbat Hagadol (preceding Pesach) Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36 Haftarah Malachi 3:4-24
Apr 8 <i>Nisan 17</i>	<i>Parashat Ki Tissa</i> — Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed for Pesach Two Torahs 1 st Torah Exodus 33:12-34:26 2 nd Torah Numbers 28:19-25 Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14
Apr 15 <i>Nisan 24</i>	<i>Parsashat Shemini</i> Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Haftarah Samuel 6:1-19
Apr 22 <i>Iyyar 1</i>	<i>Parashat Tazria & Metsora</i> — Rosh Hodesh Iyyar (day 2)—New month Two Torahs 1 st Torah Leviticus 12:1-15:33 2 nd Torah Numbers 28:9-15 Haftarah Isaiah 66:1-24 (page 1220)
Apr 29 <i>Iyyar 8</i>	<i>Parashat Aharey Mot & Kedoshim</i> — Leviticus 16:1 – 20:27 Haftarah Amos 9:7- 15

April Birthdays	
Deanna Phelan Smith	Apr 1
Robyn Phelan	Apr 1
Rich Placko	Apr 3
Judy Rubenstein Gantz	Apr 7
Karen Bender	Apr 8
Daniel Schlack	Apr 9
Otis Goldman	Apr 9
Nancy Protter	Apr 11
Sandra Rabin	Apr 17
Evan Steinberg	Apr 19
Josh Stober	Apr 21
Eric-Jan M. Ginder	Apr 22
Kara Morgan	Apr 22
Debby Poper	Apr 26
David Perlman	Apr 27
Alaina Trygar	Apr 28
Tina Wolf	Apr 29
Dave Weiser	Apr 30
Bonnie Bonner	Apr 30



April Anniversaries	
Bonnie & Shaun Bonner	Apr 6
Judi & Vern Tepe	Apr 13
Glorilee & Patrick Harper	Apr 23

CKI Cares Team

CKI takes seriously the commandment *Bikur Cholim* to visit and offer aid to the sick. The CKI Cares Team met in March, and we are prepared to offer a revised vision of supporting and serving our synagogue community. If you have a family member who has come home from the hospital, would he or she enjoy a visit? Does the recovering person need some grocery shopping done or perhaps a ride to a follow up doctor's appointment? Does your family need some assistance with Shiva arrangements? Know a new Mom who might need a little extra helping hand until her mother, mother-in-law, or aunt arrives?

Let Peg or Rabbi Margaret know what your needs are and they will contact the CKI Cares Team chairs Karen Bender and Judi Tepe and our volunteer staff will be in touch in a timely fashion.



YOUTH ALIYAH: A SHARED JOURNEY TO UPLIFT RESCUED DOGS AND THEIR TRAINERS

Hadassah Ne'urim Youth [Aliyah] Village is located on an enchanting cliff above the Mediterranean shore, a few kilometers north of Netanya. It provides a safe and warm home for 400 children from ages nine to 14, many of whom face emotional, educational, and family difficulties.

HADASSAH



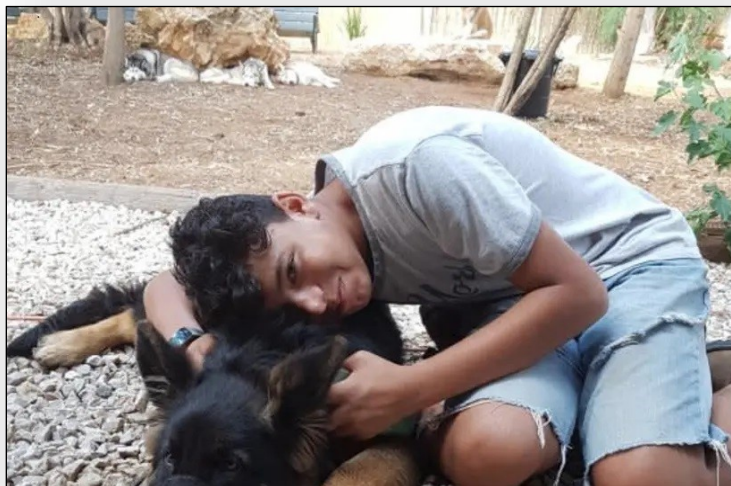
A new project is the Rehabilitation Kennel, the first project of its kind in Israel. This new program has the students

rehabilitating abandoned dogs and preparing them for adoption. It was established by Spirit of Israel, an organization working to reduce social gaps, and which supports Jewish Agency programs that empower children and teens.

Lidor is a 10th grader who came to live at Hadassah Ne'urim this year. Each morning he goes to the kennel to care for Dror, a dog who is terrified of people and suffers from severe behavioral problems. Lidor walks and feeds

Dror and, with close supervision, works on making him feel secure. The two are separated only on weekends, when Lidor stays at his home elsewhere in the central region.

"I volunteer at the kennel because it frees me," Lidor says. "Working with the dogs makes me happy. It's like a safe haven for me. Here, I forget all my troubles and just enjoy being with the dogs."



Lidor and his rehabilitated dog

The kennel's charismatic manager Reisel Feinstein, known as "the dog whisperer," teaches the youngsters how to care for the dogs.

The kennel takes in abandoned and injured dogs that other animal shelters consider not "adoptable," Feinstein explains. Many were in danger of being euthanized. Helping the dogs gives the children chances to explore their own abilities and earn a sense of accomplishment. The kennel provides canine psychological therapy.

At Hadassah Ne'urim, the dogs

undergo several weeks of behavioral rehabilitation aimed at renewing their trust in humans and helping them adjust to normative

environments.

"Our goal is for each dog to become easily adoptable," she explains. "Everyone benefits from this process—the dogs and the children. The children who work with the dogs, themselves undergo a therapeutic, emotional process, which is super important."

The first group of dogs arrived three months ago and will soon be available to be adopted and taken to their loving "fur-ever homes" – and then a new group of dogs will join the kennel.



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 April. 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
Kurt Jacoby	Apr 1	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Brian Baumann	Apr 19	Apr 14 & 15
Sandra Berman Bernstein*	Apr 2	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Karen Goldstein Goren	Apr 19	Apr 14 & 15
Alexander Isadore Newman	Apr 2	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Dan Knopoff	Apr 19	Apr 14 & 15
Saul Zavel Chez	Apr 3	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Marc Garson	Apr 20	Apr 14 & 15
Ida Louise Cohen*	Apr 3	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Bessie Silvian*	Apr 20	Apr 14 & 15
Rabbi Eugene Kohn	Apr 5	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Stanley Pinter	Apr 21	Apr 14 & 15
Bernard Le Vine*	Apr 5	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Carl Cohen	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Henriette Simon	Apr 5	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Anne Goldman	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Dr. Howard Ravenscraft	Apr 6	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Eve (Leah) Kucuy	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Irving Schwartz	Apr 6	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Copol Leavitt	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Sylvia Garson Karnal	Apr 7	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Nahum Mariasis	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Jacob Rifken*	Apr 7	Mar 31 & Apr 1	Pnina Mariasis	Apr 22	Apr 21 & 22
Edward S. Fox*	Apr 8	Apr 7 & 8	Marc Garson	Apr 23	Apr 21 & 22
Merrian Rifken	Apr 8	Apr 7 & 8	Belle Freund	Apr 24	Apr 21 & 22
Betty Snider	Apr 8	Apr 7 & 8	Sadie Lascoe*	Apr 24	Apr 21 & 22
Edith Ernstthal	Apr 10	Apr 7 & 8	Milton Nitzberg	Apr 24	Apr 21 & 22
Benjamin Rifken*	Apr 10	Apr 7 & 8	Herold Rifken*	Apr 24	Apr 21 & 22
Anna Schack*	Apr 10	Apr 7 & 8	Louis Vopner*	Apr 24	Apr 21 & 22
Linda Garland	Apr 11	Apr 7 & 8	Erwin Coyne	Apr 25	Apr 21 & 22
Leo Karnal	Apr 11	Apr 7 & 8	Herman Fischer*	Apr 27	Apr 21 & 22
Pearl Rosenberg	Apr 11	Apr 7 & 8	Sadie Salnick	Apr 28	Apr 21 & 22
Louis Wolf	Apr 13	Apr 7 & 8	Paul R. Fields*	Apr 29	Apr 28 & 29
Marion Braun*	Apr 14	Apr 7 & 8	Arthur R. Levine*	Apr 30	Apr 28 & 29
Bella Durchslag	Apr 14	Apr 7 & 8	Bernie Spies	Apr 30	Apr 28 & 29
Melvin Pitzele	Apr 14	Apr 7 & 8	Milton Wohl*	Apr 30	Apr 28 & 29
Andrea Schneider	Apr 14	Apr 7 & 8	Mary Fischer*	May 1	Apr 28 & 29
Lena Bochner*	Apr 16	Apr 14 & 15	Marvin Berger*	May 2	Apr 28 & 29
Otto Grenton	Apr 16	Apr 14 & 15	Theodore (Ted) Garson	May 2	Apr 28 & 29
David B. Rosenberg*	Apr 16	Apr 14 & 15	Sarah Pinter	May 2	Apr 28 & 29
Ben Mehr	Apr 17	Apr 14 & 15	Syrell Byk	May 3	Apr 28 & 29
Ruth Mintzer	Apr 17	Apr 14 & 15	Shirley Simon*	May 3	Apr 28 & 29
George Pondel	Apr 17	Apr 14 & 15	Ed Korn	May 4	Apr 28 & 29
Milton Ginsberg*	Apr 18	Apr 14 & 15			

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 Apr 7	7:07 pm	Sat Apr 8	8:16 pm
Fri Apr 14	7:14 pm	Sat Apr 15	8:24 pm
Fri Apr 21	7:22 pm	Sat Apr 22	8:32 pm
Fri Apr 28	7:30 pm	Sat Apr 29	8:39 pm

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

PASSOVER

- P** is for **PRACTICE**. One of the greatest traditions is the Seder where we share our traditions.
- A** is for **ACCEPTANCE**. So many different interpretations of our traditions and how we should send the message they contain (acceptance accompanied with questions/discussion).
- S** is for **SERVICE**. The Seder is a service to teach and ground all of us for better perspective.
- S** is for **SINCERITY**. The story of Passover contains many messages in different perspectives. Each can be presented as simple, humorous, or traditional. All ways are done to keep the message.
- O** is for **OPPORTUNITY**. The time to be with family and friends we have not seen for a while. The Seder can be a secondary opportunity for mending and strengthening relationships.
- V** is for **VISION**. To reconnect our heart and mind to the introspection which we had just a few months ago from the High Holy Days messages.
- E** is for **ENLIGHTENMENT**. The hope for a better future. To do so we study our past and hopefully it will put us in the right direction. The other option for “E” is for over-Eating. Thank you to Sandy and all who work so hard to give us a *seudat mitzvah*---festive meal!
- R** is for **RESPECT**. May this holiday help us respect all the different traditions, practices and messages that this holiday contains. In doing so, our love for each other, G-d, and our religion becomes stronger.



I am cognizant that we all are under pressure from many aspects of life. These everyday challenges truly test our perspective. I hope you are able to understand that you and I are in good company. Most of all, we need to be **GRATEFUL** for what we have. My wish for you is to have a Happy Passover, and may this springtime bring you more smiles and fuller hearts of happiness.

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
cki.ritual@gmail.com

From the Torah School

Shalom!

It's amazing how strong our school community is! I think we are stronger than ever! The strength of everyone was felt at our Purim celebration!

We made lunches for the Community Crisis Center. We heard the story of Purim, watched a Purim Spiel from our students, sang songs, played games, and built castles!

April 9th we return from Spring Break.

April 29th is Zachary Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah. He has been working hard, and we all know he will do a great job leading the CKI community in prayer!

As the school year wraps up, we are looking forward to what the next school year will look like. Our final day of this school year is Sunday, May 6th. (We will have something special that day, more info will be out as we get closer!)

B'Shalom,

Heather



Purim Carnival Fun!



A giant thank you to the generous members who have helped CKI
meet Robin and Mark Seigle's challenge!
Let's see how much more we can raise!
No donation is too small or too large!
Please help support your Jewish community!

CKI 130th Anniversary Spring Fundraiser



Help us meet our goal!

*Every dollar donated
will be matched by
Mark & Robin Seigle
up to \$15,000!*

Deadline: June 1st

- A very generous opportunity extended by Robin and Mark Seigle.
- Dollar-for-dollar challenge. Every dollar matched up to \$15,000.
- Help maintain CKI programs and physical structures.
- Help CKI continue to provide and expand activities.
- To make your donation online by June 1, 2023, go to:
https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=GJ8RQJFMLWYR2
- Or mail a check made out to *Congregation Kneseth Israel* at 330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120. *Please write "Match Donation" in the memo.*

Many thanks to Robin and Mark Seigle for their very generous challenge!

Community Passover Seder Returns



Note earlier time: April 6, 2023, at 5:30 pm

\$36.00 for adults

\$13.00 for kids under 13

RSVP to CKI by **April 2**

Your check is your reservation.

Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120

Menu Catered by the wonderful Rebecca Albert:

Matzah Ball Soup

Gefilte Fish Appetizer

Chicken Marbella

Vegan Stuffed Mushroom

Dessert Buffet

Come celebrate Passover with your community and leave the work to us.

Hear the story of Passover from the Haggadah.

Ask the Four Questions and add ones of your own.

Open the door.

Search for the afikomen.

Children and adults of all ages welcome.



SELLING OF CHAMETZ 2023/5783

In traditional Jewish law, we are not allowed to possess chametz, leavened bread or leavening agents, during Passover. Some families have the tradition of changing over their dishes and really scrubbing down the whole house. Think about spring cleaning on steroids. However, not owning chametz could put many families at an economic disadvantage. Therefore, the rabbis found a work-around. Any chametz left undisposed of could be sold to someone not Jewish.

At Congregation Kneseth Israel, we do precisely that. I, as the Rabbi, act as our agent to carry out this complicated piece of Jewish and civil law. This part remains the same. If you would still like to participate in this ancient tradition, I will sell to the Rev. Dave Daubert of Zion Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church all of our chametz, in our **houses, cars, businesses**, and the **synagogue**. I will then buy it back from the Rev. Daubert within two hours of sundown after the 8th day of Passover. As part of the sale, monies collected in the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for this purpose are donated in CKI's name to the Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Food for Greater Elgin, Mazon, and Ma'ot Chitim of Chicago. This helps us build bridges in the community and "love our neighbors as ourselves." Now, more than ever, these organizations need our help as they provide for the most vulnerable amongst us. "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I/WE, _____

Hereby authorize Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein to act as my/our agent, to sell all chametz located on our premise. This is in accordance with all rabbinic and Torah laws.

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Cars _____

Pets (since most people do not change over their pet food and most pet food is grain based and thus not Kosher for Passover.)

I/WE, _____

Understand that these products are to be re-purchased for our use immediately after Passover. Enclosed please find a check for _____, made out to Congregation Kneseth Israel in order to fulfill the mitzvah of "ma'ot chitim", gathering of wheat in order to provide all Jews with matzah. This contract can also be emailed back to the rabbi at rabbi@ckielgin.org and paid for by PayPal through the CKI website at www.ckielgin.org

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RABBI FRISCH KLEIN NEEDS YOUR FORM BY

April 5th

before 10:00 AM.

HAVE A HAPPY, KOSHER, AND SWEET PESACH!

Congregation Kneseth Israel • 330 Division Street • Elgin, Illinois, 60120

The Soup Kettle Scoop



Our next Soup Kettle, held at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, is on **May 30**. We need people to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00. We can work in shifts if we have enough volunteers. That is the “magic” word — volunteers. We need about a dozen people. In a world where there is so much suffering, it would be sad if CKI could no longer honor our commitment to the Elgin community by helping

those who need it. Please contact Judi Tepe: juditepe@gmail.com or Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com if you can help on May 30. Thank you!

ACTS OF CHESED

Thank you to those who have pitched in to make CKI warm and welcoming (and safe). Many times, things are done very quietly and anonymously, so if you did something that isn't acknowledged, know that your deed was greatly appreciated, we just weren't aware you did it—

Biana and Michael Castro - *Chai Babies*. Opening their home to our newest generation. So much fun!

Gene Lindow – Moving the old “coffin” door down to the basement for storage. Really appreciated!

Nikki Berger – Hamantaschen making! Truly delicious!

Danielle Lindow – Providing us with the annual Passover Wine Tasting during the Purim Carnival. Very spirited.

Melissa Margason, Heather Weiser, & Rabbi Margaret – Cleaning up the kitchen. A necessary task to keep us clean and healthy!

Nikki and Lizzie Berger – Scout Shabbat participation. You're definitely “good scouts!”

Helen Lindow, Judi Tepe, Barbara Edelstein, Anita Hornung, Risa Cohen – Helping with setting up, serving and cleaning up the 13 and 130 Celebration. You are priceless!

Jana McFarlane and Robin Coyne – Providing restroom necessities. Got to keep the place “going.”

Dan Marshall – Helping with the HVAC system. You warm our hands as well as our hearts!





Elgin Hadassah Presents April 19, 2023 7:00 pm *Paths from the Holocaust to Chicago: 9 Year Odysseys*

Bear witness as Gale Jacoby recounts her legacy
Hear the most recently discovered details of her family's survival



Told in person at Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120

Register in advance for ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZluduutrTwoGNzU9uaZqkdOnVah3awlGhlq>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

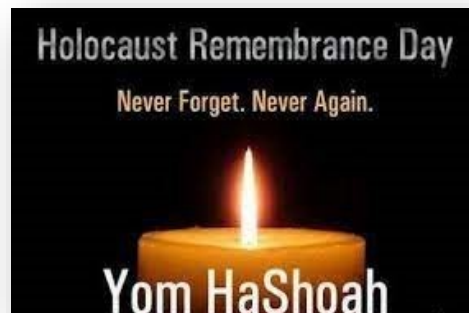
For more information call Congregation Kneseth Israel 847-741-5656

Men's Club Yom HaShoah

Men's Club is once again pleased to provide our members a Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle and invite you to join others throughout the world to light your candle on **Monday evening, April 17, 2023, Holocaust Remembrance Day**, in memory of the 6 million Holocaust victims.

This year, each candle will carry the name of a child who perished in the Holocaust. Please watch your mail for your candle and make this year of remembrance especially personal as we all pray to be inspired to find our way to better the world.

"THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO RELIVE IT."



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SAVE THE DATES JOIN US

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH-10AM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH-3 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH-5 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH-3 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 23-2 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 7-12 NOON

WHY JOIN US?

- Connect with other young diverse Jewish families In the Elgin Area
- Be part of the larger Jewish Community
- Make lifelong friends
- Celebrate Jewish Holidays
- Start Jewish traditions

** event locations TBD

FOR MORE INFO:
WWW.CKIELGIN.ORG



Zachary Evan Schwartz Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Evan Schwartz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **April 29, 2023**. Sharing this special occasion with Zach are his proud parents, Aaron and Mindi Schwartz. Also sharing this wonderful day are several family and friends from near and far.



Zach is a 7th grade student at Larsen Middle School . He enjoys fishing, aviation, gaming with friends (in person and online), playing the saxophone, and being a part of the Larsen Middle School Band and Broadcasting Club, where they film weekly episodes about the school, community, and real world events. Zach is also a part of the Larsen Middle School Principal's Student Advisory Board, with seven others, who meet up with the leadership team to discuss ways to improve the school. Zach loves to spend time with family and friends and his dog.

Zach writes: "Throughout my Jewish education at CKI, I've learned a lot of things. Though one thing in particular is that being a Jewish person is more than just knowing the history of our people. It is believing in the religion, even if no one else around does. Being a Jewish person is about believing in the religion, miracles, Torah, and celebrating the holidays. As I continue my journey to adulthood, I plan to keep practicing the religion and to carry it down to future generations. "

Zach's Bar Mitzvah Project

Hello,

My Bar Mitzvah isn't just reading out of the Torah for the first time, it also means I am becoming a Jewish man in my community. I believe that means that I must begin to help the community as an adult. The Torah portion that I will be reading discusses the importance of helping our neighbors and community. Reflecting on my neighbors, family, friends, and community, I have chosen an organization and project that is very important to me.

The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer, as we know it, for everyone. You can help make a difference by donating

even a small amount to this important cause. In the Jewish religion, Chai or 18 stands for life/luck, so I will be making a donation in honor of those currently fighting and to those lost to this horrible disease in multiples of 18. Hopefully together we can hit my fundraising goal of \$1,800 and make a small difference in the lives of others while helping our community. Thanks, Zach



Donation link: <https://raiseyourway.donordrive.com/campaign/zsbmitzvah>



About

Violins of Hope will be hosted by JCC Chicago and other partner organizations. The collection of string instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust have been painstakingly restored and are now coming to our area for cultural exhibitions, performances, and community education with a message of hope, resistance, resilience, and unity. Some of this invaluable collection will be coming to the Gail Borden Library April 24 at 7:00 pm. Please watch for more info about the community performances and education soon.

Events

Jewish Experience in Elgin with Richard Renner

Gail Borden Main Library Elgin Room; Thursday, April 27, 7 pm

Elgin's Congregation Kneseth Israel is celebrating 130 years! Historian Richard Renner will highlight Jewish families and culture in Elgin over 100 years from the 1850s.

A poster for the "Violins of Hope" event. It features the "Violins of Hope" logo on the left. On the right, the date and time "SATURDAY • 8:00 PM" and "MAY 20" are prominently displayed. Below the date is "HEMMENS CULTURAL CENTER". The conductor is "Matthew Sheppard, conductor". The program includes "JOHN WILLIAMS | Theme from Schindler's List", "MAHLER | Adagietto", and "MENDELSSOHN | String Symphony No. 10 in B minor". At the bottom left, it says "Instruments from the Holocaust".

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April 2023 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM, Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Apr 1	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 16	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Apr 2	No Torah School - Spring Break			Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 4	Java & Jews Hybrid	9:00 AM	Apr 18	Yom HaShoah	
Apr 5	Erev Pesach			Cki Book Club	10:30 AM
	Fast of the First Born	8:00 AM	Apr 19	Hadassah Presents: 9 Year Odysseys	7:00 PM
Apr 6	Office Closed for Passover Day 1		Apr 20	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
	Community Passover Seder	5:30 PM	Apr 21	Shabbat Zimrah Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
Apr 7	Office Closed for Passover Day 2		Apr 22	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM		Torah Scribe Neil Yerman	
Apr 8	Shabbat & Festival Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Apr 23	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 9	Torah School	9:00 AM		Chai Babies	2:00 PM
Apr 11	CKI Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Apr 24	Violins of Hope @ Gail Borden Library	7:00 PM
	Yizkor Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Apr 27	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Apr 12	Office Closed Passover Day 7		Apr 28	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
Apr 13	Office Closed Passover Day 8		Apr 29	Shabbat Service & Schwartz Bar Mitzvah	9:30 AM
	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM		Open Elgin	1:00 PM
Apr 14	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Apr 30	Torah School	9:00 AM
Apr 15	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM			