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Save the Date!

May 20—ESO Violins of Hope Concert
May 21—Chamber Music on the Fox Concert
June 4—CKI Blood Drive & Seztzer Music Concert



From the Rabbi's Study

HaTikvah, the Hope. The national anthem of the State of Israel. Hope is something I have been thinking a lot about recently. I am rereading the Violins of Hope ahead of meeting the author, James Grymes, as part of Elgin's experience of the Violins of Hope. The CKI book club read this book in 2018. At the time I thought that this would be a great book for Kindle, because then you could embed audio clips and you could then hear the actual violins.

Now we have that opportunity. If you haven't yet been to Gail Borden Public

Library to see the exhibit, Go! They have done a masterful job displaying these priceless instruments. More importantly, come hear them. There are lots of opportunities, particularly the weekend of May 19-21. Two of those opportunities are right here at CKI. The partnership between the JCCs, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Music on the Fox, U-46 and the Seigle Foundation fills me with hope.

I am filled with hope when people

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President's Message

Wow! CKI has really been a happening place. It has been alive with the sounds of laughter, music, and prayer. Simply Elton and the Community Seder were marvelous events. Where else can you find people ranging in age from almost 2 to almost 102 having a great time? April was busy and May promises to also be brimming with events for everyone!

I want to thank Robin and Mark Seigle and those of you who helped make the Spring Fundraiser a great success (if you haven't donated yet, there is still time).

Speaking of donations, we also need donations of time and effort. As you enjoy the wonders of CKI, I would like you to ask yourself what you can do for CKI, not just what CKI can do for you (yes, I stole the idea from JFK). I close with--please be vigilant, stay safe, healthy and happy, be kind, and find something to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne



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From the Rabbi's Study...

reach out to me or CKI about how concerned they are about rising anti-semitism, and they wonder what they can do. In particular, I want to thank Father Don Frye, who is arranging an ADL presentation in Dundee, as well as Pastor Jeanne Davies, Rev. Dave Daubert and CERL, Rich Dunne, Rep. Anna Moeller, Clare Ollayos, Pastor Patrick Parks, Denise Raleigh, Leslie Reis in Congressman Raja's office, Pastor Arlyn Tolzmann and Jeanne Tolzman, and the Elgin Police Department. Having a conversation more than once a day about safety and security is tiring. Knowing that we have friends watching out for us fills me with hope.

I am filled with hope when I hear our Torah School band play HaTikvah. It

seems all of our students who play an instrument learned HaTikvah in their methods book. They will play on May 12, May 19, & May 21. Come hear them.

I am filled with hope when I think about all that the Torah School has done this year. See Heather's article elsewhere. Special thanks to our teachers: Lila Chavez, Jeanette Pacanowski, Jordana Salinas, Sam Steinberg, and Earl Sternfeld. And of course, our Ed Director, Heather Weiser.

While May 7th is our last Sunday for Torah School, plans are already underway for school to resume in August. And we keep getting inquiries about students joining Torah School. The strength of our Torah School and the commitment of the

next generation fills me with hope. L'dor v'dor, from generation to generation. Music. Flowers. Students. Teachers. Volunteers. All of these bring me hope.

—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.

Rabbi Margaret to receive 2023 ICASA Moxie Award

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein will be awarded the Moxie Award from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) at a luncheon in Springfield on May 18. The Coalition will recognize Rabbi for her *chutzpah* in her decades-long commitment to serving survivors of Sexual Assault. She authored the book *Enduring Spirit: Learning to Thrive Again (Second Edition): Through the Spiral of the Jewish Year for Survivors of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault*. Rabbi will be recognized as a tireless social justice warrior whose efforts to improve the lives of survivors began in 1982 in Boston when she became 40-hour-trained in Domestic and Sexual Violence and then volunteered on the local rape crisis line during her senior year at Tufts University. She was a Hospital Chaplain during Rabbinic School. Rabbi is being recognized for understanding that in a culture where ANYONE is oppressed, in fact EVERYONE is oppressed. As a community activist she shows up whenever the call goes out to gather and to give voice to the voiceless, be it after the Stanford rape case, the mass shooting in a Charlotte church, atrocities imposed upon immigrants at our border, attacks against the LGBTQ+ community, the mass shootings at too many schools to mention, the shootings at synagogues from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles, and on and on. Recently, she convened a townhall on the topic of Gun Violence Prevention and over 80 people attended, including two Congressmen, and many other statewide, county-wide, and citywide elected officials. She was asked by our mayor to volunteer as a chaplain at our Elgin Police Department and is called upon to help in a variety of 911 calls including situations of domestic and sexual violence, as well as serving as clergy to officers and command staff. She is a tireless supporter of our local shelter, the Community Crisis Center, showing up, bringing food, serving on committees. She has served for many years on our local One Billion Rising Committee, called the "Long Red Line;" and she carried the #MeToo message into numerous public forums. Currently she is serving on a National Conference Committee ensuring Women's Reproductive Rights.

She carries her message of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world, into numerous settings including: Advisor to U-46 School District/Elgin Community College/Judson University; Elgin Cooperative Ministries; Women on the Brink; 16th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council; Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee; the Police Chief's Anti-Racism Advisory Task Force; Co-President of the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders; and member of the Leadership Board of Ascension St. Joseph Hospital. She has also been the recipient of other local awards including: Community Crisis Center's Partners in Peace Award; the City of Elgin's Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award; and the YWCA Elgin's Racial Justice Award.

Rabbi Margaret is tireless, she always answers the phone, and she always answers the call to stand up for those who are unable to take a stand themselves. Our entire CKI Community can beam with pride that her efforts prove how deserving she is of receiving ICASA's 2023 Moxie Award.

~ Maureen Manning

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To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

Hats off to the CKI Men's Club

It doesn't look as though we need to be unduly concerned about future roof repairs because our roof was literally



blown off its moorings as CKI welcomed Brian Harris performing Simply Elton. Brian arrived for his first set clad in Elton John's

signature three inch glittering heels, hat, and, of course, sparkling sunglasses. The audience of CKI members and plenty of guests, clapped and sang along with Elton as he ran through his most popular and well-loved songs. After a short break for refreshments, Elton sat for his second set, dressed in an elegant evening jacket and matching pants, hat and his signature sunglasses. Elton received a most appreciative standing ovation and he was most gracious in thanking members of CKI's Men's Club. All in all, a great fundraiser as we continue to celebrate CKI's 130th Anniversary.



May 2nd @ 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	10:30 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

Many thanks to the Seigles for their generous Match Challenge Grant

- Mark & Robin Seigle

Additional Donors to Spring Fundraiser

- Jeanette & Chris Pacanowski
- Kevin & Sandi Phelan
- Phyllis Guth
- Jerry Niederman
- Raul & Cathy Aron
- Harold Morgan
- Barbara Njus

In gratitude for CKI's Community Seder

- Olive Poliks

In memory of Leah Liss

- Helen Lindow

In appreciation for security reimbursement at community events

- CKI Men's Club

CLARA WECHTER EDUCATION FUND

To Deborah Sternfeld & Family, in memory of your mother

- Dick & Sue Johnson
- 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

May 6 <i>Iyyar 15</i>	<i>Parashat Emor</i> — Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31
May 13 <i>Iyyar 22</i>	<i>Parashat Behar + Behukkotay</i> — Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
May 20 <i>Iyyar 29</i>	<i>Parsashat Bemidbar</i> Numbers 1:1-4:20 Haftarah Samuel 20:18-42
May 27 <i>Sivan 7</i>	<i>Yom Tov Shavuot</i> Two Torahs #1 Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 #2 Numbers 28:16-31 Hatarah Habakkuk 3:1-19 Yizkor

May Birthdays

Ron Bass	May 1
Nancy Braus	May 3
Samuel Hillman	May 4
Marsha Nicholas	May 8
Leonard Kofkin	May 11
Wendy Shankman	May 11
Myron Goldman	May 13
Jeanette Pacanowski	May 13
Emily Neilon	May 16
Keith Nicholas	May 17
Karen Schlack	May 17
Wendy Barrash	May 17
Edith Harper	May 18
Jenny Trygar	May 19
Rachel Newby	May 21
Risa Cohen	May 21
Robert Bloomberg	May 21
Diane Agins	May 23
Al Bender	May 24
Terry Morris	May 24
Emily Burkner	May 24
Josh Rasmussen	May 26
Sarah Goldman	May 28
Blossom Wohl	May 31
Patrick Harper	May 31

May Anniversaries

Malcolm & Terry Morris	May 1
Howard & Kim Atkins	May 21
Dave & Liz Bromet	May 25
Samantha & Joshua Rasmussen	May 26
Chris & Jeanette Pacanowski	May 27
Aaron & Mindi Schwartz	May 28
David & Joelle Rockwood	May 30

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.



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HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION—A LEADER IN GENETICS

The Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) is a leader in genetics and hereditary diseases, amassing the largest genetic mapping database in Israel. The department provides genetic diagnosis, counseling for genetic disorders and diagnosis and treatment for metabolic diseases.



The Wohl Institute for Translational Medicine focuses on applied research for personalized

medicine, offering state-of-the-art imaging technologies for pre-clinical research — the first of its kind in Israel. Through research, The Wohl Institute promotes the development of dedicated medications and treatments and provides pre-clinical services to researchers from Hadassah's hospitals and other Israeli hospitals and universities. The Wohl Institute is a hub for studying models of human diseases such as cancer, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and metabolic diseases.

Human Gene Therapy is the introduction, expression, repair or

replacement of genes within the human body. Every time one of our cells separates, our personal genetic archive must be copied. Inevitably, bits of information are transcribed incorrectly, or fall by the wayside. Some genes simply wear out and cease functioning as a blueprint for the creation of specific enzymes and proteins.



Other genes may change, or mutate, upon exposure to radiation or certain chemicals or through unexplained accidents within our cells. A flaw in virtually any of our genes can result in disease.

More than 4,000 diseases are currently known to be caused by defective individual genes. Genetic diseases include Tay-Sachs, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, cancer, muscular dystrophy, Huntington's disease, sickle cell disease, and hemophilia.

As a practical discipline, human gene therapy is still in its formative stages. To be effective, gene therapy treatments must be tailored to each individual patient. Then a way must be found to deliver the altered gene into the patient. "Vectors" are the delivery material that injects the repaired genetic material into the target cells. Vectors can be composed of bacteria, altered viruses or liposomes, and finding effective vectors is one of the most vexing problems in gene therapy.

Help make Hadassah's life-saving research and treatment possible. Please send donations to the Hadassah Midwest office, or make an on-line donation at: www.HadassahMidwest.org/donate



HADASSAH MIDWEST NEW OFFICE

The Midwest Hadassah Office moved April 1, 2023. New address is 900 Skokie Blvd, Suite 295, Northbrook, IL 60062. The phone number remains the same, 847-205-1900.

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

Name	Actual Date	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date	Date of Service
Joseph Nerove*	May 6	May 5 & 6	Norton T. Burstein*	May 21	May 19 & 20
Molly Morris	May 7	May 5 & 6	Irene Barrow	May 22	May 19 & 20
Sylvia Greenfield	May 8	May 5 & 6	Melvin Frisch	May 22	May 19 & 20
Sarvelle Lorsch	May 9	May 5 & 6	Capt. Irene N. Wirschafter*	May 22	May 19 & 20
Herbert J Epstein	May 9	May 5 & 6	Allen Mintzer	May 23	May 19 & 20
Seung A Kim	May 10	May 5 & 6	Abraham Brody*	May 24	May 19 & 20
Abraham Wohl*	May 11	May 5 & 6	Elaine Friedman	May 24	May 19 & 20
Herman Goldstein*	May 12	May 5 & 6	John William Phelan	May 24	May 19 & 20
Ruth Zimble*	May 12	May 5 & 6	Ron Burstein	May 25	May 19 & 20
Marcia (Mendelson) Spies	May 13	May 12 & 13	Ruth Bachrach*	May 27	May 26 & 27
Bessie Fisher*	May 14	May 12 & 13	Herb Friend*	May 27	May 26 & 27
Ruth Bialson	May 17	May 12 & 13	David Goodman	May 27	May 26 & 27
Edward T. Brody	May 17	May 12 & 13	Morris Hartzman*	May 28	May 26 & 27
Alexander Seltzer	May 17	May 12 & 13	Burt Friedman	May 30	May 26 & 27
Larry Lipsky	May 18	May 12 & 13	Howard Hymen	May 30	May 26 & 27
Gladys Fox	May 19	May 12 & 13	Alyce Lesser	May 30	May 26 & 27
Robert Friedman	May 19	May 12 & 13	Rose Meza	May 30	May 26 & 27
Harriet (Shevelenco) Kass	May 19	May 12 & 13	Sidney T. Kramer*	Jun 1	May 26 & 27
Michael Fosco*	May 20	May 19 & 20	Ruth Phelan	Jun 2	May 26 & 27
Bryan Adam Rozansky	May 20	May 19 & 20	Al Zeman*	Jun 2	May 26 & 27
Harry Weiser	May 20	May 19 & 20			



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 May 5	7:38 pm	Sat May 6	8:47 pm
Fri May 12	7:45 pm	Sat May 13	8:55 pm
Fri May 19	7:52 pm	Sat May 20	9:02 pm
Fri May 26	7:59 pm	Sat May 27	9:08 pm

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

Ritually Speaking

Passover may be behind us, but that means spring is in full swing and life is renewed. Grass (and dandelions in my yard) are growing, trees have budded, farmers are in the field, and our own Jerry and Robin are planting CKI's garden. I know many of you are doing the same at your homes.

The ancestors who left Egypt were given the basic necessities by G-d and they complained. But I believe that generation was the closest to G-d for several reasons. **First**, they witnessed the miracles directly. **Second**, they were able to live and flourish in the desert, making the next generation due to G-d's intervention. **Third**, they were present at the base of Mount Sinai while their *Shaliach Tzibur* (spiritual leader) Moses received the Ten Commandments. I can't imagine how they interpreted the events during those 40 days while waiting for Moses' return—all their emotions and senses were tested.



Since then we have been blessed to teach our children Jewish traditions and holidays. At the end of May we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot—the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Many Jews have been counting the Omer daily in anticipation of this holiday. This may sound mundane or repetitious from previous articles, but my heart is directing me to say it again. I am not perfect, but I believe that the 10 utterances (better known as commandments) are the basic guideline for human coexistence. The majority of religious sects use a version of the Ten Commandments, and some cultures have modified them, such as the American Indians who incorporated “Mother Earth.” They talk of respect, love, and honor—clearly NO adultery, murder, coveting (which leads to jealousy). It's hard to imagine a world where there is peace, respect, and truly being heard!

Before Shavuot you can be heard, and you can make a difference for your CKI community. I am referring to the annual CKI congregational meeting. PLEASE make a point of putting this on your schedule. You matter and CKI exists because of you and your family. The board and our numerous committees would really appreciate your participation. Let us learn from you as you demonstrate your skill sets by being part of a committee that truly excites you. CKI is just one of a multitude of religious institutions that are in need. WE NEED **YOU**, not just your financial support!

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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From the Torah School

Shalom!

I was going to write about all the Jewish things to do as a family this summer, but instead, I want to talk about creating Jewish Memories! What an almost "normal" school year, thus creating many Jewish memories! Rabbi Margaret and I try to create Jewish memories for all of Torah School students and families. We try to create experiences that leave long-lasting, positive Jewish memories.

Our memories from this year started outside. We began even before the school year with an ice cream social prior to the ListenUp concert. The school year started at CKI with the music of the High Holidays. There was Havdalah, shofar blowing, and Sarah Sitzler on cello and Rabbi Herst on guitar. Next there was baking round challahs, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah! There were apple stories, games, creating storms in the Sukkah, and inviting guests from MCJC.

Thanksgiving came, and we hosted the Elgin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Some Torah School students represented and led everyone in song. Hanukkah brought a very sweet Hot Chocolate Hanukkah, complete with the authors of *The Boston Chocolate Party* on Zoom. We tasted different types of chocolate, said blessings, spun the dreidels. Lots of sweet memories!

January brought the "Thin Edge of the Wedge," learning about Tzedekah, and a drop-in Challah baking. February brought us to MCJC to celebrate Tu B'Shevat with a seder, art project, and planting! March brought Purely Purim. Memories of packing lunches, shaving balloons, and making and eating Hamantaschen still linger!

In preparation for Passover, there was cleaning, learning the 4 questions and all about the four sons. Who could forget burning the chametz outside before leaving for spring break! Lots of memories!

April brought us Neil Yerman. It is such a special moment to learn from a Torah scribe and write, with help, in a Torah scroll. A real legacy and a generation-to-generation moment. May 7th will be our last day of Torah School for the school year!

There are so many Mitzvah celebrations. Zachary S (April 29), Emma B (May 20), Abi M (July 17), Ezra M (July 24), and Lizzie B (Sept 2) have been learning and even teaching us all a thing or two! There has been the inception of the Torah School band. You should hear them play Hatikvah. You have the opportunity on May 12, May 19, and May 21.

In the Talmud there is a statement, "I have learned much from my teachers. I have learned more from my colleagues than my teachers. But I have learned more from my students than from all of them." Thank you for loaning us your children to teach us so much this year!

If you are interested in continuing your child's Hebrew Coaching over the summer, let me know! We are in the process of formalizing what it will look like!

Of course, thank you to our school teachers: Lila Chavez, Jeanette Pacanowski, Jordana Salinas, Sam Steinberg, and Earl Sternfeld and Rabbi Margaret. Thank you to Jacob Bromet for all of his help volunteering the last two years! We hope you visit us during your college breaks!

We are beginning to plan for the next school year. Watch for a survey to come your way! If you know anyone interested in our hands-on, Jewish memory-making, social Torah School, send them my way!

Shalom,

Heather

CHAI BABIES @ CKI

Congregation Kneseth Israel Elgin

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



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. **We need 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—

Jana McFarlane - Providing much-needed and essential office supplies. Really helpful!

Anita Hornung, Robin Coyne, Kathy Lange – Making CKI so beautiful for our wonderful Community Seder. A visual feast!

Sue Johnson, Risa Cohen, Rabbi Margaret, Gale Jacoby — Helping to prepare the Violins of Hope dinner. Hospitality is a mitzvah!

Judi Tepe – Delivering Passover baskets. CKI Cares in action.

Gale Jacoby – Sharing her *Pathways to Chicago* presentation. So well done and moving!

Simon Klein – Hosting Sofer Neil Yerman. Gracious hospitality!

Ken Jacoby & Men's Club – Providing us with Yom HaShoah candles. We must always remember!



Praise for CKI Community Seder

Dear CKI,

What a wonderful evening together—to celebrate together. The tables were so beautifully set (I loved the frogs!)—with matching everything! The food was delicious (I waddled out of there and very happy!) Your congregation was so welcoming to us. Thanks for everything! You pulled off a well-organized, well-implemented feast! And many thanks for finding a ride from Batavia for me.

Olive Polik

Thank you for sharing this letter. She was right on the mark with the wonderful food prepared by our beautiful, Becky, Passover seder with meaning and beauty by you, our Rabbi, and gathering of the tables with helping, wonderful hands and assisting by Ms. Coyne. Let's not forget, our dear Peg, who is our bloodline at CKI!

*Shalom,
Anita Hornung*



L'Dor v'Dor: Three generations of the Lindow family write in the Torah with Sofer Neil Yerman's help.

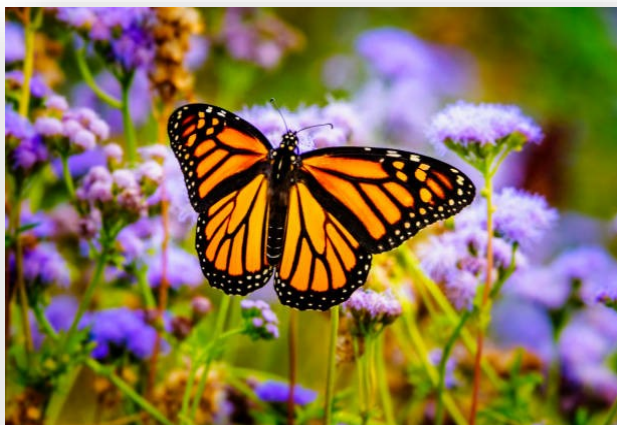
Emma Bromet Bat Mitzvah

Emma Bromet will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **May 20th, 2023**.

Emma is a seventh grader in the Chinese Immersion Program at Station Middle School in Barrington. She enjoys running on the track team, playing volleyball, skiing, acting in school plays, and participating in Scouts.

Sharing this special occasion with Emma are her proud parents Dave and Liz Bromet, and her brothers, Max, Zach and Jacob, along with her beloved pets, Bailey and Meelo! Also sharing this wonderful day are her grandparents, Steve and Bev Bromet and Bob and Deb Street, along with relatives and friends from near and far!

Emma has learned from her Jewish education that Judaism is full of traditions, stories, and lessons to be explored with friends and family.



Emma's Bat Mitzvah Project

For her Mitzvah project, Emma will be building a butterfly garden at CKI to provide a habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinating insects and a beautiful, peaceful spot for people to slow down and connect to nature.



About

Violins of Hope is 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 in our area for cultural exhibitions, performances, and community education with a message of hope, resistance, resilience, and unity.

Events



Lost Voices Sunday • May 21 • 3:00 pm at CKI



Join us on May 21st for a program dedicated to the music and memory of artists who perished in the Holocaust. Lost Voices will include music by Gideon Klein and Ilse Weber, who both perished in the Holocaust, as well as Andre Previn's Clarinet Quintet, a contemporary work that was composed as a living memorial to the musicians of the Terezin concentration camp. The program will also

include an excerpt from Oliver Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time.

Lost voices was made possible by the support of the Seigle Foundation.



Defiant Requiem: Film Screening

31 Tuesday, May 2, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

📍 Main Library - Meadows Community Rooms ABC

The true story of a courageous conductor in the Terezin concentration camp who led 150 fellow prisoners to learn and perform Verdi's Requiem during the darkest days of WWII.

[Register](#)

Hemmens Concert

31 Thursday, May 18

📍 Hemmens Cultural Center of Elgin - 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120

This concert is performed by ESO's string quartet on the Violins of Hope and up to 24 music students with visiting students from area high and middle schools.

Open to students only.

Members of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra Performing on the Violins of Hope

With Guest Conductor Matthew Sheppard

31 Saturday, May 20, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

📍 Hemmens Cultural Center of Elgin - 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120

The concert will begin at 8 pm with a pre-concert chat with author James A. Grymes starts at 7 pm

The concert will include "Theme from *Schindler's List*" by John Williams, as well as music by Mahler and Mendelssohn.

Tickets \$20, 40, 65, Students \$10

Go to <https://www.elginsymphony.org/> or Call: 847-888-4000

Box Office Hours: T-F 10-3 at the ESO Office, 20 DuPage Court, Elgin, IL 60120

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May Events

The Thin Edge Of The Wedge

31 Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

📍 Main Library - Meadows Community Rooms ABC

Drama students from South Elgin High School perform former Elgin resident Phyllis Zimble Miller's play, which brings to life the words of Holocaust survivors.

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Violins of Hope Author Talk

With James A. Grymes

31 Saturday, May 20, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

📍 Main Library

Meet James Grymes, critically acclaimed author and a dynamic speaker. He will discuss his award-winning book, *Violins of Hope*.

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Lost Voices

31 Sunday, May 21, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

📍 Congregation Kneseth Israel - 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120

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Concert Sponsors: JCC Chicago/Violins of Hope; Seigle Foundation, Gail Borden Public Library, Congregation Kneseth Israel, Palmer Foundation.

Tickets are Free but require reservation:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lost-voices-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lost-voices-tickets-601876046457)

[601876046457](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lost-voices-tickets-601876046457) Website page:

<https://www.chambermusiconthefox.org/concert/lost-voices/>

[Visit Website](#)

Violins of Hope Tickets for May 20 ESO Concert @ 8:00 PM

Violins of Hope concert on Saturday, May 20, at 8:00 PM in Hemmens Auditorium will provide a unique opportunity for patrons to hear Elgin Symphony musicians present a program that features several vintage instruments from a large collection repaired and refurbished by a luthier in Tel Aviv, Israel. These instruments belonged to Jewish musicians prior to World War II and were carried into concentration camps throughout eastern Europe by Jews who had been rounded up and transported from their home cities. During the war years these instruments were often played for the entertainment of visiting dignitaries and Nazi officers. Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin currently has a variety of these treasured instruments on display until mid-summer; tours for individuals and groups can be arranged through the GBPL website.

Two blocks of tickets have been set aside for purchase through the Elgin Symphony Box Office by Congregation Kneseth Israel members and friends. Prices include \$40 tickets on the south side of the main floor, with \$65 tickets adjacent to that area beginning seven rows from the stage and extending into the middle of those rows. There will also be a block of \$20 tickets in the balcony. Payment and delivery of tickets will be arranged directly with Box Office personnel. **Call ESO Box Office: 847-888-0404.**

Elgin community members are encouraged to attend and to spread the word to those beyond. Gail Borden Public Library has events listed on their website with several opportunities to see and hear these instruments.

Todah rabbah, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, for your dedication and passionate work to bring the Violins of Hope to Elgin! The exhibit at the Gail Borden Library is astounding, and we hope CKI members will take the opportunity to see the exhibit and hear the Violins during their tour of Elgin. We appreciate all of your effort, Rabbi and donors!

CKI AND HADASSAH CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 75th ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

HADASSAH



On Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m. Shabbat will be welcomed with Israeli melodies played by our own Stew Levin, HADASSAH Associate and musician extraordinaire.

Natalie Silverman, a HADASSAH Great Plains Region officer and a member of HADASSAH'S National Council, will be speaking on this occasion about the supportive and collaborative relationship between Israel and Hadassah.

HADASSAH Members and Associates are encouraged to volunteer to play a role in this Sabbath service (Hebrew or English, your choice) whether attending in person or via Zoom. Please contact Nancy Zimmerman at (847) 828-6090 to make your selection. Your participation is welcome and encouraged. I look forward to hearing from you.

~Nancy Zimmerman



*"Alone we can do so little; together,
we can do so much."*

- Helen Keller

Dear Congregation Kneseth Israel,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and clients of the Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center, Inc. thank you for your generous donation of lunch bags on 03/05/2023. Your support provides essential needs to individuals and families in crisis.

Each year the Crisis Center responds to the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and financial crisis. Services include a 24-hour hotline, a 40-bed shelter for women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems. Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Crisis Center has grown to serve nearly 4,000 people each year.

The Community Crisis Center is committed to providing essential needs to our community. We are indeed fortunate to have individuals, organizations, and businesses as partners working to make a difference in the lives of others. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Warm Regards,

Maureen Manning
Executive Director

P.S. Current tax laws require us to state that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, making it tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Community Crisis Center, Inc., EIN 36-2855797, is a tax-exempt organization outlined in Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. You, the donor, determine the value of donated item(s). Please retain this letter as your official receipt for tax purposes.

Donation Details

Organization Name: Congregation Kneseth Israel

Contact Name: Perry Pitzele

Description of Donated Items or Services: lunch bags

Donation Date: 03/05/2023

Visit our website, www.crisiscenter.org, for our latest news & needs.

PO Box 1390 Elgin IL 60121-1390 Bus Line: 847-742-4088 Crisis Line: 847-697-2380 Fax: 847-742-4182 TTY: 847-742-4057

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

May 2	Java & Jews Hybrid	9:00 AM	May 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
	Defiant Requiem @ Gail Borden Lib	6:30 PM	May 16	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
May 3	Prayer Book Hebrew	5:30 PM	May 17	Prayer Book Hebrew	5:30 PM
May 4	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	May 18	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
May 5	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	May 19	Shabbat Service Dedication Violins of Hope	7:00 PM
May 6	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	May 20	Shabbat Service & Bromet Bat Mitzvah	9:30 AM
May 7	Last Day of Torah School	9:00 AM	May 21	Chamber Music Concert/Violins of Hope	3:00 PM
	Chai Babies	2:00 PM	May 24	Prayer Book Hebrew	5:30 PM
May 9	Thin Edge of the Wedge @ GBPL	6:30 PM	May 25	Erev Shavuot	
	Congregation Annual Meeting	7:00 PM	May 26	Shavuot	
May 10	Prayer Book Hebrew	5:30 PM		Shabbat Service & Festival Service	7:00 PM
May 11	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	May 27	Shabbat, Festival, & Yizkor Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
May 12	Shabbat Service with Hadassah	7:00 PM	May 29	Office Closed - Memorial Day	
May 13	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	May 30	Soup Kettle	3:30 PM