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Save the Date!

June 4—CKI Blood Drive
July 22—Morgan Bar Mitzvah
July 29—Marczak Bat Mitzvah



From the Rabbi's Study

June brings with it a change of pace. It is a chance to catch your breath. A summertime Sabbath for the soul.

Sit outside. Read a book. Marvel at a sunset. Spend time in a garden. Listen to music outside under the stars. Take a trip. As we tell the kids, using a song Rabbi Larry Milder wrote, "Wherever you go, there's always someone Jewish." It can be enriching, meaningful to visit a different synagogue. Find a Jewish deli. Read a Jewish book. It is a way to stay connected. Enjoy. Make it fun.

Staying connected is important. Judaism is as much about community and relationships as it is about services, Torah School, and programming.

It is also the last month of CKI's fiscal year. And plans are well underway for next year. The annual meeting has transpired, and the new board and officers have been elected. The ritual committee has met. The choir has begun rehearsing. The Torah School calendar is finalized. These are all good things.

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President's Message

In May, CKI's cup "runneth over with joy!" At the Annual Meeting our

fantastic officers agreed to stay on to support CKI: Jerry Niederman, Charlie Neuman, Sandi Phelan and Barbara Edelstein. In addition, the following have agreed to fill the open positions on the Board: Gale Jacoby, Maureen Manning, Jenny Trygar, and Melissa Margason. All were elected by the membership unanimously (Yes, I was too!). I consider them great partners in helping to keep CKI going, and I extend a warm Mazel Tov to all of

them. I also want to thank Dan Marshall for his dedicated service to the CKI Board (he still helps me out a LOT with the building!).

Now, on to the fun stuff! CKI is blessed to be able to participate in *Violins of Hope*, including hearing these precious instruments in the CKI sanctuary twice! CKI also had two B' Mitzvahs (one was actually late April!) in 30 days with two of our wonderful children stepping up to adulthood. They represent a brilliant future!

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From the Rabbi's Study...

This past year has been amazing. So many good events. So many things to celebrate, the 130th anniversary being one. Or many. As I said back at the High Holy Days, it is great to survive to 130, but we need to continue to thrive. What does that look like?

As part of my annual report, I said it all begins with Torah. Now Torah can be many things. It can be the sefer Torah, the Torah scroll itself which we call an *etz chayyim*, a tree of life. It can be the instruction in the Torah, the commandments, the rules, the statutes, the values. The stories. And each of us writes the Torah of our own lives.

According to tradition, the 613th commandment is that each person

should write a Torah scroll. We had the opportunity to have every member do this recently, from the very youngest Castro baby to our oldest members when Sofer Neil Yerman was here to help us repair one of our scrolls. It was a very meaningful morning when we had three generations of some families writing in a scroll donated by the Zimblar family years ago. That scroll has elements from all around the Mediterranean—Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq, Iran. The scroll fascinates me. I am hopeful it will be back in time for Simchat Torah next year. And in a remarkable stroke of luck, the missing Torah covers have been found! (Now if I can personally find my collection of Haggadot and my Miriam's timbrel that would be great!)

But there is another understanding of the commandment to write your own Torah scroll. That each of us writes one by the deeds of our personal journey. The days of our lives. The Sefer Ha-hinukh (a medieval work) states that we are obligated to write a Torah scroll even if we inherited one from our parents. Why? For "fear that their spirit might find the old scrolls of their ancestors unappealing." We make Torah our own, in our words, understandings, and deeds.

The Judaism of tomorrow may not look exactly like the Judaism of today and not like the Judaism of our ancestors. I think that is part of why we sing, "Or chadash," cause a new light to shine upon Israel.

One recent morning of Torah School, the parents were sitting around making plans for the summer. This summer will include a Chai Babies Pizza Shabbat and some activities for the kids still being planned. The parents didn't want to go all summer without seeing each other. There will be two B'nei Mitzvah and three Shabbat-on-the-Road events. This is the future of Judaism. This is the future of CKI. We are not only surviving but thriving, despite the odds.

At that same casual coffee klatch, the parents helped me set next year's theme. From Pirke Avot we learn, "Don't separate yourself from your community." (Pirke Avot 2:4). We spent some time looking for the positive way to say that. We are thinking something like, "Coming Together Again." Come join us. In all of these ways.

—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 Given 2023 ICASA Moxie Award

On May 17 in Springfield, with over 200 in attendance from Rape Crisis Centers around the state of Illinois, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein received the 2023 Moxie Award from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault at their Statewide Conference Luncheon. Rabbi Margaret was hailed as a Social Justice Warrior who has served survivors of sexual assault since 1982 when she began to volunteer on the domestic & sexual violence hotline at Tufts University. In her remarks, Rabbi Margaret noted the difficult history of sexual assault/abuse, citing the Book of Esther and up until current times. She encouraged all present to give voice to the voiceless, and stand up for victims everywhere. It was fitting to honor Rabbi's life-long commitment to this issue. We are all proud of her and extend a hearty Yasher Koach!

~ Maureen Manning



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Keruv – (available)
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Tikkun Olam – (available)
Vision – (available)
Youth Activities – (available)

To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

President's Message continued

CKI is really roaring back! In the past year there has been at least one special event just about every month, in addition to the usual activities, where we met as a community and invited the community around us to join us in camaraderie. Please stop by and join in the events. I close with, please remain vigilant, stay safe, healthy and happy, be kind, and find things to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne

A Note of Thanks

Dear Rabbi Klein,

Thank you for coming to the County Board to give the invocation. I think your prayer was perfect. Many commented to me how much they liked it. I appreciate your time and so many contributions to our community family. Our Diversity is our Super Power! Sincerely, with many thanks,

Cherryl Strattmann,
Kane County Board Member



June 6th @ 9:00 am

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at 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

Donations

- Douglas Bakley
- Marcy Cohen

Thanks to Rabbi Margaret and all donors who contributed to 13/130

In loving memory of Leah Liss, Debbie's mother

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

In honor of Barbara Maring for her Top Rated Realtor Award

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

In recognition of Ken Jacoby for the Men's Club yellow candles mailing

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

In recognition of Gale Jacoby for her Holocaust presentation

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

Many thanks to Anita & Brad for the fabulous dinner!

- Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall

In honor of Rabbi Margaret for receiving the 2023 Moxie Award

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

Thank you to Rabbi Margaret, Anita Hornung, & Robin Coyne for an amazing Community Seder

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

In honor of Risa Cohen's birthday!

- Jana & Bill McFarlane

In honor of Emma Bromet's Bat Mitzvah!

- Jana & Bill McFarlane

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Marilyn Horn, Eileen Frank's sister

- Charlie & Helen Neuman

In memory of Ellen Jo Hein, Michelle Gomberg's mother

- Charlie & Helen Neuman

In recognition of Mark & Robin Seigle for their sponsorship of Violins of Hope

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Margaret on earning the 2023 ICASA Moxie Award

- Ellen & Joel Levy

- Judi & Vern Tepe

To Debbie & Earl Sternfeld in memory of Leah Liss

- Judi & Vern Tepe

In honor of Risa Cohen's birthday

- Judi & Vern Tepe

In honor of Al Bender's birthday

- Judi & Vern Tepe

CLARA WECHTER ED FUND

In memory of Leah Liss, and in honor of Earl Sternfeld

- Barbara Njus

Heartfelt thanks to Robin Coyne for helping to kasher our kitchen

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

To Ken & Gale Jacoby, Mazel Tov on the birth of Mia Rose!

- Ron & Barb Razowsky

- Dick & Sue Johnson

To Liza Bachrach, thank you for creating the 130th panel

- Ron & Barb Razowsky

Special Funds

The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

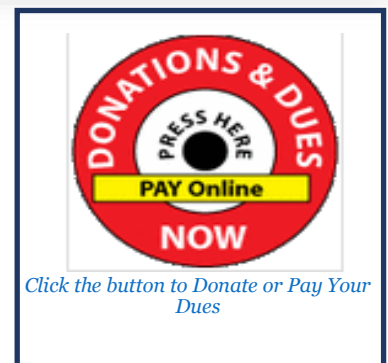
- **Clara Wechter Education Fund** – Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- **General Fund** – For multi-purpose use
- **Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund** See the President.
- **Memorial Plaques** – \$300
- **CKI Youth Fund** – Supports programs for our synagogue youth
- **Prayer Book Fund** – Siddur is \$36; Chumash is \$60
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Needs decided by Rabbi
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- **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	
Jun 3 <i>Sivan 14</i>	<i>Parashat Naso</i> — Numbers 4:21-7:89 Haftarah Judges 13:2-25
Jun 10 <i>Sivan 21</i>	<i>Parashat Beha'alotekha</i> — Numbers 8:1 -12:16 Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7
Jun 17 <i>Sivan 28</i>	<i>Parashat Shelahlekha</i> — Numbers 13:1- 15:41 Haftarah Joshua 2: 1-24
Jun 24 <i>Tamuz 5</i>	<i>Parashat Korah</i> — Numbers 16:1- 18:32 Haftarah Samuel 11:14-12:22

June Birthdays	
Renee Berger	Jun 1
Isaac Marshall	Jun 1
Jacob McFarlane	Jun 1
Becca Garland	Jun 4
Rachel Greenberg	Jun 6
Michael Castro	Jun 6
Ted Frisch	Jun 11
Danielle Lindow	Jun 11
Jeffrey Silberman	Jun 13
Rachel Gauthier	Jun 13
Sam Steinberg	Jun 14
Joshua Atkins	Jun 18
Barbara Levine	Jun 20
Jennifer Finger	Jun 21
Anita Silverman	Jun 22
Liana Ginder	Jun 23
Mark Huggins	Jun 24
Kevin Phelan	Jun 26
Brendan Weiser	Jun 26
Sophia Ivy Castro	Jun 29
Jacob Morris Gantz	Jun 30

June Anniversaries	
Daniel & Karen Schlack	Jun 6
Gene & Sandy Lindow	Jun 9
David & Sandi Perlman	Jun 16
David & Wendy Barrash	Jun 19
Herb & Eileen Franks	Jun 22
Joel & Ellen Levy	Jun 24
Michael & Janet Seigle	Jun 24
Ken & Gale Jacoby	Jun 25
Raul & Cathy Aron	Jun 28
Dick & Sue Johnson	Jun 28
Lee & Nikki Berger	Jun 29



Israel Honors Hadassah Professor Avi Rivkind at Torch-Lighting Ceremony

Prof. Avi Rivkind, the founding head of Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem's Shock Trauma Unit, was chosen to light a torch in Israel's main Independence Day ceremony on Mount Herzl on April 25 in the annual ceremony marking the close of Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of the Wars of Israel and Victims of Terror and the beginning of Israel's 75th Independence Day.

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The torch lighting, considered a great honor in Israel, is the central attraction of the evening and honors Israelis who have

made a meaningful contribution to the development of the country and its society. The ceremony was broadcast live on Israeli television and radio.

Hadassah Medical Organization Director General Prof. Yoram Weiss explained, "Avi Rivkind is a worthy and appropriate choice. Professor Rivkind is a compassionate and professional surgeon, closely linked with the development and glorious name of Hadassah in Israel and around the world. The announcement of his selection brought real joy to Hadassah employees, management and the Board of Directors. I want to underscore Avi's contribution to the treatment of trauma victims, a field he led in the State of Israel. I congratulate him on behalf of the Hadassah Medical Organization and the thousands of patients who owe him a debt of gratitude for saving their lives."

The name Avi Rivkind is synonymous with trauma medicine in Israel. In 1992, his presentation to the leadership of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, persuaded them to establish the first trauma unit in the country at Hadassah Ein Kerem, where he served as the director of the Department of Surgery and managed the Department of Emergency Medicine. During the second intifada, Hadassah treated half the terror victims in Israel.



Professor Avi Rivkind

Since its inception, the Trauma Unit has saved countless lives and is a model for other trauma units in Israel. Recognized as a global leader in the field of trauma, Prof. Rivkind has received many requests from around the world to treat seriously injured victims of terror events or major disasters. He aided victims of the attack on the Jewish Community Center (AMIA) in Buenos Aires in 1994, people injured in the 2002 attacks in Kenya, Sri Lanka tsunami victims in 2004 and survivors of the Annapurna snowstorm in Nepal in 2014.

Prof. Rivkind graduated from the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Medicine in 1973. He began his specialization in general surgery seven years later, followed by a shock-trauma fellowship at the University of Maryland.

In addition to his renown in trauma, Prof. Rivkind is also an expert in general surgery. Some 15 years ago he established Young People Driving Differently, a national flagship project in which high school students learn about the devastating consequences of road accidents. In coordination with Hadassah management and the Jerusalem City Hall Department of Safety, the program teaches new drivers about the treatment of trauma victims and the consequences of accidents for family members; it includes a meeting with a wheelchair-bound victim of a road traffic accident. Thousands of youngsters have participated in this ongoing program at both Hadassah hospital campuses.

Rhoda Smolow, national president of Hadassah, said, "Hadassah shares in the pride of Professor Rivkind's worthy choice. He is recognized around the world as a pioneer in trauma and also for his compassion."

On being chosen for this honor, Prof. Rivkind stated, "The honor of being chosen to light a torch surprised and thrilled me. This is the closing of a circle for my family and me. As the son of Holocaust survivors who underwent terrible suffering until they arrived in Israel, I dedicate this great honor to them. I thank the selection committee and Minister Miri Regev for recognizing my work and my contribution to the State of Israel."

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-

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

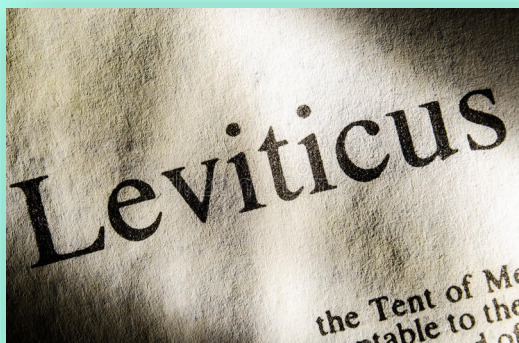
Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service	Name	Actual Date Observed	Date of Service
Florence Ginsberg*	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Barbara Johnson	Jun 20	Jun 16 & 17
Richard Kenneth Johnson	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Leona Goldstein Fosco	Jun 21	Jun 16 & 17
Allen Mitzenmacher	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Jerome Gerchikov	Jun 21	Jun 16 & 17
Sam Pevan	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Lilian P. Modes	Jun 21	Jun 16 & 17
Elsie Wiener	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Albert Miller*	Jun 22	Jun 16 & 17
Gertrude Winner*	Jun 3	Jun 2 & 3	Irving Greenberg	Jun 23	Jun 16 & 17
Nathaniel Saul*	Jun 5	Jun 2 & 3	Dorothy Wener	Jun 23	Jun 16 & 17
Tessie Rose	Jun 6	Jun 2 & 3	Jennie S. Hymen*	Jun 24	Jun 23 & 24
Bill Kass	Jun 7	Jun 2 & 3	Edward Cohen*	Jun 25	Jun 23 & 24
Lorraine Schwartz	Jun 7	Jun 2 & 3	Josef H. Fischer*	Jun 25	Jun 23 & 24
Cookie Le Vine*	Jun 8	Jun 2 & 3	Susan Seigle	Jun 25	Jun 23 & 24
Don Lesser*	Jun 8	Jun 2 & 3	Byrna Lamasky Hornung*	Jun 26	Jun 23 & 24
Benjamin Bear*	Jun 9	Jun 2 & 3	Amy Venetianer	Jun 27	Jun 23 & 24
Charles Vopner*	Jun 9	Jun 2 & 3	Beatrice Feldman	Jun 28	Jun 23 & 24
Loraine Zaler	Jun 9	Jun 2 & 3	Lottie Franks*	Jun 28	Jun 23 & 24
Robert Burak	Jun 10	Jun 9 & 10	Leona Michaels	Jun 28	Jun 23 & 24
Marcia Silberman Light	Jun 10	Jun 9 & 10	Mollye Perlin Kahn	Jun 28	Jun 23 & 24
Renee Levine*	Jun 11	Jun 9 & 10	Robert Levine*	Jun 29	Jun 23 & 24
Lena Wohl	Jun 12	Jun 9 & 10	Clarence Abrams	Jun 30	Jun 23 & 24
Richard Klein	Jun 13	Jun 9 & 10	Frances Hirsch	Jun 30	Jun 23 & 24
Sarah Frieda Levin	Jun 13	Jun 9 & 10	Jacob Greenberg	Jul 1	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Nancy Rabin	Jun 13	Jun 9 & 10	Harry Schack*	Jul 1	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Sandra Rae Herbstman	Jun 16	Jun 9 & 10	Eileen Manning	Jul 2	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Sidney Pecker	Jun 16	Jun 9 & 10	Edward Puklin*	Jul 2	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Louis Bender	Jun 17	Jun 16 & 17	Phil Gore	Jul 4	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Steve Fox	Jun 17	Jun 16 & 17	Rita Niederman	Jul 5	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Ann Goldstein*	Jun 17	Jun 16 & 17	Iris Richberg*	Jul 5	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Sam Mintzer	Jun 17	Jun 16 & 17	Robert Bloomberg	Jul 6	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Rabbi Morris Greenfield*	Jun 18	Jun 16 & 17	Hymen Kulefsky	Jul 7	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Louis Burstein*	Jun 19	Jun 16 & 17	Eva London	Jul 7	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Henrietta Rosenberg*	Jun 19	Jun 16 & 17	Robert Sowinski	Jul 7	Jun 30 & Jul 1
Jerome Finger*	Jun 20	Jun 16 & 17			

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 June 2	8:04 pm	Sat June 3	9:14 pm
Fri June 9	8:09 pm	Sat June 10	9:18 pm
Fri June 16	8:12 pm	Sat June 17	9:21 pm
Fri June 23	8:14 pm	Sat June 24	9:23 pm
Fri June 30	8:14 pm	Sat July 1	9:22 pm

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

Ritually Speaking



Leviticus and all that STUFF!

A few weeks ago we completed the recitation of the third book of the Old Testament - Leviticus. It is overflowing with rules and regulations of how we are to interact not only with G-d, but also with our fellow human beings and the world that provides our sustenance. I found the readings/directives in B'Har really touched my core this year, while putting a different spin on some of my past messages. I hope you don't find the rest of this message to be redundant.

There always will be people who may be better off than you, but probably even more who are having difficulties in life. How we interact with others who are less fortunate can help define us. Treating people with respect – those with whom we work or employ - is more important than ever. Individuals need to know that they matter, they can make a difference, and that with G-d on our side, everyone can win. Jewish law requires extending help to (not just Jewish) people in financial straits, so that their economic condition does not worsen. The teachings of Maimonides states that helping people to become financially independent is the HIGHEST form of tzedakah.

Yet our world also needs our respect and cooperation. The land, just like human beings, needs to rest and regenerate. Shabbos, the seventh day, is when we are to step back, reflect, and rest, while the land is to get a break every seven years. Living in the country, I have grown up with the local farmers rotating crops and fields; they truly understand that the land being fallow is best for the long run. I have seen the “corners of the fields” in practice all my life.

To care for others, to be respectful to all through the rule, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” is huge. To support and allow others to learn, grow, and become better is the core of what CKI has been trying to accomplish for the past 130 years. As I get older, I really appreciate the numerous individuals who have and continue to make a positive difference in my life. I find being a member of CKI and “paying it forward” in our community through volunteering, life cycles, and prayer help me get through each day.

It is not always easy, but I can promise that in the end your heart will be fuller. If you already are involved, I thank you; if not, I challenge you to become involved. **YOUR SOUL** - and everyone whom you touch - will find it worthwhile.

PS: High Holy Days are less than four months away. GET READY; we will be calling!

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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Last Day of Torah School



Making Challah



Our Wonderful Educators



Gaga Ball



Creative Collaborators



Making Mezuzot

The Soup Kettle Scoop



Thank you to all those who volunteered for our May 30th Soup Kettle at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin- Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman, Jerry Niederman & Phyllis Guth, Helen Linder, and Nancy & Bob Protter. CKI's commitment to helping those in need is appreciated in the Elgin community.

Our next Soup Kettle dates are: August 29 and October 31. Please contact Judi Tepe: juditepe@gmail.com or Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com if you can help.

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, please know that your deed was greatly appreciated, we just weren't aware you did it—

Jenny Trygar, Melissa Margason, Chuck Zimmerman, Sue Johnson, Jerry Niederman - Hosting and welcoming folks who visited CKI for OpenElgin.

Dan Marshall— Arranging for new windows in the social hall to be measured and for supervising ongoing HVAC.

Patrick Harper — Putting in water filters for CKI kitchen sinks.

Robin Coyne —Purchasing water filters.

Barbara Edelstein, Bob & Nancy Protter, Judi & Vern Tepe – Providing Hadassah Oneg Shabbat

Berger, Marczak, Morgan, & Schwartz Families & Lila Chavez– Supporting our new Torah School Band and Lila for directing it!

Nancy Zimmerman, Gale Jacoby, Sue Johnson, Judi Tepe – Volunteering as docents for the Violins of Hope exhibit at Gail Borden Public Library.

Gene & Geoffrey Lindow—Installing supports on the Bimah and opening up the moveable wall.

Bromet Family— Helping with Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush for Violins of Hope and the Bromet Bat Mitzvah.

Robin Coyne—Setting up chairs for Violins of Hope and cleaning up after the Bromet Bat Mitzvah.





**Sunday
June**

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9:00am - 1:30pm

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

Each donation saves 3 lives



Congregation Kneseth Israel Community Blood Drive

330 Division St. Elgin, IL.
Blood Drive will be held in Social Hall.

To schedule an appointment scan the QR code below or use link: bit.ly/knesethisrael or call (800) 7TO-GIVE or go to www.versiti.org/IL

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins welcome.

Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win a motorcycle*! Also, all scheduled attempting donors who enter code MUSIC in Versiti's online Appointment Note and give a valid email will receive a Summerfest code to redeem for a general admission ticket.



*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 6/30/23. One drawing; two (2) winners. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at versiti.org/ride. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.





A *HUGE* THANK YOU TO
Mark & Robin Seigle for their generous \$15,000 Match Challenge Grant
and to all who donated to our 2023 Spring Fundraiser
The grand total raised is \$34,247.48!

Al & Karen Bender

Charlie & Helen Neuman

Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall

Simon & Margaret Frisch Klein

Glorilee & Patrick Harper

Judi & Vern Tepe

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Ed & Tina Wolf

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Harvey & Nancy Braus

Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman

Paul & Risa Cohen

Gene & Sandy Lindow

Bob & Nancy Protter

Bary Rose & Karen Kehl

Earl & Debbie Sternfeld

Matthew & Deanna Phelan Smith

Art & Wendy Shankman

Robin Coyne

Cindy & Rich Placko

Jana & Bill McFarlane

Myrna & Larry Rosenbaum

Jeanette & Chris Pacanowski

Sandi & Kevin Phelan

Raul & Cathy Aron

Jerry Niederman

Phyllis Guth

Barbara Njus

Harold Morgan

Nikki & Lee Berger

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Ezra Morgan's Bar Mitzvah Project



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Ezra Erick Morgan is becoming a Bar Mitzvah and would like to give back to an organization that had a positive impact on our family. The *Animal House Shelter* in Huntley is a local animal shelter that has been offering no-kill services for the past 21 years and happens to be where we adopted our cat Real!

In honor of this great organization, Ezra has organized a collection of food, medical, wellness, cleaning and office supplies.

New items can be be dropped off or ordered online and delivered to the Morgan house or our synagogue, Congregation Kneseth Israel.

Please call or text to arrange a drop off time: 630-710-4700

"Be kind to every kind, not just mankind."
-Anthony Douglas Williams

Animal Shelter Wish List	
Food Canned (pate) cat food KMR milk for kittens Eukanuba Puppy Food Canned chicken chunks Esbilac milk for puppies Medical & Wellness Supplies Digital baby scales Dixie Cups (2-3 oz) Bedding (towels and blankets) Frontline Plus Heartgard	Cleaning & Office Supplies Bleach Clorox Clean Up Clorox wipes Paper towels Contractor strength garbage bags Dawn dish soap Unger floor squeegees Toilet paper Copy paper Plastic sheet protectors

Ezra hopes to collect 200 items for the Animal House Shelter by July 7th.

Abigail Marczak's Bat Mitzvah Project



Abigail is going to take some of the money she makes from helping out at her mother's daycare center, Mill Creek Early Childhood Program over the summer months and donate it to her favorite music foundation: Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestras - Starter Strings program:

<https://www.eyso.org/starter-strings>

Why is EYSO your favorite music foundation? "Because I think that everyone should get the chance to do what they love, and I chose it because it is local and helps support local kids."

Why do you believe the work they do is worth supporting? "Because it allows all students exposure to string instruments and allows them to potentially grow it into a future/career in the musical arts."

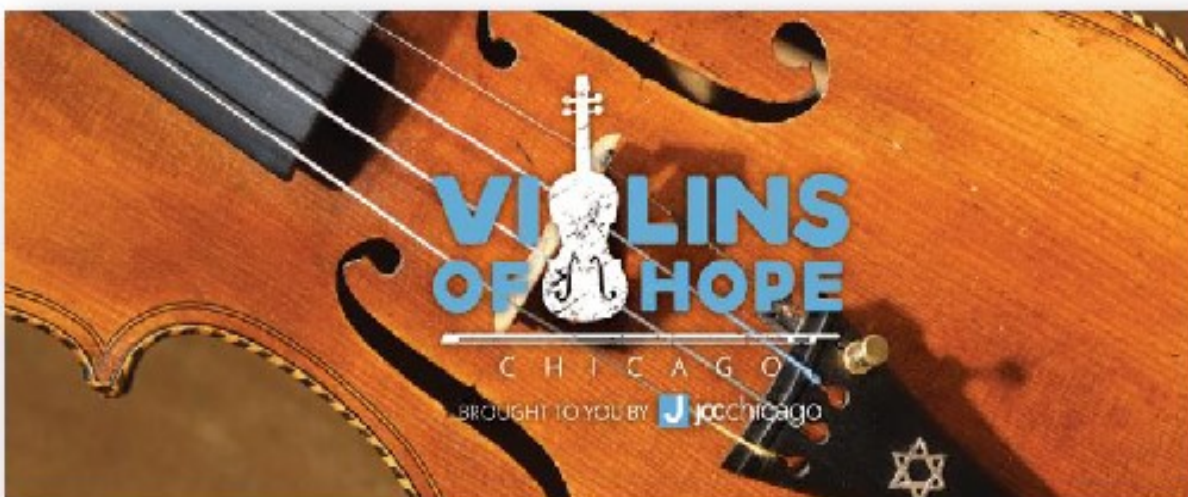
To donate to EYSO Starter Strings, go to:

<https://eyso.networkforgood.com/projects/195036-abi-s-fundraiser-for-starter-strings>



Please remember to indicate that your donation is in honor of Abi's Bat Mitzvah.



JUNE EVENTS



Crescendo: Film Screening

 Thursday, June 8  6:00pm - 8:30pm

 Main Library - Meadows Community Rooms ABC



A world-renowned conductor takes on a challenge that offers no easy solution, but is full of hope: putting together an orchestra of young Israeli and Palestinian musicians.

Following the film, the EYSO Hanson Quartet will perform.

[Register](#)



The Music of Terezin

 Thursday, June 15  6:30pm - 7:30pm

 Main Library - Meadows Community Rooms ABC

ESO cellist Sara Sitzler explores the incredible musical culture of Terezin, the Nazi concentration camp for artists during WWII. Following the lecture, musicians will perform Gideon Klein's trio.

[Register](#)



CKI CARES

We are pleased to announce that we are revitalizing the CKI CARES TEAM. CKI Cares will attempt to serve and support our community in various ways and as needs arise.

We are kindly requesting each individual congregant to participate in a very brief survey that should take **less than five minutes to complete**. It is essential that CKI Cares has some understanding of what degree of contributions our Care Team can make during the upcoming year. Please bear in mind that irrespective of whether you can provide **minimal, sporadic, or ongoing contributions**, each response is important. Under the comment section, please add any other areas that we may be able to address as the need arises.

You may use this form (Return to CKI or email to Karen Bender akbender1@gmail.com) or complete the survey at the following link (easiest): <https://forms.gle/jwGF41LBVM5jPYVt5>

Thank you,
Karen Bender and Judi Tepe CKI Cares Co-Chairs

1) I can participate in *Healing of the Sick*

- ☐ Call someone after a hospital stay
- ☐ Deliver meals or other essentials after a hospital stay
- ☐ Visit someone in the hospital
- ☐ Send get well cards

2) I can make *Home Visits/ Contacts*

- ☐ Call people in need of companionship
- ☐ Visit someone in need of companionship in their home
- ☐ Send birthday cards

3) I can help with *Shiva/ Bereavement*

- ☐ Order/ prepare a condolence meal
- ☐ Deliver condolence meal
- ☐ Assist with Shiva Minyan (set up, clean up, or bring a food item)

4) I can make soup or other food item for the CKI freezer for as need basis.

- ☐ Yes

5) I can provide *Transportation*

- ☐ To medical appointments on an occasional basis
- ☐ Call and provide seniors to offer rides to services and other synagogue events on occasional basis
- ☐ Rides for seniors to vote
- ☐ Rides for youth to activities (such as Torah School) under special circumstances

6) I can provide occasional suggestions for professional resources in the following areas:

- ☐ Medical/Nursing/Pharmaceutical (Specify which area) _____
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Counseling/Social Work
- ☐ Therapies such as Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, etc.
- ☐ _____
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Financial
- ☐ Other _____

7) I can help with other needs

- ☐ Errands-such as grocery shopping, medicine delivery, bank, library, etc.
- ☐ Minor household maintenance- such as hanging a picture, changing a light bulb, etc.
- ☐ Dog walking or pet care
- ☐ Short term child care under special circumstances
- ☐ Help prepare food, serve, or clean up at the **SOUP KITCHEN** when it is CKI's rotation (5th Tues of month)
- ☐ Assemble **gift baskets** for special occasions and/or for holidays
- ☐ Other (please Specify) _____

8) Thank you for taking this brief survey to find ways that you can help to make our congregation a caring community.

Name: _____

City/Town: _____

Email address: _____

Home and/or cell: _____

9) Indicate contact preference: Home, cell, email, text _____

If there is a way YOU would like to help the synagogue, but it isn't listed in this survey?
Add any comments, questions,
concerns _____

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

Jun 2	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jun 16	Shabbat on the Road	7:00 PM
Jun 3	Shabbat Service & Epstein Aufruf	9:30 AM	Jun 17	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Jun 4	CKI Blood Drive	9:00 AM	Jun 19	Office Closed - Juneteenth	
Jun 6	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Jun 20	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
Jun 7	Prayer Book Hebrew	5:30 PM	Jun 22	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jun 8	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jun 23	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
Jun 9	Shabbat Service & Board Installation	7:00 PM	Jun 24	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Jun 10	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jun 27	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Jun 12	Ha Kol Submissions Due		Jun 29	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jun 15	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jun 30	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM