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Aug 1 National Night Out
Aug 20 CPR Training
Aug 27 First Day of Torah School
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From the Rabbi's Study

There are many reasons a congregation is a community. One important way we demonstrate our connection is by providing a safe, nurturing place to mourn. One way we allow people to mourn is by allowing people to say Kaddish. Kaddish is a prayer written in Aramaic, the language of the day, so that everyone could understand it. Today there are five different Kaddish prayers. We are most familiar with Kaddish Itom, Mourner's Kaddish, which is a prayer that praises G-d for life and never mentions death.

Some people only come to shul specifically to say Kaddish for a loved one. Perhaps it is a yahrzeit, anniversary of someone's death, or for yizkor, said on Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. Or perhaps they are a new mourner, saying Kaddish for a recently departed loved one. They may not be so familiar with the prayer, the language, or the rhythm.

We need 10 adults present for someone to say Kaddish publicly. Rabbi Jack Abramson explains, "...having an

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President's Message

My favorite saying is still, "there is a time for everything," and this is one of my favorite times! The Omer was pulled out, and cucumbers, peppers, tomatillos, squash, peas, and beans have taken their place. The tomatoes, lettuce and scallions have returned, our very dependable volunteers!

bring new flavors and textures. The returning members and officers are our dependable volunteers, forming the foundation of CKI's leadership team and keeping us going; just like our crisp lettuce, delicious tomatoes, and tangy scallions form the foundation of the garden.

You don't need to be a member of the Board (or the salad) to add to CKI's depth and flavor. CKI is always looking for people to join our committees, or just volunteer to do something that you find fun and/or meaningful. Stop in and chat (I'm usually there Friday night and Jerry

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From the Rabbi's Study...

heir who serves as the catalyst for the congregation to praise God is a source of merit for the deceased."

I would ask this: Don't rush through it. Don't try to beat me. I am deliberately setting a slow pace. Say it slowly and with intentionality. This is particularly true on Zoom where there is still a delay with the people in the room and on Zoom. Racing through it can detract from the spirituality of the moment. See the box on p. 3 for some Zoom Etiquette Tips.

Mourner's Kaddish is not the only Kaddish. There are four more types.

Chatzi Kaddish, or Half Kaddish works as a punctuation mark, a separation between sections of the service. It is the simplest, shortest version of the prayer. Chatzi Kaddish is said on Shabbat morning before Barchu and before the last aliyah in Torah reading.

Kaddish Shalem, Whole, Complete Kaddish is said at the conclusion of a main section of the service, often at the end of the Amidah. It includes a tongue twister: "Titkabeil."

Kaddish D'Rabbanan is recited after a public rabbinic lecture. There is an opinion that the primary purpose of kaddish initially was to praise the rabbis. However, historically, we are more egalitarian than that, and so now Kaddish Itom is recited for anyone and not just the rabbis. This Kaddish then is a throwback and a sign of kavod for the rabbis. It is based on the Talmud, Sotah 49a and Makkot 23b. Sotah 49b says that after the Temple was destroyed the world endures because of Kedushah and the "yehi sh'ma rabbah." Debbie Friedman has a lovely setting of this prayer in English that includes a paragraph: "For our teachers, and

their students, and the students of their students. And for those who study Torah, here and everywhere. May they be blessed with all they need. We ask for peace and loving-kindness."

The fifth Kaddish is recited on only two special occasions: at a funeral (sometimes called burial kaddish) or when making a siyum, a party upon the completion of a tractate of Talmud. While these two occasions seem so different, they have something in common. In both cases, through Torah study, the world will be renewed—and that will include "revival of the dead," also known as resurrection, which is often surprising to modern Jews. At CKI we don't have the opportunity to do this one very often.

There is an old joke that fits our congregation perfectly. It answers the question, when do we stand for Kaddish? Some stand every time. Some sit. A new rabbi comes to town. He (it's always a he, right?) is confused by this. He asks the president what is the custom of this place, the minhag. He asks the ritual chair. It still makes no sense to him. He goes to the old rabbi now in an assisted living community. What is the tradition for saying Kaddish? Do we stand or do we sit? The answer...yes. Just like at CKI some stand and some sit. That is the tradition of this congregation. And it turns out there is not one answer for this. It is one of those things that has been debated for at least a thousand years. <https://schechter.edu/should-we-stand-or-sit-for-the-kaddish/> So you should do what is comfortable for you.

—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.

Zoom Etiquette

We are three years into this Zoom experiment, and it is here to stay. It allows us to stay connected as a community, and it allows us to provide services to those who otherwise, for a variety of reasons would not be able to participate at all. This is true both for services and for adult learning opportunities. So here are some tips for making this an optimal experience for all.

- Zoom is a space to enhance our spiritual journeys and strengthen our community in “our homes and on our ways.”
- Be respectful to all. Even though we are virtual, we are all still created b’tzelem elohiym, in the image of G-d.
- Download the latest Zoom app so you are current. It’s free!
- If you are in the physical, in-person room and someone is leading on Zoom, don’t sing. It can rattle the person leading because of that Zoom delay.
- If you are on Zoom, try not to move your camera around too much (example: walking from room to room while on camera). It can be distracting to others and even make some dizzy. We love it when you feel moved to gesture or even dance to a song.
- Try to avoid multitasking. That phone conversation can wait or turn off your camera and audio. Don’t check email. Don’t try to cover two zoom meetings at once. Chores can wait.
- We love to see your faces. Consider turning off your camera for the Amidah to provide more focus to you.
- Again, we love to see your faces. Check your camera angles, so that we are seeing your whole face—and not just the top of your head or distracting backgrounds or your middle section when you stand up.
- Speaking of backgrounds, some computers do not handle virtual backgrounds well and you fade in and out. That also can lead to dizziness.
- If on Zoom, don’t unmute unless you are leading a portion. Again, it is about that Zoom delay and can cause feedback.
- Similarly, it is harder to hear each other—a little—on Zoom. Try hard NOT to talk over each other. Listen carefully. Wait for a pause. It’s like school. Raise your hand—either your real hand or the button under reactions. Feel free to use the chat feature.
- • Your Zoom masters, Ellen, Deborah, and Simon, are there to help. Whatever tech problem you are having on Zoom, ask them. They may have a solution. Also, it is their job to help if someone is being “inappropriate.” Don’t interrupt a prayer to correct someone. That can be distracting too and interrupt the flow of the service.
- Cats, dogs, birds? We love your pets, but sometimes they can be distracting too. Consider how they appear on camera or sound in the background.
- All of this is true for hybrid meetings. They are even more difficult.
- Be patient!

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To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

President's Message continued

is usually there Saturday morning) and be part of the community. You are always welcome to give me a call to chat, talk about what makes you joyful, or just share some time. I end with my wishes for you: please remain vigilant, stay safe and healthy, be kind to others, be happy, and find things to be joyful about!

—Robin Coyne



To our CKI and Hadassah friends

Thank you so much to everyone who called, donated, visited, and sent their love to us at the time of my mother's (Leah Liss) passing. It made a difficult time a little easier.

In great appreciation and love,
Debbie and Earl Sternfeld



July 11th @ 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 2023—2024

Date	Book	Author	Moderator	Time
July 18 (Tues.) Zoom	The Observant Wife	N. Ragen	Judi Tepe	10:30 am
August 15 (Tues.) Zoom	On Division	G. Goldbloom	TBD	10:30 am
October 17 (Tues.) Zoom	The Prison Minyan	J. Stone	TBD	10:30 am
November 21 (Tues.) Zoom	The Three Muses	M A. Toll	TBD	10:30 am
December 19 (Tues.) Zoom	If All the Seas Were Ink	I. Kurshan	TBD	10:30 am
January 16 (Tues.) Zoom	Bookish People	S. Coll	TBD	10:30 am

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- Joy Wener Bang

In memory of Richard K. Johnson & Barbara Johnson

- Dick & Sue Johnson

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Larry Steinberg
Gareth Sitz

- Helen Lindow

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To Risa Cohen for a speedy recovery from surgery

- Ron & Barb Razowsky
- Dick & Sue Johnson

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

July 1 12 Tamuz	<i>Parashat Hukat & Balak</i> — Numbers 19:1-25.9 Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8
July 8 19 Tamuz	<i>Parashat Pinehas</i> — Numbers 25:10-30:1 Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
July 15 26 Tamuz	<i>Parashat Mattot & Mas'ey</i> — Numbers 30:2-36:13 Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4
July 22 4 Av	<i>Parashot Devarim</i> — Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 Haftarah Isaiah 1:1-27
July 29 11 Av	<i>Parashat Va'et-hannan</i> — Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26

July Birthdays

Barbara Razowsky	Jul 4
Elaine Steinberg	Jul 4
Zayden Hymer	Jul 7
Matthew Smith	Jul 7
Mark Seigle	Jul 8
Michael Seigle	Jul 8
Kirsten Greenberg	Jul 9
Melissa Lindow	Jul 10
Ellen Levy	Jul 11
Marcy Cohen	Jul 12
Howard Atkins	Jul 13
Joe Neilon	Jul 15
Maureen Manning	Jul 16
Myrna Rosenbaum	Jul 17
Ken Hillman	Jul 17
Supriya Klionsky	Jul 18
Jacob Marshall	Jul 18
Elliott Bloomberg	Jul 19
Ezra Morgan	Jul 19
Ethan Tooby	Jul 20
Sheila Miller	Jul 21
David Rockwood	Jul 24
Scott Scholten	Jul 26
Nolan Phelan Smith	Jul 26
Gale Jacoby	Jul 27
Biana Castro	Jul 27
Chris Pacanowski	Jul 28
Janet Seigle	Jul 29
Helen Neuman	Jul 30
Morgan Finneran	Jul 31

July Anniversaries

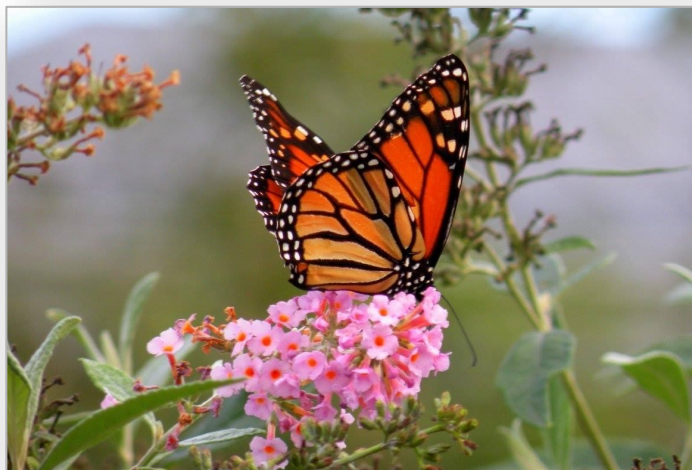
Sarah Goldman & Josh Stober	Jul 3
Paul & Risa Cohen	Jul 5
Rachel & Keenan Newby	Jul 13
James & Kara Morgan	Jul 22
Jay & Becca Garland	Jul 31



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Hadassah—A Light Unto the Nations

By Hirsch Goodman

The ethos of Israel being a light unto the nations was made tangible to me recently when I walked through the corridors of Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in Jerusalem to meet two of six doctors from Cameroon currently doing their residencies at the hospital. Doctors Fung Holgar Mua and Carlson

Asanghanwa opted to specialize in anesthesia and critical care; the others are working in the departments of ophthalmology, ear, nose and

throat and orthopedics. All will spend six years with the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Despite mineral wealth and other resources, Cameroon has a life-expectancy rate of around 60 years of age, a high infant-mortality rate and endemic diseases, specifically HIV and malaria.

There is just about one doctor, very few specialists among them, per 10,000 people. There are nine medical schools with an intake of 800 students per year out of 6,500 applicants and once qualified, these doctors are expected to pay the country back for their seven-year education by working as general practitioners in rural facilities with limited resources.

The first contacts between Hadassah and Cameroon go back to the 1990s with two ophthalmologists being trained in Hadassah. They helped to train many local ophthalmologists on their return to Cameroon. In 2012, three doctors and a nurse from Hadassah collaborated with a local team at the Bamenda Regional

Hospital to perform free cataract and oculoplastic surgeries. As a result, Doctor Nche Eleanor was a part of the local team and was offered a chance to move to Jerusalem, for her specialist studies at Hadassah. During her studies at Hadassah, she became an unofficial ambassador for the hospital, encouraging others to follow in her footsteps, doctors Holgar Mua and Asanghanwa among them.

And like her, the other doctors will be returning home to Cameroon to practice within Cameroon's medical system, their commitment amplified, they said, by their time at Hadassah in Jerusalem, a long way from home but where they feel very much at home.

"It is unbelievable," said Holgar Mua, "how despite the seeming political turmoil outside, once inside Hadassah's doors, one senses nothing but dedication to duty. Jews, Arabs, people from all over the world, are here to heal. It is truly remarkable," he said, "and something I am going to take home with me."



Dr. Fung Holgar Mua

Asanghanwa called it a "melting pot" that had given him an "enriching experience" he could only have dreamed of before coming here.

"I have met and learned from top class professionals from all over the world, in addition to my Israeli colleagues, and have made friendships that will last a lifetime."



Dr. Carlson Asanghanwa

As we spoke over coffee on a rainy day both recounted their experiences and, each in their own way, said the past six years have been some of the best six years of their lives both professionally and personally. "Being at Hadassah and seeing the interaction among people of all faiths, nationalities, outlooks and beliefs working together for the common good has deepened my moral commitment to returning home, as well as my medical knowledge," said Holgar Mua.

When asked if, given the chance, he would make the same choice to come to Hadassah again, Carlson Asanghanwa answered without a moment's hesitation: "Of course I would. I have worked with incredible people and learned an immense amount. Hadassah is a magnet for doctors from all over the world, and I now have a network of colleagues that will be of benefit beyond what I have learned here. It is one of the best decisions I have ever made, and I will be sure to spread the word among my colleagues back home."

Once again, Hadassah is a light unto the nations, indeed.

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 July. 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
Maurice D. Kaplan*	Jul 8	Jul 7 & 8	Ben Perlman*	Jul 20	Jul 14 & 15
Moritz Ernstthal	Jul 9	Jul 7 & 8	Sadie Whalen	Jul 21	Jul 14 & 15
David Jay Fishman*	Jul 9	Jul 7 & 8	Herman Hymen*	Jul 22	Jul 21 & 22
Margaret Kohlhagen	Jul 10	Jul 7 & 8	Richard Mell*	Jul 22	Jul 21 & 22
Bernard Pickoff	Jul 10	Jul 7 & 8	Carl Schweinler	Jul 22	Jul 21 & 22
Rose Pickoff	Jul 10	Jul 7 & 8	Israel Kucuy	Jul 23	Jul 21 & 22
Frieda Simon*	Jul 10	Jul 7 & 8	Carole Fischer*	Jul 26	Jul 21 & 22
Norma Kaplan	Jul 11	Jul 7 & 8	Hyman Rifken*	Jul 26	Jul 21 & 22
Dorothy Khaner	Jul 11	Jul 7 & 8	Frieda Slutsky	Jul 26	Jul 21 & 22
Mollie Werner	Jul 11	Jul 7 & 8	Albert D. Winner*	Jul 26	Jul 21 & 22
Sharon Bachi	Jul 12	Jul 7 & 8	Marionbetty Klein	Jul 27	Jul 21 & 22
Harold T. Seigle*	Jul 12	Jul 7 & 8	Anna Seltzer	Jul 27	Jul 21 & 22
Charles E. Gauthier	Jul 13	Jul 7 & 8	James Bowersox	Jul 28	Jul 21 & 22
Maxine Katz	Jul 14	Jul 7 & 8	Sheila Chinskey	Jul 28	Jul 21 & 22
Sheila Carrie Perlman*	Jul 14	Jul 7 & 8	Maurice A. Sherman*	Jul 28	Jul 21 & 22
Anne Smilgoff	Jul 14	Jul 7 & 8	Edmond Venetianer	Jul 28	Jul 21 & 22
Myra Becker	Jul 16	Jul 14 & 15	Arthur Silberman	Jul 29	Jul 28 & 29
Ruth Goldenberg	Jul 16	Jul 14 & 15	Jerome Bitkower	Jul 31	Jul 28 & 29
Saul Mariasis*	Jul 16	Jul 14 & 15	Samuel B. Iseberg*	Jul 31	Jul 28 & 29
Milton Perlman*	Jul 16	Jul 14 & 15	Edward Mandel Rosenfeld*	Jul 31	Jul 28 & 29
Estelle Schwartz	Jul 16	Jul 14 & 15	Joseph Braun*	Aug 1	Jul 28 & 29
Harry Brody	Jul 17	Jul 14 & 15	Lillian Gold*	Aug 1	Jul 28 & 29
Jacob Burstein*	Jul 17	Jul 14 & 15	Charles Cohen*	Aug 3	Jul 28 & 29
Cecil Mehr	Jul 17	Jul 14 & 15	Jenny Dermer*	Aug 4	Jul 28 & 29
Frances M. Lesser*	Jul 19	Jul 14 & 15	Elsie Esther Fischer*	Aug 4	Jul 28 & 29

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 Jul 7	8:12 pm	Sat Jul 8	9:21 pm
Fri Jul 14	8:09 pm	Sat Jul 15	9:17 pm
Fri Jul 21	8:04 pm	Sat Jul 22	9:12 pm
Fri Jul 28	7:58 pm	Sat Jul 29	9:05 pm

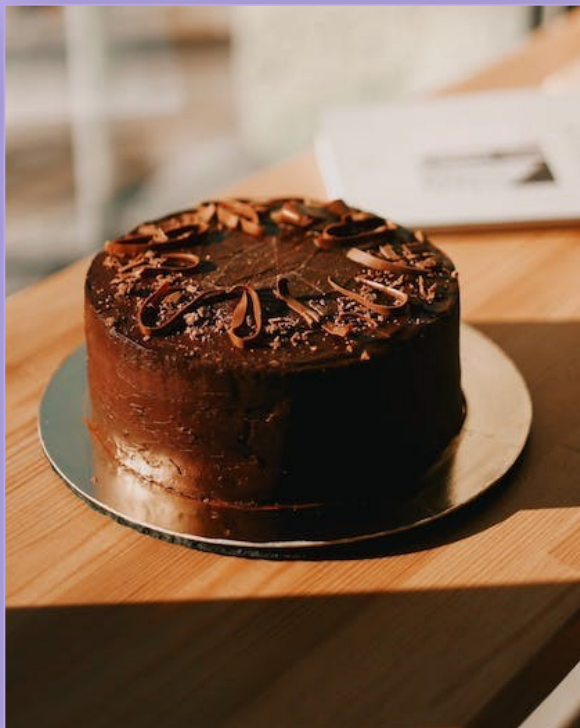
NOTE: Shabbat ends 50 minutes after candle lighting time on Saturday nite

Ritually Speaking

Chocolate and Life

If you didn't know, I am a chocoholic, and I enjoy almost anything with chocolate. Why? I can't blame this one on my mom; for she shared her chocolate which was always properly portioned. Only one piece of Fannie May mints a day was the general rule—if it was a tough day, then one extra, thank you, MOM!

I can't believe we are already in the second half of 2023. Let's look at the year as a circular cake—a chocolate one, OF COURSE! So here are some of my questions for pondering:



- Is your cake half-eaten, or is the remaining half there for your enjoyment?
- Is your cake still moist, or is it starting to get stale?
- Do you still have enough frosting to last the rest of the year?
- Is your cake comprised of multiple layers or only one?
- Does your cake have a filling (fruit, fudge, etc.)?
- Is your cake solid, marbled, or perfectly half and half?

I have more questions, but I think you get the idea. There are so many possibilities, all with no wrong answers, and yet options to have a more desirable outcome. As I get older, time goes by faster, and yet I still find myself chasing goals, tasks, and demands of living in our complicated world.

Thankfully I have family and friends who make me take a breath and stop to truly taste the Cake of Life, instead of just consuming it. I know cakes can fall, and so too can our lives. Ask the questions of *why*, and if you are lucky you will find the answer. If you do not, I hope you have a strong support network—just as your chocolate cake is comprised of countless molecules that hold it together. I know that I have shared similar messages, but none of them have been as sweet. ENJOY!

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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Ezra M. Bar Mitzvah

Ezra M. will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Ezra is an 8th grade student at Dundee Middle School.

Ezra's name means "helper" in Hebrew. And like his name, Ezra is always helping others. Whether it's assisting with younger cousins, supporting his mom at her school, or helping friends and staff at his own building, Ezra is always willing to lend a hand. At school, Ezra loves math class and has really excelled in the school band. Originally, he chose to learn the clarinet, however, this year he took on the bass clarinet as a second instrument and realized that he liked that too. In his spare time, Ezra enjoys finding new places to fish and exploring fun ways to express his artistic side such as: rug tufting, wood work, and his latest endeavor is welding.





Ezra's parents, James and Kara M. and big brother, Elijah, are very excited to share this special moment with him. Aside from his household, Ezra is supported by many family members and friends from near and far that have been eagerly awaiting this day.

Having attended classes at the temple since preschool, Ezra has many great memories from CKI. What he remembers best is baking challah at Torah School and any event that has a Seder with food!

The family would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their continued support that has contributed to the success of Ezra's big achievement. He looks forward to showing his appreciation by helping younger Torah School kids in the future.

Please mark your calendar and join us as Ezra becomes Bar Mitzvah on July 22nd!

Ezra Morgan Mitzvah Project

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	Cleaning & Office Supplies Bleach Clorox Clean Up Clorox wipes Paper towels Contractor strength garbage bags Dawn dish soap Unger floor squeegees
Medical & Wellness Supplies Digital baby scales Dixie Cups (2-3 oz) Bedding (towels and blankets) Frontline Plus Heartgard	Toilet paper Copy paper Plastic sheet protectors

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

Abigail M. Bat Mitzvah

Abigail M. will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 29, 2023. She will be an 8th grade student at Geneva Middle School South.

Abi enjoys playing in an orchestra, dancing, volunteering at her mom's daycare, spending time with her friends at school, reading many books, playing basketball with her mom, and going out to dinner with her grandparents.

Sharing in this special occasion with Abigail are her proud parents, Daniel and Ilana M., and her sister, Brianna. Also sharing this wonderful day are Larry and Susan M. and Ron and Miriam W.

Something Abigail has learned from her Jewish education is that you should always try your best and, even if it doesn't work out, you'll always have another chance.



Abigail M.'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 M.'s Bat Mitzvah.

Be Part of the Annual Rosh Hashanah (New Year) Greeting Card



Do you enjoy receiving mail that isn't just a bill or advertising? Most of us do. It's an annual tradition for CKI to mail New Year's cards to members for just that reason!

Right now, you have the chance to participate in our fundraiser by adding your name(s) to our greeting card. This saves you time, effort and money to join in our congregation's New Year's card and support CKI. It's what we call a *Win-Win*!

For a small donation, we'll print your name(s) inside the card. Please support our CKI community by helping us continue with this yearly tradition.

Complete the form & return to CKI, with complete donation, by Friday, Aug 18, 2023.

Select your signature format:

___ Name (\$10)

___ Mr. & Mrs. (\$18)

___ Mr. & Mrs. & Family (\$25)

How it will appear on the card:

Michael Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jones, *OR*
Terry & Michael Jones

Terry & Michael Jones & Family, *OR*
The Jones Family

Name(s), as you'd like them to appear on the card:

Donation Enclosed: \$ _____ **Donation by PayPal: \$** _____

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Questions? Contact Peg Lehman at 847-741-5656 or cki@ckielgin.com

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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, & Robin Coyne for helping set up the Oneg after Board Induction

Jerry Niederman for helping with clean-up after Board Induction.

Gene Lindow for installing a memorial plaque, a new leaf, and a nifty mail bag receptacle.

Risa Cohen for helping with baking for Shavuot.

Nancy Zimmerman, together with Hadassah, for sponsoring Shabbat on the Road

Robin Coyne for delivering corned beef and the fixins to the Cohens and Steinbergs as they recovered from surgery.

Jana McFarland for supplying CKI with much-needed Kleenex tissues.

Simon Klein for bringing ice cream to our first summer Shabbat.



The Soup Kettle Scoop

An enormous thank you to Nancy Zimmerman, without whose help, the May Soup Kettle would not have been so successful. Thank you to Chuck Zimmerman, Bob Protter, Helen Lindow, Vern Tepe, Phyllis Guth, and Jerry Niedeman. It truly takes a village to prepare and serve dinner to a crowd of hungry diners.

Our next Soup Kettle will be August 29th Please contact Barb Razowsky or Judi Tepe to volunteer.

Judi Tepe: juditepe@gmail.com Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com

Tisha B'av 5783

4:00 PM July 27

Guest Liturgist

Alden Solovy

In person and on Zoom



Tisha B'av is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar commemorating the destruction of both Holy Temples in Jerusalem. We read the Book of Lamentations. Some fast. Some don't wear leather. This year, late in the day, we have the opportunity to study with a real master liturgist. Come learn a little midrash and the modern implications of Tisha B'av. Books will be available for purchase, but there will not be refreshments.

Alden Solovy is a modern day piytan, a traveling poet/preacher/teacher who uses Torah and verse to engage and inspire. Alden embodies the intersection of scholarship and heart. A new voice for ancient yearnings, his writings resonate with soul and his presence is sought after in Jewish spiritual spaces around the world. A liturgist, lyricist, and educator, Alden's work challenges the boundaries between poetry, meditation, personal growth, storytelling, and prayer. His writing was transformed by multiple tragedies, marked in 2009 by the sudden death of his wife. Alden's teaching spans from HUC-JIR and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem to Limmud and Leo Baeck College in the UK, as well as synagogues throughout North America. He is the author of four volumes from CCAR Press: *These Words: Poetic Midrash on the Language of Torah* (2023), *This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day* (2017), *This Joyous Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings* (2019), and *This Precious Life: Encountering the Divine with Poetry and Prayer* (2021). His work has also appeared in more than 25 collections. He is a three-time winner of the Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism. Alden made Aliyah to Jerusalem in 2012, where he is Liturgist in Residence at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. He's the founder of ManKind Project Israel.

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. **Thank you to those who have already responded.**

If you haven't yet, please 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 _____

Easy as 1, 2, 3 ... 4 or How to Make Donations to CKI



We sincerely thank you for both your spiritual and financial support of CKI. To answer your questions on how to send in dues and donations to Congregation Kneseth Israel, here are 4 ways to donate money to CKI (in no particular order):

1. **Bill Pay** (through your bank's online app/website) to "pay a bill online."
 - a. Your bank creates a physical check and mails it to CKI.
 - b. Typically takes 5 business days to arrive at CKI. Your bank notifies you if the check isn't cashed. (Maybe it was lost in the mail.)
 - c. There is no fee to you or CKI.
2. **Zelle** to transfer funds electronically.
 - a. Funds are available quickly at CKI, often within minutes.
 - b. There is no fee to you or CKI.

Note: This is allowed only through your bank app. You cannot send money directly from the Zelle app on your phone.
3. **PayPal** payment using a credit or debit card. Note that fees apply.
 - a. PayPal reduces the funds given to CKI. For example, if you pay \$2300 for full membership dues, PayPal takes over \$47 in fees. However, if you check the box to cover the processing fees, CKI receives the full \$2300, plus you have a donation total amount of \$2347. Win-win!
 - b. The fee for each payment is based on a small dollar amount plus a percentage of the payment. So, if you make 4 donations of \$18 each at one time, the PayPal fee is about \$4. However, if you group the 4 donations into one for \$72, the PayPal fee is about \$2. You can still specify all the reasons for your donation.
 - c. These little fees add up. Donors are now taking on less and less of the PayPal fees, so CKI must pay them. We don't deduct this amount from your donation summary. However, we may need to consider it in the future. Please consider adding the PayPal fees to your donations.
4. **Paper Check**, payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel.
 - a. Easy to do.
 - b. Delivered or mailed to CKI

Tips on how to initially set these up.

1. **Bill Pay** – go to your bank website. Add the payee Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120.
2. **Zelle** – On your bank app, set cki@ckielgin.org (i.e., the CKI email address) as the recipient. Do not set it to CKI's phone number.
3. **PayPal** – Best done through the [CKI website](#) or by [clicking here](#). Because CKI is charged fees for accepting payments through PayPal, we appreciate it when you pay the fee by checking the box!
4. **Paper Check** – Make check payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel, not CKI.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Charlie Neuman (csneuman3@gmail.com or 314-497-8688) or Sandi Phelan (pbelansan@gmail.com or 630-947-2157).

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

Jul 1	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jul 18	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
Jul 4	Office Closed for Holiday			CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Jul 7	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Jul 20	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Jul 8	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jul 21	Shabbat on the Road @ the Morgans	5:30 PM
Jul 11	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Jul 22	Shabbat Service & Morgan Bar Mitzvah	9:30 AM
	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Jul 25	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Jul 13	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Jul 26	Erev Tisha B'Av Service	8:00 PM
Jul 14	Chai Babies Pizza Shabbat	5:00 PM	Jul 27	Tisha B'Av Program with Israeli	4:00 PM
	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM		guest liturgist, Alden Solovy	
Jul 15	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Jul 28	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
Jul 16	Ha Kol Submissions Due		Jul 29	Shabbat Service & Marczak Bat Mitvah	9:30 AM