



## From the Rabbi's Study...

about this in my rabbinic thesis) is to make the neighborhoods safer. If you know your neighbors, you are less likely to commit vandalism, spray paint graffiti, rob, steal, or shoot someone. It is part of how we show that we are "loving our neighbors as ourselves," and we as a synagogue benefit as well. In the age of rising anti-semitism, programs like this really help. Nationally, this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Night Out. This year, we will again have hot dogs and corn, a blood drive, and Maureen will have her table about the Community Crisis Center. The chaplain's booth will be at CKI. In addition, there will be a bouncy house for the kids, the SWAT mobile will be here, there will be entertainment for people of all ages, food trucks at Holy Trinity, and new this year, an antique car show. It is a fun evening. Come join us. Better yet, volunteer for an hour!

August is also a time for planning. High Holy Days are well underway. Elsewhere in HaKol, you can find the full schedule. Take that call or text message asking you for an honor. The High Holy Days require all of us to make them meaningful. They are a signature event of CKI, of synagogues around the world. We have activities for people of all ages, from our youngest babies to our most senior seniors. Whether you come to stare out the stained glass windows, listen to the beautiful music of Stephanie and the choir, hear the words of the prayers, the community speakers, or whatever I am teaching, there is a place for YOU. Some see themselves as a link in the chain with their ancestors. Some see this as a legacy we leave our children. Some come to talk to their friends and reconnect. All of those are

important reasons to come to CKI, your home.

This year's theme for the year, chosen by the Torah School parents, is "Coming Together: Do not separate yourself from the community." Do not separate yourself from community is from Pirke Avot 2:4. While it is phrased in the negative, as a command, there are many positive things about community. As I prepare and continue to write on this topic, my questions are: "What do you need or want from community, any community, but especially CKI? What is community to you?"

August is also, at least here in Illinois, Back to School Month. Our first teacher's meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup> with CPR training. Our first day of Torah School is August 27. For those heading back to the classroom, may it be a good start to the academic year.

Enjoy August. The time goes by so swiftly.

—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

I wish you health and happiness and ask you to please remain vigilant, be kind, and always look for things to be joyful about.

—Robin Coyne



**August 1st @ 9:00 am**

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at [rabbi@ckielgin.org](mailto: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  
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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	Time
July 18 (Tues.)	The Observant Wife	Naomi Ragen	10:30 am
August 15 (Tues.)	On Division	Goldie Goldbloom	10:30 am
October (17 (Tues.)	The Prison Minyan	Jonathan Stone	10:30 am
November 21 (Tues.)	To be announced	by CKI & Gail Borden	
December 19 (Tues.)	Bookish People	Susan Coll	10:30 am
January 16 (Tues.)	If All the Sea Were Ink	Ilana Kurshan	10:30 am
February 20 (Tues.)	The Three Muses	Martha Anne Toll	10:30 am
March 19 (Tues.)	Ten Year Gone	Jonathan Dunskey	10:30 am
April 16 (Tues.)	Dreamers of the Day	Mary Doria Russell	10:30 am
May 21 (Tues.)	Kantika	Elizabeth Graver	10:30 am
June 11 (Tues.)	Taking Miracles Seriously	Michael Zedek	10:30 am

### Generous Donations

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Donations

- Douglas Bakley
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**To Risa & Paul Cohen in memory of their beloved daughter, Jennifer Cohen, "a beautiful light to this world"**

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- Stephanie Fowler

##### In memory of my mother, Iris Richberg

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##### In celebration of Maya Castro—the newest Chai baby!

- Glorilee & Patrick Harper

**Congratulations to Gale & Ken Jacoby on the birth of grandchild, Mia Rose**

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

**Congratulations to Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall on the birth of Lazer Ramiel**

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

#### CLARA WECHTER ED FUND

**In honor of Maya Castro's baby naming**

- Chris & Jeanette Pacanowski

#### CLARA WECHTER ED FUND

**In memory of Frieda Panimon Simon**

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**To Paul & Risa Cohen, in blessed memory of Jennifer**

- Barb & Ron Razowsky
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**To Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall, in honor of their new grandson, Lazer Ramiel**

- Dick & Sue Johnson
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**To the family of Phyllis Lesser, in memory of Phyllis**

- Ken & Gale Jacoby

**To James Morgan & family, in memory of his sister**

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**To Ezra Morgan, in honor of your Bar Mitzvah**

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**Donation**

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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

<b>August 5</b> 18 Av	<i>Parashat Ekev</i> — Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3
<b>August 12</b> 25 Av	<i>Parashat Re'eh</i> — Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Haftarah Isaiah 54:11-55:5
<b>August 19</b> 2 Elul	<i>Parashat Shofetim</i> — Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12
<b>August 26</b> 9 Elul	<i>Parashat Ki Tetse</i> — Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10

## August Birthdays

Stewart Levin	Aug 1
Matt Trygar	Aug 2
Shaun Bonner	Aug 3
Barbara Maring	Aug 4
Harold Morgan	Aug 7
Shane Bonner	Aug 8
Matt Schwartz	Aug 12
Rob Klein	Aug 12
Ilana Marczak	Aug 13
Stephen Tremmel	Aug 16
Maralee Gordon	Aug 16
Jerry Himmelfarb	Aug 19
Aiden Rockwood	Aug 20
Jana McFarlane	Aug 20
Zach Schwartz	Aug 21
Dan Modes	Aug 22
Raviv Klionsky	Aug 22
Eileen Franks	Aug 22
Simon Klein	Aug 24
Larry Rosenbaum	Aug 25
Michelle Gomberg	Aug 27
Amy Klein	Aug 30
Keenan Newby	Aug 31

## August Anniversaries

Jason & Miryoung Wenz	Aug 1
Mark & Judy Meyerhoff-Huggins	Aug 5
Edward & Tina Wolf	Aug 7
Cindy & Rich Placko	Aug 13
Heather & Dave Weiser	Aug 14
Myrna & Larry Rosenbaum	Aug 15
Judy Rubenstein & Michael Gantz	Aug 17
Jeff & Michelle Gomberg	Aug 19
Matthew & Deanna Phelan Smith	Aug 21
Eric-Jan M. Ginder & Lisa Wohl	Aug 25



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## Hadassah—A Light Unto the Nations

Israel National News - Jun 4, 2023

When 29-year-old Guy Dimery underwent a kidney transplant, he never imagined that just a year after the surgery in which he received his life back as a gift, he would run a marathon – and do so with the person who donated the kidney and saved his life.

“From the age of 25, I was under

medical monitoring due to the condition of my kidneys, and a year and a half ago, it started to worsen,” he describes. “My creatinine percentage

significantly increased, meaning my kidney disease worsened and my kidney function decreased. I felt horrible, tired, and very weak, and I urgently needed a kidney. This is where my amazing angel Yael Keller came into the picture. She altruistically donated a kidney to someone she didn’t know, and thanks to her, I underwent successful surgery at Hadassah by its excellent transplant team.”

As is customary, Guy did not meet Yael before the surgery in which her kidney was transplanted into his body. “Through the Hadassah transplant coordinator, Yael sent my family and me a song by Hatikvah 6 without having met us. The song is called “What Will Be” and has accompanied us with excitement ever since.”

The surgery itself was performed by the Hadassah Transplant Unit team, headed by Dr. Abed Halaila, head of the team, and Dr. Ashraf Imam, together with the operating room team. “There are not enough words to thank them for successfully leading my kidney transplant surgery. I feel lucky knowing I am in the best hands.

“A few months ago, I met with Yael and her delightful husband and learned that we both ran in the past, before the surgery. So, I offered a sort of challenge for both of us to run a route together,” he says with a smile. “Truthfully, after a few months, Yael and I were running 10 kilometers together. Yael is proof that there are miracles, light, goodness, and unconditional love in the world,” he says excitedly. “She is a person who spreads endless giving. The marathon was terrific, and throughout the entire route, Yael spurred us on with strength and motivation.

“Dr. Roi Abel from Hadassah’s Nephrology Department is an expert in kidney diseases, and beyond professionalism and the knowledge that he is always there for me, he is a very attentive person. So is Prof. Michal Elhalal Darnitzky, Head of the Nephrology Department at Hadassah, and her wonderful team.”

Dr. Abel emphasizes: “Guy suffered from advanced kidney failure that progressed to requiring kidney replacement therapy (dialysis or transplantation). Since the transplant, he has continued follow-up at the kidney transplant clinic at Hadassah. He has very good kidney function. Fortunately, Guy lives without limitations and operates under recommendations to maintain a healthy lifestyle, avoid prolonged exposure to the sun and adhere to medication therapy. As a result, he makes good use of his condition and lives a full life, similar to other people his age.”

Guy’s surgeon, Dr. Abed Halaila, head of Hadassah’s transplant unit, is also not surprised by Guy’s achievement. “We all know that kidney failure significantly impairs the patient’s quality of life, and there is no doubt that kidney transplantation improves the patient’s life

and prolongs it even in relation to dialysis. We see the immediate result for Guy, who participated in the 10-kilometer run with his wonderful donor Yael, only a year after surgery – an impressive and inspiring achievement.”

Yael Keller, the kidney donor says, “The first in the family to donate a kidney was my brother, and his significant move led me to the decision that I would do the same,” she says excitedly. “I am a mother of 5 children living in Tekoa. In the mornings, I work as a teacher and as an ambulance driver at night. I started the process a few years ago. The initial tests revealed anemia, so I treated it and after a year, I prepared again to be a donor. The tests took several months to complete, and during that time, I thought deeply about the big step I was taking.

“Then began the important relationship with Neta – the transplant coordinator nurse at Hadassah Ein Kerem, who accompanied me throughout the process at Hadassah and served as the common thread between me and the recipient, who was anonymous to me.

“All I knew was that he was a young man with a very supportive family. Only after I passed the final medical committee did I really get excited for him as well. After we met, we discovered that the common denominator between us was widespread; we realized that we are both easy-going, love to laugh, and are a little cynical. It’s a solid connection for life.”



Guy Dimery and Yael Keller

# 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 Saturday morning Shabbat services during the month of August. 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
Joseph Hillman	Aug 5	Aug 4 & 5	Michael Meyerhoff	Aug 23	Aug 18 & 19
Max Hirsch	Aug 7	Aug 4 & 5	Pierce Richberg*	Aug 23	Aug 18 & 19
Simon C. Kaplan*	Aug 8	Aug 4 & 5	Miriam Zuckerman	Aug 23	Aug 18 & 19
Harry Berman*	Aug 9	Aug 4 & 5	Esther Raben	Aug 25	Aug 18 & 19
Anna Shankerman*	Aug 10	Aug 4 & 5	Eve Rosenfeld*	Aug 25	Aug 18 & 19
Dorothy Fern Weiner	Aug 10	Aug 4 & 5	Louis Kaplan*	Aug 27	Aug 25 & 26
Ruth Hornung*	Aug 11	Aug 4 & 5	Howard Milton Meyers*	Aug 27	Aug 25 & 26
Katie Pickoff	Aug 11	Aug 4 & 5	Dora Eisner Mittledorf*	Aug 27	Aug 25 & 26
Clarice Cutts	Aug 12	Aug 11 & 12	Henry Lipofsky*	Aug 28	Aug 25 & 26
Tillie Finger*	Aug 12	Aug 11 & 12	Shelley Mickevici	Aug 28	Aug 25 & 26
Morris Thomas	Aug 12	Aug 11 & 12	Werner Tuteur*	Aug 28	Aug 25 & 26
Kevin Burkner	Aug 14	Aug 11 & 12	George Duke	Aug 29	Aug 25 & 26
Mecca Carpenter	Aug 15	Aug 11 & 12	Bessie Lipofsky*	Aug 29	Aug 25 & 26
Dean Levin	Aug 15	Aug 11 & 12	Sarah B Meyers*	Aug 29	Aug 25 & 26
Rose Marks*	Aug 17	Aug 11 & 12	Gussie Tempkin Wohl*	Aug 29	Aug 25 & 26
Kate Pondel	Aug 17	Aug 11 & 12	Dinah Fishman	Aug 30	Aug 25 & 26
Fania Chitman	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Morris Silins*	Aug 30	Aug 25 & 26
Dora Mariasis*	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Yetta Wolfensohn	Aug 30	Aug 25 & 26
Sharon Mehr	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Elias Aron	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Maureen (Renie) Poper*	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Irwin Chinskey	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Rubin Raskin	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Dr. Nathan S. Fox*	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Claire Robbins	Aug 18	Aug 11 & 12	Dan Gombiner*	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Leo Schaffner*	Aug 19	Aug 18 & 19	Arnie Krisolofsky	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Esther Poper*	Aug 20	Aug 18 & 19	Victor Marsala	Aug 31	Aug 25 & 26
Myrl Cohen	Aug 21	Aug 18 & 19	William Joseph Gordon*	Sep 1	Aug 25 & 26
Rachel Rosenberg	Aug 21	Aug 18 & 19	Dan Wohl Mayshar*	Sep 1	Aug 25 & 26
Myron Zuckerman	Aug 21	Aug 18 & 19	Moses Miller	Sep 1	Aug 25 & 26
Charles Theodore Levin	Aug 23	Aug 18 & 19	Gishe Beila Sherman	Sep 1	Aug 25 & 26
Herman Loeb*	Aug 23	Aug 18 & 19			

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 Aug 4	7:50 pm	Sat Aug 5	8:57 pm
Fri Aug 11	7:41 pm	Sat Aug 12	8:48 pm
Fri Aug 18	7:31 pm	Sat Aug 19	8:38 pm
Fri Aug 25	7:20 pm	Sat Aug 26	8:27 pm

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



## Ritually Speaking

### 5784 is coming!

The year of 5783 has only a few weeks left but it has been full of sensory overload.

Some of us may have **seen** the Northern Lights, the power of an electrical storm, and the beauty of fireflies dancing.

Some of us may have **heard** the power of a waterfall, earth-shaking thunder rumbling to our core, and the vibrations/buzzing of a hummingbird in our personal space.

Some of us may have **touched** the base of a mountain, dipped our feet in an ocean, and shared countless hugs from our loved ones.

Some of us may have **tasted** the matzah of freedom, raindrops on the tip of our tongue, and our favorite food from our bubbe's kitchen.

Some of us may have **smelled** the smoke from the Canadian forest fires, the scent of blooming lilacs of spring, and the perfume/cologne which reignites the memories of loved ones who are no longer here.



There are countless, additional ways to have your life impacted. The emotions of life can be overwhelming, and we use our senses to comprehend all the events that we experience. Some of us may have had to endure the challenges of losing a loved one or being supportive for those who did. Or dealt with the loss of a job, a relationship that ended, an illness, or aging parents. Conversely, experiences can be positive—a new relationship, a new member of your family via birth or by a child getting married, graduation, occupational success, and goals being achieved.

Life is amazing, and I hope that the experiences you had in 5783 had the positives outweighing the negatives. My soul partner Sandy has referred to herself as a farmer—she plants the idea, and eventually I have a revelation.

Have I piqued your curiosity for my message? Me, too. It will be revealed in the September Ha Kol.

Gene Lindow  
CKI Ritual Chair  
[cki.ritual@gmail.com](mailto:cki.ritual@gmail.com)

## Torah School

Shalom!

*In Pirkei Avot Chapter 5 Mishna 18 we learn that—"There are four types of students (lit., among those who sit before the Sages) — a sponge, a funnel, a strainer, and a sifter. The sponge absorbs everything. The funnel brings in on this [side] and brings out on the other. The strainer lets out the wine and retains the lees. The sieve lets out the flour dust and retains the fine flour."*

As teachers we discuss this and what it means in our classrooms and in our school. Do you see differences in your children?

We are so excited that Torah School will return on Sunday, August 27th from 9am-11am. Online registration will open on August 7th. We can also email or mail you the old-fashioned paper registration.

Do you have a 3-5-year-old preschool student? Perhaps a school age child or grandchild? Our preschoolers through 3rd graders are Sundays only.

Grades 4th and up are Sundays, together with one individualized 30-minute virtual Hebrew Coaching session during the week.

Don't worry, we aren't leaving anyone behind. Our Chai Babies will be returning this year. Chai Babies are a group of our youngest members or potential members (3 years and under) who get together with their families to play, while their families schmooze. Watch for those announcements!

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah year includes Sunday mornings, weekly virtual Hebrew coaching sessions, an additional weekly session with the rabbi, and attendance at Saturday morning Shabbat services at least once a month.

I am happy to announce that all of our teachers and Hebrew coaches are returning: Jordana Salinas, Sam Steinberg, Lila Chavez, and Earl Sternfeld. Jeanette Pacanowski will be around to sub in classrooms this year!

We are preparing for our overarching theme: *Do Not Separate Yourself from the Community*. We will be exploring different things in the community each month during the school year.

Of course, please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Hope to see you at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st!!

B'Shalom,

Heather

**OFC. SNOW**  
1540 Mulberry Ln.  
6:00pm - 8:00pm



**OFC. ALVA &  
OFC. BARRON**  
310 N. Spring St.  
4:00pm - 8:00pm



Join us at  
**EPD's  
National  
Night  
Out  
2023**

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME!**



**OFC. HENKE**  
335 Locust St.  
St. Ed's Greg True Football Field  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**OFC. PAYNE**  
378 Division St.  
5:00pm - 9:00pm

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 1, 2023**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS A YEARLY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FULL OF ACTIVITIES AND FUN. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A NNO BLOCK PARTY IN YOUR AREA, WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT YOUR NEARBY OFFICER HOSTED PARTY.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR EPD OFFICERS, AND LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**OFC. YOUNG**  
1312 Amanda Cir.  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**OFC. KAZY-GAREY**  
1885 Lin Lor Ln.  
6:00pm - 8:00pm





**Tuesday  
August**

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**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.**

**Call (630) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.**

**Photo ID Required**



## **Congregation Kneseth Israel National Night Out 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/kneseth](https://bit.ly/kneseth) or call (800) 7TO-GIVE or go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL)**

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## The Soup Kettle Scoop



### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

**Our next Soup Kettle** held at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, is on **August 29th!** 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. Please contact Barb Razowsky or Judi Tepe if you can help. **We need you!**

Judi Tepe: [juditepe@gmail.com](mailto:juditepe@gmail.com)

Barb Razowsky: [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)

## 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—

**Jana McFarlane** for keeping us well stocked in bathroom supplies.

**Jerry Niederman** for tending to the community garden.

**Gene Lindow** for taking care of minor repairs in the building.

**Nancy & Chuck Zimmerman** for hosting shiva for Phyllis Lesser.

**Anita Hornung, Karen & Al Bender, Barb Razowsky** for helping set up the Cohen's shiva.

**For CKI and Levenfeld Pearlstein law firm** for generously providing food at the Cohen's shiva.

**Karen & Al Bender, Sandi Phelan, Dick & Sue Johnson, Nancy Zimmerman, Maureen Manning, Gale & Ken Jacoby, Melissa Margason, Jenny Trygar, Gareth Sitz, Joy Wener Bang, Barb Edelstein, Rabbi Margaret & Simon, and Ron & Barb Razowsky** who coordinated, worked, and helped out at the Cohen's shiva.

**Patrick Harper** for getting quotes for outdoor fencing as part of a security grant.

**Jenny Trygar** for arranging to get quotes for new thermostat system.

**Heather Weiser** for hosting Torah School Moms Night Out.

**Sarah Goldman** for hosting Chai Babies Pizza Shabbat.

**Gene & Sandy Lindow, Joel & Ellen Levy, Robin Coyne** who came to Jerry Naylor's funeral.



## 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:**

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

**Make check/Zelle payable to: Congregation Kneseth Israel. ("CKI NY Card" on memo)**

**Donate online:** through CKI's donation website using PayPal. (Enter "CKI NY Card" in special instructions. *Please* include the PayPal fee in your donation.)

**Questions? Contact Peg Lehman at 847-741-5656 or [cki@ckielgin.com](mailto:cki@ckielgin.com)**

**Mail this order form and check payment to:**

Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120 – c/o CKI NY Card

## Elizabeth B Bat Mitzvah



Elizabeth B will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 2, 2023. She will be a 7th grade student at Cambridge Lakes Learning Center.

Lizzie enjoys reading, creative writing, and cuddling with her four cats. She is a blue belt in Shotokan karate, a gymnast, plays the flute, cheers with her school squad for the boy's basketball teams, and is a Girl Scout Cadette. She also loves LEGO, Disney, and generally prefers Marvel superheroes to DC.

Sharing this special occasion with Lizzie are her proud parents, Lee and Nikki, and her sister, Renée. She will also be celebrating with her grandparents, aunt, uncles, and cousins from across the country.

Lizzie started at CKI as a toddler, playing with her dolls behind the back row on Shabbat mornings. Through the last decade of services, celebrations, and Torah school, she has learned the importance of being a mensch to improve her life and the lives of others in her community.

### Elizabeth B's Bat Mitzvah Project

Lizzie is hoping to raise \$900.00 for the Surfrider Foundation by her Bat Mitzvah on September 2nd. Lizzie is very concerned about climate change, because she would like the planet to still be here when she grows up. She has taken a particular interest in reducing plastic pollution in the world's oceans.

To contribute to her fundraiser, please go to <https://mygiving.surfrider.org/-/NMTYCUVD?member=SGULHBXX>.

Surfrider fights for plastic reduction, ocean protection, beach access, neutralizing coast & climate threats, and clean water. They host beach cleanup events, advocate at the local, state, and federal level for responsible policies and regulations, and run programs to test community water sources and maintain beaches. You can learn more about their work at <https://www.surfrider.org/>





## High Holy Day Schedule Fall 5784

Congregation Kneseth Israel, Elgin

Coming Together Again:

Do Not Separate Yourself from Community

**All High Holy Day In-Person Registrations here:**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa929abf9c34-high1#/ps://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcld-graDIsE9lroNk\\_Naiz4FoAsylbc7ea](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa929abf9c34-high1#/ps://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcld-graDIsE9lroNk_Naiz4FoAsylbc7ea)

**Selichot: Saturday, September 9, 8:00 PM**

[ps://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcld-graDIsE9lroNk\\_Naiz4FoAsylbc7ea](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcld-graDIsE9lroNk_Naiz4FoAsylbc7ea)

**Kever Avot: Sunday, September 10, 11:00 AM, Bluff City Cemetery**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 15, 7:00 PM**

**Rosh Hashanah Morning, Day One: Saturday, September 16, 9:30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZltoO6roTkoHNABvGKirzQvipiSmYLuov5i>

**Children's Programming at 11:00 AM**

**Rosh Hashanah Morning, Day Two: Sunday, September 17, 9:30 AM**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUqcO6pgT0tHdKQlueny\\_TqmWoYkizUpH00](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUqcO6pgT0tHdKQlueny_TqmWoYkizUpH00)

**Children's Programming at 11:00 AM**

**Tashlich and Family Picnic:**

**Sunday, September 17, 4:00 PM**





## Yom Kippur Schedule Fall 5784

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Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 24, 6:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlkduGtoD8oH9KHlf90eww0v7aJwX2isu6>

Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, September 25, 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87823989315?pwd=UUUvemlHRVNXU3JPRThITGZlMmVQQT09>

Children's Programming at 11:00 AM

Yizkor: Monday, September 25, 12:00 PM

Same links as above

Afternoon Study Session: Monday, September 25, 4:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAofumupiguH9EhXfW33mVXpVflcZZvE3Kh>

Afternoon Service and Neilah: Monday, September 25, 5:30 PM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrdO-yoz4uH9v56SuA5HtvzVSUYN9r2E\\_R](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrdO-yoz4uH9v56SuA5HtvzVSUYN9r2E_R)

Break-the-fast

Monday, September 25, 7:35 PM

## CKI Memorial Booklet 5784

On Yom Kippur, we remember our dear departed in prayer  
and pledge charitable offerings in their honor.

It has been the tradition in our congregation to publish a Memorial Booklet, which is distributed  
on Yom Kippur at the time of the Yizkor Service. In this booklet, we list the names of our  
departed loved ones as a tribute to their memory.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to memorialize your loved ones by including their names  
in the Memorial Booklet.

All members should have received either a *blank form* or a *form listing your names from last year*.  
Please *return the form to CKI* as soon as possible, **but no later than THURSDAY, AUGUST 31th**.  
Your enclosed offering, which will provide much needed help to maintain the Synagogue and  
Religious School, is greatly appreciated.

If you need a form or have any questions, please call/text Karen Bender at 847-651-3209  
Or email [akbender1@gmail.com](mailto:akbender1@gmail.com)

## Dairy Break-the-Fast • Monday, September 25

### Welcome Back to CKI's In-Person Break-the-Fast

Once again CKI is hosting our Break-the-Fast Dairy Dinner! No one will be turned away, but  
we do need your reservation to help us plan the menu and to know how much food to buy. A  
suggested donation of at least \$25.00 **per person** would be appreciated to defray costs.

Children under 13 eat free. If you have a special diet beyond gluten free or vegetarian, please  
contact Barb Razowsky at [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)

**Send RSVP, reservation, and donation by Sept. 11. Mail to:** Congregation Kneseth Israel,  
Attention Peg, 330 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120. Pay **only** by check (payable to Congregation  
Kneseth Israel) or Zelle. If paying by Zelle, be sure to note on memo line that this is for  
Break-the-Fast. Thanks!

YES! We are coming to the Break-the-Fast!

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if paid by check \_\_\_\_\_ or paid by Zelle \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Barb Razowsky at [barbrazowsky@gmail.com](mailto:barbrazowsky@gmail.com)

## A Holocaust Survival Story

My name is Susan Heinemann Berman, and I would like to share some exciting news with CKI. My parents and sister, Ruth and Manfred (Fred) Heinemann and Julie Heinemann, were congregants of your synagogue for more than twenty years back in the 70's, 80's and 90's. They lived in Dundee and were very active in the shul.

My mother, Ruth, is fortunately still alive, at 98 years of age and lives close to me in Marietta, Georgia. She is also a Holocaust survivor as was my father, who passed away in 2001. Dad had a wonderful voice and often shared it with the Congregation on Yom Kippur. My mother was active in the Sisterhood.

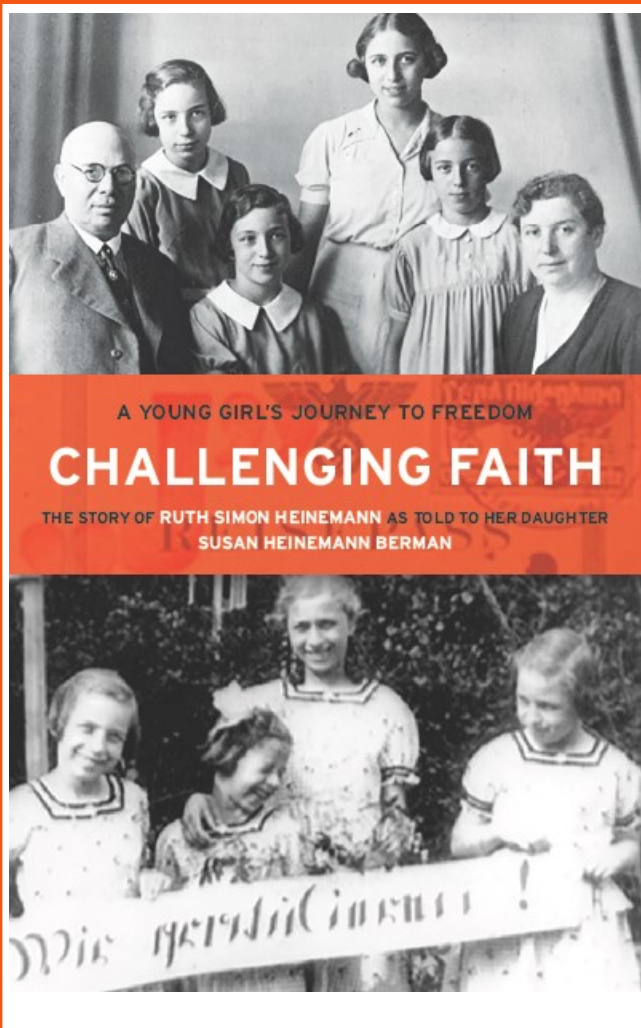
I have recently completed a book about my parents--particularly my mother and her family story of how she left her home in Nazi Germany in 1938 with her sister, Hilde, to participate on the Kindertransport to England. My grandfather had already been arrested by the Nazis and was taken to a Concentration Camp.

My mother was part of a family of four daughters and my grandmother had to choose only two of them to go to England. Can you imagine? My grandfather was eventually released and, in order to flee the country as soon as possible, purchased tickets on the ship the St. Louis, which was bound for Cuba with the rest of the family.

It is a fascinating story of how my mother and two of her sisters were able to live in England and eventually come to the United States. What happened to my grandparents and my youngest aunt is tragic after they are denied entrance to Cuba.



Susan Heinemann Berman, Ruth Heinemann, Julie Heinemann



The book is called *Challenging Faith* and shares many details of the rest of their lives as well in New York, Illinois, Florida, etc. It represents their steadfast faith in G'd, and the strength of character they both shared, despite the many adversities they faced.

The CKI gift shop is proud to carry *Challenging Faith: A Young Girl's Journey to Freedom*. This riveting book makes a great book club read. It's also available on Amazon.com, BookBaby.com, and BarnesandNoble.com in soft cover as well as in an electronic version. I guarantee you will find it a remarkable read—particularly for those who knew them.



# ***Notes of Appreciation...***



Oftentimes the question is asked, "What do you get as a member of CKI?"

We could talk about services, school, or access to a rabbi, but we just had the experience of community that enabled us to get through the initial pain of losing a child. The community stepped up to allow us to begin the grieving process and not worry about the details of Shiva.

Thank you for your condolences and your actions, there is no word to express our gratitude.

Paul & Risa Cohen

## **To the CKI community**

Thank you so much for the support and kindness everyone has shown our family at the time of the passing of our mother, Phyllis Lesser.

With great appreciation,  
Gary and Rick Lesser

This is a message for Rabbi Klein. I am Chris Naylor, brother of Jerry Naylor. I wanted to say thank you for honoring my brother by performing his funeral on July 10th at Shalom Memorial. I was truly sorry I could not attend in person, but personal issues and travel arrangements could not be made in time. I live in Augusta, GA. I did watch the streaming broadcast. My brother was a good man and lived life with open arms to all. I will miss our bi-monthly phone calls. I just wanted again to say thank you for performing the services.

Chris Naylor



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## August 2023 Shabbat Services: Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Aug 1	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Aug 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
	CKI Blood Drive	4:00 PM		CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	National Night Out	5:00 PM	Aug 17	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Aug 2	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Aug 19	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Aug 5	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Aug 20	Torah School Teachers Mtg/CPR training	8:00 AM
Aug 6	CKI Choir Rehearsal	9:00 AM	Aug 22	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Aug 8	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Aug 24	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Aug 26	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Aug 10	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Aug 27	First Day of Torah School	9:00 AM
	Ritual Committee	7:00 PM	Aug 29	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Aug 12	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Aug 31	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM