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Sep 24-25 Yom Kippur
Oct 8 Simcat Torah
Oct 18 Hadassah Public Service Program



From the Rabbi's Study

Shanah tovah. A good year. Happy New Year. May this be a good year, filled with meaning, and learning, and community.

The word shanah, with its root shin nun, hay, which we translate usually as year, can also mean change and difference.

After the pause of the summer, this is the part of the year where we are back at it. Back to school. Back to Torah School. Back to Friday night services. Back to synagogue. Back to a more hectic schedule of sports and extra-

curricular activities and so much more.

Coming out of the pandemic, and even before, people would talk about the hectic pace we put ourselves through. They knew they wanted to make a change. But how? What?

Rosh Hashanah gives us the opportunity to pause. To rest. To reflect. To think about priorities and to figure out what we personally want to change. Perhaps that is why the word for change and year are the same. And while change might be an important

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President's Message

We all know that I am a firm believer that there is a time for everything. I also believe that there is a time for everyone. In the business world, it is succession planning; in Judaism I believe it can be expressed as *l'dor v'dor*. I always get misty eyed at B-Mitzvahs when the Torah is passed from one generation to the other, the spiritual symbolism of passing on our Jewish values, beliefs, and culture.

The "nuts and bolts" version that warms my heart and gives me hope for the future are things like Chai Babies, Torah School kids attending class and services,

Torah School parents stepping up and helping with event planning and building upkeep and young adults like Zach Schwartz participating in services. (Zach is the newest member of the Ritual Committee!) Not only does the participation of the younger generations reinforce in my mind and heart that there will be members of CKI to carry on our traditions, but it also brings in new perspectives and keeps things "fresh."

I also want to express my appreciation to the "older" generation for continuing to do all of the things that you learned to do when you were young Torah

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From the Rabbi's Study...

theme in these holy days, teshuvah, return, repentance is as well. People have longed to return to the way things used to be. This Rosh Hashanah gives us some of that opportunity as well. Apples and Honey will be back for Rosh Hashanah, a chance to schmooze and reconnect with friends and the community. The Memorial Book, the New Year's Card, Break-the-Fast are all staples of High Holy Days at CKI. The choir and Stephanie. The stained glass windows. It will look, feel, taste, smell, and sound like old times.

But one thing is a little different. Because it is Shabbat, on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, you will not hear the shofar at CKI. It will be blown on the second day. All 100 notes. Why not on the first day? Some say because we don't carry the shofar on Shabbat. Some say that since the destruction of the second temple in

Jerusalem in 70 CE, there isn't instrumental music on Shabbat, as a sign of mourning. Some say because it says so in the Talmud. There are many more reasons, I'm sure. And you may hear of other places that do blow shofar on Shabbat. However, the custom at CKI is not to blow the shofar.

What is it that you want to change? What do you want to return to? Where do you feel you need to make amends? Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are joyous holy days, even as they can be ones of fear and trepidation. We say they are sweet. May this be a sweet new year, for each of you, filled with change and growth, community, learning and meaning. Simon joins me in sending his best wishes.

—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.

Dress Code

Shanah Tovah! It is exciting when the Torah “dresses” get changed from blue to white. This year we are especially excited that the missing Torah covers have been found. We will change them and the bimah “clothes” just before Selichot on September 9th at 7:30 PM. (Selichot service begins at 8 PM.) There is a tradition of *hiddur hamitzvah*, beautification of the mitzvah. This includes not only the Torahs, but ritual art and our own clothes as well. Rosh Hashanah (and the start of the new school year) often meant time for new clothes or new shoes. Or if you were lucky, both. At CKI, we aren't the fashion police. However, we want to remind you that men are expected to wear a kippah/yarmulke and women are also welcome to wear one. Men wear a tallit (prayer shawl, including for Kol Nidre, the only night of the year traditionally. Women are welcome to as well. Some wear white for Yom Kippur. That's why the choir and the rabbi wear white robes and some wear a kittel. All are encouraged to wear “respectful” clothing. Let's really beautify the sanctity of these days, with our attire and our smiles.



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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President's Message continued

School parents and for your mentoring of the next generation. It is wonderful to see all of the CKI generations working and celebrating together. I thank all of you for your participation and wish all of you and those you hold dear L'shana tovah tikatev v'tichatem!

—Robin Coyne



September 5th @ 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	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

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Donations

- Douglas Bakley
- Brandon Brown

To Robin, in memory of Bernice Morgan

- Helen Lindow
- Earl & Debbie Sternfeld
- Charlie & Helen Neuman
- Maureen Manning
- Barbara Edelstein
- Risa & Paul Cohen
- Liza Bachrach & Dan Marshall

In memory of Jennifer Cohen

- Barry Rose & Karen Kehl
- Gene & Sandy Lindow

Thank you for being so welcoming

- Barry & Karen Mintzer

High Holy Days Donations

- Sandra & Martin Alter
- Gene & Sandy Lindow

For summer birthdays & yahrzeits

- Jerry Niederman

Larry Steinberg speedy recovery

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

To Jay & Becca, in memory of John James Ralston III

- Helen Lindow

In honor of Mia Rose Jacoby, Maya Castro, Lazer Ramiel

- Robin Coyne

In honor of the Levy's anniversary

- Gene & Sandy Lindow

Todah Rabah to the CKI Community who propped us up during Larry's health challenge

- Larry & Elaine Steinberg

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Herb Gross, Michael Joseph Modes, Melvin Tannebaum, Leah Liss, Marilyn Horn, Ellen Jo Hein, Jennifer Cohen, Phyllis Lesser, James Morgan's sister, John James Ralston III

- Robin Coyne

In memory of Phyllis Lesser. May her spirit be a part of the lives of her sons & this congregation for many years to come

- Penny Fisher

CLARA WECHTER ED FUND

To Robin Coyne, in memory of your mother-in-law

- Barb & Ron Razowsky
- Dick & Sue Johnson

To Ezra Morgan, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

- Ken & Gale Jacoby

To Lucy Marshall & Jake Levine, in honor of Lazer's birth

- Dick & Sue Johnson

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In memory of Irwin Chinskey

- Barbara Edelstein

For Robin Coyne, in memory of mother-in-law Bernice Morgan

- Judi & Verne Tepe

In memory of Jennifer Cohen

- Barbara Edelstein

In honor of Ezra's Bar Mitzvah

- Hannah Salomon

BLOSSOM FLOWER FUND

In memory of Sheila Chinskey

- Barbara Edelstein

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.
- **Building Security Fund** — EPD security for special CKI events
- **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

Sept 2 <i>16 Elul</i>	<i>Parashat Ki Tavo—</i> Deuteronomy 26: 1 -29:8 Haftarah Isaiah 60:1- 22
Sept 9 <i>23 Elul</i>	<i>Parashat Nitsavim & Vayelekh</i> Deuteronomy 29:9- 31:30 Haftarah Isaiah 61:10 --63:9
Sept 16 <i>1 Tishrei</i>	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Genesis 21:1-34 & Numbers 29:1-6 Haftarah ISamuel 1: 1-2:10
Sept 17 <i>2 Tishrei</i>	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Genesis 22:1-24 & Numbers 29:1-6 Haftarah Jeremiah 31:1-19
Sept 23 <i>8 Tishrei</i>	Shabbat Shurvah— Ha'Azinu Deuteronomy 32:1- 52 Haftarah Hosea 14:2- 10; Joel 2:15-27
Sept 25 <i>10 Tishrei</i>	Yom Kippur Morning Leviticus 16:1-34 & Numbers 29:7-11 Haftarah Isaiah 57:14 -58:14 Afternoon Leviticus 19:1-18 Haftarah Book of Jonah & Micah 7:18-20
Sept 30 <i>15 Tishrei</i>	Shabbat/Sukkot Day 1 Leviticus 22:26-23:44 & Numbers 29:12-16 Haftarah Zechariah 14:1-21

September Birthdays

Ryan Rockwood	Sep 2
Earl Sternfeld	Sep 3
Gabrielle Atkins	Sep 4
Michael Poper	Sep 4
Liza Bachrach	Sep 6
Suzy Zemel	Sep 6
Elizabeth Berger	Sep 8
Vern Tepe	Sep 12
Bob Protter	Sep 13
Dan Marshall	Sep 17
Hillary Schneider	Sep 20
Arlene Schneider	Sep 23
Barbara Njus	Sep 24
Judy Meyerhoff-Huggins	Sep 25
Sienna Shai Castro	Sep 25
Frank Gross	Sep 25
Sandy Lindow	Sep 26
Brad Burkner	Sep 29
Glorilee Harper	Sep 30

September Anniversaries

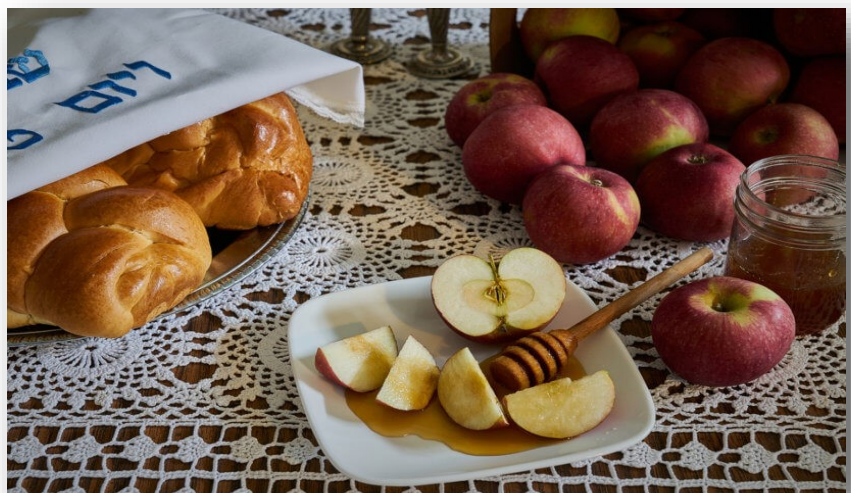
David & Kirsten Greenberg	Sep 1
Ronald & Barbara Razowsky	Sep 3
Michael & Rachel Bloomberg	Sep 3
Dan Marshall & Liza Bachrach	Sep 4
Mark & Robin Seigle	Sep 4
Ron & Arlene Bass	Sep 4
Dan & Ilana Marczak	Sep 7
Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung	Sep 9
Kevin & Sandi Phelan	Sep 13
Arthur & Wendy Shankman	Sep 13
Barb Maring & Bob Kulesky	Sep 18
William & Jana McFarlane	Sep 24



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Terrorism Survivors of Past Attacks Praise Hadassah Medical Staff

Seventeen men and women died from the terrorist attack. Their bodies in their bus seats and on the floor were all around her. New Jersey-born Sarri Singer was riding on Jerusalem city bus #14, going to meet a friend for dinner, when a terrorist disguised as a religious Jew hit the trigger that activated 22 pounds of explosives. It was 5 p.m. on June 11, 2003.

Exactly 20 years later, Singer marked the

day with a meal of thanks at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem where her life was saved. With her were seven other terror survivors whose lives had also been saved in the bombings,

along with Hadassah medical staff and representatives of Hadassah, which has provided support throughout her ordeal.

Singer explained, "I'm here to thank the staff of Hadassah Medical Organization who saved my life and the women of Hadassah who were there for me, and have been there for me, over the last two decades. Being here today is so significant to me, especially with so many of you who were also in terror attacks. There's no reason why some of those on the bus with me didn't survive and I am here. I have to think that I am here for a reason. It's my hope that I can help prevent future terror victims by speaking out to be the voice of Israel in the world." Today, Singer, director of Career Services at Touro College, supports other terrorism survivors through an organization she started called Strength to Strength.

In Jerusalem for the first time on the June 11 anniversary, she recalled hearing the explosion, closing her eyes and then silence. The concussive waves ruptured her eardrums. Sitting halfway back in the bus near the window, Singer had bent over to place her cellphone in her backpack when the bomber struck. The wave pushed her back in her seat. Singer was burned and bleeding and screaming. A passerby who had heard the explosion motioned for her to get off the bus. With

her feet on the burned-out window frame, the passerby managed to squeeze her through the frame and pulled her from the bus. An ambulance raced her to the Hadassah Ein Kerem Trauma Center where representatives of Hadassah's Jerusalem office approached her.

"Something told us she was American and might be all alone in Israel," said Barbara Sofer, Israel director of Public Relations for Hadassah. "The first thing she said was that she didn't want her parents to know. We told her that the bombing would soon be in the news. I asked her what her parents' phone number was. I handed her my cellphone as she told them she'd been in a terror attack, but that she was going to be okay. Then she was rolled into surgery."

Singer had absorbed shrapnel in her neck and shoulders. Two pieces lodged in her mouth. Her clavicle was fractured. She would remain in the hospital for 12 days. Her father, Robert W. Singer, is a longtime state senator in New Jersey and former mayor of Lakewood. His daughter's close escape from death drew international media.

Joining Singer were the following terror survivors: Gila Halili Weiss, a former HWZOA activist and now a CPA in Israel, was blown up in the Macheneh Yehudah market in 2002. Alone and unconscious, she was identified because a roommate remembered the color of her most recent pedicure. Today, she has her own business dealing with international taxation.

Moshe Frej, a volunteer medic, was shot in the back taking care of ambushed soldiers in Hebron in 2002. He underwent emergency, experimental surgery. He's now the father of eight and an osteopath.

Adi Huja Peretz was 14 in 2001, while she was waiting for her two cousins to finish getting ice cream in a night of a triple attack killing 10 attending a birthday party. She absorbed so much shrapnel that 120 units of blood flowed through her until an experimental drug for hemophiliacs, Nova 7, was tried by Hadassah's Prof. Avi Rivkind. Though it was reputedly contraindicated for trauma, the bleeding slowed and stopped. Prof. Iri Liebergall, abroad at the time, returned to Israel and countermanded the plan to amputate her

leg. Many operations followed, including one several months ago. She's married and a mother of three.

Dvir Musai was not quite 13 when his class went on a field trip cherry picking at a nearby farm. Heading back to the bus by their teacher. Dvir stepped on a landmine planted by terrorists to kill the farmer. He has had more than 40 operations at Hadassah and works as part of the tourism team in the Hadassah Offices in Israel. He is married and the father of two.

Aluma Mekaitan Guertzenstein was 17 in 2002, when a terrorist killed himself near her on the bus on the way to school. Metal shrapnel entered her brain and body. She underwent life-saving surgery at Hadassah and years of physical therapy. She has the use of only one arm. Aluma managed to complete three degrees despite her injuries.

Dr. Gabby Elbaz Greener was studying occupational therapy in 1995 at Hadassah's school on Mount Scopus when the bus she was on was blown up. Devastatingly injured, she was treated at Mount Scopus and Ein Kerem. During the recovery period, she decided to become a physician. She is a leading interventional cardiologist on both campuses, married and the mother of three.

Natan Sandaka was a 21-year-old Border Guard patrolling on the Street of the Prophets when a passerby alerted him to a suspicious-looking man dressed in the clothing of a religious Jew and carrying a large backpack. Sandaka ran after him. The terrorist stopped and activated his device. Sandaka, gravely injured, was pulled back to life in the Intensive Care Unit at Hadassah Ein Kerem. He works for an NGO with teens at risk in a community center in Naveh Yaakov, Jerusalem.

Commenting to the assembled survivors, Dalia Itzik, chair of the Board of the Hadassah Medical Organization, said, "The hospital and its staff are an indivisible part of the city of Jerusalem in regular days and in times of terror attacks." "When I heard the stories of those who recovered from the terror attacks after treatment at Hadassah," said Hadassah CEO Naomi Adler, "I felt overwhelming gratitude to the thousands of Hadassah supporters who make this happen."



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 September. 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
Ida Gross	Sep 2	Sep 1 & 2	Nathan Zuckerman	Sep 17	Sep 15 & 16
Harold Eagles	Sep 3	Sep 1 & 2	Robert Zane, D.D.S. Fox*	Sep 18	Sep 15 & 16
Macey Gordon	Sep 3	Sep 1 & 2	Bessie Rifken*	Sep 18	Sep 15 & 16
Florence Miller	Sep 3	Sep 1 & 2	Alan S. Finger*	Sep 19	Sep 15 & 16
John (Jack) Marshall	Sep 4	Sep 1 & 2	Karla Grenton	Sep 19	Sep 15 & 16
Lou Raphaelson	Sep 4	Sep 1 & 2	Edythe Kulefsky	Sep 19	Sep 15 & 16
Sarah Hold Klein*	Sep 5	Sep 1 & 2	Lawrence Trachtman	Sep 19	Sep 15 & 16
Bertha Fox*	Sep 6	Sep 1 & 2	Libby Lewis	Sep 20	Sep 15 & 16
Morris Hayden*	Sep 6	Sep 1 & 2	Jerome Schwartz	Sep 20	Sep 15 & 16
Will Insko	Sep 6	Sep 1 & 2	Hyman David*	Sep 21	Sep 15 & 16
Shelley Mickervice	Sep 6	Sep 1 & 2	Minnie Freeman*	Sep 21	Sep 15 & 16
Pearle Brody*	Sep 7	Sep 1 & 2	Isadore Rosenberg	Sep 21	Sep 15 & 16
Marjorie Durchslag*	Sep 7	Sep 1 & 2	Lily Cohen	Sep 23	Sep 22 & 23
Sol Haft	Sep 7	Sep 1 & 2	Samuel Kantrowitz	Sep 23	Sep 22 & 23
Esther Levine*	Sep 7	Sep 1 & 2	Alfred Kruth	Sep 23	Sep 22 & 23
Morris Rubenstein	Sep 7	Sep 1 & 2	Timothy Mann	Sep 27	Sep 22 & 23
Nathan Fishman	Sep 8	Sep 1 & 2	Howard Rifken*	Sep 27	Sep 22 & 23
Faye Rose	Sep 8	Sep 1 & 2	Shirley Zeman*	Sep 27	Sep 22 & 23
Sheldon Burstein*	Sep 10	Sep 8 & 9	Sarah C. Becker*	Sep 28	Sep 22 & 23
Irwin Gilbert	Sep 11	Sep 8 & 9	Sylvia Elizabeth Newman	Sep 28	Sep 22 & 23
Anita Rifken*	Sep 13	Sep 8 & 9	Albert Simon*	Sep 28	Sep 22 & 23
Walter Wolf Weinstein*	Sep 13	Sep 8 & 9	Herman Shankerman*	Sep 29	Sep 22 & 23
Gussie Greenberg	Sep 15	Sep 8 & 9	Dorothy H. Perlman	Sep 30	Sep 29 & 30
Julius Raben*	Sep 15	Sep 8 & 9	Simon Freund	Oct 1	Sep 29 & 30
Morris Robbins	Sep 16	Sep 15 & 16	Oscar Herzberg*	Oct 2	Sep 29 & 30
Lucas Jacob Schwartz	Sep 16	Sep 15 & 16	Gertrude Burstein*	Oct 3	Sep 29 & 30
Seymour Yuskowitz	Sep 16	Sep 15 & 16	Ida Fischer*	Oct 3	Sep 29 & 30
Joseph Zimmerman*	Sep 16	Sep 15 & 16	Minnie Cohen*	Oct 4	Sep 29 & 30
Darryl Miller	Sep 17	Sep 15 & 16	Jamie Hass	Oct 5	Sep 29 & 30
Paul Sitz	Sep 17	Sep 15 & 16			

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.

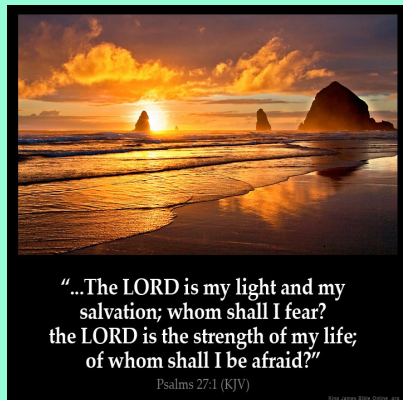
Kindle the Shabbat Candles		and HAVDALAH Candles	
Fri Sep 1	7:08 pm	Sat Sep 2	8:15 pm
Fri Sep 8	6:56 pm	Sat Sep 9	8:03 pm
Fri Sep 15	6:44 pm	Sat Sep 16	7:51 pm
Fri Sep 22	6:32 pm	Sat Sep 23	7:39 pm
Fri Sep 29	6:20 pm	Sat Sep 30	7:27 pm

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

Ritually Speaking

5784—and beyond—TOGETHER

In last month's article I touched upon the challenges that life can throw at you. I truly empathize with each of you having to face them as I face mine. It is not an easy world out there, and life can be overwhelming, blocking us from smelling the roses that are with us.



From the beginning of the current Jewish month of Elul through Yom Kippur, it is a custom that we recite daily Psalm 27. It is a very powerful piece of poetry by David, which asks us not to be afraid and that in the long run we will find our strength and courage through our relationships—with G-d and with our fellow human beings. This is not to infer that it will be easy, and at times we definitely will feel overwhelmed. You can find the psalm on page 80 in our siddur, *Sim Shalom*.

There is a verse that touches me deeply and helps me get through the day. Also, it overlaps with the rest of the year.

**"One thing I ask of Adonai—for this I yearn
To dwell in the House of Adonai all the days of my life—
To behold G-d's beauty, to pray in G-d's sanctuary."**

The sanctuary of CKI provides for me a place to escape, regroup, and to do *tikkun olam* by addressing some of the building needs. **(Sandy feels that it is the way I justify procrastinating her honey-do list.)** Our sanctuary has been here for over 130 years, serving many generations, in a variety of ways and being HERE for the highs and lows that life will throw at you. CKI is much more than bricks and mortar—it is a living entity. The current and previous generations, and hopefully the future generations, will be able to **"pray in God's sanctuary."** For CKI to fulfill *l'dor v'dor* (generation to generation), we need you to continue this community; I like to refer to this as **paying it forward**.

Yes this is an appeal not only for you to contribute financially, but also with your time, talents, and energy for CKI's longevity. I believe that there is not one committee within our walls that would turn away help. Being active within our walls is a way to learn and provide comfort; sharing your heart does make a difference. It may not always be easy, but it will be fulfilling as you look back at how you made a difference.

In a few days we will be together, reciting prayers, enjoying apples and honey, fulfilling the commandment to hear the shofar, and building a sukkah (temporary dwelling) in our parking lot. This is just the start of 5784! I wish you all a very happy, healthy, New Year—one in which we can experience pure contentment and that we can share with the world.

"Amen."

Gene Lindow
CKI Ritual Chair
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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?

It was great seeing everyone on Sunday, August 27th, for our Torah School Kick-Off. The teachers were so happy to see their students, and the students were so happy to see each other!

We are excited that Torah School will return on Sunday, September 10th from 9 am-11 am. Did you register yet? We have online registration available. We can also email you the old-fashioned paper registration.

Do you have a child or grandchild younger than 3 years old? We are continuing Chai Babies. It is a group of young children that will meet monthly with their parents. Let me know, and I will include you in the information.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur children's activities and family activities are a fun way to stay part of the community. Look over the calendar to double-check times and locations.

Of course, please reach out to me if you have any questions! L'shana Tova!

Heather



First Day of Torah School

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, Renee. 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 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

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Coming Together Again:

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All High Holy Day In-Person Registrations here:

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

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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Coming Together Again:

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlkduGtdD8oH9KHlf90eww0v7aJwX2isu6>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87823989315?pwd=UUUvcmllHRVNXU3JPRThlTGZlMmlVQT09>

Children's Programming at 11:00 AM

Yizkor: Monday, September 25, 12:00 PM

Same links as above

Afternoon Healing Service: Monday, September 25, 4:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAofumupiquH9EhXfW33mVXpVflcZZvE3Kh>

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrdO-vqz4uH9v56SuA5HtvzVSUYN9r2E_R

Break-the-fast

Monday, September 25, 7:30 PM

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

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

Elgin Hadassah Open Meeting Features Public Service Program October 18th



The Illinois Attorney General's Community Outreach Liaison, Agnes Lizak, will speak about **Identity Theft: How to recognize it and How to Report it**. Join us in Congregation Kneseth Israel's social hall, 330 Division St., Elgin on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 P.M. This is a free public service program open to Hadassah and Congregation Kneseth members and friends.

A short business meeting including an explanation of Hadassah's mission and membership benefits will precede Ms. Lizak's presentation along with a Q & A period. As a conclusion to the evening, attendees are invited to mingle and enjoy an ice cream social. Inquiries may be directed to Nancy Zimmerman at 847-828-6090.

Due to CoVid-19 fluctuation as the weeks pass, we ask you to carry your vaccination status cards or on your smartphone, including proof of booster, if eligible. You MAY be required to show them. You will be required to sign a Hadassah waiver form at the time of entry. Wearing a mask is optional to attend this event, but recommended. For everyone's health and safety, there will be no exceptions to this policy.

The Soup Kettle Scoop



Barb and I want to thank our wonderful volunteers who helped make the August 29th Soup Kettle a success.

It's not too early to sign up for our next Soup Kettle held at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin on **October 31**. 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. If you can help, please contact Barb Razowsky: barbrazowsky@gmail.com or Judi Tepe juditepe@gmail.com Thank you!

ACTS OF CHESED

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

Gene Lindow for repairing the kitchen door and the "thrones" in the women's bathroom and for replacing the emergency lights in the building.

Stew Levin & the Crew for providing music at Shabbat on the Road.

Robin Coyne & Patrick Harper for making arrangements for the new security fencing.

Robin Coyne & Dan Marshall for adjusting the sanctuary thermostat.

Stew & the CKI Choir for diligently practicing for the High Holy Days services.

Barb Razowsky for coordinating Break-the-Fast.

Karen Bender for taking care of the Yom Kippur Memorial Booklet.

Sandi Phelan for creating and sending the annual CKI New Year card.

Melissa Margason & Risa Cohen for coordinating the Berger Bat Mitzvah celebration nosh.

Robin Coyne for overseeing the installation of fire detectors in the sanctuary.



National Night Out a Success!!!

What an incredible evening we had. An event like that does not happen without a lot of people doing a lot of things. Here is what is probably a partial list in alphabetical order:

Robin Coyne—set up
Harper Family—cleanup
Simon Klein—grill tending, set up, cleanup
and other things behind the scenes
Peg Lehman—corn husking and food
server
Ellen Levy—blood drive snacks and
supervising
Jerry Niederman—grill tending
Gareth Mann Sitz—shopping
Maureen Manning—Crisis Center booth
Barb Razowsky—overall kitchen mensch
Ron Razowsky—overall schmoozer and greeter
Marc Sparber—cleanup
Larry and Elaine Steinberg—blood drive support
Jenny Trygar and the girls—set up
Chuck Zimmerman—grill tending
Nancy Zimmerman—corn husking and cooking
5 police chaplains—Al, Chad, Jim, Roshawn, tent set up and
cleanup, more dogs, and more



And of course, our partners representing Unity on Division Street: Vicar Andrea Delaney, Apostle Larry Henderson, Tiffany Henderson, Ket Hereña, Bob Langlois, Officer Payne.

This just in from Tiffany Henderson: "Good morning! I just thought you'd like to know that I am still receiving rave reviews about the corn from CKI. It was a big hit!!"



National Night Out is a BIG undertaking and so important.
Thank you for all your efforts.

Again, many, many thanks!

Todah Rabbah,
Rabbi Margaret



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September 2023 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Sep 1	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Sep 17	No Torah School	
Sep 2	Shabbat Service & Berger Bat Mitzvah	9:30 AM		Rosh Hashanah Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Sep 3	No Torah School			Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Children's Program	11:00 AM
Sep 4	Office Closed for Labor Day			Tashlich & Picnic	4:00 PM
Sep 5	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Sep 19	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
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Sep 7	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Sept 22	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
Sep 8	Shabbat Service Hybrid	7:00 PM	Sep 23	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
Sep 9	Shabbat Service Hybrid	9:30 AM	Sep 24	Torah School	9:00 AM
	Selichot Service	8:00 PM		Kol Nidre Service	6:00 PM
Sep 10	Torah School	9:00 AM	Sep 25	Office Closed	
	CKI Choir Rehearsal	9:00 AM		Yom Kippur Morning Service Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Kever Avot	11:00 AM		Children's Program	11:00 AM
Sep 12	Ha Kol Submissions Due			Yizkor Service	12:00 PM
	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM		Afternoon Healing Service	4:00 PM
Sep 14	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM		Afternoon Service & Neilah	5:30 PM
	CKI Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM		Break the Fast	7:30 PM
Sep 15	Shabbat Service Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:00 PM	Sep 28	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Sep 16	Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Service	9:30 AM	Sep 29	Shabbat & Sukkot Service Hybrid	7:00 PM
	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Children's Program	11:00 AM	Sep 30	Shabbat & Sukkot Service Hybrid	9:30 AM