



## From the Rabbi's Study...

three in English and Spanish. Comida. Agua. Vida. Food. Water. Life.

When we wake up, we first sing Modah Ani, I thank you, G-d, for restoring my soul to me. Our morning services help us begin to get to 100 blessings, with an ancient list of fifteen blessings. In the prayerbook that we use at Congregation Kneseth Israel, the list is on page 65. They all follow the same formula. Praised are You who... Blessed are You. A blessing is something we are grateful for, that we are praising G-d and thanking G-d for.

The first one says "Praised are You, Adonai our G-d, who rules the universe, enabling us to distinguish day from night. If you know the Hebrew it really says who gives wisdom to the rooster. Because a rooster crows to wake us up. Everybody crow. Cock-a-doodle-doo!

All of these blessings are about waking up in the morning. Opening our eyes, putting on clothes, getting out of bed. One in particular I want to underscore--Praised are You who frees the captive. It is something we pray for every morning. And as of this writing, there are still hostages in Gaza! Keep praying.

But the list can feel a little too pro forma, a little too trite. So, if we were building a list of 100 things, what would you put on the list? We'll take that list and inscribe them on a pumpkin and use it as a centerpiece for Elgin's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, November 19 at 4:00 PM at First Christian Church on Summit.

We have a prayer that expresses our thanksgiving. Modim Anachnu Lach. Sometimes while I am leading this prayer, I say to myself, just come up with one thing that I am grateful for, just one thing.

This has been a hard week, a hard

month. But I remain grateful.

Here's my current list.

1. I am grateful for Congregation Kneseth Israel. Its leaders, its volunteers, its families, its staff, for creating holy space.
2. I am grateful for books and knowledge, particularly since this is National Jewish Book Month. (My all-time favorite book remains, *Are You There G-d, It's Me, Margaret*. And I am looking forward to reading the book group book, *Mr. Perfect on Paper* together with Gail Borden.
3. I am grateful for the number of people who have reached out to me personally or to the congregation, to check in, to see what is needed, to ensure our safety. That list alone could be 100 at this stage. Each of you is a blessing and someone I am grateful for.
4. I am grateful for the Elgin Police Department who has vowed to keep us safe and keeps showing up. Often more than one officer is in the parking lot of the synagogue.
5. I am grateful for the board member who brought me kleenex when I choked up during my recent sermon.
6. I am grateful for modern technology and communications that enable us to keep informed and connected.
7. I am grateful for Congressman Raja's office who is working to get Americans out of Israel and Gaza and who wants to sponsor some event to help all of us be safer.
8. I am grateful for the weddings, the B'nei Mitzvah, the brides that have happened, here and in

Israel. These bring me hope.

9. I am grateful for a young person who led part of the service and an intellectually challenged woman who read. These are generation to generation moments.

10. I am grateful for the smile of that little one in the back of the room. Her smile, her giggles, her wave delights me and brings me hope.

11. I am grateful for the colors of autumn.

12. I am grateful for the library, the symphony, Elgin's diversity and commitment to welcoming all people. Our elected officials, even the ones I don't always agree with.

These blessings don't fit in that traditional formula...but I am grateful, nonetheless. They bring me hope. You all bring me hope.

—Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein



To reach Rabbi Margaret, please call her cell number after 8:00 am except on Mondays or Shabbat: 978-590-8268.

In case of emergency (hospitalization or death) please call, leave a message, and Rabbi will get back to you promptly.

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### Vice President's Message Cont.

stories, and renewed friendships. We had several shivas, and people showed up to express condolences and ensure a minyan. Everyone has a role at CKI.

In the upcoming year you will again be asked to display those gifts. We need help with fundraisers, B'nei Mitzvah celebrations, shivas, and a slew of other events. Please give generously of your time and your talents. We will also accept your cash. CKI is part of all of us.

—Jerry Niederman



**November 7th @ 9:00 am**

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at [rabbi@cckielgin.org](mailto:rabbi@cckielgin.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  
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### 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
Nov. 21 (Tues.) at Gail Borden	Mr. Perfect on Paper	Gene Meltzer	10:30 am
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

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#### GENERAL FUND

##### Donations

- Douglas Bakley
- Corey Goldstein
- Joy Wener Bang

##### In memory of Arye Rubenstein

- Jana & Bill McFarlane
- Ed & Tina Wolf

##### High Holy Day Donations

- Dan Rich
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##### In memory of Arlene Schneider

- Ed & Tina Wolf
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##### In memory of Charlene Goldman

- Barbara Maring
- Joy Wener Bang

##### In honor of Stew Levin & our choir for their beautiful HHD vocals

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

##### Thanks to Anita Hornung & Barb Razowsky for preparing our beautiful Break the Fast

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

##### Thanks to CKI Men's Club for donating & setting up our new sukkah

- Brad Burkner & Anita Hornung

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Happy & healthy new year to the Kaufman & Jacoby families

- Stuart Kaufman

##### Thanks for babysitting our grandson Jack during HHD

- Art & Wendy Shankman

#### CLARA WECHTER ED FUND

##### To Hillary Schneider & family, in memory of Arlene

- Paul & Risa Cohen

##### To Judy Gantz & family, in memory of her brother

- Paul & Risa Cohen

##### In honor of Jana McFarlane & Risa Cohen

- Hillary Schneider

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##### Donation

- Leon Ehrenreich

##### In memory of Bob Kulefsky

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##### In memory of Ron Weiser & in honor of friendship

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##### In memory of Joshua Rasmussen

- Honey Siegel

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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.
- **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

<b>Nov 4</b> 20 Cheshvan	<i>Parashat Vayera</i> — Genesis 18:1-22:24 Haftarah 2 Kings 4:1-37
<b>Nov 11</b> 27 Cheshvan	<i>Parashat Chayei Sarah</i> — Genesis 23:1-25:18 Haftarah 1 Kings 1:1-31
<b>Nov 18</b> 5 Kislev	<i>Parashat Toledot</i> — Genesis 25:19-28:9 Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7
<b>Nov 25</b> 12 Kislev	<i>Parashat Vayetse</i> — Genesis 28:10-32:3 Haftarah Hosea 12:13-14:10

## November Birthdays

Michael Gantz	Nov 1
Annabelle Gomberg	Nov 1
Miryoung Wenz	Nov 1
Deborah Sternfeld	Nov 5
Arlene Bass	Nov 7
Jacob Bromet	Nov 9
Jeff Gomberg	Nov 10
Alice Harper	Nov 11
Lacretia Schwartz	Nov 14
Zachary Bromet	Nov 14
Gareth Sitz	Nov 16
Raul Aron	Nov 18
Mindi Schwartz	Nov 20
Lisa G. Wohl	Nov 22
Jordana Salinas	Nov 22
Jean Suerth	Nov 23
Emma Bromet	Nov 25
Sandi Phelan	Nov 25
Brad Epstein	Nov 28

## November Anniversaries

Lisa & Joe Neilon	Nov 1
Bob & Nancy Protter	Nov 5
Marc & Suzy Zemel	Nov 23
Eugene & Supriya Klionsky	Nov 27



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*Always*  
SOMETHING TO BE  
*Thankful*  
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## Delivering Hope and Compassion at Hadassah Ein Kerem's Pediatric Emergency Dept

By Lonye Rasch

When children get severely ill or badly hurt, their first encounter with the medical complex is typically an overwhelming and frightening hospital emergency department (ED). Recognizing that reality, the physicians and nurses in the pediatric ED at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem



know "it is crucial to approach the child and his family with a kind heart," says Dr. Saar Hashavya, who heads up the ED. "They know they have to treat

the child, the parents, and the illness."

About 25,000 children each year are cared for in this 18-bed ED. The staff's focus, Dr. Hashavya explains, is to provide these young patients with "an anxiety-free and pain-free environment." Surrounded by colorful curtains sporting zebras and owls, the children meet volunteers who play with them, medical clowns who make them laugh, and medical teachers from the Hadassah School, who explain the procedures they will undergo and what it will feel like.

"Seeing a child going out happy from the ED," says Dr. Hashavya, "is most rewarding." Sometimes the contact with the ED staff only spans a few hours, Dr. Hashavya notes, "but the emotional footprint is significant. People remember."

Dr. Hashavya didn't know from the outset that he wanted to be a pediatrician. After he and his wife worked in an Ethiopian orphanage as part of the Hadassah Medical Organization's ART-Joy-Love project, established by Prof. Dan Engelhard to

save the lives of orphans dying of HIV-AIDS, Dr. Hashavya knew pediatrics was for him.

Following a one-year pediatric emergency medicine (PEM) fellowship in Sydney, Australia, it became Dr. Hashavya's mission to share his new expertise with colleagues around the world. For example, he taught a pediatric emergency medicine course in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and he trained Kurdish and Italian physicians, as well as Palestinian pediatricians at Hadassah Hospital. Now he has his sights on providing training to doctors in Oceania, which includes the subregions of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia, as well as Vanuatu, in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Hashavya's larger vision includes the creation of a pediatric disaster relief team. When disaster strikes anywhere in the world, whether triggered by earthquakes, hurricanes or war, Israel is renowned for sending a rescue mission to spearhead disaster relief. But there is no pediatric disaster rescue team specifically geared to helping children during these mass casualty events. Dr. Hashavya and Dr. Lea Sarna Cahan, a Hadassah pediatric ED specialist who participated in a fellowship in pediatric disaster management at Harvard University, want to change that reality. It is their vision and their concrete goal to create such a team that will be ready to respond immediately to help the children affected by whatever catastrophe arises.

The pediatric response team would include mainly pediatric ED specialists, but also perhaps a surgeon and intensive care specialists. In his vision the rescue team would be ready to leave immediately when disaster strikes — not in 48 to 72 hours, which is more

typical now.

To prepare for this mission, Dr. Hashavya sees his physicians going to developing countries to train in managing disasters in the specific environment. Having been a part of Hadassah's Medical Humanitarian Mission to help Ukrainian refugees, he will incorporate lessons learned there.

Whatever the project in a developing country, Dr. Hashavya's vision doesn't end with treatment. His philosophy is that it is "better to train than just to treat," so that someone will be able to care for these children once he has gone home. Recently, Drs. Hashavya and Cahan hosted Israel's first symposium on pediatric disaster management.

As most Hadassah physicians, Dr. Hashavya also does research. Recently, he has been identifying markers for abdominal and head injuries and looking into how best to assess infections in infants.

In his May 2023 article in the *Journal of Clinical Medicine*, Dr. Hashavya and his coauthors conclude that adjusting the chronological age of preterm infants according to their gestational age is important in assessing preterm infants with suspected infection. The authors recommend that "premature infants, especially those below a corrected age of three months, should be evaluated with caution and considered for more extensive care when presenting at the pediatric emergency department."



## 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 November. 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
Josephine Burstein	Nov 4	Nov 3 & 4	Carmelina Rodrigues Reyes	Nov 22	Nov 17 & 18
Lawrence M. Goch	Nov 4	Nov 3 & 4	Emma Vopner Salk*	Nov 22	Nov 17 & 18
Harry Jacob Becker*	Nov 5	Nov 3 & 4	Roma Chitman	Nov 23	Nov 17 & 18
Julius Kornstein*	Nov 5	Nov 3 & 4	Harry Cohen	Nov 23	Nov 17 & 18
Anna Brenner*	Nov 6	Nov 3 & 4	Maxine Turek*	Nov 23	Nov 17 & 18
Serena Kornstein*	Nov 6	Nov 3 & 4	Burton Earl Glazov	Nov 24	Nov 17 & 18
Jesse Yale Norris	Nov 6	Nov 3 & 4	Carolyn Steiner	Nov 24	Nov 17 & 18
Delores Friedman	Nov 8	Nov 3 & 4	Evelyn Schack*	Nov 25	Nov 24 & 25
Donald Gross	Nov 8	Nov 3 & 4	Eli Schwartz	Nov 25	Nov 24 & 25
Fannie Cohen	Nov 9	Nov 3 & 4	Hyman Bobrow	Nov 26	Nov 24 & 25
Bess Fischer*	Nov 9	Nov 3 & 4	Jacob Grobart	Nov 26	Nov 24 & 25
Harry Fischer*	Nov 9	Nov 3 & 4	Sylvia Hymen*	Nov 26	Nov 24 & 25
Joseph Fischer*	Nov 9	Nov 3 & 4	Dr. Joseph Bachrach*	Nov 27	Nov 24 & 25
Dr. George Cutts*	Nov 10	Nov 3 & 4	Adolph Frisch	Nov 27	Nov 24 & 25
Pinchas Dermer*	Nov 10	Nov 3 & 4	Joseph Silins*	Nov 27	Nov 24 & 25
Alvin H. Burstein*	Nov 11	Nov 10 & 11	Sam Micky Burstein*	Nov 28	Nov 24 & 25
Morton Niederman	Nov 11	Nov 10 & 11	Elaine Gerchikov	Nov 28	Nov 24 & 25
Ken Rose	Nov 13	Nov 10 & 11	Abraham Goldstein	Nov 28	Nov 24 & 25
Catherine (Kay) Burkner	Nov 15	Nov 10 & 11	Adeline Kohlhagen	Nov 28	Nov 24 & 25
Bertha Garson	Nov 15	Nov 10 & 11	Margaret Agins	Nov 29	Nov 24 & 25
Eugene Greenfield	Nov 15	Nov 10 & 11	Jonathan Goldman	Nov 29	Nov 24 & 25
Gloria Hayden*	Nov 16	Nov 10 & 11	Arthur Knopoff	Nov 29	Nov 24 & 25
Elyse Baumann Krisolofsky	Nov 20	Nov 17 & 18	Howard Miller	Nov 29	Nov 24 & 25
Sam Gershman	Nov 20	Nov 17 & 18	Robert Weiner	Nov 29	Nov 24 & 25
Joseph Harold Glazov	Nov 20	Nov 17 & 18	Tom Arnold	Nov 30	Nov 24 & 25
William D. Sharf*	Nov 20	Nov 17 & 18	Abraham Zonis	Nov 30	Nov 24 & 25
Phyllis Siegel	Nov 20	Nov 17 & 18	Miriam Zonis	Nov 30	Nov 24 & 25
Walter Kohlhagen*	Nov 21	Nov 17 & 18	Florence Schwartz	Dec 1	Nov 24 & 25
Charles Fox	Nov 22	Nov 17 & 18			

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 Nov 3	5:26 pm	Sat Nov 4	6:33 pm
Fri Nov 10	4:18 pm	Sat Nov 11	5:26 pm
Fri Nov 17	4:12 pm	Sat Nov 18	5:19 pm
Fri Nov 24	4:07 pm	Sat Nov 25	5:15 pm

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



### GRATITUDE

We are well into the year 5784. High Holy Days are over, seasons have changed, and the next two holidays are full of gratitude for the mundane and the extraordinary—Thanksgiving and Hanukah. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks stated, **“Thankfulness has an inner connection to humility. It recognizes that what we are and what we have is due to others and above all, G-d.”**

The CKI community has concluded the High Holy Days, and I am humbled by how many people gave freely of their time and skills, so the High Holy Days could be everything they were. The work started in April with the ritual committee, CHOIR, the board, PEG, endless meetings, RABBI FRISCH KLEIN, sisterhood, men’s club, teachers, students, Chazan Stephanie, and others. Many individuals are multiple members of these sub-groups, and this is who comprises our CKI family—individuals who share their gratitude for Judaism and CKI by paying it forward for the current and future generations. It is impossible for me to name everyone so I just have to say:

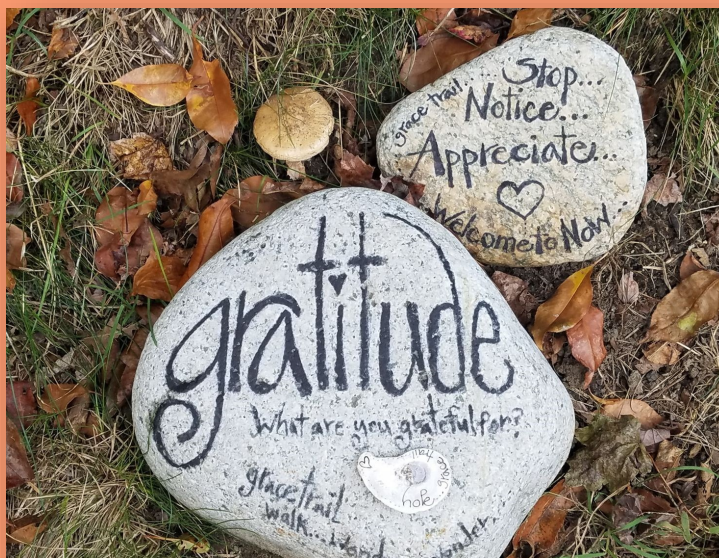
### THANK YOU ALL!

I invite you to send your feedback about your experience at CKI, and the High Holy Days in particular. There is always room for improvement, but if we concentrate on what was not satisfactory, then we minimize the ability to appreciate the positives or see the extraordinary.

I need to share another quote: **“If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to lay your head, then you need to accept that you are richer than 75 percent of the world.”**

From the Book of Mormon: **“Ma Ha Nei Bu Eebowai –Thank you G-d”**

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





## Torah School

Shalom-

In Pirkei Avot, Chapter 5, verse 22, it states, "Ben Bag Bag said: Turn it over, and [again] turn it over, for all is therein. And look into it; And become gray and old therein; And do not move away from it, for you have no better portion than it."

As the school year is underway, and we just read Bereshit and started re-reading the Torah, we are reminded that we are in a different place than last year when we read these portions. We have something new to learn from the "same old stuff."

So that is why we study the holidays every year. While Miss Jordana's class learns some things that are new, Mr. Sam's class learns others, Miss Lila's class learns others, and Mr. Earl's class still learns other things. We keep on spiraling on what we know and where we are.

As a whole school we wrote prayers for Israel. There are extra papers if you want to include yours on the bulletin board.

As a whole group, we are learning about how to invite guests. We invited MCJC to join us for Simchat Torah.

In November we will be learning about Food for Greater Elgin, learning about what Kosher means, and going on a food scavenger hunt!

Find new meaning in familiar things! Big Hanukkah celebration happening December 10th!  
More info out soon!

B' Shalom,  
Heather



Then....and Now

## The Soup Kettle Scoop



Thank you to our wonderful October 31st Soup Kettle volunteers:

**Dates for 2024 are: Jan. 30, April 30, July 30, Oct.29, & Dec. 31**

We need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00. We can work in shifts if we have enough volunteers. To volunteer, please contact:

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

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

We always appreciate your help.

## ACTS OF CHESED

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

**Biana Castro & others** for engaging in First Friday Family Shabbat

**Joy Wener Bang & Simon Klein** for participating in the CROP Walk.

**Heather Weiser** for hosting Pizza in the Hut for Torah school staff

**Risa Cohen & Jana McFarlane** for helping to coordinate the Schneider shiva

**CKI Men's Club** for taking down the sukkah

**Shira Coffee** for helping with Torah snacks for Simchat Torah

**Simon Klein** for hosting Neil Yerman

**Nancy Zimmerman** for organizing the Hadassah Identity Theft program

**Stew & the Crew** for providing music for our Shabbat Zimrah service





## CKI Chanukah Bazaar

November 5 & 12 9:00AM – 11:30AM

Shop in person or preorder for pick-up

Contact

Tina, 630-336-3983; Barb, 847-778-4388; or Sue 847-312-3507

### NEW CHANUKAH MERCHANDISE

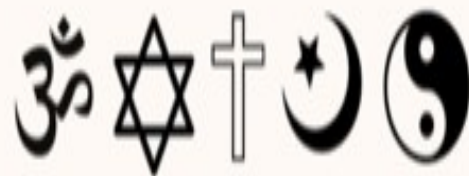
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## Rosh Hashanah Community Speech

According to the National Institute of Health, a common definition of community emerged as: a group of people with diverse characteristics who are linked by social ties, share common perspectives, and engage in joint action in geographical locations or settings.

CKI defines itself, “As a sacred Jewish community, striving to meet the needs of our congregation, through lifelong learning, embracing diversity, building community, and meaningful observance.”



Community is very important for our emotional being. As a nurse practitioner, we are educated to view our patients in a holistic manner which includes their physical, emotional, and social being and their circumstances at home and within their community. Based on our observations on how these affect the patient, we must adjust our care accordingly.

We are delighted to be a part of the CKI community for multiple reasons. Eugene continues to learn about his Jewish faith since he came to the United States in the mid-1990s. He grew up during Communist times. Unfortunately, religion was not allowed to be practiced. Initially, he was shocked to be able to have religious freedom. Literally, it was a foreign concept to him. For me, as I was growing up, there was a minimal Indian and Hindu population. All I knew were either Christian or Jewish classmates. I did have religious freedom, but was still ostracized for being different. CKI is wonderful, as the synagogue embraces diversity in so many ways. They welcome interfaith couples with open arms. Rabbi also has an annual Thanksgiving celebration where she seeks leaders and community members of various faiths to give a small lecture on how we give thanks in our respective faiths. This is how we learn how all of our multiple faiths have common principles. Also, I am honored that Rabbi calls on me to teach our community about my culture and religion. I call our family, “Hinjew,” and I am blessed to learn and practice the best of both of our religions. As an interfaith community, we learn from each other how we are similar and how all humans desire love, respect, and kindness.

CKI also gives its members many opportunities to build community by hosting blood drives, soup kitchens, and gathering food, such as corn picking, to aid those who are less fortunate. Our whole family has participated in some of these organized community events. We feel so grateful that we are able to do a “mitzvah” to serve our community.

In addition, whether we participate in Friday night Shabbat Services or read Rabbi’s multiple meaningful messages via her e-mails, we have a sense of meaning and purpose. Rabbi actively seeks our thoughts and our observations regarding the topic of the particular lecture. As we are given the opportunity to participate in this meaningful conversation, we are also able to learn from our fellow CKI members. What a wonderful feeling to feel such a feeling of closeness and openness as a community.

As we begin the New Year, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and sweet New Year. Let’s continue to support our community; embrace our similarities and differences. Let us continue to grow as a community and most of all support each other in happy and difficult times.

Shana Tovah, Happy New Year, Laheim and Sal Mubarakh!

— Supriya Klionsky

## Break the Fast 5784



We thought long and hard about doing an in-person Break the Fast for 5784. For the last 2 years (or it 3?) we sent home a lox box for people to Break Fast with family or a few select friends.

We decided it was time to try to get back to our tradition of celebrating with community. So we put an article in Hakol, announced Break the Fast at Board Meetings, and sent out numerous email blasts. 36 people signed up, which was very exciting. Shopping was done, kugels were made, tuna salad and trays of fruit, veggies, and desserts were prepared.

At breaktime during Yom Kippur services, everyone pitched in to close the wall and set up tables and chairs. Just to be safe, we set up tables and chairs for 48 and then someone insisted we add an extra table and 8 more chairs. As we lined up for the buffet we realized that we might need another table. In the end we served at least 58 people. Too bad we got so busy we forgot to take photos or get a real count. We had a terrific time eating great food and, more importantly, being a community. Thanks to all for making the beginnings of 5784 so special!

A very special thank you to (and apologies to anyone I mistakenly left off of this list):

**Peg** for handling all questions, money, and registrations

**Tina & Ed** for Costco shopping

**Jana** for making her delicious tuna salad

**Risa** for making her outstanding deviled eggs

**Robin C** for helping us clean the kitchen, shopping for everything we forgot, and always being so generous with her time

**Ken J and Gene** for organizing the room set up

**Nina** for helping to get the food ready

**Sue J** for Kosher Jewel grocery shopping and helping to clean up after dinner

**Barb E** for setting tables, getting food ready, and cleaning up

**Gale J** for setting tables, getting food ready, and cleaning up

**Jerry N** for making the coffee

**Nancy Z** for helping to clean up

**Kathy Lange** for helping to clean up

It definitely took a village to do this.

—Barb Razowsky



## Men's Club enjoys 'Tube Steaks & Brews in the Hut'



Each year, just prior to the Sukkot holiday, Men's Club assembles our CKI sukkah. Men's Club donated this new sukkah to CKI last year, to replace our outdated one.

They also annually enjoy hot dogs, beer, and a 'wee bit of whiskey' in the sukkah!



## Resolutions for the New Year from Ken Jacoby's Rosh Hashanah Speech

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say, "Hello."
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
15. Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
16. Leave everything better than you found it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

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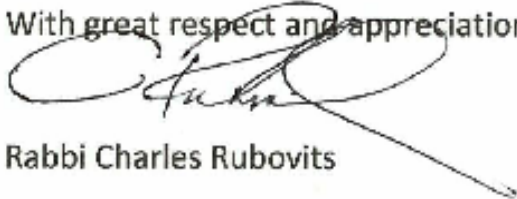
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Dear Rabbi, Ladies and Gentlemen;

On behalf of the Jewish residents of Lincolnwood Place, I want to thank all of you very much for your most generous offer in allowing us the use of one of your beautiful Torah scrolls for our holiday services this year. Displaying a genuine Torah for our group was a true capstone to a very lovely and meaningful High Holiday season.

May you and your congregation continue your great service to the Elgin community and may you all go from strength to strength.

With great respect and appreciation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Rubovits', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

Nov 1	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Nov 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Nov 2	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM		Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Nov 3	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Nov 16	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Nov 17	Shabbat Zimrah Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Nov 4	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Nov 18	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Torah School	9:00 AM	Nov 19	Torah School	9:00 AM
Nov 5	Chanukah Bazaar	9:00 AM		Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	4:00 PM
	Hadassah Donor Luncheon	12:30 PM	Nov 21	CKI Book Club at Gail Borden Library	10:30 AM
Nov 7	Java & Jews Hybrid	9:00 AM	Nov 22	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Nov 8	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Nov 23	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	
Nov 9	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Nov 24	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Nov 10	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Nov 25	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
Nov 11	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Nov 26	NO Torah School	
Nov 12	Torah School	9:00 AM	Nov 29	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
	Chanukah Bazaar	9:00 AM	Nov 30	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Nov 14	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM			