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Congregation Kneseth Israel, in Elgin, Announces High Holy Days Observance Schedule

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Congregation Kneseth Israel has announced its High Holy Days prayer schedule. Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, who has recently completed her first full year with CKI, states, "The High Holy Days come very early this year relative to the Gregorian Calendar. I think it may sneak up on many people, but we are quite ready. It is a very special time of year."

According to Rabbi Klein, "The High Holy Day prayer period begins with Selichot, which is roughly translated as `forgiveness.' It begins a period of asking God for forgiveness, asking those we may have wronged for forgiveness, and within each person reflecting on how he or she can be more of the person they hope to be in the coming year.

This year, Selichot will be extra special as we will be hosting the Selichot Service along with the McHenry County Jewish Congregation. We will be joined by Kerena Moeller, the cellist from the Elgin Symphany Orchestra who will play the haunting strains of Kol Nidre in order to help us prepare."

Selichot Services will begin at 8:00 pm on August 31st

Rosh Hashanah evening services will begin at 7:30 pm on September 4th

Rosh Hashanah services will continue at 9:30 am on September 5th An additional Family Rosh Hashanah Service will be held at 4:00 pm on the 5th as well.

Rosh Hashanah, second day services, will begin at 9:30 am on September 6th

Kol Nidre Services will begin at 6:30 pm (sharp) on September 13th.

Yom Kippur services will begin at 9:00 on September 14th

All services will be held at Congregation Kneseth Israel which is located at 330 Division Street in Elgin. No tickets are required. Visit the CKI website at www.ckielgin.org, or call the office at 847-741-5656 for additional information.

CKI serves the diverse Jewish Community of the Greater Fox Valley area. We offer weekly services, a religious school, observance of all lifecycle events, and a variety of additional programming. Interfaith families are always welcome.

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