

For Immediate Release:

Tour the Hidden Treasures of Historic Holy Hill on Sunday, April 28th

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Congregation Kneseth Israel, (CKI) located at 330 Division Street in Elgin, and five local churches are opening their buildings for public tours on April 28th. Titled the "The Hidden Treasures of Historic Holy Hill" this tour is a cooperative effort between CKI (which is celebrating its 120th year serving the area's Jewish Community), five local churches, the Gail Borden Public Library, the Elgin Historical Society, and the City of Elgin. The five participating churches are

- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 Division St.
- First Congregational Church, 256 E. Chicago St.
- First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Highland
- Holy Rosary Chapel, 205 Fulton St., Suite A
- Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 40 Center St

The walk will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 28th, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. A 20 minute continuous tour/presentation will take place at each of the houses of worship.

Rabbi Frisch Klein, the spiritual leader at CKI states, "The City of Elgin has long spoken of its diversity as a strength for the city. But equally strong is the faith community here, and its tradition of interdenominational respect and cooperation. This tour really highlights that history."

An exhibit at Gail Borden Library during the month of April will feature the historical treasures of the participating organizations. The Elgin Historical Society will be open the afternoon of the walk of the Hidden Treasures of Historic Holy Hill and will honor the admission tickets for the "walk" and to the History Fair from 2-4:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be given to Food for Greater Elgin. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance for adults or \$12.00 the day of the walk, and for those seventeen and under tickets will cost \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 the day of the walk. Ticket prices are tax deductible.

Tickets may be purchased by check payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel or cash.

Congregation Kneseth Israel is located at 330 Division in Elgin. The office is open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm every day. The entrance during the week is on the west side of the parking lot adjoining the shade garden.

For more information regarding the tour contact call Barbara Maring at 847-931-1818 X102, Carole Burstein at (847) 428-4617, or call the CKI office at 847-741-5656.

CKI serves the diverse Jewish Community of the Greater Fox Valley area. CKI offers weekly services, a religious school, observance of all lifecycle events, and a variety of additional programming. For regular updates or more information, please visit our website at www.ckielgin.org.

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