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**Congregation Kneseth Israel Caps Off 120th with Robert Klein and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Quartet.**

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Elgin's Congregation Kneseth Israel (CKI) completes its 120th Anniversary Celebration with two special events. On Saturday, February 9th CKI, in cooperation with Elgin Community College, will be welcoming comedian Robert Klein at 7:30 p.m. in the Blizzard Theater of the College. An alumni of Second City, Klein was the first comedian to film an HBO special and has made nine specials for the network. He's appeared on *The Tonight Show* and *The Late Show with David Letterman* over 100 times, and can be seen in films like *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *Primary Colors*, and *Radioland Murders*. You may purchase tickets to the Robert Klein Show through the CKI website at [www.ckielgin.org](http://www.ckielgin.org), or by contacting Elgin Community College at 847-622-0300.

Then on Sunday, February 10th CKI will be hosting a Celebratory Brunch at 11:30 a.m. featuring the Maxwell Street Klezmer Quartet. Founded in 1983 by Lori Lippitz the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band reintroduced traditional dance music to weddings and other Jewish celebrations. Over the years, the band has performed on stages across the country (including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center) and played nine tours in Europe. Their third CD, *You Should Be So Lucky!*, is one of the ten best-selling klezmer recordings in America. You may purchase tickets to the Brunch by contacting Zahava Raz at the CKI office. The phone number is 847-741-5656.

According to the 120th Anniversary Chairperson Richard Kruth, "Robert Klein is a legendary veteran funny-man entertainer who will not only make you smile, but laugh with his comedy act. Plus you can't go wrong with klezmer music whenever there is a celebration. We are very pleased to have reached this milestone. Join us for one or both events as we in celebrate CKI's 120 years in Elgin."

Congregation Kneseth Israel 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. For regular updates or more information, please visit our website at [www.ckielgin.org](http://www.ckielgin.org).

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