## **Annual Synagogue Picnic and School Registration**

July 13, 2012, Elgin, Illinois

Congregation Kneseth Israel will be holding its annual "Back to School and Jewish New Year Picnic" on August 5, 2012 in the Burnidge Forest Preserve. President Rochelle Fosco, when asked about the purpose of the picnic stated, "We are entering a very busy time in the Jewish calendar. Not only is our Torah School starting at the end of summer, but we are celebrating a string of holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. All in very quick succession. Our picnic is a relaxed way for our current members to reconnect, and for new or potential members to meet us in an informal setting. Plus it's a lot of fun!"

The Torah School is hosting this event, and will be providing watermelon, ice cream, and water. Families are encouraged to bring any additional food they may desire. Nancy Zimmerman, CKI's Vice-President of Education, adds, "Members of our youth group will be facilitating children's games, and there will be activities for adults as well. The forest preserve is a lovely setting with room for volleyball, baseball, or just walking along the pond."

The picnic is being held at the Burnidge Forest Preserve at 14N035 Coombs Road, Elgin (west of Randall Road along Big Timber Road about 1 ½ miles) from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on August 5th,. Watch for the CKI banner.

All current congregants as well as new and prospective members are welcome. Reservations would be appreciated. To make a reservation call (847) 828-6090 or email <a href="mailto:nanzim@foxvalley.net">nanzim@foxvalley.net</a>. Membership material will be available as well as school registration forms. For further inquiries, please call Nancy Zimmerman call at (847) 828-6090.

(CKI) is a pluralistic synagogue serving 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. CKI is entering its 120th year, and we will be welcoming Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, as our new Rabbi on August 15th 2012.

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