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01.22 - Tu B'Shevat Seder

01.27 - Book Club

President's Message

So What's It Like to be President?

Approximately eighteen months from now, I will be stepping down as the President of CKI. I enjoy the position very much, but I am term limited and frankly every organization needs to rotate in new blood and new vision. Since no one has stepped up yet to be the next President, I thought I would do a little Q and A, and if anyone would like to talk with me some more, you know where to find me.

What are your duties?

My primary duty is to chair the Board of Director Meetings, and the annual Congregational Meeting. The By-Laws call for a minimum of six Board Meetings each year. That is how many I hold, although you could have more. Or you can call a special meeting if need be. You can also call an Executive Board Meeting if it is an emergency. Thankfully, I have had no emergencies.

I also appoint committee chairs, the Vice-President of Education, and I can fill vacated Board seats between elections. I have had almost 100% success in filling positions. There are many dedicated people at CKI. We are very fortunate. I also work with the Finance Committee to prepare and monitor the annual budget.

I supervise Rabbi Klein, the Office Assistant (Staci), the Kitchen Assistant (Susan), and the Maintenance Person

(Ljuban). This crew is very stable and capable. I meet or talk with the Rabbi almost every week, and I speak regularly with Staci.

Finally, I write a monthly column, and give a speech at the High Holidays. Neither the article nor the speech is in the By-Laws so they are actually optional. You don't have to do them the same way that I have.

Do you have to go to services every week?

No. I go because I enjoy them. Although since it is a big part of the Rabbi's job, you would be well served to attend them on a regular basis. Also, the Vision Committee recommends greeters at each service, and I do that. However, it doesn't have to be done by the President.

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Men's Club Announces Man of the Year and Youth of the Year for 2016

CKI Men's Club is pleased and proud to announce its 2016 Man of the Year and Youth of the Year awardees: Marc Zemel and Katie Irelan.

Both awardees will be honored at the FJMC Midwest Region Man & Youth of the Year Dinner on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, in Wilmette.

More details to follow in next month's HaKol. In the meantime, please consider saluting Marc and/or Katie by showing your support in the dinner ad book.

Prices for ads start at \$30 for a quarter-page, and are just \$110 for a full page (proceeds





Marc

Katie

benefit Regional Men's Club activities; half of the youth ad book revenue will be rebated to our Youth Program here at CKI).

For more information, contact Paul Glaser, at pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net.

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President's Message

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What about those blasts you send out all of the time?

Another member did those, but I have been substituting for a while. G-d willing I will be able to hand that back soon.

Do I have to go to a lot of meetings?

I don't, but you can attend any committee meeting you choose.

How many hours a week does this take?

I think it would average an hour a day. You get a lot of e-mails, but most are conversations between other congregants that they are cc'ing to you. I seldom stick my nose into those conversations, but I appreciated being informed.

Do you get a lot of complaints?

I don't. There have been far more great days than troublesome ones. The worst day was when the second floor flooded and leaked onto the first floor taking out a section of brand new redecorating. But it was all pretty much resolved, on my end, in one day.

If I am interested, how do I begin?

Talk to me. If you want to go forward I can appoint you Executive Vice-President and we can begin to work together. It is a very important job. I have been proud to serve CKI.

Shalom, Joe Rosenfeld

How to reach the Rabbi:

I am in the office at least ten hours each week for people to drop in to see me. Come sit and have coffee with me. Mondays are my days off. I am in the office Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM, and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-6:00 PM. Call first, just in case something has come up. Can't make any of those times? Call and set another time. I'll meet you almost anywhere, anytime.

I am accessible by cell phone, 978-590-8268 or by email, *rabbi@ckielgin.org*.

From the Rabbi's Study...



Recently I read a book, *Judaism for Two*. It helps couples find Jewish spirituality in the cycle of the

Jewish year. I started it at Rosh Hashanah, thinking that is where the book would begin. But, no. It starts with Chanukah. Why? Because Chanukah means to rededicate. And sometimes, couples need that chance to rededicate themselves to each other. When I thought about it, it makes perfect sense. The book is one of the best I have read in recent memory. Not necessarily for the couple work—although that is good and worth recommending to you—but in its modern approach to celebrating the Jewish holidays. The back of the book says, "The special times of the Jewish year can be a framework for your life as a couple." It divides each chapter into celebrations, minhagim, and chevruta study with a partner, a friend. Ritual, learning, and acts of love and kindness. It can be read alone or read together. All at once or holiday by holiday. "As we look through the lenses the holidays provide, we see different ways we can construct a new narrative out of our own stories."

And that is what Chanukah is about: Creating that new narrative, integrating the different parts of our lives, telling the story of our lives. No, telling the stories of our lives. Because, just like Chanukah, with the story of the battle against assimilation waged by the Macabees and the story of the oil lasting for eight days, our lives are comprised of more than one story. Just like Chanukah, there are public space and

In our effort to offer more transparency and to encourage more participation, the CKI Board now makes our upcoming meeting agendas available on our website as a downloadable PDF. Please go to:

www.ckielgin.org/board-meeting-agenda.html

PLEASE...

If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, please call CKI at 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can contact you and be of help.

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private space celebrations. The book tells us that ritual elevates a routine into a celebration. The Hebrew word for ritual is minhag, comes from the verb "to lead," and it has come to mean tradition or the way it is done. "But ritual is more than just the way something is done; it is choosing to notice what we do and make it special." I love this idea. In fact, when I read this portion, I went running out of the room to find Simon and read it aloud to him. This is precisely the spirit in which I try to practice Judaism. While I may be obligated to do certain things, it is a joy, a celebration, not a chore.

The book explains that some rituals are ancient and others relatively recent. And some are waiting to be invented by you! The rituals in the book are examples, not recipes; not something that has to be followed step by step by step, nor something you have to worry about if you get it wrong. It felt so freeing, so liberating—and in fact, that is how we celebrate Chanukah in this country. One new "ritual" is the 6th candle—a night for giving tzedakah. Another way we rededicate ourselves and share a little of our own light with others.

And while this book is about how we live Jewishly as couples, it works for families, too. In every chapter, there were creative ideas just waiting to be tried. If you want to try another book, just for families, try Jewish Spiritual Parenting—another great choice.

Dates of note:

December 1—Java and Jews. Come find me and sip your favorite holiday beverage, in a red cup, or one of your own.

December 2—Chai Mitzvah Adult Study moves to Wednesday night. Come learn for an hour and share friendship and your own study projects.

December 4—our next Family Service. Our 5th and 6th graders will be helping to lead the service. I heard them recently. Their sweet voices will lift our prayers and their interpretations of the Shabbat psalms will teach all of us and enrich our worship!

December 6—Judaism Rocks! We will be going to the Victory Center in Bartlett and throwing the residents a Chanukah party—and reading our favorite Jewish books to them.

Also December 6, come explore a Taste of Israel. A chance to hear about the Seigle's recent trip to Berlin and Israel, and to hear about CKI's upcoming trip to Israel.

December 11—Human Rights Shabbat. Focusing on Jews' responsibility to work for human rights is another way we increase our light as a "light to the nations".

December 12, from 4:00-6:00 PM—the Chanukah Chappening Klein Family Open House, 15 Hilltop Lane, South Elgin. You bring your favorite dessert and a Chanukiah to light. (continued on page 3)



Sisterhood News

Corned Beef Lunch Sale by the Numbers!

- 800+ lunches sold
- 360 pounds of corned beef and turkey
- 931 pickles
- 864 brownies
- 68 volunteers

Thank you to everyone who ordered and sold lunches. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who baked brownies, packed pickles, set out bags, made sandwiches, organized all those orders and delivered lunches! We had a successful Corned Beef Lunch Sale because of you!

Bountiful Brownie Bakers, led by Karen Bender, were Mindi and Aaron Schwartz, Phil and Debbie Katz, Jodi Sheba, Karen Haft, Helen Neuman, Jana McFarlane, Lisa and Aliyah Kravis, Mindy Bear, Elaine and Madeline Sofferman, Suzy Zemel, Lynn Glaser, Nancy and Chuck Zimmerman, and Debbie Sternfeld.

Perky Pickle Packers, many of whom came after being called the same day, were Simon Klein, Al & Karen Bender, Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman, Marc & Suzy Zemel, and Joy Bang. This great team packaged 931 pickles in just a few hours!

Bouncy Bag Counters set up all the bags and filled them with the non perishable items on a Sunday morning. They were Tammy Marsala, Suzy Zemel, Joe Rosenfeld, Barb Razowsky, Alana Sheba, Ed & Tina Wolf, Judy Gantz, Rochelle Tremmel, Izzy Lewis, and Brandon Garland.

Saucy Sandwich Makers worked over two days making all those sandwiches—500 on Tuesday night alone! They were Judy Gantz, Jana McFarlane, Simon Klein, Maureen Rosenfeld, Barbara Razowsky, Medina Gross, Tina Wolf, Lynn Glaser, Nancy Zimmerman, Karen Bender, Suzy Zemel, and Joy Bang.

Ornery Order Organizers sorted, counted and recounted orders and filled bags with the perishable items. They were Suzy Zemel, Jana McFarlane, Simon Klein, Chuck Gauthier, Judy Gantz, Karen Bender, Lynn Glaser, and Joy Bang.

Daring Delivery Drivers, led by Dick & Sue Johnson made sure orders got to where they needed to be on time! They were Marc & Suzy Zemel, Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, Ron Razowsky, Paul Cohen, Al & Karen Bender, Dick & Sue Johnson, and Robin Seigle.

Finally, the Thursday Emergency Crew, those who, in addition to filling orders being picked up, stuck around to handle any last minute emergencies and clean up. They were absolutely invaluable. They were Lynn Glaser, Nancy Zimmerman, Judy Gantz, and Simon Klein.

Finally, a special thank you to Sandi Phelan who took all the orders, organized them, and kept track of the funds. Also thanks to Norm Agins who picked up the meat order at Romanian for us. He's done this for many years, sometimes at great cost to himself, as he finds goodies for his own family when he is in the store!

The danger in listing volunteers is that someone might get left out. If your name isn't here, we apologize. Come next year and let us get it right! There were a few people who volunteered who couldn't make it because of family emergencies. There were several who went above and beyond the call for help. You can probably tell who they are—their names show up multiple times in different categories.

 Wanda Pitzele and Jodi Sheba Co-Chairs

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions

Dec 5	Vayeshev – Genesis 39:1-40:23
23 Kislev	Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8
Dec 6 24 Tevet	Erev Chanukah – 1st candle
Dec 7	Chanukah 1 – 2nd candle
25 Kislev	Numbers 7:1-17
Dec 8	Chanukah 2 – 3rd candle
26 Kislev	Numbers 7:18-29
Dec 9	Chanukah 3 – 4th candle
27 Kislev	Numbers 7:24-35
Dec 10	Chanukah 4 – 5th candle
28 Kislev	Numbers 7:30-41
Dec 11	Chanukah 5 – 6th candle
29 Kislev	Numbers 7:36-47
Dec 12 30 Kislev	Chanukah 6 – 7th candle; Rosh Chodesh 1 Mikkets – Genesis 43:16-44:17; Numbers 28:9-15 Maftir: Numbers 7:42-47 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28
Dec 13 1 Tevet	Chanukah 7 – 8th candle; Rosh Chodesh 2 Numbers 28:1-15; 7:48-53
Dec 14 2 Tevet	Chanukah 8 Numbers 7:54-8:4
Dec 19	Vayiggash – Genesis 46:28-47:27
7 Tevet	Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28
Dec 22 10 Tevet	Fast of the 10th of Tevet Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10 Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8
Dec 26	Vayhi – Genesis 49:27-50:26
14 Tevet	Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

From the Rabbi's Study...

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We'll make latkes and provide drinks, dreidels and gelt, celebrate Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh, and Havdalah!

December 13—the Annual Chanukah Latke Lunch, brought to you by the Men's Club. Please make sure you RSVP so that there is plenty of food and the opportunity to celebrate with your CKI community.

December 25—We will have a special Oneg Shabbat. Ten Li Chow, a pun for "Give me food." We will have Kosher Chinese food from the Jewel in Skokie.

Spotlight on our Partners: Interfaith Family.com

One of the things that really impressed me about Congregation Kneseth Israel was its Vision Statement including embracing diversity and its commitment to being warm and

welcoming. Part of that commitment includes the Keruv committee. Keruv means "to draw close," and part of how we do that, is by welcoming interfaith families into a deep, rich participation in the synagogue. For me, it is not even a question. According to JUF News, one out of six Jews today were not born Jewish. Welcoming has enriched our own Jewish community, rather than the dire predictions of a generation ago. At CKI, we do this in many ways. One way is by working with InterfaithFamily.com. Locally, that means partnering with Rabbi Ari Moffic. She embodies welcoming Jews and non-Jews at whatever point they are on their journey. She is positive, enthusiastic, inclusive, energetic—and she has become a good friend.

Many people talk about the December Dilemma. I do not. I think most families have

already made their decisions of how they will celebrate. I don't see this season as a litmus test or, an either/or. There is enough beauty and joy in the season. It should be a time of celebration—of family, of good food, of laughter and light,—however you choose to celebrate the wonder and the beauty. InterfaithFamily.com recently published An Interfaith Family Guide to Hanukkah, http://www.interfaithfamily.com/holidays/hanuk kah_and_christmas/A_Guide_to_Hanukkah_ and_the_December_Dilemma_for_Interfaith_ Families.shtml which families may find helpful. I know several of you have approached me that you are going into one of your children's classrooms to play dreidel or make latkes. I stand ready as a resource for you, as does Interfaith Family, and I am glad they are our partners.



Congregation Kneseth Israel's Men's Club Presents
An Alter Cooker Production

LATKE LUNCHTIME BANQUET

Real Potatoes Cooked By Real Men

Sunday, December 13 at 12:00 Noon

(Suggested minimum donation)
Adult Fressers: \$9.00
Student Fressers: \$5.00

Children: Kindergarten and younger: free (but remember, no running!)

Gourmet meal includes kosher tube steak, relish tray, drink, dessert, one-of-a-kind **Entertainment**, and of course all the yum-yum, that's good eatin', rib-stickin' potato latkes you can eat.

As always, 3% of proceeds will be donated to MAZON to help feed the hungry nationally; this year please bring one non-perishable food item per person to help the Elgin Food Pantry

Want to help? ... No special skills or experience necessary!! Contact Paul (Potatohead) Glaser at pauljayglaser@sbcglobal.net

Please reserve your latkes <u>no later than **DECEMBER 6!</u> Seating is limited!** Send this form, with check payable to "CKI Men's Club" to the CKI office by Sunday, December 6. **Late reservations may not be accepted.**</u>

Yes! Count us in! We want latkes! Now!

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There is still time to shop for Chanukah — or any gift-giving!

Restaurant and store gift cards, small denominations for teachers, news deliverer, beautician

Sunday, December 6 9:00 AM -12 noon CKI Gift Shop

Why shop at CKI? The money raised provides onegs/kiddishs, holiday celebrations, and other CKI projects.

Often our prices are cheaper than online or in stores.

And there is always a parking space!













Please Join us at Congregation Kneseth Israel

For A Taste Of Israel

On December 6th, 2015 at 12:30 pm

Hear our own Mark and Robin Seigle talk about their recent JUF mission trip to Berlin and Israel

Discover what our own CKI trip to Israel will be like from the Tour Operator and Travel Agent

Taste the foods of Israel in a special light lunch sponsored by Mark and Robin

RSVP's for lunch appreciated to: Nina Finn at finnnina@sbcglobal.net

Have a stress-free evening with CKI Sisterhood.

Enjoy the newest adult fad: coloring books!

Celebrate Chanukah!

Food, surprises - even shopping!

Thursday, December 3

7:00 PM

CKI Social Hall









ICE SKATING!!!

Open to all Jewish 8th graders through high schoolers.
Non-Jewish friends are invited!

Join us for a fun time skating and snacking!

Sunday, December 13 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

At Fox Valley Ice Arena 1996 S. Kirk Road, Geneva, IL

Admission: \$8/person plus \$4 for skate rental

Snacks will be served!!

RSVP Now!

online: http://prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com/upcoming-programs.html
or Liza Bachrach at priairiejewishyouth@gmail.com







Check out the **Prairie Jewish Youth** at <u>www.prairiejewishyouth.weebly.com</u>



PJY Mitzvah Day November 8

Eight kids, five blankets, one goal — To Make a Difference!

Blankets will be donated to the Crisis Center.





PJY High School Club Game Night october 25









CKI Book Club

The CKI Book Club is open to anyone; there are no age or gender requirements. Join our friendly and interesting discussions even if you don't have time to read the book.

Although we try to stay with the yearly plan, occasionally the dates or locations change based on other synagogue events. Watch for reminders and updates on the CKI calendar and in the newsletter.

If you would like to be on our email list, please contact Karen Bender at *akbender@comcast.net*. We send directions to the host's home just prior to the meeting.

We have selected the following books for the upcoming year, both fiction and non-fiction.

2015-2016 CKI Book Club List

Date	Title	Author	Host	Time
12/16/15	The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street	Susan Jane Gilman	Suzy Zemel	7:00 PM
1/27/16	Love Songs Becoming a Jew	Julius Lester	Gareth Sitz	2:00 PM
2/24/16	The Boston Girl: A Novel	Anita Diamant	CKI?	TBD
3/23/16	Mordecai: An Early American Family	Emily Bingham	Sue Johnson	7:00 PM
4/13/16	In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist: a Novel	Ruchana King Feuerman	Nancy Zimmerman	7:00 PM
5/25/16	Talmud: A Biography	Harry Freedman	Rabbi	7:00 PM
6/22/16	Collection of poetry:TBD	TBD	Gareth Sitz	7:00 PM
7/27/16	Pot-Luck planning session		?	?

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Yahrtzeiten

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrtzeiten 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 **December**. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

Actual			Actual			Dec 21	Dec 18 & 19	Foster Poper*
Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name	Date Observed	Dates of Service	Name	Dec 22	Dec 18 & 19	Sarah Meyer*
Dec 4	Dec 4 & 5	Mordechai Ableman*	Dec 13	Dec 11 & 12	Esther Flowers*	Dec 23	Dec 18 & 19	Mary Dreyer
Dec 4	Dec 4 & 5	Dorothy Jacobson Stein	Dec 13	Dec 11 & 12	Helen Louise Rys	Dec 23	Dec 18 & 19	Erika Lindow*
Dec 7	Dec 4 & 5	Rose Goldstein*	Dec 14	Dec 11 & 12	Nancy Mariasis Ashcraft*	Dec 24	Dec 18 & 19	Michael Glaser
Dec 7	Dec 4 & 5	Dulce Mann	Dec 14	Dec 11 & 12	Ann Jacoby	Dec 24	Dec 18 & 19	Hyman Miller
Dec 7	Dec 4 & 5	Paul Maring*	Dec 15	Dec 11 & 12	Celia Raskin	Dec 25	Dec 25 & 26	Sarah Cohen*
Dec 7	Dec 4 & 5	Rose Schwartz*	Dec 15	Dec 11 & 12	Sara Shatz*	Dec 25	Dec 25 & 26	Frances Ruth Hayden*
Dec 7	Dec 4 & 5	Frieda Stein	Dec 15	Dec 11 & 12	Renee Wielk	Dec 25	Dec 25 & 26	Louis Meyer*
Dec 8	Dec 4 & 5	Meyer Moshe Kohan Ghadosh*	Dec 16	Dec 11 & 12	Rhea Herzberg*	Dec 25	Dec 25 & 26	Leo Neuman
Dec 8	Dec 4 & 5	Esther C. Iseberg*	Dec 16	Dec 11 & 12	Earl Lesser*	Dec 25	Dec 25 & 26	Celia Flowers Reback*
Dec 8	Dec 4 & 5	Florence Rubenstein	Dec 16	Dec 11 & 12	Herman Salnick	Dec 26	Dec 25 & 26	Benjamin B. Baker*
Dec 9	Dec 4 & 5	Zalman Yegergarn	Dec 16	Dec 11 & 12	Idelle Sherman*	Dec 26	Dec 25 & 26	Sarah Sweet
Dec 10	Dec 4 & 5	Lora Seigle*	Dec 17	Dec 11 & 12	Rachel Polis*	Dec 27	Dec 25 & 26	Lillian Salk Stein*
Dec 11	Dec 11 & 12	Leo Greenberg*	Dec 17	Dec 11 & 12	Jerome Silverberg	Dec 28	Dec 25 & 26	Martin Fischer*
Dec 11	Dec 11 & 12	Suzanna Massouda Levi*	Dec 18	Dec 18 & 19	Nathan Breen*	Dec 28	Dec 25 & 26	Henry Grosken
Dec 11	Dec 11 & 12	Sadie Salstone*	Dec 18	Dec 18 & 19	Lillian Grosken	Dec 28	Dec 25 & 26	Irene Kramer*
Dec 11	Dec 11 & 12	Anna Singer*	Dec 18	Dec 18 & 19	Beatrice Wohl Shatzkin*	Dec 29	Dec 25 & 26	Henry Norman Eisner*
Dec 12	Dec 11 & 12	Charles Rogoff*	Dec 19	Dec 18 & 19	Clarence Mehr	Dec 30	Dec 25 & 26	Louis M. Brenner*
Dec 12	Dec 11 & 12	Bessie Wiener	Dec 20	Dec 18 & 19	Sylvia Glaser	Dec 30	Dec 25 & 26	Dorothy Cohen
Dec 13	Dec 11 & 12	Helen Cooper*	Dec 20	Dec 18 & 19	Ida Pearl Goldstein*	Dec 30	Dec 25 & 26	Harry Sweet

There are two dates listed above on our *yahrtzeit* list. The *first* is the actual date of the *yahrtzeit*, 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.

NOTE: Shabbat ends one (1) hour after candlelighting time on Saturday night.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT	and HAVDALAH CANDLES
Fri Dec 44:03 PM	Sat Dec 55:33 PM

Actual

Dates of

Dec 20 Dec 18 & 19

Name

Sarah Hymovitz*

Observed Service

Date

Fri Dec 4	4:03 PM	Sat Dec 5	5:33 PM
Fri Dec 11	4:03 PM	Sat Dec 12	5:33 PM
Fri Dec 18	4:05 PM	Sat Dec 19	5:35 PM
Fri Dec 25	4:09 PM	Sat Dec 26	5:39 PM

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A REMINDER FROM YOUR FRIENDLY GABBAI'IM*

We are more than happy to accord you an honor on the bimah when you attend Shabbat morning services. If you happen to be commemorating a yahrtzeit, or celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or returning from a long trip, or whatever, please feel free to let Saul Mariasis or Paul Glaser know, and they'll have you open the ark, or recite a blessing before a Torah portion, or find you some other way to participate in our service.

*A gabbai is a person who assists the rabbi in presenting the reading of the Torah at the bimah. Like a stage manager, a gabbai is responsible for assigning aliyot, and for assuring that the service goes smoothly from the perspective of protocol and decorum.



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December Birthdays

- 3 Norman Agins
- 6 Michael Schwartz
- 7 Rachel Bloomberg
- 8 Graciela Gonzalez-Greenman
- 9 Laurie Winner
- 10 Geoffrey Lindow
- 11 Jared Epstein
- 11 Aaron Schwartz
- 15 Oyun Garland
- 17 Ben Schillmoeller
- 18 Ken Jacoby
- 18 Bryan Kruskol
- 19 Robin Seigle
- 20 David Greenberg
- 20 Jacob Wener
- 23 Michael Finger
- 23 Ian Goozh
- 25 Leonard Winner
- 29 David Barrash
- 31 Julie Kruskol
- 31 Marc Zemel

December Anniversaries

- 16 Earl & Deborah Sternfeld
- 17 Charles & Nancy Zimmerman
- 18 Nancy & Harvey Braus
- 21 Michael & Debby Poper
- 23 Stuart & Lisa Kravis
- 26 Marcy Cohen & Stephen Tremmel
- 31 Scott & Peggy Zonis





CKI Calendar of Events through December 2015

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein: Rabbi@ckielgin.org

CKI President Joe Rosenfeld: JRosenfeld8250@wideopenwest.com

Men's Club President Perry Pitzele: pesachp@sbcglobal Sisterhood President Suzy Zemel: mnszemel@comcast.net

November

1-Daylight Savings Time

-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

3-Java and Jews

4-Hebrew 5:00 PM

-Book Club at Panera, Routes 72 & 59 7:00 PM

6-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

7-Saturday Morning Service/Veterans' Shabbat 9:30 AM

-Limmud Chicago

8-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

-Judaism Rocks 10:00 AM

-Limmud Chicago

-PJY Mitzvah Day at Community Crisis Center 3:00 PM

9-PADS

-Men's Club Pizza Night 6:30 PM

-Ladies, Wine, & Cheese at Gift Shop 7:00 PM

10-Fundability orders due

11-Hebrew 5:00 PM

12-Rosh Chodesh 7 PM

13-Rabbi's Table 6:00 PM

-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

14-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

-Café CKI TBD 7:00 PM

15-CORNED BEEF WEEK

-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Chanukah Bazaar 9:30 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

-HaKol Submission Due

-PJY H. School Making Tzedakah Boxes

16-Corned Beef Assistance Requested

17-Corned Beef Assistance Requested

-Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 PM

-Pick up Fundability

18-Corned Beef Assistance

-Hebrew 5:00 PM

-Pick up Corned Beef Orders 6:00 PM

19-Corned Beef pick up and deliveries

20- Friday Night Service/Birthday

Shabbat 7:30 PM

21-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

22-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Chanukah Bazaar 9:30 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

-Chai Mitzvah Adult Study 11:00 AM

-Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 4 PM, Zion

November continued

Lutheran Church, 330 Griswold St., Elgin

25-No Hebrew School, Thanksgiving

27-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

28-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

29-No School Thanksgiving Weekend

30-CKI Board Meeting 7:00 PM

December

1-Java and Jews

2-Hebrew 5:00 PM

-Chai Mitzvah Adult Study 7 PM

4-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

5-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

-Paint a Chair-ity 6:30 PM

6-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Chanukah Bazaar 9:30 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

-Judaism Rocks 10:00 AM

7-Chanukah Begins at sundown

9-Hebrew 5:00 PM

10-Fundability orders due

11-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

12-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

-Havdalah and Rosh Chodesh, 5:30 PM

13-Hebrew School 9:00 AM

-Torah School 9:45 AM

-Men's Club Latke Lunch 12:00 PM

-PJY High School Club Ice Skating

15-HaKol Submission Due

16-Hebrew 5:00 PM

-Book Club at Suzy Zemel's 7:00 PM

17-Pick up Fundability

18-Rabbi's Table

-Friday Night Service/Birthday

Shabbat 7:30 PM

19-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

20-No School, Winter Break

21-Calendar Meeting 7:00 PM

23- No School, Winter Break

25-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

26-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

27-No School, Winter Break

30-No School, Winter Break

January

1-Friday Night Service 7:30 PM

2-Saturday Morning Service 9:30 AM

3- No School, Teacher Yom Lyun 9:00 AM

6-Hebrew 5:00 PM

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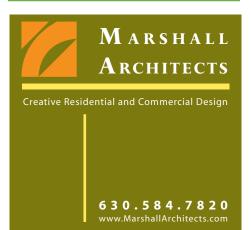
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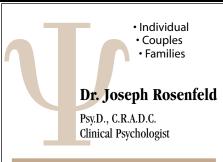
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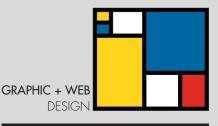
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Tuesday: December 1

Starbucks in South Elgin on Randall Road, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Blue Box Café, Chicago Street, Elgin, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Calibré in The Arboretum, South Barrington, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Good conversation, good coffee, good community.

Men's Club had a great time watching da Bears play Monday Night Football at Ron Razowsky's house on Nov 9.

