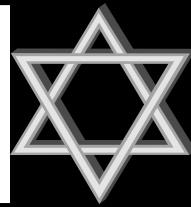




# Congregation Knesseth Israel

May 2014/5774 Newsletter



## **SERVICES**

*Friday Nights at 8:00 pm*

*Saturday, May 3 - 9:30 am  
Morning Shabbat Service*

*Saturday, May 10 - 10:00 am  
Family Shabbat Service*

*Please check  
this issue's calendar  
for the full listing  
of meetings*

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

*Saturday, May 3*  
*Adult Education - Talmud  
7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, May 7*  
*Exec Board - 7:30 pm*

*Monday, May 12*  
*Men's Club Meeting  
7:30 pm*

*Sunday, May 18*  
*Congregational Meeting  
9:30 am*

*Thursday, May 22*  
*Sisterhood Meeting  
7:30 pm*

**CKI RUMMAGE SALE**  
*8:00 am—2:00 pm*  
*Sunday, May 25*  
*Monday, May 26*  
*Thursday, May 29*  
*Friday, May 30*  
*Sunday, June 1*

Please join us at

## **Congregation Knesseth Israel's Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, May 18, 2014  
9:30 am in the Sanctuary**

**Bagels and Coffee will be served.**

We need your attendance at this very important meeting.

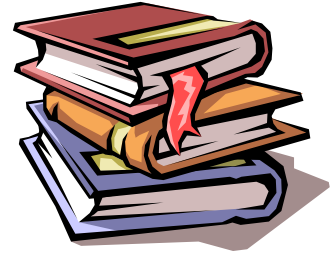
Among the topics to be discussed are:

- Ratification (requires Congregational Vote) of the 2014–2015 Slate of Officers;
- Ratification (requires Congregational Vote) of the 2014–2015 Fiscal Year Budget;
- Committee updates from all chairpersons;
- Potential Motions that require congregational vote;
- High Holiday Aliyot Assignments;
- Miscellaneous Announcements;
- All Questions and Business from the floor.

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# Religious School



While, as of this writing, we are just getting ready to celebrate Pesach at our homes, our students held their Seder at our last school session. They performed the Seder, sang songs, and ate some Passover foods. Because our Teen Class met on the same day, they were able to join the rest of the school for the festivities. It was quite a wonderful day thanks to our teachers, students, and Cantor Eddie Roffman who was available to join us.

On Friday, April 11th, we had our “Double Header Shabbat.” Our older students led the early service with very little adult help. We are so proud of how well all of our students did! Also, we had some of our smallest congregants join us at the early service. They were very well-behaved and seemed to enjoy themselves and the Oneg food! It was quite a success, and we expect to have more of these early services in the future.

We are now starting our “Spring Break” for the year, and when we come back there will be only 3 more Sunday School Sessions. The year has just flown by for us. Time flies when you’re having fun! And it really has been fun for us this year.

The school is running so smoothly this year, and we are looking forward to next year! To that end, we ask that all of you help us to get the word out about our wonderful school, in any way you can. As our school flyer says: “Share Our Gem With Your Friends!”

Our school has so much to offer. Please help us get the word out!

We hope to see you at the following programs and meetings.  
Abby and Carolyn, Education Committee Chairs

## Religious School Classes & Events for the rest of the year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Sunday, 4/27</b>	Religious School	9:30 am
	Education Committee Meeting	11:00 am
<b>Sunday, 5/4</b>	Religious School	9:30 am
	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Meeting	10:15 am
<b>Saturday, 5/10</b>	Family Services	10:00 am
<b>Sunday, 5/11</b>	<b>No Religious School</b>	
<b>Sunday, 5/18</b>	<b>LAST DAY</b> Religious School & Teen Class	9:30 am

# Share Our Gem With Your Friends!

## Congregation Kneseth Israel Religious School

***CKI fits your family:*** with classes from Tots to Teens

***CKI fits your schedule:*** weekly Sunday morning classes, plus one mid-week class in Bar/Bat Mitzvah students' final year

***CKI fits your desires:*** your child will shine with an individual Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

***CKI fits your needs:*** Hebrew class sections based on knowledge, in addition to age. Mentors are available for students who require additional tutoring.

***CKI fits your life:*** instilling in our children a strong Jewish identity through an understanding of prayers, holidays, lifecycle events, and a connection to the history of our people.

### **New!**

**Our Temple Tots class** (for 2-4 year olds) engages students with their parent or caregiver, and covers basic Jewish concepts such as holidays, prayers, and Bible stories, emphasizing multi-sensory approaches, age-appropriate crafts, stories, and hands-on learning. Parents will learn ways to incorporate Jewish traditions into their home life. This 50-minute class will meet two Sundays per month, and is **open to non-members**.

CKI has Adult Education offerings throughout the year  
which are also open to our Teens!

For more information, contact CKI at 732-469-0934,  
school@ckibbnj.org, or visit [www.ckibbnj.org](http://www.ckibbnj.org)

# CKI ADULT EDUCATION

## The Talmud Saturday, May 3 7:30 pm

Please join us for an evening of Talmud study.

The Talmud is made up of two separate works: the *Mishnah*, primarily a compilation of Jewish laws, written around 200 C.E., and the *Gemara*, the rabbinic commentaries and discussions on the *Mishnah* written over the next three hundred years.

The Talmud also contains a good deal of *aggadah*: commentary on biblical narratives, stories about biblical figures and earlier Rabbinic sages, and speculations concerning physical reality and human nature. In short, anything that was of interest to the Rabbis wound up in the Talmud, which in turn became a kind of encyclopedia of the Rabbinic mind.

As the earliest rabbinic interpretation of the Bible, the Talmud is indispensable to understanding Jewish laws and customs still practiced today.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Nancy

Adults, Bar & Bat Mitzvah students, and teens are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

*This Adult Education event is free for CKI members; there is a \$5 fee for guests*





# Community Wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration

*Free to the Community*

**Sunday, April 27 at 7pm**

*Hosted by Temple Sholom, 594 North Bridge Street, Bridgewater*

*At a time of increasing financial need amongst the worldwide Holocaust Survivor community, we present a timely program featuring attorneys **William R. Marks** and **Ellen G. Teller** of The Marks Law Firm, PC ("MLF"). They will provide a broad overview of the various compensation programs established by Germany after WWII to benefit Survivors, as well as an analysis of the current status of those and related programs.*

*MLF was established by Mr. Marks after he helped successfully conclude American Holocaust survivor (and NJ resident) Hugo Princz' 40-year-fight for compensation from Germany. The firm specializes in Holocaust-related reparations and restitution claims, including but not limited to health (Wiedergutmachung) and ghetto pensions. To date MLF has assisted thousands up on thousands of Survivors in the U.S. and overseas collect monies rightfully due them given their suffering during the war.*



**Memorial Service,  
Candle Lighting,  
Recital of the Kaddish  
& Guest Speakers**

**For additional information, call Temple Sholom at 908-722-1339.**

# **The Rummage Sale is Coming!**

**Sunday, May 25 & Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend)  
Thursday, May 29, Friday, May 30, & Sunday, June 1  
8 am—2 pm**

## **WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:**

- Your Stuff:** If you are unsure about an item, please contact Rich or Mark to discuss. Please bring items to the Congregational Board Meeting or call the CKI office to arrange for a delivery time.
- Your Time:** If you can assist during set up or the sale, **we need you.** We will be setting up on May 17 (Saturday night), May 18 (after the Congregational Meeting), and through May 25 as needed. CKI'ers of all ages can help with work from setting up shelving to hanging up clothes.
- Your \$\$:** If you have no merchandise to donate, please consider a contribution. We want to feed and refresh our workers who give so tirelessly of themselves. As little as \$20 buys Pizza and some drinks. As little as \$10 buys soda and water for all our volunteers. Checks can be sent to CKI, or see Mark or Rich at the Congregational Board Meeting.

## **DONATIONS WANTED:**

**FURNITURE in GOOD CONDITION.** Please check with us before bringing any large furniture over!

**SPORTING GOODS in GOOD CONDITION, such as:** baseball gloves & bats, cleats, skates, hockey sticks, helmets, balls, pads & guards, etc.

**CLOTHING in VERY GOOD CONDITION, including:** hats, coats, dresses, shirts, pants, suits. Clothes brought on hangers makes our job easier!

**SHOES (must be in pairs and in good condition!)**

**SMALL APPLIANCES in WORKING CONDITION**

**KITCHEN ACCESSORIES (like new) including:** pots, pans, utensils, sets of dishes, sets of glasses

**LINENS (clean, folded, no tears):** bedding, matching towels, curtains, tablecloths, napkins

**TOYS in EXCELLENT CONDITION, including:** Little Tykes, large stuffed animals (not dirty or torn), board games (like-new condition only), children's books.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING :** car seats, cribs, cassette players or tapes, televisions, computers, printers, VHS tapes/movies, books, broken furniture, single cups/dishes, toys with missing pieces, **dirty or very worn** clothing, linens, etc.

You are cordially invited to a  
**CKI LUAAU**

a relaxing, fun night out for Adults,  
sponsored by Sisterhood & Men's Club

**Saturday, June 14** 7:00 pm

DJ, Karaoke,  
Hula contest,  
games & prizes!



Island/Hawaiian  
apparel welcome!

Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.  
Non-alcoholic beverages will be available  
(BYOB - Kosher wine or beer)

\$5 couvert per person;  
Non-members & guests: \$10 per person



Please RSVP by June 6th  
Make checks payable to "CKI Sisterhood"

# Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

Share special moments in your life with your friends at CKI by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat!



Sponsor an Oneg to:

- Celebrate an occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, engagements
- Commemorate the birth of a child or grandchild
- Celebrate accomplishments such as a graduation, a new job, or retirement
- Honor and remember the Yahrzeit of a relative or friend

As a sponsor, your name and dedication will be in the CKI upcoming events and announced from the bima during services. Let us help you celebrate your special Shabbat with the warmth and community that is characteristic of our congregation.

If you choose to sponsor an Oneg, you can contact the Oneg Coordinator, Robin G at [CKIoneg@gmail.com](mailto:CKIoneg@gmail.com) with your date.

Dates will be scheduled up to six months in advance.





# GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

*All donations, regardless of size,  
help our congregation and are  
greatly appreciated.*

*We sincerely Thank You!*

A new wireless router was donated for  
the temple's Wi-Fi system.

## **Pages for the Ages Campaign**

In memory of Arlene Lieberman:

Rich B

Lori S

## **Repair Our Roof Campaign**

In memory of Arlene L :

Mark & Lisa S

## **Donation to the Michael B memorial library**

In memory of Arlene L :

Cynthia & Alan E

## **In Memory of a loved one's Yahrzeit**

Pam B

Jill J

Matt & Marla L

Dennis & Anita R

Phyllis W

**Contributions can be made to  
various temple funds, including:**

- **Pages for the Ages**  
(prayerbook dedication bookplates)
- **Repair our Roof campaign**
- **Hardship Fund**
- **Leaves on the Tree of Life**
- **Plaques on the CBT Tree of Life**
- **Michael Barr Memorial Library**
- **Memorial Board Plaques**
- **Memorial Fund**
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
- **Temple Fund**  
(general use for Temple needs)

*If you have any questions  
about contributions,  
please contact the Temple  
Office at 732-469-0934*

## ***Leagrams***

*Do you need to send cards for  
birthdays, weddings, anniversaries,  
get-wells, etc.?*

*No need to go to the card store  
and the post office –  
Let Sisterhood send a card for you!*

*For \$5.00, send a Leagram  
for any occasion, and  
help support the CKI Sisterhood.*

**Contact Lori S at  
[CKI.Leagrams@Gmail.com](mailto:CKI.Leagrams@Gmail.com)**

***CKI warmly welcomes  
our newest member***

**Phyllis F**



## ***“Refuah Shlema”***

**Get Well Wishes go out to:**

**Frances C**

**Alan E**

**Rich G**

**Sandi M**

**Lori N**

**Sue P**

**Robin R**

**Evelyn S**

**Linda S**

**Madeline S**

**Faye S**

**Martin S**

*We pray for their recovery  
in body and spirit.  
Grant them renewed strength  
and confidence, and give wisdom  
and skill to those who  
are helping to bring healing.*

# CKI GIFT CARD PROGRAM



**PLEASE REMEMBER** that you have until June 30th to meet your gift card purchase quotas.

**THE GIFT CARD TABLE IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** for you to purchase gift cards and stamps. If you need cards at other times, please contact Rich or Mark to make arrangements to get your cards.

**WE HAVE POSTAGE STAMPS!** We are still offering Forever Stamps at 45 cents each, even though the first-class rate has gone up to 49 cents. They are available in sheets of 10, booklets of 20, and rolls of 100 stamps.

**THERE ARE PLENTY OF CARDS IN STOCK:** including: Shop Rite, A&P, Kings, Whole Foods Market, Stop n Shop, Outback, Red Lobster, Buffalo Wild Wings, Subway, Dunkin Donuts, Costco, Walmart, Target, Sears, Kohls, Macys, Lord & Taylor, Sephora, Gap, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Staples, Sports Authority, Barnes & Noble, Home Depot, Gamestop, Petsmart, PETCO, Walgreens, CVS, iTunes, Exxon, BP, Sunoco, Shell Gas, and Amazon.com.

We have \$100 COSTCO gift cards in stock, as well as \$500 American Express gift cards. We can also get Visa, Mastercard & Amex gift cards in smaller denominations (within 3-5 days) as long as you pay the service fee (\$3.95 - \$5.95).

**SPECIAL ORDER:** We can obtain many other cards for you within a week or two of placing an order. Please let us know if you are interested in cards for any of these stores:

The Palm Steakhouse, Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang, Morton's Steakhouse, Legal Seafood, IHOP, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, California Pizza Kitchen, Chilis/Maggianos/Macaroni Grill, Wegmans, Forever 21, Nike, Sports Authority, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lululemon, Century 21, Victoria's Secret, Belk (Florida), Bealls (Florida), Dillard's (Florida), Publix (Florida), JC Penney, Joseph A Bank, Men's Wearhouse, Nordstroms, Bloomingdales, Lord & Taylor, Brooks Brothers, Cabelas, Lowes, Marriott, Jet Blue Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Ticketmaster, NFLSHOP.com, Petco, Nutrisystem, Fandango, Sears/KMART, Ulta, Sephora, Office Depot, Auto Zone

## Rabbi Jack Kramer's Office Hours

**Monday:** *day off*  
**Tuesday:** 3:00 — 4:00 pm  
**Friday:** 10:00 am — 12:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 12:30 — 1:30 pm



Please check with the Rabbi to make sure that he will be available on a specific date and time.

If you need to meet with the Rabbi outside of these hours, please call him to arrange an appointment.

## PAGES FOR THE AGES

Does your family have an upcoming anniversary, birthday, graduation, or other simcha ?

Would you like to honor the memory of a friend or relative?

**Dedicate a CKI prayerbook !**

A bookplate with you dedication will appear on the inside front cover.

Bookplates cost \$18 each.

Purchase 7 bookplates and get 3 more for free!

Forms are available at the Temple office

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