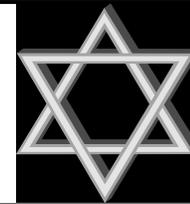


Congregation Knesseth Israel

October 2014/5775 Newsletter



SERVICES

Friday Nights at 8:00 pm

Kol Nidre

Fri., Oct. 3 - 6:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Sat., Oct. 4 - 9:30 am

Sukkot service w/Yizkor

Fri., Oct. 10 - 8:00 pm

Simchat Torah service

Thurs., Oct. 16 - 7:00 pm
with Cantor Roffman

Please check
this issue's calendar
for the full listing of
services, meetings,
and events

MEETINGS

Executive Board Meeting

Wed., Oct. 1 - 7:30 pm

Board Meeting

Sun., Oct. 12 - 9:30 am

Education Committee

Sun., Oct 19 - 11:15 am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tots' Sukkah Celebration

Sun., Oct. 12 - 4:00 pm

Supper in the Sukkah

Sun., Oct. 12 - 4:30 pm

Sisterhood Movie Night

Thurs., Oct. 23rd - 7 pm

Ben C.'s Bar Mitzvah

Fri., Oct. 31 - 8:00 pm

Sat., Nov. 1 - 9:30 am

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The Rabbi's Forum

by Rabbi Jack Kramer

As I write, the High Holidays are a week away. You will be reading my words just before the *Yamim Nora'im*—the Days of Awe—the time that begins with Rosh Hashanah and ends with the final Shofar call at the end of Yom Kippur. As we each consider our lives and meditate on the opportunities for growth we hope for in the year ahead, I pray for all the blessings of life for all the members of this wonderful community. I have been truly privileged to be part of your lives for the past seven years.

In 2010, we began a new tradition at CKI, The Sukkot Pot-Luck Dinner. As with many of the most successful traditions in Jewish history, this event sprang from the needs and desires of multiple members to fulfill the Mitzvah of having a meal in a Sukkah, yet they had no Sukkah of their own.

As the requests for a chance to fulfill this Mitzvah grew, a few members took ownership and began to organize a joyous night of celebration, fully based on the desire of so many to observe Sukkot. Ironically, though Sukkot is one of the three major Biblical pilgrimage holidays, in modern times it is often relegated to the periphery, following the intense weeks of High Holiday observance. Yet at CKI, the response was so overwhelming that we had to expand our synagogue Sukkah to accommodate all those who wanted to participate. Each year, the tradition has grown and been enhanced. This year we are adding a Tot Sukkah Celebration prior to the Sukkah Dinner on October 12th.

How amazing it is, in this day and age, for a community to clamor to fulfill a Mitzvah, participate in a spiritual quest, and have a wonderful social event all at once. The enthusiasm and spirit behind this event makes me wonder how we can replicate this effort and get us to look forward to exploring our spirituality and heritage in ways that truly reflect the lives we lead.

It is the dream of many rabbis to have a congregation so eager to fulfill the Mitzvoth. I have no illusion that we are suddenly going to be inundated with demands for observances of every moment on the Jewish calendar, but the very potential of pent-up, spiritual desires suddenly filling our sanctuaries and classrooms is a wonderful dream to have.

In this coming year may your quests and dreams be fulfilled, and together may we celebrate the joys of exploring our sacred heritage.

May you be written and sealed for a good and sweet year in 5775.



Presidents' Message

It is hard to believe that this October Newsletter marks the completion of three months of our co-presidency. Since we are almost in the midst of the High Holiday observances and celebrations, we would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of our CKI family who have come together over the past several months to ensure that we have a meaningful and beautiful High Holiday season.

Harriet, Roz, and Anita, thank you for your efforts to make sure our silver shines brilliantly. Members of the Ritual Committee and Junior Congregation Committee, thank you for working throughout the summer to create a truly spiritual experience for both the youth and adult members of our Congregation. Mark, thanks for volunteering once again to give the much needed Yom Kippur Appeal speech. Thank you to Marla for organizing our lay Torah readers, to Sandi for organizing the many honors available to our members, and to the Men's Club for organizing the Break Fast. Thank you also to everyone who came out on September 14th for Cleanup Day, led and coordinated by Pam. Special thanks to Rabbi Kramer and Cantor Roffman for preparing to lead us through this time of reflection and spiritual growth. There are countless others behind the scenes who, through their efforts, will make this High Holiday season such an enriching experience. Our community has really come together to make the High Holidays spiritually rewarding and community-building.

When we think about the High Holidays, we remember that these holidays are a time for us to reflect, ask for forgiveness, and provide forgiveness where appropriate. Congregation Knesseth Israel is a spiritual family. Take a moment to think about those in our temple family who may require your forgiveness and those who you will forgive. Think about the things you could do to be a better listener. Think about something that you might be able to do to help one of our family members in need. Finally, think about how you may be able to further contribute to our Synagogue community, whether it be a financial contribution or a contribution of your valuable time. As with any family, we share celebrations and we share sorrows. At times we agree and disagree. We learn to enjoy and respect each other, overcome struggles together, and come together to create great things.

May the New Year bring hope, peace, and joy to you and your family.

L'Shana Tovah!

Carolyn and Lisa

Ritual Committee



Recently, I was approached and asked, "What does the Ritual Committee do, and why do we need to have a Ritual Committee?"

These are both valid questions that deserve a thoughtful answer. If I were to write down everything that is discussed in a Ritual Committee meeting, I would have enough material for a full-length novel. The Ritual Committee works in collaboration with the Rabbi on all areas of CKI religious rituals and practices. This includes how our spiritual family observes and practices on a daily basis as well as at Shabbat, Yom Tov and other services. We also discuss and make suggestions on participation in and observance of life cycle events. Our most recent collaboration has been the preparation for the High Holiday services and worship.

Our committee members represent a cross-section of Jewish backgrounds. We embrace our diverse congregation, but it takes discussion to agree on how our membership will worship here at CKI. Although our synagogue's roots were based in Orthodox tradition and then later in Conservative practice, Congregation Kneseth Israel is a non-affiliated religious community. Unlike affiliated synagogues, we have no "governing body."

I do want to take a moment to thank the entire committee for working so hard throughout the summer to ensure the upcoming High Holiday services run smoothly.

If you would like to provide input to any of CKI's services, rituals, customs, or practices, please reach out to any of the committee members.

L'Shana Tovah!

Carolyn
Ritual Committee Chairperson

Sisterhood News

Please join us on Thursday, October 23rd at 7 pm for **Movie Night** — details are in the flyer in this issue. On November 9th, we hope that you can help out at **CKI Fall Cleanup Day**, as we get our building and grounds ready for the winter. Plans for the Sisterhood meeting on November 13th are underway, and your suggestions for topics are always welcome.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Pam & Marla
Sisterhood co-Presidents



Religious School

As of this writing, we just completed our first day of Religious School at CKI for this year, and it ran very well! We had a good turnout of parents for the initial assembly to meet all of our new teachers, and to hear about our plans for the year. We held our first Temple Tots class, our two-hour K-2 class, and our three-hour classes for those students from 3rd grade through Bar/Bat Mitzvah year. We are looking forward to the first Teen Class next week.



We are busy preparing for the High Holy Days, which the students will be learning about in the coming weeks. We are also finalizing plans for this Friday's first Learning Service .

We hope that you will all be joining us at CKI for High Holy Day services. As a reminder, we hold **Junior Congregation Services** for our students on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and the morning of Yom Kippur, at approximately 10:30 am each day (during the Torah service).

On October 12, we are holding a **Tot Sukkah Celebration** at 4:00 pm, just before "Supper in the Sukkah." Parents and tots can join us for a story, a snack and a craft; feel free to stay for our congregational Pot-Luck Dinner!



We encourage everyone to join us for **Simchat Torah services** on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. Cantor Eddie Roffman will be joining us for this joyous holiday where we will sing and parade our Torahs around the room. Everyone will have the opportunity to dance with a Torah. Please join us for a great celebration and Torah-themed refreshments afterwards!

Religious School Schedule and Student-focused services and activities

Thursday, Sept. 25	10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah—Junior Congregation Service
Sunday, Sept. 28	9:30 am	Religious School & Teen Class
Saturday, Oct. 4	10:30 am	Yom Kippur—Junior Congregation Service
Sunday, Oct. 12	9:30 am	Religious School & Sukkot Celebration
	4:00 pm	Tot Sukkot Celebration, followed by Pot Luck Dinner
Thursday, Oct. 16	7:00 pm	Simchat Torah Service
Sunday, Oct. 19	9:30 am	Religious School & Temple Tots class
Sunday, Oct. 26	9:30 am	Religious School & Teen Class

Please join us on Saturday, October 4th for a CKI High Holiday Tradition!

YOU WILL HAVE HEARD THE SHOFAR



YOU WILL HAVE CAST OFF YOUR SINS



YOU WILL HAVE REFRAINED FROM EATING

Break – the – Fast
with your family and friends at CKI
immediately following Yom Kippur evening services.



All your favorite foods will be catered.
Bagels, salads, lox, cream cheeses, soda, juice, coffee, fruit, & dessert.

Adults & Children over 13	- \$23.00 each
Children ages 6-12	- \$10.00 each
Children 5 and under	- FREE

Make your reservation before September 23, 2014

Please contact the CKI office (ckibbnj@optimum.net, 732-469-0934)

Learn and Discover at CKI!

Celebrating Our Tots

Special Events and Services for our youngest members and friends

Tot Sukkah Celebration! Sunday, October 12, 4:00 pm

Families with small children are invited to join us as we share a story, make a craft and enjoy a snack in the Sukkah! Stay after to join the congregational Sukkah Supper.

Tot Shabbat Services - Fridays, November 21 and December 12 at 6:45 pm

Join us for a short service designed for our youngest members and friends. This will be followed by a Shabbat service at 8pm.

Learning Services

Our learning services involve our students, and incorporate teaching components so that all our congregants can develop a deeper understanding of the service and prayers.

Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am

Friday, December 12, 7:45 pm

Adult Education

Sukkah Supper, Sunday, October 12, 4:30pm

Join us for a vegetarian (dairy) potluck dinner in our synagogue's Sukkah. Partake in the mitzvot of shaking the lulav and etrog as Rabbi Kramer instructs us in the proper way to say the blessings. See the flyer later in this issue for more details.

Kabbalah and the Aleph Bet, Saturdays, November 22 and January 10 at 7:30 pm

Join our discussion of the meaning of the Hebrew alphabet and symbols within the context of the Kabbalah.

Talmudic Structure, Saturday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Curious about the structure of the Talmud, and what its significance is? Join us as we discuss and review examples of the texts.

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



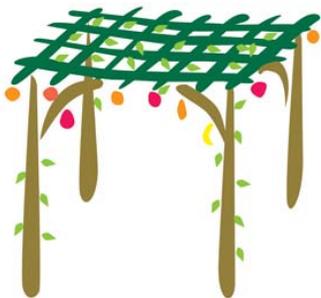
Please check with the Rabbi to make sure that he will be available on a specific date and time. If you need to meet with the Rabbi outside of these hours, please call to arrange an appointment.

Celebrate Sukkot at CKI!

Sukkot service w/Yizkor - Fri., Oct. 10, 8:00 pm

Tots' Sukkah Celebration - Sun. October 12, 4:00 pm

Supper in the Sukkah - Sun. October 12, 4:30 pm



Supper in the Sukkah - join us as we celebrate the joyous festival of Sukkot, and participate in the Mitzvot of sharing a meal in the CKI Sukkah and shaking the lulav with the etrog.

This event will take place rain or shine!

The meal will be a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner. Please make enough to serve your family and four other adults. For families who wish to bring pizza for the kids, please note that kosher pizza is available from Jerusalem Pizza in Highland Park.

Supper in the Sukkah is free to all CKI Members, and \$5.00 for guests.

Please RSVP to Nancy and let her know what you will be bringing:

Salad, main dish, beverage, dessert, paper goods, etc.

About CKI Potluck Dinners:

All foods must be dairy/vegetarian. Dishes will be put out on two tables – one for home-prepared foods, and one for kosher purchased items. Please check to make sure that all items you purchase or use in a recipe do not contain treif (non-kosher) ingredients.

Home-prepared foods should be brought to CKI in disposable containers. Please bring a recipe or list of ingredients along with your name to place next to your contribution, to help people with food allergies, or if there are any questions. Containers, appliances and utensils that are not kashered (ritually cleaned) may be used to prepare food in your home.

Purchased foods must bear a kosher symbol and be in a sealed container.

We will not be using the synagogue kitchen. All food should be completely used, taken home, or discarded following the dinner, and no home-prepared food will be stored in the synagogue.

The full CKI Kashrut Policy is available at www.ckibbnj.org/about/kashrut.html, or at the synagogue. For questions, please contact Rabbi Kramer.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 7:00 PM

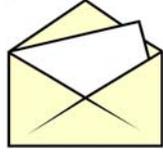
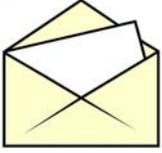


In 1988, the discovery of a hidden scrapbook of children's photos, descriptions, and letters revealed a riveting account of rescue and courage: just before the start of World War 2, ordinary British stockbroker Nicholas Winton secured exit visas and adoptive homes for more than 600 Jewish Czech children, printing counterfeit travel documents and arranging "kindertransports" for them. In "Nicky's Family," dozens of adult survivors describe their origins, suffering, and eventual salvation, illustrated by Nazi-era photos, film footage, and dramatic recreations. The children that Winton saved, their descendants, and countless others around the world continue to follow his example to do good, as chronicled in this award-winning film.

ADMISSION :

Sisterhood Members—Free

Non-members —\$5.00



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 at
CKI.Leagrams@Gmail.com**

“Refuah Shlema”

Get Well Wishes go out to:

Frances C

Alan E

Eileen F

Rich G

David G

Sandi M

Sue P

Robin R

Evelyn S

Linda S

Madeline S

Faye S

Martin S

Michele 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.*

We warmly welcome the newest members of our CKI family:

Jenica & Will S and family

Nancy H and family

Judy G and family

Karen G and family

Ellen & Thomas M

Linda L

Roo C

Lynn M

Esther A

Harry G

Steve & Esther D

Janet & Howard K

Sandy & David S

B'ruchim Ha-ba'im !



GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

We sincerely Thank You!

In Memory of a loved one's Yahrzeit

Pam B

Eleanor G

Matthew & Marla L

Susan & Michael P

Shirley P

Phil & Yelena S

Ros S

Rita S

Reach "Chai for CKI" — Ceiling Tile Campaign

Josh R

Temple Fund

Andrew G

Thank you also to Harriet , Anita, and Ros for their annual efforts in cleaning and beautifying our High Holiday silver pieces.

Contributions can be made to various temple funds, including:

- **Pages for the Ages**
(prayerbook dedication bookplates)
- **Repair our Roof campaign**
- **Reach "Chai" for CKI - Ceiling Tiles**
- **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.*

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 with your date.

Dates will be scheduled up to six months in advance.



October Yahrzeits

Read at September 26 service

In Memory of	Relationship/Observed by	Yahrzeit Date
		10/1/2014
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Read at October 3 service

In Memory of	Relationship/Observed by	Yahrzeit Date
		10/3/2014
		10/3/2014
		10/3/2014
		10/8/2014
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Read at October 10 service

In Memory of	Relationship/Observed by	Yahrzeit Date
		10/14/2014
		10/14/2014

Read at October 17 service

In Memory of	Relationship/Observed by	Yahrzeit Date
		10/17/2014
		10/21/2014
		10/21/2014
		10/23/2014

Read at October 24 service

In Memory of	Relationship/Observed by	Yahrzeit Date
		10/24/2014
		10/25/2014
		10/25/2014
		10/27/2014
		10/30/2014

