



# Congregation Knesseth Israel

229 Mountain Avenue  
Bound Brook

Rabbi Jack Kramer  
Cantor Edward Roffman

Congregation Knesseth Israel, located in Bound Brook, has been serving the area's Jewish communities since 1920. We are an unaffiliated synagogue where women and men participate equally. Our religious services are a beautiful blend of the traditional and contemporary, and our synagogue provides a rich environment for spiritual renewal and growth, education, celebration, and mutual support.

CKI is a caring, supportive, and inclusive community. Our members come from a variety of Jewish traditions and backgrounds, and we welcome interfaith families. Our close-knit and involved community is a source of joy and social interaction for all of our congregants: young and old, individuals and couples, single parents, families both large and small, newcomers and longstanding members.

## Shabbat & Holiday Services

**Shabbat services** take place every Friday night at 8:00 pm. Please join us at the Oneg Shabbat afterwards for refreshments, conversation, and fellowship!

**Tot Shabbat services**, held once a month at 6:45 pm, are designed for our youngest members and friends. The 30-minute service includes songs, simple prayers, and a story followed by a snack.

**Saturday morning services** followed by Torah study are held at least one weekend a month, in addition to scheduled Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We encourage all our congregants to come celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvahs along with the families!

**High Holiday** tickets are included with membership, and additional tickets can be purchased for extended family and guests. Non-members may also purchase tickets. The second day of Rosh Hashanah is open to all — no tickets required.

We hold services for the Jewish festivals and other holidays, and gather together for celebrations and meals for Hanukkah, Sukkot, and Shabbat Across America.

For dates and times of all services and holiday observances, please see our on-line calendar at [www.ckibbnj.org](http://www.ckibbnj.org)

Visit us on the web at:

[www.ckibbnj.org](http://www.ckibbnj.org)  
[facebook.com/CKI.BoundBrook](https://facebook.com/CKI.BoundBrook)

## We'd love to meet you!

Please come visit CKI and experience what we have to offer.

Guests are always welcome at our weekly Friday night Shabbat services, or come sit in on one of our Adult Education sessions. Parents can make arrangements for their children to attend one of our Sunday Religious School classes.

For additional information, please contact our Membership Chair:

Lori Siegel  
[membership@ckibbnj.org](mailto:membership@ckibbnj.org)

## Temple Activities

Our **Adult Education programs** have included Movie Nights, Book groups, Cooking demos, Game nights, Cultural celebrations, and discussions on a wide variety of Jewish topics.

The **Men's Club** builds our Sukkah and runs the temple Hanukkah party and summer picnic. The Men's Club has organized family bowling nights, along with trips to hockey games, wrestling matches, and Somerset Patriots' baseball games.

**Sisterhood** runs our Gift Shop, sponsors the Rosh Hashanah Oneg, and assembles the Purim Shalach Manot baskets sent annually to all congregants. Meetings have featured invited speakers, Cooking classes, Movie Night, Recipe exchanges, and Israeli dancing. Sisterhood annually holds a Hanukkah "Vodka & Latke" party and a Spring Dinner. Together, the Men's Club and Sisterhood sponsor an annual CKI Social evening for all congregants.

Membership in Men's Club and Sisterhood is free for first-year members.

## Membership Information

We take pride in the range of services that we are able to provide to our membership, while keeping our dues among the lowest in the area. Because temple membership should be within everyone's reach, our treasurer will work with families who require financial consideration.

**Special 2016-17 First Year Dues offer:  
\$180 for families, \$90 for individuals!**

### CKI dues:

Family	\$1450
Individual / Single parent family	\$ 750
Senior Family (one adult 65+)	\$1250
Senior Individual	\$ 650

Please contact us for a membership packet

## Religious School



Children in CKI's Religious School learn our enduring values and heritage from pre-school through Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and beyond.

In addition to teaching Hebrew, prayers, Jewish holidays, history, and culture, we strive to inspire our children to be life-long active members of the Jewish community.

Our school's size allows us to focus on the individual needs of our students and to tailor instruction to meet their needs. Students are placed in Hebrew language classes according to their proficiency. Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students receive individual dates for their ceremonies, where they can shine!

Temple Tots (ages 2-4), along with their caregivers, meet on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 am. This class is also open to families who are not members of CKI. Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 meet from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm; and Grades 3-7 meet from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Bar/Bat Mitzvah students have additional studies with the Rabbi during the week.

For more information and a schedule of tuition fees, please contact us at:

School@ckibbnj.org / 732-469-0934

## Affiliate Membership

*If you already belong to a synagogue, but*

- ◆ Your synagogue does not offer Religious School - or
- ◆ You would like your child to have a special day of their own for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah - or
- ◆ You live out-of-state part of the year, and are looking for a local synagogue to call your home —

Your family can become CKI Affiliate Members !

Affiliate membership includes:

- High Holiday tickets
- the ability to enroll children in our school
- individual Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates
- the CKI newsletter & mailings
- access to all CKI events
- benefits extended to all CKI members

Dues are \$200 for individuals, and \$300 for families.