

HaKol

The Voice of
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Message From The Rabbi



Do you know the story of the woman who fell into a deep coma, the doctors declared the case hopeless, and then, six months later she recovered miraculously? She looked around the room, saw her daughter, and said: “My memory has gone. Please help me. I must know—who is it I’m not speaking to?”

Rosh Hashanah is also called Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Remembrance. We try to remember events, deeds of the last year, to improve our ways. We call on G-d to remember all his promises to us. We even remind Him that He told us how fondly He remembered us in our early days as a people—how we followed him faithfully into the wilderness when we left Egypt. An entire section of the Musaf Amidah on Rosh Hashanah is called Zichronot, remembrances, where all these themes are touched upon.

And yet sometimes forgetting it is as important as remembering. There is a wonderful book by A.R. Luria, the Russian neurologist, about a Jewish boy with an incredible memory. In studying him for decades, Luria discovered that this boy had a very unusual problem: He could not help remembering. If he wanted to forget something, he would have to write it down, and then tear up the paper.

Most of us have the opposite problem. We have to make an effort to remember. Forgetting is easy. And yet... sometimes forgetting is very difficult for us. We can hold on to certain little annoyances and peeves, sometimes for years, even decades. I know of a family where dislikes and feuds have been maintained through generations, almost lovingly tended, like some wonderful heirloom. That, of course is an unusual and extreme case. Less extreme cases are far more common and known to all of us.

So, let this Rosh Hashanah be a time for remembering, but also a time for forgetting, for letting go of some of these harmful memories of events long gone by.

Julie and I would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year of 5780.

RABBI BARRY SCHECHTER

NEW CKE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE



If you know of anyone who does not know where to go for the high holidays, please let them know that CKE will welcome them with open arms. Tickets for the High Holidays are available at a reduced price for first time ticket buyers. To get the reduced price use Promo Code HaKol on your finance form. Please contact Judy at the synagogue office.

Message From Kol Emeth's President



As the current president of Kol Emeth, I am honored to contribute a few thoughts for this edition of HaKol, the voice of our Synagogue community.

We are at the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul which proceeds Rosh Hashanah. Elul has been thought of as a period of introspection and repentance in preparation for our Jewish New Year. In some synagogues special prayers are added to the daily services and the shofar is blown on weekdays. Among Sephardic Jews, Selichot is recited at dawn throughout the month. We at Kol Emeth look forward to our midnight service on the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah when we all gather for our traditional Selichot service.

In our busy times we may find it increasingly difficult to achieve the quality of spiritual focus that would honor the spiritual obligations of this special month. However, it might be well to, in some manner, keep the nature of Elul in mind as we count down the days leading to our High Holy Days. As with many life events the planning can be, in itself, most meaningful. Therefore, let this coming month of Elul pave the way to our spiritual New Year. In the pursuance of this goal our Synagogue's services can serve us as beacons to light the way as well as our dependable spiritual resource from which everyone may partake.

PAUL HELMAN

Ad Book Honors

High honors are given to those members who provided outstanding numbers of ads. Those ads provide the monetary funds for CKE. Thank you to the following for a job well done.

2019 CONGREGATION KOL EMETH SALUTES HIGH EARNERS

Diamond

Max and Sondra Lorig
Odette Langer
Bob and Sarine Rohde
Ron Roth
John and Sandy Cochrane

Sapphire

Sheila Wexler
Megan Goldish and Matt Savage
Len Colen
Esther Jacobs

Ruby

Mike and Iris Okmin
Eileen Keller

Pearl

Sheldon Mandell
Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz
Leona Katzman and Brian Katzman
Jeffrey and Ann Mallow
Shirley Lanoff
Phyllis Projansky
Ron Yedlin

Amethyst

Rick Daitchman
Bill Raffeld
Elissa Feldman-Curth
Paulette Lieb
Doris Sohn
Linda Wolff
Leigh Sisk
Bernard and Fern Katz
Ron Cooper
Janine Oberrotman
Jane Halpert
Don and Roberta Charous
Eunice Bloomenkranz
Ellis and Gillian Goodman





MAH JONGG



OLD WORLD THEATRE HAS RETIRED

After many years of wonderful productions under the direction of our great Bill Raffeld, the Old World Theatre Company will no longer be. The many talented performers and backstage hands have given us years of wonderful entertainment. For many of the performers, all of whom volunteered their time, it was time to move on to more family responsibilities, different jobs, and to put feet up on the reclining chair and relax.

We wish them much luck and success in their future endeavors.

BUT WAIT

Bill Raffeld and some of his performers will be back for limited presentations. Mark your calendar! On November 10, 2019 OWTC will do a reading commemorating the 81st anniversary of Kristallnacht called To Bear Witness: The Holocaust. More information to follow.



STILL NEEDED, CRAFT FAIR VENDORS

Open spaces are still available for our 2019 Holiday Craft Fair being held Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at congregation Kol Emeth. If you know an artisan or you are an artisan who would like to sell the creative works send an email for an application and additional information to:

Holidaycraftfair@kolemethskokie.org
Please do not call the synagogue office.

DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY NO PROBLEM

Mah Jongg is of Chinese origin usually played by four persons with 144 tiles with symbols on them. The tiles are drawn and discarded until one player secures a winning hand. Want to learn more - no problem, don't know how to play - no problem. The game is open to all levels and expert players are there to teach. Classes and play are held every other Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the CKE social hall. Cost for each session is \$3 for CKE members and \$5 for non-members. September and October Dates are September 10th, September 24th, and October 29th. Come out for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS \$\$\$\$



This year's rummage sale was once again a success thanks to the donations and support of the CKE members and volunteers. Special thanks to the following who took time from their schedule to help set up and man the tables before and during the sale. Jennifer Blitz, Derrick Cork, Elissa Feldman-Curth, Lisa Garbaty, Norman and Yona Gelfand, Fern Katz, Odette Langer, Mike and Iris Okmin, Ron Roth, Herb Root, Miriam Rosenberg, Sam Sulaka, Ron Yedlin.



Sisterhood News

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



JOIN, THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

Membership to CKE Sisterhood is always accepted. Dues are only \$60.00 a year and helps Sisterhood to provide many interesting and new activities. It also gives Sisterhood members reduced or free entry to the many Sisterhood sponsored activities.

Ready to join, just make the check out to Congregation Kol Emeth Sisterhood and mail to the CKE office.

SUMMER FIELD TRIP REVIEW

This summer's field trip to the Halim Museum was a great success. The docent assigned to our group did a wonderful presentation on the origins of the various stained glass exhibits and explained how and why the variety of the time clocks were designed. Thank you to Paulette Lieb for organizing this wonderful field trip for our CKE members.

HONORING SHEILA WEXLER

Sheila Wexler will be honored for her many years of service as president to the sisterhood during the membership luncheon on September 12, 2019. As you continue your membership in CKE sisterhood and provide your knowledge in helping us move forward, we congratulate you and wish you best of luck in your future endeavors.

This year, in conjunction with the Skokie Public Library, sisterhood members will be taking turns leading the bi-monthly book reviews. Paulette Lieb graciously volunteered to lead the first book review on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 1:30 in the CKE social hall. The book to be discussed is *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. If you are unable to get a copy of the book there will be limited copies provided by the Skokie Library in the CKE office which can be checked out and must be returned to the CKE office upon completion of the book discussion.

Attending the book review is free and all are welcome. If there is someone who would like to lead the next book discussion please contact Odette Langer at langero50@gmail.com.

HANUKKAH TABLE



Sisterhood will once again set out items to be sold for Hanukkah. If you have any new items suitable for Hanukkah or other Jewish Holidays please bring them to the synagogue office.

**ARE YOUR EYEGLASSES NO
LONGER WORKING FOR
YOU?**

**DON'T THROW THEM AWAY OR
PUT THEM IN A DRAWER**



This year the sisterhood will be sponsoring a variety of events and activities to benefit both CKE and the community. Our first event is collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses which will be donated to the Lions Club to be distributed to those in need. A container will be placed in the CKE office for the eyeglass donation.



Lions Clubs International

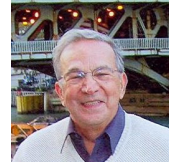
NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

CKE sisterhood welcomes new members Teri Chamlin, Elissa Feldman-Curth to the executive board along with incoming president Odette Langer. Congratulations!

L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!



Men's Club News



The next event is being sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club, mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. Hy Speck

will present the life and times of Barbra Streisand. There will also be a short review of Neil Diamond. We have



heard Hy's presentations in the past. He is a dynamic presenter and we look forward to learning about Ms. Streisand's and Mr. Diamond's background. Mark your calendar to plan on attending.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
A HUGE SUCCESS**



Thank you, Bill Raffeld for putting together such a great event that was enjoyed on a hot summer day. This yummy event would not have been possible without the help of the servers and Bob and Sarine Rohde who went down to the ice cream shop to bring in all the delicious flavors. Thank you also to Elissa Feldman-Curth, Roger Fischhoff, Carol Gopman, Brian Katzman, Odette Langer, and Mike and Iris Okmin for their help during the event.

SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

Congregation Kol Emeth submitted a grant application earlier this year which includes security enhancements for the main floor front doors similar to the system installed at the east and west lower level exterior doors at the cost of \$14,937 as well as annual funding for professional security officers at the main floor front door area at the cost of \$70,585. We expect to find out whether said grant application is approved in September 2019.



In order to immediately improve security at the main floor front door area, prior to the response to the grant application, we are presently keeping the glass doors locked from the outside allowing entry by a member inside the lobby only those who appear to belong at the event in progress.



At the High Holidays and at all services please be sure your cell phone is on quiet or vibrate, out of respect for our congregants.

Thank you to those who made donations in honor of my recovery. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated. I'm getting better day by day.



Thank you,
Jane Halpert

HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY



The ushers assigned during the high holidays are there for ease of entry and for limited security. The CKE ushers are CKE members and non-members who have volunteered to help you. Ushers will have a list of names which will be checked off as you enter. You will also need to show your ticket. Although most of us know each other it is for efficiency and security that we have a record of who is inside the synagogue. This is a huge responsibility. Please do not feel offended and be sure to give the ushers the respect they deserve.

As always, Skokie Police will be present.

TREE OF LIFE



The Kol Emeth Tree of Life offers a unique and lasting record of your simcha. Any type of happy occasion is beautifully engraved for all to see.

Consider purchasing a Leaf, an Acorn or a rock for our lovely Tree of Life located in the main entryway. You can purchase a leaf for \$118.00, or an acorn or a rock for \$354.00.

Please contact Judy Aronson in the synagogue office for further information



Congregation Kol Emeth is proud to be a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Yona Gelfand
Jane Halpert
Janine Oberrotman
Lorraine Trachtenberg

CONDOLENCES

Linda Sweig on the passing of her beloved husband, Mitchel

Marion Shrifter on the passing of her beloved husband, Harold

Norm Engelberg on the passing of his beloved wife, Phyllis



MAZEL TOV

To Jeffry and Ann Mallow on their new home.

MAZEL TOV

To Stephen Jaffe and Gail Myers Jaffe on the engagement of their son David.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz
Ellis and Gillian Goodman
Paul Helman and Ruth Bittner
Larry and Vicki Rabyne
Mishka and Andra Snowsky
Barry and Patricia Weiss

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Howard and Beverlee Bernstein
Howard and Sandra Mandell
Ron and Lynda Orlean

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Ballin
Blanche Feldman
Julie Foreman
Meryle Goldman-Wise
Fabiana Goodman
Herbert Heller
Bill Klein
Sondra Lorig
Howard Mandell
Lynda Orlean
Larry Rabyne
Thomas Smith



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lester Ascher
Howard Bernstein
Ron Cooper
Barbara Eres
Neil Handelman
Sheldon Mandell
Judy Mazor
Janine Oberrotman
Josh Orlean
Lois Schwartz
Andra Snowsky
Daniel Zeff

GENERAL DONATIONS

July 16—September 6, 2019



Elissa Feldman-Curth
Lisa Garbaty and Thomas Smith
Howard and Carol Gopman
Brian Katzman
Leona Katzman
Odette Langer
Rocio Palma Cervantes
Mike and Iris Okmin
Louis and Wendi Portnoy
Larry and Vicki Rabyne
Bill Raffeld
Bob and Sarine Rohde
Ron Roth
Aaron and Marilyn Sprung

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS
July 16—September 6, 2019



Helen Applebaum
Howard and Beverlee Bernstein
Eunice Bloomenkranz
Ned and Teri Chamlin
Sheldon Cooper
Norman and Betty Elkin
Helene Ellis
Clara Foreman
Lisa Garbaty and Thomas Smith
Megan Goldish and Matt Savage
Michael and Elisa Helford
Michael Horowitz
Odette Langer
Jay and Susan Mandell
Gloria Manus
Wendy Mitchell
Jerry and Trudy Myers
Tyra and Nicholas Notorangelo
Mike and Iris Okmin
Michael and Donna Puccini
Larry and Vicki Rabyne
Sydelle Richard
Bob and Sarine Rohde
Doris Sohn
Phyllis Victorson
Brian Weiner and Rivka Coren-Weiner
Ron Yedlin



Dan Aronson
Jennifer Blitz
Elissa Feldman-Curth
Roger Fischhoff
Trudye Fischhoff
Norman Gelfand
Yona Gelfand
Carol Gopman
Fern Katz
Brian Katzman
Tami Kessler
Odette Langer
Iris Okmin
Mike Okmin
Bill Raffeld
Herb Root
Miriam Rosenberg
Ron Roth
Sam Sulaka
Ron Yedlin

Honor your loved one, or reserve a spot for yourself, with a memorial plaque on the walls of Congregation Kol Emeth. Call Judy in the Synagogue office to make arrangements to have a plaque made.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Thursday, September 12th
Sisterhood Membership Luncheon
**Tuesdays, September 24th and
October 29th**
Mah Jongg
Thursday, October 31st
Sisterhood Board Meeting
Friday, November 1st
Community Shabbat Dinner

Mondays, November 4th and 18th
Israeli Music Series
Tuesday, November 5th
Sisterhood Book Review
Sunday, November 10th
To Bear Witness: The Holocaust
Tuesday, November 19th
Men's Club/Sisterhood Joint Event
presents Hy Speck



Membership Dues covers only about 1/3 of the cost of operating Congregation Kol Emeth. These are some of the ways that you can help to be sure that Congregation Kol Emeth can continue to meet the needs of our members and the community for years to come.

Sponsor a Kiddish or an Oneg Shabbat. Call 847-673-3370 to make arrangements. 2 weeks notice is appreciated in order to give you the most choices possible.

Support fund raisers such as:

- Reserve Fund Replenishment
- Annual Rummage Sale
- Holiday Craft Fair

Synagogue Wall Recognition

- Memorial Plaque
- Tree of Life—acorn, leaf, or rock

Books, Ads, and Listings

- Shabbat and Festival Prayer Book
- Etz Hayim Chumash
- High Holiday Prayer Books
- HaKol Thank Yous
- Ad Book
- Book of Remembrance

Letters and Remembrances*

- Yahrzeit Donations
- Donations upon the death of a friend or family member
- Get well wishes
- Mazel tov on a life cycle or special event

*Except for your own yahrzeits letters are sent to acknowledge your donation to friends and family members in their honor or the memory of a loved one

General Donations



High Holiday Checklist

- ✓ Attend services during Elul (September) to get ready for the High Holidays
- ✓ Make sure to have the 2019/5780 High Holiday packet
- ✓ Make sure that CKE membership dues is up to date
- ✓ Be sure to turn in the High Holiday packet with:
 - ✓ New Finance Form with all donations
 - ✓ Silent Appeal donation
 - ✓ Book of Remembrance form
 - ✓ Ticket form with names of attendees
 - ✓ Orders for copies of Silverman Machzor
- ✓ Put tickets with your machzor so you can present them when coming for services
- ✓ Bring kosher food to donate to the ark—see page 10 for suggested items
- ✓ Invite friends and family to join you all along the way.

At Congregation Kol Emeth
The Hebrew Language Society
Presents the Israeli Music Series



Annual High Holidays Food Drive Supporting The ARK

Please help us to help those in need by bringing in food for the ARK. Just one item per person would make a huge impact. Please pick from the following list:

- Hunts/Barilla Tomato Sauce (meat free)
- Green Giant canned peas, corn, or green beans
- Applesauce
- Dole/Del Monte canned peaches, pineapple or pears
- Cans of tuna
- Heinz/Bush's Vegetarian Baked Beans
- Vegetable/Canola/Olive Oil
- Honey
- Goya Vegetarian Canned Beans
- General Mills/Kellogg's cereals
- Oatmeal in packets
- Canned or Jarred Gefilte Fish
- JIF/Skipppy/Peter Pan Peanut Butter
- Smuckers Jam
- White Rice, Unprocessed Brown Rice, Quinoa
- Bath Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Bar Soap, Anti-Perspirant, Full-size Toothpaste, Full-size Shampoo/Conditioner, Baby Wipes, Children's Diapers, Adult Diapers, Feminine Products



We are delighted to announce the new Israeli Music Series sponsored and organized by Hebrew Language Society אגודת השפה העברית and hosted by Congregation Kol Emeth קול אמת.

In a series of biweekly music events we will:

- Sing-along שירה בציבור with the best Israeli pianist/song leader in town!
- Discover and learn beautiful Israeli songs
- Maintain and improve Hebrew vocabulary

The series will be led by:

- Shmuel (Shmulik) Bassin, professional Israeli song leader, pianist and vocalist
- Dr. Tamar Berman, music and Hebrew teacher

Each meeting will start with an hour of sing-along, followed by half an hour of in-depth discussion and learning of 1—2 songs. For more information go to <https://www.raviniatutors.com/israeli-music-group/>.

Fall Dates

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**Monday Evenings at
 7:00 pm**

November 4, 2019

November 18, 2019

December 2, 2019

December 16, 2019



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www.kolemethskokie.org



Schedule of High Holiday Services 2019-5780

SELICHOT SERVICES – SATURDAY, September 21

Reception.....9:00 PM
Services.....10:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Sunday, September 29.....8:00 PM
Monday, September 30.....9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 1.....9:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Tuesday, October 8

Doors Open.....6:15 PM
Kol Nidre.....6:45 PM

Wednesday, October 99:00 AM
YIZKOR following Musaf.....

Concluding Services

MINCHA.....5:00 PM
SHOFAR.....7:30 PM

SUKKOT

Monday, October 149:30 AM
Tuesday, October 159:30 AM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 21.....YIZKOR will be recited.....9:30 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday October 21.....6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 22.....9:30 AM

SHABBAT AND MINYAN
SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEE THE HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 11

September 8 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 September 13 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 September 14 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 September 15 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 September 20 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 September 21 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 September 22 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 September 27 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 September 28 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 September 29 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 October 4 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 October 5 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 October 6 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 October 11 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 October 12 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 October 13 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 October 18 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 October 19 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 October 20 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 October 25 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
 October 26 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 October 27 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
 November 1 Service at 6:15 pm
 Followed by a community Shabbat dinner
 November 2 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
 November 3 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, September 13, 2019	6:44 pm
Friday, September 20, 2019	6:20 pm
Sunday, September 29, 2019	6:16 pm Rosh Hashanah
Friday, October 4, 2019	6:08 pm
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	6:01 pm Yom Kippur
Friday, October 11, 2019	5:56 pm
Sunday, October 13, 2019	5:53 pm Sukkot
Friday, October 18, 2019	5:45 pm
Sunday, October 20, 2019	5:42pm Shemini Atzeret
Friday, October 25, 2019	5:34 pm
Friday, November 1, 2019	5:25 pm

BRING PEACE TO YOUR HOUSE AND
TO ALL OF ISREAL



The next issue of HaKol will be for (November/December 2019). All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by October 18, 2019 to langer050@gmail.com

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