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Message From The Rabbi



Most of us are aware of the Yiddish words that have entered the English language, such as CHUTZPAH, cheek, effrontery, gall (although it must be admitted, no single English word can convey the full flavor of this word); MAVEN, and expert, someone who has specialized knowledge; TCHOTCHKE, a knickknack, trinket; MESHAGAAS, crazy, or senseless activity or behavior; KNISH, a dumpling of dough stuffed with a filling and baked or fried; MEGILLAH, a long, involved (and probably tedious) story or account. And many others.

In fact, it was at a meeting I had in England many years ago with an illustrious American economics professor (who later became a Nobel Prize winner) that I decided to move to the U.S. because he used the word MESHUGAAS when talking to me! My goodness, I thought, if a distinguished American academic can so effortlessly drop a Yiddish word into his conversation, then America is the place for me.

But Yiddish makes itself felt in other languages too. In German, there is a phrase TACH(E)LES reden, i.e. to talk TACH(E)LES, which means to do straight talking, to get down to brass tacks, to talk turkey. Then there is the German word MISCHPOCHE, which you will recognize as the Yiddish for family. In German it also has this meaning, but in addition, it can mean a mob, or a group of unpleasant people.

Austrian German has its own imports from Yiddish. MEZZIE (pronounced ME-TSEE-EH) meaning a bargain, a good deal; ZORES (pronounced TSORES), troubles woes; DALLES, poverty or squalor.

But let me get back to English, precisely, the use of Yiddish construction in English. Have you heard anyone say: "I was by the Cohens yesterday." That is not English! The true English version of that sentence is "I was *at* the Cohens' yesterday." Where does that word "by" come from? Probably from Yiddish, in which the word that sounds like "by" has several meanings, one of which is "at the house of". I say probably, because it may just come from German. In German the word bei has the same as the Yiddish

words, which is hardly surprising since that is where the Yiddish word comes from. Then we have the phrase "It's OK by me", a neater way of saying "It's OK as far as I'm concerned, or in my opinion." We all remember the song: BEI MIR BISTU SHEYN, "By (or rather to) me you're beautiful."

Other locutions which betray their Yiddish origins include the sad he hasn't got what to eat", He hasn't got "He hasn't got where to live", He hasn't got who to talk to" etc., which translates to "He has nothing to eat", He has nowhere to live", "he no one to talk to" respectively. These are definitely from Yiddish and not German, which does not express itself in this manner.

So, in the spirit of the season this is my wish to you:
By Me Have A Good Year!

Congregation Kol Emeth Reserve Fund Drive	
\$200,000	Our Dream
\$190,000	
\$180,000	
\$170,000	
\$160,000	
\$150,000	
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\$130,000	Our Goal
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Pledged \$74,379
as of January 7, 2019

Yes, I/We want to help Congregation Kol Emeth keep its doors open for many years to come. I/We pledge my/our contribution to Congregation Kol Emeth in the amount of \$_____. I/We will pay my/our total pledge of \$_____ now or I/We will pay three equal installments of \$_____ each now, one year from now, and two years from now.

Name: _____

(We're hoping for at least \$1,000 from each donor but any amount will be most appreciated.)

Message From Kol Emeth's President



With the beginning of 2019, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to all of our Kol Emeth members and friends.

The importance of our community was sadly brought home by the events in Pittsburgh just a few months ago. When the news of the terrible shooting came to us, my wife and I had enjoyed a lovely Saturday in Paris. Soon, names were mentioned, and one was sadly familiar: the cousin of a dear friend here in Oak Park. It felt very personal and all too close. When we thought of what might bring us comfort, we wished we were closer to our Kol Emeth community and had been able to attend the Memorial Service conducted by Rabbi Schechter. All of this brought home to me the importance of our congregational support system which sustains us through times of joy and periods of sadness. Judaism has always been a communal religion, based on mutual love, support and understanding. In our journey through the ages, we have relied on our learned leaders to guide us. They are the captain on our ship of ages and we are the crew.

On a practical note, our synagogue Board has been working diligently to upgrade our building security systems. This effort has been most effectively led by Jennifer Blitz; we owe her a great deal of thanks. The importance of this has unfortunately been sadly illustrated to us by recent events in Pittsburgh.

In the waning days of 2018 we look forward with hope to the future.



Dan Aronson	Ann Mallow
Len Colen	Jeffry Mallow
Elissa Feldman-Curth	Mike Okmin
Lisa Garbaty	Josh Orlan
Carol Gopman	Vicki Rabyne
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Brian Katzman	Bob Rosen
Leona Katzman	Sam Sulaka
Tami Kessler	Lorraine Trachtenberg
Odette Langer	Sheila Wexler



Dear Members of Congregation Kol Emeth,

Old World Theatre Company has been informed by Samuel French, Inc. that the performing rights to Ten Little Indians is no longer available to us. This sudden change in the availability of performing rights usually is imposed on companies such as ours when a major producing company buys out the rights across the country for a proposed Broadway revival of the play or another theatre company in the same geographical area is producing the play- in our case the Chicago area. This means we will not be allowed to perform this play this season.

We therefore have selected another play to fill the slot of Ten Little Indians. We have chosen a play in the same mystery/detective genre.

That play is Dial M for Murder by Frederick Knott. The play was first produced in London and then on Broadway in 1952. It was later made into a very successful film starring Grace Kelly, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings. Without revealing the ending the plot revolves around the lead character carrying out what he believes would be the perfect murder.

We know many of you will be disappointed, as we were, that we could not keep Ten Little Indians on our schedule. But we feel that Dial M for Murder is a play that supports our mission of presenting plays that are beautifully written by major playwrights with an exceptional story and compelling characters.

Dial M for Murder will be performing on the same dates as Indians March 30, 31, April 6, 7- Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm. Reservations for tickets may be made at the synagogue office- 847-673-3370.

Also mark your calendars for our second play of the season—War to End All Wars Musical Cabaret- Sat. Feb. 9 at 8:00 pm and Sun. Feb. 10 at 2:30 pm.

Our season ends on May 18, 19 with Tune In Next Week: Radio's Golden Age of Mystery and Suspense.

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Sisterhood News



Greetings from beautiful Palm Desert California. Sisterhood is on vacation but I wanted to tell you about some upcoming events. We will hold our first board meeting of 2019 on March 19 to prepare for our upcoming Torah Fund luncheon on April 4th. We are hoping to once again fulfill our commitment to Torah Fund and looking forward to the program with Jenny Riddle entertaining us with the early years and life of Julie Andrews before she became Mary Poppins. Paulette is working on our summer activity at a new museum in Evanston that she visited. Watch for more information about the book club dates and selections.

Happy and healthy 2019 for you and your families from my home to yours.

Men's Club News



Our own Jeffry Mallow will speak on Yiddish: Your Parents' Secret Language Revealed on February 24th. Watch for information.

On April 28th Men's Club will present David Arieti speaking on The Life and Times of Dr. Silvano Arieti (Psychiatrist): his work with Schizophrenia and other interesting facts.

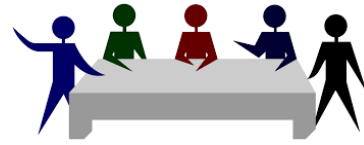


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We thank you for your continued support of our theatre company and look forward to entertaining you during the rest of this season.

With warmest regards,
Bill Raffeld, Artistic Director
Old World Theatre Company

PAC COMMITTEE UPDATES



Look for upcoming events in January and February from the Projects and Activities Committee (PAC).

Sunday January 27 from 1 to 5 pm –CKE Annual Games Day!

Come out of the cold and enjoy an afternoon of games: Bridge, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Rummikub, and other board and card games. Bring your favorite games for all to enjoy! Lots of snacks, coffee, tea, hot cocoa and any kosher snacks you wish to bring too!

Friday evening February 15- Shabbat Service at 6:15 and Dinner at 7:00 pm.

More details will be coming in your mail and the weekly email in January.

COMEDY WAS ALIVE AND WELL ON DECEMBER 24, 2018



A first time event at Weinstein/Piser on December 24, 2018 brought out 250 people to enjoy 3 comedians and a buffet dinner of Chinese food. (what else would Jewish people eat on Christmas Eve?) After all this is tradition!

Among the 3 comedic performers was our own Rabbi Barry Schechter. Rabbi's jokes, accent interpretations, and commentaries brought laughter throughout the audience.

The cost of the event was totally funded by Weinstein/Piser and the tickets price stayed with each organization that sold tickets. This was a win-win event.

JEWISH TRADITION – DECEMBER 25



On the morning of December 25 CKE members and guests enjoyed the traditional Chinese lunch and a movie. The 50 people who attended were treated to the movie “I’m Not Rappaport”. The movie at times funny and at times sad was a view of how society views the elderly and how the elderly deal with the comedy, sadness and tragedy of growing old.

After the movie the guests enjoyed a Chinese meal. It is interesting to note the number of people proficient in using chop sticks.

Again thanks go to the PAC committee for putting together this great event.

Tu B'Shevat



Each year on **Tu B'Shevat** Israelis and Jews across the globe plant trees. This year **Tu B'Shevat** begins at sundown, January 20, and ends at sunset January 21, 2019 Tu BiShvat (Hebrew: ט"ו בשבט) is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat.

There are four Jewish new Year celebrations with Tu B'Shevat specifically aimed at celebrating agriculture and trees. The date marks the beginning of the agricultural year, a time when trees emerge from their winter slumber and begin to bare fruit again.

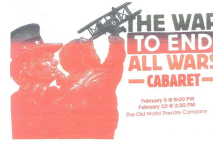
It is also considered the birth date of trees with the Torah saying fruit trees should not be harvested for three years after first being planted. It is also a day where awareness is raised of ecology and children are encouraged to plant trees in Israel and nurture their natural environment.

Those celebrating Tu B'Shevat anywhere other than Israel will sometimes raise charitable funds to go towards planting trees in the country.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 27, 2019 – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Game Day



February 9, 2019 – 8:00 pm and
February 10, 2019 – 2:30 pm
Old world Theatre Production:
War to End All Wars: Musical Cabaret

February 15, 2019—Shabbat Services—
6:15 pm followed by a Community
Dinner—7:00 pm



February 24, 2019—Men's Club presents
Jeffrey Mallow—Yiddish: Your Parents'
Secret Language Revealed Watch for more
information.

HANUKKAH DINNER



Potato latkes, sufganiot, chicken, sweets, and more were served on Hanukkah. There are only two words to describe the event. **YUMMY, YUMMY.**



Howard Bernstein – Thank you for the Leagrams in honor of my birthday.

Sarine Rohde – I want to thank everyone for my Leagrams, phone calls and cards to help me celebrate my “Special” birthday. I also want to thank Bill Raffeld and the OWTC cast for singing to me, their voices and the audiences were really beautiful and so wonderful. I can't tell you how much all this meant to me. I really appreciate it. Thank you to one and all.

Sheldon Cooper—The Cooper, Greenberg, and Keller families wish to thank everybody who made a donation in memory of our beloved Marilyn.



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Len Colen
Elissa Feldman-Curth
Gillian Goodman
Paul Goodman
Howard Harris
Brian Katzman
Avril Klaff
Betty Klein
Iris Okmin
Milt Port
Phyllis Projansky
Jacob Reifer

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Nata Andinysh
George Blinick
Judy Blinick
Don Charous
Rick Daitchman
Bill Dunn
Jack Eisenberg
Steven Elizer
Trudye Fischhoff
Leona Katzman
Max Lorig
Anita Robbins
Sheila Wexler
Eleanor Zeff



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Neil and Leila Handelman
Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

Mike and Iris Okmin



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

CONDOLENCES

To Ron Yedlin on the loss of his
first wife, Sissie Yedlin

To the family of our member, Esther Peven

To Debra Siegel on the loss of her father

To the family of our member, Howard Mirsky

Sharon Ballin
Beatrice Berlin
Sandy Cochrane
Barry Curtis
Esther Jacobs
Philip Kupritz
Jeffry Mallow
Doris Sohn



**GENERAL DONATIONS
November 6, 2018—January 6, 2019**

David Arieti
Len Colen
Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz
Elissa Feldman-Curth
Barry Frankel
David Goldberg
Howard and Carol Gopman
Jerome and Barbara Grunes
Cesar Guillen
Paul Helman and Ruth Bittner
Claudiu Ioanes
Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe
Bernard and Fern Katz
Brian Katzman
Leona Katzman
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Larry and Vicki Rabyne
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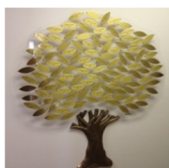


Yahrzeit Donations
November 6, 2018—January 7, 2019

Nissin and Olema Behar
 Berta Benhabib
 George and Judy Blinick
 Leona Boris
 Ned and Teri Chamlin
 Debbie Cohen
 Len Colen
 Norman and Phyllis Engelberg
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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, an acorn for \$236.00, or a rock for \$354.00.

Please contact Judy Aronson in the synagogue office for further information.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush or Oneg Shabbat please call Judy in the Synagogue office at 847-673-3370 to find out more details and make arrangements. You may partner with one or more other people to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush. We need to have at least 2 weeks notice prior to any sponsorship in order to get the appropriate food ordered. Payment for any sponsorship is also due at least 2 weeks prior to the event.



Besides sponsoring an Oneg or a Kiddush and general donations you can support Congregation Kol Emeth by purchasing any of the following:

- Shabbat and Festival Prayerbook
 - Etz Hayim Chumash
- High Holiday Prayer Books
- Tree of Life - acorn, leaf, or rock
 - Memorial Plaque
 - Or by making
- Good Will Donations
- Yahrzeit Donations

AD BOOK IS COMING!

Please watch for the 2019 ad book packet coming to your mailbox in January 2019. The ad book is our largest regular fund raiser and we need your help to make it a success.

Congregation Kol Emeth



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COME IN OUT OF THE COLD AND JOIN US FOR

AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

FROM 1:00 PM—5:00 PM



FREE EVENT



BRING A GAME IF YOU CAN

BRING YOUR FAVORITE KOSHER SNACK

(DAIRY OR PAREVE) TO SHARE

HOT BEVERAGES & POPCORN WILL BE SERVED

PLAY

MAH JONGG ● CHESS ● CHECKERS

RUMMIKUB ● JENGA

BOARD GAMES (e.g., MONOPOLY, CLUE)



CARD GAMES (e.g., BRIDGE)

WORD GAMES (e.g., SCRABBLE, BOGGLE)

AND MORE!



Call the Synagogue office at **847-673-3370** or email
office@kolemethskokie.org no later than **Wed. Jan. 23, 2019**,
indicating how many people will be attending .

SHABBAT AND MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 11 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

January 12 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

January 13 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

January 18 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

January 19 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

January 20 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

January 25 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

January 26 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

January 27 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

February 1 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

February 2 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

February 3 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

February 8 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

February 9 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

February 10 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

February 15 Service at 6:15 pm
 Followed by a Community Shabbat Dinner

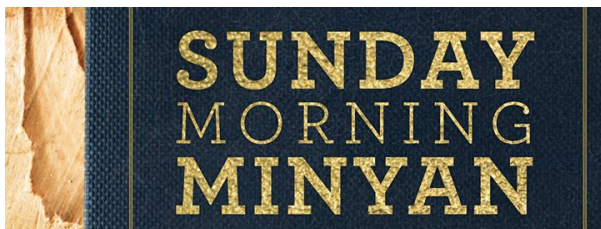
February 16 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

February 17 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

February 22 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

February 23 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush

February 24 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



Effective immediately, Sunday morning Minyan will be held in the Sanctuary.



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

January 11, 2019	4:20 pm
January 18, 2019	4:28 pm
January 25, 2019	4:37 pm
February 1, 2019	4:46 pm
February 8, 2019	4:55 pm
February 15, 2019	5:03 pm
February 22, 2019	5:12 pm



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 TO ALL OF ISREAL



The next issue of HaKol will be for (March/April 2019). All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by February 19, 2019 to langer50@gmail.com

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