



Message From The Rabbi



There can be few Jewish people who have not heard of the evil eye-the *ayin hora*. Not too long ago, you just had to say to a Jewish mother: “How beautiful your baby looks”, to hear her instant reply: *keyn eyne hora* “no evil eye,” with possibly an accompanying gesture. The same phrase would be heard regarding one’s own, or someone else’s good fortune, good looks, good health. Some of you may even remember the use of *kemeyes* or amulets, as well as charms and spells for this purpose.

Jewish texts have many references to this malevolent power. But in the early sources, the *ayin hora* simply means envy of the good fortune of others, and has no magical significance at all. In the Book of Proverbs (28:22) we read:

He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after riches
And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

The evil effects here are not on the victim of envy but on the person who is envious. Similarly the references in Ethics of the Fathers to the evil eye all have to do with envy and lack of generosity, which have harmful effects on the person possessing these traits.

In a later period, however, belief in the evil eye in the magic sense is found even among Rabbis. The famous Babylonian teacher Rav remarked when visiting a cemetery that 99 out of 100 persons buried there had died through the evil eye (*BavaMezia* 107b). It was also believed that the evil eye could not harm a descendant of Joseph, hence the strange incantation found in the Talmud (*Berakhot* 55b) to ward off the evil eye:

“Take the thumb of the right hand in the left hand and the thumb of the left hand in the right hand, and say: ‘I, so-and-so, am of the seed of Joseph over which the evil eye has no power.’” We are told that the Palestinian teacher Rabbi Johanan was very handsome, and would allow women to gaze at him so that they would have handsome children. When asked why he wasn’t afraid of the evil eye, he replied that he was descended from Joseph, over whom it had no power (*Berakhot* 20a).

If you ask what Judaism has to say about all this, then it is obvious that there are great theological difficulties with this, and indeed any superstitions. True, Jews and even Rabbis have held superstitious views, but how can one reconcile these with a belief in an all powerful G-d? Maimonides made clear his own distaste of superstition. In his code the *Mishneh Torah* he faithfully records all opinions found in Rabbinic literature. But he makes an exception when it comes to superstitious beliefs and practices of the Rabbis: he simply refuses to mention them.

One Rabbi in the Talmud shared his view. When a woman tried to cast a spell on Rabbi Hanina, he said to her: “Try as you will, you will not succeed, for it is written: “There is none else beside Him

(Deuteronomy 4:35).”

Rabbi Barry Schechter



MESSAGE FROM KOL EMETH'S PRESIDENT



Dr. Paul Helman will continue his message in the September/October issue of HaKol.



SISTERHOOD NEWS



Sisterhood is busy planning the calendar for the coming year.

We hope you will join us for a summer program at our area's gem the beautiful Botanic Gardens, on Monday, July 23rd. Car pooling will be available from the synagogue and from Northbrook Court. Call Paulette to RSVP at 847-609-3235. We look forward to a lovely day.



Book Club continues through the summer. We will meet on Tuesdays, July 17th and August 14th at 1:30 pm. The July book is "The Orphan's Tale."



I also want to personally thank everyone for your calls and visits during my recent convalescence. I had a remarkable recovery from the surgery and I attribute it to all the support and good wishes from everyone.

Sheila Wexler



The Old World Theatre Company again had a sold out crowd last season. During the summer hiatus, the company under the direction of Bill Raffeld, is planning their productions for the next season. Continue reading the CKE weekly email for updated information.

Thank you all for supporting our great in house theatre company.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Welcome Students and Teachers

Our new tenant, the school of Congregation Tzemech Tzedek, has finally moved in. The sound of children learning is a welcome respite from the construction that had been going on.



Additionally, our new security planters with the bollards inside are in place and will be planted shortly. They are a welcome addition for both security and the beauty of the front of our building.

CULMINATING PROGRAM A SUCCESS

The PAC committee again outdid themselves in putting together a program for our culminating event. The food was delicious as usual and the play "A Little Night Music" at the BOHO theatre was entertaining and comedic.

Job well done PAC





ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Donations are still being accepted.

Volunteers are needed

To accommodate the busy schedule in the Social Hall the Rummage Sale has been moved to



SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018 9AM—4 PM



GENTLY USED & GREATLY LOVED ITEMS
Home Goods/China Dishes/Art/Lighting
Crystal Glassware/Kitchen/Clothing
Furnishings/Books AND MORE

CASH ONLY ALL SALES ARE FINAL Call the office to donate or volunteer

847-673-3370

Donations will be accepted through July 20th.
**ABSOLUTLEY NO STUFFED TOYS, TOYS AND GAMES
WITH MISSING PARTS, ELECTRICAL ITEMS, OR COM-
PUTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING BOOKS, RECORDS OR
MAGAZINES WHICH HAVE BECOME MOLDY.**

Any items that are not useful to our rummage sale
can be dropped off at the Goodwill Store at 5518
Touhy and they will also give you a tax receipt.

Thank you.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS



The Men's Club is hosting a CHICAGO

ARCHITECTURE

FOUNDATION

River Cruise aboard



Sunday, August 26, 2018

Bus Leaves CKE at 10:00 am
First Lady Boarding at 11:30 am
Leaving Dock at 12:00 pm

CKE member families

\$52 per person

Non CKE member families

\$65 per person

Snack is included

RSVP by check no later than
August 6, 2018.

No late reservations can be taken.

Please send all questions to Larry
Rabyne at

larry.rabyne@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CKE Members _____ @

\$52 each = _____

CKE Non-Members _____ @

\$65 each = _____

Total Enclosed _____

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Curtis
 Janet Eisenberg
 Rita Federman
 Tobey Fleischer
 Esther Jacobs
 Bernard Katz
 Fern Katz
 Sandra Mandell
 Maddi Matassarini
 Gary Mazor
 Marvin Nussbaum
 Isabella Puccini
 Michael Puccini
 Dawn Rosen
 Dr. Sam Schimel
 Neil Siegel



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Roger Fischhoff
 Simon Morris Goodman
 Linda Green
 Stephen Jaffe
 Nathan Kagan
 Eileen Keller
 Joyce Leeds
 Herman Nussbaum
 Bill Raffeld
 Ina Weiner

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joel and Barbara Falk
 Dr. Richard and Jo Ann Greenblatt
 Bob and Sarine Rohde
 Mitchel and Linda Sweig

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. Nissin and Olema Behar
 George and Judy Blinick
 John and Sandy Cochrane
 Howard and Florie Meron
 Brian Weiner and Rivka Coren-Weiner



Sharon Abelman
 Neil Adelman
 Barney Berlin
 Jane Halpert
 Esther Jacobs
 Leona Katzman
 Anita Robbins
 Sheila Wexler



Condolences to:



Ina Weiner on the loss of her beloved husband, Arnie.
 Brian Weiner on the loss of his beloved father, Arnie.
 The Frankel family on the loss of Sam Frankel

The Chupack family on the loss of Linda Chupack
 Dan and Judy Aronson on the loss of his sister, Danah Melcher

MAZEL TOV

AUFUF CELEBRATION FOR MEGAN GOLDISH AND MATT SAVAGE

The happy occasion was celebrated July 7, 2018 at Congregation Kol Emeth. Over 70 guests attended Shabbat services and participated in the extended celebration afterwards in the CKE social hall.

The following article by Rabbi Daniel B. Syme is provided as a brief explanation of *Aufuf*.

Aufuf (pronounced "owf-roof," or more colloquially "oof-roof") is a German word meaning "calling up" and refers to a synagogue celebration on the Shabbat preceding the wedding. The custom is biblically based. According to the Talmud, King Solomon built a gate in the Jerusalem Temple where Jews would sit on Shabbat and honor new grooms.

In a traditional setting, the groom is called to the Torah for an *aliyah* (the honor of reciting the blessings before and after the reading of a section of the Torah) on the Shabbat morning prior to the wedding. After he completes the concluding blessing, the congregation sometimes showers him with candy, indicative of their good wishes for a sweet and fulfilling marriage.



Lorraine Trachtenberg on her grandson's graduation
 Gail Myers Jaffe and Stephen Jaffe on their son David's graduation

Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz on Allison's graduation
 Allison Dunn on her graduation

David Arieti on his new grandson



Judy and Dan Aronson on their new home



YAHREIT DONATIONS
April 25, 2018—July 13, 2018

Marlene Iser – Thank you for the birthday Leagrams.

Len Colen – Thanking everyone who made a donation in honor of my grandson’s graduation.

Barry Weiss – Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your kindness and concern about my recent heart problem. I am doing very well since my procedure and am back to top-shape.

Sarine & Robert Rohde – We want to thank everyone for our Leagrams, phone calls and cards to help us celebrate our anniversary. We really appreciate it. Thank you to one and all.

Sandy Cochrane – I want to thank my wonderful committee who did a great job for our culminating event on Sun. June 24, 2018. We had good food, enjoyable entertainment and, most of all, a happy group who attended. This could not have been possible without the support of our congregants. Most of all the Lorigs who brought in over \$1,600 in ads. Looking forward to spending many more simchas together. Love you all.

- Helen Applebaum
- Howard Aronson
- Jacqueline Balter
- George and Judy Blinick
- Eunice Bloomenkranz
- The Estate of Joel and Phyllis Borak
- Len Colen
- Norman and Betty Elkin
- Elissa Feldman-Curth
- Clara Foreman
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- Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe
- Bernard and Fern Katz
- Odette Langer
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- Daniel and Eleanor Zeff



- Yona Gelfand
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- Fern Katz
- Brian Katzman
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- Odette Langer
- Ann Mallow
- Jeffry Mallow
- Larry Rabyne
- Bill Raffeld
- Bob Rohde
- Bob Rosen
- Ron Roth
- Neil Seigel

- David Arieti
- Dan Aronson
- Jennifer Blitz
- John Cochrane
- Sandy Cochrane
- Len Colen
- Elissa Feldman-Curth
- Roger Fischhoff
- Trudye Fischhoff
- Lisa Garbaty

- Megan Goldish
- Alex Grunberg



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GENERAL DONATIONS
April 28 — July 13, 2018

- Howard Aronson
- Barbara Blackstone
- Stanley and Janet Chencinski
- Leonard Colen
- Faber Foundation
- Elissa Feldman-Curth
- David Goldberg
- Howard and Carol Gopman
- Linda Green
- Stephen Jaffe and Gail Myers Jaffe
- Bernard and Fern Katz
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- Odette Langer
- Judith and Jacob Levin
- Jeffry and All Mallow
- Howard Mirsky
- Mike and Iris Okmin
- Bob and Sarine Rode
- Bob and Dawn Rosen
- Ron Roth



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



SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 1st

Reception—9:00 pm

Service—10:00 pm



High Holiday packets will be in the mail shortly. It will be a great help to the synagogue if you would get all forms in by the deadlines. Members must have all prior year obligations and 1/3 of their 2018—2019 membership dues paid to receive tickets for the holidays. Please call with any questions.

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.



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Schedule of High Holiday Services 2018-5779

SELICHOT SERVICES – SATURDAY, September 1

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

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Sunday September 9.....8:00 PM
Monday, September 10.....9:00 AM
Tuesday September 11.....9:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Tuesday, September 18
Doors Open.....6:15 PM
Kol Nidre.....6:45 PM

Wednesday September 199:00 AM
YIZKOR following Musaf.....

Concluding Services

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

SUKKOT

Monday, September 249:30 AM
Tuesday, September 259:30 AM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 1.....YIZKOR will be recited.....9:30 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday October 1.....6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 2.....9:30 AM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY
IN THE CKE OFFICE**

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SHABBAT AND MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 20 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

July 21 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

July 22 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

July 27 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

July 28 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

July 29 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

August 3 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

August 4 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

August 5 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

August 10 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

August 11 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

August 12 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

August 17 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

August 18 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

August 19 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

August 24 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

August 25 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

August 26 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

August 31 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

September 1 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

September 2 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

Tu B'Av, the 15th of Av falls on July 27th this year.



An ancient minor holiday, often compared to Valentine's Day, is a time to do something for someone you love or to bring love into the life of others.



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

July 20, 2018 8:01 pm
July 27, 2018 7:55 pm
August 3, 2018 7:47 pm
August 10, 2018 7:38 pm
August 17, 2018 7:28 pm
August 24, 2018 7:18 pm
August 31, 2018 7:00 pm



BRING PEACE TO YOUR HOUSE AND
TO ALL OF ISREAL

RECIPE FOR SUMMER

1. Take one daily walk
2. Take time to look at your surroundings
3. Listen to nature
4. Find one thing of beauty each day
5. Read a good book
6. Relax
7. Remember your family and friends



MIX TOGETHER DAILY, ENJOY AND DON'T
FORGET TO DREAM

The next issue of HaKol (September/October 2018) will come out towards the end of August. All contributing articles are welcome. **All articles must be in no later than August 17, 2018.** Please send to langer50@gmail.com.

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