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Message From The Rabbi



In looking for Jewish heroes to speak about, I occasionally come upon a story so extraordinary that I have to share it with a wider audience. Such is the story of Leopold Trepper.

Born into a poor Jewish family in Poland, Trepper became a left-wing activist, organizing strikes and suffering imprisonment for his efforts in this direction. He joined the left-wing Zionist movement Hashomer Hatzair, and emigrated to Palestine with like-minded comrades in 1924. Naturally, once he arrived, he organized a labor union Ichud—Unity—but this was a union of both Jewish and Arab workers. He also joined the (illegal) Palestine Communist Party. This time it was the British who imprisoned him and then threw him out of the country. Now it was France's turn. There he worked for an underground political organization, which was soon broken up by French intelligence. Once again he fled, destination Moscow.

By the time he arrived, Stalin's mad, murderous paranoia was getting into full swing. Trepper began special training as a spy, and attended university there. But his teachers at the university, many of them leading members of the original communist revolution, were almost all destined to be arrested and executed. Even Berzin, head of Soviet military intelligence, the man who in 1936 had the foresight to recruit Trepper and others as spies for a war he knew was coming, was himself executed just two years later. Shortly thereafter, Trepper and a comrade set up business as spies in Belgium.

But in August 1939, Stalin threw another monkey-wrench into the works in the form of a pact with Hitler—Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union were now allies. As part of this pact, Stalin ordered the

return of Trepper and all the other spies to Moscow. But Trepper stayed put and continued his work. He even warned Stalin in 1941 of Germany's plans to invade the Soviet Union, but to no avail. Stalin willingly blinded himself to the obvious.

After June 22, 1941, when Operation Barbarossa, the German invasion of the Soviet Union took place, and Russia was now on the side of the Allies against Germany, Trepper came into his own. The Germans called his spy group Die Rote Kapelle, the Red Orchestra. This spy group, led by a Jew, in the heart of Nazi-occupied Europe, sent information in such quantity and of such quality that the Germans themselves said this work was worth 100,000 allied troops.

They spared no effort to destroy the Red Orchestra and succeeded in 1942. Many of the group were tortured and killed. Trepper survived by pretending to become a double agent—he would send false information to Moscow. But he was including a code that told the Russians not to trust what he was sending. He managed to escape imprisonment, and was in Paris at the time of the liberation.

But then he returned to Moscow, possibly expecting to be hailed as a hero. Instead, he was imprisoned. Stalin's paranoia (and anti-Semitism) had grown even worse and only ended with his death ten years later, at which point Trepper was released. He returned to Poland, where he headed a Jewish cultural organization. Of course the Jewish community there was tiny, after the murder of millions in the Holocaust and the emigration of survivors just after the war.

Then came 1968. In order to distract attention from domestic problems, the Gomulka government in

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MESSAGE FROM KOL EMETH'S PRESIDENT



I am grateful to again be privileged as president of Kol Emeth to share a few thoughts. Purim is upon us and Passover but a month away. This must mean that Spring with its warmer days will bless us the rebirth of all of nature's gifts that surround us. This past Saturday, in fact, our congregation was gifted to celebrate a baby naming in a ceremony so meaningfully conducted by Rabbi Schechter.

This certainly was a fitting and proper way to a feeling of hope for the continued vitality of our religious community. A lovely custom on Purim is to leave gifts for friends or simply to show kindness to those who are in need. To be a friend to those who have no friends is certainly a worthy goal. Considering this, I would conclude by quoting a lovely verse by Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld written just a year ago and, I feel, quite meaningful.

Regards to you all and I look forward to seeing all at our regular services on Friday evening, as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Dr. Paul Helman

Purim Poem: Mishloach Manot by Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

On my neighbor's doorstep
I left a brown paper bag.
In it, I put two hamentaschen,
a clementine,
some chocolate pretzels,
and a small box of raisins.
To increase peace, love, and
friendship in the world,
obviously.
And then I walked away
feeling lighter,
unburdened,
the weight of endless obligation lifted
for a moment. You are permitted
to give and then walk away.
There are limits.
You may close your door,
your hand, your heart.
You can do all these things and
you will.
You must, actually.
But you may not bless
The closed door.
You may not turn your back
and say amen.



PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 30 (Fast of Firstborn) Morning services 8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 30 First Seder - NO EVENING SERVICES

Saturday, March 31 Shabbat & Festival services & Kiddish 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 1 Festival Services & Kiddish 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 6 Festival Services & Kiddish 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 6 Shabbat & Festival Services & Oneg 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7 YIZKOR & Shabbat & Festival Services & Kiddish 9:30 a.m.

STATUS OF LOWER LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS



The fire sprinkler, fire alarm and electrical contractors are approximately 85-90% complete. They have gone as far as they could without the new 6" water service from the city main under Touhy Ave. Sprinkler heads and piping are visible throughout and the Fire Dept. Connection and alarm bell can be seen on the exterior West wall of our building. Horn strobes, pull stations and detectors can be seen throughout and the new fire alarm and annunciator panels are installed in the mechanical room and by the parking lot door, respectively. Conduit is installed and the wires have been pulled throughout. Approximately 12 consecutive days of 40 degree weather are needed to excavate the West bound right lane of Touhy Ave. in order to bring the new water service into the building and make the connections. Final inspection by the Village of Skokie and IDOT (Touhy Ave. is a State road) will then take place. Any questions should be addressed to Mike Okmin.



JUF SECURITY GRANT

The lower level windows of Kol Emeth are now safe and secure thanks to a generous matching grant from JUF. Last month, 18, double-hung windows on the north side of the building were installed complete with protective shatter-resistant film. They look terrific and will keep us safe.



We are working hard to find funds to make additional security enhancements. You'll see more changes in the upcoming months.

Next time you're on the lower level, come take a look. You'll like what you see.

By Jennifer Blitz



BE A PART OF OLD WORLD THEATRE COMPANY'S 8TH RECORD BREAKING SEASON!!!

The first two plays of this season have been sold out seven out of eight performances! Both The Diary of Anne Frank and God's Favorite have taken audiences on a most extraordinary adventure!



And now you have a chance to enjoy the next two productions and reserve or purchase your tickets before both plays sell out!!

First on deck ---Broadcasts That Changed the World of Radio: War of the Worlds with the original script from Orson Welles' Mercury Theatre and Sorry Wrong Number -the most famous radio play from "Suspense"- one of radio's all time favorite and longest running programs.



March 17, 18, 24, 25- Saturdays at -8:00 pm; Sundays at 2:30 pm.

Second production coming in April is - An Old World musical theatre cabaret- As Time Goes By- two performances only- Sat. April 21 at 8 pm and Sunday April 22 at 2:30 pm.

Order your tickets now by calling the CKE office at 847-673-3370 . Don't miss out. All performances are sold out early

MEN'S CLUB NEWS



Trip to the Holocaust Museum on May 6, 2018. More information to follow later.



ADULT ED. BRUNCH AND SPEAKER PAM ZEKMAN

April 15, 2018

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker

Pulitzer Prize investigative reporter

Pam Zekman

of Channel 2



Her topic will be:

Investigative Reporting: How It Is Done

Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Presentation: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Member \$12 per person

Non-Member \$15 per person

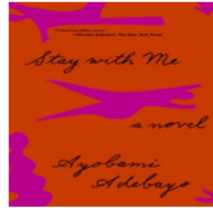
Pam Zekman serves on CBS 2 Chicago's investigative team, a position she has held since 1981. During that time, her thorough investigations have earned every major award in television reporting and resulted in governmental reforms and criminal indictments.

RSVP with check due by Tuesday, April 10th

SISTERHOOD NEWS

CKE SISTERHOOD IS SPRINGING BACK INTO ACTION

I am looking forward to the upcoming following events that Kol Emeth Sisterhood is sponsoring.



The book club will return on March 20th. Please note the change in date. The book that will be discussed is STAY WITH ME by Ayobami Adelbayo.

The Torah Fund luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 19th where Hy Speck will be entertaining us with the life and music of Bette Midler.



Sisterhood will again be sponsoring Mother's Day Shabbat and Kiddish on May 12th.

Mark your calendars to join us for these informative and entertaining afternoons. I look forward to returning to my synagogue and my synagogue family in March.

By Sheila Wexler

SAVE THE DATE!!

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SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2018

OUR ANNUAL CULMINATING EVENT

BRUNCH FOLLOWED BY THE

PRODUCTION OF "SPAMALOT"

AT THE MERCURY THEATRE!!



More information to follow



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard and Fern Katz
Daniel and Eleanor Zeff

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Rich Bloom and Micki Ross
Nathan and Anna Kagan
Tom Smith and Lisa Garbaty



Judy Aronson
Sandy Cochrane
Jane Halpert
Esther Jacobs

Leona Katzman
Ann Mallow
Abby Rudoff



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Howard Aronson
Jennifer Blitz
Roberta Charous
Sandy Cochrane
Rivka Coren-Weiner
Barbara Falk
Joel Falk
Beverly Fishman
Ellis Goodman
Leila Handelman
Lawrence Josephson
Odette Langer
Lillian Miller
Ann Moltz
Ruth Nussbaum
Vicki Rabyne
Elsie Rosner
Abigail Rudoff
Rabbi Barry Schechter
Arnold Weiner



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Judith Adelman
John Cochrane
Laurence Donchin
Allison Dunn
Amy Elizer
Irving Federman
Reni Garman
Leonard Pearlman
Robert Rohde
Robert Rosen
Harold Shrifter
Jordan Smith
Ronald Yedlin



Welcome to:

Meryl Goldman-Wise, our newest member

Condolences to:

Jean Rosenblum on the loss of her brother, Benny Wapner



Mazel Tov To:



Roberta and Don Charous on the marriage of their grandchild



Ellis and Gillian Goodman on the baby naming of their grandson, Simon Morris Goodman

Paul and Fabiana Goodman on the baby naming of their son, Simon Morris Goodman

Neil and Debra Siegel on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Hazel Yar Kaplan



Yahrzeit Donations December 25—February 27

Maurice and Eve Alfille
Lester Ascher
Leonard and Diane Balter
Marsha and Allen Barnett
George and Judy Blinick
Rich Bloom and Micki Ross
Clara Foreman
David Goldberg
Nanette Greenspon
Elaine Heilig
Michael Horowitz
Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe

Edward Jans
Bernard and Fern Katz
Brian Katzman
Leona Katzman
Shirley Kleifield
Sunny Levin
Gloria Manus
Ellen Marchi
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Diane Mulkerin
Michael and Iris Okmin
William Raffeld

Jacob and Harriet Reifer
Robert and Sarine Rohde
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Rita Rosenthal
Ron Roth
Lois Schwartz
Susan Schwartz
Marjorie Shlaes
Charlene Urow
Brian Weiner and Rivka
Coren-Weiner
Fred and Barbara Wilensky



WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER



General Donations December 25—February 27

Bernard and Ruth Gildin
David Goldberg
Claudiu Ioanes
John Ioanes

Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe
Brian Katzman
Leona Katzman
Mark Mayer

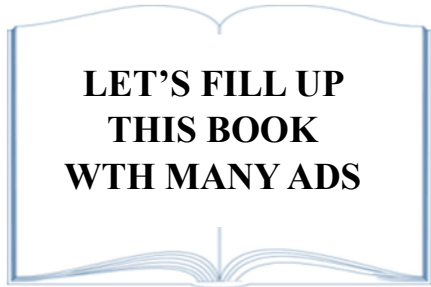
Michael and Iris Okmin
William Raffeld
Ron Roth

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Poland began an anti-Semitic campaign against the several thousand Jews who remained in the country. They expelled most of them, including Trepper's children, but refused to allow him to leave! It took an international campaign to change their minds. He spent his last years in Israel. When he died in 1982—still a convinced communist—his funeral was attended by the highest ranks of the Israeli army, including then Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

**AD BOOK IS OUR BIGGEST FUND
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FOR FORMS**



**DEADLINE FOR CKE 2018 AD BOOK
IS MAY 11TH. CONTACT SANDY
COCHRANE WITH ANY QUESTIONS
YOU MAY HAVE.**



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| David Arieti | Brian Katzman |
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RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON



Spring Cleaning is time to think about CKE's Rummage Sale Coming in July

Bring your gently used items to the CKE Office. Please call the office first before bringing items. **ABSOLUTELY NO CLOTHING OR STUFFED TOYS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** More information will follow soon.

**MIDDLE EASTERN COOKING
DEMONSTRATION
COMING IN JUNE**



Sisterhood and Jennifer Blitz is bringing back the CKE FAMILY COOKING TRADITIONS with a special guest.

Learn how to make simple Middle Eastern food. More information to follow shortly as a date is set for this yummy event.



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. 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.



USCJ Seek meaning together

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

SHABBAT and MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 2 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
March 3 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
March 4 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
March 16 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
March 17 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
March 18 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
March 23 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
March 24 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
March 25 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
March 30 No Service—First Seder
 See page 2 for Passover Service Schedule
March 31 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
April 1 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
April 6 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
April 7—Includes YIZKOR Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
April 8 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
April 13 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
April 14 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
April 15 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
April 20 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
April 21 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
April 22 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am
April 27 Service at 8:00 pm
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
April 28 Service at 9:30 am
 Followed by a light kiddush
April 29 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

March 2, 2018	5:22 PM
March 9, 2018	5:31 PM
March 16, 2018	6:39 PM
March 23, 2018	6:46 PM
March 30, 2018	6:54 PM
April 6, 2018	7:02 PM
April 13, 2018	7:10 PM
April 20, 2018	7:18 PM
April 27, 2018	7:25 PM



BRING PEACE TO YOUR HOUSE AND TO ALL OF ISREAL

SPRING FORWARD

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour at 2 AM Sunday morning March 11, 2018



The next issue of HaKol (May/June 2018) will come out towards the end of April. All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by April 22, 2018 to langer50@gmail.com.

Odette Langer, Editor of HaKol.

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