



Message From The Rabbi



Ask any twentieth-century intellectual about Arthur Koestler, and they will immediately reply: Darkness at Noon. This novel of Koestler, depicting the horrors of communist show trials in the Soviet Union, played a major role in the intellectual battles of the cold war and was voted eighth best novel of the century by a distinguished literary panel in 1998. It was just a small part of the literary output of this author and journalist.

Koestler's own life was remarkable. He changed his language from Hungarian to German at age 17, from German to English at age 35, worked as a journalist in Germany, joined the Communist Party in 1931, traveled to the Soviet Union the following year, abandoned the Communist Party a few years later, was arrested by the Franco forces in Spain during the Spanish Civil War (and spent 100 days in jail under sentence of death), was reprieved, served in the French Foreign Legion, was interned in a French detention camp, and when France fell to the Nazis he escaped to Brittan, where he spent the first six weeks in prison for arriving without a visa and yet he described his life up to then as "typical...of a central-European member of the educated middle classes" born early in the twentieth century!

Rather less well-known is Koestler's involvement in Jewish affairs. Born (like Theodor Herzl) to assimilated Jewish parents in Budapest, his first political love was not communism at all, but Zionism of the most right-wing variety. Indeed he became personal secretary to one of the giants of the Zionism movement, leader of the so-called Revisionists and bete-noire of the left-wing Zionist establishment — Vladimir Jabotinsky.

Koestler even spent three years living in Palestine, as it then was, but returned to Europe after deciding that this was not the life for him.

Eight years later. After the infatuation and subsequent disillusionment with communism, he returned briefly to Palestine as a journalist for a London newspaper. But he was now also disillusioned with Zionism. He called Palestine "this small and bitter country", and could not fathom why its leaders would want to bring back Hebrew, or as he put it "artificially revive the archaic language of the Bible."

However, this visit took place just a few years before World War II, with millions of Jewish lives threatened by the Nazis in Europe. For this reason, and for this reason alone, he championed the cause of Israel in speeches, newspaper articles and books. In an article in the News Chronicle of London entitled "An S.O.S. for Palestine" he pleaded with the British government to partition the country and permit Jewish immigration. Like so many other appeals, this fell on deaf ears. But his books *Thieves in the Night* and *Promise and Fulfillment*, similarly impassioned accounts of the plight of the Palestine Jews, may well have influenced several members of the United Nations Commission of 1947, which recommended the establishment of a Jewish State.

Once Israel was established, however, he saw no further need for Jews outside the land to identify with it in any way. On the contrary, he argued that a Jew today has a simple choice: either move to Israel, or assimilate completely, disappearing into the predominant culture of the country they live in, and severing all ties with both historical Judaism

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Message From Kol Emeth's President



May I wish a fond greeting to all of our Kol Emeth community on this the beginning of Adar II. Our People's calendar is quite generous in giving us not

simply an extra day every few years but an entire extra month. With that month Purim a joyous celebration of national salvation. SEGULA "the Jewish Journal of History" has an enlightened and delightful discussion of Purim and it begins with the following wonderful description.

"Unwanted Guests"



Reb Yeshaya Priwes was not enamored of the Purim players, or of their plays. He had no liking for simple people, and theater was certainly not his scene. When Purim came, however, he had no choice but to accept the course "players" cavorting over his wax polished floors as a necessary evil, shattering the accustomed silence that reigned supreme throughout the year. The Purim plays and songs could not make him bat an eye, let alone betray him into the slightest show of mirth. They were just a nuisance. But he had no choice. Purim. It was their day. Nonetheless, Reb Yeshaya would have the merrymaking cut short and the money distributed together with slices of

sweet challah-all without allowing the warm, manicured fingers to come into direct contact with the clumsy hands of the Purim players. (Yehiel Yeshaya Trunk, Poland: *Memories and Pictures*, p.91[Hebrew])

This was the scene described in Yehiel Yeshaya Trunk's memoirs: poor players crowding the home of one of Warsaw's wealthy Jews at the end of the 19th century. On Purim, the closed doors of the Priwes mansion were opened to the masses, and they poured in to perform plays.

We do not quite emulate those customs these days or at least I do not think that we do. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Schechter who's incomparable reading of our Megillah combines both the sacred and the whimsical with such great joy. He is simply a one man, Purim Spiel of inestimable quality.

Permit me to invite you all in costume or not to come and make some noise. We will strike down Haman again and again, so that he or his ilk never rise again. On a personal note it is my one time in the year to literally toot my bugle. I cannot do more than make rude noises but on Purim that is quite sufficient.

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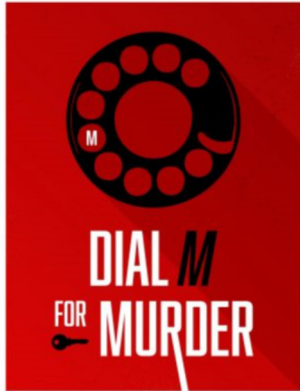
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and Israel. This embroiled him in a famous controversy with Isaiah Berlin, the great historian of ideas. At the same time, in an article written in the Manchester Guardian of England, he also ventured a prediction: "One thing seems fairly certain: within a generation or two Israel will have become an entirely 'un-Jewish' country." Sixty-one years after the founding of the state, this prediction shows how wrong it is possible for an intellectual to be.

In 1976, Koestler undertook his last foray into Jewish subjects with his book. The Thirtieth Tribe, which made the extraordinary claim that we modern Jews are not descendants of the ancient

Israelites at all, but of the Kingdom of the Khazars in Eastern Europe who had converted to Judaism. There was indeed a national group of Turkish origin called the Khazars living in the Crimean region whose king and nobles adopted Judaism in the eighth century. But to say that we are all descended from them is a theory that very few historians take seriously. Alas, its principal champions, judging by the internet sites on which it appears, are Muslim propagandists who use it to deny any Jewish rights to Israel, since according to this theory our ancestors did not live there.

Arthur Koestler died in 1983.



The next production of the Old World Theatre Company will be 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.

Dial M for Murder will be performed 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.

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

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



The second play of the season—War to End All Wars Musical Cabaret - was a resounding success. The actors received standing ovations at both performances. Bill, you and your talented group again bring theater to the forefront. Keep up the great performances.



On Saturday March 9 at 6:30 pm the Old World Theatre Company and the family of Joe Garcia will hold a special memorial service celebrating the life of company member-actor Joe Garcia's life.

As many of you know, Joe passed away on Sat. Feb 9 after a 2 year courageous battle with cancer. Joe will be remembered for his many beautifully crafted roles in 18 OWTC productions. Among them: Blood Knot, God's Favorite, Awake and Sing, Last Night of Ballyhoo, Of Mice and Men, Too Many Husbands, Fools, A View From the Bridge, Harvey, Crimes of the Heart, Arms and the Man and Driving Miss Daisy, Joe felt that CKE was his second home-having experienced the caring warmth love and generosity of the members of Kol Emeth. His wish was to have his memorial service at CKE. All are invited to attend.

JOE GARCIA WE THANK YOU
FOR HAVING SHARED YOUR
LIFE WITH US.



Sisterhood News



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the different services and festivities coming up in March and April. Selma recommends two books for the spring. Becoming by Michelle Obama and The Girl from Berlin by Ronald Balson. No dates have been scheduled for the book club nor the selection.

Hope to welcome you to the Torah Fund luncheon on April 4th. Invitations should be out shortly. Paulette will keep us posted about the summer program at the new museum in Evanston.

As I am writing this, I am preparing to return from California and once again return to Kol Emeth and my Kol Emeth family. See you soon.

Sheila

Sisterhood

Meeting

Tuesday, March 19th

1:30 pm

Note the time change!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 9, 2019 – 6:30 pm Memorial for Joe Garcia



March 17, 2019 – 10:30 am Men's Club presents Marty Moltz and Duane Marden on Roller Coasters

March 19, 2019 – 1:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting—Note the time change!



March 20, 2019 – 6:30 pm Rockin' Round the Clock Purim and Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog Dinner

March 21, 2019 – 9:30 am Purim Megillah Reading

March 30, 2019 – 8:00 pm and March 31, 2019 – 2:30 pm Old world Theatre Production: Dial M for Murder



April 4 2019 – 12:00 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon

April 6, 2019 – 8:00 pm and April 7, 2019 – 2:30 pm

Old world Theatre Production: Dial M for Murder

April 19, 2019 – Passover Begins at sundown. See the Passover Schedule on Page 8 for services.



April 28, 2019 – 10:30 am Men's Club presents David Arieti speaking on The Life and Times of Dr. Silvano Arieti (Psychiatrist): his work

Men's Club News



GET SET FOR AN MORNING OF THRILING RIDES

Mark your calander for March 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. when Marty Moltz and Duane Marden will once again take us on more thrilling roller coaster rides Part 2. Join us for another afternoon of fun. Please see the flyer for reservations for this event.



On April 28, 2019 at 10:30 am the 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. Watch for information on this event.

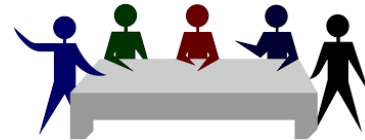
On February 24, 2019, Jeffrey Mallow gave a presentation on the "Yiddish Language" His lecture was informative as well as entertaining. There were many Yiddish expressions we thought we knew the meaning of, but the translations into English were not quite what we expected.

Another great presentation by Dr.Mallow. Thank you .



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

PAC COMMITTEE UPDATES



PUT ON YOUR BLUE SUEDE SHOES

This year our traditional Purim hot dog dinner on March 20, 2019, has a theme "Rock Around the Purim Clock".



Ladies put on your poodle skirts (I know you've saved them), bobby socks and saddle shoes

and gentlemen find your blue suede shoes and rock the evening away.



You never know, you might see the "Fonz" or "Pinky Tuscadero."

A HALF CENTURY OF TEACHING

Congratulations to Bob Rosen. In June of this year Bob will have completed 50 years of teaching with 25 years of those years teaching for Yeshiva Tiferes Tzvi in Chicago.



Bob, you have made a positive influence on the students you have taught.

CONGRATULATIONS



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard and Fern Katz
Daniel and Eleanor Zeff

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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



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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Howard Aronson
Jennifer Blitz
Rich Bloom
Roberta Charous
Sandy Cochrane
Rivka Coren-Weiner
Barbara Falk
Joel Falk
Beverly Fishman
Ellis Goodman
Leah Handelman
Odette Langer
Lillian Miller
Ann Moltz
Donna Puccini
Vicki Rabyne
Elsie Rosner
Ron Roth
Abigail Rudoff
Rabbi Barry Schechter



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

John Cochrane
Larry Donchin
Allison Dunn
Amy Elizer
Irv Federman
Reni Garman
Leonard Pearlman
Bob Rohde
Bob Rosen
Harold Shrifter
Ron Yedlin



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

- Reserve Fund Fundraiser
- 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 send your ad book submissions by April 5th. The ad book is our largest regular fund raiser and we need your help to make it a success.

Get
Well
Soon



Judy Blinick
Jane Halpert
Esther Jacobs
Zelda Rich
Charlene Urow



GENERAL DONATIONS
January 7, 2018—March 5, 2019

CONDOLENCES

To Herman Nussbaum on the loss of his beloved wife, Ruth

To Leona Zelener on the loss of her beloved grandson

To Howard Harris on the loss of his beloved son

To Old World Theatre Company and the family of Joe Garcia

To Susie vander Nat on the loss of her father



Rocio Palma Cervantes
Howard and Carol Gopman
Stephen and Gail Meyers Jaffe
Mike and Iris Okmin
Bill Raffeld
Bob and Sarine Rohde
Ron Roth

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS
January 7, 2018—March 5, 2019



Dear Kol Emeth:

Judy and I want to thank the many Kol Emeth friends who called, sent cards, made donations and visited. Your messages of good wishes and support mean a great deal to us and we are sure that they have helped Judy's recovery. You all have made us so happy to be part of the Kol Emeth family. We love you all.

Judy & George Blinick

Maurice and Eve Alfile
Eunice Bergman
Sheldon Cooper
Norman and Betty Elkin
Clara Foreman
Megan Goldish
Marlene Iser
Bernard and Fern Katz
Leona Katzman
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Brian Weiner and Rivka Coren-Weiner
Barbara Wilensky



WELL BEING CHECK



Do you have a friend or relative who is not feeling well and is alone at home? Take time each day to check on that person. It only takes a quick call to find out if all is well. That 2 minute phone call may save a life and you will have done a mitzvah.



**MEN'S CLUB of
 CONGREGATION KOL EMETH**
 5130 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077
 1 1/2 blocks W of Edens Expy
 847/673-3370



Join the Men's Club
 For Sunday Brunch and a fun Discussion
 with
 Marty Moltz and Duane Marden

on
ROLLER COASTERS



Including video of rides on various roller
 coasters.
 A wonderful event for adults & children.

**Sunday, March 17,
 2019 @ 10:30 AM**



A dairy brunch will be served.
 Men's Club member families are free.
 Non Men's Club CKE members are \$10 per person.
 Non Members are \$15 per person

Questions to
 Larry Rabyne at larry.rabyne@sbcglobal.net

Please RSVP by check by Tues. March 12, 2019. Return to
 CKE, 5130 W. Touhy, Skokie, IL 60077

Name: _____ Phone: _____

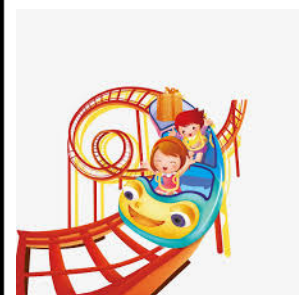
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____ CKE Non Members x \$15 _____

3/17/2019 Total _____





Put on Your Blue Suede Shoes
or your Poodle Skirt and join us!

Rockin' Around
Purim
The Clock

Wednesday, March 20

Megillah 6:30 pm

followed by You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog
Dinner

and Best Costume Contest

Reservations Deadline: Friday, March 15 Call 847/673-3370

Name: _____

Phone: _____

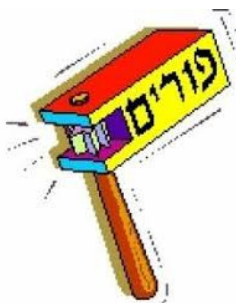
Member _____ @\$15 per person = \$ _____

Member Vegetarian _____ @\$15 per person = \$ _____

Non- Member _____ @\$18 per person = \$ _____

Non-Member Vegetarian _____ @\$18 per person = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Please send this card and payment to:



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**Join the Men's Club
 For Sunday Brunch with
 David Arieti**

on

**The Life and Times of Dr. Silvano Arieti
 (Psychiatrist):
 His work with Schizophrenia and
 other interesting facts.**



Sunday, April 28, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

A dairy brunch will be served.
 Men's Club member families are free.
 Non Men's Club CKE members are \$10 per person.
 Non Members are \$15 per person

**Questions to
 Larry Rabyne at larry.rabyne@sbcglobal.net**

Please RSVP by check by Wednesday April 17, 2019.
 Return to CKE, 5130 W. Touhy, Skokie, IL 60077

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ Men's Club Members x \$0 = _____

_____ CKE non Men's Club Members x \$10 _____

_____ CKE Non Members x \$15 _____

4/28/2019 Total _____

- Dan Aronson
- Len Colen
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- Lisa Garbaty
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Congregation Kol Emeth
Reserve Fund Drive

\$200,000 Our Dream

\$190,000

\$180,000

\$170,000

\$160,000

\$150,000

\$140,000

\$130,000 Our Goal

\$120,000

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

\$0

Pledged \$78,919

as of March 5, 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: _____

SHABBAT, MINYAN, PURIM AND PASSOVER
SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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

March 10 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

March 15 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

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

March 17 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

March 20
Rock Around the Clock Purim & Dinner 6:30 pm

March 21 Megillah Reading 9:30 am

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

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

March 24 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

March 29 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

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

March 31 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

April 5 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 6 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

April 7 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

April 12 Service at 8:00 pm
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 13 Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

April 14 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

April 19 Fast of the First Born Service 9:30 am
No Shabbat Service—First Seder at Home

April 20 Shabbat and Festival Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

April 21 Sunday Festival Service 9:30 am

April 26 Festival Service 9:30 am
Shabbat and Festival Service 8:00 pm

April 27 Shabbat and Festival Service at 9:30 am
Followed by a light kiddush

April 28 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

March 8, 2019	5:29 pm
March 15, 2019	6:37 pm
March 22, 2019	6:45 pm
March 29, 2019	6:53 pm
April 5, 2019	7:00 pm
April 12, 2019	7:08 pm
April 19, 2019 Passover	7:16 pm
April 26, 2019	7:22 pm



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TO ALL OF ISREAL



The next issue of HaKol will be for (May/June 2019). All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by April 21, 2019 to langer50@gmail.com

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