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Message From The Rabbi



The world has recently commemorated the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by

Soviet troops in February 1945. There were two ceremonies: one in Israel, the other in Auschwitz itself. But the ceremonies were marred by an unpleasant war of words between President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Prime Minister Morawiecki of Poland.

Putin started this ugly dispute by asserting that the country responsible for the outbreak of World War II was—Poland! For sheer breathtaking chutzpah, this is beyond compare. Remember: in August 1939, Stalin and Hitler agreed to carve up Poland between them. 1 week later, Germany invaded Poland from the west. 2 weeks later, Russia invaded Poland from the East. Poland as an independent country ceased to exist and World War II had begun. And Putin says that Poland is responsible for the outbreak of World War II! In his reply, Polish Prime Minister Morawiecki pointed out all these facts.

But the truth is not so simple, neither on the Russian nor the Polish side.

A little less than 2 years after the Hitler-Stalin pact, in June 1941, Germany broke its agreement and invaded Russian-occupied Poland and Russia itself. The results are only too well-known. The Holocaust entered its most terrible phase, and millions of Russians were also killed. But the Russians fought back heroically, and there is no question that without their fighting on the side of the Allies, the war would have taken much longer to win. It is also the case that the Russians allowed a considerable number of Jews to move from Poland deeper into Russia proper, and thus saved their lives. One of these Jews, no longer alive, was actually a member of our Congregation Kol Emeth.

On the other side, when it comes to the Holocaust, Poland's hands are not entirely clean. True,

millions of non-Jewish Poles were also murdered by the Nazis. Also true, many Poles, at great risk to their lives and the lives of their families, sheltered Jews and saved them from the Nazi murderers. Some of these Poles were betrayed and were themselves murdered with their families by the Nazis. These Poles are all honored, as they should be, at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

But many other Poles betrayed Jews to the Germans. Some even betrayed their fellow Poles who were sheltering Jews. We have also learned of at least one town, Jedwabne, where the Poles themselves murdered all their Jewish neighbors. And a pogrom in which Poles murdered 42 Jews and injured more than 40, actually occurred *after the war, in 1946*, in the city of Kielce.

For the longest time, both countries, in classic propaganda fashion, proclaimed the good they had done and denied the bad. But after communism fell there were signs that they might finally be admitting publicly what they had previously Poland conferred an honor on the denied. historian Jan Gross, who had exposed the Polish murder of Jews in Jedwabne. Ten years ago, Putin himself called the Nazi-Soviet pact "pointless, harmful and dangerous". Alas, the clock of progress has been turned back. The present government of Poland tried to pass a law making it a crime to publicly attack Poland's role in the Holocaust. There were calls for Jan Gross's award to be withdrawn and for him to be prosecuted. As for Putin, look what he is saying now.

But in all this, let us not forget one essential fact: It was the Germans who conceived it, set up the machinery for it, trained their SS, SA, Gestapo, soldiers, police to take it all over Europe, perpetrate this utterly unprecedented crime against humanity.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

Message From Kol Emeth's President



Greetings to all of our Kol Emeth community. We soon will be having Purim and will be edified by Rabbi Schechter's unique reading of the Megillah and adding to it will be a costume

competition. I ran across the following clever verse by Yaffa Ganz which may help us get into the mood. Looking forward to seeing you all. PAUL HELMAN

"Purim Smarts"

Put on your Purim cap and see how much of the Purim story you remember.

Name the country; name the king.

Who made the threats? Who got the ring?

Name the wise counselor; name the two queens.

Which remained silent and which ranted and preened?

Who looked for honor but soon fell from power? Who set up gallows as high as a tower? Who sat and watched at the palace gate? Who came to the king filled with evil and hate?

Where did it happen – which country and city? What was the date? Who was filled with self-pity? Who made a party to save the Jews? Who sent out letters to tell the good news?

Where can you read the entire story? When do you hear it with joy, noise and glory? Name Four Purim things we do to remember This dreadful-turned-happy Jewish adventure!

Yaffa Ganz © 2000

(Editor's note: To find the answers to all of the above questions attend Purim services Monday evening March 9, 2020.)



PAC COMMITTEE UPDATES



The PAC committee is sponsoring an adult education presentation on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Mike Karsen, from the Jewish Genealogical Society, will present: Introduction to Jewish Genealogy. Why is This Genealogy Different From All Others... Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. and the presentation will start at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please make checks out to Congregation Kol Emeth and mail to the synagogue office

Thank you Bill Raffeld organizing this interesting event.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM A SPECIAL PERSON



Dear Congregation Members,

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has called me, texted me, wrote me words of encouragements and love as I wander through this unusual cancer situation. How wonderful it is to know that I am surrounded by so much comfort and love from all of you.

Thank you,

Love Bill Raffeld.

SISTERHOOD NEWS



MARCH MADNESS

Join us on March 22, 2020 from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. viewing the hilarious antics of Danny Kaye in "The Court Jester". Enjoy dessert, conversation, and camaraderie. All for FREE.



BOOK REVIEW



Join us March 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. for a discussion of the The Secrets we Kept by Lara Prescott. The session will be led by Maureen Gold. Five dollars will be collected at the door to cover the cost of the presenter.

TORAH FUND LUNCHEON



Congregation Kol Emeth's Torah Fund Luncheon will be held, Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 12:00 noon in the congregation's social hall. The cost of \$18 per person to attend goes directly to the Torah Fund campaign. Women, men and their guests are welcomed. Peter Oprisko, Broadway and cabaret singer, will entertain us with a variety of showtunes.

The theme for this year's Torah Fund Campaign is "chesed," which means lovingkindness. Torah Fund is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for conservative Judaism. The Fund supports Jewish learning at the highest level: college, graduate, and professional (rabbinical, cantorial and chaplaincy. The recipients of your support become rabbis, cantors, educators, chaplains, summer camp directors, scholars, and leaders of the Jewish world.

All monies collected go directly to Torah Fund. You will be receiving shortly, an invitation in the mail to our April 2nd event with contact information. Checks in the amount of \$18 should be made out to **Torah Fund** and will be collected at the door. Feel free to make donations in larger amounts. Donors at the Benefactor level (\$180) and above will receive the beautiful 5780 Torah Fund pin pictured above.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at this entertaining event.

Odette Langer, CKE Sisterhood, president

MEN'S CLUB NEWS



David Arieti, a CKE member and professor, will give a presentation on April 19, 2020 beginning at 2:30 p.m. His topic will be: The Importance of Algae: Benefits and Detriments (The most important organism on the planet if you like to breathe.) Join us in the lower level of CKE for this interesting presentation while enjoying light refreshments.

On May 3, 2020 Marty Moltz and Duane Marden return to CKE to present Hot New Rollercoasters for 2020. Watch for details for this exciting event.

Both events are free to members of the Men's Club and their immediate family. The cost to others is \$10.

MORE ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING AT CKE

Mah Jongg Afternoons



The Congregation Kol Emeth Mah Jongg Meetup meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. as scheduled. Upcoming dates are

March 19, 2020 April 23, 2020 May 7, 2020 May 21, 2020

Beginners and all level of player are invited. As always great instruction will be provided. Cost: \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

PURIM FESTIVITIES



Join us Monday evening March 9, 2020 at 6:15 for the Purim Megillah Reading followed by the traditional hot dog dinner. Costume parade and prizes will be awarded. Cost to all adults \$12 and children are free. Call 847-673-3370.

GOOD DEEDS DAY



Join us as we participate in JUF's Good Deeds Day. We are collecting toiletries to be given to the homeless. The items must be new and unopened. The following items are needed: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, and feminine products. There is a in the foyer next to the bench to put your donations in.

Volunteers are need on March 29th to help package the items. A limited number of free T-shirts will be available for participants in the event. Have fun while giving back to the community.

Please call Judy in the CKE office (847-673-3370) to let her know that you will be joining the fun.

AD BOOK DEADLINE IS COMING UP FAST



April 30th is the deadline for contributing ads to the ad book. Friends, relatives, neighbors and businesses are potential donors to the ad book. REMEMBER the ad book is our **biggest fund** raiser of the year. Our target is to stay in financial black to increase membership and retain the valuable members we already have.

Personal ads show that you care and help to commemorate, thank and congratulate those in our hearts and mind. Business ads thank those vendors with which we do business and help businesses to grow with increased customers. Ron Cooper and I are working together and have on file the ads from last year therefore, you just need to indicate "same as last year" on the contract or if you wish you may attach last year's copy. Of course, I am sure you will have many new ads to contribute this year which we will be more than happy to include in the ad book.

Earning fund credit will again be applied this year. Culminating luncheon and theatre will be held June 28, 2020. Let's make this a memorable year which will help us continue the traditions of Congregation Kol Emeth.

We thank you in advance for your efforts. Ron Cooper and Odette Langer

RUMMAGE SALE COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020



Doing spring cleaning and don't know what to do with your slightly used, clean and unbroken items.

DONATE THEM TO THE CKE RUMMAGE SALE

Items will be accepted Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call first so that you are assured that someone will be in the office to let you in. Come in through the parking lot door. Tax receipt letters will be issued at the end of the sale upon request.

The following items WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ACCEPTED: used stuffed toys, toys and games with missing or broken parts, electronic items, computers, rusted kitchen items, clothing that has not been cleaned or laundered and any books or magazines that have become moldy.

Any items not sold at the end of the rummage sale will be taken to the Goodwill on Touhy Ave. Rummage sale volunteers will not return unsold items to the donor. Donors wishing to take back unsold items must remove them by the end of the day of the rummage sale.

If you have any empty hangers bring them in. We could use as many as we can get.

Happy Spring Cleaning

Le Dor Va Dor Family Shabbat Services



The next Family Shabbat Services will be on Saturday, March 7, 2020 and April 4, 2020. Beginning at 10:15 a.m.

A number of children came to enjoy the services during the last children's service. They participated by opening the ark, standing next to a family members saying an alyah and parading with the Torah. Bring your sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to participate in the same way. This shabbat there will be added activities in which children can participate. This is the beginning of a Jewish education that you do not want the young ones to miss. A kid friendly Shabbat meal will be served.

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSAY SHABBAT



If you have a birthday or anniversary in March attend our special shabbat service as part of the regular service on March 13 and 14. April birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated on April 17 and 18. All celebrants will be called to the bima for a special blessing.

IDEAS WANTED



Do you have any ideas or suggestions for programs, activities, or improvements; drop an email to Judy at (office@kolemethskokie.org). Working together we can expand our knowledge, have fun, and invite others to join.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Howard Aronson

Jennifer Blitz
Rich Bloom
Roberta Charous
Sandy Cochrane
Rivka Coren-Weiner
Beverly Fishman
Ellis Goodman
Leila Handelman
Odette Langer
Lillian Miller
Ann Moltz
Vicki Rabyne
Ron Roth
Elsie Rosner
Abigail Rudoff

Rabbi Barry Schechter



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Shira Birnbaum
Johnny Cochrane
Larry Donchin
Allison Dunn
Amy Elizer
Irv Federman
Christine O'Connor
Bob Rohde
Bob Rosen
Ron Yedlin



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard and Fern Katz Daniel and Eleanor Zeff

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

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

GENERAL DONATIONS January 2— March 6, 2020



Len Colen Elissa Feldman-Curth Howard and Carol Gopman Brian Katzman

Brian Katzman Leona Katzman Shirley Lanoff Mike and Iris Okmin Larry and Vicki Rabyne

Bill Raffeld Anita Robbins

Bob and Sarine Rohde Bob and Dawn Rosen

Ron Roth

Lorraine Trachtenberg

Nata Andinysh
Lester Ascher
Leonard and Diane Balter
Allen and Marsha Barnett
George and Judy Blinick
Len Colen

Clara Foreman Lisa Garbaty and Tom Smith Paul Helman and Ruth Bittner

Michael Horowitz James Phillips

Marlene Iser Jacob and Harriet Reifer
Edward Jans Bob and Sarine Rohde
Bernard and Fern Katz Jean Rosenblum
Brian Katzman Rita Rosenthal

Leona Katzman Ron Roth
Lidya Lyubansky Lois Schwartz

Gloria Manus Arnie and Susie vander Nat James McMullen Brian Weiner and Rivka

Mike and Iris Okmin Coren-Weiner

Darryl and Pamela Wolf

YAHRZEIT DONATIONS January 2— March 6, 2020





Condolences to: Beverly Fishman on the loss of her beloved sister, Norma Schaffer

Martin Glochowsky on the loss of his beloved brother, Gary Glochowsky



Nata Andinysh
Judy Aronson
Barney Berlin
Ron Cooper
Rita Federman
Howard Harris
Leona Katzman
Ann Mallow
Bill Raffeld
Linda Sweig

Judy Aronson—Thank you for all of the get well wishes on my surgery



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.





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 (\$118), an Acorn (\$236) or a rock (\$354) for our lovely Tree of Life located in the main entryway. Please contact Judy Aronson in the synagogue office for further information



March Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat on March 13th and 14th. April Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat on April 17th and 18th. Be sure to come for your special blessing.

Monthly, CKE members will receive an invitation to be called to the bima in celebration of their birthday or anniversary. All members and guests of CKE who are present and are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during that month will be welcome to come up to the bima for this special blessing. We look forward to celebrating you in your special month for many years to come.



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:

Year End Fundraiser 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

*Acknowledgement letters are sent to family, friends, business associates and fellow congregants when you make a donation in memory of a loved one, send get well wishes, or mark the occasion of a special time.

General Donations



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



FREE EVENT
MARCH MADNESS
SUNDAY
MARCH 22, 2020
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



SPONSORED BY

KOL EMETH SISTERHOOD

You are invited to an afternoon of laughter and friendship. View the comedy antics of Danny Kaye in the movie the Court Jester.

Stay and socialize; enjoy coffee, tea and dessert.



R.S.V.P. TO

office@kolemethskokie.org BY MARCH 16, 2020

EVERYONE WELCOME

LAUGH THE AFTERNOON AWAY





toiletries to make gift packs for distribution to the homeless.

Donations can be brought in advance or the day of our event.

We also need help packing supplies for distribution on March 29th.

What do we need?

Collect NEW toiletries—full sized or travel sized—and bring them to CKE. Suggested items include toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razors, body soap, feminine products, shaving cream, mouthwash, and dental floss. There will be a collection bin in the foyer. If you're bringing donations during the week, please bring them to the synagogue office by way of the parking lot door.

Join the fun as we work together to put the packages together. Event is on the lower level. Please enter through the parking lot door.

Sunday, March 29th from 2:30—4:30 pm. RSVP to office@kolemethskokie.org



MEN'S CLUB of CONGREGATION KOL EMETH

Join the Men's Club For Sunday Afternoon with David Arieti

on

The Importance of Algae: Benefits and Detriments



(The most important organisms on the planet if you like to breathe.)

Sunday, April 19, 2020 @ 2:30 PM



Refreshments will be served.

Event will be held on the lower level. Please enter through the parking lot door.

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

Please RSVP by check payable to Congregation Kol Emeth by Monday April 13, 2020.

Names:	
	Phone:
Email: _	
	_ Men's Club Members Free
	_ Men's Club Non-Members x \$ 10
	
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MEN'S CLUB of CONGREGATION KOL EMETH

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

Hot New Roller Coasters For 2020

A wonderful event for adults & children.



Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 10:30 AM

A dairy brunch will be served.

Men's Club member families are free.

All children under 12 are free.

Non Men's Club member families are \$10 per person.

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

Please RSVP by check payable to Congregation Kol Emeth by Monday April 27, 2020.

Names:	
Phone:	
	_ Men's Club Members Free
	_ Men's Club Non-Members x \$ 10

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ADULT ED. BRUNCH AND SPEAKER Sunday, April 26, 2020

Mike Karsen

Presenting An



Introduction to Jewish Genealogy or Why is This Genealogy Different from All Other...?

A question often asked is "Why is genealogy important to <u>me</u>?" After understanding the personal value of connecting with our roots, we will explore what is unique about Jewish genealogy, what information we

are looking for, and how to get started. The rewards of this effort are many, lasting a lifetime and beyond.

Brunch 10:30 am Presentation: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: Members \$12 Non-Members \$15

A professional speaker, **Mike Karsen** is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), and is Past President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. He has presented over 300 talks on genealogy topics locally, nationally, and internationally including Newberry Library and Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago. Mike is the author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published articles on genealogy.

RSVP with check to above address payable to CKE by Monday, April 20th

Name:	Phone	
Email:		
Members Attending	_ x \$12.00 per person = \$	
Non-Members Attending	_ x \$15.00 per person = \$	
	Total Enclosed: \$	
April 26, 2020		

SHABBAT, PASSOVER AND MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 13 Birthdays & Anniversaries Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

March 14 Birthdays & Anniversaries Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddush

March 15 **Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am** March 20 Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

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

March 22

Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am March 27 Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

March 28 Service at 9:30 am

Followed by a light kiddush

March 29 **Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am**

April 3 Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 4 Le Dor Va Dor Family Svc. Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddush

April 5 **Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am April 8 Fast of the First Born** Service 9:15 am

April 9 Passover Festival Service Followed by a light kiddush

April 10 Passover Festival Service Service 9:30 am

Service 9:30 am

Followed by a light kiddush

Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Service at 9:30 am April 11

Followed by a light kiddush

Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am April 12

April 15 Passover Festival Service Service 9:30 am

Followed by a light kiddush

April 16 Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 17 Birthdays & Anniversaries Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 18 Birthdays & Anniversaries Service at 9:30 am

Followed by a light kiddush

April 19 **Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am**

April 24 Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

April 25 Service at 9:30 am

Followed by a light kiddush

April 30 **Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am**

May 1 Service at 8:00 pm

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 13, 2020	6:35 p.m.
Friday, March 20, 2020	6:43 p.m.
Friday, March 27, 2020	6:51 p.m.
Friday, April 3, 2020	6:58 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 Passover	7:05 p.m.
Thursday, April 9, 2020 Passover	8:09 p.m.
Friday, April 10, 2020	7:06 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Passover	8:16 p.m.
Thursday, April 16, 2020 Passover	8:17 p.m.
Friday, April 17, 2020	7:14 p.m.
Friday, April 24, 2020	7:22 p.m.

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The next issue of HaKol will be for (May/June 2020). All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by April 17, 2020 to langero50@gmail.com

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