

# HaKol

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**Iyar-Sivan/Tamuz 5778**



## Message From The Rabbi



Ignaz Trebitsch is surely one of the most bizarre characters in modern Jewish history, for he was born a Jew in Hungary in 1879, and attended Heder, although he was baptized as a Lutheran in

German at the age of twenty. From the time he went to Canada, where he was confirmed by the Anglican archbishop of Montreal and ordained deacon. His main job there was trying to convert Jews to Christianity.

In 1903, he moved to England, and became a curate of an Anglican parish in Kent. When he inherited some money, he left the ministry (the Archbishop of Canterbury's comment was "no great loss"), and decided to run for Parliament although he was a Hungarian citizen at the time. He managed to obtain British nationality in time for the election and won the seat, having been endorsed by David Lloyd George and Winston Churchill. His extravagant lifestyle, however, brought him financial problems, especially since Members of Parliament were not paid at that time, and he did not run again for office as a Parliamentary candidate.

During World War I, he offered his services as a double agent to both England and Germany. In order to escape arrest as a spy in England, he fled to the United States, where he published "Confessions of an International Spy" and was arrested for fraud. After escaping from a Brooklyn jail, he was finally extradited back to England, convicted, and jailed there for three years.

Following his release in 1919, he went to Berlin, where he participated in a short-lived revolution against the German government. He was in charge of press information. After the revolution failed, he was prominent in the so-called "white international",

which sought to battle the Communist "red international." When the white international fell apart as a result of internal quarrels, he stole its documents and sold them to the Czech government for a handsome sum.

He spent the last part of his life in China, one of the few places he could enter without fear of arrest. From 1922 he acted as adviser and arms procurer for various Chinese warlords. A mystical experience drew him to Buddhism, but he had to interrupt his studies of that religion when he received news that his son was about to be hanged for murder in England. He traveled to Europe but was too late to see his son, and was in any case not allowed to enter England.

After he returned to China, he was ordained a Buddhist monk, and later awarded himself the title of abbot in Shanghai, where he attracted a small group of faithful followers, whom he persuaded to donate to him virtually all their possessions.

During World War II he approached the German consul in Shanghai, asking to be allowed to meet Hitler, whom he was sure would immediately be aware of his supernatural powers. The consul relayed the suggestion to Berlin, but received a reply which said: "Surely you are aware that he is a Jew."

Trebitsch Lincoln spent his last months in a Shanghai YMCA preaching Buddhism. His last interview was with a Jewish newspaper, in which he outlined a plan for a settlement of Jewish refugees near Shanghai, which he envisaged as "a miniature Tel Aviv." Trebitsch died in 1943.



Trebitsch Lincoln, alias Abbot Chao Kung, Shanghai, 1931.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

## MESSAGE FROM KOL EMETH'S PRESIDENT



Greetings to all in our Kol Emeth community. As we celebrated Pesach several weeks ago, we were called on to remember our liberation from bondage in Egypt. At the same time, we seek to free ourselves from the spiritual bondage that can engulf and limit our greater aspirations. In the cycle of the seasons we hope to see our release from the discontent of the cold bondage of winter to the first warm breezes that announce the coming of a glorious summer. While we must admit that Spring has come a little late this year we are confident of its eventual arrival. In the cycle of the seasons we can appreciate the increasing length and warmth of the days and the accelerating rebirth of life around us. This must always be both a spiritual and physical rebirth in all of us.

Shavuot is a few weeks away and in our tradition we literally count its fifty days in all between the first Sabbath of Pesach and the holiday that marks the reception of our Torah. We might imagine the anticipation of our people having been miraculously liberated from a cruel slavery moving towards some great but unimaginable event. Our congregational life moves through the milestones of the years never resting and always striving to meet the needs of our community. I firmly believe we all gain in our own ways by participation in our various synagogue activities. Under the leadership of Rabbi Schechter our Sabbath services can be a spiritual oasis from the many cares that often ensnare us. Our traditional services are almost a functioning "time machine". We might enter in 618, 2018, or, even 2218 and feel at home. We might be anywhere in the world and find welcome. This tradition is both timeless and wonderfully portable. It encourages a faith in a power beyond ourselves but never requires us to take leave of our intellect or humanity.

Dr. Paul Helman



## CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH RABBI BARRY SCHECHTER



Join Rabbi Barry Schechter

Saturday, May 19, 2018

7:40 PM

Festival Service

and a lecture by Rabbi Schechter

on

Edgardo Mortara

Debate has again erupted over the Vatican's scandalous kidnapping of this 6-year old Jewish boy in 1858 that led to worldwide protests.



Coffee and the traditional cheesecake to follow.

Shavuot Festival Services

Sunday, May 20th @ 9:30 am

Monday, May 21st @ 9:30 am including Yizkor



## UP DATE ON LOWER LEVEL CONSTRUCTION

Work is being completed on the lower level project. The next project will be security planters in front of the synagogue. This should start shortly. Please continue to use caution when entering and exiting the parking lot.



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



Once again, the Old World Theatre Company out did itself. Thanks to Bill Raffeld, his crew and magnificent players, all productions were sold out. We are all looking

forward to season 9 with many exciting plays more surprises.



*Sarine Rohde Valued Volunteer Honored at Women's League for Conservative Judaism*

I want to thank everyone that sent me cards and letters for my being honored as Valued Volunteer of Sisterhood. However, I mostly want to thank Sheila Wexler for nominating me to the board and for making all the arrangements for the dinner and ceremony at Congregation Beth El in Highland Park and the beautiful bouquet of flowers. I also want to thank the Sisterhood Board for the beautiful gift of this year's gorgeous Torah Fund Pin, which can also be used as a charm on a chain.



In addition, I want to thank the people that attended the dinner and ceremony besides Sheila, whom I cannot thank enough for everything. My thanks go out to Fern and Bernard Katz, Paulette Lieb, my brother Leonard and my sister-in-law Diana and, he may be the last but he is the best, my beloved and great husband Bob.

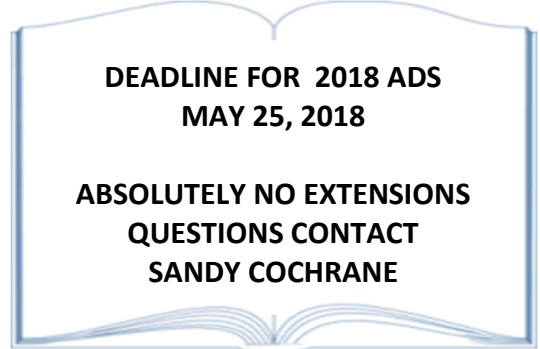
Once again thank you all for making this such a very special and lovely evening for me, it really meant a lot to me.

Sarine Rohde



**AD BOOK 2008**  
**MORE ADS ARE SERIOUSLY**  
**NEEDED**  
**THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUND**  
**RAISER**

**KEEP ASKING VENDORS TO**  
**ADVERTISE**



**DEADLINE FOR 2018 ADS**  
**MAY 25, 2018**

**ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS**  
**QUESTIONS CONTACT**  
**SANDY COCHRANE**



**FROM**  
**ROBERT ROHDE**

I want to thank everyone for my Leagrams, phone calls and cards to help m celebrate my "Special" Birthday. I also want to thank Bill Raffeld and the OWTC cast for singing to me. Their voices and those in the audience were really beautiful and wonderful. I can't tell you how much all this means to me. I really appreciate it. Thank you one and all.

**FROM ODETTE LANGER**



Thanks to everyone who sent Leagrams for my Birthday. Your thoughtfulness was most appreciated.

To Sisterhood, many thanks for the lovely hanging plant that Bob Rohde brought to my house to brighten my recovery from foot surgery. The plant was hung outside immediately which made Spring come a little faster.

To those who called me while I was house bound, conversations with all of you made my days sitting with my feet up in the air made the time go a little faster.



## MEN'S CLUB NEWS



If you haven't already signed up for the trip to the Holocaust Museum, please do so quickly. The trip is scheduled for May 6, 2018. The cost to Men's Club members and their families is \$15 per person. Cost to Non Men's Club members is \$20 per person. For more information contact Larry Rabyne at

**[larryrabyne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larryrabyne@sbcglobal.net)**

The Men's Club would like to sponsor activities and speakers that would be of interest to CKE members. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to do a presentation please contact Larry at the above email address.

Larry Rabyne

## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Sarine Rohde on her Valued Volunteer award presented at the Women's League of Conservative Judaism Central Region's Spring Conference



Mazel Tov to Ned and Teri Chamlin on the birth of their grandson Rexton



Mazel Tov to Stephen Jaffe and Gail Myers Jaffe on the birth of their cousin

Mazel Tov to Sheila Wexler on her grandchildren's graduations



Mazel Tov to Eileen Keller on her grandchildren's graduations

Mazel Tov Len Colen on his grandson's graduation

Mazel Tov to John and Jen Burns on their marriage



## SISTERHOOD NEWS



Hy speck entertained us at the Torah Fund Luncheon with his beautiful tribute to Bette Midler. Again, we surpassed our quota. Thank you to all the men and women who support Torah Fund.

Sarine Rohde was honored at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention representing Congregation Kol Emeth as our valued volunteer. Several of us joined her at Congregation Beth El in Highland for the presentation. (See the photo on page 3.)



Sisterhood will be sponsoring the Kiddush for Mother's Day Shabbat on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our monthly Book Club discussion led by Selma Katz continues through November. The next meeting will be on June 19th. The book will be **LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE** by Celeste Ng. Look at the weekly notices for information on the readings for the Book Club and information other upcoming Sisterhood programs.



By Sheila Wexler

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

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**SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2018**

**OUR ANNUAL  
CULMINATING EVENT**





**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Jack and Janet Eisenberg  
 Martin and Ann Moltz  
 Josh Orlan and Reni Garman  
 Marvin and Corrine Smith

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Donald and Roberta Charous  
 Ned and Teri Chamlin  
 Barry and Sharon Curtin  
 Steven and Amy Elizer  
 Irv and Rita Federman  
 Roger and Trudye Fischoff  
 Norman and Joyce Leeds  
 Walter and Nancy London  
 Jeffrey and Ann Mallow  
 Jacob and Harriet Reifer  
 Bob and Dawn Rosen



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

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Sharon Abelman  
 Barney Berlin  
 Beatrice Berlin  
 Beverlee Bernstein  
 Ruth Bittner  
 Eunice Bloomenkranz  
 Ned Chamlin  
 Rachel Dunn  
 Vivianna Garbaty Smith  
 Jo Ann Greenblatt  
 Paul Helman  
 Marlene Iser  
 Gail Myers Jaffe  
 Paulette Lieb  
 Florie Meron  
 Zelda Rich  
 Micki Ross  
 Lois Schmidt  
 Leigh Sisk  
 Desirae Smith



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

David Arieti  
 Leona Boris  
 Gabriel Elizer  
 Shirley Lanoff  
 Ann Mallow  
 Jeffrey Mallow  
 Mike Okmin  
 Jacob Raphael Orlan  
 Harriet Reifer  
 Marion Shrifter  
 Mishka Snowsky  
 Brian Weiner  
 Linda Wolff

**Condolences to:**

Condolences to Joel Kessler and Steven Kessler on the passing of their father, long-time CKE member and past president, Sam Kessler



**Get Well wishes to:**

Eunice Bloomenkranz  
 Sam Frankel  
 Odette Langer  
 Janine Oberrotman  
 Dr. Harold Shrifter



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.



**Yahrzeit Donations February 28—April 25, 2018**

Nata Andinysh  
Jacqueline Balter  
Leonard and Diane Balter  
Dr. Judith Bank  
Dr. Nissin and Olema Behar  
Berta Benhabib  
George and Judy Blinick  
Leona Boris  
Ned and Teri Chamlin  
Donald and Roberta Charous  
Sandy and John Cochrane

Maureen Cohen  
Len Colen  
Barry and Sharon Curtis  
Robert and Sandy Frankenbush  
Dr. Paul Helman and Ruth Bittner  
Marlene Iser  
Shirley Kleifield  
Odette Langer  
Kenny and Marcy Levin  
Robert Levin  
Esther Matassarini-Jacobs

Eileen Medansky  
Tyra and Nicholas Notorangelo  
Larry and Vicki Rabyne  
Bill Raffeld  
Bob and Sarine Rohde  
Richard and Denise Rosen  
Jean Rosenblum  
Dr. Harold and Marion Shrifter  
Linda Wolff  
Ronald Yedlin



**WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER**



**GENERAL DONATIONS  
February 28 —April 25, 2018**

Maurice and Eve Alfille  
Leona Boris  
Sandy and John Cochrane  
Leonard Colen  
Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz  
Bruce and Leah Gaynes  
Claudiu Ioanes  
Marlene Iser  
Stephen Jaffe and Gail Myers Jaffe

Irv and Ellen Kahn  
Bill and Betty Klein  
Shayna Kreslya  
Odette Langer  
Shirley Lanoff  
Marda LeBeau  
Paulette Lieb  
William and Jan Marshall  
Raymond and Laraine Moss

Michael and Iris Okmin  
Phyllis Projansky  
Larry and Vicki Rabyne  
Bill Raffeld  
Bob and Sarine Rohde  
Ron Roth  
Leigh Sisk  
Richard and Elaine Snow

# RUMMAGE SALE COMING SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

## EXTENDED HOURS

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



It's Spring Cleaning time. Don't know what to do with your gently used items you no longer need. Bring them to the synagogue to be sold at our rummage sale. Come in through the west door on the parking lot. Do not leave items outside unattended.

Items will be accepted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. So that you are assured that there is someone to bring the items in, please call the office first before bringing any items. Tax receipt letters will be issued at the end of the sale upon request.

**ABSOLUTELY NO STUFFED TOYS, TOYS AND GAMES WITH MISSING PARTS, ELECTRICAL ITEMS, OR COMPUTERS 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 on Touhy and they will also give you a tax receipt.



David Arieti  
Jennifer Blitz  
Sandy Cochrane  
Elissa Feldman-Curth  
Lisa Garbaty

Yona Gelfand  
Gail Myers Jaffe  
Bernard Katz  
Fern Katz  
Brian Katzman

Leona Katzman  
Odette Langer  
Ann Mallow  
Jeffry Mallow  
Larry Rabyne

Bill Raffeld  
Niel Seigel  
Leigh Sisk  
Sam Sulaka

For CKE Members



2018 Annual Meeting



May 17, 2018

7:30 PM



**SHABBAT, SHAVUOT & MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**May 4** Service at 8:00 pm  
**Followed by an Oneg Shabbat**

**May 5** Service at 9:30 am  
**Followed by a light kiddush**

**May 6** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

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

**May 12** Service at 9:30 am  
**Followed by Sisterhood Mother's Day Kiddish**

**May 13** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

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

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

**May 19 Erev Shavuot** Service at 7:40 pm

**May 20** Service at 9:30 am  
**Shavuot Festival Service**

**May 21** Service at 9:30 am  
**Shavuot Festival Service includes Yizkor**

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

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

**May 27** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

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

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

**June 3** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

**June 8** Service at 8:00 pm  
**Followed by an Oneg Shabbat**

**June 9** Service at 9:30 am  
**Followed by a light kiddush**

**June 10** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

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

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

**June 17** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

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

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

**June 24** Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



**CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

May 4, 2018 7:33 pm  
 May 11, 2018 7:41 pm  
 May 18, 2018 7:48 pm  
 May 19, 2018  
 Eve of first Shavuot  
 light holiday candles 8:58 pm

May 20, 2018  
 Eve of second Shavuot  
 light holiday candles 8:59 pm  
 May 25, 2018 7:54 pm  
 June 1, 2018 8:00 pm  
 June 8, 2018 8:05 pm  
 June 15, 2018 8:06 pm  
 June 22, 2018 8:10 pm  
 June 29, 2018 8:11 pm



**BRING PEACE TO YOUR HOUSE AND  
 TO ALL OF ISREAL**

The next issue of HaKol (July/August 2018) will come out towards the end of June. All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by June 23, 2018 to [langer50@gmail.com](mailto:langer50@gmail.com).  
 Odette Langer, Editor of HaKol.

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**HaKol EDITOR:** Odette Langer



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

**June 30** Service at 9:30 am  
**Followed by a light kiddush**