

# HaKol

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This edition of HaKol is dedicated to the families and friends who lost loved ones during the horrific massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg on October 27, 2018. May the memory of their loved ones live in their hearts forever and may the family and friends find strength and courage in the days ahead. Together **WE WILL** be strong and we pray dear G-d to grant us courage, and wisdom during these troubled times. **Odette Langer**



## Message From The Rabbi



Dear Friends:

I write this as further news is coming in of the horrendous attack on the synagogue in Pittsburgh, which has taken eleven Jewish lives—the worst attack on Jews in the history of the United States.

This Sunday morning at Kol Emeth we held a special service where we all recited the Kaddish together for the victims. I spoke about this unimaginable event that has shaken us, Jews, and all of America, to the core. We recalled the letter from George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, on 18 August 1790, which includes the words: “For happily the Government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.”

To bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance—George Washington used these beautiful words in connection with the United States government, for it was governments, rulers all over Europe, who persecuted Jews, expelled them, killed them. This country was a place of refuge from such persecution. Individuals, on the other hand, often did behave badly to Jews. Many of us have memories of universities that operated quotas against Jews, law firms that refused to employ Jews, hotels that refused to cater to Jews. Leo Frank, a Jew, was lynched in the south. Father Coughlin broadcast vicious attacks on Jews to vast radio audiences.

But, we thought, this was all in the past. For us Jews, America had taken its place as the most welcoming country in the world (outside of Israel): no more quotas against Jews, no more discrimination in employment, in hotels, in housing. Jews have reached prominent positions in academia, government, and the media. So we thought.

But then last year came the Charlottesville march, where we heard hundreds shouting: “The Jews will not replace us.” And now—this mass murder of Jews in our beloved United States of America.

What has happened? Well, there have always been hate groups on the margins, people who harbor sick and evil thoughts about Jews. But now, they have the internet. The internet itself is a wonderful instrument for bringing good people together. You can take classes from teachers in far-away lands. If you are sick or immobile, you can communicate in the most detailed way with friends all over the world. Unfortunately, the internet also brings evil people together. A hater can unite with like-minded, or rather like-mindedless, haters in all parts of the country. He can feel part of a group, his sick views validated, reinforced, encouraged.

At the same time, public discourse has become coarsened, so that remarks or statements which once would have shocked and appalled us have become so commonplace that they no longer have this effect. We have become numb.

What can we do? Regrettably we will have to do what our coreligionists in Europe have done, and have guards in our Jewish institutions, our JCC's, our synagogues. We have no choice about this.

But there is also a question of attitude. We must ‘de-numb’ ourselves, insist that we continue to be shocked, outraged when we hear statements from anyone in public life, high or low, right or left, that are hate-filled, and call them out on this. We too, have access to the media, to the internet. We must not despair, we must not give up. We must not fail to fight for the decency, the goodness, the generosity of spirit that has been, and can again be the essence of our United States.

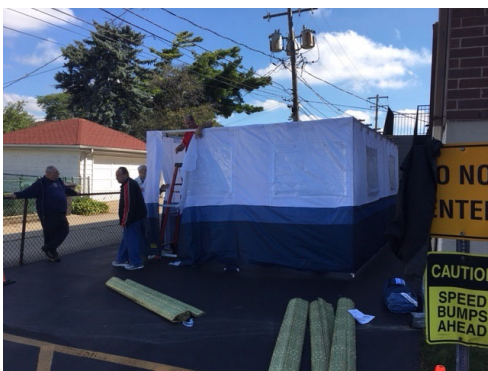
Remember how George Washington ended that letter in 1790:

“May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while everyone shall sit in **Rabbi's Message Continued on page 2**

## Message From Kol Emeth's President



On the road—see you next issue.



### OUR NEW SUKKAH

This year we were finally able to replace our old wooden Sukkah.

With the help of David Arieti, Dan Aronson, Len Colen, Rivka Coren-Weiner, Joel Falk, Lisa Garbaty, Brian Katzman, George Mandl, Larry Rabyne, Vicki Rabyne, Bill Raffeld, Bob Rohde and Leigh Sisk we were able to put up the Sukkah. Thanks also to Rivka Coren-Weiner who did a terrific job in decorating the inside of the Sukkah with gourds, fruit and colorful hanging decorations. On the first two days members enjoyed wine and cookies inside the Sukkah.



### AND THEN IT HAPPENED A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON CATCHING THE FLYING SUKKAH

The next afternoon there was a heavy down pouring of rain along with an extremely strong wind storm. and suddenly the Sukkah was lifted into the air and went flying across the back side of the synagogue, towards LeClaire. Luckily Dan Aronson, Judy Aronson, John Burns and Tami Kessler were present and they ran to the aide of the Sukkah; although they were drenched they were able to save the Sukkah. However, the incident was not without some damage to the Sukkah. The poles were bent but they will be replaced so that next year we will again be able to enjoy are new sukkah. A lesson learned. Next year the Sukkah will be solidly grounded.



## OLD WORLD THEATRE COMPANY BEGINS ITS 9<sup>TH</sup> SEASON ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> WITH A REVISED VERSION OF PYGMALION

Tickets are available for purchase. Call the synagogue office at 847-673-3370

Saturday Performances 8:00 PM  
Sunday Performances 2:30 PM

Season tickets, including 4 plays are \$80 per seat for members and \$92 per seat for non-members. Individual tickets are \$24 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please send payments and dates to Congregation Kol Emeth.

### SHABBAT DINNER



Our last Shabbos dinner was a huge success. Attendees had a meal of chicken, vegetables, potatoes which included salad and as a special dessert there were four kinds of pies cherry, blueberry, apricot and custard.

Please join us for our next Shabbos dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup>. at which time we will also celebrate Hanukkah.

#### Rabbi's message continued:

safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy."

Rabbi Barry Schechter



## Sisterhood News



### CONGREGATION KOL EMETH'S SISTERHOOD PRESENTS ANOTHER GREAT AFTERNOON



Our membership luncheon was terrific and for that we thank Elaine, Jackie and Fern. The food was delicious and the raffle prizes were great. I have already enjoyed the one that I won from

L'Woods. Selma's program about Emma Lazaras was very well received and we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

We are looking forward to our evening with Hy Speck entertaining us with the life of Sammy Davis Jr. Hoping you will all join us as we host this evening with the Men's Club. There is no charge, all are welcome. Sarine and Bob are graciously sponsoring the sweets.

As I spoke at the luncheon, this year's Torah Fund pin says ATID which means future. It represents our wish for a distinctly Jewish future for ourselves as individuals, for our families, and for our communities. Our Torah Fund event will be on April 4th, more info when it gets closer.

As a personal note, thank you to all of my fellow congregants for their good wishes on my granddaughter's marriage. It meant a lot to me and we are all looking forward to the main event with Rabbi Barry officiating.

As this is my last bulletin for 2018, wishing you all a safe and healthy winter. Sisterhood will be away for the winter and I look forward to returning in March

Sheila

## Men's Club News



The Men's Club, in collaboration with Sisterhood, will present an evening with Hy Speck on Tues. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The presentation will feature the life and times of Sammy Davis Jr. The event is free and all are welcome.

## Men's Club and Sisterhood Bring You CKE Favorite

# Hy Speck



historian, teacher and lecturer presenting, through a narrated PowerPoint program, some of the great moments in the 60 year career of

**Sammy Davis, Jr.**

## Tues., Nov. 13, 2018

### 7:30 pm

### Free to All

## RSVPs Requested

Dancer, singer comedian, impressionist, musician, actor, author, photographer and gourmet cook are just a few of the many talents of Sammy Davis which he performed with world class skill.



A child of vaudeville, he never spent even one day in school. His education was the stage. He surmounted great obstacles to perform before presidents and royalty. Movies, records, night clubs, radio, television and the Broadway stage are the venues that were witness to his great talent.

RSVP to Larry Rabyne at  
larry.rabyne@sbcglobal.net  
or call 847.675.9173

## MANY THANKS



Our annual food drive for the ARK brought in more food than we ever had before.

We should be proud of ourselves for coming together to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



## SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



The school from Congregation Tzemach Tzedek in the lower level is in full swing. It is a pleasure to hear the voices of the children learning Hebrew and learning to chant some of the prayers. We are happy to be able to provide space for our future religious and community leaders.

## REUPOLSTERED SEATS IN THE SANCTUARY



All of the sanctuary seats have been reupholstered. Everyone can now enjoy Rabbi Barry's uplifting and informative services in cushioned comfortable seats. Come for the services and enjoy the cushioned seats.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**November 10, 11, 17 & 18 2018** - Old World Theatre Company Presents Pygmalion



**November 22, 2018** - Thanksgiving Day CKE Office is Closed



Let us be thankful for the friends and family that give us joy and happiness and pray that the future sees less hatred, anger, and destruction and more tolerance and acceptance of the difference in world around us.

**December 2, 2018** - Hanukkah begins at sundown



**December 7, 2018** - Hanukkah Dinner

**December 25, 2018** - Chinese Lunch and Movie



**December 31, 2018** - New Year's Eve.



Be sure to check out the Sisterhood Hanukkah table in the social hall for your Hanukkah gift giving needs.



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



Beverlee and Howard Bernstein – Thank you for the anniversary Leagram.

Elissa Feldman-Curth – Thank you to everyone who thought of me. The prayers helped.

### MAZEL TOV

#### Wishing You A Long and Happy Life Together



The auf ruf of Sharon Pomerantz and Howard Korey was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Many congregants, along with friends and relatives of the bride and groom celebrated the occasion at Congregation Kol Emeth with Rabbi Barry Schechter officiating.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Judy Aronson
- Eunice Bergman
- Teri Chamlin
- Barry Curtis
- Dale Drexler
- Jane Halpert
- Anna Kagan
- Howard Meron
- Martin Moltz
- Ron Orlean
- Nathaniel Puccini
- Sarine Rohde
- Linda Sweig
- Barry Weiss



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nissin Behar
- Olema Behar
- Lisa Garbaty
- Ronna Gollman
- Norman Leeds
- Debra Siegel
- Doris Sohn

### MAZEL TOV

To Arnie and Susie vander Nat on their new home.



### MAZEL TOV

To Nathan and Anna Kagan on the marriage of their son.

To Sheila Wexler on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter.

- Dovid Feldman
- Elissa Feldman-Curth
- Leona Katzman
- Deb Siegel
- Mitchel Sweig



### MAZEL TOV

To David Arieti on his award for teaching at Oakton for 30 years.

### WELCOME

Charlene Urow



### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Paul and Fabiana Goodman
- Max and Sondra Lorig
- Gary and Judy Mazor
- Herman and Ruth Nussbaum
- Rabbi Barry Schechter and Julie Foreman

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Harold and Marion Shrifter



**GENERAL DONATIONS**  
**August 29 —November 5, 2018**

Rocio Palma Cervantes  
Leonard Colen  
Cesar Guillen  
Stephen Jaffe and Gail Myers Jaffe  
Bernard and Fern Katz  
Brian Katzman  
Leona Katzman  
David Kleiman  
Odette Langer  
Janine Oberrotman  
William Raffeld  
Charlene Urow  
Jack and Diane Zelinger

**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, or an acorn or a rock for \$354.00.

Please contact Judy Aronson in the synagogue office for further information.



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



**Yahrzeit DONATIONS**  
**August 29 —November 5, 2018**

Howard Aronson  
Helen Applebaum  
Howard and Beverlee Bernstein  
George and Judy Blinick  
Eunice Bloomenkranz  
Walter and Patricia Fleishhacker  
Jane Halpert  
Esther Jacobs  
Bernard and Fern Katz  
June Lefkovitz  
Kenny and Marcy Levin  
Boris and Lidya Lyubansky  
Gloria Manus  
Ellen Marchi  
Mitchell and Joyce Messer  
Martin and Ann Moltz  
Tyra Notorangelo  
Herman and Ruth Nussbaum  
Arnold and Karen Okmin  
Michael and Iris Okmin  
Jacob and Harriet Reifer  
Richard and Denise Rosen  
Jean Rosenblum  
Lois Schwartz  
Earl Strum  
Brian Weiner and Rivka Coren-Weiner  
Daniel and Eleanor Zeff



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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| David Arieti          | Bernard Katz          |
| Dan Aronson           | Fern Katz             |
| Judy Aronson          | Brian Katzman         |
| Jennifer Blitz        | Leona Katzman         |
| Rocio Palma Cervantes | Tami Kessler          |
| Sandy Cochrane        | Odette Langer         |
| Len Colen             | Ann Mallow            |
| Rivka Coren-Weiner    | Jeffry Mallow         |
| Joel Falk             | Mike Okmin            |
| Larry Donchin         | Josh Orlan            |
| Elissa Feldman-Curth  | Larry Rabyne          |
| Lisa Garbaty          | Vicki Rabyne          |
| Yona Gelfand          | Bill Raffeld          |
| David Goldberg        | Bob Rohde             |
| Carol Gopman          | Bob Rosen             |
| Linda Green           | Dawn Rosen            |
| Cesar Guillen         | Ron Roth              |
| Dr. Paul Helman       | Abigail Rudoff        |
| Gail Myer Jaffe       | Leigh Sisk            |
| Nathan Kagan          | Sam Sulaka            |
|                       | Lorraine Trachtenberg |

**Come celebrate Hanukkah with us!**

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm

Community Dinner at 7:00 pm

Catering by PaNosh will feature:

Cranberry Chicken, Salad, Vegetables, Rolls

Bow Tie Pasta with Roasted Vegetables



Our menu will also include  
Latkes and Sufganiyot!

*Reservations and payment for the dinner must  
be in the CKE Office by Monday, December 3,  
2018, at the latest!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your menu choices and indicate how  
many of each.

Cranberry Chicken

#Members: \_\_\_\_\_ #Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian

#Members: \_\_\_\_\_ #Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$21.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and payment to Congregation  
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## Annual Movie

And

## Chinese Lunch

Tuesday,

December 25, 2018

Watch for  
information.



SHABBAT AND MINYAN SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 9 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

November 10 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

November 11 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

November 16 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

November 17 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

November 18 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

November 23 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

November 24 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

November 25 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

November 30 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

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

December 2 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

December 7 Service at 6:15 pm  
 Followed by a Shabbat dinner/ Hanukkah  
 Celebration. Information on page 7

December 8 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

December 9 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

December 14 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

December 15 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

December 16 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

December 21 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

December 22 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

December 23 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am

December 28 Service at 8:00 pm  
 Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

December 29 Service at 9:30 am  
 Followed by a light kiddush

December 30 Sunday Morning Minyan 9:15 am



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

November 9, 2018	4:15 pm
November 16, 2018	4:09 pm
November 23, 2018	4:04 pm
November 30, 2018	4:01 pm
December 7, 2018	3:59 pm
December 14, 2018	4:00 pm
December 21, 2018	4:02 pm
December 28, 2018	4:07 pm



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 TO ALL OF ISREAL



The next issue of HaKol will be for (January/February 2019). All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by December 19, 2019 to [langer50@gmail.com](mailto:langer50@gmail.com)

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