

## Message From The Rabbi



With the election season upon us, Rabbis are tempted to use the pulpit as a means for expressing political views. I have always resisted this, as I feel that

I do not have the right to come out for this or that candidate. That is not my role. Moreover, synagogues and churches enjoy the privilege of a tax-free status, and to support one candidate over another would be to violate the law.

But I would like to take issue with those who believe that Judaism can somehow be used to support a particular doctrine, say a conservative view, or a liberal view. A little while back, one such person, a Rabbi, as it happens, argued that Judaism is essentially opposed to liberalism, and he invoked a verse from Genesis in support of that view. It occurs after G-d has brought a flood upon the world, and he utters the rather pessimistic sentiment that: "the heart of man is evil from his youth." Liberals, on the other hand, said this Rabbi, believe that human nature is essentially good. They believe that those who commit vile and evil acts can be reformed, redeemed, transformed, and that punishment should play a lesser role in our penal system than rehabilitation. But the quoted verse shows that the Torah holds the opposite view of human nature, and thus the Torah is opposed to liberalism, or at least this tenet of it.

"The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose" Shakespeare tells us in *The Merchant of Venice*, and this Rabbi, who, I hasten to add, is thoroughly undiabolical, has chosen carefully. But if we turn to the Talmud, we find a statement that is its diametric opposite. "A person does not sin unless a spirit of madness enters into him" says Resh Lakish i.e. in a sane and balanced state, a person does not go wrong, or commit evil acts. About as

optimistic, or liberal, view of human nature as one can find anywhere.

Or consider the issue of capital punishment. Liberals are fond of quoting a celebrated passage in the Talmud on this subject. "A Sanhedrin that puts a man to death once in seven years is called brutal. Rabbi Eliezer ben Azariah says: even once in seventy years. Rabbi Akiba and Rabbi Tarfon say: Had we been in the Sanhedrin, none would ever have been executed." (They would have plied the witnesses with so many questions that they would have succeeded in invalidating their testimony.) An eloquent statement against capital punishment indeed. But the very next passage also bears quoting: "Rabban Simeon b. Gamaliel said: If so, they would have multiplied murderers in Israel." i.e. capital punishment is a deterrent, and failure to use it can only lead to more crime. Here we see a modern political argument in the Talmud two thousand years ago! And both sides are represented.

These examples could be multiplied many times over.

The Torah is full of thousands of years of wisdom with many different views represented. It is futile, and wrong, to try to capture it for this or that political view. Today, when it comes to politics, each of us will have to make up our own mind, and heart, about our choices.

**Rabbi Barry Schechter**

### Services

Friday Evening	8:00 p.m.
Saturday Morning	9:30 a.m.

### Minyan

Sunday Morning	9:15 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings	7:40 p.m.
Lower level chapel	

**Refer to calendar for holiday service times.**

# Men's Club News

The Kol Emeth Men's Club held its annual kick off dinner on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 with Sam Pfefer who gave a video presentation titled: "The Song is Old". He told how he purchased a Torah in Chicago and after some obstacles he delivered it to a group of Jews living in northeast India called the Bnei Menashe. This was the first Torah they had ever had. It was a most inspiring event for him and the Bnei Menashe.

On Tuesday, evening, November 29, 2011 the Men's Club and the Sisterhood presented an evening with Jack Diamond, who gave a vocal and musical presentation about the life and career of Eddie Fisher. It was an evening of enjoyment and reminiscing.

**Herman Nussbaum**  
Men's Club Representative

# Sisterhood News

Sisterhood had a very busy fall with our Membership Dinner at Slice of Life, our Torah Fund Luncheon, Game Day and our evening with the Men's Club featuring Jack Diamond's presentation of Eddie Fisher.

In addition, our book club continued to meet and will resume in March. Look for our spring program flyers. We hope that everyone enjoyed Chanukah with their families. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy 2012.

**Sheila Wexler**

# Tree Of Life

Perfect for a Special Birthday or a Special Anniversary, 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 even a Rock for our beautiful Tree Of Life. For only \$118.00 you can purchase a Leaf, for \$236.00 an Acorn or for a Rock it is only \$354.00. Please contact **Sharon Altman** in the Synagogue Office for more information or to order.

This is such a terrific way to honor someone on a special occasion.

**Congregation Kol Emeth Sends Deepest Sympathy To:**  
**Sylvia Asher** on the loss of her beloved father, Samuel Ramnick  
**Phillip Gelman** on the loss of his beloved wife, Sylvia Gelman  
**Gail Myers Jaffe** on the loss of her beloved stepsister  
**Norman Leeds** on the loss of his beloved father, Julius Leeds  
**Arlene Mann** on the loss of her beloved husband, Lawrence Mann  
**Iris Okmin** on the loss of her beloved uncle  
**Michael Okmin** on the loss of his beloved father, Sam Okmin  
**Phyllis Projansky** on the loss of her beloved stepdaughter  
**Stuart Ship** on the loss of his beloved mother, Shirley Ship

## Yahrzeit/Yizkor Donations

Howard Aronson	Irina and Dmitriy Polevoy
William Berkowitz	Phyllis Projansky
Margaret & Harry Besser	Harriet and Jacob Reifer
Barry Curtis	Sarine Rohde
Ilona Hartman	Jean Rosenblum
Shirley and Al Kleifield	Anne and Eugene Solar
Audrey Krawetz	Teresa and Isaac Vatkin
Gloria Manus	Eileen Yedlin
Howard Mirsky	Eleanor Zeff
Esther Peven	

Should you wish to honor the memory of your beloved departed with a permanent Memorial Plaque, please contact the synagogue office at 847-673-3370 for additional information.

# Message From The President

Dear Fellow Kol Emether:

As we concluded our beautiful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services a few weeks ago, we began a new Jewish year. During the services there were many opportunities to remember the past year and to think about the coming year. Let's plan for and work for a better tomorrow. Here is an excerpt from an ancient but timely Ann Landers column:

*"If you want this coming year to be better than the others, vow to do some things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the hip. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him.*

*Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own. Examine the demands you make on others. Lighten up. Smile more. It makes you look younger. When you feel your temper is reaching a boiling point, ask yourself, 'will it matter a week from now?'*

*The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by humanity, and we need each other."*

*Take better care of yourself. ...Pass up that second helping, you don't need it..."*

*Yes, we need each other.*

And here are some items of current interest for Kol Emethers:

- 1.) Strategic Planning Committee: On January 11 our Strategic Planning Committee will begin to ask how to best actualize our vision for the future.
- 2.) Recruitment Event: Most of our activities meet our members' religious, educational, and entertainment needs. We are planning an activity whose primary focus is to meet non-members'/potential members' interests.

Our PAC is planning to sponsor a social event featuring the "Those Were the Days Radio Players." Start to think about which of your non-member/potential member friends might enjoy such a show.

- 3.) Office Secretary/Bookkeeper: If you aren't sure who is answering the Kol Emeth phone, join the crowd. **Sarine** accepted our offer to provide some transition training for **Sharon**. While **Sharon** is back to working full-time following her injury, **Sarine** is also working several hours a week during the transition.
- 4.) Survey: In January, please stay alert for our CKE Survey. We hope to learn what each member thinks we can do better to serve our kehilla's needs, and what we can do to better promote our membership. We are also in the process of conducting three focus groups with the same goals.
- 5.) Suggestion Box: And don't wait for the survey. Our officers are always available to hear your ideas; we have also installed a confidential Suggestion Box in the office.
- 6.) Amendment to Bylaws: Our Board is considering an amendment to clarify heightened expectations for members of our Board of Directors.
- 7.) Call for contributions for repairs: We thank all of you who made additional contributions and commitments to help us pay for some non-budgeted repairs.

And thank you again for the privilege of serving as president.  
**Rich Bloom**

## Newly Revised Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday (Winter hours)	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Remember... HaKol's deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Thanks!**

# We Celebrate... We Pray... We Remember...

## PRAYER BOOK & PLATE

By **Linda & Harold Chupack** In Memory of Shirlee Sher  
By **Dr. David & Lorri Rosen** In Memory of Meyer Rosen & Kusiel Port

## GENERAL & SIMCHA DONATIONS

Numerous donations were made in honor of **Trudye and Roger Fischhoff's** grandson, Evan's recent Bar Mitzvah  
**Irving Savin and Leona Zelener** made a donation wishing the entire Kol Emeth Family a Happy Chanukah

## CONGREGATION WANTS TO WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

**Joel Borak**  
**Len Colen** (broke his thumb in 3 places)  
**Irv Fishman**  
**Sally Lerner**  
**Phyllis Projansky**  
**Ruth Nussbaum** (recovering at home)  
**Leona Katzman**  
**June Korey** (after her fall and hospitalization)

## DONATIONS FOR SPEEDY & COMPLETE RECOVERIES

**Len Colen** on his broken thumb  
**Irv Fishman**  
**Sally Lerner**  
**Phyllis Projansky**  
**Ruth Nussbaum**

## DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

**Nata Andinyah** - In memory of beloved sister Mara Krasilchik  
**Sylvia Asher** - In memory of her beloved father Sam Ramnick  
**Nissim & Olema Behar** - In memory of beloved brother-in-law Moises Benhabib  
**Berta Benhabib** - In memory of beloved husband Moises Benhabib  
**Phillip Gelman** - In memory of his beloved wife Sylvia Gelman  
**Gail Myers Jaffe** - In memory of her beloved stepsister  
**Norman Leeds** - In memory of his beloved father Julius Leeds  
**Howard Mirsky** - In memory of Libby Gryn beloved mother of Leonard Gryn  
**Iris Okmin** - In memory of her beloved Uncle  
**Michael Okmin** - In memory of his beloved father Sam Okmin  
**Janine Oberrotman** - In memory of a beloved family member  
**Phyllis Projansky** - In memory of her beloved stepdaughter  
**Pearl Rubenzik** - on the loss of her beloved husband Alex Rubenzik  
**Stuart Ship** - on the loss of his beloved mother Shirley Ship

*Moishe Goldberg was heading out of the Synagogue one day, and as always Rabbi Mendel was standing at the door, shaking hands as the congregation departed.*

*The rabbi grabbed Moishe by the hand, pulled him aside and whispered these words at him: "You need to join the Army of God!" Moishe replied: "I'm already in the Army of God, Rabbi."*

*The rabbi questioned: "How come I don't see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?"*

*Moishe whispered back: "I'm in the secret service."*

## Did You Move? Did You Change Your Phone Number? Or Did You Receive A New E-Mail Address?

Please inform the Synagogue office of any or all of the above if you wish to receive mail, phone calls or Email updates. This is very important. Please contact **Sharon** (in the office) at 847-673-3370 or fax to her the new information at 847-673-3376. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## Please Take Special Note

Our bank is now charging a \$25.00 fee for checks that are returned for whatever reason. This does not pertain to only NSF checks. So please make sure that your check is good. Thank you.

# THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

**Sharon Altman** - Thank you to Kol Emeth Sisterhood, the Kol Emeth Congregation and **Trudye and Roger Fischhoff** for their very appreciated Speedy Recovery cards and beautiful flowers, while I was at home recuperating from my fall.

**Trudye and Roger Fischhoff** - Sincere thanks to our wonderful and generous Kol Emeth family for the donations and good wishes made in honor of our grandson, Evan's recent Bar Mitzvah. What a thrill for us to celebrate our "first!"

**David Jaffe** - Thank you to the many Kol Emeth members/friends who sent Leagrams in honor of my birthday!

**Marcia Nussbaum** - Just want to thank all the dear people who made my birthday a joyous day with all your good wishes!

**Iris and Michael Okmin and Family** - Our appreciation to the many members for their kind expression of sympathy and for donations in memory of our late father Sam Okmin.

**The Old World Theatre Company and Bill Raffeld** - wish to thank Congregation Kol Emeth and all of its members who have been so supportive of our work here. Your generosity, your presence at our productions and your enthusiastic support of our artistic endeavors is the fuel that makes it such a joy in creating our productions for you. We humbly thank you and look forward to our second season and offering you some of the finest theatre experiences in Chicago!

**The Projansky and Jaffe families** - Thank you so much to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and generous donations in memory of Carolyn Projansky (stepdaughter/stepsister). We really appreciate your kindness. Carolyn was an extremely creative individual whose life ended much too soon. She will be missed.

**Bill Raffeld** - Many, many thanks to all of you who made donations "in honor" of my new apartment! You are so very thoughtful and kind.

## Attention Leagram Senders

Please mail your Leagrams to **Phyllis Bower** with your check as soon as you receive it so you will not misplace it or forget. How nice and easy to wish our Kol Emeth Family members a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary greeting by sending them a Leagram. You will also be receiving full Earning Fund Credit towards our Culminating Event in June.

**Phyllis** does not have the time to keep calling everyone that for one reason or another forgets to send the Leagram List and check to her. Please help **Phyllis** do her job easier by mailing or giving them to her as quickly as possible. **Phyllis** will be greatly appreciative for you taking care of this.

Thank you!

Are you in the process of making a will? Are you making up a bequest? If you are, please remember Kol Emeth in your plans.

We appreciate and encourage newsletter contributions from all our congregants but, hard copy (paper) submissions will no longer be accepted. If you are unable to submit electronically, please contact **Sharon** in the office. All emails must be sent to [hakol@fischhoff.com](mailto:hakol@fischhoff.com). Articles must be sent by the 10th for the following month's newsletter. Ha Kol is compiled by **Sharon Altman** and edited by **Roger Fischhoff**.

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## Tu B'Shevat The Rosh HaShanah of Trees February 8th

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### My Birthday

*This evening at the home, everyone was happy for me, for they knew that tomorrow my children were coming; it is my birthday. I told the attendant that I would retire early because tomorrow is my birthday and my children were coming.*

*I slept well and awoke knowing that today is my birthday and my children were coming. I dressed in my best clothes and went for breakfast. I told everybody that my children were coming. Today is my birthday.*

*The attendant helped me to a chair on the porch. The sun was rising and I knew that this was going to be a beautiful day because my children were coming. Today is my birthday.*

*As the sun peaked in the sky, the attendant asked me to come in for lunch. I said, "I'd rather not. I'd like to wait on the porch. My children are coming. Today is my birthday".*

*As the day wore on the air became chilly and the attendant brought me a blanket. It was time for dinner but I chose to stay on the porch waiting for my children. Today is my birthday.*

*The sun set and it became dark. I must have fallen asleep because the attendant came out and said that I had better retire now. I asked if I missed my children but the attendant didn't answer, he just showed me to my room. I noticed the clock and it was past midnight.*

*Yesterday was my birthday.*

Submitted by **Len Colen**

### Meal Time On El-AI

*It was mealtime during a flight on El-AI.  
"Would you like dinner?" The flight attendant asked Moishe, seated in front.*

*"What are my choices?" Moishe asked.*

*"Yes or no," she replied.*

### The Picnic

A Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

Submitted by **Len Colen**

### Maintaining connection with CKE members who are ill... V'ad Beekoor Kholeem— Committee for Visiting the Sick

Members of our V'ad Beekoor Kholeem Committee (Committee for Visiting the Sick) are available to ensure that our congregation maintains connections with our members when they are hospitalized or suffer with an extended illness. **Roberta Charous** is the committee chairperson, and **Len Colen, Helene Colen, and Lois Schmidt** have also volunteered to assist. CKE needs to learn when a member becomes ill, and whether or not that person wishes to be contacted. Members should notify **Sharon** at the synagogue office whenever they learn that a member is hospitalized, and they should also inform **Sharon** whether they know if the member desires the Rabbi and/or a congregation member to contact them or to visit them.

**Roberta, Len, Helene, and Lois** hope to help ill CKE members stay connected with our Kol Emeth community, and to individualize CKE's outreach according to each member's wishes.

Contact information:

**Sharon** (773) 673-3370 (synagogue office)

**Roberta Charous** (847) 679-6633 (home)

### How Long Does A Minyon Take?

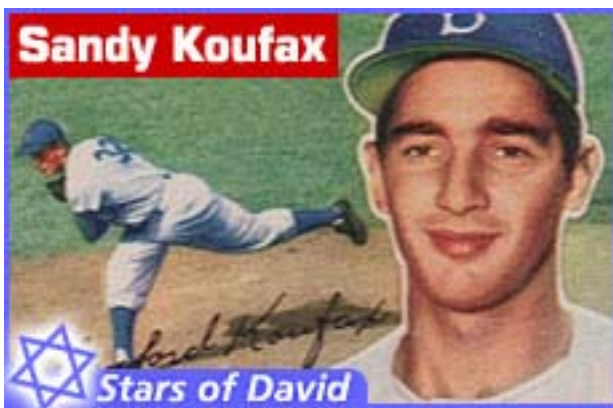
For most of you, the Minyon is only around the corner, or a couple of blocks down the street. When I attend the Minyon it's a project; I leave home about 6:45 p.m. return about 8:30 p.m. Home for me is in Arlington Heights, a 25-mile round trip.

When I first became a member of Kol Emeth, I decided to make a time commitment to the Synagogue. At first it was twice a month. Now it's three or four times a month.

I come early and stay late to talk with the men and women who attend the 7:40 p.m. services, but on the long trip home, I feel I've done something for the Synagogue, myself and the others who come to say Kaddish.

After all, we may all need the benefit of a regular Minyon some day. Why not start the year right? Attend the Minyon on a regular basis. After all, for most of you it's just around the corner.

**Howard Mirsky**



*During a time when many Jews found it difficult to be different, Sandy Koufax was proud of it. "I'm Jewish. I'm a role model. I want them to understand they have to have pride." – Sandy Koufax*

*Sanford "Sandy" Koufax, the "man with the golden arm," one of the greatest pitchers in baseball, established record after record throughout his relatively short 11-year career with the Dodgers.*

*Wait. A Jew? Lighting up a baseball diamond? "Jews own, don't play," right? How could a Member of the Tribe pitch for the Dodgers or Yankees? The "greats" were red, white, and blue, and they had nicknames. They were the Tommys, Hanks, Joes. They pushed crackerjacks and ate hot dogs made of pure treif. Your ma made liver and onions, and pushed kishke.*

*Ah, but if you were a Jewish kid growing up in the 1950s we had Sandy, who could not only play ball, he did something even greater: The right thing.*

*Koufax, born Sanford Braun on December 30, 1935, raised by mom, Evelyn, and step-father Irving Koufax, a lawyer, breathed in Yiddishkeit in Borough Park. For the "uninitiated," Brooklyn wasn't merely a borough of New York City. It was its own planet, plunked, unaware and uncaring next to Manhattan and Queens.*

*Your "block" is what you remembered, back when Brooklyn was the world. And it was. Immigrants from Ireland, Germany, and Scandinavia abounded. But Jews and Italians defined it. Yiddish and Italian made a secular turn to Yinglish and Italiadish with a brave new world; one waffling equator between the old and new.*

*From pushcarts you could get arbus; from barrels, pickles. While you got your chicken flicked, you could tell Mrs. Abrams your remedy for corns – in Ameridish. In the summer, you headed to Coney Island, or Nathan's. Or ... sit. Stoops were more than hunks of sidewalk. They were box seats in your personal stadium. Streets, teeming with animation were the cheapest ticket in town for the greatest show in town.*

*But there was another. For the kids, there was "the new." That stadium. Ebbets Field and the beloved Dodgers. Immigrant children were learning about America. And America was baseball. For many of the new generation, "Dem Bums," was more than a team. Their fortune represented the fortune of Brooklyn itself.*

*Sandy Koufax was rooted here. Like other Jewish kids, he enjoyed Yiddish theater, and a local Jewish Community Center, where he excelled at basketball. A good thing?*

*Despite the fact that We Jews have been "running" for 3,000 years, athletics and Judaism has always been an uneasy mix. The Judaic point of view disparages blood sports, but most important, many Jewish scholars, while appreciating the healthful benefits of athletics, fear the lure of "the game." A Jewish lad is expected to study Talmud, not throw balls with "the goyim."*

*But unlike a lot of Jewish kids, Sandy's stepfather encouraged the young athlete, who went on to become captain of the basketball team at Lafayette*

*High School. At age 15, Koufax joined the "Ice Cream League," where he honed his pitching brilliance. It was here he was spotted and at 17, recruited to pitch for the Coney Island Sports League's Parkviews.*

*And the rest, as they say... A Dodger, both in Brooklyn and Los Angeles from 1955 to 1966, he broke record upon record for wins, and awards. In 1972, he was the youngest former player to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.*

*For the "Herschels" that would be enough. A role model for every Jewish kid who ached to pick up a bat. Look at the crowds. And dream. But it takes more than this to be a true Star of David. And Sanford "Sandy" Koufax did more.*

*October 6, 1965. The first day of the World Series ... the Los Angeles Dodgers vs. the Minnesota Twins. This was it. The whole raison d'être of the sport. Koufax, the team's lead pitcher was asked to play October 6, 1965. Yom Kippur. Sandy Koufax refused. As he had always refused to play on the High Holy Days. He stayed in his hotel room that day (despite rumors that he went to shul).*

*Don Drysdale pitched and he gave up seven runs in 2 2/3 innings. "I bet right now you wish I was Jewish, too," Drysdale said to manager Walter Alston when he pulled him from the game. The Dodgers lost to the Minnesota Twins, 8-2.*

*The day after Yom Kippur, Koufax was visited by Rabbi Moshe Feller, regional director of the educational arm of the Lubavitch movement. He brought Sandy a pair of tefillin. "Since you bat right and throw left," he told the pitcher, "I wasn't sure what type to get you." With the issue resolved, Feller later explained, "The Talmud says that tefillin is representative of all the mitzvot of the Torah, so I could not think of a better way to honor a person for enhancing Jewish values."*

*Following the holidays, Koufax pitched Games Two, Five, and Seven, throwing complete-game shutouts in Games Five and Seven! He led his team to victory, and was named MVP.*

*Koufax's decision and his pitching brilliance remain a source of pride among American Jews, even those who aren't baseball fans.*

*Koufax quietly and firmly stood by his principles, regardless of the fall-out.*

*There were others before Koufax who faced similar dilemmas. But what makes this story unique is the unusual "ordinariness" of the sensibility of this humble man. How a simple, unpretentious Jew raised eyebrows, even among the devout.*

*Sandy Koufax emerged as a Jew of conscience. It was his way of saying, "For me, for my people....it's simply the right thing to do."*

*In the 1960s, "the right thing to do" wasn't easy, or for some, even imaginable. Anti-Semitism and intolerance still existed with Jews fighting for acceptance. And this was baseball, the World Series. America's ultimate game.*

*Yet Koufax quietly and firmly stood by his principles, regardless of the fall-out. Regardless of what anyone else thought. In that singular decision, he became known forever as the pitcher who refused to play the opening game of the World Series because it fell on Yom Kipper. And still win.*

*To every bar mitzvah boy and bat mitzvah girl in America, Koufax became a personal role model. Here was a Jew who could succeed in the secular world, while standing by his Jewish beliefs.*

*A new inspiration took hold in American Jews. Yes, we could do it. We could be Jews and still reach the top of our games -- thanks in part to Sandy Koufax, a true Star of David.*

Submitted by **Larry Greenberg**

**This is a bonus page that does not appear in the printed version.**

**Congregation Kol Emet presents**

**The Old World Theatre Company**

**THE GLASS MENAGERIE by Tennessee Williams**

*Accounted as Williams' most autobiographical piece, this is a memory play in which we discover the difficult decisions we must make and recognize the delicate way life is constructed; as beautiful and as fragile as a piece of glass.*

**Tom: The stage magician gives you illusion that has the appearance of truth.**

**I give you truth in the pleasant disguise of illusion.**

**Congregation Kol Emet**

**5130 West Touhy**

**Saturday February 4 at 8:00 pm; Sunday February 5 at 2:30 pm.**

**Saturday February 11 at 8:00 pm; Sunday February 12 at 2:30 pm.**

**Tickets for CKE members- \$18.00**

**Tickets for non members- \$22.00**

**Call the synagogue office for reservations, tickets and information**

**847-673-3370 or**

**Bill Raffield at 773-235-1647**

**In their second year of residence at our synagogue, this company is a marvelously talented group of actors who perform exceptional work. They are a gem in our midst. Please join the many in our congregation who have already experienced the joy of their work!**

# Your Custom Calendar Is Just Moments Away!!!

All calendars are now available on [kolemethskokie.org](http://kolemethskokie.org) any *time* you want and in any *form* you want.

Go to [KolEmethSkokie.org](http://KolEmethSkokie.org) and click on the calendar link under the main photo and you will see a list of the next two weeks' events. Click on the link at the bottom and you'll see a list of the following two weeks.

If you wish to see the month at a glance just select "view by month". Click on anything in blue and you'll see all the details of the event.

You can also focus in on any specific type of events by clicking to the right of "all categories" and selecting the category(s) in which you are interested. The calendar will then only show those categories.



Jewish holidays on our calendar through the end of 2023. (Please note... You should always check with **Rabbi Schechter** to make sure that certain "black out" periods are avoided.)



Now go down to the bottom and click on printer friendly version and print your custom calendar.

**Are you planning a simcha in the next few years?**

You can now look up the dates of