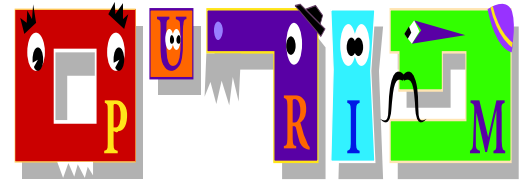




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## Purim's Wakeup Call

Purim is unfolding again right before our very eyes. How can we go about business as usual?  
by Rabbi Efreim Goldberg

### A Sleeping Nation

When Haman targeted the Jews for annihilation, he said to Achashveirosh, "Let's destroy the Jews." Achashveirosh replied, "Not so fast. I am afraid of their God, lest He do to me what He did to my predecessors."

Haman relieved the King of that fear when he said "Yeshnu am echad," which translates literally as "there is a certain nation." The Talmud (Megillah 13b), using a play on words, explains that Haman was telling the King something much more strategic and insightful. Yeshnu am echad - there is a sleeping nation. They have been negligent of mitzvot, they are divided, fighting with one another and divisive. They are asleep as to what is important and what threatens them, Haman pointed out to the King.

#### **The Jews were on the brink of extinction, because they were asleep.**

The Jewish people were vulnerable and on the brink of extinction because they were asleep. Their eyes were closed to what was happening around them. They didn't take the threats seriously. Haman, like so many of our shrewd enemies throughout Jewish history, understood that going about business as usual, living with our eyes closed and sleep walking through life makes us particularly vulnerable and susceptible to attack.

Haman recognized that "there is a nation that is sleeping." All he had to do was continue to lull the Jewish people into a false sense of security, to breed complacency and apathy, and he could accomplish his goal of ridding the world of our people.

So what spoiled his plan? The answer is simple: Mordechai and Esther stood up and, like an alarm, rang and rang until they woke up our people from their practically comatose sleep.

Mordechai understood that the antidote to "the nation that is sleeping" is as the Book of Esther states, "lech knos kol ha'yehudim - go and gather all the Jews together" and wake them up. He understood that the response to "they are scattered and dispersed" is to bring them together in fasting and praying. That wakeup call saved our people and ignited a response that provided not only the spark that led to military victory but attracted people of Shushan to want to join the Jewish people.

#### **Purim Then and Now**

I look around today and can't help but think our people have been lulled asleep into a false sense of security once again, making ourselves vulnerable. Our enemies are no less evil than Haman, their plans no less nefarious, and their goal no less threatening to our very existence. And yet, for so many, it is business as usual, eyes shut to what is happening and threatening us. Now is the time to wake up,

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## Message From The President

Last November and December we had a harvest of riches that came your way! Many exciting programs and activities lined up for you. The Old World Theatre Company returned for its third season. The Sisterhood's annual Torah Fund Luncheon was on November 1.

Sisterhood and Men's Club combined on November 20<sup>th</sup> for a special night of entertainment. In December we celebrated Chanukah with a dinner and a program presented by our Rabbi on Friday evening December 14.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the men's club celebrated Chanukah with a breakfast and a program by our rabbi. On December 25<sup>th</sup>, all you film goers enjoyed a showing of *Watermarks*, an award winning documentary film depicting the women's Jewish swimming team of the Vienna Sports Club-Hakoah- who defied Hitler during the 1930's. This was followed by a catered Chinese luncheon.

Those were but a few of the exceptional programs available to our congregants. Kol Emeth is the place to be this season!

Most importantly it is the place to be on Shabbat ---Friday evening and Saturday morning. Led by our **Rabbi Barry Schechter**, we are fortunate to have a rabbi with his knowledge, wisdom and sense of humor. And he doubles as our cantor, a role he held for many years here before he became our rabbi.

Coming up-- Hebrew classes led by our rabbi on Thursdays at 6:30, Purim activities on Feb. 23-24, more plays by the OWTC.

Let Kol Emeth play a larger role in your life as we celebrate the traditions, ritual and riches of our Jewish faith. ,

**William Raffeld, President**

### 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.

# Sisterhood News

Our opening membership event was chaired by **Elaine Snow** assisted by **Jacqueline Balter**, **Fern Katz**, and **Sandy Cochrane**. We were treated to an entertaining evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein music performed by the talented Heather Braoudakis

In October, **Selma Katz**, who leads our book club, presented *The Paris Wife* and a lively discussion followed. Our November selection was *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. All are welcome to come to book club events even if you have not read the book.

The Torah Fund Luncheon, held on November 1st, was entertained by Sandra Hersh who spoke about "Three Women of Reinvention", Madeleine Albright, Elizabeth Taylor and Sophie Tucker.

In conjunction with the Men's Club, we enjoyed a lively discussion about Abraham Lincoln. Please plan to join us in the coming months for many more interesting and informative Sisterhood activities.

As we look forward to Purim, just around the corner, I bring you greetings and good wishes from Kol Emeth Sisterhood. We hope you and your family are doing well.

Sisterhood's first book review of 2013 will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:30 PM at Kol Emeth. Selma Katz will review the very popular best seller, *Gone Girl*. The author is Flynn Gillian, and the book is available in paperback and on Kindle. Please join us for a very stimulating afternoon.

Selma has suggested some other books for us to read until we meet in April:

Rav Hisda's Daughters	Maggie Anton
Fugitive Colors	Lisa Barr
Behind the Beautiful Forever	Katherine Boo
The Lost Wife	Alyson Richman
Marilyn - The Passion & the Paradox	Lois Banner



Please mail your Leagram requests to **Phyllis Bower** as early as possible. **Phyllis** often receives a request after a birthday or anniversary has already passed, and sending belated greetings is too expensive. If you haven't participated in sending Leagrams, please do so. It's a very easy and nice way to collect earning fund and express good wishes as well.

We look forward to seeing you at Kol Emeth Sisterhood. We need you!  
**Phyllis Projansky and Sondra Lorig**

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.

## Yahrzeit/Yizkor Donations

Eve and Maurice Alfille	Earl and Roselee Deutsch
Marvin and Sylvia Asher	Norman and Betty Elkin
Marsha Barnett	Linda Green
Dr. Nissin and Olema Behar	Jo Ann and Richard Greenblatt
Berta Benhabib	Elaine Heilig
Harry and Margaret Besser	Raquel Hochwert
Judy and George Blinick	Michael Horowitz
Dr. and Mrs. David Cohen	Marlene Iser
Stacey and Loren Cohen	Bernard and Fern Katz
Lenny and Helene Colen	William and Betty Klein
Sharon and Barry Curtis	Irene Kogan

## Automatic Defibrillator for Kol Emeth

Kol Emeth purchased an automatic defibrillator (AED) (a Philips Heartstart FRx). It is now available for use. You may have already noticed it in the white wall cabinet installed on the landing between the main entrance lobby and the lower level.

The defibrillator is VERY EASY to use. No training is required. Anyone/everyone is capable of using it. It will tell you exactly what to do. The defibrillator will not harm the victim; it will transmit a shock only when it recognizes that a patient needs one. You cannot hurt a person by applying the AED.

If someone appears to suffer a cardiac arrest:

- **CALL 911.**
- If CPR is needed, and if someone is able to perform CPR, that person should begin CPR.
- While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, another person should retrieve the defibrillator. The defibrillator cabinet door will sound an alarm when the door is opened, and closing the door will silence the alarm.
- Bring the defibrillator in the red case to the scene.
- Open the defibrillator case.
- Press the green on/off button.
- Follow the straightforward verbal instructions that the AED then automatically provides.

I strongly recommend you watch a demonstration video on the use of this defibrillator. You never know if or when you will be presented the opportunity to save a life. Enter "YouTube Philips Heartstart FRx AED demonstration video" in the Google search box. YouTube offers several helpful demonstration videos for this model of defibrillator. Alternatively, you may go to our Kol Emeth website. Under the "links" option select "Defibrillator (AED) demonstration video."

Submitted by **Richard Bloom, M.D.**

## Congregation Kol Emeth Sends Deepest Sympathy To

**Eunice Bergman** on the death of her beloved husband, **Dr. Marshall Bergman**  
**Roberta Charous** on the loss of her beloved brother, **Norman Glazier**  
**Chester Gaynes** on the death of his beloved wife, **Naomi Gaynes**  
**Miriam Goldberger** on the death of her beloved husband, **Edwin Goldberger**  
**Barry Levison** on the loss of his beloved wife, **Dolly**  
**Milton Port** on the death of his beloved sister, **Lorri Rosen**  
**The Family of Lorri & David Rosen** on the loss of **Lorri & David** (four months apart)  
**Lois Schwartz** on the loss of her beloved brother, **Norman Glazier**

Joyce and Norman Leeds  
Paulette Lieb  
Sondra and Max Lorig  
Gloria Manus  
Judy and Gary Mazor  
Mitch and Robin Melamed  
Joyce and Mitchell Messer  
Howard Mirsky  
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Dmitriy and Irina Polevoy  
Phyllis Projansky

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Jean Rosenblum  
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Sarene Rosen  
Lynne and Rick Saltzman  
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Marjorie Shlaes  
Elaine and Richard Snow  
Phyllis Victorson  
Sheila Wexler  
Shirley Wool

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

NEW MEMBER

Anna Bandeali

## MAZEL TOV TO

**Phyllis and Paul Bower** on the birth of their grandson Joshua Camron Dernick  
**Bernie Perlstein** on the marriage of her son

## CONGREGATION WANTS TO WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Joyce Avers  
Paul Bower  
Leona Katzman  
Marcia Nussbaum  
Arnie Weiner

## DONATIONS FOR SPEEDY & COMPLETE RECOVERIES

Rich and Micki Bloom  
Helene and Len Colen  
Gail Myers Jaffe and Stephen Jaffe and family  
Sandy and John Cochrane  
Herman and Ruth Nussbaum  
Bill Raffeld  
Sarine and Bob Rohde  
Sheila Wexler

## GENERAL & SIMCHA DONATIONS

Neil Adelman  
Tamara Bashkina  
Michael and Madeleine Davis  
Ron and Lynda Orlean  
Ethel Sostrin

# THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

**Len Colen**, House VP - I would like to thank **John Cochrane, Dr. Rich Bloom, George Blinick, Herman Nussbaum, and Prof. Bill Raffeld** for helping erect and disassemble the sukkah.

You did a great job. THANK YOU

**Helene and Bernard Ellis** - We want to thank all who sent greetings for our wedding anniversary and Helene's September birthday. Both occasions were enhanced by your warm and welcome good wishes.

**Chester Gaynes** - Thanks for your kind birthday wishes.

**Leona Katzman** - To all my friends - Thank you all for your get well wishes - I've said "enuf is enuf." Hopefully this new year will see me as my old self - "energetic and busy." Again thanks and a healthy new year to all.

**Sarine and Bob Rohde** - We wish to thank everyone that sent us cards, letters and beautiful gifts in honor of our granddaughter Eliana's birth recently. This meant so much to us, you have no idea! Thanks once again to all our good friends at Kol Emeth. Wishing everyone a very healthy and good winter!

*A middle-aged Jewish guy is out to dinner with his wife to celebrate her 40th birthday.*

*He says, "So what would you like, Julie? A Jaguar? A Sable Coat? A Diamond Necklace?"*

*She says, "Bernie, I want a divorce."*

*He says, "I wasn't planning on spending that much....."*

# The Old World Theatre Company Has Returned to CKE for its Third Season

Kol Emeth is proud to announce that we once again will have the Old World Theatre Company in residence in our synagogue. What a joy to have this very talented company share their excellent work with us! They have brought four-productions that are not to be missed.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the season opened with *Chekhov Shorts*- 3 Anton Chekhov short one act farces. The plays are *The Marriage Proposal, The Bear and On the Dangers of Tobacco* - three hilarious "shorts"! The show ran three weekends in November

*A View from the Bridge* by Arthur Miller is the second offering- playing February 2, 3,9,10.

The third production of the season is George Bernard Shaw's *Arms and the Man* playing March 9,10,16,17. The season's finale is *The Boys Next Door* by Tom Griffin playing May 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25.

You should have received a 2 page brochure in the mail describing each play along with the subscription and single ticket prices and order form. If not please pick one up at the synagogue or call and ask that one be mailed to you.

The price is right, the time is right and the play's the thing!! And remember when you purchase tickets, you are helping to raise money for OUR synagogue!

# Men's Club News

What could be better than becoming a member of the Kol Emeth Men's Club? Our members cover a wide range of interests, ages and backgrounds, and our programs are designed to entertain and enlighten the membership. Our programs are geared to enhance your personal growth, Jewish involvement and a feeling of community.

Somewhere among our activities is a place just right for you. **JOIN NOW.** Your involvement in Men's Club is very important to us and to the synagogue.

Events such as the Kick-off dinner, combined event with the Sisterhood, and Sunday morning breakfasts with speakers are always very well attended.

**Herman Nussbaum**

# 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 **Judy Kessler** in the Synagogue Office for more information or to order.

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

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.

# Newly Revised Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Meet our new secretary, **Judy Kessler.**

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 **Judy** in the office. All emails must be sent to [hakol@fischoff.com](mailto:hakol@fischoff.com). Articles must be sent by the 10th for the following month's newsletter.

Ha Kol is compiled by **Judy Kessler** and edited by **Roger Fischoff.**



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Men's Club Representative	<b>Herman Nussbaum</b>

# Happy Purim

## CKE Corral Wrap-Up

It was a real showdown held here at CKE corral's recent hoedown, thanks to our fearless leader and chairman, **Roger Fischhoff**. Not only was the culminating event a big success, it could not have happened without the passion and guidance of **Roger** and his lovely wife **Trudye**.

With a few laughs mixed in, **Roger** kept the committee on track and focused. We thank him for the design and printing of the beautiful invitations, to **Roger and Trudye's** engaging the very entertaining line dancing, finding the delicious 'fixin's and grub', editing the ad book and all that was in-between. Your devotion and hard work showed brightly in the quality and success of the event.

With love from your grateful committee

**Sandy Cochran**  
**Iris Jutovsky**  
**Ann Moltz**  
**Bill Raffeld**  
**Elaine Snow**

*Editor's note: Believe me, all the above listed people worked very hard and spent many hours in order to produce a successful event for all the CKE members and guests to enjoy. They all deserve many thanks for their hard work.*

*Actually the 2013 Culminating Event is already in the planning stages and we hope many more of our members will be able to attend and take part in all the fun. Look for more info in the weeks to come.*

**Roger**

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now is the time to come together in prayer, and in fasting, in letter writing, phone calls, advocacy, lobbying and any way that we can raise our voice on behalf of our people.

Do you think Israel is going to attack Iran? Or do you think no attack will take place and Iran will be allowed to go nuclear? Do you realize that either option is an absolute disaster, potentially devastating and earth-shattering? Do you truly understand the scenario and the casualties if Israel attacks Iran? Can you even imagine the rockets raining down throughout the country, terrorist attacks, condemnations from around the world seeking to isolate Israel, a possible embargo?

And if no attack happens, do you understand the threat and reality of a nuclear weapon held at Israel's head? And if we do understand, how can we possibly remain asleep and go about business as usual?

Purim is unfolding again right before our very eyes. Iran is modern-day Persia and Ahmadinejad is modern-day Haman sharing the same, explicit goal – to wipe out, in minutes, 6 million Jews.

### **We must not allow that to happen.**

We have an obligation to remember Amalek and what they sought to do to us. The Torah says it is not enough to "not forget." You can be asleep and yet not forget somewhere buried in your memory that these were once enemies. No, we must also "remember" – zachor. We must remember at all times what our enemies are capable of and never feel a false sense of security.

The entire version of **Purim's Wakeup Call** by Rabbi Efreim Goldberg may be read at [Aish.com](http://www.aish.com) by copying the following link and pasting it into your browser window.  
[http://www.aish.com/h/pur/t/dt/Purims\\_Wakeup\\_Call.html](http://www.aish.com/h/pur/t/dt/Purims_Wakeup_Call.html)

## Remembering David Rosen, a true mensch

By Amnon Lipzin

Special to Chicago Jewish News

I hardly can find words to describe the good character of David Rosen, a close friend for almost 50 years, who passed away recently.

I was assigned to work under his supervision as a resource assistant in BBYO's (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) Greater Chicago Region. Dave, at that time 38, was a well-known and highly respected social worker. He had been BBYO director since 1946, and was responsible for providing service to 3,000 Jewish teenagers in Chicago. A network of eight full-time social workers and 15 field supervisors, plus more than 100 volunteer chapter advisors, worked under his leadership; the largest Jewish youth organization in the Midwest.

It was a unique experience to learn from him the Jewish American way of life and the American ways of doing things. We were happy to cooperate on strengthening the Jewish heritage aspect of the BBYO program. Together we initiated the establishment of the Chicago Jewish Youth Council in 1966, bringing together all the youth organizations in Chicago.

We tried together to bring the youngsters closer to the state of Israel as an important part of their Jewish identity. We tried to persuade the teenagers to visit Israel within their own B'nai B'rith program. He led several trips to Israel with youth or synagogue groups.

Dave was born in the old Jewish "Vest" side, a son of Meyer Rosen and Minnie Gozansky, immigrants from Poland and Russia. Yiddish was spoken at home and Dave often used Yiddish words and phrases to put people at ease or bring humor to a situation. As a child,

Dave joined his parents in a family Yiddish theater. His mother Minnie was the presenter of the Yiddish weekly radio hour in Chicago. He told me that she cried when the program had to be discontinued.

Dave and his family were longtime residents of Highland Park, near Ravinia (a perfect location for a music fan). He was a graduate of Penn Elementary School and Marshall High School. He was a player on his high school basketball team, which won 98 consecutive games.

Dave had a BA degree from George Williams and two master's degrees from the Jane Adams School of Social Work and the University of Illinois. His doctorate in education was from Loyola University.

He served as a president of the Illinois Association of School Social Workers and president of the Illinois chapter of the U.N. association. He owned and ran a day camp, Pioneer Trails Day Camp, for 25 years in Des Plaines.

Rabbi Barr Schachter of Kol Emeth synagogue remembers "The first time I heard David, he took part in a debate at Kol Emeth about whether to be a good Jew it was necessary to be a member of a synagogue? David argued no, it's not necessary. The next thing I knew David joined Kol Emeth!"

He not only joined, but, after his retirement, he became very involved, served as president, sang in the choir (his mother wanted him to become a cantor) and was an active member of several committees. He also spent two days each week as a volunteer at Highland Park Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Lorri, two daughters, two grandchildren and three great-grand-

# Rosen

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children.

Dave was an outstanding reader and liked to share information with his many friends and colleagues. His daughter Nancy says, "He took great pleasure in all human beings, seeing the better side of everyone, loved music, theatre, outdoors, and especially golf. He was extremely proud of his family and was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather."

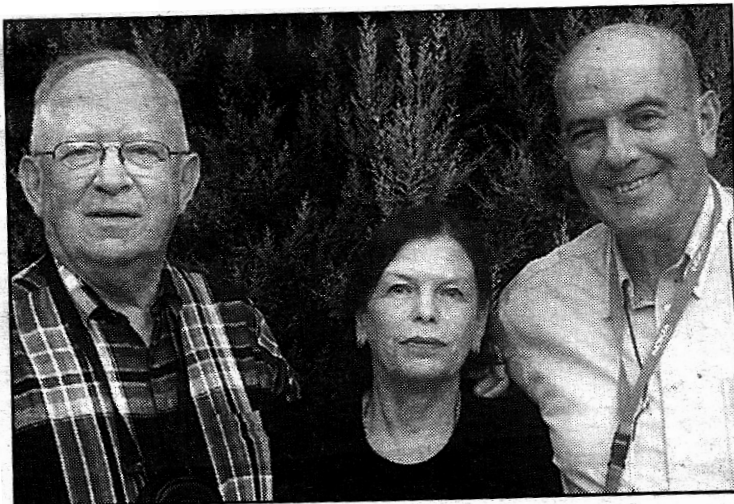
His daughter Michele added: "he had an unbelievably great sense of humor; he had a joke for every occasion."

Dave Rosen knew the art of living a full life every minute. He knew how to inspire people to care and love and share. He was an asset to his family, his many friends, and the community at large.

It was a privilege for me to be a friend of David Rosen. In the way he lived his life, he earned the Yiddish title "a true mensch."

May he rest in peace.

Amnon Lipzin was a shaliach to BBYO (AZA+BBG) in Chicago from 1963 to 1966; and director of the Israel Government Tourist Office Midwest from 1977 to 1982 and from 1987 to 1992.



Dave Rosen, left, with Zafra and Amnon Lipzin at their home in Mevasseret Zion during his last visit to Israel.

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# Skokie: Invaded But Not Conquered

A new local documentary, produced in association with the Illinois Holocaust Museum, that examines the personalities and issues connected to the attempted neo-Nazi March in Skokie in the late 1970s. Produced by filmmaker Todd Whitman to coincide with the 35th anniversary of these events, the film makes extensive use of archival footage and contemporary interviews to reveal how a debate over First Amendment rights inspired Holocaust survivors to become activists, eventually leading to the creation of the Museum. Aaron Freeman hosts. CC

Air Times

**Thursday, January 24**

**8:00 pm on WTTW HD**

**Friday, January 25**

**2:00 pm on WTTW Prime**

**Saturday, January 26**

**3:30 am on WTTW HD**

**Sunday, January 27**

**2:00 pm on WTTW HD**

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**CONGREGATION KOL EMETH PRESENTS:  
OLD WORLD THEATRE COMPANY**

**Arthur Miller's  
*A View  
From the  
Bridge***



**Saturday February 2 and February 9 at 8:00 pm**

**Sunday February 3 and February 10 at 2:30 pm**

Arthur Miller, author of "Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible", takes us to an Italian American neighborhood near the Brooklyn docks in the 1950's. Both stunning and startling, the tragic story of Eddie Carbone transcends time discussing themes of love, culture, family, and the American dream.

**TICKETS:**

**\$18.00 CKE members**

**\$22.00 non CKE members**

**\$10.00 students**

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# 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 catagories" and selecting the catagory(s) in which you are interested. The calendar will then only show those catagories.

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 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.)

