

HaKol

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Message From The Rabbi



As we approach the anniversary of Kristallnacht, I wish to remember my family's escape from the Nazis.

My father, Izrael Schechter, ran a wholesale fur business prior to World War II in Vienna, which prospered despite rampant anti-Semitism. Even the gas meter reader, who had my father make a fur collar for his lady friend, would remark to him, "You're the only decent Jew I've ever met."

My parents married in May 1937, but their joy was cut short when Hitler arrived in Vienna in March 1938. It marked an explosion of attacks by Austrian Nazis on Jews in their homes and businesses and in the streets. Soon, thousands of Jews, desperate for visas, were lined up in front of foreign embassies, but few countries would take them.

By a stroke of good fortune, a well-connected cousin in Palestine arranged for a high-ranking British official to meet my father in Vienna at the British Embassy. But when my father emerged from the embassy with the valuable visas, the lines of Jews were gone. In fact all the streets were deserted, except for SS, Gestapo and other Nazis. The date was November 10, Kristallnacht in Austria, when synagogues were destroyed and thousands of Jewish men arrested.

He returned to his apartment, but was immediately seized in the lobby by one of the many uniformed Nazis raiding apartments to arrest Jewish men. Then down the stairs, in full Nazi uniform, came his gas

meter reader from years before, who recognized him instantly. Just before the Jewish men from the building were about to be taken away, this man managed to smuggle my father out of the building into the street and then into a taxi, which my father took to the house of a non-Jewish friend living in a non-Jewish district.

No sooner had he caught his breath in his new refuge, than a group of Nazis began to raid that building too, because it contained a single Jewish resident. But his host set his fears at rest. "I'll talk to my neighbor. He's an important Nazi and a friend," he said. And indeed he heard the neighbor instructing the marauding Nazis not to enter their apartments.

Once the immediate danger had passed, it was still safer to go elsewhere, so he took a taxi to another friend. But this man couldn't help. "Gladly," he said, "if I were alone, but I have a woman in there," pointing to the bedroom. "If she learns I sheltered a Jew, she'll turn both of us in." But there had now been a change in Nazi policy. The jails were overflowing, the arrests had stopped. It was safe to go home. He had a little fur left that had not been stolen or confiscated, and the next day he found the gas meter reader who had saved his life, and gave it to him. But he didn't want to take it. "I should take a present from a Jew! If I hadn't known that you were a decent Jew, I wouldn't have done this for a million Marks."

A few days later my parents arrived in England, having endured a harrowing body search by a Nazi Customs inspector, and a forced landing in Brussels, after the plane had turned upside down over the English Channel. But they were safe at last.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

MESSAGE FROM KOL EMETH'S PRESIDENT



I am once again honored, as President of the Kol Emeth religious community, to be able to greet you early in another new religious year. For our wonderful synagogue, this represents a history now stretching over half a century, and one that we expect will continue for many more years to come. Our High Holidays have passed, and we have begun another cycle of our Jewish year. Beginning with creation, we will wind our way through the events which have formed the rock of our peoples' survival and progress.

Each Shabbat is made especially meaningful by the leadership of Rabbi Schechter, who unfailingly brings new insights and relevancy to our ancient and revered texts. The year now brings shorter days and cooler weather, for which our services provide warmth and illumination. When the nights grow longest, the genius of our religion provides a festival of lights to brighten and warm our winter darkness.

Kol Emeth might well be thought of as a wondrous tapestry upon which all of us serve as weavers. Led by our Rabbi we create a beautiful work always being embellished but never completed.

Finally, I especially invite all who can, to participate in our Friday night or Saturday morning Shabbat services.

Ours is an inclusive community and never more so than when we join together for our traditional Sabbath celebration.

Dr. Paul Helman

WELCOME HAZZAN COLEMAN REABOI



Hazzan Reaboi is a native of Brooklyn New York. He was a professional opera singer and vocalist before he decided to pursue a career as a Jewish Cantor.

It was a joy listening to Hazzen Reaboi singing alongside Rabbi Barry Schechter and the Kol Emeth choir directed by Steve Marcus. Listening to the singing of Hazzen Reaboi during the High Holiday services made the holidays much more enjoyable and memorable.

We all hope that Hazzen Reaboi will become a permanent High Holiday cantor at Congregation Kol Emeth so we will have the privilege of hearing him sing during many of our future services.

We would also like to acknowledge the many years of service that Cantor Theodore Gluck gave to our synagogue and wish him much mazel in his retirement years.

Odette Langer

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MANY THANKS.....

Staff

Rabbi Barry Schechter

Judy Aronson

John Burns

Tami Kessler

High Holiday Staff

Cantor Coleman Reaboi

Choir Director Steve Marcus

Shofar Blower Lisa Taylor



PUTTING UP THE SUKKAH

Dan Aronson
George Blinick
John Burns
Len Colen
Brian Katzman
George Mandl
Milt Port
Bob Rohde
Sam Sulaka

Elissa Feldman-Curth and Odette Langer did a terrific job in decorating the inside of the Sukkah.

Members enjoyed wine and cookies inside the Sukkah during the special holiday.

Choir

Juli Brubaker

Nic Brubaker

Will Bouvel

Matthew Cummings

Larry Donchin



Ilana Goldstein

Valerie Glowinski

Gail Myers Jaffe

Tricia Marcus

Abigail Rudoff

Raymond Yee

High Holiday Volunteers

Dan Aronson

Jennifer Blitz, Bill, Allison & Rachel Dunn

Len Colen

Elissa Feldman-Curth

Irv Federman

Jane Halpert

Paul Helman

Bernard and Fern Katz

Brian Katzman

Leona Katzman

Odette Langer

Mike Okmin

Larry Rabyne

Bob Rohde

Bob Rosen

Ron Roth

Sam Sulaka



TAKING DOWN THE SUKKAH

Dan Aronson
John Cochrane
Len Colen
Brian Katzman
George Mandl
Milt Port
Larry Rabyne
Bob Rohde

We apologize for any names that we may have left off in error.





MANY THANKS



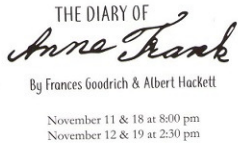
Our annual food drive for the ARK brought in more food than we ever have before. We

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

SEASON 8 – OUR HISTORY, OURSELVES

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

Congregation Kol Emeth presents



Nov 11, 12, 18, 19
The Diary of Anne Frank

February 3, 4, 10, 11
G-d's Favorite by Neil Simon

Mar 17, 18, 24, 25
Sorry Wrong Number and
The War of the Worlds

April 21, 22 Musical Review

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



Thank you **Neil and Debra Siegel** for donating a dresser which is in the coat room. It is to be used exclusively for storing your tallit bag so

that you do not have to carry it back and forth each week. The bag must have your name and contact information. Any other items will be removed.



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

YOUR EVENTS



If you have a bar or bat mitzvah, wedding, or other cause for celebration, consider Congregation Kol Emeth as a location to host your event. Contact Judy Aronson at (847) 673-3370 in our office and we can help make the arrangements.



Rabbi Schechter's presentation on September 3rd on Yiddish and Laughter can only be described by the picture below.



Thank you Rabbi for a very entertaining afternoon

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



Many of us enjoyed the sisterhood membership luncheon and were treated to homemade tastings from Lynne Kirsche Shapiro as she entertained us with the story of her family's history told through her tastings. It was a unique experience. Many of us purchased her cook books and she generously donated her profits to sisterhood.

MORE SISTERHOOD NEWS

Our book club selections will continue in November and resume in March. Selma will give us a recommended list to keep us reading during the winter. Our Torah Fund luncheon will be on April 19th with Hy Speck who will be giving us his presentation on Bette Midler. I will be putting up the Chanukah table in November, so stop by and look it over. I will be leaving for California on December 2nd and returning the first week in March. You can always reach me on my cell phone at 847-703-4922.

Sheila Wexler



**FAMILY COOKING TRADITIONS IS
COMING BACK SOON**

Do you have a recipe that everyone loves? Are you willing to share your cooking secrets? Do you know someone who is willing to share and demonstrate their cooking or baking skills? If so call the synagogue office at 847-673-3370.



UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

December 3, 2017

Presenter: Jeffry Mallow

The History of Yiddish From Bubbe Meises to
Bashevis Singer

January 28, 2018

Presenter: David Arieti

The Environment plus A Personal Trip Down the
Amazon River

Watch for more details coming soon.

**AMUSEMENT PARKS
& ROLLER
COASTERS**

Presenters: Marty Moltz
and Dwayne Martin



On November 5th the Men's Club sponsored a presentation by Marty Moltz and Dwayne Martin on the excitement of past and present amusement parks and roller coasters.

The presentation began with slides and a review of Riverview Park in Chicago. The two presenters took turns describing the rides at Riverview Park and gave a historical perspective of the park.

The talk continued with more slides of various roller coaster around the country and around the world.

The information on how roller coasters are maintained made, at least this writer, much less skeptical on the safety of roller coasters.

It was of interest to hear how some roller coasters and merry go-rounds were kept intact and transported to other venues.

As enjoyable and informative as the morning was I am much more comfortable riding the choo-choo train. I'll leave the roller coaster rides to the more daring members of the congregation.

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

November Birthdays

Judy Aronson
Eunice Bergman
Teri Chamlin
Barry Curtis
Dale Drexler
Jane Halpert
Anna Kagan



Howard Mirsky
Martin Moltz
Ronald Orlean
Sarine Rohde
Elijah Smith
Linda Sweig
Barry Weiss

December Birthdays

Nissin Behar
Olema Behar
Lisa Garbaty
Ronna Gollman

Norman Leeds
Nancy London
Debra Siegel
Doris Sohn

**NEW MEMBERS
Welcome**

Ned and Teri Chamlin
Joel and Barbara Falk
Hersch and Avril Klaff



August 25 – October 26

GENERAL DONATIONS

Jerome and Barbara Grunes
Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe
Odette Langer
Shirley Lanoff
Charlene Louis
Bob and Sarine Rhode
Ron Roth



Everyone sends get well wishes to
Ronna Gollman
Shirley Lanoff
Mitchel Sweig



**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**



November 2nd
Herman and Ruth Nussbaum

November 4th
Paul and Fabiana Goodman

November 10th
Rabbi Barry Schechter and Julie Foreman

November 16th
Max and Sondra Lorig

November 26th
Gary and Judith Mazor

December 20th
Neil and Judith Adelman

December 23rd
Harold and Marion Shrifter

Mazal Tov to Neil and Debra Siegel
on the birth of their granddaughter
Hazel Yar Kaplan



Condolences to:
Shirley Kleifield on the death of her beloved
husband, Al
J. Herman Sitrick, a longtime friend of the
synagogue, on the death of his beloved wife,
Marcia
Judy Aronson on the loss of her beloved cousin,
Sharon Young
Robin Kacel on the death of her mother and
long-time CKE member, Marcy Schwartz



Yahrzeit Donations

Helen Applebaum
 Sy Baskin
 Sonia Berk
 Elynor Berkowitz
 George and Judy Blinick
 Norman and Phyllis Engelberg
 Elaine Faermark
 Elissa Feldman-Curth
 Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe
 Bernard and Fern Katz

Brian Katzman
 Leona Katzman
 Odette Langer
 Paulette Lieb
 Ellen Marchi
 Esther Matassarini-Jacobs
 James McMullen
 Howard Mirsky
 Herman and Ruth Nussbaum
 Arnold and Karen Okmin

Michael and Iris Okmin
 Bill Raffeld
 Jacob and Harriet Reifer
 Jean Rosenblum
 Ron Ruth
 Edith Schram
 Doris Sohn
 Cecelia Tomaszewicz
 Jerry Wadro and Bernie Perlstein



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

(Watch for information on these fun events. See page 8 for a schedule of services.)



NOVEMBER 23, 2017

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



DECEMBER 15, 2017

HANUKKAH SERVICE
AND DINNER



January 21, 2018
ANNUAL GAME DAY

bubbe meise

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Jeffrey Mallow speaks on
The History of Yiddish From
Bubbe Meises to
Bashevis Singer



DECEMBER 25, 2017

CHINESE LUNCH AND
FILM



The Amazon Rainforest

January 28, 2018

David Arieti
The Environment plus A Personal
Trip Down the Amazon River

SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 3	Service at 6:15 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm
November 4	Service at 9:30 am Kiddish sponsored by Neil and Leila Handelman In honor of birthdays, anniversaries, and leaving for Florida for the winter
November 10	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
November 11	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
November 17	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
November 18	Service at 9:30 am Kiddish sponsored by Odette Langer in honor of Sam Sulaka's birthday
November 24	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
November 25	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
December 1	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
December 2	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
December 8	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
December 9	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
December 15	Hanukkah Service at 6:15 pm Hanukkah Dinner at 7:00 pm
December 16	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
December 22	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
December 23	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish
December 29	Service at 8:00 pm Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
December 30	Service at 9:30 am Followed by a light kiddish

The next issue of HaKol (January/February 2018) will come out towards the end of December. All contributing articles are welcome. Please hand in all articles by Dec.15, 2017 to langer50@gmail.com.

Odette Langer, Editor of HaKol.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st. Please call Judy in the office a 847-673-3370 before coming in to be sure that the office is open.



If you would like to sponsor a Kiddish or Oneg Shabbat please call 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.



Donation Opportunities at CKE

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
 - Good Will Donations



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