

Hakol

The Voice of
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Message From The Rabbi



A few days ago (August 4) I watched Shimon Peres, recently retired President of Israel, interviewed by Chris Matthews. This remarkable 91-year-old man, who has held myriad offices since

the founding of Israel in 1948 (President, Prime Minister, Defense Minister, among other positions), and is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, spoke with quiet eloquence about the justice of Israel's case.

He explained Israel's determination to defend itself against attacks from above and below, from the rockets in the air to the tunnels underground, and her sorrow at having to shoot at buildings and people among whom Hamas has chosen to place its own weapons of destruction.

He talked about Israel's fight not being just against a threat to Israel but a threat to the Arab world as a whole, and indeed our world here in the West. Terror, religious or otherwise, has to be fought, and we have to be able to see through the propaganda that pretends to care for victims of violence, but only advances the cause of terror.

And yet at the same time, what Peres communicated was something in very short supply at the moment—hope. After all that we are seeing in the world, after all that he has seen, he still speaks, calmly, but with passion, about the need for peace in Israel, about the possibility of peace, and steps he would take to bring it about. Is he a dreamer, a fantasist, someone not living in the real world? Some would say so. But I think not. No more a dreamer or fantasist than the founder of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, who wrote a book about a

Jewish homeland in Israel at a time when what is now Israel was a small backwater in the large Ottoman Empire and Jews were being kicked, bullied, abused and pogromed in many parts of the world, no more than Chaim Weizmann who talked to the most powerful governments as the representative of a Jewish State that did not exist, no more than thousands upon thousands of foot soldiers for Zionism when Israel was not a dim and distant

possibility, but, according to the realists of the day, a complete and absolute impossibility. And what song did these dreamers, these fantasists sing as their anthem?

Hatikvah—The Hope.

Julie and I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year of 5775.

Rabbi Barry Schechter



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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

We are very thrilled that three of our sisterhood members, **Leigh Sisk, Jennifer Blitz and Lisa Garbaty**, attended a district wide Z'havah Institute and brought back some wonderful suggestions for our sisterhood.

They, along with **Donna Puccini**, are sending out information about packing and delivering food to the needy in our areas and will be instituting some exciting new projects. Please help them with this.

The Sisterhood summer outing at the Holocaust Museum was very well attended. The docent was our own **Anne Solar**, who along with **Janine Oberrotman**, was very informative and gave us quite an insight into what transpired during the Holocaust.

Mark your calendars for our membership luncheon on Thurs. September 18th at the synagogue. Our Torah Fund event will be next spring. The next book club will be on October 7th when **Selma Katz** will review *Museum Of Extraordinary Things*.

From my home to yours, wishing all of you a most Happy, Healthy New Year filled with many blessings. Looking forward to seeing my Kol Emeth family at the holiday services.

Sheila Wexler

Message From The President

As current President of Congregation Kol Emeth it is my great honor to carry on the tradition of many Presidents before me to offer this contribution to HaKol in respect to the coming High Holidays of 5775.

As our summer days grow shorter we all sense the approach of those days when our religious community will be drawn together for what has always been our period of greatest religious need and expression.

Many of us may strive to recapture, if only for a few hours, that great and sometimes overwhelming awe that we saw manifested in our parents and grandparents when the cares of daily existence became suspended in the spiritual fervor that they brought to the celebration of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Like them and so many generations before, in all parts of our world, they strove, whether in poverty or wealth, freedom or fearful oppression, to bring full honor to these days of awe.

As we gather together in a few weeks, our fine Rabbi, Cantor, and choir will serve to help us to renew and recapture that inextinguishable spirit that has, from our ancient beginnings, served us so well.

I look forward with deepest humility, in my capacity as President of Kol Emeth, to greeting you all on these great days.

Paul Helman

Men's Club News

The Kol Emeth Mens Club would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy year. We have some events planned and would like to hear your ideas about new programming. Please call the synagogue office 847-673-3370 to volunteer, and we will contact you a.s.a.p.

Shel Cooper

The Old World Theatre Company

invites you

To a reception

Celebrating our fifth season at Congregation Kol Emeth
Tuesday evening, September 16th at 7:30 pm
Come and meet and greet the company!

Enjoy delicious desserts, coffee and tea.

The company will introduce the exciting new season of plays for its 5th anniversary year at Congregation Kol Emeth. Background on each of the plays and the playwrights will be presented followed by a lively question and answer session.

And a few other special surprises!

Plus great theatre door prizes!

Everyone is invited. **There is no charge.** Bring a friend! But you must make a reservation with the office by Thursday September 11 so OWTC knows how much food to order. Call the office to make your reservation. 847-673-3370

Congregation Kol Emeth Sends Deepest Sympathy To

June Lefkovitz on the passing of her beloved step-mother, **Sally Lerner**
Larry Donchin on the passing of his beloved brother, **Richard Donchin**
Larry Haun and Richard Haun on the passing of their beloved mother, **Julia Haun**
Gerald and Trudy Myers on the passing of their beloved son, **Shepherd**

Yahrzeit/Yizkor Donations

Nata Andynish
Helen Applebaum
Howard Aronson
Marvin and Sylvia Asher
Jacqueline Balter
Nissin and Olema Behar
Sonia Berk
Irwin and Karen Berkley
Howard and Beverlee Bernstein
Margaret Besser
Judy and George Blinick
Phyllis and Paul Bower
Dr. Don and Roberta Charous
Helene and Leonard Colen
Sharon and Barry Curtis
Rick and Janice Daitchman

Sofia Dziadek
Janet M. Eisenberg
Norman and Betty Elkin
Helene Ellis
Trudye and Roger Fischoff
Clara Foreman
Sandy and Bob Frankenbush
Chester Gaynes
Linda Green
Freya Greenspahn
Ilona A. Hartman
Elisa Helford
Michael Horowitz
Marlene Iser
The Jaffe Family
Alfred and Shirley Kleifield

Irene Kogan
June Korey
June Lefkovitz
Michael and Ludmilla
Livshultz
Ellen Marchi
Eileen Medansky
Joyce Messer
Ann and Martin Moltz
Diane Mulkerin
Tyra Notorangelo
Janine Oberrotman
Mike and Iris Okmin
Saul and Sheila Organ
and Toby Wolfe
Bernie Perlstein

Madeline Pinas
Dmitriy and Irina Polevoy
Phyllis Projansky
Larry and Vicki Rabyne
Harriet and Jacob Reifer
Dr. Irwin and Zelda Rich
Sydelle Richard
Jean Rosenblum
Lois Schwartz
Marcy Schwartz
Marilyn Siegel
Isaac and Teresa Vatin
Brian Weiner and
Rivka Coren-Weiner
Sheila Wexler
Eleanor and Daniel Zeff

**PLEASE HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR BELOVED DEPARTED ONE WITH A PERMANENT MEMORIAL PLAQUE.
PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 847-673-3370 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

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

MAZEL TOV TO

Rachel Dunn and her parents, Jennifer Blitz and Bill Dunn, on Rachel's Bat Mitzvah
Martha Martin and Elyse Martin on their conversion
Martha and Jeff Martin on their Jewish wedding
Dr. Anita Robbins on her grandson Joseph's graduation from college
Gail Myers Jaffe and Stephen Jaffe on their daughter Grace's graduation from college
Dr. Paul Helman and Ruth Bittner on their son's graduation from college
Lee Price on her new home
Isaac and Teresa Vatkin on their new home
Chester Gaynes on his new home
David Arieti on the marriage of his daughter
Sheila Wexler on the graduation of her grandchild
Debbie Schechter and Sam Majerowicz on the wedding of her daughter
Paulette Lieb on the marriage of her granddaughter
Irv and Rita Federman on the birth of their grandson, Bennett Miles
Marlene Iser on the wedding of her grandson, Joseph
Bernie Perlstein on the engagement of her son, Steve Perlstein to Leigh Deschamps

NEW MEMBERS

David Goldberg
Debbie Schechter and Sam Majerowicz
Phyllis Sherman

BOOK DONATIONS

Shabbat Prayer Book donated by Sarine and Bob Rohde in memory of Sally Lerner

CONGREGATION WANTS TO WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Sharon Abelman
Phyllis Borak
Dr. Jane Halpert
Irene Kogan
Lynn Merel

Ruth Nussbaum
Harriett Reifer
Sarine Rohde
Mitchel Sweig

DONATIONS FOR SPEEDY & COMPLETE RECOVERIES:

Rich and Micki Bloom
Len and Helene Colen
Sharon Greenspan
The Jaffe Family
Bernard and Fern Katz
Paulette Lieb
Mike and Iris Okmin

Ron and Lynda Orlean
Bill Raffeld
Bob and Sarine Rohde
Jean Rosenblum
Irving Savin and Leona Zelener
Sheila Wexler

GENERAL DONATIONS

Rich and Micki Bloom
Len and Helene Colen
Rich and Janice Daitchman
The Dunn Family
Trudye and Roger Fischhoff
Dr. Jane Halpert
The Jaffe Family

Odette Langer
Samuel Newman
Lee Price
Bill Raffeld
Sarine and Bob Rohde
Leigh Sisk
Sheila Wexler

KIDDISH AND ONEG FUND

Odette Langer
Ethel Sostrin

MECHIRAT CHOMETZ

Rich and Micki Bloom
Chester Gaynes
Anne Solar
Jerry Wadro and Bernie Perlstein

DONATIONS TO RABBI'S CHARITY FUND

Sarine and Bob Rohde

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.

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.

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@fischhoff.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 Fischhoff**.

The Parking Space

Moishe is driving in Jerusalem. He's late for a meeting, he's looking for a parking place, and can't find one. In desperation, he turns towards heaven and says: "Lord, if you find me a parking place, I promise that I'll eat only kosher, respect Shabbos, and all the holidays." Miraculously, a place opens up just in front of him. He turns his face up to heaven and says, "Never mind, I just found one!"

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Revised Office Hours & Closings

Judy Kessler, the office manager, will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm, and Friday from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

The office will be closed at noon on September 1, and on September 24, closed all day September 25 – 26, and at noon on October 3.

Watch for notices of other holiday closures as well as closing the parking lot due to resurfacing.

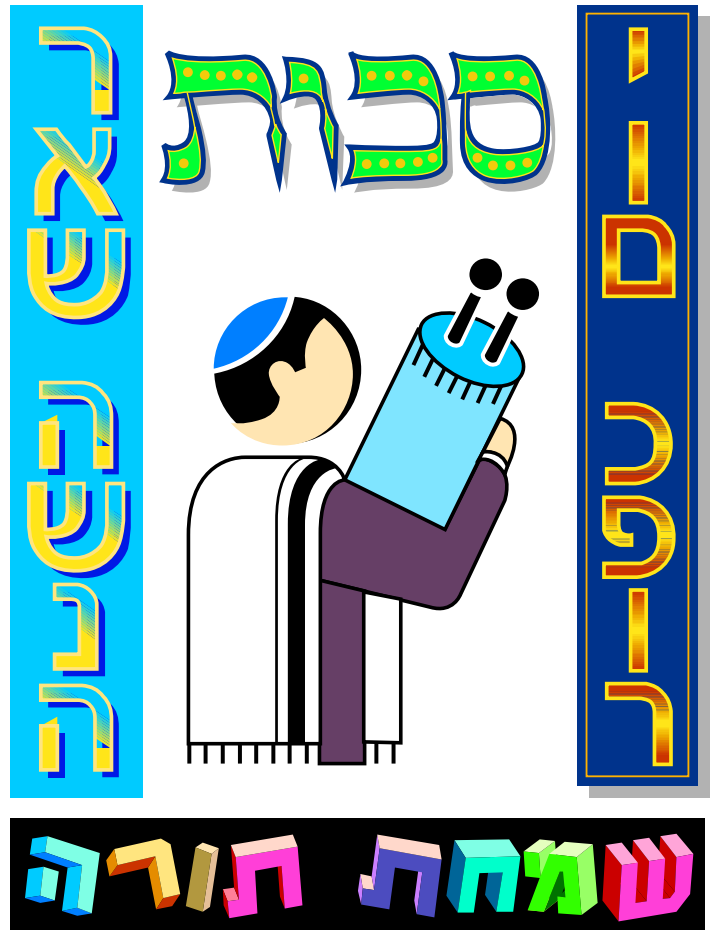
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The Kitchen Is Back In Working Order Special thanks to **Dan Aronson, Jennifer Blitz, John Burns, Kevin Donnelly, Dr. Jane Halpert, Brian Katzman, Leona Katzman, and Paulette Lieb.** Thank you. Without your hard work putting things back together we'd still be waiting to use the kitchen. **Len Colen**

Synagogue Decorum

To maintain proper dignity and solemnity during our religious services, we would appreciate that our Congregants cooperate in the following:

Please do not loiter in or around the synagogue where your conversations may disturb others.

Please bring your tickets as you will need them to enter the sanctuary.

Please bring a tallis and machzor (High Holiday prayer book) to services. We have a very limited number available for congregant use. To purchase a machzor, contact the office prior to high holiday services, since they will not be for sale during services.

Please keep your head covered while in the synagogue.

Please avoid talking or walking around, especially while the Ark is open, during the sermon and major prayers.

Please shut off all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices while in the synagogue.

Please dress appropriately and, if you are normally cool, please bring a sweater.

Please avoid using strong perfume.

Smoking is not allowed on synagogue premises.

Gum chewing is not allowed in the sanctuary.

Thank You... Todah Rabbah

Len and Helene Colen - We would like to thank everyone that made a donation in honor of our granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah. Thank you!

Len and Helene Colen - We are so thankful that we were able to celebrate our fifty second wedding anniversary together. We thank all our friends from Kol Emeth that sent well wishes. Thank you.

Rog and Trudye Fischhoff - Thank you to our Kol Emeth family for the "Best Wishes" leagrams on our recent anniversary and again on **Rog's** birthday. Again, many thanks; we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

And to **Phyllis Bower** who does "wonders" sending out the

monthly Leagrams for all our happy occasions THANK YOU, **PHYLLIS!**

Marlene Iser - Thank you to everyone who sent birthday wishes on the Leagram.

Lee Price - Thank you for all the warm wishes on my new house and thanks to the committee for planning the outing to see "Avenue Q."

Lois Schmidt - Thank you to all of my Congregation Kol Emeth friends for the birthday wishes.

Eileen and Ron Yedlin - We thank the Officers and the Board of Directors and Kol Emeth members for their donations and good wishes for good health and in honor of our new home.

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

Old World Theater Company's Fifth Season

We are pleased to announce that the Old World Theatre Company is returning to Kol Emeth for its fifth season. Last season was OWTC'S most successful season so far-- both in the quality of the productions and in attendance that included many sellouts. So this year most of the plays will play for 6 performances over three weekends. We are proud that Kol Emeth has such an excellent cultural and artistic theatre company in residence.

The season's plays are: **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder, **Crimes of the Heart** by Beth Henley, **Driving Miss Daisy** by Alfred Uhry and **Harvey** by Mary Chase.

Dates and times are:

Our Town- Sat. November 1, Sun. Nov. 2, Sat. Nov. 7, Sun. Nov. 8, Sat. Nov. 15 and Sun. Nov. 16

Crimes of the Heart- Sat. Jan. 31, Sun. February 1, Sat. Feb. 7, Sun. Feb. 8, Sat. Feb. 14 and Sun. Feb. 15

Driving Miss Daisy- Sat. March 14, Sun. Mar. 15, Sat. Mar. 21, Sun. Mar. 22, Sat. Mar. 28 and Sun. Mar. 29

Harvey- *Thurs. May 14, Fri. May 15, Sat. May 16, Sun. May 17, Thurs. May 21, Fri. May 22, Sat. May 23.

*Note: **Harvey** plays at the UIC Theatre, 1044 West Harrison in Chicago on the UIC Campus.

In addition, the season will be celebrating the works of playwright Samuel Beckett in a concert presentation on Saturday evening February 21 at 8 pm. One performance only, ticket prices for CKE members-single tickets: \$22; subscription: 4 plays- \$75. Non members -single tickets: \$25; subscription: 4 plays- \$88. Beckett Special presentation CKE members- \$12, Non-members- \$15

Brochures are also available for pick up at the synagogue and have been mailed to all synagogue members with all the order forms and information. If you have not received a brochure, please call **Bill Raffeld at 773-235-1647**. You may also call the synagogue office for information: 847-673-3370.

Remember a portion of your ticket is a donation to the synagogue and is tax deductible.

The Old World Theatre Company wishes to thank the congregation members for their support during the past 4 years and looks forward to celebrating our fifth anniversary season with you!!

Many thanks from the company for your continued support.

William Raffeld
Artistic Director

Sneak Preview of Coming Attractions!

The PAC Committee is pleased to announce what will be happening in the 2014-2015 season at Kol Emeth!

While all of the dates have not been set, here is a teaser of some of the events that are set:

Shabbat Friday Night service and Dinner- November 7- 6:00 pm service; 7:00 pm Dinner.

Chanukah Service and Dinner Friday Night December 19- 6:00 pm

Wednesday December 25- Rabbi's Jewish film Festival and Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Games Afternoon- Sunday January 18- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm- with coffee, tea and dessert.

February 20 Shabbat Friday Night Service and Dinner-6:00 pm service; Dinner 7 pm

Wednesday March 4 Purim Celebration -Megillah reading at 6:15 pm - followed by our traditional hot dog dinner!

Sunday April 19 - Brunch and special Speaker , topic and time to be announced. Suggestions for speaker or topic are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Ad Book Final Report

It is because of you, our members and friends of Kol Emeth that this ad book was once again a huge success. The gross revenue was \$10,237.

I want to extend a very special thank you to **Sondra and Max Lorig** for their outstanding support with the ad book. They are truly our diamonds. I want to give my warmest-heartfelt thank you to all our advertisers, members and silent donors. Without the cooperation and generosity of all of you this book would not have been accomplished.

I want to thank **Judy** for her help and cooperation with the ad book. I want to thank my culminating committee and **Trudye** and **Roger** for all their work and support. You all made my job a lot easier for me.

Try as we might to get everything right in an ad book, errors may have occurred so please accept my sincere apology if your name was omitted or misspelled. Please consider any oversight and extend your charity a bit further and forgive us for any omissions or mistakes.

May the "Almighty" truly see the love and devotion that you, our members and friends, have for our synagogue through your efforts. May "He" always grant you peace and good health so that you may continue in your endeavors.

Once again I wish to thank everyone for all their help to make this year's Ad Book a success.

Sandy Cochrane
Ad Book Chairperson

A Visit With One Of Our Old Members

Rog and I recently visited with **Lee Shandling**, in Vernon Hills several weeks ago when we were babysitting our two youngest grandsons. Since she wasn't expecting any company, **Lee** was surprised and delighted to see us and the feeling was mutual. She inquired about **Rabbi Barry** and all of our congregants she knew, and asked that we relay her "best wishes" to everyone. **Lee** looks well and seems to enjoy the many

activities that are available to the residents; all in all she's happy there.

Lee's new residence is *Victory Centre, 97 W. Phillip Road, Vernon Hills, IL 60061* if you'd like to drop her a "line" or pay a visit!

For driving instructions to Vernon Hills, you can call me, (**Trudye**) at 847/675-0659. See you in Shul !

Rog and Trudye