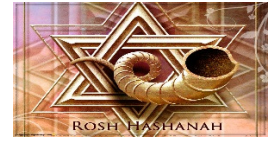


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Message From The Rabbi



“Hayom Teamtseinu, Hayom Tevarcheinu, Hayom Tegadleinu -Today may You strengthen us, Amen; Today may You bless us, Amen; Today may You exalt us, Amen.” This is the opening of one of the last prayers we recite on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings. It is a wonderful ringing, hopeful prayer that our choir sings with great gusto. The word ‘Hayom’, repeated many times, means ‘this day’ or ‘today.’

In fact, it was sufficiently to give rise to a Yiddish saying. If a person arrives after everything is over, he is said to arrive ‘noch alle Hayoms’ after all the Hayoms.

But I would like to think that it is not just a reminder to be punctual at services or appointments. It is also an instruction not to delay whatever task must be done. We are actually telling, or asking, G-d Himself, not to procrastinate, not to delay. We declare to Him, “Strengthen us *today*, not tomorrow or the day after, bless us *today*, not tomorrow or the day after.”

Many of us become terribly practiced at delay, procrastination. And we should not imagine

that those who are successful and have achieved great prominence in their field are immune to this. It was said of Levi Eshkol, late Prime Minister of Israel, that his motto was: Don’t put off till tomorrow what you can put off till the day after tomorrow.

Don’t wait to do good, don’t wait to improve yourself, don’t wait to tell a loved one you love them. Don’t wait to contact or invite an old friend. Don’t wait to help at the synagogue. And, lest you think Judaism is overly ascetic, concerned only with austere morality, don’t even wait for enjoyment. As the Talmud tells us: after our lives are over, we will be held accountable for pleasures we could have had and refused to take. Don’t get caught in the game of endless postponement, procrastination. Don’t wait endlessly for a tomorrow that may never come. If you find yourself saying: “I really ought to....” then don’t dismiss it from your mind, only to have it come back tomorrow, when you will again dismiss it, and so on. Act on it now.

Winston Churchill used to end his wartime memos with the words: **ACTION THIS DAY!** Let us begin now, even before Rosh Hashanah, to put this into practice.

Julie and I would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year of 5778.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

MESSAGE FROM KOL EMETH'S

PRESIDENT

It is once more my honor as president of Kol Emeth to share a few thoughts for our newly revived HaKol Synagogue Newsletter.

With summer almost over and autumn soon to follow, we are reminded of how intimately bound our religion is to the cycle of both seasons and our lives. In all of this, the synagogue from ancient times, has played a central role. With this long tradition, we might reasonably consider the significance of the synagogue in modern Jewish life. Has its role changed in our times and has Kol Emeth continued to meet these challenges?

Kol Emeth, like all synagogues is foremost a place for Jews to come together for the purpose of offering prayers to G-d. These prayers evolved to replace our ancient Temple sacrifices. For our worship, community has been fundamental in requiring a quorum of at least ten to allow the service to proceed. The synagogue also has been central for our celebration of life cycle events and for encouraging the study of our traditions and teachings. In this time-honored tradition, Kol Emeth has prospered and proudly served our widening community for over half a century.

The phenomenon of suburban expansion has presented profound challenges for contemporary Jewish institutions. For most of our history, Jews have tended to live together in small neighborhoods within walking distance of their place of worship. With increasing mobility, however, our communities have widened. This has presented profound challenges to our religious communities which Kol Emeth, has strived to meet. Thankfully, our synagogue has maintained its communal spirit and solidarity. I am confident that, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Schechter and the guidance of our board members, we will continue to prosper to serve the changing needs of our Kol Emeth community.

Paul Helman



SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2017-5778

SELICHOT – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

RECEPTION.....9:00 PM

SERVICES..... 10:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Wednesday, September 20.....8:00 PM

Thursday, September 21.....9:00 AM

Friday, September 22.....9:00 AM

YOM KIPPER SERVICES

Friday, September 29, Doors Open 6:00 PM

Kol Nidre.....6:30 PM

Saturday September 30.....9:00 AM

YIZKOR following Musaf

CONCLUDING SERVICES

MINCHA.....4:45 PM

SOFAR.....7:15 PM

SUKKOT

Thursday, October 5.....9:30 AM

Friday, October 6.....9:30 AM

SHEMINI ATZERET

YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED

Thursday, October 12.....9:30 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 12.....6:30 P.M.

Friday, October 13.....9:30 A.M.

**OLD WORLD THEATRE COMPANY
MEET AND GREET**



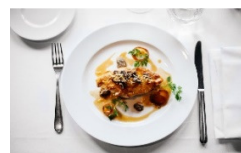
Join the OWTC as our guests at
Congregation Kol Emeth
Tuesday, September 12 - 7:30 pm
Learn about our exciting upcoming 8th season!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The PAC Committee is pleased to announce happenings in the 2017-2018 season at Kol Emeth.

While all of the events have not been set here is a partial list of happenings.

Enjoy delicious desserts, coffee, and tea and special thank you gifts as we introduce the plays and company to you. To let us know that you will be attending, please call the synagogue office at 847-673-3370
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NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Shabbat Service and Dinner



DECEMBER 15, 2017

Hanukkah Service, Dinner and Celebration



DECEMBER 25, 2017

Rabbi Schechter's lunch and movie.
Film to be determined. Watch for further information.



JANUARY 21, 2018

Game Day 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM



OLD WORLD THEATER'S 8th SEASON

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

Sunday Performance: 2:30 P.M.
Saturday Performance: 8:00 P.m.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We had a lovely, special summer program at the home of Paulette Lieb when she shared her collection of children's glass from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. The book club discussions continued throughout the summer and on September 19th, A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW by Amor Towles will be discussed.

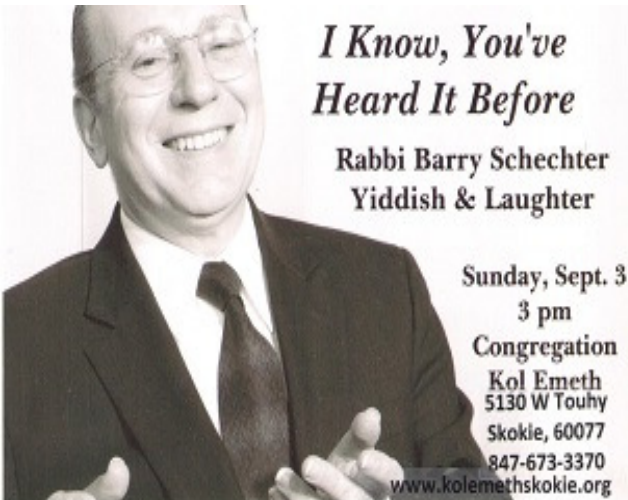
Our successful joint program with the Men's Club featured Kenneth Green who spoke about growing up on Division Street, battling anti-Semitism in the army and reinventing himself as a successful boxer and lawyer.

The fall membership luncheon will be on Thursday, October 19th. All paid up sisterhood members will be our guests to hear Lynn Kirsh Shapiro, daughter of the owners of Hungarian in Skokie. She will be telling the story of eastern European Jews prior to, during and after the holocaust through the lens of food as well as bringing and signing copies of her cook book to sell and serving samples of recipes.

It promises to be a fun and informative afternoon. Please plan to join us for these exciting programs. Watch your weekly e-mail from the office for further information.

LaShana Tova

Sheila



*I Know, You've
Heard It Before*
Rabbi Barry Schechter
Yiddish & Laughter

Sunday, Sept. 3
3 pm
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POP-UP MARKET PLACE A SUCCESS

Many thanks for the tireless efforts of event chairperson Odette Langer and the many other members and friends of congregation Kol Emeth for making the POP-UP MARKETPLACE rummage sale such a successful event. We received more than our share of items donated and the many volunteers did a marvelous job organizing and selling those items. We learned a few things which will enable us to do an even better job next time. Most of the unsold items were donated to other organizations and we saved a few unsold items for next time.

The POP-UP MARKETPLACE COMMITTEE

HAPPENINGS DOWNSTAIRS

As many of you know, the Gesher Ha Torah Day School left after ten years as our tenant. We have been working very hard to bring in another school, Congregation Tzemach Tzedek, to the lower level as our tenant. However, the Village of Skokie requires that certain improvements to the lower level be made before such a change can happen. Among these improvements are the following Fire Prevention Bureau requirements: a new fire alarm system, a sprinkler system and underground plumbing changes to accommodate the foregoing. The Village Building Department may also request some modifications. If we decide to implement these costly changes, it will be a number of months before the new school can occupy our space.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Okmin, Treasurer

HIGH HOLIDAY PARKING NOTICE

There is **NO PARKING IN PEP BOY'S LOT.**

Those who arrive early have the best chance of finding a parking space in our lot.

SYNAGOGUE DECORUM

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

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

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

Please bring a tallis and machzor (High Holiday prayer book) to services. To purchase a machzor, contact the office prior to high holiday services.

Please keep your head covered while in the synagogue.

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

Please dress appropriately. Bring a sweater or jacket if you believe you might be cool.

Please avoid using perfume, cologne or after shave lotion.

Please do not smoke on synagogue premises. Smoking is not allowed.

Please do not chew gum in the sanctuary.



Admission to High Holiday Services is by ticket only. Please contact Judy in the office at 847-673-3370

NEWS FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

The Kol Emeth Men's club presented three programs this summer and has interesting plans for programs in the New Year. In late July Brian Gawin of the Private Bank (soon to be renamed (CIBC) spoke about current economic conditions. He addressed interest rates charged on mortgages and home equity loans as well as rates paid on savings and certificates of deposit.

In August, along with the Sisterhood Ken Green, author of *I'm From Division Street*, spoke about his experiences growing up on the old west side. His path began with being a poor student kicked out of high school for failure to attend classes on Mondays and Fridays. He went on to a successful career as an attorney heading up a large Public Defenders office in Los Angeles and being named to the Boxing Hall of Fame. Several of our Kol Emeth members shared their memories of the old neighborhood. One member brought her seventh-grade picture sitting in class next to Ken.

On September 3rd Rabbi Schechter presents an afternoon of Yiddish and Laughter. Our rabbi's presentation is a must for all lovers of Yiddish and humor.

On November 5, Marty Moltz will talk about amusement parks and Dwayne Martin will speak about rollercoasters. Marty is an expert on the subject of amusement parks and can tell you about the best parks in the U.S and worldwide. If you ever wondered where the rollercoasters from Riverview ended up, come and find out. The presentation will be entertaining for both adults and children. Everyone should plan to attend.

We encourage everyone in the congregation, both men and women to join the Men's Club. Anyone having an interesting idea for a Men's Club presentation, or day trip should send me their idea.

Larry Rabyne
larry.rabyne@sbcglobal.net



Sarine & Robert Rohde – We want to thank everyone for our Leagrams, phone calls and cards to help us celebrate our anniversary. We really appreciate it. Thank you to one and all.

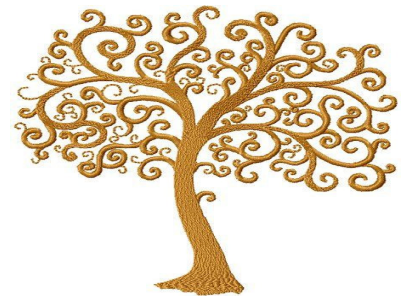
Judy and George Blinick - We would like to thank those who made a donation in honor of our 65th anniversary and also a “thank you” to our many Kol Emeth friends who mazel toved us. Next year will be our 50 years as members of Kol Emeth. Another happy occasion. Love you all.

Odette Langer – Thank you all for the lovely birthday greetings. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.



New on the Tree

- New Acorn in honor of Paulette Lieb’s 80th birthday
- New Leaf in honor of George and Judy Blinick’s 65th wedding anniversary



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\$25
- Etz Hayim Chumash\$72
- High Holiday Prayer Books\$50 new \$25 gently used
- Tree of Life - acorn, leaf, or rockAcorn \$236 Leaf \$117 Rock \$354
- Memorial PlaqueMembers \$400, Non-Members \$500 each plaque
- Good Will Donations\$5 and up
- Yahrzeit Donations\$5 and up



(May, 2017 – August 23, 2017)

Nata Andinysh	Blanche Feldman	William and Betty Klein	Dmitriy and Irina Polevoy
Helen Applebaum	Rhoda Fierstein	Odette Langer	Phyllis Projansky
Howard Aronson	Clara Foreman	Allen Lefkovitz	William Raffeld
Jacqueline Balter	The late Chester Gaynes	Cindy Leshtz	Harriet and Jacob Reifer
Leonard and Diane Balter	Howard and Carol Gopman	Elaine and Larry Levin	Sydelle Richard
Eunice Bergman	Freya Greenspahn	Judith and Jacob Levin	Robert and Sarine Rohde
Howard and Beverlee Bernstein	Neil and Leila Handelman	Roslyn Lipson	Ronald Roth
Richard Bloom and Micki Ross	Michael and Elisa Helford	Gloria Manus	Sari Rubin
Eunice Bloomenkranz	Herbert Heller	Jean Simmons and Mel Merzon	Marla Saitta
Donald and Roberta Charous	Michael Horowitz	Mitchell and Joyce Messer	Samuel Schimel
Marilyn Chulock	Marlene Iser	Sheridan and Sylvia Meyers	Lois Schwartz
Leonard Colen	Carolyn F. Jacobson	Martin and Ann Moltz	Barbara Shlossman
Bill Dunn and Jennifer Blitz	Stephen and Gail Myers Jaffe	Jerry and Trudy Myers	Thomas Smith and Lisa Garbaty
Sofia Dziadek	Bernard and Fern Katz	Tyra and Nicholas Notorangelo	Richard and Elaine Snow
Hilda Edelman	Brian Katzman and Leona Katzman	Herman and Ruth Nussbaum	Andrea Weber
Norman and Betty Elkin	Mel Kimmel	Michael and Iris Okmin	Brian and Rivka Coren Weiner
Norman and Phyllis Engelberg	Alfred and Shirley Kleifield	Arlene Pechter	Mildred Weinstein
			Dorothy Windmiller
			Ronald Yedlin



WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

Condolences to the Shandling family on the death of Lee Shandling

Condolences to the Borak family on the death of Joel Borak

Condolences to Micki Ross and Richard Bloom on the death of her father, Irving Skurnick

Condolences to Michael Puccini on the death of his brother, Paul Puccini

Condolences to the Vatkin family on the death of Isaac and Teresa Vatkin

Condolences to Bernard Katz on the death of his sister, Eileen Lipman

Condolences to Phyllis Sherman on the death of her father

Condolences to Randy Gaynes on the death of his father, Chester Gaynes

Condolences to Beverly Fishman on the death of her husband, Irving Fishman

Condolences to Walter and Nancy London on the death of his beloved mother, Lorraine London

Deceased Members September 2016 August 2017

Marvin Asher

Irving Fishman

Madeline Pinas

Janet Bguchwal

Chester Gaines

Isaac Vatkin

Haskel Brociner

Barry Levison

Theresa Vatkin



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017	ROSH HASHANA	OCTOBER 6, 2017	SUKKOT
6:32 P.M.		6:04 P.M.	
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017	ROSH HASHANA	OCTOBER 11, 2017	SHMINI ATZERET
7:38 P.M.		5:56 P.M.	
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017	HA'AZINU	OCTOBER 12, 2017	SIMCHAT TORAH
6:28 P.M.		7:02 P.M.	
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017	YOM KIPPUR	OCTOBER 13, 2017	BERESHIT
6:16 P.M.		5:53. P.M.	
OCTOBER 4, 2017	SUKKOT	OCTOBER 20, 2017	NOACH
6:08 P.M.		5:42 P.M.	
OCTOBER 5, 2017	SUKKOT	OCTOBER 27, 2017	LECH-LECHA
7:14 P.M.		5:32 P.M.	

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 2016 – AUGUST 2017

Barney and Beatrice Berlin
Stanley and Janet Chencinski
Ron Cooper
Elissa Feldman-Curth
Walter and Nancy London

Josh Orlan, Reni Garman and Family
Elsie Rosner, Edie Rosner, Sherry Rosner
Abigail Rudoff
Neil and Debra Seigel
Linda Wolff



Mazel Tov to Lisa Garbaty and Thomas Smith on the marriage of their daughter, Brookelynne, to Shmuli Dukes

Mazel Tov to BrookeLynne and Shmuli Dukes on their recent marriage

Mazel Tov to Odette Langer on her new home

Mazel Tov to Neil and Leila Handleman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Barry Curtis on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson

Mazel Tov to Sarine and Bob Rohde on the marriage of their grandson, Zach



Mazel Tov for Special Birthdays (May-September)

(90s)	(80s)	(70s)	
Leona Boris	Sharon Abelman	Fern Katz	Linda Green
Herman Nussbaum	Neil Adelman	Shirley Lanoff	Nathan Kagen
Marvin Nussbaum	Barney Berlin	Paulette Lieb	Hariette Reifer
Dr. Sam Schimel	Beatrice Berlin	Sondra Lorig	Michael Puccini
	Eunice Bloomenkranz	Howard Mandell	
	Helene Ellis	William Raffeld	
	Blanche Feldman	Zelda Rich	
	Herbert Heller	Lois Schmidt	
	Bernard Katz	Marion Shrifter	



SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES (May – September)

Mazel Tov to George and Judy Blinick on their 65th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Irv and Rita Federman on their 40th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Howard and Florie Meron on their 40th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Richard and JoAnn Greenblatt on their 35th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Joshua Orlan and Reni Garman on their 30th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Michael and Donna Puccini on their 30th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Brian and Rivka Weiner on their 15th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov to Marvin and Corinne Smith on their 10th wedding anniversary



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Coming this fall, the return of *Family Traditions Cooking Demonstrations*.

It doesn't matter if you've been cooking since the middle of the last millennium or if you are just starting now – there is always something new to learn.

Do you have a recipe that everyone loves? Are you willing to share your best cooking secret? Would you like to be a cooking demo star?

Let us know what recipe you would like to share and we'll do the rest.

Please contact Jennifer Blitz at jblitz@dunnweb.us for more information.

BUILDING UPDATES MAKE OUR TEMPLE SAFER

Kol Emeth was just awarded \$9,000 by the Jewish United Fund of Chicago to fund up to 50% of the cost to install new windows in some of the classrooms on the lower level. In an emergency, these new windows have a panel that can be easily removed, allowing those inside to make a fast escape. We are continually looking for funding to make our temple more secure and are eager to begin replacing the old windows.



ANNUAL HIGH HOLIDAYS FOOD DRIVE

SUPPORTING THE ARK

This is an opportunity to be caring, compassionate and action driven. As the High Holidays approach, it is once again time to pause and reflect on what is really important, the people, the moment and the actions that bring meaning to our lives.

Please help us to help those in need by bringing in food for the ARK. Just one item per person would make a huge impact. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Donations of non-perishable, Kosher food items. Food that are most needed:

Hunts/Barilla Tomato Sauce

Green Giant canned peas, corn, or green beans

Applesauce

Dole/Del Monte canned peaches, pineapple or peas

Cans of tuna

Vegetable oil

Collections begin on Rosh Hashanah, September 20, 2017 and continue through Yom Kippur, September 30, 2017. Please place donations in the marked containers in the Kol Emeth lobby.

THANK YOU



The synagogue office will be closed on the following days:

Sept 20th, closed at noon – reopen September 25th

September 29th closed at noon – reopen October 3rd.

Closed October 5th and 6th and 11th and 12th

