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Building Improvements and Building our Community

Our building represents us to the larger community. We can all take pride in the fact that we own our own building. Contributing money and effort to make our building better not only improves our community image it strengthens our community and it improves us.

A couple of weeks ago a heating pipe under the sanctuary floor sprung a leak. It has been repaired for now. Sooner rather than later we will have to replace all of the piping, which is 40 years old this year, which provides heating in the sanctuary. I see this as an opportunity to make a significant improvement to our building. Were we to replace the current baseboard radiators with a radiant floor heating system we would reap several benefits:

1. Radiant heating is more energy efficient and we could expect significant savings on our heating costs.
2. Heating from the floor would be much more comfortable.
3. Without radiators along all the walls it would be possible to install French Doors. Imagine being able to walk out into our yard during High Holidays or other events instead of walking through the coat closet. For the High Holidays or other important events we could set a tent up alongside the sanctuary and have a direct connection to it—instead of being marooned out on the lawn.

The board will be considering recommendations for a new heating system and we would welcome your suggestions.

There are other improvements that have already been done:

1. A new entry path was installed along with a memorial garden significantly improving the entry we all use.
2. A beautification committee was formed and has already undertaken lobby improvements with other improvements to follow.
3. We replaced all of our light bulbs with fluorescent lights to cut down our energy use.
4. The "Kehiloft" Hebrew High Students along with several volunteers converted the sanctuary balcony into a usable room.
5. Brian Rosenberg constructed an outdoor classroom.
6. We upgraded the electrical service in the classroom wing to accommodate room air conditioners. This will allow Kindercapers to have a summer program.

And there are many other projects that we need to do or would like to do:

1. Soon we will need to replace the roof on our building.
2. Kindercapers is considering expanding its programs. To do so all we need to do is better organize the chair storage at the back of the social hall. We would all reap the benefits of a more successful and vibrant childcare program that contributes to our bottom line.
3. New room dividers in the social hall would allow us to better use that space for classrooms.
4. A new front sign needs to be designed and constructed
5. Everyone agrees that it would be nice to air condition the sanctuary.

From the mundane to the dramatic all of these improvements breathe new life into our physical surroundings and into our community. I urge all of you to step forward and help in any way that you can. Simply offering good suggestions for other improvements would be welcome, as would donations to help us realize some of these improvements. Together we can improve our building and strengthen our community. In the long run it will be well worth it.

## CKS Donations

*CKS gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our members and friends.*

### General Donations:

Jeff Bachrach and Karen Cohen  
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## Letter to the Editor

### **CKS Adult Education Program Tackles Tough Issues and Finds Resonance.**

Interesting things happen when discussions hit the heart, or resonate with deeply held beliefs. However, the term "interesting" can often be best applied to riots, tragedies and other peoples' crazy opinions. This is partially true for this letter.

To get your fill of riots and tragedy, watch television. To get an idea of how peoples' beliefs and opinions can directly affect our congregation, read on.

Whenever we talk politics or religion, we follow a hazardous path. But, for many members of our congregation, this is an ongoing and unavoidable issue. I am referring, of course, to interfaith relationships.

On a personal note, my parents, may they rest in peace, were an interfaith couple: my father was Jewish, and my mother was not. Prior to my marriage to Sue, I converted to Judaism. For the record, it was never my intention to convert, it just turned out that I have a Jewish soul, and converting became a homecoming. Statistically, most non-Jewish significant others will never convert.

When it comes to interfaith issues, I am not alone in our congregation. It came as a surprise, at least to me, that over 40% of CKS member families are Jewish/Christian, a ratio that closely matches the profile of Jews in the USA in general. While the experience of each interfaith couple is different, out of the long list of issues that can create animated dialogues, the ever-popular Christmas tree, and whether the children should be raised Jewish, Christian, a hybrid, or none at all, both come close to the top of the list.

So, how is it for our interfaith families? In order to get a sense of the most pressing concerns of interfaith families within our community Rabbi Susan, and a group of CKS members organized a "community meeting" directed towards both interfaith and Jewish families alike. The goal was not only to give interfaith couples a chance to compare notes and experiences, but also to determine how CKS can provide support to such a large segment of our congregation.

The first meeting took place December 7, 2008. To get discussions rolling, a panel of interfaith members, under the leadership of Rabbi Susan, described their personal experiences. Here are two highlight issues that CKS can and will address.

- We discovered that past synagogue experiences have resulted in negative interactions for interfaith couples. For example, many non-Jewish individuals were not permitted to be full participants at major events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah services.
- We will provide the opportunity for interfaith families to get together for discussions with others in a similar situation. The community meeting clearly provided a much-needed forum for the majority of attendees.

The conclusions we were able to draw from the meeting included:

- We should organize ongoing community meetings to expand the number of Jewish and non-Jewish individuals involved in an interfaith dialogue.
- There is sufficient interest to form an interfaith *Havurah*, or group of people closely connected by a special endeavor or interest, in this case, their various relationships with Judaism. All who are interested should contact Rabbi Susan.
- CKS should ensure that the entire community, both within and outside CKS, realizes that CKS welcomes interfaith families, and encourages the active involvement of non-Jewish family and friends.

In January, Dean and Sharon Summers opened their home for a potluck Shabbat dinner for the attendees of the meeting. Rabbi Falk officiated, explaining the candle lighting ceremony and the Shabbat prayers celebrated in the home. It was followed by a regular Shabbat service at CKS.

I think I can speak for all involved that the interfaith meeting was a resounding success, and that this effort will be part of a continuous process. We encourage every member of the congregation to become involved in interfaith dialogue; after all it affects us all, and is certainly "interesting".

Let us all acknowledge the panelists, leaders and organizers: Meryl Bisberg, Dick Canty, Rabbi Susan Falk, Tim and Leslie Kowalski, Holly Nelson, Dean and Sharon Summers, and Eric Applegate and Debbie Tesser. Don't forget that the interfaith series continues **this Sunday morning, March 1**, at 9:30 AM with a discussion led by Rabbi Falk. More details about the session can be found elsewhere in this bulletin and in the weekly e-newsletter. Hope to see you there!

*Jeremy Lerner*

## Committee Report

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### *Part II of the CKS Interfaith LIFE series*

**Contemporary Judaism – Are We All Jews by Choice? – Sunday, March 1, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at CKS**

As Judaism has moved through the millennia from its roots as a people of ancient Israel, through the Diaspora and into a post-modern secular world, how have we all, in a sense, become Jews by choice? What implications does that have for Jewish practice and the incorporation of "non-Jews" into it, especially in the most liberal branches of Judaism? Please join us for this fascinating discussion led by Rabbi Susan Falk.

*A guided discussion of issues facing individuals, interfaith couples, parents of interfaith couples, Jews by choice, and Jews by birth who grapple with the meaning of Judaism and Jewish observance*

*If you missed the first interfaith session on December 7, you are still welcome to join us on March 1 for a fascinating session! CKS Members -\$5 Non-members -\$10 (unless you paid on December 7). Fee includes bagel café.*

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## Message from the Rabbi

### WHO ARE WE? VALUES AND MISSION AT CKS



*Go, assemble all the Jews who live in Shushan, and fast on my behalf.... I and my maidens will observe the same fast. Then I shall go to the king, though it is contrary to the law; and if I am to perish, I shall perish! (Esther 4:16-17)*

Each Purim, we read these heroic words from the Book of Esther, spoken by Esther herself, the young, Jewish girl who, by a twist of fate, winds up as Queen of Persia. As the book opens, the wicked Haman, adviser to the king, plots to put all the Jews in the land to death. When Esther's uncle, Mordechai, learns of the plot, he exhorts Esther to intercede with the king on behalf of the Jewish people. At first, Esther falters, saying that she – or anyone – would be killed for entering the court of the king without being summoned. But then, though fearful for her very life, Esther resolves to take action, to defend her people, and to stand by the best of her values. And, as the story goes, Queen Esther saves the day.

What were those values that caused Esther to risk her life for her people? They were typical Jewish values – community, remembering one's roots, and the obligation to speak out against injustice.

Like Queen Esther, we at Congregation Kehilat Shalom also have values... as individuals, *and as a community*. On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Board of Directors and I will be embarking on Part Two of a retreat and training to explore and identify those values with an eye toward creating a new synagogue mission statement. Why a mission statement, you might ask? A mission statement will clearly define who we are at CKS, and will help to guide us every time we need to make a policy decision or a change.

After leading us so successfully last August on the topic of Synagogue and Board Organization and Structure, my colleague, Rabbi Elyse Wechterman of Congregation Agudas Achim will be, once again, guiding us through this next stage of training. In return for the benefit of Rabbi Elyse's expertise in this area, I will be heading up to her congregation in April to spend a weekend of speaking and teaching about end-of-life issues in Jewish tradition – an area of study and practice in which I have acquired much knowledge and experience over the years. This "rabbi exchange program" is a great boon to our two communities – providing leaders and congregants with valuable information at minimal cost. It is my hope that CKS will continue such beneficial exchanges of services and ideas with Agudas Achim and other sister congregations as we move forward.

On Rosh Hashanah, I asked you all the question: "Why are you here at CKS?" Now, I ask you to take a second step and ask yourself: "Who are we at CKS? What are our core values and guiding

principles?" I ask you to take a moment and think about this. Enter the conversation and let me or our President, Matt Rosenthal, know what you think. Come up and say hello on a Sunday morning or after Friday night services – or send us an email.

I'm looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Happy Purim!

*Rabbi Susan*



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### CKS BOOK CLUB -

Monday, March 9, 7:30 PM

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RSVP: 609-466-1833

Book: *March* by Geraldine Brooks

# Hebrew School Happenings



## March

- 1 Mock Shabbat Adult Ed
- 8 Purim last hour
- 15 cooking
- 22 music k-4/trope 5-7
- 29 Reconstructionist Passover Seder

Fifth through Seventh graders helped Bat Mitzvah student, Katie Roe, complete part of her Mitzvah project of donating trays of baked ziti to a local Soup kitchen.

Students in Morah Shari's third/fourth grade class learned about the tradition of creating a wall hanging to mark the east called a Mizrach. They reviewed the letters in Mizrach (Mem, zayin, resh, and Chet). They were able to tell me that the east is marked as it is the direction to Jerusalem. They told me that is important because that is the location of the Western Wall (or Wailing Wall), which was once part of the Holy Temple, is in Jerusalem, to the east.



Seventh Graders reviewed the Torah Blessings and the Reconstructionist ideal that Choseness does not reflect acceptance of other approaches to G-d. They learned that this is why the liturgy has changed from "Bachar" to "Kayrav" ("chose" to "brought"). Rabbi Susan sat in on this lesson.



Kindergarten, First and Second Graders learned the story of Moses being afraid of telling Pharaoh to "Let My People Go". They also learned a new tune for the blessing over the bread. They continue to learn Hebrew letters with many modalities including shaping them in playdoh, writing on the blackboard, and working with flashcards.



*Dori Daus*



## Kehi-Loft



In February the Kehi-Loft students held their first open house to welcome 7th grade Hebrew School students. Originally scheduled for January 28th, a snow storm cancelled school for the day and delayed the open house for a week. On the first Wednesday of February the 7th graders joined us for their first taste of Jewish learning post Hebrew School. From the feedback we heard, the class was well received and the 7th graders are looking forward to joining the Kehi-Loft in September.

The class with the 7th grader students was packed with information, fun, and food. The current Kehi-Loft students introduced themselves and talked about their experiences in the CKS high school program. The 7th graders learned about the opportunities afforded Kehi-Loft students - such as leading services, working as paid toran for the Hebrew school, and earning community service hours for volunteering to help at CKS events. The students heard about the types of projects the high school students have been working on this year (such as construction of loft, fundraising) and what they have planned for the spring (for example: promotional video, creating a wall mural, graduation ceremony). They learned that the students initiate what topics are discussed each week and have a voice in who leads each session. The second half of their visit was devoted to playing get-to-know you games. Loud laughter punctuated the loft during the game with everyone getting along well and happily participating.

The Kehi-Loft will hold at least one more session with 7th grade students this school year. Those who could not attend the first session due to other commitments are encouraged to come to the next class and those who were able to make the February 4th class are welcome to return. The more the merrier!

Also in February three additional classes are scheduled. Judi Turkheimer will lead a personal coaching session. Rabbi Susan will lead a discussion on one of the topics the students chose, possibly on the formation of Israel or stereotyping and prejudice. Susan Waskow also volunteered to lead a discussion at the end of the month.

Thanks to parents, Tom Berger and Susan Waskow, who purchased pizza for the class in February.

Below is the schedule for March. Classes are from 6:00 - 8:00. Pizza dinner is available for purchase at the beginning of each session. Please text me or Ilana Berger by 4:15 on the night of class to let us know if you will be attending. Thanks.

### March Schedule

- Wednesday, March 4- Kehi-Loft class
- Friday, March 6 - Kehi-Loft students to lead services
- Wednesday, March 11- Kehi-loft class
- Wednesday, March 18 - no class
- Sunday, March 22 - Kehi-Loft class
- Wednesday, March 25 - Kehi-Loft class

Shalom, *Karen Fridkis*, Hebrew High School Chair

## B'nai Mitzvah Project Update

With so many 7th graders approaching their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, here is a quick update on their B'nei Mitzvah projects. **Joanna Javeline** is continuing to collect dog and cat items for the animals at C.A.P. (Companion Animal Placement). She recently designed a flyer to hand out to the Hebrew school. Joanna also wrote a portion of this article. Rock on! Jake Vargas is getting collection boxes ready for his South Brunswick Food Pantry collection. Bring it on! **Katie Roe** has finished her first project. Katie collected 130 trays of ziti and 50 dessert trays for S.H.I.P., an assistance-based program for the needy in Princeton. You go Katie! **Dylan Carson** is continuing to play piano for the seniors at Stonebridge. Encore, encore! **Emma Cohen** and **Nancy Weiss** continue to volunteer their time at the Valley Road Preschool once a week. Keep it up girls!

**Jon Kaufmann** is currently finalizing a flyer to be distributed for his Bar Mitzvah project. He will be collecting food for a food bank in Montgomery Township. **Nicole Meissner** has already completed two bake sales and is preparing for her third bake sale on March 1<sup>st</sup>. These bake sales will benefit Table to Table, an organization that helps the needy in Israel. **Stephanie Travers** is making her plans to collect books and toys for children. The proceeds will go to an organization called Bridge of Books. **Scott Papsin** sent packages and letters to the troops in Iraq. Recently, he has received letters of thanks from many of the soldiers who received the goods. **Zoe Gilbard** completed her first project collecting food for HomeFront from generous donors at CKS and her school. HomeFront is an organization that helps feed low- income families in Mercer County. Zoe also contributed to the writing of this article. The seventh graders will continue to work on their individual projects, as well as doing one or two group projects with their class.

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**Save the Date** and start getting ready for Passover!  
**CKS Movie Night - "Prince of Egypt" –**  
**Saturday, March 28, 7 pm. Havdallah service**  
**before the movie (6:45 pm), and refreshments during.**

## Jewish Community

### Jewish LIFE

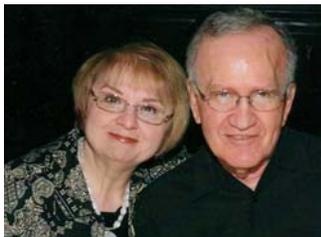
**Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman**, renowned scholar of Torah, will offer *A New Look at Sibling Relationships in the Book of Genesis - Reality and Renewed Possibilities*, **Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m.** at the JCC. The fee for the program is \$10/Jewish LIFE Member and \$15/Non-Member. Call x201 to register. The final Jewish LIFE program of the season will be the community-wide **Yom Hashoah Observance** featuring **Julie Kohner**. This program will be held on **Sunday, April 26, at 7 p.m.** at Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough. Ms. Kohner's presentation, *Voices of the Generations*, tells the story of survival and love of her parents, Hanna and Walter Kohner, who survived the Holocaust. There is no admission fee for this program. Call Temple Beth-El at 908-722-0674 for further details.

### GETTING TO KNOW.... Richard and Sheryl Rosenberg

#### Occupation

S...Happily retired after a few years as an English teacher and a dozen in the automotive industry on the corporate level.

R...Retired after a career in retailing, for other people and self-employed.



#### Family

S...My darling Richard. A son, Stephen Kilpatrick, and daughter-in-law, Denise, in Rhode Island. He's a high school science teacher. She is a naturalist. A daughter, Cristin Kilpatrick, in Massachusetts. She is a veterinary nurse at Tufts University Veterinary Hospital. All the 'kids' are in their mid-thirties. My mother lives independently in Michigan. Four sisters and a brother and their families are spread around in Michigan, Texas, and California.

R...My lovely wife, whom I adore. An older sister and her family, including a grand-nephew.

#### Community Activities

S...CKS: Charter member of our vocal ensemble, Kol Ahava. Corresponding Secretary. Life Cycle chairperson. Empty Nesters. I have been a Somerset County Literacy Volunteer for almost 11 years, teaching both ESOL and basic literacy to adults. I also write an advice column for tutors for the LVSC newsletter, "Dear Miss Reed". (I can't resist a pun.)

R... In addition to being a member of the CKS Religion Committee, I serve on two committees of the Somerset County United Way and I am active with the JCC Learning Is For Everyone committee.

#### Hobbies

S...Reading. Singing. Journaling. Acting. Writing humorous poetry. I share my husband's love of art museums, concerts and plays.

R...I stay away from the Chorus, recognizing I cannot sing. Time in the gym helps me meet the doctor's orders.

#### Motto

S...Happiness is a decision.

R...Get one person to laugh every day.

#### Bad Habits

S...Ignoring the Fashion Police. Brooding if I think someone dislikes me.

R...Can be temperamental in blowing off steam.

#### Favorite Movies

S...Casablanca, Moonstruck, Baghdad Café.

R...Star Trek, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Lord of the Rings.

#### Favorite TV Shows

S...What Not to Wear, CSI (Las Vegas only), Masterpiece Theatre

R...NCIS, 60 Minutes, Devils Hockey

#### Favorite Music

S...Kol Ahava's Greatest Hits, score from Man of La Mancha, anything sung by Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Bryn Terfel, Cecilia Bartoli or Dawn Upshaw.

R...La Boheme, Triumphal March from Aida, some jazz, Mahler.

#### Favorite Books

S...Memoirs of a Geisha, everything by John Cheever (especially the short stories and his last novel, Oh What A Paradise It Seems), John Updike, and several books by Oliver Sacks, such as The Man Who Mistook His Wife for A Hat, An Anthropologist on Mars, Musicophilia and Uncle Tungsten.

R...The Lemon Tree, Overcoming Life's Disappointments, The Greatest Generation.

#### Favorite Foods

S...Chicken, chocolate.

R...Steak, Corn on the cob, Lobster.

#### Best Childhood Memories

S...Sitting on our little balcony off the living room of our upper flat, reading the summer days away; going for drives with Mom and Dad, all of us kiddies in the back of the Kaiser, all of us singing songs like "You Are My Sunshine", "A Bicycle Built for Two" and "Down By the Old Mill Stream". (Yes, I'm well over 60 years old.)

R...Stickball in the alley, bicycle to the beach, picking figs from the front yard, Passover at my aunt's in Connecticut, Brooklyn Dodgers.

#### If I Had More Time

S...Maybe I'd clean the basement and the garage.

R...Learn to read at a faster pace.

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8 12 Adar 7:20AM/6:59PM 9:00 AM - Noon - Hebrew School 11:00 AM - Community Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Purim Carnival	9 13 Adar 7:19AM/7:00PM FAST OF ESTHER Morning: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Isaiah 55.6-56.8. 7:30 PM - CKS Book Club meeting at Eleanor Tillman's home, "March" by Geraldine Brooks	10 14 Adar 7:17AM/7:01PM PURIM Exo. 17.8-16. 7:30 PM - Board Meeting	11 15 Adar 7:16AM/7:02PM SHUSHAN PURIM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hebrew High School/KeHi-loft	12 16 Adar 7:14AM/7:03PM	13 17 Adar 7:12AM/7:04PM 7:45 PM - Shabbat Services	14 18 Adar 7:11AM/7:05PM Kee Tissa: Exo. 31.18 - 33.11 Shabbat Parah Num. 19.1-22. Ezekiel 36.16-38.
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22 26 Adar 6:58AM/7:14PM 9:00 AM - Noon - Hebrew School	23 27 Adar 6:56AM/7:15PM	24 28 Adar 6:54AM/7:16PM 7:30 PM - Religion Committee Meeting	25 29 Adar 6:53AM/7:17PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Hebrew High School/KeHiloft	26 1 Nisan 6:51AM/7:18PM ROSH HODESH Num. 28.1-15.	27 2 Nisan 6:49AM/7:19PM 7:45 PM - Shabbat Services	28 3 Nisan 6:48AM/7:20PM Vayikra: Levit. 1.1-3:5. Isaiah 44:1-23.
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