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Bulletin from the Board—Susan Waskow

This is the first newsletter of our new 5777/2016-17 fiscal year. I would like to share a few highlights from our annual meeting last May. I also want to point out some events that I'm looking forward to attending in the year ahead.



At the annual meeting, outgoing trustees Marc Rosenberg, Mike Galkin, Debbie Gartenberg, and Ron Lubin were recognized for their years of service. Merle Brown, Lisa Kent, and Scott Strauss were honored as "Volunteers of the Year." New trustees Hilary Crist, George Cohen, Tim Kowalski, and Francine Pfeffer were elected to the board. Our budget was approved. An update on the land sale process was provided by Gary Gartenberg.

Looking ahead, we have a great year with many events planned. I hope you'll join me by marking your calendar now and saving the dates to take advantage of all that CKS has to offer. Watch our weekly emails and website for more detailed information on these and many other events not listed below.

September 11 is the welcome back barbecue. All are invited to attend, whether or not you have kids in the Nesiyot religious school. Take the time to catch up with old friends and make new friends at this potluck. CKS provides the grilling of the hot dogs and burgers. Please bring something to share such as a salad, side, or dessert. (parve – i.e. without dairy or meat).

Our annual big party is already on the calendar for April 1 - no fooling! The CKS rummage sale will be on November 4 and 6, with drop-offs scheduled the preceding week. I'm already cleaning my cupboards. I love how we turn our gifting and cleaning into mitzvot and fabulous parties.

Holiday and Shabbat highlights: A S'ilchot service will be held on Saturday, September 24. I think of S'ilchot as the introduction to the high holidays. We'll chant some of the haunting melodies and begin our path toward the new year. CKS has not held this observance in several years since the service would have fallen over Labor Day weekend. I am looking forward to returning to this sacred observance. A month later, the fall holidays will conclude with a Simchat Torah celebration on October 23 as we sing and dance with the Torah. Kehiloft-led services will be December 2, January 20, April 7 and June 9. We are also continuing our successful Tot Shabbat series on September 23, November 11, January 27, March 31, and May 12. Our Pre-Hanukkah celebration will be Friday night, December 16. Our sanctuary will be filled for a potluck dinner supplemented with latkes.

Adult Education has some great offerings too. The first will be "Judaism on One Foot," an introductory level course on September 18. "Judaism on the Other Foot" will be February 5. We are also offering a series of courses on teaching fellow congregants how to lead a service. This series is November 20, December 18, and March 17.

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CKS gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our members and friends.

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In honor of Judy Forster and Steve Weinstein's wedding
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In memory of Joe Wions

(next seven were made at time of membership renewal)

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In honor of Ethan's bar mitzvah
Gary & Debbie Gartenberg
In memory of Jack Gartenberg

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Adult education will host a multi-series book discussion on Abraham Joshua Heschel's masterpiece "The Sabbath" concluding on May 13. Next spring, we will present a multi-part series, "Jewish Perspectives on God." We also have some guest speakers invited for events during the year. There will be more news to follow as those details are finalized.

These and many other events are already planned including meditation group, book club, Nesiyot religious school programs, Shabbat and holiday services. Visit our website for more information and a more comprehensive list.
<http://www.kehilatshalomnj.org/events/calendar/>

I am looking forward to seeing you at CKS.

Susan Waskow, Past President

CKS Membership Renewal

All current members of CKS should have received their 2016/2017 membership renewal forms, if you have not please notify the office. Please fill out and return the forms as soon as possible. It is very important that we have current address, email and phone number information for each member family. Additionally, it is only by the return of your renewal forms that we know you want to remain a member of the CKS community. If you have any questions concerning membership or dues payment options contact Robin in the synagogue office, [908-359-0420](tel:908-359-0420) or admin@ksnj.org.

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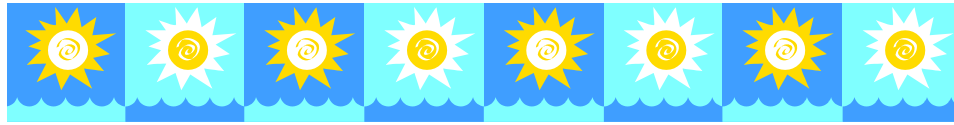


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AUGUST



Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1 Mah Jongg 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Mah Jongg 7:30 pm	9	10	11 Board Meeting 7pm	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	13
14	15 Mah Jongg 7:30 pm	16	17 Membership Committee 7 pm	18	19	20
21	22 Mah Jongg 7:30 pm	23	24	25 Floor Cleaning & Waxing 8:30 am	26 Floor Cleaning & Waxing 8:30 am Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	27
28	29 Mah Jongg 7:30 pm	30	31 Religious School Teacher's Meeting			

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CKS Service Leaders Requested

Service leaders and co-leaders are still needed for July 29 and August 12. Kavanah (intention) is more important than singing ability, Hebrew skill, or prior experience. If you are interested, please contact susan.waskow@gmail.com. Thank you.

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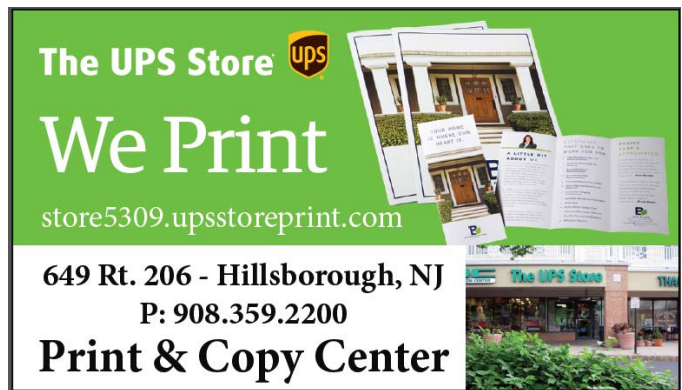
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