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Message From The Rabbi

האומר אחטא ואשוב, אחטא ואשוב -
אין מספיקין בידו לעשות תשובה

"If someone says: I shall sin and repent, sin and repent, he will not have the opportunity to repent." This quotation from the Talmud Tractate dealing with Yom Kippur is usually understood to mean that the person is not genuine, never experiences genuine regret, but just tells himself, and others, a story which is untrue. Since he never intends to repent, he will not be given the opportunity to do so. I prefer another interpretation. If someone says: "I will do the right thing, but later, not now," he may never have the chance.

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! At the end of our services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we recite a prayer that begins with the word Hayom, which means today. Let us begin now, even before Rosh Hashana, to put this into practice.

Julie and I would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year of 5769.

Rabbi Barry Schechter

THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

Helen Balikov - I wish to thank all my Kol Emeth friends for their very warm Leagrams Birthday greetings. You all made my birthday special to me. Thank you again!

Helene and Len Colen - We realize how lucky we are to have spent another anniversary together and we thank every one who sent us well wishes. Thank you!!

Roger Fischhoff - Well I finally made it into the club... I am now covered by Medicare! Thanks to all of you for the birthday wishes and Leagrams on this special milepost birthday.

Roger and Trudye Fischhoff -Thanks so much to our Kol Emeth family for re-

membering us on our recent anniversary. You're simply the BEST!

Roger and Trudye Fischhoff - What a blessing and joy each new grandchild brings! Thanks to our wonderful Kol Emeth family for the many generous donations made in honor of the birth of our newest grandson, Harrison Joseph Fischhoff, compliments of proud and happy parents, Andy and Roseanne. You are all so very special to us and we thank you again.

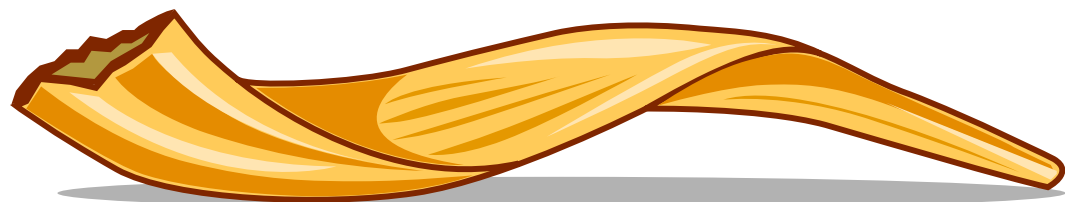
Sheila Herckis - Many thanks and appreciation to donations made in honor of my new house. Kol Emeth is part of my new family and wonderful friends.

Marcy Schwartz - I deeply appreciated the many contributions made by Kol Emeth members in memory of our dearly beloved **Marvin**. I am grateful to Kol Emeth, **Rabbi Schechter** and the many personal expressions of sympathy extended to my family and myself. Thank you once again.

Lee Shandling - Thanks to all my friends at Kol Emeth for the donations that were made in honor of my grandchildren!

Abby Sloan - I wish to thank my Kol Emeth family on my speedy recovery from my bicycle accident. As we speak I'm gaining strength in my left leg. Good thing I don't blow Shofar with my feet! Thanks again for all your good wishes!

Happy New Year 5769



High Holiday Parking Notice

There is **NO PARKING IN PEP BOYS' LOT**. Your car may be towed (at your expense) if you park there. Early arrival is the only way to assure a space in our lot.

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.
Levinson Memorial Chapel	
Refer to calendar for holiday service times.	

Message From The President

A New Year's Greeting

As we celebrate the High Holidays we are reminded once again by the events of this past year. As we look back on 5768, the fragility of life and peace in our time are as apparent as ever. But we also rejoice in the fact that there were many joyous occasions as well. As each of us reflects on our experiences this past year, one feels the need to reach out to our families for comfort, hope and spiritual sustenance. We also reach out to the families of Congregation Kol Emeth. Finally our reaching out goes beyond our immediate borders but coast to coast and to the state of Israel.

It is with this spirit of embracing all of our extended families that I and my extended family in California, Colorado, South Carolina and Massachusetts (my sisters and brother and their families) embrace the extended families of Kol Emeth with a wish for peace in this troubled world. May we all enjoy a wealth of good health and personal fulfillment in 5769.

Let us pray for the return of order, compassion, reason and respect from the countries of this world for each other and their citizens. Let our Shofar be heard the world over!

L' Shana Tova!

William Raffeld
President

2008-2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PURCHASE THESE GREAT BOOKS WITH TERRIFIC BARGAINS.

Entertainment Books are being sold for only \$20.00 per book plus you will receive earning fund credit towards the Culminating Event in June 2009. If you are interested in saving money and purchasing this great book, just contact **Elaine Snow** (847-966-1663) or **Sarine** in the Synagogue Office (847-673-3370). These books make for great gifts or just for you and your family.

Congregation Kol Emeth Sends Deepest Sympathy To:

Joyce Avers on the loss of her beloved sister-in-law Eleanor Greenberg
Joe Berezin on the loss of his beloved sister Milly
Pat Weiss on the recent loss of her beloved mother

Yahrzeit/Yizkor Donations

Barry Curtis
Clara Foreman
Norman Elkin
Ruth Margolin
Herman Nussbaum

Irina and Dmitriy Polevoy
Dorothy Shaffer
Teresa and Isaac Vatkin
Florence and Melford Wolf

Should you wish to honor the memory of your beloved departed with a permanent Memorial Plaque, please contact the synagogue office at 847-673-3370 for additional information.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Helen Appelbaum

MAZEL TOV TO

Sheila Herckis on her new home

CONGREGATION WANTS TO WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Sandy April
Abby Sloan

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

Joyce Avers - In memory of her beloved sister-in-law Eleanor Greenberg
Joe Berezin - In memory of his beloved sister Milly
Leonard Pearlman - In memory of his beloved wife Ann Pearlman

GENERAL & SIMCHA DONATIONS

Sheila Herckis on her new home
Debbie Mammoser on son Reid's marriage to Nicole
Reid Mammoser on his marriage to Nicole

DONATIONS FOR SPEEDY & COMPLETE RECOVERIES

Sandy April
Abby Sloan

Selichot Service Time Change

Please note the change of time for Selichot Reception and Services. **Reception will be held at 9PM and Services will begin at 10 PM.** This will take place on Saturday, September 20th.

Please make sure you throw away your original High Holiday Times and Dates for 2008 and watch for the new one in this issue.

Just A Few Seats Left!

Please join us on Sunday, September 14th for a very exciting program with Hebrew, classical and folk music by Terry Spina and The Fillmore Ensemble.

Contact the office for additional information.

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 **Sarine Rohde** in the Synagogue Office for more information or to order.

This is such a terrific way to honor someone on a special occasion.

Are you in the process of making a will? Are you making up a bequest? If you are, please remember Kol Emeth in your plans.

Important Announcement

If you have need for a Notary, please contact **Sarine** in the office (847-673-3370).

For a donation of a minimum of \$1.00 to Tzedaka, **Sarine** will notarize for you. However, you do need to sign the form in front of her.

CONGREGATION KOL EMETH THANKS

Eileen and Leonard Keller & Family for their very generous donation of a new Memorial Board hanging up in the Sanctuary. We wish them along with the rest of Kol Emeth's Family a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

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 (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.

Please avoid using strong perfume.

Smoking is not allowed on synagogue premises.

Gum chewing is not allowed in the sanctuary.

Bernard Ellis

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 **Sarine** in the office. All emails must be sent to hakol@fischoff.com. Articles must be sent by the 15th for the following month's newsletter.

Ha Kol is compiled by **Sarine Rohde** and edited by **Roger Fischoff**.

Sisterhood News

Kol Emeth Sisterhood is an organization of active, involved women who contribute to the life of our Synagogue in a variety of ways. We welcome new members and urge you to share your talent and skills with us. We have many exciting events scheduled for this year and hope you will join us in enjoying a variety of interesting programs.

First, mark your calendar for our annual Membership Dinner on September 17, 2008 (doors open at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM). Chairperson, **Audrey Krawetz** has arranged for a very special program, featuring Roberta Randall's unique dramatization of the life of Beverly Sills. Admission will be only with advance reservations, so remember to respond promptly to your invitation. As always, spouses and friends are welcome to attend.

Helen Balikov is planning another interesting program for the Torah Fund luncheon, on October 29, 2008. Watch for more details about this and other programs in Ha Kol and in special mailings from the Synagogue.

Men's Club News

The Kol Emeth Men's Club will start the 2008-09 season with their Kick-Off dinner on Tuesday September 23, 2008. Our guest speaker will be noted lecturer and authority, Hy Speck. His topic will be "Jews and Millenium Park - How It Came About". Watch for a flyer with more information about this dinner.

Upcoming breakfasts with guest speakers are schedule for Sunday November 2, 2008, Sunday March 8, 2009 and Sunday May 3, 2009. A Men's Club and Sisterhood program is tentatively schedule for late November 2008. Our Sunday breakfasts are always very well attended. With interesting speakers and great food - what could be better?

I would like to thank the Men's Club for naming me "Man of the Year".

The Men's Club would like to wish the Kol Emeth Congregation and Jews everywhere a "Healthy and Happy New Year".

Herman Nussbaum

You Get What You Pay For

After a few weeks of Adam being by himself in the garden of Eden, he got lonely. So he went to God and asked for a companion.

God said he would look into it and get back to him the next day. So the next day God went to Adam and said "Here Adam, I can make a beautiful woman that cooks, irons, cleans, never complains and is pretty much just what you want, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg, what do you think?"

Adam thought for a few seconds and then asked "what can I get for a rib?"

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.