

Summer 2010 - 5770



# Congregation Tikkun Olam



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## Religious School -

For 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Crystal Lake Pathways Montessori School, 133 Illinois Street, Crystal Lake. Welcome back to our wonderful teachers: Elana Glomp; Crystle Medansky and Todd Feigenbaum. We appreciate their dedication and hard work and are sure that it will be a great year. The first day of class is Sunday, September 12.



## Upcoming Shabbat Services -

7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 221 Dean Street, Woodstock.

### CTOS dates

*2010*

**September 12 and 26**

**October 10 and 24**

**November 7 and 21**

**December 5 and 12**

*2011*

**January 9 and 23**

**February 6 and 20**

**March 6 and 20**

**April 3 and 17**

**May 1 and 15**

Parents: There will be a brief but mandatory meeting at 9:00am on Sunday, September 12. The meeting will provide parents with the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum for the year. Also, at the meeting, we will need you to complete emergency waivers and information for all of your children who will be attending Sunday school.

**Friday, July 24**

**Friday, August 28**

**Friday, September 24**

**Friday, October 22**

### HIGH HOLY DAYS

**September 8 and 9 and**

**September 17 and 18**

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## Important Reminder -

Membership and Religious School applications are attached. Please return them by September 1, 2010, so that we can plan for the year. Also, if you know any unaffiliated Jews in the area, please let them know about our congregation and invite them to join us at any and all services. They are welcome to call or e-mail if they would like further information on our congregation and/or religious school.

## High Holy Days -

We are delighted that Dr. David Gilner will be returning to lead all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. In addition, we are thrilled that Jennifer Grubb will lead us in song at all of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

All services will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 221 Dean Street, Woodstock. The church is handicap accessible but please call us 24 hours in advance, so that we can have the back door ramp open for you.

In keeping with our tradition, no tickets will be required; however, we continue to welcome your generous donations. Please remember that our High Holy Days services account for our biggest annual expense. These services are always well-attended and enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in donating flowers for the bima for Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur, please call 815-334-7110 or email [tikkunolam@hotmail.com](mailto:tikkunolam@hotmail.com), no later than September 1. Thanks!

*We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Crystal Lake food pantry at all High Holy Days services. Please leave your donations in the box near the door.*



## High Holy Days Schedule

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service –**  
Wednesday, September 8 – 7:30 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Morning Service –**  
Thursday, September 9 – 10:00 a.m.

**Kol Nidre Service –** Friday, September  
17 – 7:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur –** Saturday,  
September 18:

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

3:00 p.m. Adult study group

4:15 p.m. (or immediately  
following the adult study group)  
Yizkor and concluding services

5:00 p.m. (or immediately  
following the concluding services)  
Havdalah and a dairy pot luck  
break fast, downstairs. Please  
bring a salad, dairy side dish or  
dessert.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
CELEBRATING THESE SPECIAL  
DAYS WITH ALL OF YOU!**

*Please invite any unaffiliated Jewish  
families to celebrate the season with us.*

## President's Annual Address '10

As always we have so much to be thankful for. I need to start by thanking our incredible board of trustees and teachers. This is the first year we had members jump in and offer to help and it truly made a difference! We had three new teachers volunteer and roll with a new curriculum, new students and contagious enthusiasm. Crystle Medansky, Todd Feigenbaum and Elana Glomp rose to the calling and made CTOS their own and we really appreciate it! All three are continuing on as teachers for the coming year. The school has turned out fabulously with very happy students and parents alike.

The board of directors remains the same for this coming year which means that next July every term expires and we will be spending a large portion of this year recruiting for the board. This is my last year as president so we will be actively looking for those willing to be officers. After 8 years I can assure you the templates are in place and systems are formatted so a transition will be smooth. Most of the members of our current board are long timers- Jack Minsley has been our everything for about 12 years, he willingly and graciously volunteers to help out in every way. As our long term Gabbi he has overseen all of our religious needs but that too must now become a shared project as we look to prepare the future of the congregation.

Judy Minsley handed off the newsletter and public relations to a very willing Stephanie Lee who has done a great job of keeping us all current on CTO happenings. We really appreciate your efforts Stephanie and hope that you find the task easier as time goes by. Judy continues to keep us well organized and oversees the calendar- I can not express my thanks enough to both Jack and Judy.

This year we would like to have the religious school families volunteer to participate more. By providing an oneg and becoming part of the service our students feel more a part of the service, as well as learning more about Shabbat. By hosting a service or an oneg, or planning an event we feel a greater sense of community- which is what CTO has always been about. We are in a position where we can really make great change and growth with little effort.

Financially we are in better shape than last year and we have all of you to thank for that. We truly appreciate that most of our members pay in full at the beginning of the fiscal year. For those that don't we have been able to set structured payment plans that allowed us to better prepare for our needs. We have very few outstanding balances and we are thankful for that. This year we were able to offer assistance for those in our community that have needed it and that is how we truly repair the world. Offering a religious home, a safe comfortable environment to pray without exorbitant fees, a low cost school for the children and the best members isn't enough- we need to be a presence in the community so all those wishing to practice Judaism know we are available to them.

At every opportunity I ask members to join us at a board meeting, offer input, ideas, challenge us to become better, help us to grow- well last year we really did it, we grew and we had renewed energy and spirit. This year we must do the same as we prepare for a new board so again we will continue to ask, beg, cajole and invite all our members to participate more.

Wishing you a year of joy, health and happiness  
B,Shalom  
Debbi Viger



### **Shabbat Candle Lighting -**

July 23 - 8:22 p.m.  
July 30 - 8:15 p.m.  
August 6 - 8:07 p.m.  
August 13 - 7:58 p.m.  
August 20 - 7:48 p.m.  
August 27 - 7:37 p.m.  
September 3 - 7:25 p.m.  
September 10 - 7:13 p.m.  
September 17 - 7:01 p.m.  
September 24 - 6:48 p.m.  
October 1 - 6:36 p.m.  
October 8 - 6:24 p.m.  
October 15 - 6:12 p.m.  
October 22 - 6:02 p.m.  
October 29 - 5:52 p.m.

### **Remember The People You Love -**

Remember special people with donations to CTO throughout the year. Some examples: memorials; honor rolls; graduations; and any other special events. Donations can be in any amount and can be made to our general fund or to our specific fund categories. We will publish the remembrance in our next newsletter, following the receipt of the remembrance.

### **FROM OUR MAILBOX-**

Share the Gift of Israel with Eligible 18-26 Year Olds: Registration for the Winter/Spring 2010-11 season of Taglit-Birthright Israel trips with URJ Keshar opens on September 14th, 2010 at [www.kesharbirthright.org](http://www.kesharbirthright.org).

Eligibility criteria are: Jewish, 18-26, and first time in Israel on a peer program.

Winter/Spring trips will be offered in December, January, February and March and it is expected that registration will be closing very early this season -- most probably within 24-48 hours of opening on September 14th. To refer a member of your community, email [info@kesharbirthright.org](mailto:info@kesharbirthright.org) and let them know the name of the person. Then, please make sure that the applicants know to select URJ's Keshar trip by starting the application process at [www.kesharbirthright.org](http://www.kesharbirthright.org). Applicants can also sign-up now for an "Early Update List" in order to learn more about the registration process in advance of September 14th.

### **Board News -**

**Next Board meeting: Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Vigers. Please join us. We are always looking for new ideas and new volunteers to help our Congregation grow and thrive and to meet the needs and desires of our members.