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From the Rabbi's Study...



December is usually the month that coincides with *Chanukah*, and this year is no exception. *Chanukah* begins with the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday night, December 16th. Coinciding with our celebration of religious freedom is the Christian celebration of Christmas. While our holiday only lasts eight days, theirs seems to begin on the day after Thanksgiving with holiday decorations, holiday TV movies, TV specials, holiday commercials, and music, which go on for an entire month. All of the Christmas spirit and cheer usually overshadows our *Chanukah* celebration. With that in mind, I would like to present the top ten reasons to like *Chanukah*: 10- No roof damage from reindeer; 9- Never a silent night when you're among your Jewish loved ones; 8- If someone messes up on your gift, there are seven more days to correct it; 7- Betting *Chanukah gelt* on candle races; 6- Cheer is optional; 5- Creative spin-the-dreidel games; 4- Fun waxy buildup on the *menorah*; 3- No awkward explanations of Judah Maccabee's birth; 2- You can use your fireplace. And the number one reason to like *Chanukah* is – no Irving Berlin songs!

Seriously though, our families have been exposed to such much information and knowledge of other religions and cultures and way too little experience and knowledge of our own. Case in point, most of us can name the mother of Jesus and rattle off a number of his disciples, but how many of us know the name of Moshe's mother or the names of our most prominent prophets besides Elijah? Most of us know the history of America, name many of our presidents and rattle off the fifty states and maybe even the state capitals. How many of us know the history of Israel, the names of Israel's Prime Ministers and more than two or three cities in modern Israel? We can sing our national anthem, G-d Bless America and Silent Night, but do we know the lyrics to *Hatikvah*, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav* or even *Adon Olam*?

We all should be proud and knowledgeable Americans and we should all be respectful of other religions and cultures, but we also should be proud and educated Jews. That can only be accomplished when Judaism becomes a household word and

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From the Treasurer...



My name is **Ari Lubowicz** and along with my wife **Marlene**, my children and my in-laws, we have come to love and value our second home, Kehilath Israel Synagogue.

I want to thank **Craig Caplan** for inviting me to offer a contribution to *The Focal Point* and also for not mandating or suggesting a subject matter. I thought carefully about how to take advantage of this temporary pulpit and have chosen to offer some thoughts on a very difficult and sometimes painful subject. My goal is to visit, once again, the issue of affiliation, or more precisely, the lack of affiliation among members of our faith.

The example I would like to offer occurred almost two years ago. I was at a small gathering at an event in New Hope, Pennsylvania. I found myself sitting next to the president of a local synagogue who happened to be about the same age as me. After the initial introductions, we ended up spending quite a bit of time describing and *kveling* about our respective *shuls*. He told me that his time as an officer reflected a healthy increase in the number of families joining his congregation. Of course, I wanted very much to hear about how they were able to make this happen. My first question ... where were all these new members coming from? I asked him if most of the new people came from other congregations or from the unaffiliated. He took no time in responding. He told me that he, his rabbi and his board came to a quick and concrete conclusion early in his administration. The number one reason why Jewish Americans are unaffiliated, he shared with me.....Is because THEY WANT TO BE. Nothing, they decided could change that. In other words, they stole members from other synagogues. Despite being disappointed because he was not giving me a secret formula to bring K.I. membership numbers back to its 20th century packed house super attendance, I also noted that we don't have the ability to follow their lead because of the impressive trait of Kansas City congregations to not raid our neighbors.

Why is affiliation or connection important? From my perspective, there are obvious reasons. Many of our day to day challenges would be much more manageable with a larger base to draw from. Making a *minyan* would be easier if we could reach to a diverse group instead of relying on our committed core. Raising funds, filling our school, cooking for our *kiddush* and even leading *Tefillah* would all be less of a struggle if we could bring back just a segment of our community who have chosen to take a more independent path.

At K.I. in particular, we have so many important roles that are filled by people who were not born of Jewish parents but have chosen to become a son or daughter of Israel. Wouldn't their hard work and commitment be reinforced by seeing those who

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Candlelighting*.....4:38 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....4:15 P.M.
Havdalah.....5:32 P.M.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Candlelighting*.....4:39 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....4:20 P.M.
Havdalah.....5:34 P.M.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

CAVIAR FAMILY SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

RABBI BOB ALPER

Candlelighting*.....4:41 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

BLESSING OF

THE NEW MOON TEVET

Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....4:20 P.M.
Havdalah.....5:36 P.M.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Candlelighting*.....4:45 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....4:25 P.M.
Havdalah.....5:40 P.M.

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

The deadline for The January
Focal Point is December 9.
You can email your information
to ashanberg@kisyn.org.

FAST OF TEVET

The Fast of the 10th of *Tevet*, which commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and led to the destruction of the Temple, will occur this year on Thursday, January 1, 2015. The fast begins at 6:12 a.m. and ends at 5:44 p.m.

HEAT AND LIGHT FUND

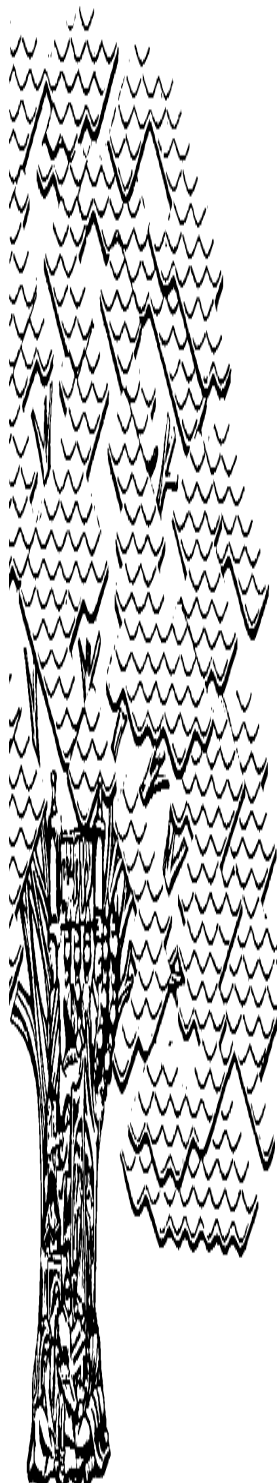


The season has arrived when requests are received from some congregants who are in need, as well as from other needy in the community, for funds to pay their heat and light bills for the cold winter months.

In the past you have all responded very generously to our appeals in the winter months for the Heat and Light Fund of K.I. We hope you will do so again. Should we be lucky and not have those needs in the Jewish community this year, whatever funds are leftover will address other needs. Please make checks payable to Rabbi Shron's Discretionary Fund designating on the check for Heat and Light.



SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



HONOR OF 80th BIRTHDAY
OF NORMA SCHWARTZ
AND OUR 49TH ANNIVERSARY
LOVE, ANDY, ADAM, RAMONA & ROBYN
GRANDCHILDREN, HARRY, SAM,
HOPE AND RAVYN

IN HONOR OF
JACKYE GOLDBERG'S
70TH BIRTHDAY
70 IS THE NEW 50
11-02-2014
LOVE, ALAN GOLDBERG

IN HONOR OF
IDA AND CRAIG KOLKIN'S
25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
11-19-2014
KAREN, STEVE, ETHAN, DAVID
ZACK, AMY & TEDDY

IN HONOR OF
IDA AND CRAIG KOLKIN'S
25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
11-19-2014
SAM, MARY, RICHARD, JENNIFER
REGGIE, JONATHAN, KAYLA & NATE

IN HONOR OF
REGGIE & JONATHAN FINK'S
15TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
11-27-1999
KAREN, STEVE, ETHAN, DAVID
ZACK, AMY & TEDDY

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Tuesday, December 16, three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings.

Chanukah candles are placed from the right to left side until finally on the eighth night, the *Chanukiah* is full. We light the newest candle first; therefore, we always begin by kindling the candle at the left and proceed toward the right.

On the Friday night of *Chanukah*, December 19, we always make sure that we light the *Chanukah* candles before sundown and before the *Sabbath* candles are lit.

Jewish law requires that on every night of *Chanukah*, the candles must burn at least one half hour after dark. Since on Friday night we must light the *Chanukah* candles before *Sabbath* candlelighting (4:41 p.m.), it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *Chanukiah* itself.

On Saturday night, December 20, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:36 p.m., it is permissible to light the *Chanukah menorah*.

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle *menorah*, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, that it be clear and bright. There has been a great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric

Chanukiah. Since it is not definite as to whether or not an electric *menorah* fulfills the obligation of the lighting of *Chanukah* lights, it is best to avoid the use of such a *Chanukiah*, except for purely decorative purposes.

In general, on a weekday night other than *Sabbath* night, the *Chanukah* candles are to be lit approximately at dark. If, however, one is not at home or this time is inconvenient, they can be lit at any time during the entire night. If one has to leave home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, the *Chanukah* candles may be lit about an hour before dark, provided that *Chanukah* lights will burn for a short period of time after dark.

The *Chanukah* candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. Our Sages determined that the required burning time of a *Chanukah* candle is one half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished.

It is customary to place the *Chanukiah* in the window of one's home, on the main table around which the family gathers, near the door, or any place where lighting of the candles will become a public event.

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)

(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁהֵחֵינֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'key-y'manu v'hee-gee-yanu
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and has brought us to this season.



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
asher ke-d'shanu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzee-vanu
l'had-leek nair shell Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

(2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמֵינוּ הָהֵם
בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam
sheh-ah-sah nee-sim la-ah-vo-tanu, bah-yamim
hah-haim baz-man hah-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, King of the universe, Who has performed miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Cheryl & Larry Silverman (46)
- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (2)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (9)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (39)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (36)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (9)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (19)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (64)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (25)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (31)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (49)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (5)
- 26 Faina & Alan Buberger (21)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (45)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (62)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pender (1)

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pursuing Jewish education and experiences becomes the norm in our lives. How can we expect our children to have any connection to Judaism unless we lead by example and expand our Jewish knowledge and Jewish experiences?

With that in mind, I will be offering a six week journey through 4,000 years of Jewish history, beginning at the end of January. I will also be offering *Shabbat Morning Lite* – an alternative, creative, interactive and stimulating monthly service that will be held in our chapel from 10-11a.m. I hope that many of you will take advantage of these opportunities as well as the many other Jewish opportunities and experiences offered at K.I. and throughout the community.

I wish you all a happy and joyous *Chanukah*, *Hanukkah*, *Khannuka* – oh, you know what I mean!

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron



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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES

Lowell and Jennifer Fletcher.....

7904 W. 98th Terrace
Overland Park, KS 66212

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all of the following congregants who are celebrating birthdays:

Liz Friedman, Dmitry Kapustin, Joseph Schiffman, Linda Silver, Alan Buberger, Igor Burdyugova, Brenda McKinnon, Eugene Strauss, Jonathan Kaplan, Lynn Kuluva, Mary Covitz, Anna Levina, Jacqueline Rosenstock, Harold Shorr, Linda Zack, Larry Rosen, Robyn Jacobs, Alexander Belingloph, Bonnie Siegel, Harold Magariel, Sandra Romer, Martha Fleitman, Mary Ball, Janet Eisman, Clint Gillom, Lea Rozenberg, Marcie Kaplan, Rachel Towle, Sheila Rosmarine, Maurice Soltz, Robert Glueck, Joel Zitron, Arnold Caviar, Debra Entine, Anna Bashmakov, Hal Novicoff, Beryl Silberg, Sherrill Friedman, Joseph DeLuca, Joy Koesten, Solomon Batnitzky.



DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Avi Hammer, Ilana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Blake Sallis, Jackson Jacobson, Lizzy Rosenstock, Brynn Shaffer, Kayla Fink, Morgan Caviar, Rachel Lubowicz, Sarah Caplan, and Dylan Zismer.

תודה רבה

..to our capable and reliable office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Eunice and Sheldon Snitz.**

...to **Debbie Adamous** for preparing the October *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*.

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4,000 YEARS OF JEWISH HISTORY IN SIX WEEKS

Rabbi Jeffrey Shron will be presenting an exciting journey through 4,000 years of Jewish history. The six session course in Jewish history created by the National Jewish Outreach Program is open to all members of the Jewish community. Rabbi Shron will present an overview of the great events that have shaped the Jewish people throughout time, the great impact Jews have had on nearly every country in the world, and the great Jewish heroes such as Saadia Gaon, Don Isaac Abarbanel, Uriah Levy, etc.

This course will discuss the different segments of Jewish history:

- 1) Biblical Times
- 2) From a United Kingdom to Exile and Diaspora
- 3) The Jewish Epicenter Moves West
- 4) Jews Enter and React to the Modern Era
- 5) Holocaust and Renewal.

Learning about our rich heritage will enable participants to develop an appreciation for their people's history and inspire them to become increasingly involved in Jewish life.

The course will meet on five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on January 28, 2015. The final session will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please email Rabbi Shron at: rabbijeffreyshron@gmail.com.



SCOUT NEWS FROM CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

POPCORN:

We had a great fundraising effort with the annual Boy Scout National Popcorn Sale. Thank you to all who participated by buying this excellent popcorn or purchasing popcorn for our military troops! We beat last year's total... top sellers were Ethan Sosland (with over \$1000 in sales for the second straight year), Danny Albee, and Asher Glass. The sale benefits our Heart of America Council, our Pack 3153, and the individual boys themselves. Special thanks go out to our Popcorn Kernels: Dr. Rachel and David Sosland and to the parents who assisted.

PINEWOOD DERBY:

Pinewood Derby may be the best known Cub Scout activity, other than Scouting's well earned reputation for outdoor programs, citizenship involvement and character & building. GENERATIONS of boys have participated in building Pinewood cars and racing them down a 30+ foot ramp / track. This will be the 4th year on our computer timed, high-tech track which was paid for by Pack fundraising and a stipend from K.I. Men's Club.

The Pack has begun preparing for the upcoming 2015 version of the Pack 3153 Pinewood Derby, which will be held in the K.I. Social Hall on Race Day, Sunday, January 11th. However, "design & build" by the Cubs (and their parents, families and friends in the "Outlaw" Division) began on November 20th. Brad Klinock, Den Leader for the Webelos II Den is again chairing and is in full charge of the event. The track will be set up during the week of January 4th with activities planned that week including weigh-in and open practice runs leading up to "Race-Day"! Everyone is invited to

attend any and all of the events... free admission!

RELIGIOUS AWARD WORKSHOP:

Pack 3153 will again sponsor a workshop for those Cub Scouts (from Pack 3153 and from throughout the K.C. metro area) who would like to earn the Maccabee and Aleph Jewish religious awards. The event, again chaired by **Elly Goldstein**, Pack 3153 Cubmaster, will be on Sunday afternoon, December 14th in the K.I. library. The goal is to have as all Jewish Cub Scouts who have not yet earned their Maccabee (1st and 2nd grade boys) and Aleph (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys) awards to do so and be formally presented at K.I.'s Scout *Shabbat*, to be held in the K.I. sanctuary on 2/14/15. Anyone who would like to help with this workshop is asked to contact Elly at Elly.Goldstein@bostonbeer.com/913.544.2354.

Pack 3153 is always open at any time for all boys in the 1st through 5th grades (and interested adults) to join in the fun. For more information regarding Pack 3153, contact Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair (tgoldstein613@gmail.com/913.642.8023) or Elly Goldstein, Cubmaster Elly.Goldstein@bostonbeer.com/913.544.2354.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

DEBBIE COHEN

had grown up in Jewish homes enjoy the benefits of being part of the family?

So, we know why encouraging people to rejoin the family would be good for us. Why would it be good for them? Many of us know how much benefit we derive from our involvement but how do I put it into words? For that, I will defer to a member of the K.I. family, Gevura Davis. With her permission, I want to repost something that she shared a few weeks ago.

"When you chose to make friends, join a school, join a synagogue, or any community, you are actually building for yourself another family, a network of love and support. When my mom suffered a terrible brain hemorrhage when I was six years old, we weren't part of any community and we literally had NO ONE to help us. It was terrible. This week, after having a very minor injury, I was so blessed to have an outpouring of acts of loving kindness, help, and concern showered upon me and my family. I am so grateful for the tremendous friendships that I am blessed with, and I thank all of you, even for the FB "likes" or comments of concern."

In this one paragraph, Rebbetzen Davis, a woman whose friendship I have come to cherish, was able to touch a very personal and valuable point. By the very nature of our existence, going back to our origins, those who chose to be alone perished. Those of us, who joined a larger community, or pack, were much more likely to prosper.

I find myself asking why so many people I know can't or won't join. Too many people tell me that the costs are prohibitive. That being Jewish it is "too expensive." That is a common and quite frankly a very disappointing answer. As I look at my \$300 per month cell phone bill and my \$150 monthly cable/internet bill, I can argue that being a member at K.I. is quite a bargain. Additionally, in my years here, I have never, ever seen anyone who wanted to be here told that the inability to make a substantive financial commitment is a deal breaker. So, I'm going to put the "financial" reason on the questionable list.

This brings me to the next reason, perceived insult. "I don't belong to the synagogue because of how they treat me." This can come in the form of someone looking at them wrong, someone not asking them how or who they are, someone not calling enough or someone calling too much. We all know that we could and should be better at this. I have heard

every president of our *shul* along with both Rabbi Mandl and Rabbi Shron address this. There is no easy answer. Every modern day rabbi and committee chairperson has to walk the tight rope on how to best serve each individual. It's too bad that we can't request that each person give us a detailed list of do's and don'ts, kind of an instruction sheet. This theory is very challenging. It's too difficult a subject to try and find a compact and neat solution. What I know for sure is that it is not a problem that is limited to synagogues. I have often heard the same complaint from my Protestant and Catholic friends.

Many of our friends know that our family has to deal with the terrible burden of caring for a very sick child. My sister's son, Zachary is fighting his third battle with cancer in the last four years. I am conscious of the fact that other families also have undeniably painful battles to wage, but Zachary is ours and it hurts all of us but especially his mom, my sister. I don't have an answer as to why my sister's rabbi is not deeply involved in her life right now. I do not know for sure why the congregation that has graduated all three of her children from their Hebrew school does not reach out to the family in a meaningful way. I have no answer as to why the local church in her town shows up at her home with donated monies and food while never ever having met Zack before nor asking anything else in return. What I do know is that my sister has never said a word about the absence of an organized Jewish community support system but I can tell that she thinks about it. We are lucky that Zack lives in an amazing almost story book, village full of angels. My sister is not alone but unfortunately, many people are. When I started this article, I did not plan on sharing the story about my sister but I am wondering if Gevura Davis and her experience was a catalyst for the entire undertaking.

There are more reasons why people don't belong. I have been confronted at times with a remarkable anger sourced in events of decades past. Some just have no need for a religious component in their life and some simply don't believe.

I have no magic answer. I do have some personal admissions. I feel very lucky when people tell me that they are interested in my son's experience in Israel. I feel very touched when friends on *Shabbat* look at me with eyes that convey concern for my nephew without ever saying a word.

I love the fact that my daughters come to *shul* just to make their parents happy when they would much rather be in bed. I am very grateful for our K.I. family. I know that we collectively love our faith and love our community.

I feel so sorry for the person who told me that he does not go to services because his parents never brought him as a child and he is embarrassed because he does not know how to *daven*. I am so very impressed with people who decide as adults to complete their *B'nai Mitzvah* because for some reason, they did not do it as teenagers. My heart breaks for children who have to mourn their parents alone because of some disconnect that could have been repaired very easily.

It is my hope that this article will add to the many others before me who have addressed the way to make sure that our home is accessible and inviting. There will always be some who will never need a bigger family but I am certain that there are others who have a spiritual and communal need and we at K.I. are just the ones to fill it. With this subject, there are very few things I can say with absolute conviction. The exception is that I am positive that here at K.I., Rabbi Shron, president Caplan, the Board of Directors, the professional staff and in my experience, the membership all have the best of intentions and are committed to being open and inclusive. The challenge is in getting the message out.

*Wishing you all a happy Chanukah,
Ari Lubowicz*

COMING IN 2015 --
Shabbat Morning
Lite
An alternative
creative, interactive
and stimulating
monthly service in
our Rose Morgan
Chapel at 10:00 am.



CAVIAR FAMILY JEWISH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



RABBI BOB ALPER, THE COMIC RABBI

Friday, December 19

4:45 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services

"Thanks. I Needed That."

followed by a catered Brisket dinner

Adults \$15* Children Under 12 Free

Reservations requested BY DECEMBER 12

*Generously underwritten by the Caviar family

Saturday, December 20

9:00 a.m. *Shabbat* Services

"Spirituality of Laughter"

Kiddush Luncheon Following

7:00 p.m. *"Comedy Club"*

Adults Only - \$10

Rabbi Robert "Bob" Alper is an author, stand-up comedian, and practicing clergy member. As an ordained rabbi, Alper served congregations for fourteen years and holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary.

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

9 KISLEV-DEC 1
MILTON COHEN
AVRAHAM COSNER
MINKA COSNER
FREIDL FEDER
NORMAN GOPMAN
HAROLD KATZ
KURT LEVI
MORRIS TURNER

10 KISLEV-DEC 2
LEIZER COPAKEN
JACOB FISHMAN
ISRAEL GALLAS
BERL GOLDSTEIN
HERMAN SCHIFMAN
HERMAN SIESS

11 KISLEV-DEC 3
VICTOR BULAVSKY
BETTY CONE
SOL GOLDBERG
FRIEDA KABRISKY
HARRY KANTOR
HARRY LESNER
ABRAHAM RAPOPORT
JACK SCHWARTZ

12 KISLEV-DEC 4
ROSE BRATT
HANNAH COHN
MORRIS SCHANZER

13 KISLEV-DEC 5
ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN
LOUIS GOLAD
PHILLIP STRAUSS
MAYME WEISS

14 KISLEV-DEC 6
HARRY BARASH
FRIEDA FINGERSH
MARY GOODBINDER
REUVEN KUSHNER
ARTHUR KUSNETZKY
JOE LEVIN
BLANCHE LEVINE
WILLIAM LONDON
REBA PITLUCK
LILA ROBERTS
BENJAMIN STILLMAN
EARL TRANIN

15 KISLEV-DEC 7
ETA ESTRIN
MORRIS FEDER
ANNA HARRIS
JOSEPH LEVEY
LIBBIE MALLIN
ELAINE MILLS
IRENE ROSENBERG
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DONALD COHN
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28 KISLEV-DEC 20
SAMUEL GREEN
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The Kehilath Israel Family
extends deepest sympathy
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Coming to watch the Jayhawks play at Allen fieldhouse? Stop by the Fieldhouse's most beloved Jewish attraction:

THE KOSHER KORNER!!!!

This full service Kosher Deli offers a variety of hot and delicious kosher items to

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- * Kosher Pretzels!
- * Kosher Hot Dogs!
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The Kosher Hot Dog Stand is located at the Northwest Corner of the 2nd floor of the Fieldhouse, and is open from one hour before the game to 30 minutes past halftime. Stop by for delicious Glatt Kosher Deli Food with all the sides.

THE KOSHER KORNER is a project of Chabad @KU and is brought to the Jewish community with special thanks for the generosity of 18 Capital Corporation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HOAC-JCS SCOUTING SERVES THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Boy Scouts of America - Heart of America Council's Jewish Committee on Scouting (HOAC-JCS) has initiated a fund-raising campaign in order to continue its efforts in enhancing Jewish Scouting in the greater Kansas City area. Through the efforts of Mr. Stewart Koesten, Chairman of HOAC-JCS and Dr. Norman Kahn, Jr., Central Region Chair of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, a matching grant program of up to \$1000 has been created from 2 anonymous donors.

Scouting is a proven nation-wide training ground for future community leaders in both the Jewish and general communities. Within the Scouting program, the religious component is strong, and our local committee's participation is needed to compliment that facet of the Scouting experience. The HOAC-JCS is charged with encouraging participation of Jewish youth in the Boy Scouts of America's Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture Scout programs. As an umbrella organization, the HOAC-JCS is responsible to encourage and facilitates Scouting's Jewish Religious Awards for youth and adults, Scout Sabbath programming, and provide a Jewish presence at Council activities. The committee is also responsible for maintaining the Jewish Chapel and Jewish Chaplains Quarters at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and supplying trained Jewish Chaplains as needed. Funds raised through this current campaign will allow this important work to continue, and will provide scholarship funding for those Scouts needing financial assistance for camp and national programs. Any and all donations are deeply appreciated. Jill Goldstein has agreed to act as Treasurer for this campaign. Please send checks to HOAC-JCS, c/o Jill Goldstein, 9001 W. 99th Terrace, Overland Park, KS, 66212.



MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS CITY JEWISH COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO "ACCEPT THE HEBREW CHALLENGE"

The Rabbinical Association of Greater KC in collaboration with area congregations, The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy invite 67 members of the Jewish community of Kansas City to "ACCEPT THE HEBREW CHALLENGE" to celebrate Israel's 67th year of independence.

This challenge is open to adults and children (over the age of 8) who have minimal or no previous knowledge in reading Hebrew who wish to be challenged, inspired and energized to acquire a basic knowledge of reading Hebrew by April 15, 2015. The only prerequisite is to have an interest in and be motivated to learn the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, decode, and read Hebrew words and phrases before April.

Several exciting and fun learning opportunities have been designed for all ages and will be offered through a variety of creative and interactive learning experiences, including a "Hebrew board game" event. Choose from a self-paced computer program, enroll in a Hebrew instruction class taking place in your congregation and/or in the community or sign up and be part of a group learning session. Based on interest, group sessions will be created for families, young adults 20-35, adults 35 plus, adults over age 65 and Religious school/HBHA parents and staff, or create your own group. Group sessions will be taught by Israeli instructor, Orit Kamara, and will meet for 7 two hour sessions to be offered on Sundays (choose: 10:00-Noon, 12:30-2:30, 4:00-6:00 or 6:30-8:30) and on Mondays 2:00-4:00 or 4:30-6:30. If these times are not convenient for your schedule, inquire about availability for a specific day/time.

Group participation fees are: \$90 per person (receive \$10 off for each additional friend who enrolls with you), family price is \$90 for first family member and \$50 for each additional family member who enrolls and \$65 per person for those age 65 and over. The cost to participate in the self-paced computer program is \$55 per person.

After participants complete the challenge they will receive a certificate of completion and be recognized in written communications and at this year's *Yom HaAtzmaut* community-wide celebration. For those who wish to continue learning Hebrew after the challenge, a weekly Hebrew reading club will be offered so that participants can continue to practice and improve their reading skills and acquire basic Hebrew with native Hebrew speaking instructors.

The Hebrew language is an essential part of Jewish identity that connects all Jews to their past, present and future. To "accept the Hebrew challenge," please email afprogram@aol.com by December 31 and indicate your interest and provide the Hebrew learning program you would like to participate in (list group/date/time or indicate computer program) and provide your email and phone contact information as well as names and contact information for friends and family members who wish to enroll with you. You will receive additional details once groups are confirmed. If planning to enroll in a congregation and/or community Hebrew program, let us know the details so that you can be counted in the challenge. For additional information, contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, 913.327.4622.



HANUKAH BLEND OF ROASTERIE COFFEE COMING TO STORE SHELVES, HELPING JFS PANTRY

Enjoy a cup of java and help the JFS Food Pantry. *Hanukah* may be a few months away, but the Roasterie's special *Hanukah* blend of coffee will soon start appearing on store shelves. The *Hanukkah* Blend is being sold in area coffee houses through The Roasterie's cause blends line of air-roasted coffee. A portion of the *Hanukkah* Blend sales will go to support JFS food pantry. This special coffee has a smooth, rich, and full-bodied taste with sweet floral tones and hints of nuttiness in the finish. The *Hanukkah* Blend was made from coffee beans originating from Brazil and Panama; it is considered a French roast and it's been certified Kosher by the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City. The *Hanukkah* Blend is available in both auto drop or whole bean and can be purchased at the three Roasterie Café stores or online at <http://www.theroasterie.com/coffee/cause-blends>.



HEALING SERVICE SET FOR DECEMBER

The Communitywide Healing Service, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Chaplaincy program housed at Jewish Family Services, will take place Thursday evening, Dec. 11 at Village Shalom. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the entire community regardless of one's level of observance. Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Jewish Community Chaplain, will facilitate the service. Please make reservations for the healing service by calling JFS' office at 913.327.8250 or sending an email to healing@jfskc.org. For more information, contact healing@jfskc.org.



JFS & WHOLE FOODS TEAM UP TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Jewish Family Services Food Pantry has been chosen as a beneficiary organization for Whole Foods Market's Feed 4 More program from November through Jan. 1. Here's how it works! Customers of the Whole Foods Market at the West 119th and Glenwood Store location (in the Fountains shopping center) who make in-store donations will support the purchase of non-perishable foods to stock the JFS Food Pantry. Items featured include spaghetti, vegetable soup, applesauce, long grain rice, and more. One hundred percent of the funds collected are donated to fighting hunger. So please shop early and often and help support the pantry with a donation.

December 2014 9 Kislev 5775 - 9 Teves 5775

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	1	9 KISLEV	2	10 KISLEV	3	11 KISLEV	4	12 KISLEV	5	13 KISLEV	6	14 KISLEV	
			Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Yoga 6:00 pm K.L. Board Meeting-6:30 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm				14:38		Vayishlach Obadiah 1:1-21 Shabbos Ends: 5:32 Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:30 pm		
7	15 KISLEV	16 KISLEV	9	17 KISLEV	10	18 KISLEV	11	19 KISLEV	12	20 KISLEV	13	21 KISLEV	
Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am		Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Yoga 6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm		Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30-8:00 pm		14:39		Vayeshev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:34 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:35 pm		
14	22 KISLEV	23 KISLEV	15	24 KISLEV	16	25 KISLEV	17	26 KISLEV	18	27 KISLEV	20	28 KISLEV	
Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Cub Scouts - 1:00-4:00 pm		Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 1 Yoga 6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm		Chanukah - Day 2		14:41	Chanukah - Day 3 Caviar Family Scholar in Residence Weekend - Dinner following Services	Chanukah - Day 4 Miketz Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:36 Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:35 pm "Comedy Club" 7:00 pm		
21	29 KISLEV	30 KISLEV	22	1 TEVES	23	2 TEVES	24	3 TEVES	25	4 TEVES	27	5 TEVES	
Chanukah - Day 5 NO Religious School		Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 NO Religious School		Chanukah - Day 8		Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service - 9:00 am		14:45		Vayigash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:40 Rav Shron Study Class-3:40 p.m.		
28	6 TEVES	7 TEVES	30	8 TEVES	31	9 TEVES							
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Monday-Friday <i>Shacharit</i>	7:00 A.M.

Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv

Week of Dec. 7	4:45 P.M.
Week of Dec. 14	4:45 P.M.
Week of Dec. 21	4:45 P.M.
Week of Dec. 28	4:50 P.M.

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Monday, December 22
Tuesday, December 23

Thursday, December 25	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, January 1	9:00 A.M.

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