THE FOCAL POINT

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From the Rabbi's Study...



One of the most enjoyable holidays for me is the upcoming holiday of *Sukkot*. My entire family has always looked forward to building and decorating our *sukkah* and braving the elements and the bees together by eating our meals in the *sukkah*. There is something special about eating, talking and singing

together as a family while replicating the Israelites forty year wanderings in the desert. It also gives one an appreciation for having a roof over one's head and a sensitivity for those who don't. Our observances are specifically designed to help us appreciate our lives while directing us to be aware of and help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Through appreciation and giving one can be truly happy. And by the way, Hedy and I cordially invite the congregation to a *kiddush* in our *sukkah* after *Shabbat* services on October 11th.

It is no coincidence that the holiday that culminates the entire High Holy Day season is *Simchat Torah*. This is the holiday that celebrates the congregation's joyous achievement of reading and learning the entire *Torah* in its annual cycle, and our desire to begin anew by immediately going back and starting again at the beginning, always searching for new insight. We celebrate G-d's gift to us, the *Torah* that we were privileged to receive, and also the knowledge that we derived from its teachings, giving us some understanding and appreciation of our lives and helping us survive in the chaotic world that we live in.

Simchat Torah is celebrated like no other holiday of the year as it is the one time when we do away with the formality of services, shed our inhibitions, and truly "let loose" in shul. To an outside observer or someone who is not savvy to what's happening, this service might seem a bit crazy; however, after going through the extreme intensity of the High Holy Days, this deviation is truly welcomed and needed. It also gives our children a chance to see firsthand that we as Jewish

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From the Officers...



THE JOURNEY

I want to share with the congregation the story of my return to Kehilath Israel Synagogue. I was raised in Kansas City, Missouri. My mother and father are first generation Americans. Dad's parents are from Russia and Mom's from Poland. I have

fond memories of Friday night Shabbat dinners with the extended families. I remember High Holiday services in the social hall where we sat part of the time with the Gallas family and part of the time with the Levines. I suspect if the seats were restored to their original locations, I could go to the specific rows where the families always sat. On the other hand, I confess that I was not enthralled with going to Hebrew School. Like many second generation Americans, I was attending public school and trying to understand why I was different from my non-Jewish friends and neighbors. I know that I would have preferred to be outside playing or attending after-school secular functions rather than learning how to pray. Nonetheless, I continued my Jewish studies through my Bar Mitzvah. I then transferred from Hebrew School to Sunday School, of course, with my parents' permission.

I became a member of Kehilath Israel sometime after reaching adulthood, however, like many, my participation was minimal. I was basically a "three day a year" Jew. In 1985, **Rabbi Mandl** called and told me he thought I would make a great treasurer for the *shul*. I asked him if everyone else had already turned him down and he said that was in fact the case. Nonetheless, I agreed to serve as treasurer in **Geoffrey Friedman**'s administration. The highlight of that experience is that Geoff and I remain the closest of friends to this date. During the time that I served as an officer and board member my attendance at the synagogue was much more regular, but my heart was still not in it. I always loved the *shul* but not, so much, the ritual.

I left K.I. in 2010. I had any number of reason why I felt moving from K.I. was the right thing to do, although upon reflection, it had nothing to do with the synagogue and everything to do with other circumstances in my life. Mom died on March 22, 2012. I always knew that I would say *Kaddish* for my parents. The synagogue of which I was then a member did not have daily services. I started attending morning and evening services at K.I. It is very difficult to

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 (SEE YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE)

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Candlelighting*	6:30 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:35 P.M.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Morning Services	9:00 A.M.
Mincha/Kohelet	5:45 P.M.
Havdalah	7:18 P.M.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Candlelighting*	6:19 P.M
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:25 P.M

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 BLESSING OF THE NEW MOON CHESHVAN

Morning Services	
Mincha	5:55 P.M
Havdalah	7:09 P.M

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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Candlelighting*	6:10 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services	9:00 A.M
Mincha	5:45 P.M
Havdalah	

FRIDAY OCTORER 31

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Candlelighting*6	:01	P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat6	:05	P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Services	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	5:35 P.M.
Havdalah	6:52 P.M.

* NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

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ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, the first two days of *Sukkot*, October 9 and 10; and also, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*, October 16 and 17, fall on a Thursday and Friday, the ritual of *Eruv Tayshilin* is to be recited on the Wednesdays before candlelighting.

When any major festival falls on a Friday, in order that it may be permissible to cook on that day for Saturday (one is permitted to cook on a holiday for that day alone), the head of the household must perform the ritual of "*Eruv Tavshilin*" before the festival. This ceremony should be performed late afternoon on Wednesday, (October 8), on the eve of *Sukkot*; and Wednesday (October 15), late afternoon the eve of *Shemini Atzeret*. This consists of taking some bread and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וִצְנֵנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֵרוּב.

בַּהֲדִין עֵרוּבָּא יְהֵא שָׁרֵא לָנֶא לְאַפּוּקֵי וּלְבַשוּלֵי וּלְאַטְמוּנֵי וּלְאַדְלוּקֵי שְׁרָגָא וּלְתַקָּנָא וּלְמֶעְבַּד כָּל צְרְכָּנָא, מִיּוֹמָא טָבָא לְשַבְּתָא. לָנוּ, וּלְכָל יִשִּׂרָאֵל הַדַּרִים בָּעִיר הַזֹּאת.

Blessed art Thou, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe. Who made us holy with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the *Eruv*. With this *Eruv* it shall be permissible for us to bake, cook and to keep the food warm; to light the candles, and to prepare all necessary things on the festival for the *Sabbath*. This shall be permitted to us and to all Jews who live in this city.

The food for this ceremony is to be eaten on *Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot*, October 11, and *Shabbat Bereshit*, October 18.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

RANDI BERGER

DANIEL DUNIVAN

RICHARD & JOYCE DUNIVAN

DEVORAH GOODMAN

adults like to have fun, and this fun can be expressed in the synagogue. Let's face it, to the average child, and even to many adults, synagogue services can be challenging, especially if the participant cannot follow the Hebrew prayers. That is exactly why I have always used melodies on *Shabbat* that are upbeat and easy for all to sing. But on *Simchat Torah* all, both children and adults, should be able to participate in some way in the singing and dancing, in marching around with a *Torah* or receiving an *Aliyah*. At the same time, we are demonstrating our love and respect for our *Torah* that provides us with sanity for the rest of the year.

I invite all of you to join with me on Thursday night and Friday morning, October 16th & 17th, for the festivities, and I challenge you to shed your inhibitions, return to your childhood and celebrate *Simchat Torah* at K.I. Strange occurrences have been known to happen.

Chag Samayach Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

EREV YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE Friday, October 3 - 9 Tishri

Shacharit and Selichot	7:00 a.m.
Mincha	1:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:40 p.m.
(Candles will be ava	ilable at the
synagogue for licht	bentchen.)
Kol Nidra Service	6:30 n m

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, October 4 - 10 Tishri Shacharit......9:00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR REMINDER

Just a reminder that on *Yom Kippur* night and all day, all laws of *Shabbat* apply. Also, it is very important for those of you affected by the Overland Park *Eruv* to call the *Eruv* Hotline at 913.735.3788 late in the afternoon of the eve of *Yom Kippur* to verify the *Eruv* is "up" and functioning as we do on the eve of every *Shabbat*.

SUKKOT SCHEDULE

	SUKKOT
EREV SUKKO	OT
Wednesday, October	8 - 14 Tishri
Mincha and Yom Tov Maari	iv6:35 P.M.
Candlelighting	6:33 P.M.
FIRST DAY OF S	UKKOT
Thursday, October 9	-15 Tishri
Festival Service	9:00 A.M.
Kiddush in the S	ukkah
Mincha-Maariv	6:35 P.M.
Candlelighting (not before	e)7:21 P.M.
SECOND DAY OF	SUKKOT
Friday, October 10	- 16 Tishri
Festival Service	9:00 A.M.
Kiddush in the Si	ukkah
Mincha	6:35 P.M.
Candlelighting (no later)	6:30 P.M.

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT Saturday, October 11 - 17 Tishri

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha & Kohelet	5:45 P.M.
Havdalah	7:18 P.M.



CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT Sunday, October 12 18 Tishri

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Minchah-Maariv	6:30 P.M.

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT Monday, Oct. 13 - Tuesday, Oct. 14 19 Tishri - 20 Tishri

Shacharit	7:00 A.M
Minchah-Maariv	6:30 P.M.

HOSHANAH RABBAH Wednesday, October 15 - 21 Tishri

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Shacharit	7:00 A.M.
Mincha and Yom Tov Mad	riv 6:30 P.M.
Candlelighting	6:22 P.M.

SHEMINI ATZERET Thursday, October 16 - 22 Tishri (Yizkor will be recited)

Festival Service	M
<i>Mincha</i>	Μ.
Maariv and Hakafoth 6:30 P.I	М.
Candlelighting (not before) 7:12 P.1	M.
Celebration of the completion of t	he
Reading of the <i>Torah</i> .	

Join in Festivities at K.I.!

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 17 - 23 Tishri

Festival Service	9:00 A.M
Followed by Hakafoth	
Candlelighting(not later)	6:19 P.M
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	6:25 P.M

Daytime Kiddush for First 2 Days of Sukkot & Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:

אֵלֶה מוּעֲדִי ה׳, מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר תִּקְרְאוּ אֹתָם בְּמוּעֲדָם. וַיִּדַבֵּר משֵה אֵת מעֲדִי ה׳, אֵל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Ayleh mo-aday Adon_i, mikra-ay kodesh asher tik-r'u otam b'moadam. Va-y'daber Moshe et mo-aday Adon_i, el b'nai Yisrael.

(סַבְּרִי מֶרְנָן וְרַבְּנָן וְרַבּוֹתֵי) בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַנְּפֶּן. Baruch Atta Adon_i, Eloh_inu Melech ha-olam, boray p'ri hagafen.

In the Sukkah add:

בָרוּךְ אַתָּה ה׳ אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִרְשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתְיוּ, וִצְוַנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסִּכָּה.

Baruch Atta Adon_i, Eloh_inu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu layshev basukkah.

IN MEMORIAM

May the G-d of Mercy sustain and comfort those who have suffered the loss of dear ones. The Kehilath Israel family extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of:

DAVID PENER

(Son of Shirley Pener)

SUSAN CHOUCROUN

(Wife of Charles Choucroun)

RALPH MATZDORFF

(Husband of Adelle Matzdorff, Stepfather of Carolin Knox)

MARVIN ORLOVICK

TABLET DEDICATION

Sunday, October 26 In Memory of Benne Kusnetzky 9:00 a.m. Rose Morgan Chapel

MONUMENT UNVEILING

Sunday, October 26 In Memory of Benne Kusnetzky 10:30 a.m.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery

Sunday, October 26 In Memory of Helen Krashin 11:00 a.m.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery



DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER
FOCAL POINT
WILL BE OCTOBER 8.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR
COOPERATION.
THANK YOU.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Deanna & David Pool (50)
- 13 Miriam & Dr. Robert Glueck (29)
- 15 Irene & Edward Blend (53)
- 22 Kimberlin & Nathan Kubel (23) Kay and Izzy Lewkowsky (9)
- 24 Norma & Andre Schwartz (49)
- 26 Amy Goldstein & Barry Dicker (10)
- 28 Rochelle & Edward Kanter (30)

תודה רבה

- ...to our capable and reliable office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Eunice** and **Sheldon Snitz.**
-to Nancy, Aaron and Robert Cohen, and Linda and Richard Sher and family for the flowers on the *bimah* for *Rosh Hashanah* in memory of Abbott and Martha Sher.
- ...to the **Fred and Maria Devinki Flower Fund** for the flowers on the *bimah* for *Yom Kippur*, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*.
- ...to **Herbert Fishman** for sponsoring the *Seudah Shlishit* for the entire year as well as helping with *Kiddushim*.
- ...Kehilath Israel Synagogue extends a special *Todah Rabah* to **Irene Goodman**, who graciously helps underwrite the salary of our regular *Torah* reader year round in memory of her late parents, Louis and Dora Fox, of blessed memory. This is a tradition that Lou and Dora started, and Irene graciously continues in their footsteps in helping underwrite the wonderful high caliber *Torah* reading at our synagogue.
- ...to **Arnie and Carol Caviar** for donating fruit and vegetables throughout the year.
- ...to Yale Winston and Boy Scout Troop 61 for sprucing up our playground. Helping them out was Yale's sister, Shaina. He coordinated everything for his Eagle Scout project. Yale is the son of **Susan and Bruce Winston** and grandson of **Lois and Manny Winston**.
- ...to Linda Silver and her crew Arlene Abrams, Debbie Adamous, Carol Caviar, Phyllis Kohn, Marlene Krakow, and Debbie Saferstein, for baking the mandel bread for Break the Fast.

OCTOBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Kuluva, Emily Tranin, Jacob Goldman, Samuel Katz, Yaron Heiligman, Alex Tranin, Yesoshua Rich, Yonatan Rich, Townes DeLuca, Shuli Mandl, Joseph Pool, Ariel Buberman.

CONGREGANTS' OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Judith Bussell, Leslee Gottlieb, Lawrence Jabenis, Jay Portnoy, Joyce Zeldin, Ruth Levine, David Ernstein, Alix Jacobson, Ruth Nowack, Dori Quinn, Amy Tranin, Phillip Kusnetzky, Kenneth Samet, Kent Shanberg, Rachael Gallas, Eugene Wolowski, Philip Barnard, Larry Haith, Nathan Kubel, Myer Litwack, Margaret Nerman, Seymour Weiner, Sima Dubovoy, Marlene Krakow, James Lesky, Irene Blend, Michael Sokol, Lillian Pollock, Allen Caviar, Sophia Waldmann, Ira Kusnetzky, Sandra Rothberg, Cynthia Kusnetzky, Allan Rosenstock, Sol Daniels, Leonard Rosen, Robert Schifman, Sharon Friedman, Cheryl Samet, Faina Buberman, Charles Choucroun, Deborah Stone, Olga Krug, Arnold Probin, Norma Schwartz, Stewart Koesten, Jerome Efron, Larry Mallin, Richard Simon.

מזל טוב

- ...to **Helen Brown** on the birth of twin great-grandsons, Sidney Graham Richmond and Henry Blake Richmond to Rebecca and Chad Richmond.
- ...to **Natalie and Dr. Donald Cohen** on the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Ethan Cohen, son of Michelle and Daniel Cohen.
- ...to **Jean and Dr. Allen Parelman** on the recent wedding of their granddaughter, Emily Passer to Peter Wolkofsky.
- ...to **Susie and Robert Katz** on the recent wedding of their daughter, Rachel Leora Assal to Christopher Nill.
- ...to **Nancy and Steve Cline** on their son, Jonathan Cline, joining the law firm of Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP in Springfield, MO.

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SUKKOT HONOREES



As a lifelong member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue, **Amy Goldstein** feels grateful for the positive Judaic influence set forth by participating in traditions with her grandparents, parents, and extended family. Amy grew up attending services and had her *Bat Mitzvah* at K.I., at its Meyer and Rockhill location. She has fond memories of exploring all the nooks and crannies in that old building, and attending Junior Congregation with her sister, Keri, and lots of other children. Over the years, Amy participated in K.I. activities alongside her mother, Sandi Goldstein, of blessed memory, her father and second mom, **Elliott** and **Linda**, and all her amazing grandparents, of blessed memory. Later, after returning to Kansas City for graduate school, Amy held part-time positions working with K.I. youth as a Sunday school teacher and Youth Group Director. She especially loved going to K.I.'s Breakfast Club and watching her Papa Morris Weisberger, of blessed memory,

in action.

Amy has been working in the healthcare field for 20 years, advocating for people living with kidney failure, cancer, chronic pain and multiple sclerosis. She works for the American Academy of Pain Management, as its first Director of the State Pain Policy Advocacy Network (SPPAN). She is responsible for the creation, growth and sustainability of this national state-based network. Amy graduated from the University of Texas-Austin and earned her Masters in Social Work degree at the University of Kansas. She has held leadership and board positions in a variety of organizations, and has been a vice president of Kehilath Israel Synagogue since 2011. She has enjoyed her involvement at K.I., especially being co-chair of K.I.'s Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament since 2011.

Amy met her husband, **Barry Dicker**, while living in Boston, and they were married by Rabbi Mandl eleven years ago this month. Amy and Barry share a love for Judaism and deep concern for making our world a better place. They have two sons, **Gabe** and **Jacob**, and try to be positive role models for them. Gabe really enjoys being a student at K.I.'s Eitz Chaim Religious School and Jacob is in pre-kindergarten at the JCC's Child Development Center. Her boys think it's "really cool" that mom is a vice president at K.I. and ask if she can be one forever. Amy thinks it's because they get easy access to the candy stash when they join her on the *bimah*!



Dan Kass has been a life-long resident of Kansas City and Kehilath Israel Synagogue, attending K.I.'s religious school. In addition to his religious education at K.I., SYO (Synagogue Youth Organization) enhanced his religious education. By attending Junior Congregation and then leading Junior Congregation with his mentor, Allan I. Greenberg, of blessed memory, started the habit of regular *Shabbat* attendance which continues today. It was through Junior Congregation with his friends that he learned to sing harmony. Thanks to those experiences, he now has sung in the High Holy Day choir for at least five years.

Due to his memories of his youth group days, Dan became Youth Group Director and Junior Congregation Director for over five years. He wanted his older sons, Lyle and Simon, to have similar experiences that he did in his younger days. In fact, he organized several *Shabbatons* with a traditional congregation in St. Louis and with Tifferet Israel Synagogue in Dallas. The first *Shabbaton* was co-chaperoned by our own

Rabbi Shron and his wife, Hedy. K.I. chartered a bus (funded by the Men's Club) to St. Louis where we brought nearly twenty high schoolers, including Miriam Mandl, Shmuel Shron, Lyle, and Simon. As part of his work with the youth group, Dan hosted several "*Shabba-tinis*" where our kids spent a part of *Shabbat* at the synagogue, including some sleepovers. Last year, we had twelve children from 3rd grade up to 7th grade stay on a Friday night where Rabbi and Gevura Davis were instrumental in making the event a lot of fun and a success.

After eating at a kosher "McDonald's" in Brooklyn, Dan created Kosher Country, his version of a kosher McDonald's. Over several months, we fed up to 100 people at a time, thanks to all of the volunteers. With the profits, Kosher Country accumulated nearly \$2000 to be used for youth programming.

Following his mom's death in 2000, Dan started attending the daily *minyan* in the morning and with his father in the evening. His favorite night was Friday night (and still is) and the *Kabbalat Shabbat* service. After services, he would have *Shabbat* dinner with his father and any son willing to try his cooking, as he was learning to cook on the "fly." Those were difficult times when there was no "cooking mentor" to help out. However, the daily *minyannaires* helped to pull him through this. The *minyannaires* are a very special group of men and women who provide a special service to the synagogue and to the community. Not only do they provide the *minyan* needed to say *Kaddish* for those who are in their year of mourning or for those having *yahrzeit*, Dan says "these characters help lighten up your day and you look forward to seeing their friendly faces!" Again, when his father passed away in 2005, Dan attended the daily *minyan*. After the year was up, he made the decision to continue attending daily in the evenings. In fact, he wrote a booklet that is available in the Chapel titled, "Saying *Kaddish* at Kehilath Israel Synagogue."

Dan has three sons (Lyle and his fiance, Kerry) who live in Austin; (Simon and his wife, Amelia) in Lawrence; and (Alfie) in Vail. He has been blessed to have a significant relationship with Lori Klarfeld for many years. He owns a new business Health Care Shopping Network, LLC, which shops for prices for medical procedures before the fact.

Dan has a Bachelor's and MBA from the University of Kansas where he was the Jayhawk mascot.

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put into words the feeling of comfort and congeniality that enveloped me as I engaged with the *minyan*. I am eternally grateful to my wife Donna, for her support of my daily (week day) attendance at *shul*. In fact, **Donna** attended evening services with me regularly during my year of mourning which brought me much comfort and joy. In addition to the support of Donna (and daughter **Jessica**) those who regularly attend the daily *minyan* had a profound effect on me. What I discovered was that the decided majority of those regularly attending are not so very different from me. Most began attending at the loss of someone close to them, usually a parent, and, like myself, found that others were present to enable them to say *Kaddish*. I have previously described the conduct of these individuals as "selfless." Their main purpose in attending is to ensure that others, men and women alike, can stand and honor their loved ones at all appropriate times.

I have learned a lot since I have returned to K.I. I have learned that the word *Kehilath* means "community." This word perfectly describes the *minyan* and beyond that, our congregation. There are so many wonderful and caring people at Kehilath Israel that I never took the time to get to know because I was so wrapped up in my own life. I thank all of you who reached out to Donna, Jessica and myself upon returning to our *shul*, and made us feel welcomed in our Community. I also have learned more Hebrew than I ever dreamed possible. I still consider myself mostly remedial in my knowledge and pronunciation, but it is amazing how determined the regular *minyannaires* are in their combined efforts to get new attendees up on their feet to lead daily services. As a lawyer who does a fair amount of public speaking, I am generally not nervous about getting up in front of a crowd. I have delivered prepared remarks to groups in excess of a thousand people and not really given it much thought. Contrast that with the severe case of quaking nerves I experienced when I stood to lead *Maariv* for the first time. However, the accomplishment was deeply fulfilling. I will always remember being told how proud my Mother and *Bubbe* would be of what I have done.

I have also accepted my spiritual "inner self" as being decidedly Jewish. The rabbis at our *shul* have helped me to better understand the role of self in faith, family and society. I have learned that the "ritual" which I previously disdained, helps us to remember who we are, how we came to be and how we should live. I have always known that Judaism is a way of life, but the education I have received since returning to K.I. has given me a much deeper appreciation of striving to lead a better life.

I hope that if you are not a regular participant in our K.l. Community, that you will consider joining on a more active basis. There is a lot of good being done at K.I. and much more to be done. We are always seeking volunteers and on a somewhat selfish note, we can certainly use help with the *Minyan*. I am happy to visit about how you can participate, so feel free to give me a call. Life is a journey. I am thankful that an important part of that journey takes place at Kehilath Israel.

Alan Gallas Vice President

MANAGING STRESS IN OUR STRESSFUL WORLD

ADULT ED CLASSES
WITH DR. MARILYN METZL

TUESDAYS, 7 PM AT K.I.

OCT. 21: "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY"

Nov. 18: "How Habits Shape Our Lives and How We Can Shape Our Habits"



Dr. Metzl is a psychologist/psychoanalyst in independent practice treating adults, adolescents, children, couples and families. Dr. Metzl holds Diplomate status from the American Psychological Association (APA) and is a Fellow of APA. Dr. Metzl, who is on the teaching faculty of the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Institute, has presented nationally and internationally on issues such as self-esteem, depression, men's issues, social competence, women's human rights, attention deficit, anxiety disorders, and narcissism. She is also on the teaching faculty of the Chinese - American Psychoanalytic Alliance. In addition to her professional work, Dr. Metzl's interests include pilates, snow skiing, and ballroom dancing.

BSA National POPCORN FUND RAISER SUPPORT K.I.'s CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

This program offsets a major portion of Pack 3153's expenses, provides incentive for our Cubs to earn prizes and cash credits for camp programs, etc., and supports our Council's Scouting pro-

There is a very wide selection of premium, O-U kosher products..."fancy" ready-to-eat (flavored or dipped varieties), microwave varieties, or bulk, as well as a military popcorn gift program.

Please contact any Pack 3153 Cub Scout... or Ted Goldstein (913.271.6798/tgoldstein@613@ gmail.com)...and we will be happy to take your order for a very wide choice of premium, O-U kosher products... "fancy" ready-to-eat flavored or dipped varieties, microwave varieties, or bulk) AND deliver the products to you.

ON SALE THROUGH OCTOBER 23, with delivery in November.



Yale Winston's Eagle Scout Project.

HADASSAH @ PRAIRIEFIRE 5801 W. 135th St. -- Sunday, October 12, 1-3 p.m.

Be inspired. Feel the passion. Ignite the spark. Fundraising event to benefit medical research at Hadassah hospitals. \$36 per ticket. Invitations are being mailed to all Hadassah members and Associates. Non-members are welcome. Space limited to first 100 paid reservations. For more information, contact Sherry Abramowitz, Chapter Treasurer, at 1.913.451.1088 or email her at nim@obryan.net with the Subject: Hadassah @ Prairiefire.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3153



K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153, Kansas City's Jewish Community Cub Scout Pack, sponsored by K.I. has grown dramatically over the years. We have just completed our "annual recruitment process" and now have a record 45 Cubs enrolled in the Pack, and we are not finished! Enrollment is always open to any boy in the 1st through 5th grades from throughout the Jewish and secular communities.

Pack Leadership, which is 100% volunteer and has undergone full program training including Youth Protection and safety, consists of Elly Goldstein, Cubmaster; Christopher Hobbs, Assistant Cubmaster; Beth Albee and Jacob Mooney, Tiger Den (1st grade) Den Leaders; Carole Bergh and Gina Goldstein, Wolf Den (2nd grade) Den Leaders; Brian Balanoff and Aaron Tarjan, Bear Den (3rd grade) Den Leaders; Ben Blinn and Rachel Sosland, Webelos I Den (4th grade) Den Leaders, and Brad Klinock, Richard Jacobson & Shawn Silverberg, Webelos II Den (5th grade) Den Leaders. Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair; Sheldon Snitz; Chartered Organization Representative; Sandy Levine, Advancement Chair; and Rabbi Shron, Chaplain, continue in their Pack positions.

Our next event is the annual "Sukkah Camp-in" which will begin with Havdalah following Shabbat, Saturday evening, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the K.I. Sukkah and Social Hall. Our Scouts and their families and friends are invited to enjoy the campfire (led by Boy Scouts from Beth Shalom's Troop 61), "smores" and snacks, and games that evening, and then participate in the *mitzvah* of living/sleeping in the *Sukkah*. (Indoor "accommodations" will be available.) A hot breakfast will be served Sunday morning in the Sukkah with the program ending at 9:00 a.m. Those boys/families wishing to participate in the Heart of America Council's Interfaith "10 Commandments Hike," (which starts at Beth Shalom with additional stops at three churches and a mosque), can do so immediately following our Sukkah program.

Pack 3153 will again be participating in the Boy Scouts of America's Popcorn Fundraising program. Our Pack's "Kernels" are Dr. Rachel and David Sosland, and we certainly would appreciate everyone's support, as this program offsets a major portion of the Pack's expenses. The sale ends October 23rd with popcorn orders being delivered in November. Please see the ad in this issue of The K.I. Focal Point for further information.

If you, or any of your relatives/friends, have sons, grandsons, nephews, etc. who are in the 1st thru 5th grades this year, you owe it to yourselves to check out the Boy Scouts of America and its Cub Scout program, which offers what is considered the best youth activity program in the world. We are the Kansas City Jewish Community's Cub Scout Pack... and we have FUN! Please do not hesitate to contact Elly Goldstein, Cubmaster 913.687.9863/Elly.goldstein@bostonbeer.com or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair 913.271.6798. tgoldstein613@gmail.com.g)

JOIN US IN HONORING OUR 2014 - 5775

Ayshet Chayil

AMY GOLDSTEIN

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Thursday, October 16

Kiddush following Shemini Atzeret Services

(YIZKOR Recited)

Services begin 9:00 a.m.

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Randi Berger

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Family Sukkah
Decorating Party
Sunday, October 5
Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Come enjoy fun, crafts and pizza while decorating the K.I.

Sukkah!

CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH WITH K.I.

Thursday
October 16 - 6:30 p.m.

Dancing Sweets
Root Beer Floats
& Spirits



"Charity and acts of loving kindness, is equal in importance to all other commandments combined."

Please join Megan Pener & Catherine Singer, co-chairs, for K.I. Mitzvah Day 2014! Sunday, October 19th

The Kick-Off Bagel Breakfast will start at 9:30 a.m. at K.I. We will leave for the volunteer locations around 10:00 a.m.

Please return this volunteer form and release as soon as possible to the K.I. office, 10501 Conser, OP, KS 66212, or send an email to kimitzvahday@gmail.com with the information requested below. For information or questions please call 913.642.1880.

My/Our name(s):
Phone/email:
My Choices are (Please rank your preferences from 1-6, with 1 being your most desired location; if no preference, please leave blank We will do our best to accommodate requests):
Harvesters Community Food Network (assist in organizing food bank donations; great for kids!)
Hope House (assist in cleaning home for domestic violence victims)
Mitzvah Garden (assist in general gardening tasks)
Ronald McDonald House (assist with cleaning home for families with children suffering from serious illness)
Village Shalom (sing songs to residents and/or assist with a game of bingo)
Crafts at K.I. (for our younger members, or those that are young at heart, we will be making cards of encouragement to help support various organizations)
Please indicate:
I am able to drive and can take additional individuals in my car.
I am unable to drive and would love to have a ride so I can participate.
Please complete the waiver required for participation.
WAIVER TO BE SIGNED BY ALL VOLUNTEERS
Parents/guardians must sign for children under the age of 18
I understand that I am spending the morning as a volunteer on <i>Mitzvah</i> projects organized by the Kehilath Israel Synagogue <i>Mitzvah Day</i> Committee with non-profit groups in the Greater KC area. I understand that I am responsible for my behavior and will only perform volunteer work that I feel comfortable doing. I hereby release and agree to hold Kehilath Israel Synagogue harmless from any and al damages (including illness and disease), injuries, claims and causes of action which may accrue to be asserted by me or any minor child or mine arising (directly or indirectly) out of my or any children's participation in <i>Mitzvah</i> Day.
Print name(s):
Signature of Waiver:
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COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY

SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 8

DURING 9AM SERVICES

GUEST SPEAKER, MARY GREENBERG, MSW, PH.D

KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY THE K.I. MEN'S CLUB WILL FOLLOW SERVICES.

Dr. Greenberg will share her research and ideas on the critical topic of anti-Semitism and its relevance to the Jewish people.

Dr. Greenberg founded the Holocaust Remembrance Forum in Topeka and has served as the Liaison to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council for the state of Kansas. She has been active in Holocaust related educational projects since 1982. Currently, she serves on the Kansas Holocaust Commission. Dr. Greenberg brings interdisciplinary experience in social behavior to the study of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. She believes that we can enlarge our view of the past and present with an alternative explanation for the long-standing animosity toward Jews. Dr. Greenberg's message is one of hope for the future of the Jewish people.



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You are invited to dinner in the Sukkah catered by PRINCESS GARDENS RESTAURANT Sunday, October 12, 2014 Services at 5:20 p.m. followed by Dinner and Magic Show

Adults \$20

Children \$10 (Under 12) **RSVP by Friday, October 3**

Sukkah Dinner Reservations: Return to K.I. <u>by October 3</u>. Please note: The Sukkah accommodates only 200 reservations.

Name(s)	
Number of Adults	Number of Children
Total enclosed \$	



CAVIAR FAMILY JEWISH SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

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Remembering Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass.



Community-wide Program
Dr. Michael Grodin

Sunday, Nov. 9, 7 pm

Dr. Grodin is a professor of Health Law, Bioethics and Humans Rights at Boston University and founder and director of the *Project on Medicine and the Holocaus*t at the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies.

Dr. Grodin received a special citation from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in recognition of his "profound contributions - through original and creative research - to the cause of Holocaust education and remembrance."

Co-sponsored by the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

Rabbi Bob Alper, the Comic Rabbi

During Chanukah, Friday and Saturday

Dec. 19-20

Rabbi Alper is the only stand-up comedian who is also a practicing, ordained rabbi!

Opportunities to hear Rabbi Alper will be at Friday night dinner, during *Shabbat* morning services, and at a Saturday night "Comedy Club."

Rabbi Alper has been on CNN, Good Morning America, XM radio and Sirius satellite radio. He performs nationwide.

"People... were simply 'blown away' by the quality of your material and the intensity of the non-stop laughter."

More details will be forthcoming.

Events take place at Kehilath Israel Synagogue



GRAND GIVERS 2014

Saturday, November 15th at K.I.



INTERNATIONAL PERFORMER COMEDIAN **VOCALIST** PIANO PLAYER **VISUAL IMPRESSIONIST**

\$10,000 Grand Prize Prizes drawn throughout the evening

Need not be present to win Grand Prize

Lavish Dessert Buffet Wine, Coffee and Soft Drinks

Seating at 7:00 pm Performance begins 7:30 pm

Gold Tickets: \$400 a couple Silver Tickets: \$200 a couple

Contact Elizabeth@kisyn.org or

913.642.1880 for tickets



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9 TISHRI-OCTOBER 3

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10 TISHRI-OCTOBER 4

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MONDAY-FRIDAY SHACHARIT 7:00 A.M.

SUNDAY-FRIDAY MINCHA AND MAARIV

Week of September 28 5:35 P.M.
Week of October 5 6:35 P.M.
Week of October 12 6:30 P.M.
Week of October 19 6:20 P.M.
Week of October 26 6:10 P.M.

ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Friday, October 24 Saturday, October 25

During the High Holiday period we reflect upon our values, what we seek to accomplish during the coming year and the legacy we wish to leave. There is no better time to consider *Creating a Jewish* Legacy through your estate plans for the benefit of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. Doing so helps ensure the vitality of the Synagogue into the future and perpetuates its distinguished service to the community and to the Jewish people.

There are many creative and simple ways to establish a planned gift at any level. To learn more about how you can *Create a Jewish Legacy* by supporting Kehilath Israel Synagogue contact Elizabeth Peden (913-642-1880) or Josh Stein at the Jewish Community Foundation (913-327-8121).



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