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From the Rabbi's Study...



A little boy once returned home from Hebrew school and his father asked, "What did you learn today?" He answered, "The rabbi told us how Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt." He told us that "Moses was a big strong man and he beat Pharaoh up. Then while he was down, he got all the people together and ran towards the sea. When he got there, he had the Corps of

Engineers build a huge pontoon bridge. Once they got on the other side, they blew up the bridge while the Egyptians were trying to cross." The father was shocked. "Is that what the rabbi taught you?" The boy replied, "No. But you'd never believe the story he DID tell us!"

The beauty of the *Pesach seder* is that each family has the opportunity to present the exodus story in the manner and style that is unique and meaningful to them. We can be as creative as we want and cater the discussion and presentation to whoever is at our table. This concept is taught to us by the example of the four sons. Each child has a different way of relating to the *seder* and therefore, we conduct the *seder* in a way that speaks to them and addresses their level of understanding and interest. Obviously, we are not only speaking about children, as this also applies to everyone who is at our table. So feel free to inject any relevant topics, discussions, role playing, games, etc. into your family *seder*.

When I teach how to conduct a *seder*, I always mention the fact that when reading the accounts of the exodus from the *haggadah*, if the people at your *seder* do not understand the Hebrew, you are **not allowed** to read it in the Hebrew, but you must read it in the language that will be understood by your guests. The object of our ceremony is the recalling of our beginnings as a people and the miraculous manner in which G-d freed us from bondage and formed us into the nation of Israel. If this section is not understood by your family and guests, not only haven't you fulfilled the purpose of the *seder*, and not only have you wasted everyone's time, but you may have possibly created more "wicked sons."

Just a reminder that since *Pesach* begins on Friday night, we should begin our *seder* after candlelighting and include the sections for *Shabbat* in the *kiddush*. On the second night, include the *havdalah* section in the *kiddush*, and count the first day of the *omer* after dark.

I wish you all a very meaningful *seder* and a joyous and kosher *Pesach*.

Rabbi Jeffrey Shron

From the President...



Hello to the K.I. Congregational Family! It has been a while since I have written so I wanted to give you an update. When you read this all of our focus groups will have been completed. I want to thank all of those who so graciously offered their homes for these focus groups. Considerable information was gleaned from these meetings,

which will now be used to analyze the data and get it ready for presentation to the board and ultimately the congregation. This information will provide the basis for an action plan that when implemented will guide the K.I. Board of Directors as we position the *shul* for the future. I would expect a report out in time for me to pass on to you in the next *Focal Point*. As Passover fast approaches, I'm sure everyone is busy cleaning and preparing for the holiday. Although this holiday requires much preparation and make-ready, I still look forward to it every year. Then after about two days, I'm ready for it to be gone... Actually it is huge reminder to us that *Hashem* is alive and well, performing miracles on a daily basis if we ourselves have the vision to see them. I wish everyone a Happy Passover!

I would like to give you some updates on the activities within K.I. and look forward to seeing you soon.

Amy Goldstein, Alan Gallas and crew are hard at work to produce what I know will be another really enjoyable Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament, in memory of our friend Marvin Orlovick. We have recently contracted with the Second City Comedy Troupe for our Grand Givers event this fall. Rabbi Shron had a great turnout for his 6,000 Years of Jewish History class. It was so popular that he added a class. Our *Shabbat 'Lite'* with Rabbi Shron is still reporting good numbers from those who wish to have a much abbreviated *Shabbat* service in a less traditional format. Who knows, maybe the information gleaned in this prototype service will lead us to make certain changes in our main sanctuary service? While they are very enjoyable, especially with Rabbi Shron's rousing rendition of *Musaf*, maybe adjustments can be made for a more abbreviated main service or maybe one can be done on an occasional basis. As our introspection process continues, I feel everything should be on the table for us to look at and analyze for the future.

The new 2015 K.I. Board of Directors has been seated and we have some really excellent additions to our board. We stand ready to work to meet the challenges ahead of us and produce the work which will make K.I. the most viable for the future. Please don't just be a bystander in your synagogue life. Get out, take part, join a committee, come to social events if that is your interest, come to some of the fine learning opportunities that are being

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Passover Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 13 NISAN

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 A.M.
MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:10 P.M.
BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - 14 NISAN

SHACHARIT.....7:00 A.M.
 FOLLOWED BY *SIYYUM BECHORIM*
 (Feast of the first born who attend the completion of a Talmudic learning.)

THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
 FINAL TIME FOR EATING *CHAMETZ*.....11:12 A.M.
BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the *Chametz*).....12:12 P.M.
 Candlelighting.....7:26 P.M.
MINCHA (Followed by *Yom Tov Maariv*).....7:30 P.M.
 FIRST *SEDER* (in the home).....8:17 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:16-25
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5-7; 5:2-15; 6:1,27

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:30 P.M.
 Candlelighting (no earlier than).....8:18 P.M.
 SECOND *SEDER* (in the home, after dark).....8:18 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25
Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9; 21-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:30 P.M.
HAVDALAH.....8:19 P.M.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 - 8

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT.....7:00 A.M.
MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 A.M.
MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY *YOM TOV MAARIV*).....6:15 P.M.
 Candlelighting.....7:32 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
 (Kiddush following services)
MINCHA AND YOM TOV MAARIV.....6:15 P.M.
 Candlelighting (no later than).....7:33 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PASOVER

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
 (YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA & Shir Hashirim & Seudah Shlishit.....6:45 P.M.
MAARIV followed by
HAVDALAH.....8:25 P.M.
Chametz is permitted after.....8:45 P.M.



ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, with the closing days of Passover taking place on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, the ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on the eve of the seventh day, Thursday, April 9 before candlelighting.

When *Yom Tov* 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 consists of taking some *matzah* and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

ברוך אתה ה', אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
 וצונו על מצות ערב.
 בהדין ערבא יהא שרא לנא לאפוקי ולבשולי ולאטמוני ולאדלוקי
 שרנא ולתקנא ולמעבד כל צרכנא, מיומא טבא לשבתא. לנו,
 ולכל ישראל הדורים בעיר הזאת.

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*, April 11, the eighth day of Passover, during the daytime hours.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (9)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (20)
- 16 Grace & David Erinstein (73)
Rosemary & Martin Gorin (26)
- 21 Jackye & Alan Goldberg (30)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (48)
- 30 Janice & Erwin LaPine (65)

מזל טוב

...to **Hedy and Rabbi Jeffrey Shron** on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of their granddaughter, Vardit, daughter of Mairov and Josh Shron.

...to **Allegra and Kent Shanberg** on the recent graduation of their son, David from Ross University School of Medicine with high honors, He will be starting his residency at UMKC in general surgery this July.

תודה רבה

...We thank **Eunice and Sheldon Snitz**, our gracious volunteers, who make themselves available to assist office staff.

...**Brenda Fishman, Bill and Fani Schiffman** for helping with cemetery cleanup.

Thank You!

To **Sharon Friedman** who shopped for the ingredients and coordinated the volunteers for baking.

To our *hamantaschen* baking volunteers:

Debbie Adamous, Mickey Batnitzky, Laura Belozor, Irene Blend, Carolyn Braverman, Barb Bronstein, Cathy and Sarah Caplan, Natalie Cohen, Jocelyn Duffield, Leslee Friedman, Jessica Gallas, Cristi Gillom, Zakaiyah Gillom, Debbie Goodbinder, Rebecca Katz, Tamara Kingston, Joyce Koch, Joy Koesten, Phyllis Kohn, Brenda McKinnon, Madison Macek, Scott Macek, Barbara Mandl, Megan Pener, Ellen Portnoy, Aaron Rissien, Molly Rissien, Shelley Rissien, Nedra Rosen, Catherine Singer, Cindy Singer, Debby Schlozman, Hedy Shron, Elena Strauss, and Melissa Strauss.

To our delivering crew: **Debbie Cohen, Brad Davidson, Brenda Fishman, Alan Gallas, Dan Kass, the K.I. Fred Devinki Eitz Chaim Religious School, Caroline Knox, Elizabeth Peden, Aaron Pfefer, Aaron Rissien, Celia Sher, and Joel Zitron.**

If we inadvertently left your name off, we are sorry, and please let the office know!

CONGREGANTS' APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Frank Agron, Beverly Alport, Lillian Anderson, Sylvia Beiser, Ida Bernstein, Bonnie Blend, Cheryl Bordy, Barbra Bronstein, Cathy Caplan, Amy Covitz, Jeff Covitz, Gertrude Epstein, Brian Friedman, Gayla Friedman, William Gasser, Cynthia Gilgus, Sheila Ginsberg, Leah Gladstone, Richard Glass, Lori Gold, Phillip Goodbinder, Marsha Jacobs, Max Jevinsky, Bruce Kaplan, Roza Karlan, Rebecca Katz, Stanley Katz, Richard Kohn, Bella Kruglyak, Kimberlin Kubel, J. Louis Lesky, Yetta Levine, Joel Marcus, Max Margolies, Kurt Metzl, Soly Mizrahi, Alan Organ, Steven Osman, Karen Pack, Herb Parmet, Deanna Pool, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Shirley Sander, Jaffa Schakowski, Debby Schlozman, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw, Victor Siegel.

A Happy SPECIAL BIRTHDAY to:



Yetta Levine 107th!

Sylvia Beiser 104th!

APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Mirra Goldenberg, Walter Waxman, Frank Goldstein, Jessie Geivett, William Waxman, Ryan Gold, Kyle Gold, Allison Geivett.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Gussie Alport, Susan Kloppe, Fannie Krashin, Charles Kuluva, Sophia Waldman** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

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If you have any questions, contact Rabbi Shron.
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Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 12 pm - 2 pm
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Another in our series of casual luncheons hosted by young adult members of the congregation. Come regardless of whether and where you attended services that morning, but if you're interested, check out K.I.'s Shabbat Lite service that morning from 10-11.



Hands-On Cooking Class with Chef Cody Hogan of Lidia's

Sunday, May 17th, 2015 - 5:30 pm
K.I. kitchen

Learn to cook (or hone your already impressive cooking skills) with Chef Cody Hogan, the chef de cuisine at Lidia's. We'll eat what we cook, so come hungry. This makes a great date night!

The cost is \$40/person, which includes your dinner that night as well as all ingredients for the class. Please **RSVP by May 1** at kiyoungadults@gmail.com. Space will be limited so RSVP today!



Wednesday, May 6

7:00 pm at K.I.

"I Love You But I Don't Trust You"

A class with Dr. Marilyn Metzl

Come to a discussion on restoring trust in your relationship. When someone betrays you, your sense of security is broken. You build a wall around your heart and feelings, but there is always the hope that trust can be restored and the relationship can be repaired.

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.

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DR. DANIEL C. MATT

Friday - Sunday, June 12-14

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Friday 6:45 pm *Rock Balayla* service followed by Friday Night Dinner

Raising the Sparks: Finding G-d in the Material World

Dr. Matt will explore the question of how G-d can be encountered in our daily life by teaching passages from *Kabbalah* and *Hasidism* on the nature of G-d, the act of Creation, and the challenge of discovering G-d in the material world.

Adults: \$15, Children under 13: \$10 **RSVP by June 5**

Saturday 9:00 am services Dr. Matt will deliver the sermon

Shekhinah: The Feminine Half of G-d

One of the boldest contributions of *Kabbalah* is the idea that G-d is equally female and male. Dr. Matt will focus on the concept of *Shekhinah* (the feminine aspect of G-d) from its rabbinic origins to its full flowering in the *Zohar*, where *Shekhinah* is identified with the Sabbath Bride. *Kiddush* luncheon follows services. Free and open to the public.

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Dr. Matt's visit is made possible with the generous support of Arnold & Carol Caviar and the Jewish Federation and Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

Dr. Matt has been featured in *Time Magazine* and has appeared on *National Public Radio* and *The History Channel*. He has published over a dozen books, including *The Essential Kabbalah* (translated into seven languages), *Zohar: Annotated and Explained*, and *G-d and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality*.

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JACK JACOBS
A. PRICE
JACOB YEDDIS

13 NISAN-APRIL 2

ESTHER ABEND
RUTH ABRAMSON
MORDECAI GERSHON
ROSE HANKIN
THERESA LIVINGSTON
HELEN MENDELSON
FREIDA SPITCAUSKY
GERTRUDE WEINER

14 NISAN-APRIL 3

JOSEPH ABEND
BORIS BARSKY
IDA ERNEST
ANNA GOTTLIEB
CELIA HAMMER
GITTEL JABEN
ANNETTE LEBRECHT
HENRY NELKIN
LOUIS RAVIS
S. J. SHAPIRO
WILLIAM WALDNER

15 NISAN-APRIL 4

FRED DUBOWY
JACK EILER
JERRY KATZ
CHARLES RUBINS

16 NISAN-APRIL 5

MORRIS ADELMAN
HARRY ESTRIN
FANNIE GILBERT
CLARA LEVINE
HILLEL LITMAN
CECELIA ROBINSON
JEFFREY RUBIN

17 NISAN-APRIL 6

JOSEPH HARTMAN
MARCUS KAPLAN
PEARL KRAITCHMAN
ISRAEL PLOTSKY
NATHAN PRICE
BETTY ROSEN
CHAYA SCHUMAN
ABE ZITRON

18 NISAN-APRIL 7

MELVIN BROWN
JACOB ROSENFELD
ABRAHAM SWEET
RIVKA YOFFEE

19 NISAN-APRIL 8

MILTON BAKER
BENJAMIN JOSEPH
LEONA KOCH
REBECCA LISSER
ANN NELKIN
HAROLD PENER
WILLIAM POWELL

BEATRICE TURKIN
SOLOMON TURNER
CELIA ZARISKY

20 NISAN-APRIL 9

HENRY CUMONOW
ESTHER HIMMELSTEIN
HARRY KULUVA
LOUIS LIPKIN
MIERL MAIZLISH
BEN POLANSKY
MEYER SCHIFMAN
DANIEL SINGER
ABBA SWARTZ

21 NISAN-APRIL 10

SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN
MORRIS HANKIN
JACOB KAPLAN
LEON KATZBERG

22 NISAN-APRIL 11

DAVID BRAUN
IDA CAVIAR
JACOB DROSKIN
LOUIS KAPLAN
WILLIAM RUBIN

23 NISAN-APRIL 12

MARY CHEPLOVE
SOL GALLAS
SIMON HURWITZ
ABRAHAM KATZ
DOBRISH MOLDAVER

24 NISAN-APRIL 13

SHLOME BECKMAN
SOL CAPLAN
SHAMARYAHU FRIEDMAN
LILLIAN KESSLER
KALMON LEVINE
PHILIP LITMAN
MAX RAINEN

25 NISAN-APRIL 14

MAX AARON
SAM BROWN
FRANK DUNN
ISRAEL DWORETSKY
ARON SCHIFMAN
MORDECAI WEINER

26 NISAN-APRIL 15

NATHAN BOTWINIK
NATHAN GOLDSTEIN
ELSIE KRAFT
BERTHA SHOLTZ

27 NISAN- APRIL 16

CHAYA BRAILOVE
ZEVI BROOKS
NATHAN CLAYMAN
NATHAN KELLER
THEODORE LANSKY
IDA LEVINSON
BARNEY PHILLIPS

DAVID ROSEN
KLARA SHVARTSBLAT
JACOB STRAF
FREDA TEST
SAMUEL WENECK

28 NISAN-APRIL 17

HERMAN BULAVSKY
SOL DALEN
SELMA DEISENFELD
HARRY EISBERG
SEYMOUR KATZ
PHIL KESSLER
BRADLEY SCHIFMAN
ASHLEY ZACK

29 NISAN-APRIL 18

JACOB ABRAMSON
ZANEWELL BEISER
BERTHA GELHAAR
IDA LEWKOWITZ
JOSEPH MALLIN
ROSE MILLER
MORRIS POLSKY
DAVID RUTTNER
SOLOMAN SHERR

30 NISAN-APRIL 19

ROSE OSMAN
LOUIS WASSERMAN

1 IYAR-APRIL 20

MOLLY GILGUS
YECHIEL REIF

2 IYAR-APRIL 21

IDA CAPITO
FANNY CHOPP
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SARAH RABINOWITZ
ZISKA SLOTKIN

3 IYAR-APRIL 22

DAVID KOGAN
HARRY SHERR
WOLF SINGMAN
ANN SNITZ
ZELDA STOFFSKY
MATLA SUKIENNIK

4 IYAR-APRIL 23

WILLIAM BIRENBOIM
MANUEL EAGLSTUN
SADIE ENTIN
REBECCA GOLDSTEIN
BERTHA KRIGEL
CHAYA LEVINE
ZLATA SHANE
EISIG WOLOWSKI

5 IYAR-APRIL 24

BEN BITNER
ALEX KRAFT
MICHAEL SCHUB
MARY WACHTEL
ISADORE ZEFF

6 IYAR-APRIL 25

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LOUISE DOLGENOW
MEYER GINSBERG
BETTY GLADSTONE
HARRY RUBEN
WILLIAM RUDNICK
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7 IYAR-APRIL 26

BENJAMIN ARONSON
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8 IYAR-APRIL 27

MIERL GALITZKY
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9 IYAR-APRIL 28

ARNOLD GOLDBERG
MANUEL KLOPPER
LOUIS MEYERS
LOUIS NUSSBAUM
MORRIS SHANKMAN
CHARLES SPITCAUSKY
HANNAH WEISBERGER

10 IYAR-APRIL 29

MOSHE ABEND
LEAH DOLGINOFF
ANNA FRIZENT
GLORIA KOLKIN
EUGENE LIPSKY
PHILIP QUITO
MELVIN SPITCAUSKY
BERTHA THOMAS

11 IYAR-APRIL 30

LOUIS ADELMAN
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BASKETS

Linda Zack
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LEONARD COHN
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Richard & Barbie Glass
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Rosenthal

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MEMORY

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HONOR

MAURY KOHN

Phyllis & Craig Kohn

MEMORY

DANIEL SHANBERG

ANNA RHEVA SHANBERG

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K.I. BLUE RIDGE

CEMETERY FUND

MEMORY

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HARRY SAGER

Carol Levitt

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SAM RUBENSTEIN

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ORDER FLOWERS FOR SPRING PLANTING AT BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY

Kovod Hamet Respect for the Deceased



Memorial Day services will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. (a week later because of Shavuot holiday).**

It is a custom in Judaism to show our respect for our ancestors, our family and our friends who are no longer with us. Whether it's the National Memorial Day, a day of *Yahrzeit*, or a day when we recite the *Yizkor* prayer, any day we go to the cemetery and visit the graves of our *mishpacha*, we perform the *mitzvah* of *Kovod Hamet*.

The Kehilath Israel Cemetery Committee is again offering the Flower Planting Program for those who have family and friends interred at our K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery. For the nominal price of \$36.00 per urn, a beautiful arrangement of colorful living plants, prepared by a commercial landscape artist, will be placed at the grave of your loved ones.

If this is the first year to participate in the program, it will be necessary to order a concrete urn from the cemetery, at a one time charge of \$75.00. This urn will be used every year for no additional charge other than the flowers.

All orders must be paid in advance and received at the synagogue office no later than April 30. This gives us the time needed so that the plants will be in full bloom by Memorial Day this year.

Give your loved ones who are interred in our cemetery the *kovod* of remembering them, whether it's with flowers or a visit to their graves. The cemetery committee is making every effort to maintain the grounds to be clean and beautiful, and extra care is being given to keep the plants watered, trimmed and green during the summer months.

Cemetery lots are available for sale to any Jewish person. Anyone interested in reserving individual lots or family sections should call the synagogue office at 913.642.1880 ext 202 for assistance.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery is open every day, with the exception of *Shabbat* and Jewish holidays. The supervisor, Rod Sipe, can assist you in finding the location of a grave site. Normal visiting hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If it is necessary that you visit the cemetery at another time, please call Mr. Sipe at 816.461.3330 and make special arrangements.



STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over the past two months, the strategic planning committee held focus groups with 56 members of our congregation to better understand what they think of our clergy, our services, our culture, and participation/engagement. These four areas of discussion emerged from the survey conducted in January. The committee is currently analyzing the information gathered at the focus groups and will be submitting a report to the board in April. The committee will also publish a summarized version of the report in the May *Focal Point*. We'd like to thank all of those who participated in the focus groups. We would also like to thank those who offered their homes for the focus group activities: **Debbie and Joe Adamous, Rick Simon, Joy and Stewart Koesten, Cheryl and Hal Bordy, Jocelyn Dufield and Vlad Kaufman, Mary Stahl and Sam Devinki, Catherine and Daniel Singer, Joyce and Harold Koch, Marsha and Seymour Krinsky.**

DID YOU KNOW...

Overland Park Police use our facility on a monthly basis to train officers. We appreciate the opportunity for OP Police to become more familiar with our building and are glad to be of service to our officers.

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 our bereaved families of:

BERNICE DANIELS
(Mother of Trent Daniels)

JENNETTE DOBROWSKI

TABLET DEDICATION

Sunday, April 12
In Memory of
PEYTON SHER
9:00 a.m.
Rose Morgan Chapel

MONUMENT UNVEILING

Sunday, April 12
In Memory of
PEYTON SHER
10:30 a.m.
K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery

CAREER SKILLS & CONNECTIONS ACTIVITIES

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APRIL 2015/NISAN - IYAR 5775

April 2015

12 Nisan 5775 - 11 Iyar 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ★Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm ★Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	2	3 ★Erev Pesach 17:26	4 ★Passover - Day 1 Choshua 3:5-7, 5:2-15, 6:1, 6:27 18:18
5 ★Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:26 ★NO Religious School	6 ★Passover - First Intermediate Day	7 ★Passover - Second Intermediate Day	8 ★Passover - Third Intermediate Day ★Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm ★Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	9 ★Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 17:32	10 ★Passover - Day 7 17:33 ★OFFICE CLOSED	11 ★Passover - Day 8 Choshua 10:32-12:6 Shabbos Ends: 8:25 ★Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:00 p.m.
12 ★Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	13 ★Talmud Class - 7:30 pm	14 ★Religious School - 4:30-6:00 pm	15 ★Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm ★Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	16 ★Cub Scout Pack Meeting-6:30 pm	17 17:40	18 ★Shemini Atza ★Shabbos Ends: 20:18-42 ★Bar Mitzvah of Sam Kosliborod ★Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:35 p.m.
19 ★Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 1 ★Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am ★Communitywide Yom HaShoah Service - JCC-1:30-3:00 pm	20 ★Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2 ★Prayer Works-7:00 pm ★Talmud Class - 7:30 pm	21 ★Religious School - 4:30-6:00 pm	22 ★Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm ★Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	23 ★Community-Wide Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration at K.L. - 5:30-8:00 pm	24 17:46	25 ★Tazria - Metzora ★Parshas Kings 7:3-20 ★Shabbos Ends: 8:40 am ★Kids Shabbat Party-10:00 ★Chal Anniversary Kiddush ★Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:40 p.m.
26 ★Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	27 ★Talmud Class - 7:30 pm	28 ★Religious School - 4:30-6:00 pm	29 ★Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm ★Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	30		



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WEEKLY SERVICES
ROSE MORGAN CHAPEL

Sunday *Shacharit* 9:00 A.M.

Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 A.M.

Sunday - Thursday
Mincha- Maariv

Week of April 5 6:15 P.M.

Week of April 12 6:20 P.M.

Week of April 19 6:25 P.M.

Week of April 26 6:30 P.M.

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Sunday, April 19

Monday, April 20

Save the Date! Saturday, November 14, 2015

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