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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

# SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 **SATURDAY, APRIL 4** (SEE PASSOVER SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 **SATURDAY, APRIL 11** (SEE PASSOVER SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3)

# FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Candlelighting*	7:40 P.M
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:25 P.M

# **SATURDAY, APRIL 18 BLESSING OF THE NEW** MONTH OF IYAR **BAR MITZVAH OF** SAM KOSIBOROD

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
KIDDUSH IN HO	NOR OF SAM
Mincha	7:20 P.M.
Havdalah	8:33 P.M.

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24 Candlelighting\*.....7:46 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, AI	PRIL 25
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat Morning 'Lite'	10:00 A.M.
Shabbat Party for Kids	10:00 A.M.

# CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Mincha	7:25 P.M.
Havdalah	8:40 P.M.

# \* NO LATER THAN

"To our K.I. Family,

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate Purim with your "bag" filled with tasty goodies including the hamentashens.

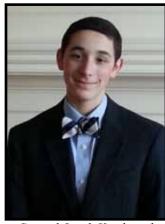


We wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and send all good thoughts to each of you.

Phyllis & Ron Kogan"

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF** THE FOCAL POINT IS APRIL 8

# **BAR MITZVAH** SATURDAY MORNING **APRIL 18, 2015**



Samuel Jacob Kosiborod

Dr. Mikhail and Mrs. Elena **Kosiborod** are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel Jacob Kosiborod, on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the Rabbi Maurice D. Solomon Sanctuary.

Sam is the grandson of Drs. Neil and Stella Kosiborod of Queens, New York, and Yury and Faya Portnoy of Leawood. He is the great grandson of the late Idel and Rosa Portnoy, z"l, of Novosiborsk, Russia: Alexandra and the late Simeon z"l of Moscow, Russia; late Alexander and Charna Vinokur, z"l of Queens, NY; late Ruvim and Sofia Kosiborod of Mogilev-Podolski, Ukraine.

Sam is in seventh grade at Pembroke Hill School, where he is a member of the wrestling team and is a straight "A" student. Sam enjoys swimming, fencing, playing piano and studying Latin. He is an avid reader and a history buff. He loves traveling, heated political debates and having fun at Camp Herzl in Webster, Wisconsin in the summer. He is a wonderful brother to Jonathan, who is in second grade at Pembroke Hill School.

Sam's family had not been able to practice Judaism openly in the former Soviet Union for several generations.

It is with great pride and joy that the K.I. community and Sam's family and friends are invited to share in this celebration

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made available from the hard work of our rabbi if that is your interest. If Talmud is your thing, join Rabbi Mandl's class on Monday nights. There are many people who work very hard to make K.I. a place of enjoyment, learning, social interaction, a place of mourning when necessary, a place where we can find inner peace when necessary. Why don't you try it sometime, you might just find that you kind of like it.

Have a very enjoyable Pesach, stay safe this summer, and I'll see you soon at K.I.! Craig Caplan,

President

# **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES**

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# **FOUND JANUARY 3, 2015**



If this is your *Tallis* bag with *tallit* inside contact the K.I. office.

# **Passover Schedule**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 13 NISAN	MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 - 8
SHACHARIT SERVICE	CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER
MINCHA AND MAARIV6:10 P.M.	SHACHARIT7:00 A.M.
BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after	MINCHA AND MAARIV 6:15 P.M.
dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.	THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - 20 NISAN
	CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - 14 NISAN	SHACHARIT SERVICE7:00 A.M.
SHACHARIT7:00 A.M.	
FOLLOWED BY SIYYUM BECHORIM	Candlelighting7:32 P.M.
(Feast of the first born who attend the completion of	
a <i>Talmudic</i> learning.)	FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - 21 NISAN
THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST	SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER
FINAL TIME FOR EATING <i>CHAMETZ</i> 11:12 A.M.	Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25
BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the Chametz)12:12 P.M.	Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51
Candlelighting	FESTIVAL SERVICE9:00 A.M.
MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv)7:30 P.M.	(Kiddush following services)
FIRST SEDER (in the home)8:17 P.M.	MINCHA AND YOM TOV MAARIV6:15 P.M.
	Candlelighting (no later than)7:33 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - 15 NISAN	,
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER	SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 22 NISAN
Exodus 12:21-51: Numbers 28:16-25	EIGHTH DAY OF PASOVER
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5-7; 5:2-15; 6:1,27	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25
FESTIVAL SERVICE	Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES	FESTIVAL SERVICE9:00 A.M.
MINCHA AND MAARIV7:30 P.M.	(YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
Candlelighting (no earlier than)8:18 P.M.	KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark)	MINCHA & Shir Hashirim & Seudah Shlishit6:45 P.M.
	MAARIV followed by
SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 16 NISAN	HAVDALAH8:25 P.M.
SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER	Chametz is permitted after
Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25	TO SECOND TO SEC
Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9; 21-25	
FESTIVAL SERVICE	
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES	
MINCHA AND MAARIV	[araa ] ] [ [ ] [ ]
HAVDALAH8:19 P.M.	18 5m #11 (
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# **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:

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה ה׳, אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶדְּ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְנֵנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֵרוּב. בַּהֲדִין עֵרוּבָא יְהֵא שָׁרֵא לָנֵא לְאַפּוּקֵי וּלְבַשׁוּלֵי וּלְאַטְמוּנֵי וּלְאַדְלוּקֵי שְרָגָא וּלְתַקָּנָא וּלְמֶעְבַּד כָּל צָרְכָּנָא, מִיּוֹמָא טָבָא לְשַבְּתָא. לָנוּ, וּלְכֵל יִשִּׂרָאֵל הַדְּרִים בַּעִיר הַוֹּאת.

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 eight day of Passover, during the daytime hours.

# **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (9)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (20)
- 16 Grace & David Ernstein (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 Schifman for helping with cemetery cleanup.

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

To our hamantaschen baking volunteers:
Debbie Adamous, Mickey Batnitzky,
Laura Belozer, 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 Klopper, 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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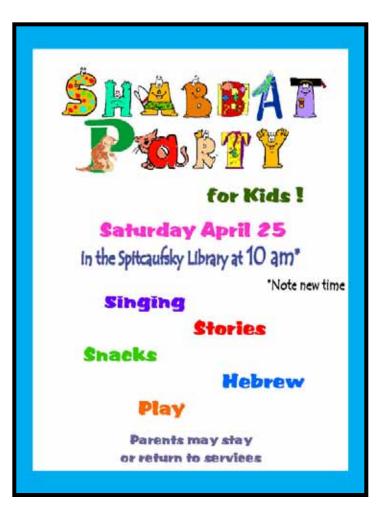
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Shabbat Luncheon (Preceded by Shabbat Lite Service at K.I.)
Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 12 pm - 2 pm
The Home of Vlad Kaufman and Jocelyn Dufield
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Another in our series of casual luncheons hosted by 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.

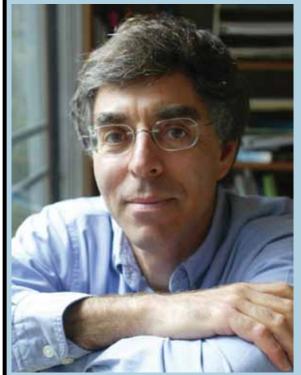
# "I Love You But I Don't Trust You"

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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. 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*.

# DR. DANIEL C. MATT Friday - Sunday, June 12-14

CAVIAR FAMILY JEWISH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES AT K.I.

**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.

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

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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.

**RSVP** by June 5

# At the Jewish Community Center Sunday 10:00 am

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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.

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# **MEMORIAL TABLETS**

12 NISAN-APRIL 1

JACK JACOBS A. PRICE JACOB YEDDIS

#### 13 NISAN-APRIL 2

ESTHER ABEND RUTH ABRAMSON MORDECAI GERSHON ROSE HANKIN THERESA LIVINGSTON HELEN MENDELSOHN FREIDA SPITCAUFSKY 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
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# To Kehilath Israel Synagogue,

Although the words are short and few, this brings the warmest thanks to you and the Mishloach Manot Committee for the beautiful and deelish-ous Purim bag of "goodies"! S00000. who's counting calories??

> Fondly, Doris Rubin

# 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

# **GOMMUNITY GORNER**

#### CAREER SKILLS & CONNECTIONS ACTIVITIES

Career Skills & Connections (formerly known as Jewish Employment Services) offers a comprehensive array of services, including career coaching, career exploration, workshops, which cover the basic technical skills, peer support and job development. A total of nine workshops will be offered every month to meet the needs and differing schedules of the clients we serve. This format provides the benefit of group learning and gives clients all the tools needed in a condensed timeframe for a jumpstart on their job search. Individual coaching is still a key part of the program and strongly encouraged. Monday Morning Coffee Club and Getting Unstuck address the emotional impact of unemployment which is essential to being able to represent oneself as the best candidate for the position.

RSVP for all programs to employment@jfskc.org. Questions? Please call 913.730.1449.

April 6,13,20,27

Monday Morning Coffee Club 9-10 am (conf. room A, open to all)

April 7	Job Search Strategies	9-11 am *
April 8	30 second commercial	9-11 am *
April 9	Successful Conversations	9-11 am *
April 14	Resume	9-11 am *
April 15	Written Correspondence	9-11 am *
April 17	Getting Unstuck	10-11:30 am*
April 21	Interview Skills	9-11 am *
April 22	Salary Negotiations	9-11 am *
April 23	LinkedIn	9-11 am *

\*Asterisk indicates you must have completed a registration appointment, please contact cboasberg@jfskc.org or call 913.730.1449 to schedule one. LINK: http://www.jfskc.org/JES

# EXTREME YARD RAKEOVER RETURNS, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to clean up and prepare the yards of qualifying Help@Home members (ages 65+) Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, May 3. Work in teams of six to 10 people and choose the date and time that works best for you! Locations will in Southern Johnson and Jackson counties, and in the Raytown and Grandview areas. For more information, contact Taly Friedman, director of volunteer engagement, at 913.730.1445 or  $\underline{\text{tfriedman@jfskc.org}}$ .

LINK: http://www.jfskc.org/extremeyardrakeover

# NAMI. JFS TEAM UP FAMILY-to-FAMILY COURSE FOR SPRING

JFS and NAMI will present Family-to-Family, a free 12-week course for family and friend of individuals with mental illness. This course, that begins Thursdays, beginning April 30, provides participants with communication and problem-solving techniques, coping mechanism and the self-care skills needed to deal with their loved one's mental illness as well as its impact on the family. Classes will continue through July 23 (no class on June 25), 6-9 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection located in 13720 Roe in Leawood; it requires a 12-week commitment. Reserve your space by contacting Susie Hurst, Director of Family Life Education, susieh@jfskc.org or (913) 327-8259.

# JFS & HERITAGE CENTER TEAM UP FOR GARDEN PROGRAMS

Do you have a green thumb or aspire to? The Older Adult Initiatives program of JFS and the Heritage Center of the JCC are offering three special programs for those who like to garden or have an interest in it. All three programs will be held on Thursdays, from 1-2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. The programs are free but pre-registration is requested.

On April 16, learn about organic gardening from a master gardener with the Johnson County Extension Service. Learn why organic gardening is the fastest growing segment in food sales.

The April 30 program will focus on container gardening. Learn the basics of this style of gardening from a pro. Expand your horizons beyond the one pot that sits on your porch and let your creative juices flow.

Fairy gardens will be the focus of the May 14 program. Fairy gardens are miniature gardens with structures and actual living plants. It can be planted in the garden or in outdoor/indoor containers.

For more information on the Gardening series or to register, please call the Heritage Center at  $(913)\ 327-8044$ .

# SAVE THE DATE: OLDER ADULT TRANSPORTATION EXPO THIS JUNE

JFS and Johnson County Human Services are teaming up for a fun, informational morning on June 3 about older adult transportation. "Get

Up & Go: Older Adult Driving Expo" will offer information and activities focused on issues of driving as we age. The program will feature resources for transportation, advice and tips on older adult driving safety, self awareness and creating a driving retirement plan for when it's time to hang up the car keys. The Expo will take place at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus in the Regnier Center. Please visit <a href="www.jfskc.org">www.jfskc.org</a> for more information.

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# SEVENDAYS TO CELEBRATE LIFE, COMMEMORATE APRIL 2014 SHOOTINGS

SevenDays-Make A Ripple, Change the World is the overarching theme of a series of community events scheduled April 7-13, 2015, to commemorate the tragic events that took place a year ago outside of the Jewish Community Campus and Village Shalom. Three innocent people - Dr. William Corporon, his grandson Reat Underwood and Teresa LaManno - lost their lives at the hands of a Neo-Nazi shooter.

Following the heart-breaking incident, a group of caring individuals decided that as a community, we have the power to outshine and overcome such senseless acts of hate. Two foundations were established - RRACE (Racial and Religious Acceptance and Cultural Equality) and Faith Always Wins - to create something positive from the evil that occurred.

SevenDays is a challenge for young and old to embrace diversity across races, religions and cultures. Through three major initiatives, Faith, Love & Song, Faith, Love & Kindness and Faith, Love & Walk, organizers hope to promote understanding and encourage kindness to Make a Ripple and Change the World. SevenDays includes a youth songwriting competition, seven days focused on acts of kindness and a Peace Walk.

"What we have learned from this awful action that took the lives of our loved ones is we are more alike than we are different," said Mindy Corporon whose father and son - Dr. William Corporon and Reat Underwood were killed outside of the Campus. The third victim, Teresa LaManno, was gunned down outside of Village Shalom.

For more information on SevenDays or a complete schedule of the events, please contact Ruth Baum Bigus, 913.707.7746 or at ruthwrite@everestkc.net.

# ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH/HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 19, 2015

The community-wide 2015/5775  $Yom\ HaShoah/Holocaust\ Memorial$  Commemoration will take place on Sunday, April 19, at 1:30 pm at the Jewish Community Campus.

The commemoration will feature a moving candle lighting ceremony including Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, grandchildren of survivors, Jewish War Veterans, a youth from our community, and a representative of the entire Jewish Community. Six candles will be lit in memory of the six million Jews who perished. The commemoration also honors those who survived the Nazi genocide. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Ellen Kort, a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation, is the Chair of the 2015 *Yom HaShoah* commemoration. This event is coordinated by the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, JCC, and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau | American Jewish Committee. Local Jewish organizations are co-sponsors. The entire community is invited to attend at no charge.



"On behalf of my mother, Ida Bernstein, I wanted to thank Kehilath Israel for the Purim bag sent to my mother and the glorius items contained in that package.

Thank you and the congregants for thinking of her. She is most grateful.

Sheldon Bernstein"

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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.

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Sunday, April 19 Monday, April 20

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# presents

renowned Chicago comedy troupe...

