

THE FOCAL POINT

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KISLEV-TEVET 5776

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ONE NIGHT ONLY!!!***

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PRESENTS

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....4:15 PM
Havdalah.....5:32 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

BLESSING OF

THE NEW MONTH TEVET

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat 'Lite'.....10:00 AM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:34 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Candlelighting*.....4:40 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:36 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Candlelighting*.....4:44 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....4:25 PM
Havdalah.....5:40 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

FAST OF TEVET - Tuesday,

December 22 Commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and led to the destruction of the Temple. The fast begins at 6:07 am and ends at 5:37 pm.

From the Rabbi's Study...



If you would ask the average Jewish person what *Chanukah* is all about, they will most likely tell you that after the Maccabees defeated the Syrian Greeks, kicked them out of Jerusalem and purified the Holy Temple, when they went to light the *menorah*, they could only find one day's worth of pure oil. When they lit the *menorah*, the oil miraculously burned for eight days, the time it took for them to produce more pure oil. Very nice story, but why the eternal celebration? There were many outstanding miracles and victories that occurred throughout the centuries; why pick this one to create a celebration? Maybe that is why the *Talmud* asks, "*Mah-he Chanukah*" – What is *Chanukah*?

Rav Kook explained that the special rules of *Chanukah* lights reflect the nature of the Maccabean struggle against Greek dominance, in both political and cultural spheres. The Maccabees were not fighting against the Assyrians but were fighting for the very survival of Judaism. There have been many times during our long history when the Jewish people have been attracted to the wisdom and beliefs of other nations. This phenomenon is particularly prevalent when the Jewish people are ruled by other nations or exiled from their land and living as a minority among other cultures. During these times many are drawn to the ideologies of powerful and successful nations.

We are living in such times today, when so many Jewish people are shedding their religious beliefs in deference to whatever popular culture is in vogue. Because so many of us are not sufficiently knowledgeable in authentic Judaism, we are easily swayed from our rich heritage. We might still identify ourselves as Jewish, we still might have a *Pesach seder*, light the *Chanukah menorah* and eat chicken soup, but many have abandoned the genuine practices that differentiate us from the gentile world and that establishes a strong Jewish identity within ourselves and our families.

The authentic heritage of Israel is *Torah*. The *Torah's* eternal wisdom is not symbolized by the lights of the *Chanukah menorah*, but are symbolized by the *Shabbat* lights — lights that require a pure oil that burns clearly and brightly. *Shabbat* frees us from our weekday concerns, from our deadlines and schedules and commitments. During the week we are slaves to our jobs, to our creditors, to our need to provide for ourselves; on *Shabbat*, we are freed from these concerns, much as our ancestors were freed from slavery in Egypt. *Shabbat* is a precious gift that gives us inner peace from a hectic and crazy world, and coming together on *Shabbat* morning to express our search for spiritual enrichment and meaning in life reassures us that we are not alone in this quest.

So, as our families gather together around the *Chanukah menorah* and light the candles, say the blessings and sing the songs, let us remember exactly why we celebrate *Chanukah*. It was not created to be a substitute for Christmas, but for the exact opposite reason. To remind us that Jewish survival is not based upon how well we can squeeze Judaism into our schedules, but is dependent upon arranging our schedules to fit our Jewish life.

I wish you all a happy and joyous *Chanukah* and hope that the lights that you kindle in your homes burn clear and bright.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

Important Reminder from Rabbi Shron: Any volunteers who are kind enough to help out with buying food for our events, before you bring them to K.I., please remember to coordinate a time with Rabbi Shron or the Vaad to check in your food items.

K.I. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, December 16, 2015

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| 1. Meeting Called to Order, Craig Caplan | 10. New Year's Eve Murder Mystery Dinner, Carolyn Braverman |
| 2. D'var Torah, Rabbi Shron | 11. Karaoke & Comedy Night, Brad Davidson |
| 3. Consent Agenda Items (Minutes Past Meeting, Membership Report), Craig Caplan | 12. Mitzvah House/Possible Future Mitzvah Activities, Ari Lubowicz |
| 4. Annual Meeting, Craig Caplan | 13. Women of K.I., Brenda McKinnon |
| 5. 2016 Proposed Budget, Rick Simon/Elizabeth Peden | 14. Grand Givers Recap, Michael & Shari Sokol |
| 6. Update on Capital Items Funding, Craig Caplan | 15. Gila Manolson & Chanukah Dinner Recaps, Rabbi Shron |
| 7. What You Do Matters, Sam Devinki | 16. Old Business |
| 8. Security, Elizabeth Peden | 17. New Business |
| 9. Policy Manual – Vote on Sections 5, 6 & 7, Craig Caplan | 18. Adjournment, Craig Caplan |

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BRUNCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

The K.I. brunch and annual congregational meeting to elect and install new Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Kehilath Israel Synagogue Social Hall.

The Nominating Committee for 2015-16 Board of Directors and Officers is composed of the following members: Richard Glass, Chair; Joe Adamous; Craig Caplan; Sam Devinki; Joy Koesten; Marlene Krakow; Elizabeth Peden (ex-officio); Aaron Pfefer; Rabbi Jeffrey Shron (ex-officio); and Max Singer.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of nominations for the coming fiscal year:

Craig Caplan, President
Joe Adamous, Vice President
Martin Gorin, Vice President
Catherine Singer, Vice President
Dr. Michael Sokol, Vice President
Felicia Weiner, Vice President
Brenda Fishman, Secretary
Rick Simon, Treasurer

In addition to the officers above, the following are nominated to the Board of Directors for a new two year term: Valerie Bordy, Arnold Caviar, Richard Glass, Elliott Goldstein, Larry Haith, Tamara Kingston, Phyllis Kogan, Maureen Minoofar, Ellen Portnoy, Greg Quinn, Jodi Rosenthal, and Lois Winston.

The following are not being voted upon as they are serving their second year of a two year term on the Board of Directors: Carolyn Braverman, Laura Daniels, Brad Davidson, Rochelle Kanter, Marlene Krakow, Ari Lubowicz, Scott Macek, Brenda McKinnon, Aaron Pfefer, and Dr. Shari Sokol. Sam Devinki, Steve Osman, Elizabeth Peden, and Rabbi Jeffrey Shron are ex-officio members of the board.

K.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2015

This is a brief synopsis of the K.I. Board of Directors meeting held November 2, 2015. It is not representative of the full minutes but should provide an overview on the activities of your board. If there are any questions, they should be directed to a board member for further information.

The Nominating Committee gave a report with nominated officers and board members for a two year term beginning in 2016. Full report is in this *Focal Point* above.

Grand Givers – November 14 – expected to be a success and has new corporate sponsors.

New recommendations from the Governance/Communications Task Force included allowing electronic voting, spending money on leadership training, and more transparency. It was also suggested that the synagogue establish long-term goals. As far as what has already been accomplished, there is more disclosure from board meetings, more programs for different ages at the synagogue, and a policy manual.

Recommendations from the Clergy/Services Task Force included finding ways to engage more children in services and activities and hiring an assistant rabbi.

New recommendations from the Membership/Programming Task Force included continuing K.I. Next for younger adults, have a Federation point person, utilizing online registration more, board members wearing name tags, board members meeting with prospective and new members and hosting coffees/socials for new members. Social media presence has been increased.

The board is working on approving sections of a new K.I. policy manual, and Sections 5, 6 and 7 were handed out to be voted on

at the next meeting. These sections deal with facilities, health and safety, and privacy.

K.I. will work on the community *Mitzvah* House for Habitat for Humanity on Sunday, November 22. We have the maximum number of volunteers allowed for a day and are excited that so many people want to help.

A new K.I. women's group is forming and planning the first organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 4th with a goal of obtaining ideas for programs that women would like to be involved in—fundraising, community service and fun.

We have lots of exciting upcoming programming that was discussed, including the *Chanukah* Dinner and New Year's Eve Murder Mystery Dinner. Look for flyers in the *Focal Point* and eblasts. Also, be sure to check out *kisyn.org* and the weekly *Shabbat* bulletin.

The annual meeting will be in January 2016. [Please note date has now been set for Sunday, January 17.]

The board discussed ideas on how to address upcoming capital needs as well as funding an assistant rabbi.

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Cheryl & Larry Silverman (47)
- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (3)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (10)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (40)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (37)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (10)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (20)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (65)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (26)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (32)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (50)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (6)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (1)
- 26 Faina & Alan Buberman (22)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (46)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (63)
- 29 Megan & Sam Perner (2)

Mini Minyan for Kids

New. Ongoing. For Pre-K to 7th Grade
Saturday, December 5th & 19th



Will meet twice a month at 10:30 a.m.
in the Rose Morgan Chapel.
Kids will join sanctuary for the end of services.
Led by Debbie Entine

Join Rabbi Shron on Saturday, December 12
from 10-11 a.m. in the Rose Morgan Chapel
for the next

Shabbat Morning Lite

A creative, informal, interactive, uplifting, upbeat,
joyous, informative and thought provoking service,
where you can experience what Shabbat mornings are all about.

If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Shron
at: rabbijeffreyshron@gmail.com

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Randy Haith**, **Soly Mizrahi**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

תודה רבה

..to our capable and reliable office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Eunice** and **Sheldon Snitz**. We greatly appreciate their effort on our behalf.

מזל טוב

...to **Megan** and **Sam Perner** on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Margeaux Perner, and to the grandparents **Cindy** and **Sheldon Singer**.

...to **Angie** and **Aaron Fry** on the birth of a daughter, Delilah Jean Fry.

...to **Brad** and **Sherry Davidson** on the engagement of son, Michael, to Leah Glazer of Cleveland, OH.

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Sunday, December 6, three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings.

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

Shabbat always takes precedence over other holidays; therefore, on December 11, the Friday night of *Chanukah*, we should light the *Chanukah* candles first and then the *Shabbat* candles. Both need to be done by **4:39 pm**, and since the *Chanukah* candles need to burn at least one half hour after dark, it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *chanukiah*. On Saturday night, December 12, one should recite *Havdalah* first, after **5:34 pm**, and then light the *Chanukah* candles.

On Saturday night, December 12, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:34 p.m., it is permissible to light the *Chanukah menorah* (*Chanukiah*).

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

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

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

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

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

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)

(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהֵחַיֵנוּ וְקִיַמָנוּ וְהַגַּעְנוּ לָזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

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

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



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

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

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

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

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

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

A Chanukah Celebration at K.I. **with *Menorah* Lighting, *Chanukah*** **Songs, Dinner & Game Shows!**

(Bring your *Chanukah Menorah* & candles so we can light together.)



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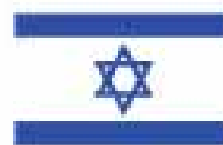
**On the Fourth Night
Wednesday - Dec. 9th
6 - 8 pm**



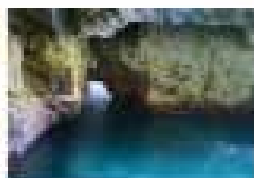


KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

PRESENTS:



ISRAEL WITH THE SHRONS FOR FIRST TIMERS AND VETERANS TO ISRAEL TRAVEL SUMMER - 2016



HIGHLIGHTS

- See the beauty of our national homeland with Rabbi Jeffrey & Hedy Shron
- Discover your connection to this incredible country.
- Explore the fascinating stories, larger-than-life personalities and dramatic scenery that make up Israel
- Walk in the footsteps of our prophets and kings, connecting our ancient past with the modernity of the 21st century.
- Visit the magnificent coast of Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Caesarea, Haifa & graves of Rosh Hanikrah
- Visit the mystic city of Ts'fat, the Golan Heights, Tiberias and the Roman excavations at Bet Shean.
- Experience the peace and joy of Shabbat in the holy city of Jerusalem, explore the City of David, the Western Wall Tunnel under the Kotel, the Israel Museum, and the Shrine of the Book that houses the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea, ascending to the ancient fortress of Masada, and cooling off at the oasis in Ein Gedi.

DETAILS

- Land cost \$2,475 USD per adult, based on double occupancy
- Two nights at Hotel Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv
- Two nights Hotel Leonardo Plaza, Tiberias
- Five nights Hotel Leonardo Plaza, Jerusalem
- One night Hotel Crown Plaza - Dead Sea
- Full buffet breakfast every day at hotel
- Welcoming dinner in Tel Aviv
- Boat ride on the Kinneret
- Friday night Shabbat dinner and Shabbat lunch in Jerusalem
- Dinner at Dead Sea hotel - Farewell dinner before traveling to the airport
- Meeting and assistance on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport by tour representative
- Porterage at airport and hotels - arrival and departure transfers
- Touring in luxury air-conditioned coach as per itinerary
- Guided sightseeing by government licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees as per itinerary

We welcome all those who are interested in joining with us to a meeting on Sunday morning, December 6th at 10:30, in the Brown Pavilion at K.I.
Contact Rabbi Shron for questions: rabbijeffreyshron@gmail.com
L'hitraot (See you then)!

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

19 KISLEV-DEC 1

BEN EISMAN
LEAH ESRIG
LILLIAN FISHMAN
JULIUS GOLAD
ANNIE GRANT
MOONIE KRAMSKY
JOSEPH LAPIDES
YOSEF LICHTOR
JULIUS ROSEN
JENNIE ROSENBERG

20 KISLEV-DEC 2

BETTY ADLER
MAURICE BLONSKY
HENRY GOTTLIEB
SARAH MNOOKIN
ETTA STRAUS
NETTIE WEINER
NATHAN YEDDIS

21 KISLEV-DEC 3

SARAH BEITCHMAN
SARAH CARR
ANNA EPSTEIN
LOUIS KLEBAN
SAMUEL KODISH
ROSE KUSNETZKY
MORRIS LEVITCH
ANNA LOEFFLER
LEAH LUKIN
BESS POIZNER
ESTHER RAYMOR
JEANETTE STUDNA

22 KISLEV-DEC 4

REGINA BRAUN
MORRIS CORTEZ
HELEN EPSTEIN
FANNIE JACOBSON
SAM KAHN
RAYMOND PELTZMAN

23 KISLEV-DEC 5

ESTHER BOROWIK
ISRAEL BOROWIK
SHERMAN DREISESZUN
SHRAGA GOLDMAN
EVA GOODMAN
SARAH KAHN
HARRY KRUG
ABRAHAM MILLER
JOHANNA PRICE
DORA SHULTZ

24 KISLEV-DEC 6

ROSE GLASSMAN
LILLIAN GREENBERG
LOUIS KAPLAN
ALEX RUBIN
ROBERT SHAW
MARTHA SHER
HARRY TAYLOR

25 KISLEV-DEC 7

SARAH GERSH
MARY GOLDBERG
MAURICE JERWICK
ALBERT KALIKOW
MICHAEL LEVIN
JOSEPH MILLER
RUTH ROSE

JANET SIEGEL
JOSEPH STOFFSKY
ISRAEL WEINDLING

26 KISLEV-DEC 8

MINNIE BAUM
ALBERT BEISER
JOHN BELL
MAX COHEN
DAVID GOLDSTEIN
BLUMA HOROWITZ
JEROME NARON
MIERL STEPONSKY
DORA YOMAN

27 KISLEV-DEC 9

DONALD COHN
FRANCES
MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 10

SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
FAMILY OF KUSHNER
BENJAMIN LICHTOR
SAM PLATTNER
ISRAEL RAIZEN

29 KISLEV-DEC 11

SARAH ASHER
LAWRENCE BLONSKY
BERNARD GLICKSTEIN
PEARL HALPERN
DORA HERSCHMAN
MIRIAM INDIN
DORA LEVY
SAMUEL SPECTOR
SAM TANKEL
DAVID WEINBERG

30 KISLEV-DEC 12

EPHRAIM DENNIS
SARAH LERNER
MINNIE SIMON
ANNA SWARTZ

1 TEVET-DEC 13

FANNIE CLAYMAN
REVA DENNIS
ANNA DUBINSKY
ROSE FABES
DAVID GINSBERG
DAVID GOLAD
EMMA LEVINE

2 TEVET-DEC 14

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN
SARAH GREEN
CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 15

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN

ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ABE RABINOWITZ
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER

4 TEVET-DEC 16

ISADORE BROWN
MICHAEL FISHMAN
MARTHA GOODMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RICHARD KATZ
MARCUS LEVITCH
MOLLY MONDSCHNEIN
MORRIS RASKIN
SHAY STEIN
LOUIS WALTER

5 TEVET-DEC 17

HELEN COHEN
REBECCA COHEN
ROSE GREENBERG
JACK KANDLIS
JOE LEVINE
JOE TKATCH
PETER TRANIN
RUTH ZITRON

6 TEVET-DEC 18

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI

7 TEVET-DEC 19

KATHERINE BODKER
SOLOMON BORTNICK
ANNA BUCKSNER
BEN COHN
GENE DELEVE
MORRIS FRIEDMAN
MORRIS GOLDBERG
FLORA HARRIS
DAVID SHANE
SAMUEL SHURIN
BEN TRILLIN
SARAH WEINBERG

8 TEVET-DEC 20

CARL BERNSTEIN
IDA DUNN
SARAH FISHMAN
BESS LADERMAN
ANNE SCHAEFFER
ROSE TRANIN

9 TEVET-DEC 21

MARY ABEND
LENA ALPORT
REBECCA BLENDER
ETHEL KESSLER
IDA LERNER
SARAH LEVINSON

10 TEVET-DEC 22

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER
ZALMON BERGER
ZLATA BERGER
ZVI BERGER

SARAH BOIGEN
CHARNA COHEN
MORDECAI COHEN
DAVID CUKIER
HARRY FILSON
CHARNA GERSHKOWITZ
ALVIN GLADSTONE
HERSHEL GOLDBERG
MARIE HACKER
DORA HAITH
IDA JABEN
ADA LEVEY
ISIDOR LIPSCHUETZ
MORITZ MANDL
SHEVA MILLER
YESHAIHAH MILLER
FEIGA POLLMAN
LIBBY SLADOWITZ
VELVEL STEPONSKY
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18 TEVET-DEC 30

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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:

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(Sister of Abbott Zolotor)

MARY COHEN

TIM PEAVLER

(Husband of Susan Peavler, son-in-law of Zolie & Doris Gilgus, brother-in-law of Stephanie & Richard Gatewood)



WOMEN OF K.I. PREMIER EVENT!!

THURSDAY, DEC 3RD

6:30 PM AT K.I.

Twos three days before Chanukah and all through the house

Came a Wacky White Elephant, tiptoeing like a mouse

*Looking for friends and for some fun too,
He said with a smile he was looking for YOU!*

Women of K.I.: PLEASE JOIN US for a Wacky White Elephant Gift Party featuring dinner, cocktails, and FUN! Each guest is asked to bring a wrapped (unmarked) gift valued at \$15 or less. Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. The more outrageous the gift the better! Prizes will be awarded, so be VERY creative!!

COME...LAUGH...ENJOY...

CELEBRATE NEW FRIENDSHIPS!!

RSVP by Dec. 1st to [Cristi cgillomnop@yahoo.com](mailto:Cristi.cgillomnop@yahoo.com) or to Natalie natjgc@aol.com or 913.341.6622.

**We will also be collecting nonperishable food and toiletry items to donate to JFS. Please consider donating!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

END OF LIFE WORKSHOP SET FOR SUNDAY DEC. 6

Dealing with the issues surrounding our own mortality is the focus of a presentation, "Living a Good Life....Dying a Good Death" scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, in the MAC Room of the Jewish Community Campus. The free event, 10-11:30 am, is sponsored by JFS Family Life Education Department. Although end-of-life care may be difficult to discuss, it is best for loved ones and family members to share their wishes long before it becomes a concern. JFS is offering the program so participants will come away with a better understanding of all aspects of end-of-life issues and some resources to assist them.

This program features a three-person panel:

- Kelli Traylor, (LMSW) a staff development specialist with Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care
- Dr. Jessica Kalender-Rich, a geriatrician and assistant professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and medical director of Gentiva Hospice
- Rochelle Kanter, caregiver

The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session. While the program is free, registration is requested by Nov. 30 by contacting Susie Hurst, FLE director, at 913.327.8259 or emails her at susieh@jfskc.org

Link: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/family-life-education/end-of-life-workshop/>

PARENTS OF INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS: TOURS, TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN AND MORE AT HBHA!

Find out how your child will benefit from strong academics, individualized attention in the classroom, and a values-based Jewish education at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy! Experience all HBHA has to offer through your personalized tour, or at our upcoming Taste of Kindergarten events: Tuesday, January 5, or Wednesday, January 13, both from 6-7:15 pm at HBHA. Tours and Taste of Kindergarten events will prepare you and your child for HBHA's Kindergarten Round Up, Friday, February 5. To book your tour or RSVP for Taste of Kindergarten, please Contact Tamara Lawson Schuster, Director of Admissions at 913.327.8135 or tschuster@hbha.edu.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

Our Popcorn Fundraiser was again a success thanks to all who supported the Pack through this fundraiser. Ethan Sosland and Evan Albee were the two top sellers and each sold over \$1,000 (and ended up within \$5 of each other)! The portion of the funds raised as "Pack income" should result in the the Pack having a balanced budget for this school year.

This past November Pack Meeting featured an introduction to Scouting's Cub Scout STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) initiative with one of our Den Leaders, Dr. Lee Albee, volunteering to be the Pack's (and one of the Council's) Councilors. Lee provided information about the program and a live demonstration. We will also "kick off" our upcoming Pinewood Derby activity with car kits being distributed to the Cubs; "Pinewood Derby Race Day" is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, January 10, 2016, in the Social Hall.

During the December Pack Meeting, we will do our annual gift collection of new children's toys, books and games which will be donated to Children's House for re-distribution to families in need. Also on the schedule for December is an introduction to Scouting's Cub Scout STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) initiative with information about the program and a live demonstration. We will also "kick off" our Pinewood Derby activity with car kits being distributed to the Cubs; "Pinewood Derby Race Day" is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, January 10, 2016, in the Social Hall.

Cub Scout Pack 3153 is open to all boys in the 1st through 5th grades. For further information, please contact **Elly Goldstein**, Cubmaster, at 913.687.9863, Elly.goldstein@bostonbeer.com or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair at 913.642.8023 tgoldstein613@gmail.com.

Learn Salsa Dancing!

Taught by K.I. members
Luis & Adriana Rosales

Let the K.I. office
know if you are
interested.



Pictured above are the *Mitzvah* House volunteer (from left): **Joe Goldwasser, Ari Lubowicz, Keaton Oliver, Brenda McKinnon, Rosemary Gorin, Clint Gillom, Heather Oliver, Marlene Lubowicz, Jocelyn & Vlad Kaufman, Sam Lubowicz, Max & Sonny Singer, and Bonnie & Dennis Vadnais.**

K.I. Members Helped Build a Mitzvah House

On Sunday, November 22, K.I. members gathered in Kansas City, KS to help *Habitat for Humanity* build a *Mitzvah* House. No previous construction experience was necessary, and staff of *Habitat for Humanity* was there to help. Volunteers cut trim, put a second coat of paint on the entire house, washed windows, used a shop vac throughout the house, removed debris, and installed all the door knobs in the house.

*Thank you to our
energetic volunteers!*

December 2015

19 Kislev 5776 - 19 Tevet 5776

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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6	24 KISLEV	7	25 KISLEV	8	26 KISLEV	9	27 KISLEV	10	28 KISLEV	11	29 KISLEV	12	30 KISLEV
Religious School 9:15-11:30 am Israel Trip Meeting-10:30 am	Chanukah - Day 1	Chanukah - Day 2	Chanukah - Day 3	Religious School 4:30-6:00 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Chanukah Dinner Party-6:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm
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Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	Chanukah - Day 8 Talmud Class-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 9 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 10 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 11 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 12 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 13 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 14 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 15 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 16 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 17 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 18 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 19 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 20 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm
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Week of Dec. 13 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 20 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 27 4:50 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Saturday, December 12
Sunday, December 13

Friday, December 25 9:00 AM
Friday, January 1 9:00 AM

Caviar Speaker Series presents...

Lunch and Learn
with Poet/Writer

**Alan
Toltzis**

Saturday, Jan. 23rd
following
9 am services



Alan is the brother of Barbara Mandl

Alan Toltzis lives and writes in Bucks County, PA. His first book of poems, *The Last Commandment*, was published in September, 2015. Alan's poems have appeared in print and online publications including *Focus Midwest*, *Burningword Literary Journal*, *Red Wolf Literary Journal*, *Soul-Lit*, *The Provo Canyon Review*, *The Jewish Literary Journal*, most recently in *Poetica Magazine*, and others.

Comedy Night

Karaoke &

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
7-9 PM at K.I.**

**Choose from 1000's of songs -
from classic rock to top hits**

Share jokes

**Light refreshments/beer/soft
drinks served**

**Prizes awarded to best and
worst in both categories**

**RSVP by January 16th
to K.I. office or kisyn.org.**

\$10/person cover

