

# THE FOCAL POINT

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## From the Rabbi's Study...



There is an old joke about a *shul* that called a meeting of the board of directors. A certain man walks in, and when the rabbi sees him, he doesn't understand why this man showed up. After all, he hardly attends services, and when he does he falls asleep, and he never volunteers to help at any *shul* functions. So the rabbi asks the man, "Why are you here?" The man answers, "Well, you called a meeting of the board and I'm the most **bored** member of the *shul*!"

It's really tragic that so many people have abandoned coming to *shul* and praying together as a congregation. In Judaism, this is the most ideal environment in which to *daven*. Why? Because if we just prayed alone we would lose the focus of what's really important.

There is a story that took place on *Kol Nidre* night in the *shul* of Rabbi Levi of Berdichev. Although sundown was fast approaching, Rabbi Levi would not begin the service. When asked why he was waiting, he answered that he will not begin until Yossel the tailor arrives. So he sends the *gabbai* to Yossel's house to see why he hasn't come to *shul*. Yossel tells the *gabbai* that he will not come until he receives a *machzor* (holiday prayer book). When the *gabbai* relays this request, Rabbi Levi instructs him to bring Yossel a *machzor*.

Yossel comes to *shul*, and after the service concludes, people gather around him to find out what this was all about. So Yossel tells them, "I've been a tailor in this town for a long time. I had a wife and raise my children. I did well and even had some savings. A year ago my beloved wife died. It was hard, but I managed. Then, my eyesight starting going and I lost business, but I still had my house and savings. Then the arthritis set in and I could hardly hold a needle. I lost even more business and most of my savings, but I still had my house, so I managed. Then the fire right before *Rosh Hashanah*. My house burned down and I lost all my customers' clothing, and it took all of my savings to pay them back. Now I was destitute and I took a room on the poor side of town, but I knew that I had to do my best to get by. I scraped enough together to even have some guests who were poorer than me for *Rosh Hashanah* dinner. But then, when I awoke this morning and realized that my *Yom Kippur machzor* was lost in the fire, I said to G-d, you won't even give me a prayer book! I don't know the prayers from memory and I'm not going to *shul* unless you give me a *machzor*. So, when Rabbi Levi sent me a *machzor*, I knew that my prayers were answered."

Everyone in the *shul* was nodding as Rabbi Levi suddenly gave a great sigh. He said, "Yossel, you had G-d by the throat and all you asked for was a prayer book. You could have asked for the redemption and it would have taken place."

When we share our prayer experience with others we expand our awareness beyond ourselves. Although I may need help or healing, I now sit among others who might need help and healing as well. It takes a very caring person to ask G-d to help another when I am in need of healing. And although I might not need financial help, there's someone sitting two seats away from me that does. And there is another person just lost a loved one, and another whose wife is unable to conceive. There is another person who just got married and another whose wife just had a baby. How much more profound are our prayers and what a powerful statement we make when we come together and pray for one another at joyous times and at times of trouble. That is the reason why our prayers are written in the plural; help us, grant us, heal us and we thank You.

What one might think of as boring, not allowing for self-expression, is really the total opposite when shared with people who have greater needs than our own. If this is your intent, you can't help leaving with a special feeling that is breathtaking and fulfilling, because you now produced the perfect prayer that you couldn't do on your own. Those who don't take advantage of this opportunity are missing the experience of a lifetime.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

### SHABBAT SERVICES

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Candlelighting\*.....4:50 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:30 P.M.  
Havdalah.....5:46 P.M.



#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Candlelighting\*.....4:56 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:00 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

#### CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Shabbat Morning Lite.....10:00 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:35 P.M.  
Havdalah.....5:51 P.M.



#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Candlelighting\*.....5:04 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:10 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

#### BLESSING OF NEW MONTH OF SHEVAT

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:45 P.M.  
Havdalah.....5:59 P.M.



#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Candlelighting\*.....5:11 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:15 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:50 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:06 P.M.



#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Candlelighting\*.....5:20 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:25 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Shabbat party for kids.....10:45 A.M.  
Mincha.....5:00 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:13 P.M.

\*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

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## 4,000 YEARS OF JEWISH HISTORY IN SIX WEEKS

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



This course will discuss the different segments of Jewish history:

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

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

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

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED. IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL, CONSIDER GIVING IT TO US. THANK YOU!**

### FAST OF TEVET

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

### JFS FOOD PANTRY

During the month of January, K.I. is collecting pasta sauce, canned/dried beans and bar soap for the food pantry. JFS food barrels are located in the lobby.

### REMEMBER TO NOTIFY US

©Please contact the synagogue office if you have family members who are residents of some type of assisted living

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT IS JANUARY 8. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION! THANK YOU**

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH CANDIDATES

The following young people will celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2015:



Jacob Abrams - February 28, 2015  
Jordan Levin - March 28, 2015  
Sam Kosiborod - April 18, 2015

Do you see your child's name? If it should be there and is not, please contact Rabbi Jeffrey Shron at 913.642.1880 ext. 211 or [jshron18@gmail.com](mailto:jshron18@gmail.com) ASAP to schedule his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

### רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Herbert Fishman, Doris Gilgus, Madeline Zolotor**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.



**SHABBAT PARTY  
(FOR KIDS)  
JANUARY 31, 2015  
10:45 A.M.**



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



3	<b>Mickey &amp; Dr. Solomon Batnitzky</b>	<b>50</b>
6	Nancy & Robert Cohen	42
12	Randi & Larry Haith	18
16	Jodi & Bill Rosenthal	32
17	Gena & Todd Agron	6
22	Carolyn Braverman & Joseph Goldwasser	4
23	<b>Gayla &amp; Robert Friedman</b>	<b>50</b>
26	Enid & Peter Levi	46
28	<b>Sylvia &amp; Melvin Cosner</b>	<b>64</b>
29	Karen & Steven Pack	39

## CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Anton Krutz, Andre Kulikov, Renee Kuluva, Carol Caviar, Edward Chaiken, Jerry Rosmarine, Felicia Weiner, Sonia Singer, Myra Nearenberg, Barney Bobrow, Susan Katz, Khona Rozenfeld, Alvin Garon, Alan Goldberg, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Liz Chopp, Moshe Sharfi, Stanley Brand, Elliot Kaplan, Debbie Mandl, Gustava Alport, Marian Kaplan, Arlyn Kuluva, William Nowack, Susan Osman, Etta Brenner, Marsha Krinsky, Kitty Novicoff, Adeline Trempey, Edith Lea Ommerman, David Fred Press, Jeffery Rudd, Toby Levine, Roberta Rosmarine, Marjorie Brand, Brenda Fishman, Marian Shear, Marjorie DeLeve, Seth Gortenberg, Allan Bell, Michael Gortenberg, Ellen Portnoy, Idie Parnet, Jacob Schulzinger, Stan Zeldin, Sandra Jabenis, Hal Bordy, David Lesky, Beverly Burk, Ronald Kogan, Doris Chopp, Nancy Kohn, Sheldon Singer, Jason Gordon, Nancy Cline, Elinore Kutler, Anna Mondschein, Abraham Rozenberg.

## JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Dolginoff, Renton Smartt, Benjamin Mandl, Leo Covitz, Jessica Glueck, Jordyn Stone, Addison Kaplan, Jaden Jacobson, Samuel Mandl, Macie Eden Kaplan, Hayley Berger.

## SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



TO THE DEVINKI FAMILY  
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES  
CHANUKAH 5775  
FROM THE EMPLOYEES  
OF DEVINKI REAL ESTATE

If you would like to share your *simcha* with the congregation and to have your *simcha* recorded on our beautiful Tree of Life, you may call the synagogue office to request a *Simcha* Tree form to accompany your check of \$180 per leaf. It's a great way to honor those you love!



## Cub Scout Pack 3153

## PINEWOOD DERBY

DO YOU REMEMBER way back when ... you participating in Pinewood Derby as a youngster or parent?

*Everyone* is invited and welcome to be "in the stands" (or even participate) in the 2015 version of this annual highlight event with K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153! Racing will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 11 in the K.I. Social Hall! There is no charge for the event and light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon..

## תודה רבה

...to our capable and reliable office volunteer who assists in so many ways: **Eunice Snitz**.

...to **Debbie Schlozman** and **Randi Berger** for preparing the December *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*.

...to **Marcia Tropp** for baking Challahs to hand out on Friday nights after services.

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## CHANUKAH AT VILLAGE SHALOM



*Rabbi Shron and members of Kehilath Israel Synagogue sang Chanukah songs for residents of Village Shalom on Sunday afternoon, December 14th. Bottom row left: Hedy Shron, Debbie Adamous, Rochelle Adamous, Rabbi Shron, Joe Goldwasser, Carolyn Braverman, Zakaiyah Gillom & Cheryl Bordy. Top row left: Leslee Friedman, Cristi Gillom, Dan Kass & Clint Gillom.*



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

MAX BRIDGES

MICHAEL JERWICK

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

#### Max Bridges.....

7721 Reeds Road  
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#### Michael Jerwick.....

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913.339.8058

## SIMCHA DANCING FOR WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Mondays, Feb. 2 & Feb. 9, 2015**

**7:00 pm**  
**in the main area of the school wing**  
**\$3/class**



- Do you love to dance as a way of expressing yourself?
- Want to exercise and have fun at the same time?
- Are you tired of just going around in that same dull circle at simchas?
- Become a pro at your next simcha or party!
- Learn to dance more than just the Hora.
- Listen to the latest invigorating Jewish music and learn the steps that go along with that exciting music.
- Open to women of the community.
- Call 913.642.1880 for more information.

Dear Kehilath Israel Congregant,

While there have been previous questionnaires presented to members of the synagogue for the purpose of strategic planning, a new initiative has been started to look in depth at the core values of the congregation and what membership would like to see and receive from affiliation in the coming years. The results of this survey will guide the leadership of our congregation to make changes that will promote our growth in the years to come. We ask you to assist us in this effort and have each adult member of your household complete this **anonymous** survey. **The answers you provide will help us develop further questions for focus groups that will be held in the early spring of 2015.**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion / NA
1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following at Kehilath Israel Synagogue: <b>(circle one rating as it applies to each)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
• Shabbat morning services?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• High Holy Day services?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• Performance of the office staff?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• Performance of the clergy?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• The way the building is maintained?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• Adult programming?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• Youth programming?	5	4	3	2	1	0
• Operation of the Religious School?	5	4	3	2	1	0

Please feel free to offer recommendations for changes here: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been a member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_ (years)

3. What brought you to Kehilath Israel Synagogue originally? (check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The location                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar/Bar Mitzvah Preparation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The clergy                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Life Cycle Event       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Because it is a traditional congregation | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat and Holiday Services             | <input type="checkbox"/> My family was already here   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious School                         | <input type="checkbox"/> My friends were already here |

4. What would you like to see offered more often at Kehilath Israel Synagogue? (check all that apply)

- Social Action / Social Justice Programs / Community Service
- Social programming (i.e. Maj Jong, poker night, trivia bowl, etc.)
- Youth programming (i.e. children and/or teen activities)
- Adult education
- Additional guest speakers/educators on different topics than currently being offered
- Greater variety in the Shabbat service
- Better Kiddush at Shabbat services

Please offer ideas or further explanation here: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What would increase your participation at Kehilath Israel Synagogue? (Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Available transportation                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional or different prayer books              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Different topics for speakers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> More explanation of the service                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Different activities and/or programs            | <input type="checkbox"/> More English in the service                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional opportunities for men to participate | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional opportunities for women to participate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional children's programs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> More time or flexibility in my schedule           |

Please offer ideas for programming/activities, etc. or further explanation here: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you regularly attend services at another synagogue?  Yes  No If yes, please tell us why.

7. Please complete the following sentence: If I could change ONE thing at Kehilath Israel Synagogue it would be.....

8. Please provide some demographics about yourself.

Male

Female

Age \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your marital status?

Married

Single

Widowed

10. Do you have children or grandchildren under the age of 18 living in your home?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide their ages \_\_\_\_\_

***If you would like to participate in a focus group OR if you would like to host a focus group in your home, please contact Hal Bordy at 913.912.1086. You may also email him at [halbordy@gmail.com](mailto:halbordy@gmail.com).***

**Please mail your survey to the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: c/o Hal Bordy,  
6906 W 130<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66209**

**You may also fax your survey to Hal Bordy at 913.912.1086.**

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VIEWS WITH US!!!**

# ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

*With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits*

## MEMORIAL TABLETS

### 10 TEVET-JAN 1

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  
ROSALIE MANDL  
SHEVA MILLER  
YESHAIHA MILLER  
FEIGA POLLMAN  
LIBBY SLADOWITZ  
VELVEL STEPONSKY  
SARAH STERN  
MARY WAGNER  
WEINER BROTHERS  
ISAAC WINER  
JACOB WINER  
BRACHA YEDDIS  
FEIGA YODLER  
WOLF YODLER

### 11 TEVET-JAN 2

ELIYA DWORKIN  
LOUIS GLASS  
MINNIE GUROVITZ  
ABE KELNE  
ZE'EV LISSER  
SARA LITMAN  
SIMON MALLIN  
MINNIE MILLER

### 12 TEVET-JAN 3

REBECCA BIALSKY  
ANNA BRATMAN  
MINNIE KUSHNER  
ISADORE MARGOLIS  
MINNIE OSADCHY  
RUBIN RESNICK  
SIMHA TARABOULOS

### 13 TEVET-JAN 4

RUTH ADELMAN  
BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN  
MILTON KESSLER

### 14 TEVET-JAN 5

REBECCA GINSBERG  
SARA GOLDBERG  
ROSE HOROWITZ  
LEONARD OSMAN  
ANNA STUDNA  
SULE SWEET

### 15 TEVET-JAN 6

HILDA ADLER  
NORMAN CAPLAN

SOPHIE DOLGINOFF  
ALICE DUBIN  
NATHAN FOX  
SARAH GLASS  
HARRY KOTELOV  
SARAH LESKY  
REVA PESMEN  
MORDECAI SCHULTZ  
ISRAEL SHANERMAN  
MINNIE WEINSAFT  
HARRY WEXLER  
SAM ZEFF

### 16 TEVET-JAN 7

ROSE BARSKY  
BLUMA FRUMHOFF  
LILLIAN HAITH  
EDWARD KANTER  
ELSA LEVIN  
IRVING LEVITAN  
HARRIS SHERR

### 17 TEVET-JAN 8

DAVID DOLGINOW  
ISAAC KESSLER  
HERSCHEL KRAFT  
FANNIE KUSHEL  
MAX MILLER  
ROYAL NERMAN  
EVA SHER  
MORRIS SHULTZ

### 18 TEVET-JAN 9

BERISH BETTINGER  
MORRIS HAMMER  
SANFORD KATZ  
ROSE LEWIS  
JOSEPH MAGARIEL  
RUTH PHILLIPS  
LOUIS SHOSTAK  
DOROTHY WEINSTEIN

### 19 TEVET-JAN 10

LEAH BETTINGER  
ROSE CAPLAN  
SINGER COHEN  
DIANE ORGAN  
BEN PASTERNAK  
RITA TENENBAUM

### 20 TEVET-JAN 11

RUTH GALLAS  
ABRAHAM SIEGEL  
HINDA WINER

### 21 TEVET-JAN 12

DAVID ALPORT  
IRVING ARLAN  
MAREK BENGIS  
GORDON BEREY  
MEYER FABES  
MORRIS GINSBERG  
MORRIS KROSS  
MARY SCHWARTZ  
LIBA VISCOFSKY

### 22 TEVET-JAN 13

JOSE ADLER  
CHAYA CHERNICOFF  
MYER DOLGINOFF  
FANNIE GLASS

MAX KORNFELD  
SARA KRAMSKY  
HYMAN LIEBERMAN  
CELIA MAX  
ELLA ODESNIK  
MEYER STEIN  
FREDA TIGERMAN  
ANN WANE

### 23 TEVET-JAN 14

LEIBISH BIRENBOIM  
ISAAC BULAVSKY  
ISADORE DOLGINOFF  
MORRIS DUNN  
SAMMY PILTZ

### 24 TEVET-JAN 15

ISADORE AGRON  
YEHOShUA CHERNICOFF  
GUSSIE FOX  
CONSTANCE GLASBERG  
DEWEY KOSLOSKY  
STUART LEVINE

### 25 TEVET-JAN 16

ANNA CARR  
LOUIS COHN  
CARL GERSON  
MARIA GREENBAUM  
MANUEL LEVINE  
ALLEN WEINER

### 26 TEVET-JAN 17

JOSEPH BOLD  
LOUIS BURSTEN  
HYMAN FALLEK  
LOIS MYERS  
ESTHER ORLOVICK  
GEORGE ROCHELD  
LIEBERMAN SCHUMAN  
BROCHA SPACK

### 27 TEVET-JAN 18

RUTH FEINGOLD  
THOMAS GOLDENBERG  
FRANCES KARGER

### 28 TEVET-JAN 19

HARRY COHEN  
MARVIN DEVOE  
CLARA KRAFT  
JACOB KRAFT  
HAROLD LERNER  
FANNIE MAGADY  
MARTIN MANN  
HYMAN PACK  
ABE PRESS

### 29 TEVET-JAN 20

RICHARD DREISESZUN  
ROSALYN JACOBSON  
GERTRUDE KRUTE  
ISRAEL LEVIN  
DAVID LUKE  
LOUIS OSADCHY  
JACK ROCHELD  
ISAAC SALWINSKY  
SADIE TAYLOR  
ANNA WOLBERG

1 SHEVAT-JAN 21  
HARRIS DAITCH  
MIRIAM DAITCH  
ABRAHAM LENIOWER  
MELVIN LEVINE  
RUDOLPH ZELL

### 2 SHEVAT-JAN 22

MARCIA COLVIN  
JEANETTE FRIEDMAN  
HELEN LIEBERMAN  
ESTHER SCHWARTZ  
LINDMAN SHROB  
SOLOMON WILENSKY

### 3 SHEVAT-JAN 23

JENNIE ABEND  
JOSEPH BARABAN  
GERALD COHEN  
BEN COSNER  
BEILA DORFMAN  
SAMUEL DORFMAN  
HELEN GOLDIN  
EDYTHE HAIMER  
JOSEPHINE KORT  
BEN ROBINSON  
STANLEY ROSE

### 4 SHEVAT-JAN 24

LEO CHOOS  
ALICE ESRIG  
LEONARD LAPIDES  
SADIE MILLER  
BEN RUBEN  
WILLIAM SPITCAUFSKY  
HERSHEL ZENITSKY

### 5 SHEVAT-JAN 25

MORRIS BELL  
GRANUM CHERNOFF  
SYLVIA GOLDSTEIN  
MOSHE HAITH  
DONNA LEVINE  
ABRAHAM SOLTZ

### 6 SHEVAT-JAN 26

SHLOMO BRAUN  
ISAAC DUBINSKY  
MILTON FISHMAN  
NATHAN HOROWITZ  
ROSE KATZ  
SARAH KRINSKY  
IDA LANSKY  
ABRAHAM LERNER  
DONALD TELLER

### 7 SHEVAT-JAN 27

JOHN GOLDBERG  
ISADORE GOODMAN  
GELLA POLLMAN  
ROSE ROSS  
BERNICE SCHIFMAN  
DAVID SIMON  
CHANA TEITELBAUM

### 8 SHEVAT-JAN 28

DORA BAKER  
DOROTHY BELL  
BESSIE DEVOE  
ROSE HOUSE

ISADORE KAUFMAN  
NOMA KELNE  
JOSEPH MANN  
HENRY TARABOULOS

### 9 SHEVAT-JAN 29

SIDNEY COHEN  
DOROTHY CLUMONOW  
ESTHER DWORK  
MINNIE LAPIDES  
JOSEPH MILLER  
BARNEY NASH  
OLGA RODRIGUEZ-JIMENEZ  
MAX ROMER

### 10 SHEVAT-JAN 30

JOSEPH AMAR  
ABE BERNSTEIN  
BERTHA DREISESZUN  
ABE JACOBSON  
ROLAND KAHN  
GITTEL LEVIN  
JACK LOUIS  
ALICE SCHILD  
MOSHE SOLOMON

### 11 SHEVAT-JAN 31

JOSEPH AMPEL  
BERTHA BROWN



**UNVEILINGS**  
There will be  
no unveilings  
during the month  
of Nisan, from  
March 21 through  
April 19, 2015.



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BARBARA & MELVIN  
FRISCHER  
Shirley Frischer  
**Yahrzeit**  
KHANA SHVARTSBLATT  
Khatskel Shvartsblatt  
BERL SHERR  
MORRIS GOLDBERG  
Shirley Frischer  
**Yizkor**  
MORRIS GOLDBERG  
Shirley Frischer

## K.I. GENERAL FUND

**Anniversary**  
PHYLLIS & MAURY KOHN  
Joyce Bratman  
**Birthday**  
BILL COHEN  
Ed & Irene Blend  
**Honor**  
DR. DONALD & NATALIE  
COHEN  
Carol Margolin  
**Memory**  
JACQUELINE FRIEDMAN  
Linda Saver  
Marcia Friedman  
FRANCES FUHRI-  
MANDELBAUM  
Mark & Ellie Mandelbaum  
ROSE BELOVE  
Marilyn Morris  
PHIL KUSNETZKY  
Ed & Irene Blend  
BETTY PRICE  
Louis & Dorothy Cumonow  
Foundation  
Mark & Ellie Mandelbaum  
Karen & Steve Pack  
Louis Price & Marcy Price  
The Bonar Family  
Scott & Kimberly Zavelo  
Dr. Irene Bettinger  
Marcia Karbank & Joe  
Smuckler  
Lee Greif  
Kalheigh Degen & Kaleigh  
Lang  
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Zavelo  
Julie & Matthew Calvert  
Bob & Phyllis Bernstein

## IDA MAE BLACKMAN

Joyce Bratman  
Larry Cohen  
MARY GILLMAN  
KALMAN LEVINE  
BETTY CAPLAN  
Debbie Entine  
STEVE HAMMER  
Richard & Barbie Glass  
BLUMA HOROWITZ  
Toba Horowitz  
FRANCES LERNER  
Beverly & Barnett Alport  
JEANETTE STUDNA  
Sid & Nan Kanter  
Harold & Natalie Klopfer  
Beverly & Barnett Alport  
LILLIAN GREENBERG  
Arlene Shalinsky  
**Yahrzeit**  
MORRIS & LIBBIE MALLIN  
Mel Mallin  
CELIA MILLER  
Leah Gladstone  
LILLIAN & JACOB  
FISHMAN  
Shirley Pener  
ESTHER RAYMOR  
Toba Horowitz  
ISRAEL GALLAS  
Rebecca Knutson  
MAURICE JERWICK  
Scott & Sharon Jerwick  
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN  
Elliott & Linda Goldstein  
FERNANDO PITY  
Arlene & Michael Abrams  
REBA PITLUCK  
Arlyn & Chuck Kuluva  
ALICE LIEBERMAN  
Shirley Sander  
LOTTIE WARREN  
Ed & Donna Warren  
CARL HAMMER  
Barbara Rein  
SYLVIA KUSNETZKY  
Harriet Shapiro  
SARAH LERNER  
Steve Cline

## CHAI KIDDUSH FUND

**Our Anniversary**  
DR. ROBYN JACOBS &  
DAVID ROSENBLOOM  
SUSAN & STEVE OSMAN  
CHERYL & LARRY  
SILVERMAN  
SHIRLEY & TODD  
STETTNER  
LOIS & MANNY WINSTON  
JOYCE & STAN ZELDIN

## K.I. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Yahrzeit**  
REVA LITWACK  
Myer Litwack

## HERMAN & DOROTHY

**Schifman Hunger  
Memory**  
ARLENE GINSBERG  
Carol Schifman

## Yahrzeit

HERMAN SCHIFMAN  
Carol Schifman  
Ron Schifman  
Ed & Vicki Schifman

## LOUIS & YETTA PRICE Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Memory**  
BETTY PRICE  
Jane Rubenstein  
**Yahrzeit**  
JOHANNA PRICE  
EDWARD PRICE  
Mark Price Family

## K.I. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Yahrzeit**  
BEN WEINBERG  
Judy Mandelbaum  
LOUIS GOTTLIEB  
Sharon & Howard Levitan  
MATHEW DEVOE  
Irwin & Carolyn Cohen  
JESSICA SHAPIRO  
BENJAMIN SMUCKLER  
Marcia Karbank & Joe  
Smuckler

## ALEX & SADIE WACKNOV Scholarship Fund

**Memory**  
BETTY PRICE  
Donna & Sam Zavelo  
Barnett & Beverly Alport  
William Koenigsdorf  
Betty & Lou Lesky  
**Yahrzeit**  
LAWRENCE WACKNOV  
David Wacknov

## FRED & MARIA DEVINKI Floral Fund

**Memory**  
MARIA DEVINKI  
Michael & Arlene Abrams  
**Yahrzeit**  
MARGARET SMITH  
Rita Myer

## FRED & MARIA DEVINKI Torah Preservation

**Yahrzeit**  
ITZCHAK SHARFI  
Moshe Sharfi

## SEYMOUR KRINSKY Video Library Fund

**Anniversary**  
SHIRLEY & TODD  
STETTNER  
JOYCE & STAN ZELDIN  
SUSAN & STEVEN OSMAN  
LOIS & EMANUEL  
WINSTON  
**Memory**  
PHIL KUSNETZKY  
BETTY PRICE  
JEANETTE STUDNA  
Seymour & Marsha Krinsky

## MELVIN & EVELYN Spitcaufsky Library

**Memory**  
LOUIS RUBIN  
Jerome & Margaret Nerman  
**Yahrzeit**  
THELMA GOLDSTEIN  
Natalie & Dr. Donald Cohen

## HARRY G. & ESTHER Mallin Choir Fund

**Yahrzeit**  
MILTON COHEN  
Karen Schwartz

## JEAN & MORRIS Odesnik Ritual & Religious Items

**Yahrzeit**  
MORRIS ODESNIK  
Isabelle Gallas  
Harvey Levine

## LIBBIE & JACK SHER Book Fund

**Yahrzeit**  
MARTHA SHER  
Carole Sher

## SHIVA-CHESED FUND Birthday

BERNARD BIRNBAUM  
Marlene Krakow  
**Yahrzeit**  
MARIA WERTMAN  
Sonny Singer

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**Memory**  
ROBERT SHAW  
Steve Shaw  
JACKIE FISHMAN  
Brenda Fishman  
BETTY PRICE  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kelley  
JEANETTE STUDNA  
LILLIAN GREENBERG  
Dr. Sol & Mickey Batnitzky  
**Yahrzeit**  
SANDY RUBIN  
Charlene Rubin  
LENA ALPORT  
Gustave Alport  
SANDY MALLIN  
Gloria Mallin Planzer

## RABBI MANDL'S Discretionary Fund

**Yahrzeit**  
GERTRUDE MAGAZINE  
Roberta Rosmarine  
HERMAN SCHIFMAN  
Ron Schifman  
BETTY ADLER  
JOSE ADLER  
HILDA ADLER  
FEDERICO ADLER  
Margarita Adler  
OSCAR BUSH  
Leslee Gottlieb

## THE SHERMAN & IRENE Dreiseszun Court Fund

**Memory**  
BETTY PRICE  
LILLIAN GREENBERG  
Irene Dreiseszun  
**Yahrzeit**  
SHERMAN DREISESZUN  
Irene Dreiseszun  
Helene & Marshall Abrahams

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**Memory**  
LILLIAN GREENBERG  
Irene Goodman  
Sheila Ginsberg  
Avrom & Rhoda Greenberg  
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Aaron Nowack  
Judy & David Weinstein  
IDA MAE BLACKMAN  
Alan & Jackye Goldberg  
BETTY PRICE  
PHIL KUSNETZKY  
Alan & Jackye Goldberg  
Lillian Greenberg

## K.I. BLUE RIDGE Cemetery Fund

**Donation**  
Gitta Azorsky  
**Memory**  
DAVID & ROSE SIMON  
Doreen Leifer  
HAROLD KATZ  
Jeffrey & Gary Katz  
**Yahrzeit**  
ALVIN GLADSTONE  
Leah Gladstone  
Gene Gladstone  
MAURICE JERWICK  
NICOLE JERWICK  
Marjorie Jerwick  
MOLLIE NOVICOFF  
Hal & Kitty Novicoff  
SAMUEL EISMAN  
BEN EISMAN  
BERTHA WAX  
Steve & Janet Eisman  
MICHAEL MOSSERI  
ASLAN MOSSERI  
Michael Taraboulos  
JULIUS MALLIN  
Gloria Mallin Planzer  
ISADORE RAINEN  
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KASIL JABEN  
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ROSE BRATT  
Harry Bratt  
BENNE KUSNETZKY  
Barbara Kusnetzky & Children  
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FAMILY  
Janice & Robert Alltshuler  
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Donna & Ruth Feinberg  
ISRAEL & MANIA WEINDLING  
Fani & Bill Schifman

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 ROBERT MALLIN  
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**K.I. BUILDING FUND  
 YAHRZEIT**  
 FRANCES MANDELBAUM  
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 DORA FOX  
 Irene Goodman

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 DONATION**  
 Shirley Frischer  
**YAHRZEIT**  
 ARTHUR KUSNETZKY  
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 Yalene Kusnetzky  
 ANNA WICENTOWSKY  
 Emanuel Winston

**ESRIG – GOULD FUND  
 YAHRZEIT**  
 LEAH ESRIG  
 Sam Gould

**K.I. BENEVOLENT FUND  
 YAHRZEIT**  
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 ALBERT MIZRAHI  
 Soly Mizrahi

**HERBERT & BEVERLY FISHMAN  
 YAHRZEIT**  
 RUTH ROSE  
 Herb Fishman

**JEWISH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
 ACTIVITIES**

JES is here to help members of the Jewish community find jobs. JES is a partnership of Jewish Family Services and Jewish Vocational Service. JumpStart sessions provide an orientation to all the services JES can provide job seekers. All sessions are free and are held at the Jewish Community Campus, unless otherwise noted. RSVP for all programs to [employment@jfskc.org](mailto:employment@jfskc.org). Questions? Please call 913.730.1449. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/JES>

**ONE CALL TO VOLUNTEER!**

YOU can make a difference in someone's life by volunteering as little as once a month. All you need to do is send an email to [volunteer@jfskc.org](mailto:volunteer@jfskc.org) or call 913.730.1410. JFS has numerous volunteer opportunities in its various programs and services including older adult programs like JET Express and Help@Home, the food pantry and holiday projects – and work when it fits your schedule. Give just a little and get so much in return. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/volunteer/>

**WANTED: DRIVERS FOR JET EXPRESS**

JET Express is looking for new volunteer drivers for the program. Volunteer requirements are minimal: you must be 21, have your own vehicle to drive and hold a valid driver's license and have current auto insurance coverage. Drivers participate in a short training before they begin driving. If you're interested in volunteering for JET Express, please call 913.730.1410, and use your car to be a star! LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/recruiting-drivers-for-jet-express/>

**JET EXPRESS PLUS AVAILABLE**

For more information about the new JET Express Plus service, please contact Dawn Staton, director of Older Adult Initiatives, at 913.327.8239 or email her at [dstaton@jfskc.org](mailto:dstaton@jfskc.org). LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/older-adult-services/jet-express-2/>

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS &  
 VOLUNTEERS**

To become a food pantry recipient or donor, call JFS at 913. 327.8250. To volunteer, please call 913.730.1410. Check with the JFS office for the exact hours the pantry is open. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/lifecrisis/foodpantry>

**JFS LOOKS OUT FOR BELOVED  
 COMPANIONS WITH PET FOOD  
 PANTRY**

The public is encouraged to donate unopened pet food as well as unused toys and other pet supplies for Jasmine's Corner. Donations will be taken at VCA Mission Animal Referral and Emergency. A special barrel will also be available for donations at the Jewish Community Campus. Financial contributions for the pet food pantry, as well as the food pantry itself, are also welcome. Donations may be made on line at [www.jfskc.org](http://www.jfskc.org). LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/jasmines-corner-pet-food-pantry/>

**TEENS AND PARENTS TEAM UP FOR  
 PROGRAM DRIVING PROGRAM**

On Sunday, Jan. 11, Jewish Family Services' C.H.A.I. program will once again offer its "Driving Risk Awareness for Teens and Parents" workshop from 10-11:45 a.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. This program is open to ninth and 10th grade students and their parents. The class will be facilitated by Susie Hurst, adolescent specialist/C.H.A.I. The workshop is free, but reservations are required; to make a reservation, please contact Hurst at 913.327.8259 or email her at [SusieH@jfskc.org](mailto:SusieH@jfskc.org).

**HELP@HOME LITE AVAILABLE**

If you would like to become a Help@Home Lite member, or for more information any JFS older adult program, please contact Dawn Staton at 913.327.8239 or email her at [dstaton@jfskc.org](mailto:dstaton@jfskc.org). Those who wish to volunteer for the Help@Home programs can send an email to [volunteer@jfskc.org](mailto:volunteer@jfskc.org) or call 913.730.1410. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/older-adult-services/help-at-home/>

**IN-HOME COUNSELING NOW  
 AVAILABLE**

Don't let your financial situation stop you from getting the help you need; this service is offered on a sliding financial scale to any older adult. Call JFS at 816.333.1172 or email [counseling@jfskc.org](mailto:counseling@jfskc.org) to get started.



**MELTON**

Two new community-wide Melton programs are starting: The Melton School of Kansas City is offering two new classes: Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret of Knowledge in Judaism taught by Rabbi Daniel Rockoff beginning January 11th; and Foundations of Jewish Family Living taught by Marla Brockman and guest speakers beginning January 23rd. Both classes are ten weeks long. Find out more information on these programs and sign up at [www.events.org/MeltonKansasCity](http://www.events.org/MeltonKansasCity) or contact Rabbi Doug Alpert at [dougalpert@kolamik.com](mailto:dougalpert@kolamik.com).

**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:

**LILLIAN POLLOCK**

**BETTY PRICE**

*(Sister of Paul Wacknov)*

**PHILLIP KUSNETZKY**

*(Father of Lisa Kusnetzky)*

**JEANETTE STUDNA**

*(Mother of Randi Feder)*

**LILLIAN GREENBERG**

*(Mother of Jackye Goldberg)*

**MARION SHAPIRO**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 TEVET <b>4</b> NO Religious School	14 TEVET <b>5</b> Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	15 TEVET <b>6</b> Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	16 TEVET <b>7</b> Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	10 TEVET <b>1</b> Fast of the Tenth of Tevet New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	11 TEVET <b>2</b> 4:50	12 TEVET <b>3</b> Veyechi Kings 2:1-12 Shabbos Ends: 5:46 Ray Shron Study Class-3:50 p.m.
20 TEVET <b>11</b> Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby-2:00-6:00 pm	21 TEVET <b>12</b> Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	22 TEVET <b>13</b> Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	23 TEVET <b>14</b> Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	24 TEVET <b>15</b>	25 TEVET <b>16</b> 5:04	26 TEVET <b>17</b> Vaira Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Shabbos Ends: 5:59
27 TEVET <b>18</b> Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	28 TEVET <b>19</b> Martin Luther King Day PrayerWorks - 7:00 pm	29 TEVET <b>20</b> Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	1 TEVET <b>21</b> Rosh Chodesh Shevat Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm	2 TEVET <b>22</b>	3 TEVET <b>23</b> 5:11	4 TEVET <b>24</b> Bo Jeremiah 46:13-28 Shabbos Ends: 6:06 Ray Shron Study Class-4:10 p.m.
5 TEVET <b>25</b> Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch-10:00 am	6 TEVET <b>26</b> Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	7 TEVET <b>27</b> Religious School - 4:15-6:00 pm	8 TEVET <b>28</b> Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong - 7:00 pm Adult Education Series-4,000 Years Jewish History taught by Rabbi Shron-7:00 pm	9 TEVET <b>29</b>	10 TEVET <b>30</b> 5:20	11 TEVET <b>31</b> Beshalach Judges 4:4-5:31 Shabbos Ends: 6:13 Ray Shron Study Class-4:15 p.m. Shabbat Party (for kids) - 10:45 am



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**WEEKLY SERVICES  
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**Sunday Shacharit** 9:00 A.M.  
**Monday-Friday Shacharit** 7:00 A.M.

**Sunday-Thursday  
Mincha and Maariv**

**Week of January 4** 5:00 P.M.  
**Week of January 11** 5:05 P.M.  
**Week of January 18** 5:10 P.M.  
**Week of January 25** 5:20 P.M.

**Thursday, January 1 - Shacharit - 9:00 A.M.**

**Wednesday, January 21 - Rosh Chodesh Shevat**

You are all invited to join Rabbi Shron  
from 10-11 a.m. in the Rose Morgan Chapel  
for

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Our first service will meet on January 10, 2015  
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If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Shron  
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