

THE FOCAL POINT

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From the Rabbi's Study...



Pesach is the holiday that commemorates our exodus from Egypt. We are commanded in the *Torah* to tell our children the story of the miraculous way in which God delivered us from slavery to freedom. Our houses are turned inside out every year so each family can conduct a *seder* and retell the story. One might ask if there ever would come a time when we can say that we already know the story well, and therefore, there is no need to conduct a *seder*. The answer to this question is, no.

First, if one conducts a *seder* properly, there is always something new and relevant that can be derived from retelling and reviewing the story annually, as well as interjecting contemporary readings, poems and innovative ideas. After all, our goal is not only to retell the miraculous incidents that lead to the creation of the Israelite nation, but to also relate the *seder* to today's living. One might even correlate the *Pesach* story with the creation of the State of Israel.

Second, each year our children reach a new level of understanding, and our history can be discussed with them on this new level, giving the *seder* a deeper and greater meaning, and third, each year, a new generation comes to the table who needs to be taught about our beginnings. In other words, the *seder* is the original "never ending story."

The importance of the exodus from Egypt is demonstrated by the fact that the *kiddush* and liturgy of every one of our festivals, including *Shabbat*, makes reference to the exodus. The term used in our liturgy is *zaycher l'tziat mitzrayim* – in remembrance to the exodus from Egypt. The question today is, why is the exodus so important for us to remember? There are several possible answers. First, in order to know who we are and what our mission in life is, we must know from whence we came. If G-d did not redeem us from slavery, we would not be here today celebrating our heritage. If you remember the mini-series "Roots," you will recall that throughout the series, the story of the origin of the family was passed down from generation to generation. We as Jews must remember the roads we have traveled that brought us to where we are today. Otherwise, we are a people without a past and without any direction towards the future.

Second, we must teach our children about the dangers of all the different forms of slavery. In Egypt, our time was not our own. We were at the mercy of our taskmasters' will. Fathers were not able to spend any quality time with their families. Mothers had the sole burden of raising the children. These dysfunctional families resulted in a people full of despair, without hope and purpose. We often see this kind of slavery in today's society where people become slaves to their jobs and to the almighty dollar, and lose sight of the precious gifts that G-d has given us, our children. Families are so over programmed that children hardly ever experience family togetherness. Therefore we are commanded every year to gather together as a family and explore, through the story of the exodus, the real meaning of life, which is, to be a close-knit family imbued with Jewish values and not to be enslaved to our environment.

Therefore, Judaism teaches us that we must remember the exodus throughout the year, on every Jewish festival as well as on *Shabbat*. By observing *Shabbat* and holidays, we are forced to leave our weekly taskmasters and spend real quality time with our families. Our emancipation from Egypt is to be a constant reminder to us that we should never allow ourselves to become so physically or emotionally enslaved that we neglect our children. Without our children, there is no future.

*Hedy & I wish you all a happy, joyous and kosher Pesach,
Rabbi Jeffrey Shron*



Passover Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 - 13 NISAN

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:25 PM
 BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 - 14 NISAN

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

THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
 FINAL TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ.....11:02 AM
 BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the Chametz).....12:02 PM
 Candlelighting.....7:45 PM
 MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv).....7:30 PM
 FIRST SEDER (in the home).....8:37 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

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

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 MINI-MINYAN FOR KIDS.....10:30 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:30 PM
 Candlelighting (no earlier than).....8:39 PM
 SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark).....8:39 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

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

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:45 PM
 HAVDALAH.....8:40 PM

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 - 27

CHOL HAMOE'D PASSOVER

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:25 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOE'D PASSOVER

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY YOM TOV MAARIV).....6:30 PM
 Candlelighting.....7:51 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 (Kiddush following services)
 MINCHA AND YOM TOV MAARIV.....6:30 PM
 Candlelighting (no later than).....7:52 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PASOVER

Deuteronomy 14:22 -16:17; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 (YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA & Shir Hashirim & Seudah Shlishit.....7:00 PM
 MAARIV followed by
 HAVDALAH.....8:46 PM
 Chametz is permitted after.....9:00 PM



ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, with the closing days of Passover taking place on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, the ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on the eve of the seventh day, Thursday, April 28 before candlelighting.

When *Yom Tov* falls on a Friday, in order that it may be permissible to cook on that day for Saturday (one is permitted to cook on a holiday for that day alone), the head of the household must perform the ritual of "*Eruv Tavshilin*" before the festival. This consists of taking some *matzah* and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

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

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

The food for this ceremony is to be eaten on *Shabbat*, April 30, the eighth day of Passover, during the daytime hours.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (10)
- 8 Joy & Stewart Koesten (38)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (21)
- 16 Rosemary & Martin Gorin (27)
- 21 Jackye & Alan Goldberg (31)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (49)

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, Teri Becker, Ida Bernstein, Bonnie Blend, Barbra Bronstein, Cathy Caplan, 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, Kimberlin Kubel, Joel Marcus, Kurt Metzl, Alan Organ, Steven Osman, Karen Pack, Herb Parmet, Deanna Pool, Arthur Press, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Shirley Sander, Debby Schlozman, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw, Victor Siegel.

APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

מזל טוב

...to **Mary Covitz** on the birth of a granddaughter, Olive Rose to Lesley and Matthew Fulton of New York.

...to **Brad and Sherry Davidson** on the recent marriage of his son, Michael Davidson to Leah Glazer.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Trent Daniels, Isabelle Gallas**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

תודה רבה

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

...to **Celia Sher, Ruth and Rebecca Nowack** for helping on a special project.

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To **Shelley Rissien** who made all the dough.

To our *hamantaschen* baking volunteers: **Debbie Adamous, The Basurto Family, Cathy Caplan, Nancy Cline, Debra Ann Entine, Jody Erwin, Brenda Fishman, Sharon Friedman, Nora Freyman, Jody Gittleman, Alan Goldberg, Sandie Jabenis, Marian Kaplan, Dan Kass, Rebecca Katz, Sammy Katz, Jocelyn Kaufman, Nancy Kohn, Leah Langert, Josh Langert, Audrey Liebschutz, Morris Liebschutz, Madison Macek, Scott Macek, Brenda McKinnon, Barbara Mandl, Megan Pener, Debby Pfefer, Ellen Portnoy, Dori Quinn, Greg Quinn, Shelley Rissien, Barbara Rittmaster, Luis Rosales, Zelma Saltzman, Catherine Singer, Cindy Singer, Daniel Singer, Hedy Shron, Shirley Stettner, Maureen Taylor and Judy Weinstein.**

To our delivering crew: **Beverly Alport, Barnett Alport, Katianne Bordy, Valerie Bordy, Brad Davidson, Brenda Fishman, Sharon Friedman, Sheila Ginsberg, Jody Gittleman, Ira Jay, Dan Kass, Caroline Knox, Phyllis Kohn, Ari Lubowicz, Elizabeth Peden, Molly Rissien, Debby Schlozman, Jacob Schulzinger, Celia Sher, Karen Smith, Dr. Michael Sokol, Dr. Shari Sokol, Hedy Shron, Colleen Whiteside, and Joel Zitron.**

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



Our volunteers who helped assemble the “*Mischloach Manot*” Purim bags on Sunday, March 13 were from left: Joe Goldwasser, Joe Pfefer, Debby Pfefer, Ron Kogan, Evaristo Orozco, Barnett Alport, Rick Dunivan, Beverly Alport, Jake Schulzinger, Marilyn Schulzinger, Hedy Shron, Leonard Rosen, Lois Winston, Brenda Fishman, Debbie Adamous, Mary Jane Stern, Phyllis Kogan, Irene Blend, Dori Quinn, Randi Berger, Jackie Kraft, Nedra Rosen, Sonny Singer. and Doris Chopp.

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THANK YOU to the following people for helping with the Purim carnival:

Joseph Barney, Julia Clark, Brenda Fishman, Rachel Lubowicz, Sam Lubowicz, Michael Orozco, Adam Peden, Rick Simon, Rod Sipe, and Kyle Wordsworth.

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KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 AGENDA

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Meeting Called to Order | Craig Caplan |
| 2. <i>D’var Torah</i> | Rabbi Shron |
| 3. Consent Agenda Items (Minutes Past Meeting, Membership Report) | Craig Caplan |
| 4. HVAC/Building Issues | Craig Caplan |
| 5. Assistant Rabbi | Craig Caplan |
| 6. Funds at JCF | Craig Caplan |
| 7. Golf Tournament | |
| 8. Grand Givers Entertainment Update - 2016 | Michael & Shari Sokol |
| 9. Strategic Planning Task Forces | |
| 10. Old Business | |
| 11. New Business | |
| 12. Adjournment | |

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(Signature)

(Date)

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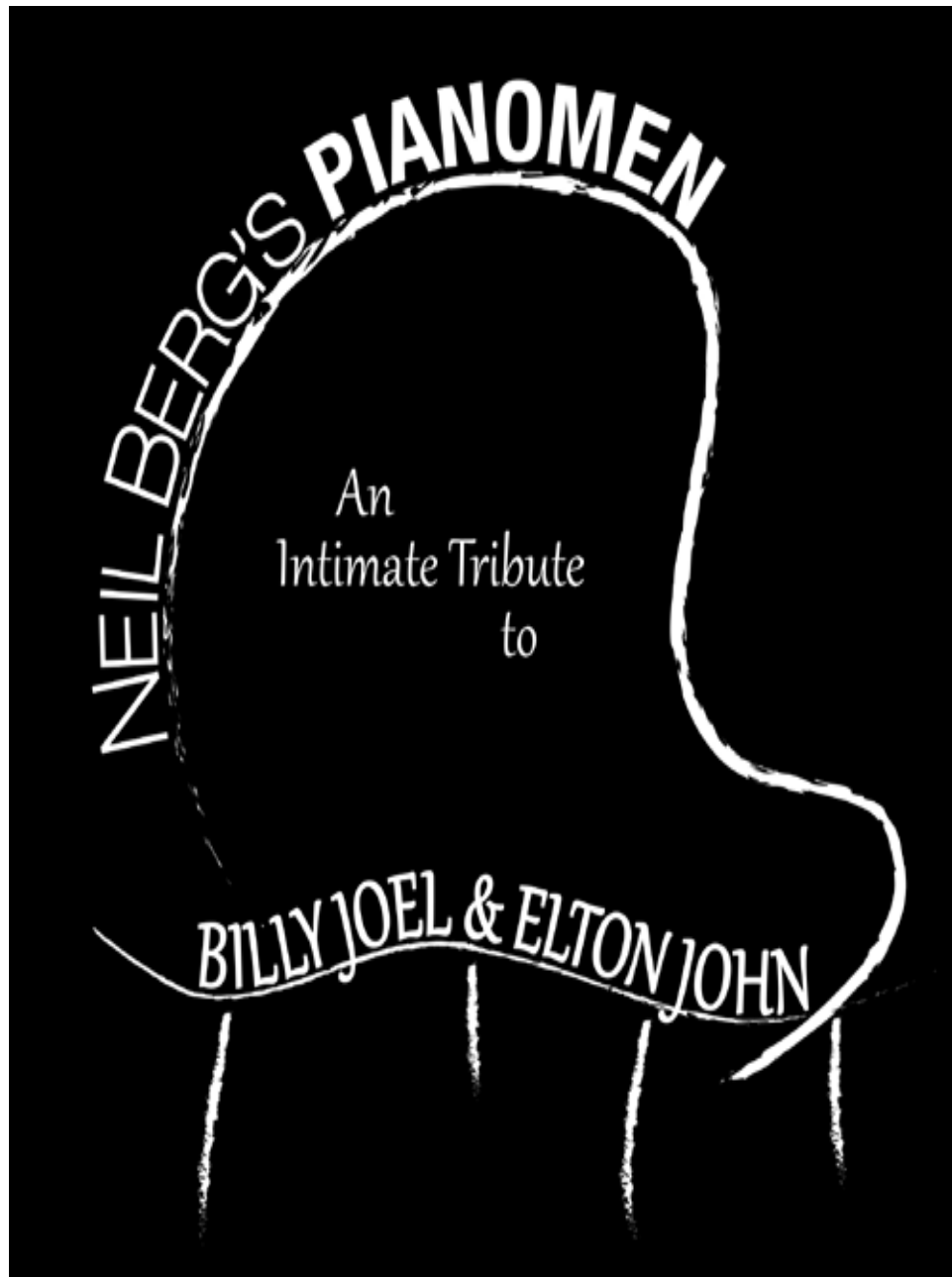
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Saturday Evening, Nov. 12, 2016

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

22 ADAR II-APRIL 1

SAMUEL COHEN
ESTHER GRUNDMAN
JOSEPHINE LEVITCH
MARY MATTERS
BEN MEDOFF
CLARA OSADCHY
ABRAHAM PESMEN
LENA PITTEL
FANNIE SAMBUR
ISAAC SHERMAN
REBECCA WINER

23 ADAR II-APRIL 2

MARK ADELMAN
ITZHAK ALBERT
LIBBIE ALBERT
ESTHER BAUM
VICTOR DAVIS
OSCAR FRIZENT

24 ADAR II-APRIL 3

MINNIE COHN
ABRAHAM DENOWITZ
NATHAN DUNN
BEN GARBER
RHETTA GOLDSTEIN
ABE GREENBERG
LEAH NUSSBAUM
ABE ROVEN
RACHEL STUDNA

25 ADAR II-APRIL 4

EDNA BEISER
HARRY BRODSKY
BEATRICE EISBERG
ABRAHAM NUDELMAN
RACHEL ROSENBERG
BELLA SLOBOSKY
ARON WARREN

26 ADAR II-APRIL 5

LOUIS BROWN
BETTY CHUZIE
STEPHANIE KLOPPER
LIBBIE SHER
ADOLPH SILVER
ARON SUKIENNIK

27 ADAR II-APRIL 6

IRWIN AGRON
DORIS BUSH
SHEVA GOLDMAN
IDA KLEIN
MARY MENDELSON
JACK PRICE
KARLA SILBERG
DAVID STEIN

28 ADAR II-APRIL 7

BENNETT ALPORT
AVROM BARABAN
OSCAR NUSSBAUM
ANNA POLANSKY
SARAH REBECCA RUBEN
JOSEPH SHAPIRO
CELIA TANHOFF
SHIRLEY TOLTZIS
JOHN WARSHAWSKI
ISAAC ZITRON

29 ADAR II-APRIL 8

ANNA COHN
ESTHER GALLAS
GERTRUDE JERWICK

1 NISAN-APRIL 9

FAGA BOTWINIK
LEONARD COHN
HIMAN GARON
BENJAMIN HANKIN
MARY HANKIN
IDA HARRIS
HELEN KATZBERG
MOSHE KUSHNER
DAVID MAGADY
ABRAHAM PELTZMAN
HERMAN RISEMAN
EDWARD ZUROVSKY

2 NISAN-APRIL 10

GUSSIE ESRIG
JEROME FRIEDMAN
CHARLES FRUMHOFF
ZVI KOCHEROV
SAMUEL LEVIN
DONNA LEVINE
DAVID SNITZ

3 NISAN-APRIL 11

SAM BRESEL
KATIE BROWN
MORDECAI COPAKEN
ITA GREENWALD
SARAH KAHN
RAE KRAKOW

4 NISAN-APRIL 12

ESTHER CAPLAN
LEE LISSER
LOUIS MENDELSON

5 NISAN-APRIL 13

ESTHER EISMAN
CHAYA KRUG
MAYER MALLIN
ROSE ZITRON

6 NISAN-APRIL 14

SAM ARSANSKY
IRVING GREENBERG
ESTHER LICHTOR
ABRAHAM STEMPELMAN
JANET STONE
SYLVIA WOLF

7 NISAN-APRIL 15

EPHRAIM CARR
BERTHA DWORETSKY
HANNAH EISEN
CELINE GABBAI
AARON HARDIN
MINNIE HIMMELSTEIN
ESTA LESNER
RAYMOND MADLOF
ESTHER MANDELBAUM
HARLAN MILDER
SIMON MNOOKIN
RUTH SAMET

8 NISAN-APRIL 16

ARTHUR BAMBERGER
DAVID BAMBERGER
YETTCHEN BAMBERGER
JOHN BENJAMIN
SAM SINGMON
BENJAMIN STEMPELMAN
PEARL WASSERMAN
SHEINDEL WENECK

9 NISAN-APRIL 17

JOSEPH HERSCHMAN
ALLEN SAMET
BEILA SCHULTZ
GEORGE STUDNA
KISEL WAJCMAN
MOLLIE WEISS
DAVID ZENITSKY

10 NISAN-APRIL 18

MENDEL BORMASTER
SAMUEL DAITCH
DENA DAVIS
FAY HOROWITZ
LESLIE JACOBSON
BETTY MALLIN
PAUL MYER
DOROTHY SCHIFMAN
FREDA WISMAN

11 NISAN-APRIL 19

MAX FLAPAN
SARA KATZ
SONIA KATZ
OSCAR LEVINE
FANNIE NASH
MIRIAM PLOTSKY
CHANA SHAPIRO
RAY SPINDLER
DORA VISCOFSKY

12 NISAN-APRIL 20

JACK JACOBS
A. PRICE
JACOB YEDDIS

13 NISAN-APRIL 21

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

14 NISAN-APRIL 22

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 23

FRED DUBOWY
JACK EILER
JERRY KATZ
CHARLES RUBINS

16 NISAN-APRIL 24

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

17 NISAN-APRIL 25

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

18 NISAN-APRIL 26

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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 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

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 \$37.00 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 am to 5:00 pm. If it is necessary that you visit the cemetery at another time, please call Mr. Sipe at 816.461.3330 and make special arrangements.

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:

IRENE LANDY

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MONUMENT UNVEILING

Sunday, April 3

**In Memory of
HOWARD LEVINE**

10:30 am

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery

Sunday, April 22

**In Memory of
SYLVIA BEISER**

10:00 am

Sheffield Cemetery

Sunday, May 1

**In Memory of
ANNA MONDSCHIEIN**

10:30 am

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery

COMMUNITY CORNER

In preparation for Passover, K.I. is **collecting donations of dessert mixes and grape juice**; packaged items should be labeled "*Kosher for Passover.*" These items will provide food for *Pesach* to more than 150 households in our community. Please drop off your food donations in the specially labeled collection barrels in our building through April 15.



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For more information, please contact Jonathan Kaplan
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Strangers No More is excited to present a new six-week program entitled: **Women of the Hebrew Bible: The Significance of their Lives for Women Today**. The series will begin on Tuesday, April 5th, ending May 10th. Each program will feature two brief presentations about two different women from the Hebrew Bible, with a Jewish woman and a Christian woman each speaking on the same woman. The series will focus on: Sarah and Hagar; Leah and Rachel; Deborah and Jezebel; Ruth and Naomi; Esther and Vashti. You are invited to participate in the group, including attending the series. *Strangers No More* is a joint project of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau|American Jewish Committee and The United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. For further information including time and location: judyh@jewishkc.org or visit the *Strangers No More* group on Facebook.

Holocaust proclamation presented by Governor Sam Brownback. Participation by Kansas clergy, political leaders and students. Holocaust survivors, WWII veterans and children of survivors will be recognized. Admission and parking is free. Open to the public. Reception sponsored by the Kansas State Holocaust Commission to follow. Please call 785.272.6040 to RSVP or for more information.

April 2016

22 Adar II 5776 - 22 Nisan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:25	2 Shemini Parshas Parah Ezekiel 36:16-38 Shabbos Ends: 8:17 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:15 pm
3 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	4 Talmud Class-7:00 pm	5 K.L. Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 pm	6 Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm	7	8 7:32	9 Rosh Chodesh Nisan Tazria Parshas Hachodesh Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 Shabbos Ends: 8:24 Mini Minyan-10:30 am Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:25 pm
10 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	11 Talmud Class-7:00 pm	12	13 Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	14 Cub Scout Pack Meeting-6:45 pm	15 7:38	16 Metzora Malachi 3:4-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:31 Kiddush honoring Karen and Steve Pack 40th Anniversary and Karen's 65th birthday Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:30 pm
17 Religious School - Model Seder 9:15-11:30 am	18 Talmud Class-7:00 pm PrayerWorks-7:00 pm	19	20 Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm	21	22 Erev Pesach 7:45	23 Passover - Day 1 Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-15, 6:1, 6:27 Mini Minyan-10:30 am 8:39
24 Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:40 NO Religious School	25 Passover - First Intermediate Day	26 Passover - Second Intermediate Day	27 Passover - Third Intermediate Day NO Religious School Yoga-6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	28 Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:51	29 Passover - Day 7 7:52 OFFICE CLOSED	30 Passover - Day 8 Isaiah 10:32-12:6 Shabbos Ends: 8:46



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**Sunday - Thursday
*Mincha- Maariv***

Week of April 3 6:15 P.M.

Week of April 10 6:20 P.M.

Week of April 17 6:25 P.M.

April 24 - See Passover Schedule

Week of April 25 6:30 P.M.

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Saturday, April 9

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