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From the Rabbi's Study...



Often, when I mention to someone that I am the rabbi of a Traditional synagogue, I am asked to explain what a traditional synagogue is. These days, there is no easy answer to that question. In the 1950's and 60's, a Traditional synagogue was very common, especially in the Midwest, and was basically an Orthodox style synagogue without the separation of men and women – a *mechitza*. Today, the definition of a traditional synagogue is very vague and could be applied to *shuls* like K.I., but also could be applied to some Conservative and Reform congregations. Some time ago, one of our congregants suggested that as senior rabbi of the *shul*, I should inform our congregation as to my preference of what kind of synagogue K.I. should be. I have given this matter much thought, and at this time, I would like to voice my opinion.

In the last number of years, we have heard much about infusing spirituality into our services. This request is challenging, to say the least, because truth be told, most Jewish people do not know how to pray. This is because in Jewish education, most of us learn the “prayer highlights,” like: *Sh'ma, Ashrei, Aleinu, Adon Olam*, etc., and if one regularly attends services, one might expand their repertoire to prayers with catchy melodies. Unfortunately, most Jews do not regularly attend services.

As I look around the sanctuary during *Shabbat* services, most of our congregants are either: blankly staring at the *siddur*, looking around the room, reading a book or talking with their friends. Even if congregants are able to read the Hebrew prayers, they are often reading them mechanically without deriving any significant meaning or emotion.

There are more and more Jews today who are engaged in a spiritual search. They read books about Jewish mysticism, spirituality and God. They might experiment with Buddhism, meditation or yoga, and, while these disciplines might be useful to gain a sense of spirituality, they will not provide a sense of Jewish identity. Some might find their way into a *shul*; however, without the proper knowledge and understanding of Hebrew and our liturgy, most will leave without getting what they were searching for, the real intention of prayer, which is a connection with something that we call spirituality, meaning, transcendence or God.

Spiritual seekers have a desire for connectedness, belonging, purpose and meaning, and Judaism provides a magnificent framework for these longings. They are also looking for an experience of joy, a sense of awe, a moment of quiet contemplation, intellectual insight, communal support, friendship and a connection to history. Synagogues do provide a place for Jews to gather, bond, educate themselves and their children, address important causes and transmit Jewish heritage, but they also need to go beyond what has been done

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From the President...



I would like to begin my final *Focal Point* message to you, as your president, by thanking each and every one of my congregational family members for all of the support you have given me these last three years. When I was asked to serve a second term, I told those involved that I would serve one more year to give them a chance to find a suitable candidate and that has been accomplished with a very capable individual, **Marty Gorin**. The best thing I could do is put a capable board of directors in place and some very capable officers and that has indeed been done. Because I have several business projects in process, my time is getting very thin, especially since I would also like to have a family life as well. The worst thing I could do is overstay my welcome and not provide you with the best service possible. So as of December 31, 2016, I will officially resign my second term and assign my duties to Marty and ask that the current board members continue their service until the annual meeting in April, where the officers, board and president will be officially installed. I know it sounds a little complicated, but there are some items being worked on for the annual meeting that will need a little more time for preparation that would be better at this later date. It's not the first time this has been done and would allow many who go away for the winter to make it to the meeting.

I don't think it will be a shock to anyone when I say that K.I. has some very serious issues ahead of her. I have discussed them with you on numerous occasions. One of our administration's greatest tasks has been the starting and implementation of focus groups dealing with many areas of synagogue life from your, the congregation's perspective. We have implemented many of the items that were discussed and kept an open line of communication with the congregation so that you knew what we, your board were doing on your behalf. Many long-term issues remain to be addressed. How to deal with shrinking interest in synagogue affiliation among the younger demographics, how to properly utilize the building with shrinking membership, is there interest in a merger or building share arrangement to assist with the cost of operating a large building with shrinking membership and a few others. The critical thinking, we have started, will continue into Marty's administration and beyond but, rest assured, solutions are out there and will come at your direction. We as officers, the board and president serve at the pleasure of you the congregation. It is up to you to make your wishes known. My request of you is to offer the same support, cooperation, help and volunteerism to Marty and his administration that you have afforded me these last three years. It is with your involvement and input that K.I. will succeed and prosper for the next century.

From the Caplan family to all of yours, Have a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

*All the best,
Craig Caplan*

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

BAT MITZVAH OF ILLIANA HAMMER

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF ILLIANA
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Candlelighting*.....4:38 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

BAR MITZVAH OF JACKSON JACOBSON

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF JACKSON
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:34 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:35 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Candlelighting*.....4:43 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

BLESSING OF

THE NEW MONTH TEVET

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....4:25 PM
Havdalah.....5:39 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Candlelighting*.....4:48 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....4:30 PM
Havdalah.....5:44 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

BAR MITZVAH SATURDAY MORNING December 10, 2016



Jackson Abraham Jacobson

Richard and Alix Jacobson proudly announce the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, **Jackson Abraham Jacobson** (a 4th generation member of K.I.) on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 am in the the Maurice D Solomon Sanctuary.

Jackson is the grandson of **Howard and Rosalyn Jacobson**, Bobbie Bernstein and the late Jack Bernstein. He's the great grandson of the late Abraham and Rosalyn Jacobson, the late Jerry and Jeanette Cohen and the late Sam and Neoma Cohen.

Jackson is a 7th grader at Overland Trail Middle School. He's a member of Boy Scout Troop 61, where he's reached the rank of 1st Class and is currently serving as a Patrol Leader. Jackson enjoys playing baseball in the Jewish Community Center League. He also likes playing tennis and following his favorite sports teams, the Royals, Chiefs and MU Tigers.

The K.I. congregation, relatives and friends are invited to attend services with Jackson and his family and to attend the *Kiddush* luncheon following services in his honor.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BRUNCH SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

The K.I. brunch and annual congregational meeting to elect and install new board of directors will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Kehilath Israel Synagogue Social Hall.

The Nominating Committee for 2016-17 K.I. Board of Directors and Officers is composed of the following members: Steve Osman, Chair; Debbie Adamous; Arnold Caviar; Sam Devinki; Dan Kass; Marlene Krakow; Brenda McKinnon; and Felicia Weiner.

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

Martin Gorin, President

Ari Lubowicz, Vice President

In addition to the officers above, the following are nominated to the K.I. Board of Directors for a new two year term: Paul Blackman, Carolyn Braverman, Laura Daniels, Rochelle Kanter, Dan Kass, Marlene Krakow, Brenda McKinnon, Sheldon Singer, and Dr. Shari Sokol.

The following are not being voted upon as they are serving their second year of a two year term as an officer:

Joe Adamous, Vice President

Catherine Singer, Vice President

Dr. Michael Sokol, Vice President

Felicia Weiner, Vice President

Brenda Fishman, Secretary

Rick Simon, Treasurer.

The following are not being voted upon as they are serving their second year of a two year term on the K.I. Board of Directors: Valerie Bordy, Arnold Caviar, Richard Glass, Elliott Goldstein, Larry Haith, Tamara Kingston, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Ellen Portnoy, Greg Quinn, Lois Winston, Joel Zitron.

The following are ex-officio members of the K.I. Board of Directors: Craig Caplan, immediate past president; Sam Devinki, honorary president for life; Elizabeth Peden, executive director; and Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, senior rabbi.

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



LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On Saturday night, December 24, any time AFTER *Havdalah* at 5:39 pm, the first night of *Chanukah*, three blessings are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). The third blessing - *Shehecheyanu* is recited on the first day of the beginning of each holiday in the Jewish year. On all other nights, we recite only the two other blessings.

Chanukah candles are placed on the right side of the *Menorah*. That is, on the first night of *Chanukah*, we have one candle on the right side, on the second night two candles on the right side, etc., 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 towards the right.

On the Friday night of *Chanukah*, December 30, make sure that you light the *Chanukah* candles before sundown and before the *Shabbat* candles are lit. It is better not to light the *Chanukah* candles at all on Friday night than to light them after dark, which is a violation of the *Shabbat* laws.

Jewish law requires that on every night of *Chanukah*, the candles must burn *at* least one half hour after dark. Since on Friday night we must light the *Chanukah* candles before *Shabbat* candlelighting time (4:48 pm), it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *Chanukiah* itself.

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle *menorah*, the only requisite being that whichever type of light is used, that the light be clear and bright. There has been a great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric *Chanukiah*, but since it is not definite as

to whether or not an electric menorah fulfills the obligations to the lighting of *Chanukah* lights, it is best to avoid the use of such a *Chanukiah*, except for purely decorative purposes as opposed to a religious use.

On the second Saturday night of *Chanukah*, December 31, *Chanukah* lights must again be lit after the conclusion of *Shabbat* at 5:44 pm.

In general, a weekday night other than *Shabbat* 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 his home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, he may light the *Chanukah* candles 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, used for reading lights, etc. However, this limited use of the light applies only during the first half-hour of their burning as 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, or on the main table around which the family gathers, or 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,
שְׁהַחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ 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 קִדְּשָׁנוּ 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,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם
בְּזִמְנוֹ 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.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Cheryl & Larry Silverman (48)
- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (4)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (11)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (41)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (38)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (11)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (21)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (66)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (27)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (33)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (51)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (7)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (2)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (47)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (64)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (3)

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in the past and create an atmosphere that appeals to a wider group of people whose spiritual needs are just not being met.

So, to answer the question as to my preference of what our synagogue should be, my answer is that K.I. should be a *shul* that adheres to the traditions of our heritage in a way that is inclusive to all, that creates a connection between congregants and our Creator, that connects our members to one another and expands that connection between our members and the community at large. We need to use the wisdom and power of our rich heritage to ignite the spiritual spark within us and create a vibrant and spiritual place of worship. This is no easy task and will take a commitment of the entire congregation to insure its success. Together we can transform our *shul* into the place that speaks to the hearts and souls of those who are searching for something real. To borrow a recent political phrase, let's "Make Kehilath Israel Synagogue Great Again!"

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Barbara Goodbinder, Marjorie Jerwick, Olga Krug, Marlene Lubowicz, Marilyn Schulzinger, Judy Weinstein**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

מזל טוב

...to **Leslee and Marc Price** on the birth of a granddaughter, Emily to David and Becky Gottlieb.

...to **Reggie and Jonathan Fink** on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Kayla Fink. Also to the grandfather, **Sam Devinki**.

...to **Felicia and Seymour Weiner** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Danielle Ava Schwartzbard to Kaley and Jonathan Schwartzbard.

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Monday, Dec. 5
7 pm - Free

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OP KS 66212

**Book signing and light refreshments
after presentation**

RSVP not required but requested
to events@kisyn.org or
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“Light” The Physics of the Soul

Maria Devinki *of blessed memory*,
brought light into the world and into
the lives of so many people. It gives
us great pleasure to offer this program
to the greater Jewish community in
honor of her fifth *yahrzeit* on the 17th of
Kislev, the month of Light.

***Sponsored by her children, Sam,
Karen & Ida, and grandchildren.***



- One of the greatest scholars and sought after speakers in the Jewish world today with his uncanny ability to relate to people of all backgrounds
- Founder and head of New York City's *The Meaningful Life Center*, called the “spiritual Starbucks” by *The New York Times*
- Author of best-selling book, *Toward a Meaningful Life*
- Lecturer on psycho-spiritual issues and applying Jewish thought to contemporary life
- Publisher of the Yiddish-English weekly, *The Algemeiner Journal*





Women of K.I.

Mexican Chanukah Fiesta

Thursday, December 15th @ K.I. - 6 pm

**Dairy Mexican fare will be prepared by a cooking team led by Doris Chopp
Margaritas will be served, and we'll have a fun activity!**

\$18 payment* to the K.I. office is your reservation - due by Thursday, Dec. 8

***\$25 if not a member of K.I.**

Save the Date - Tuesday, January 17

Happy Hour - 5:30 or later @ Cacao - 95th/Nall

We will celebrate the new year and January birthdays

RSVP to Natalie Cohen 913.341.6622; 913.568.6063; or natjgc@aol.com

Friends of K.I. are welcome

***We hope you can join us at either or both these events to strengthen
your current friendships or make new ones with the Women of K.I.***





Saturday, January 7, 2017

Campus Social Hall

5801 W 115th St | Overland Park, KS

Check in 7:30 pm | Play begins at 8:00 pm

Featuring **Rabbi Jeff Shron**

Sports Radio Guy **Ben Heisler**

Techie **Steven Kingston**

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MEMORIAL TABLETS

1 KISLEV-DEC 1

SAM ABEND
SAM COROCHOV
YALE EPSTEIN
MAX GERSH
KASIL JABEN
EVA KISLUK
ISAAC KISLUK
ROBERT MALLIN
DENA MNOOKIN
SAMUEL STUDNA
BERL WOLOWSKI

2 KISLEV-DEC 2

ANNA BIRENBOIM
BERNARD BODNEY
SHERMAN GOLDMAN
MAX KOFFMAN
SARA MILLER
ANNIE RITZ
LOUIS RUBIN
ROSE STUDNA
HELEN SWEET

3 KISLEV-DEC 3

IDA BRATT
SOL EPSTEIN
MORTON GLASS
REBECCA MARGOLIN
MARY MORGAN
JESSICA SHAPIRO
MARY STUDNA
LOTTIE WARREN

4 KISLEV-DEC 4

MOLLIE BERMAN
ESTHER BULAVSKY
SHEYNA BURSTEIN
HARRY GOLDBERG
NICOLE JERWICK
BENNE KUSNETZKY
BERNICE LAPINE
REVA LITWACK
HARRY SCHWARTZ
WILLIAM SEBERT
MILLY ZEFF

5 KISLEV-DEC 5

ROSE AGRON
SAMUEL EISMAN
CHINKA KAMENESKY
LOIS LEVITCH
ALICE LIEBERMAN
SAMUEL MNOOKIN
LILLY RESNICK
ALAN ROSENBERG
JENNIE WEINER

6 KISLEV-DEC 6

SEYMOUR KATZ
SAM LEVY
BETTY PRICE
EDWARD PRICE

7 KISLEV-DEC 7

GOLDIE BURSTEN
HARRY GOLDBERG
CARL HAMER
D'VORA MILLER

8 KISLEV-DEC 8

JACOB BAKER
ETTA BRODSKY
CHARLES HOROWITZ
WILLIAM KLUGMAN
CELIA LITMAN
AVROM SIEGEL
CELIA SNITZ
MARIA WERTMAN
MAX WINER

9 KISLEV-DEC 9

MILTON COHEN
AVRAHAM COSNER
MINKA COSNER
FREIDL FEDER
NORMAN GOPMAN
HAROLD KATZ
KURT LEVI
MORRIS TURNER

10 KISLEV-DEC 10

LEIZER COPAKEN
JACOB FISHMAN
ISRAEL GALLAS
BERL GOLDSTEIN
HERMAN SCHIFMAN
HERMAN SIESS

11 KISLEV-DEC 11

VICTOR BULAVSKY
BETTY CONE
SOL GOLDBERG
FRIEDA KABRISKY
HARRY KANTOR
HARRY LESNER
ABRAHAM RAPOPORT
JACK SCHWARTZ

12 KISLEV-DEC 12

ROSE BRATT
HANNAH COHN
MORRIS SCHANZER

13 KISLEV-DEC 13

ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN
LOUIS GOLAD
PHILLIP STRAUSS
MAYME WEISS

14 KISLEV-DEC 14

HARRY BARASH
FRIEDA FINGERSH
MARY GOODBINDER
REUVEN KUSHNER
ARTHUR KUSNETZKY
JOE LEVIN
BLANCHE LEVINE
WILLIAM LONDON
REBA PITLUCK
LILA ROBERTS
BENJAMIN STILLMAN
EARL TRANIN

15 KISLEV-DEC 15

ETA ESTRIN
MORRIS FEDER
ANNA HARRIS
JOSEPH LEVEY
LIBBIE MALLIN
ELAINE MILLS

IRENE ROSENBERG
RUBEN SLOBOSKY
BENJAMIN SMUCKLER
TERRY VILINSKY

16 KISLEV-DEC 16

MORRIS FEINBERG
CLARA GERSHON
MORRIS HAITH
JACK LERNER
ABE RABIN
ETTA ROBINSON
ETHEL ROSENFELD
SARAH TRILINSKY
MANIA WEINDLING

17 KISLEV-DEC 17

MARIA DEVINKI
DORA FOX
SADIE KATZ
SYLVIA LEVINE
ESTHER SILBERG
MEYER SOLTZ
DOROTHY STEINZEIG
FANNY TAGER
LOUIS THOMAS
SOSHA ZUROVSKY

18 KISLEV-DEC 18

FEIGA BETTINGER
BEN CLAYMAN
JACQUELINE FRIEDMAN
NORBERT KELLMER
IRVING KLINOCK
ROSE LERNER
REBECCA LIPKIN
JACOB LIPSKY
FANNIE PRICE
REBECCA SANELL
SARAH SPORN
BEN WEINBERG

19 KISLEV-DEC 19

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

20 KISLEV-DEC 20

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

21 KISLEV-DEC 21

SARAH BEITCHMAN
SARAH CARR
ANNA EPSTEIN
SAM KAHN
LOUIS KLEBAN
SAMUEL KODISH
ROSE KUSNETZKY

MORRIS LEVITCH
ANNA LOEFFLER
LEAH LUKIN
BESS POIZNER
ESTHER RAYMOR
JEANETTE STUDNA

22 KISLEV-DEC 22

REGINA BRAUN
MORRIS CORTEZ
HELEN EPSTEIN
FANNIE JACOBSON
RAYMOND PELTZMAN

23 KISLEV-DEC 23

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

24 KISLEV-DEC 24

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

25 KISLEV-DEC 25

SARAH GERSH
MARY GOLDBERG
MAURICE JERWICK
ALBERT KALIKOW
MICHOEL LEVIN
JOSEPH MILLER
RUTH ROSE
JANET SIEGEL
JOSEPH STOFFSKY
ISRAEL WEINDLING

26 KISLEV-DEC 26

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

27 KISLEV-DEC 27

DONALD COHN
FRANCES MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 28

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHANUKAH HOLIDAY PROJECT, WRAPPING PARTY SET

Once again, Jewish Family Services will provide *Chanukah* gifts to those facing financial difficulties through its *Chanukah* Gift Project. More than 450 individuals and families will be helped through the generosity of members of the community who can adopt a family/individual or donate gift cards for recipients.

Families, congregations, businesses and individuals can adopt families in November. Once "adopted," sponsors will get a suggested wish list of gifts to purchase for the individual or family. Unwrapped gift items should be dropped off at the JFS office at the Jewish Community Campus Dec. 5-8. To adopt someone, please contact Taly Friedman, director of volunteer engagement at 913.730.1445 or tfriedman@jfskc.org.

If adoption's not for you, donate gift cards that will be given to recipients! Gift cards and financial donations can be dropped off or mailed to the JFS office or online at jfskc.org/donate. Please make checks payable to Jewish Family Services, Attention: Hanukkah Project, 5801 W. 115th Street, Suite 103, Overland Park, KS 66211. All donations are tax deductible.

Like to wrap gifts? Then plan to attend the annual Holiday Gift Wrap Party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Campus. Deliveries will be made Dec. 19 and 20. Those interested in participating in the Wrapping Party or in delivering gifts should please send an email to volunteer@jfskc.org. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/volunteer/>

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Career Skills & Connections (CSC) is a comprehensive career and employment program providing the technical and emotional resources to assist you in finding employment or making a career change. Our experienced Career Coaches help those who are unemployed, underemployed or looking for a career change. It is co-sponsored by JFS and JVS. CSC has regular events that are open to the community including the Monday Morning Coffee Club, networking and helpful workshops to kick your job search into high gear. Details are available at www.jfskc.org or by contacting CSC staff at employment@jfskc.org or calling 913.730.1449. LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/career-skills-and-connections/>

WANTED: DRIVERS FOR JET EXPRESS

For more information, contact the JFS Volunteer Engagement team at volunteer@jfskc.org or 913.730.1410.

LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/jet-express/>

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The JFS Chaplaincy Program is looking for volunteers to join the Spiritual Care Volunteer Team. Spiritual Care Volunteers fulfill the mitzvah of "bikkur holim" by making weekly visits to hospitals and elder care centers to see Jewish patients and residents and bring Jewish traditions and community to those in need. As part of the program, volunteers receive intensive and ongoing spiritual care training and supervision from Rabbi Rudnick, Jewish community chaplain. For more information, contact Taly Friedman, director of volunteer engagement at 913.730.1445 or tfriedman@jfskc.org.

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SERVICE OF COMFORT SET FOR DECEMBER

Join Jewish Community Chaplain Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Rabbi Doug Alpert of Congregation Kol Ami and song leader Lezlie Zucker at Village Shalom on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. for the Jewish Community *Tefilat Shalom* – service of spiritual comfort and renewal. This pre-*Chanukah* spiritual preparation is sponsored by the Chaplaincy Program of JFS. Please make reservations by calling the JFS office at 913.327.8250 or sending an email to healing@jfskc.org.

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:

SHELDON SNITZ

(Husband of Eunice Snitz)

(Father of Debra Levin)

HELEN GALE

(Mother of Nancy Cline)

(Sister of Harriet Katz)



CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

Pack 3153 had a busy schedule of activities for the last half of October and the first half of November. We had a very successful "*Sukkah* Camp-in" in October starting with *Havdalah* led by **Rabbi Shron**, a campfire, in the new K.I. "fire pit," and games led by Boy Scout Troop 61, and ending with a breakfast on Sunday morning. The campfire was held in the new "fire-pit," built by Lee Albee and assisted by Pack 3153 Cub Scouts and families. The "pit" is the first phase of a three year service project for the synagogue by Pack 3153. It is hoped that the "pit" is utilized by the synagogue as well as by our Cub Scout Pack.

The annual "popcorn" fund-raiser ended in November, chaired by Chris and Heather Hobbs and co-chaired by Jake Mooney, and was very successful. Top sellers were Eli Cohen and Danny Albee, each of whom had popcorn sales totaling over \$1000. We thank all who bought popcorn as the benefits to Scouting and to Pack 3153 represent a significant portion of our operating budgets.

The November Pack meeting featured a KU Sports Medicine speaker talking with our Cub Scouts regarding youth sports physical conditioning and preparation, etc. We also celebrated the popcorn sale, Cubs' advancement, and distributed Pinewood Derby car kits in preparation for the Pack's "Pinewood Derby" (which will be held in January 22nd). As this issue of *The K.I. Focal Point* goes to press, the Pack's November *Tikkun Olam* project was to collect new or clean/gently used winter apparel... coats, gloves, scarves, etc. ... which has been distributed through Safe Home and Project Warmth to families in need.

The Pack's December Pack Meeting/*Chanukah* Party will be on December 15th in K.I.'s School Wing with advancement recognition, *Chanukah* activities, and some surprises. Also as our year-end *Tikkun Olam* project, we will be collecting children's holiday gifts (and gift cards) to be distributed through Jewish Family Services and Children's House. (We would gladly accept gifts for re-distribution from supporters, friends, etc. See below for contact information)

Cub Scout Pack 3153 is open to all boys currently in the 1st through 5th grades, and adult volunteers. For more information please contact Beth Albee, Cubmaster (roses2273@yahoo.com/269.364.0763) or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair (tgoldstein613@gmail.com / 913.271.6798).

December 2016 1 Kislev 5777 - 2 Tevet 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1 KISLEV ✱Rosh Chodesh Kislev	2 2 KISLEV 11:4:39	3 3 KISLEV Toldos Malachi 1:1-2:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Bat Mitzvah of Illiana Hammer Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:35 pm
4 4 KISLEV Religious School 9:15-11:30 am Learn to Make Lukshen Kugel Class with Dan Kass-10 am	5 5 KISLEV Rabbi Simon Jacobson Speaker-7:00 pm	6 6 KISLEV Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Hebrew 2 Class with Rabbi Shron -7:00 pm	7 7 KISLEV Yoga-6:00 pm	8 8 KISLEV	9 9 KISLEV 11:4:38	10 10 KISLEV Vayeitzei Hosea 13:6-14:10 Shabbos Ends: 5:34 Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Jacobson Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:35 pm
11 11 KISLEV Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	12 12 KISLEV Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	13 13 KISLEV Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm K.I. Board of Directors Meeting-6:30 pm	14 14 KISLEV Yoga-6:00 pm	15 15 KISLEV Women of K.I. Chanukah Program - 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting-6:45 pm	16 16 KISLEV 11:4:40	17 17 KISLEV Vayishlach Obadiah 1:1-21 Shabbos Ends: 5:35 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:35 pm
18 18 KISLEV Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	19 19 KISLEV Talmud Class - 7:00 pm PrayerWorks - 7:00 pm	20 20 KISLEV Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm	21 21 KISLEV	22 22 KISLEV	23 23 KISLEV 11:4:43	24 24 KISLEV Vayeishev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:39 Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:40 pm
25 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1 Christmas Day NO Religious School	26 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2	27 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 NO Religious School	28 28 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 4	29 29 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 5	30 1 TEVES Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves 11:4:48	31 2 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7 Mikeitz Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:44 Rabbi Shron Study Class - 3:45 pm



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Week of Dec. 18 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 25 4:50 PM

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Thursday, December 1

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Friday, December 30

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