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From the Rabbi's Study...



Happy New Year or *Shana Tova*? One of the challenges we face living in America in the 21st century is, in a society and culture like ours that offers unprecedented opportunity and freedom, how do we achieve that very delicate balance between living a Jewish lifestyle and living within a Gentile society? Of course we must be able to navigate our lives within a non-Jewish environment, but how do we maintain our uniqueness without being shunned, and how much of our way of life can we afford to sacrifice without losing our children and grandchildren to the ways and identity of the majority?

By having so many choices and alternatives to our way of life it is very possible for many to become confused and lost. If you have read the Pew survey you will find that many people crave more spirituality in their lives but do not know how and where to find it. They are alienated from their Jewishness but still know that being Jewish is a large part of their identity. However, because they have veered so far off course, they don't even realize that their quest for meaning in life has always been right in front of them — their Jewish tradition.

I read a story about the great 20th century German/Jewish philosopher, Franz Rosenzweig, who had been so alienated from Judaism that he thought about converting to Christianity. Just to be sure, he visited a synagogue on *Kol Nidre* night to experience the prayers of *Yom Kippur*. The experience of praying together with his people was so powerful that not only did he decide to remain Jewish, but also committed himself to expand his knowledge and observance of Judaism. He later admitted that he had felt lost and uprooted, but when he began to understand his Jewish tradition, he rediscovered himself, and his life became infused with meaning and happiness. He understood that Judaism was his eternal inheritance, and that he didn't need to "borrow" from other cultures and live an artificial life. This inheritance is what Rosenzweig termed, "his most precious possessions."

These treasures of Jewish wisdom and spirituality that have been passed down through the generations are right in front of us. We only have to begin our journey and take hold of them. We can have the same powerful experience that Rosenzweig had, but it takes time and commitment, study and practice, and the best way to achieve this is coming together as a congregation. One of the most powerful spiritual experiences is helping another person through the mourning process for a loved one, by being part of the *minyan* that allows that person to say the mourner's *kaddish*. Coming together as a community to celebrate *Shabbat* and holidays infuses into ourselves and our families a sense of purpose and belonging, and gives us a new perspective on life and the world around us. We have inherited our Jewish identity from our parents and grandparents, now it's up to us to do what is necessary to pass it down to our children and grandchildren. So, I'll wait until *Rosh Hashanah* to wish you all a *Shana Tova*!

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Candlelighting*.....4:49 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....4:30 PM
Havdalah.....5:45 PM

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Candlelighting*.....4:55 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

BLESSING OF NEW MONTH OF SHEVAT

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....4:35 PM
Havdalah.....5:50 PM

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Candlelighting*.....5:02 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:10 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Shabbat 'Lite' Service.....10:00 AM

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Mincha.....4:45 PM
Havdalah.....5:57 PM

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Candlelighting*.....5:10 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:15 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan.....10:30 AM

LUNCH & LEARN WITH ALAN TOLTZIS

Mincha.....4:50 PM
Havdalah.....6:04 PM

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Candlelighting*.....5:18 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:25 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

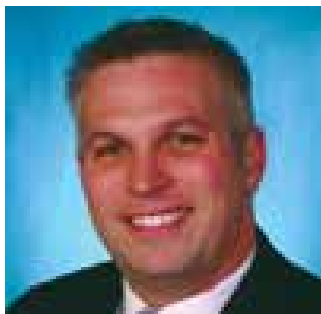
Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....5:00 PM
Havdalah.....6:12 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

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K.I. MEN'S CLUB DINNER



You are cordially invited to attend the K.I. Men's Club dinner on Thursday, **January 21**, at 7:00 pm with guest speaker, Mr. Joel Goldberg, Royals Live, Host. Mr. Goldberg, "Royals Live," is entering his 9th season as a Royals broadcaster on Fox Sports Kansas City. He is often seen interviewing the Royals players after each game. Joel has 20+ years in broadcasting.

RSVP: Make your check payable to K.I. Men's Club.

Men's Club members are free.

Non-members \$7.00 per person

Deadline: January 12, 2016

Space is limited to 60 people

Your reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ADMITTED

Mail your check to Andy Schwartz, 10555 Foster Street, Overland Park, KS 66212

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

GUESTS _____

TOTAL \$ _____



Join Rabbi Shron on **Saturday, January 16**
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

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CANDIDATES

**The following young people will celebrate their
Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2016 and 2017:**



David Waxman - August 27, 2016

Illiana Hammer - December 3, 2016

Jackson Jacobson - December 10, 2016

Avi Hammer - December 9, 2017

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 ASAP
to schedule his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
BRUNCH & ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

The K.I. annual congregational meeting to elect and install new Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at Kehilath Israel Synagogue.

The Nominating Committee for 2016-17 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, of blessed memory); Rabbi Jeffrey Shron (ex-officio); and Max Singer.

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



GRAND GIVERS THANK YOU!

A BIG “*Yasher Koach*” to the Grand Givers Committee members, our GRAND GIVERS, and all of the volunteers who worked before and during our GRAND EVENT on November 14th. It was a successful evening with the synagogue netting over \$107,000 this year. We are slowly building our corporate sponsorship category which was clearly helpful and represents an area of potential growth for the future. Those who attended enjoyed delicious appetizers and drinks before the show, comedy by *The Second City*, and luscious desserts afterward in a wonderfully adorned social hall. Food was prepared by Silver Catering, and the decorations were done by Arlene Abrams, Linda Silver, and Mary Stahl. Scott Fishman donated his time to take professional photos for us, too. Did you know that Bill and Fani Schiffman won the grand prize of \$10,000? We greatly appreciate Bill and Fani’s generosity in donating the \$10,000 back to the synagogue!

We want next year to exceed all goals and expectations and have already been working with our committee members about possible HEADLINERS for next year. To break our recent attendance numbers and exceed this year's net revenue, YOU must invite FRIENDS and FAMILY to join us at K.I. It is up to YOU! DON'T BE SHY. You won't be sorry and you'll be doing a *MITZVAH*. If you have ideas, connections, or skills that might help us with Grand Givers planning, please contact Michael or Shari Sokol, or Elizabeth Peden in the K.I. office.



The 2015 Grand Givers event was in memory of Sam Gould, and the entertainment was paid for by the Sam & Lucy Gould Charitable Fund for Kehilath Israel.

2015 Dreiseszun Grand Givers include Anonymous, the Devinki/Pack/Kolkin Families, the Irene Dreiseszun Family Foundation, Elinor & Sherrill Friedman, Sam & Lucy Gould Charitable Fund for Kehilath Israel, Dr. Myra Litman, and the Morgan Family Foundation.

2015 Grand Givers include Anonymous (2), Helen Brown, Mickey & Dr. Sol Batnitzky, Cathy & Craig Caplan, Carol & Arnold Caviar, Natalie & Dr. Donald Cohen, Robert Cutler, Ann & Isak Federman, Herb Fishman, Linda & Elliott Goldstein, Irene Goodman, Rosemary & Martin Gorin, Randi & Larry Haith, Sandie & Larry Jabenis, Marsha & Seymour Krinsky, Margaret & Jerry Nerman, Susan & Steve Osman, Elizabeth Peden, Jodi & Dr. Bill Rosenthal, Fani & Bill Schifman, Hedy & Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, and Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol.

2015 Corporate Sponsors include Digital Lagoon, Excel Linen Supply, Hampton Inn, Liberty Fruit Company, Louis Memorial Chapel, Lukas Liquor, Merrill Lynch, and Total Primary Care—Dr. Harish Ponnuru.

Thank you to our Grand Givers Committee: Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol, Co-chairs; Arlene Abrams, Sam Devinki, Brenda Fishman, Brenda McKinnon, Elizabeth Peden, Linda Silver, Mary Stahl, and Felicia & Seymour Weiner.

Thank you to our volunteers, who along with the committee members, worked the night of the event: Randi Berger, Bonnie Blend, Valerie Bordy, Cathy Caplan, Craig Caplan, Hannah Caplan, Sarah Caplan, Jody Gittleman, Mary Lea Greenwood, Marlene Lubowicz, Scott Macek, Linda Sher, and Rabbi Jeffrey Shron.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



3	Mickey & Dr. Solomon Batnitzky	51
6	Nancy & Robert Cohen	43
12	Randi & Larry Haith	19
16	Jodi & Bill Rosenthal	33
17	Gena & Todd Agron	7
22	Carolyn Braverman & Joseph Goldwasser	5
23	Gayla & Robert Friedman	51
26	Enid & Peter Levi	47
28	Sylvia & Melvin Cosner	65
29	Karen & Steven Pack	40

CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

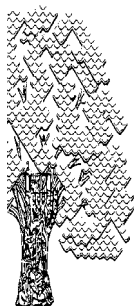
JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Renton Smartt, Benjamin Mandl, Leo Covitz, Jordyn Stone, Addison Brand, Jaden Jacobson, Samuel Mandl, Macie Eden Kaplan, Hayley Berger.

תודה רבה

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

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



TO THE DEVINKI FAMILY
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES
CHANUKAH 5776
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 PINWOOD DERBY



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

Everyone is invited and welcome to be "in the stands" (or even participate) in the 2016 version of this annual highlight event with K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153! Racing will be from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10 in the K.I. Social Hall! There is no charge for the event and light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

REMEMBER TO NOTIFY US

☺ Please contact the synagogue office if you have family members who are residents of some type of assisted living home so that a visit can be made.

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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.

Mini Minyan for Kids

Pre-K to 7th Grade

Meets the 2nd and 4th Shabbos of the month.
Saturday, January 9th & 23rd



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

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Martha Fleitman.....

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Dancing!



Taught by K.I. members

Luis & Adriana Rosales

Tuesdays, 7 PM
January 19, 26 & February 2, 9
Free at K.I.



Margaritas & light snacks provided.

Contact the K.I. office if you're interested in coming.
Sign up online, at 913.642.1880 or events@kisyn.org.

Comedy Night

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



CHANUKAH DINNER



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GRAND GIVERS 2015

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ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

20 TEVET-JAN 1

RUTH GALLAS
ABRAHAM SIEGEL
HINDA WINER

21 TEVET-JAN 2

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

22 TEVET-JAN 3

JOSE ADLER
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MYER DOLGINOFF
FANNIE GLASS
MAX KORNFEIN
SARA KRAMSKY
HYMAN LIEBERMAN
CELIA MAX
ELLA ODESNIK
MEYER STEIN
FREDA TIGERMAN
ANN WANE

23 TEVET-JAN 4

LEIBISH BIRENBOIM
ISAAC BULAVSKY
ISADORE DOLGINOFF
MORRIS DUNN
SAMMY PILTZ

24 TEVET-JAN 5

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

25 TEVET-JAN 6

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

26 TEVET-JAN 7

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

27 TEVET-JAN 8

RUTH FEINGOLD
THOMAS GOLDENBERG
FRANCES KARGER

28 TEVET-JAN 9

HARRY COHEN
MARVIN DEVOE
CLARA KRAFT
JACOB KRAFT
ALBERT KRASHIN
HAROLD LERNER
FANNIE MAGADY

MARTIN MANN

HYMAN PACK
ABE PRESS

29 TEVET-JAN 10

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

1 SHEVAT-JAN 11

HARRIS DAITCH
MIRIAM DAITCH
ABRAHAM LENIOWER
MELVIN LEVINE
RUDOLPH ZELL

2 SHEVAT-JAN 12

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

3 SHEVAT-JAN 13

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 14

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

5 SHEVAT-JAN 15

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

6 SHEVAT-JAN 16

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

7 SHEVAT-JAN 17

JOHN GOLDBERG

ISADORE GOODMAN

GELLA POLLMAN
ROSE ROSS
BERNICE SCHIFMAN
DAVID SIMON
CHANA TEITELBAUM

8 SHEVAT-JAN 18

DORA BAKER
DOROTHY BELL
BESSIE DEVOE
ROSE HOUSE
ISADORE KAUFMAN
NOMA KELNE
JOSEPH MANN
HENRY TARABOULOS

9 SHEVAT-JAN 19

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

10 SHEVAT-JAN 20

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

11 SHEVAT-JAN 21

JOSEPH AMPEL
BERTHA BROWN

12 SHEVAT-JAN 22

ELKA FRANKLIN
ALLAN GREENBERG
ESTHER HIPSH
MENDEL HOROWITZ
ROSE LEVINE
BESS MALLIN
SALLY SILVERMAN

13 SHEVAT-JAN 23

SAMUEL BEISER
BEVERLY FISHMAN
GERTRUDE KAPLAN
LOUIS KATZ
DENA LEVINE
ADA SHAPIRO

14 SHEVAT-JAN 24

BINA BELZYCKI
CHAIM BELZYCKI
MELVIN GORTENBURG
DOROTHY HYKEN
FLORENCE LEVIN
ROSE MILINKOWSKY
ABRAHAM OSADCHY
DAVID RABINOWITZ
JULIUS SANDER
KARL SCHICK
ABE UNTRIF

15 SHEVAT-JAN 25

SHLOMO BRATMAN
JAKE LEVINE
AZRIEL ROTHSTEIN

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

JOE SIMON
MARY SPACK
GAYLE WEIL

16 SHEVAT-JAN 26

LOUIS FOX
STEPHEN FRIEDMAN
MORRIS LEVINE
SOL MOLOTSKY
JEAN ODESNIK
SAM PORTNOFF
BELLE TITENSKY

17 SHEVAT-JAN 27

JOSEPH BROWN
LEO BROWN
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JOSEPH DEVOE
HARRY FEINGOLD
CLARA GLADSTONE
JOSEPH KULUVA
GERTRUDE POLSKY
DALLES RASKIN
REBECCA YEDDIS
SAM ZITRON

18 SHEVAT-JAN 28

HARRY COHN
HAROLD LOEFFLER
BEN PASLOVE
YETTA PRICE
JOEL SILBERG
ALBERT WEINER
ROSE ZEMELMAN

19 SHEVAT-JAN 29

FREDA AGRON
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SAMUEL MARKOWITZ
HAROLD ROSMARINE
ABRAHAM SLADOWITZ
BESSIE STEMPELMAN
SHRAGA TEITELBAUM
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20 SHEVAT-JAN 30

DORA FINKELSTON
HYMAN ODESNIK
JENNIE RITZ
LEO WEINBERG
JACOB WICENTOWSKY
HYMAN WINEGAR
ABRAHAM YODLER
ZELDA ZALCMAN

21 SHEVAT-JAN 31

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PARK PLACE ICE RINK PARTNERS WITH JFS FOOD PANTRY

The winter chill has been nipping at our heels just in time to go ice skating! Now you can skate and help those who are facing hunger. Bring a non-perishable or canned item to The Ice at Park Place and you'll save \$1 off admission. Park Place is a proud supporter of its neighborhood food pantry at Jewish Family Services. The community food pantry provides more than 12,000 pounds monthly to more than 230 families in the Greater Kansas City Area, regardless of religion, race or ethnic background. The food drive at The Ice continues through the holiday season until Jan. 18. Hours of operation can be found online at parkplaceleawood.com. **LINK:** <http://www.jfsc.org/services/foodpantry>

BOOK CLUB STARTS IN JANUARY

As an outgrowth of JFS recent Mindfulness Meditation Series, Diane Breneman will lead The Inner Matrix Book Club. The book club will meet for nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 12 through March 8, at the JCC. The group will discuss "The Inner Matrix: A Guide to Transforming Your Life and Awakening Your Spirit" by Joey Klein. This book details Klein's approach to living a truly rich and meaningful life using his core teachings and the practices of Conscious Transformation™. Combining the ancient wisdom traditions of East and West with the latest science in genetics, psychology, and brain function, the author shares how to transform your life by shifting deep mental, emotional and physical patterns that create stress and limit success. For more information about the book club, please contact Susie Hurst, JFS Director of Family Life Education, at 913.327.8259 or email her at susieh@jfsc.org.

SPIRITUAL CARE PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

JFS is looking for caring and committed people to be Spiritual Care Volunteers and perform the mitzvah of "Bikkur Holim" visiting the sick in our community. Volunteers receive training and guidance from Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Jewish Community Chaplain, and make visits to hospital and elder care centers on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Volunteers are required to make a year commitment, pass a background check, drug screen, TB Test, attend confidentiality (HIPAA) and spiritual care training and attend three educational gatherings each year. Interested people should contact their clergy to get a recommendation to the program. Once they receive a recommendation, they will have an interview with Rabbi Rudnick. For more information, please contact Taly Friedman, JFS Director of Volunteer Engagement at 913.730.1445.

TEEN DRIVING RISK AWARENESS COURSE TO BE OFFERED IN JANUARY 2016

Do you have a teen-age driver in your house or are about to have one? Start the New Year off in the right way by taking the "Driving Risk Awareness for Teens and Parents" program, put on by the C.H.A.I. program of Jewish Family Services. This free workshop, which is open to ninth and 10th grade students and their parents, will take place on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, from 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. The workshop will be facilitated by Susie Hurst, Adolescent Specialist at JFS, and Captain Mark Terman of the KCMO Police Department. While the Driving Risk Awareness workshop is free, reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Hurst at 913.327.8259 or email her at Susieh@jfsc.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AVAILABLE

JFS is starting a Grief and Loss Support Group that will be held the first and third Wednesday each month, 2-3:30 p.m. The support group is for individuals grieving from the death of a spousal partner. The group, which is free, will provide the opportunity to address issues of loss and grief within a Jewish

spiritual context in a warm and confidential environment. The group is co-facilitated by Rabbi Mark Levin and Roger Goldblatt, a licensed clinical social worker. To register for this support group or for more information, please contact Roger Goldblatt at 913.730.1422 or rgoldblatt@jfsc.org.

RABBI GERSHON HADAS GUARDIAN SOCIETY FOR JEWISH CHILDREN FOR FIRST TIME CAMPER APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1

The Guardian Society is a community fund available to the Jewish children of Greater Kansas City. For many years, this scholarship program has enabled thousands of young people to participate in Jewish enrichment summer programs, including Jewish sleep-away camps and Israel programs. The Jewish Federation through the Guardian Society is pleased to offer \$1,000 "incentive grants" to the first ten children planning to attend a three-week (or longer) camp program for the first time. For more information contact Alan Edelman, 913.327.8105 or alane@jewishkc.org.

CONGREGATIONS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Jewish Family Services, in partnership with the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, has teamed up with area congregations in response to the ever-growing need for food assistance in Kansas City. **Kehilath Israel Synagogue** has been asked to collect **donations of soups, crackers and kleenex** during the month of January. These items will be stocked in the JFS Food pantry and will provide food for more than 200 households in our community. Please drop off your food donations in the specially labeled collection barrels in our building through the month of January. If you have any questions please contact Rochelle Kanter. If you would like information regarding the JFS Food Pantry, or would like to become a JFS Food Pantry recipient, volunteer, or donor, please contact Jo Hickey, Director, Food Pantry/Community Projects, Jewish Family Services 913.327.8257 or jhickey@jfsc.org.

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

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

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:

AARON PFEFER
(Fiancee, Debbie Cohen)
(Brother of Joe Pfefer)

J. LOUIS LESKY
(Wife, Betty Lesky)

January 2016

20 Teves 5776 - 21 Shevat 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 20 TEVES New Year's Day 4:49 OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	2 21 TEVES Shemos Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 Shabbos Ends: 5:45 Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:45 pm
3 22 TEVES NO Religious School	4 23 TEVES NO Talmud Class	5 24 TEVES	6 25 TEVES Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Hebrew II Class w/Rabbi Shron-6:30 pm	7 26 TEVES	8 27 TEVES 4:55	9 28 TEVES Va'eira Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Shabbos Ends: 5:50 am Mini Minyan-10:30 am Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:50 pm
10 29 TEVES Religious School 9:15-11:30 am Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby - 2:00-5:00 pm	11 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat Talmud Class-7:00 pm	12 2 SHEVAT	13 3 SHEVAT Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Hebrew II Class w/Rabbi Shron-6:30 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	14 4 SHEVAT	15 5 SHEVAT 5:02	16 6 SHEVAT Bo Jeremiah 46:13-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:57 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Shabbat 'Lite' Service-10:00 am Rabbi Shron Study Class-3:55 pm
17 7 SHEVAT NO Religious School Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch-10:00 am	18 8 SHEVAT Martin Luther King Day Talmud Class-7:00 pm	19 9 SHEVAT Salsa Dance Lessons-7:00 pm	20 10 SHEVAT Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Hebrew II Class w/Rabbi Shron-6:30 pm	21 11 SHEVAT K.I. Men's Club dinner-7:00 pm	22 12 SHEVAT 5:10	23 13 SHEVAT Beshalach Judges 4:4-5:31 Shabbos Ends: 6:04 Mini Minyan-10:30 am Lunch and Learn Shabbat Rabbi Shron Study Class-4:05 pm Karaoke and Comedy Night-7:00 pm
24 14 SHEVAT Religious School-Tu b'Shvat Seder 9:15-11:30 am	25 15 SHEVAT Tu b'Shvat Talmud Class-7:00 pm	26 16 SHEVAT Salsa Dance Lessons-7:00 pm	27 17 SHEVAT Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Hebrew II Class w/Rabbi Shron-6:30 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	28 18 SHEVAT	29 19 SHEVAT 5:18	30 20 SHEVAT Yisro Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6 Shabbos Ends: 6:12 Rabbi Shron Study Class-4:10 pm
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**Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv**

Week of January 3 4:55 PM
Week of January 10 5:05 PM
Week of January 17 5:10 PM
Week of January 24 5:20 PM
Week of January 31 5:30 PM

Friday, January 1 - Shacharit - 9:00 AM

Monday, January 11 - Rosh Chodesh Shevat

**HEBREW CLASS
with Rabbi Shron**

Wednesdays

January 6, 13, 20, 27 & Feb 3 at 6:30 pm
in K.I.'s Spitcaufsky Library

This course is designed for those interested in taking reading and comprehending Hebrew to the next level - reading and understanding many of the significant passages in our *Siddur*, appreciating the richness and vibrancy of the Hebrew language.



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