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From the Rabbi's Study...



On March 12th, we will be honoring an individual from our K.I. family who has gone above and beyond by giving our *shul* the most precious possession he can - his time. **Kent Shanberg** has been selected as this year's *Minyannaire* of the Year for his

dedication to insure that we continue to provide a daily *minyan* for those from all around the community who are saying *kaddish* for a loved one. Kent has made the commitment to attend services seven nights a week. If it wasn't for his steadfast commitment, as well as the commitment of our other regular attendees, K.I. would not be able to sustain this vital service to our members and to the general Jewish community.

When I arrived 18 plus years ago, we had more than a minyan of men who came to services morning and evening, every day of the week. It was a given that we would have a minyan. The entire Jewish community knew that if they needed to recite *kaddish*, they could always depend on K.I. to provide a minyan. Unfortunately, the original group of men who were the backbone of our daily *minyan* are no longer here, and although we have a group of new individuals who have made the commitment to be at services either daily or weekly, mornings or evenings, our minyan is no longer a given. Almost daily, over the past few months, we have had to scramble in the mornings and call people to come and make the *minyan*, and I am saddened that we have failed to make the minyan on several occasions and provide our members the opportunity to say the holy words of the mourner's kaddish. Imagine if you came to shul after the loss of a loved one or on a *yahrtzeit* for a parent, spouse, child or sibling and were not able to say kaddish because we couldn't muster up ten men out of four hundred members. This does not speak well of our commitment to our Jewish ideals. Being Jewish is not about b'nai mitvah or High Holy Days and is not about what benefits are in it for me, but is about being responsible for one another and seeking out opportunities to help our friends and neighbors. What better act of g'melut

chassadim – acts of loving kindness – can we do than insuring that our fellow Jews have a secure and loving place to help them at a time when they grieve for a loved one?

I ask you to commit one weekday service to our *shul* per week, either morning or evening, it's your choice. Kent Shanberg, as well as our other regular *minyannaires* have answered the call by saying *hineni* – Here I am! Can we count on you?

P.S. – Don't forget to sign up for Trivia Bowl, March 12th at 8 pm at the JCC, and come to hear the reading of the *Megillah* on March 23rd at 7:00 pm. Both events will be a lot of fun!

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Joseph Pfefer

I normally attend morning *minyan* at K.I. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday as well as most evenings.

One morning at K.I., I saw a visitor saying *kaddish* and asked him who he was saying *kaddish* for. It was for his father; he was in the 11 months. We chatted for a few moments, and then I asked him when he would be going home. His response was that his business was concluded here [in K.C.] and he would be leaving shortly. My intent was to invite him to lunch at Rachael's Café in Village Shalom (where the *kosher* food is really pretty good and reasonable as well) or for a tasty *kosher* dinner at home.

Then I dug down in my pocket and found my only dollar bill. I folded it and gave it to him. He looked at me in curiosity. I then explained this was a 'shliach mitzvah dollar bill.' Per my 'sister' Sher Parkhurst (a teacher at the Jan Pfefer Gan Chabad Preschool), it is a Lubavitch custom to give a dollar to anyone

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Candlelighting*	5:57 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 P.M.
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SATURDAT, MARCH S SHABBAT SHEKALIM BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH OF ADAR II

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Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	5:35 P.M.
Havdalah	6:48 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Candlelighting*	6:04 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 MINYANNAIRE OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	5:40 P.M.
Havdalah	6:55 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Candlelighting*	7:11 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 SHABBAT HAZACHOR Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Cohen

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Morning Service	9:00 A.M.	
Mincha	6:50 P.M.	
Havdalah	8·02 P M	

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

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Kabbalat Shabbat	6:10 P.M.
Candlelighting*	7:18 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	6:55 P.M.
Havdalah	8.00 P M

*NO LATER THAN



REMEMBER! MARCH 13



DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT IS MARCH 9

MINYANNAIRE EXTRAORDINAIRE



Kent Shanberg is a native of Kansas City. He is the son of the late Arnold and Anna Rheva Shanberg, both of blessed memory. He grew up at Beth Shalom Congregation, and had his *bar mitzvah* there. Kent always loved going to services with his parents. He also enjoyed going to *shul* with Rabbi Margolies, z'l. Kent was a member of the Junior Choir at Beth Shalom. Cantor Rothblatt, z'l, taught him all the melodies and tunes of the services, and he always easily learned all of the different tunes to the prayers and songs.

Kent attended Metropolitan Junior College at Westport earning his Associate Degree in Hotel Management and later attended the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. (While in Las Vegas, he enjoyed going to the casinos to play blackjack!)

Kent changed careers in 1981 and joined the hospital field as a transporter; he worked in health care for the next 32 years. Anyone who knows Kent is aware of his selflessness, friendliness, and caring attitude. He relished the interactions with his patients and fellow employees. Over that time period he was awarded Employee of the Month at Menorah Hospital, Trinity Lutheran Hospital and Overland Park Regional Hospital. He also had the high honor of being selected as Employee of the Year at all three hospitals.

Kent made the transition to Kehilath Israel Synagogue when he married his wife, Allegra. At the time of their marriage in 1984, she had been a member of K.I. for over 23 years. They have two wonderful children; a son, David, who lives in town with his wife, Cheryl, and a daughter, Rachel Simon, who lives in Chicago with her husband Alex.

"I feel very honored to have been selected as *Minyannaire* of the Year. It is important to me to have a *minyan* so that anyone who needs to say *kaddish* can do so."

MINYANNAIRE TO BE HONORED SHABBAT MORNING - MARCH 12, 2016

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this event honoring **Kent Shanberg** "*Minyannaire* Extraordinaire" and all the K.I. *Minyannaires*. The K.I. Men's Club co-sponsors this event.

The *Minyannaires*, an elite group of the synagogue, will be recognized for their dedication to the fulfillment of maintaining daily morning, afternoon and evening services at Kehilath Israel, with a traditional *minyan* (quorum of 10 men required by Jewish law to conduct a public religious service).

Minyannaires include: Michael Abrams, Joe Adamous, Paul Blackman, Craig Caplan, Steve Cline, Dr. Donald Cohen, David Cohavi, Trent Daniels, Brad Davidson, Rick Dunivan, Maurice Eastman, Steve Eisman, Dr. Joel Feder, Alan Fuchsman, Clint Gillom, Richard Glass, Alan Goldberg, Elliott Goldstein, Phil Goodbinder, Martin Gorin, Larry Haith, Larry Jabenis, Max Jevinsky, Dan Kass, Dr. Harold Koch, Maury Kohn, Charles Kuluva, Ira Kusnetzky, Gary Levin, Scott Macek, Dr. Ira Neufeld, Dr. William Nowack, Steve Osman, Joseph Pfefer, Arthur Press, Greg Quinn, Sam Raiche, Luis Rosales, Abe Rozenberg, Bill Schifman, Harvey Schifman, Jacob Schulzinger, Andy Schwartz, Kent Shanberg, Rick Simon, Max Singer, Joe Smuckler, Sheldon Snitz, Dr. Michael Sokol, Gene Soloff, Maurice Soltz, Dr. Arnold Tropp, Ron Weiss, Manny Winston, Ernesto Zepeda, Joel Zitron, and Abbott Zolotor.





Join us as we honor Kent Shabbat Morning Saturday, March 12

Co-sponsored by K.I. Men's Club A delicious kiddush luncheon in
the Social Hall will follow
9:00 am services

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (33)
- 3 Laura & Justin Belozer (4)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (29)
- 16 Allison & Zane Zismer (4)
- 17 Harriett & Stanley Katz (70)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (36)
- 23 Vicky & Andre Kulikov (25)
- 24 Ellen & Maurice Soltz (48)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (54)
- 29 Joyce & Rick Dunivan (30)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (44)

תודה רבה

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

...Brenda McKinnon and her helpers: Debbie Adamous, Brenda Fishman, and Cristi Gillom for preparing the *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush* in February.

...to **Joe** and **Debbie Adamous** for donating three high top tables in memory of Ephraim Adamous, of blessed memory.

מזל טוב

...to Marcie and Bruce Kaplan on the birth of grandchildren (twins), Eli Jonah Kaplan and Eden Morgan, to Blair and Justin Kaplan of Chicago.

...to **Jasmine** and **Jonathan Kaplan** on the recent *Bar Mitzvah* of her son, Addison Brand. Also to the grandparents, **Marjorie** and **Dr. Stanley Brand**.

...to **Ellen** and **Dr. Jay Portnoy** on the engagement of their daughter Lara Portnoy to Zak Weigensberg.

... to **Hedy** and **Rabbi Jeffrey Shron** on the engagement of their son Shmuel Shron to Emily Kaufman.

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:

BERTHA ZUROVSKY

SOPHIA WALDMANN

CONGREGANTS MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Joel Agron, Albert Bamberger, Leonid Bashmakov, Shirley Beiser, Laura Belozer, Max Bridges, Ilene Briscoe, Melvin Cosner, Sylvia Cosner, Judith Droskin, Abraham Eastman, Harold Esrig, Isak Federman, Eunice Fox, William Gallas, Isabelle Gallas, Paul Gershon, Cristina Gillom, Lisa Glatt, Hannah Gortenburg, Rose Gross, Sylvana Hammer, Robin Jaffe, Rosalyn Jacobson, Elaine Klugman, Maury Kohn, Mikhail Kosiborod, Sofiya Lapidus, Betty Lesky, Debra Levin, David Levine, Howard Levitan, Marjorie Lipsky, Dorothy Mondschein, Natalie Myer, Rebecca Nowack, William Oliver, Tatyana Oskotsky, Steven Pack, Shirley Rose, Ben-Zion Rosenblum, Diane Rozenberg, Doris Rubin, Carole Schifman, Cheryl Shanberg, Joseph Smuckler, Gene Soloff, Arnold Tropp, Simon Wajcman, Edward Warren, Elizabeth Waxman, Susan Winston.

MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Emily Ruben, Ashlyn Agron, Jonathan Kosiborod, Mark Kricsfeld, Jordan Levin, Samuel Kosiborod.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Jerry Efron, Randi Haith, Shirley Levine, Soly Mizrahi, Kenneth Samet, Cheryl Silverman, Maurice Soltz, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

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Joe Pfefer article... continued from page 1

traveling to ensure their safe travels. With that dollar which you give to charity (*tzedakah*) when you arrive at your destination, *Hashem* will protect you during your travels.

THE STORY CONTINUES:

This past Thursday was a particularly hard & frustrating work day with things not going well for me despite all best efforts. At Jade Alarm, we were trying to get ready for the arrival of our Israeli technical support team on a massive system upgrade. We were packing up our tools at the data site and my cell phone rang. It was an unknown number from the Maryland area code. "Hello," I said. "Joe Pfefer?" "Yes, this is Joe." "This is Aaron in Maryland. You probably don't remember me but I was davening at your wonderful shul a while back and saying kaddish for my father. Everyone at the *shul* was so wonderful to me." I did not know what to say, but responded 'OK'.... "Well, I am about ready to get on my train to go home for the day, and I thought of you and K.I. Synagogue and decided to call you before it slipped my mind. You gave me a dollar that day for my trip back home and told me what its purpose was as well as about the Lubavacher Rebbe, his works of kindness, and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book about the Rebbe, of righteous memory. This so impressed me that the following changes have occurred in my life. Even though I am done saying *kaddish*, I am now each morning at minyan laying tefillin, and any time I hear of someone going out of town, I present them with a dollar bill to be given to charity when they arrive at their destination. Also, while I did not get Rabbi Telushkin's book about the Lubavcher Rebbe. I got the audio book and was amazed! Your act of kindness changed my life and you should be proud of the K.I. Minyan! They were THERE for me... Have a good Shabbas!"

THE ABOVE HAPPENED AT K.I. ... TO ME!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!!

BE A LAMPLIGHTER AND LIGHT SOMEONE'S SOUL!

Joe Pfefer - K.I. Minyannaire



SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS

KAREN & STEVE PACK
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
ALL OUR LOVE,
SAM, MARY, RICHARD, JENNIFER,
REGGIE, JONATHAN, KAYLA & NATE

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!



ARE YOU CELEBRATING A FAMILY SIMCHA?



- A wedding anniversary?
- A birthday your own or that of a loved one?
- A new addition to your family?
- The anniversary of a bar/bat mitzvah?
- A graduation?

Consider sharing your joy with the Kehilath Israel community by sponsoring or enhancing a *Shabbat kiddush*.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Peden at: elizabeth@kisyn.org or 913.642.1880 ext. 203.

Attention Parents of Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Students MORRIS FINGERSH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The Trustees of the Morris Fingersh Scholarship Trust Fund are now prepared to proceed with the disbursement of the funds from the trust set up by the late Morris Fingersh. The income from the trust is to be used to provide financial assistance to deserving students at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy.

All students of the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy are eligible. Application requests for financial assistance should be sent <u>after March 15</u> to:

Trustees of the Morris Fingersh Trust c/o Kehilath Israel Synagogue, 10501 Conser Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212.

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2016 ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

Before Purim Opportunities...

Be a Purim Patron...

\$180 sends a *Purim* basket to all our members or send to individual congregants (\$12 for the first/\$6 each additional)

- Buy K.I. homemade hamentashen \$12/dozen
 Choose from Chocolate Chip, Mun, Cherry, Apricot or Apple
- Bake hamentashen with us on Sunday, March 6 (9 am - 4 pm)
- Assemble Purim baskets

 on Sunday, March 13 (10 am)
- Deliver Purim baskets

beginning Sunday, March 20 and all week



Contact the K.I. office - 913.642.1880

PURIM HOW-TO'S

THE FAST OF ESTHER

Wednesday, March 4 Fast begins 5:57 am Shacharit 7:00 am Fast ends 8:00 pm

MACHATZIT HASHEKEL

The Biblical injunction requires everyone to pay a half Shekel or half dollar to the Sanctuary. The purpose was to take a census of every man, woman and child. Today this money goes to charity.

MISHLOACH MANOT

Send two types of ready-to-eat foods to at least one friend, personally or by messenger. Also, it is a mitzvah to give a gift to at least two needy people.

FIRST MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday, March 23
Festivities begin at 7:00 pm
Come in Costume and Join us after the
Megillah Reading for Purim Entertainment,
Kid's Activities, Hamentashen and
Refreshments. Don't Miss the Fun!

PURIM DAY

Thursday, March 24 7 am and 12 Noon Megillah Readings in the Rose Morgan Chapel

SPECIAL THANKS

The Al Hanisim paragraph, a special prayer of thanks, is included in the Amidah and in the Birkat Hamazon.

PURIM NIGHT Wednesday, March 23 The fun begins at K.I. at 7 pm!

Our very own **Rod Sipe** will perform

Feats of Magic & Eat Fire

for the

Megillah Reading,

Costume Parade

& Contest,

and Carnival!



There will be Famous Homemade K.I. Hamentashen! Games! Prizes!

FAST OF ESTHER

On **Wednesday, March 23rd,** Jews around the world will be commemorating the Fast of Esther. This is one of our minor fast days, meaning it is observed from break of day until evening and not a twenty-four hour fast like *Yom Kippur*. In the *Megillah* of Esther, the Jewish people are commanded to fast in memory of the events of the *Purim* festival and the Jews being saved in the land of Iran.

The fast begins at 5:57 am and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

WOMEN OF K.I. MEETING

Please join **The Women of K.I.** for a short meeting **Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00pm at K.I.**

The purpose of this meeting is to form committees and discuss future plans for our group. We want to know what your interests are. What would you like to see our women do for our synagogue and community. Do you want to learn more about Judaism? Are you interested in connecting socially with our ladies or are you interested in reaching out to the Jewish and non-Jewish community to help those in need?

Please come and tell us what you think. We'd love to have you there!

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Natalie Cohen or the K.I. office.

Learn Salsa Zancing!



Taught by K.I. members

Luis & Adriana Rosales

Tuesdays, 7 PM March 1, 8, 15 & 22 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.

Mini Minyan for Kids

Pre-K to 7th Grade

Meets the 2nd and 4th Shabbos of the month. Saturday, March 12th & 26th



Will meet twice a month at 10:30 a.m. in the Rose Morgan Chapel.

Kids will join sanctuary for the end of services.

Led by Debbie Entine

Join us at The J, Saturday,
March 12 for a night of fun +
games! Get your team ready
to test your trivia knowledge
or sign up as a single and meet
other great minds. The night will
be jam-packed with points and
prizes you won't want to miss!

KI and The J present

he 2016 Jewish Community

Saturday, March 12

Check in 7:30 pm/ Game begins at 8:00 pm

Social Hall of the Jewish Community Campus

\$10 person until 4 pm Thursday, March 10

\$12 person March 11 + March 12

Price includes competition, snacks and prizes

Register online at thejkc.org/triviabowl or 913.327.8007

Sign up as a team of up to 10 people or individually and be assigned

- 8 Rounds
- 8 Categories: Sports, Pop Culture, Judaica + More
- Special Master Round
- Collaborate on answers as a team
- Earn points for each correct answer
- Fun + inventive ways to earn extra points
- Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!
- Individual grand prizes awarded to the highest scoring team members

PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Friday night, April 22nd. Look for the *Passover* schedule in the April *Focal Point*.

WHAT IS CHAMETZ?

- A) Wheat, barley, rye, oats and spelt that have undergone the process of fermentation through the medium of water are termed by the *halachah* as *chametz*. The laws concerning the consumption of *chametz* apply to any quantity thereof, as well as to any item containing *chametz*, whether solid, liquid or gaseous. This means that we are not allowed to eat any bread, crackers, cake, cereals, etc., nor drink beer, whiskey or similar grain alcoholic beverages, nor use any grain vinegar and the like. Products such as sponge cakes and macaroons sold in bakeries are forbidden unless products are under strict rabbinic supervision and labeled "*Kosher* For *Pesach*."
- **B)** As a precautionary measure, leguminous plants or pods have been traditionally included in the category of *chametz* for *Ashkenazic* Jews. Included in this category are items such as peas, corn, beans (including string beans), millet, rice, lentils, buckwheat and peanuts. However, the oil derived therefrom is permissible according to some *Halachic* authorities.
- C) No cereals, Dextri-maltose, or other baby food containing *chametz* or produced there from may be used. In their stead, *matzah* cereals and other non-*chametz* substitutes are easily obtainable. Leguminous baby foods may be used if prepared and served in separately kept utensils.

SELLING THE CHAMETZ

Any *chametz* owned by a Jew during the entire eight days of *Pesach* is forbidden for actual and future use forever. After as much *chametz* as possible is disposed, there still remains in our possession *chametz* which is stored away, including such things as our non-*Pesach* pots, pans, dishes and utensils. In order to fully comply with the laws of *Pesach*, these objects must be disposed of through formal sale to a non-Jew.

All such *chametz* in your possession should be collected and locked up or put away in a carefully locked place until after *Pesach*. All such removal of *chametz* must take place not later than the morning of the eve of *Pesach*.

Rabbi Shron will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. Look for a form in the April *Focal Point*, as well as to enable you to contribute to the **Benevolent Fund** for distribution of funds to the needy, and charities for *Pesach* and throughout the year.

This transaction is a completely legal one giving the non-Jew all rights of ownership over that *chametz*. After the conclusion of *Pesach*, your agent may repurchase the *chametz* from the non-Jew. However, none of this *chametz* sold may be touched until it has been repurchased. It is, therefore, necessary for you to wait at least one half hour after *Pesach* ends before using this *chametz* to enable Rabbi Shron time to repurchase it.

In order to be strictly *kosher* for *Pesach* and even *kosher* during the year, one must sell one's *chametz*!

Actual grain products such as bread, cookies and cake should really be totally disposed of and not locked away over *Pesach*. The types of things that may be stored away are canned goods and various other types of products that may be grain derivatives, but not in any cookie, cake or cracker form.

If you keep Pesach carefully, do not spoil your being <u>Pesadik</u> by going into your chametz materials before 8:48 p.m. on the eighth day of Pesach, April 30th.

GOING AWAY FOR PESACH?

Even if you are going away for *Pesach* - even if well in advance of the holiday—you must still search for *chametz* on the last night you are in town and sell your *chametz* through the synagogue.

GENERAL CAUTION

The label, *Kosher* for *Pesach*, in Hebrew or English, accompanying or even attached to a food product, does not of itself imply that the product is *Kosher* for *Pesach*, and should be examined closely as to the reliability of the label.

SPECIFIC FOODS & PRODUCTS

Milk and Other Dairy Products - *Pesach* milk will be produced under the Robert's label and must be specifically marked *Kosher for Pesach*. However, if none is available, you can buy milk without the *Kosher for Pesach* marking, as long as it is purchased before *Pesach*. There will be other dairy products, such as cheeses, butter, etc., under such names as Sealtest, Friendship, and Breakstone, as well as hard cheeses from the East all certified *Kosher* For *Pesach*, at selected area supermarkets.

Grain Products - All grain products, including cereals and breakfast foods are *chametz*. *Matzot*, cakes, macaroons and egg noodles must be prepared under strict authoritative rabbinic supervision if they are to be used for *Pesach*.

Dextrose and Malts - These are not to be used.

Eggs – do not need special certification, but should be purchased before *Pesach*.

Oils, Fats and Shortenings - Cottonseed oils, pure vegetable shortening, mayonnaise, and salad dressing may be used if bearing authoritative certification. Some people do not use peanut oil even if marked *Kosher for Pesach*. If in doubt use other *Kosher for Pesach* marked oil. Wesson Oil should be available *Kosher for Pesach* only if so marked. All olive oil brands are automatically *Kosher for Pesach* if extra virgin, provided the product is *kosher* year-round, such as if it bears a or another *kosher* symbol that is acceptable.

Spices and Condiments - It is advisable that such items as pepper, cinnamon, sugar, coffee, etc. **not** be used unless the container bears a proper endorsement. Granulated sugar may be used provided a new bag of sugar is purchased. Domino sugar cubes and brown sugar is *kosher* for *Pesach*, as is the 4 pound package of Crystal Sugar and C&H, available at local grocers. **Confectionery sugar is not** *Kosher* **for** *Pesach*. Domino Sugar is also available at all Walgreens Pharmacies.

Baking Soda - all are *kosher* for *Pesach*. **Baking Powder** requires *Pesach* symbol.

Salt - Any brand <u>without</u> iodine, maltodextrin and dextrose may be used. Morton's <u>non-iodized</u> salt may be used provided a new container is purchased. The heavy kosher salt is *kosher* for *Pesach* and year round.

Syrups and Preserves - These should not be used unless they carry a valid endorsement.

Dried Fruits - It is advisable that any dried fruits should not be used unless they carry a signed endorsement as being *Kosher for Pesach*.

Coffee - Instant and regular coffee requires special *Pesach* supervision, except for Folgers and Taster's Choice. All regular ground coffees with the OU may be used on *Pesach* without special *Pesach* supervision with the exception of Nescafe Instant Coffee; decaffeinated requires *Pesach* supervision. Brim, Maxwell House, Sanka, Maxim and Yuban have special *Pesach* supervision. - **No coffee made with chicory is** *Kosher* **for** *Pesach*. Starbucks flavor lock bags and regular coffee have an OUP - but one may not purchase fresh coffee at a Starbucks store on *Pesach*.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables - All fresh fruits and vegetables, except legumes as mentioned above, are *Kosher for Pesach*. However, special care should be taken that these fruits and vegetables be washed properly.

Warning - **Red Potatoes** are *kosher* - but only those without coloring added. Coloring may be *chametz*.

Frozen Fruit - Frozen (unsweetened and without syrup) fruits are automatically Kosher for Pesach.

Frozen Vegetables - Due to production of packaging of pasta products in some frozen vegetable plants, we cannot recommend any frozen vegetables unless they are certified as specifically *Kosher for Pesach*.

Detergents - Many of the powdered brands of detergents that are *kosher* year-round may be used for *Pesach* without special certification. All Proctor & Gamble liquid detergents are *Kosher for Pesach*. An alternative is that some brands carry a symbol **OP** or **P**. Most of these brands may be used without question. Dawn, Ajax, Ivory, Joy and Palmolive are okay without *Pesach* supervision.

All Silver Polish - does not require supervision. Use a new jar.

Toiletries - Proctor & Gamble toothpastes, shampoos, deodorants, and contact lens solutions may be used for *Pesach*. All unflavored **dental floss** are *kosher* for *Pesach*.

Sweetener - Pillsbury Sweet #10 and Nutra Sweet (*not Equal*) carry a symbol **OP or P**. There are usually pink packages of sweetener available from Israel at area supermarkets. Splenda is not *kosher* for *Pesach*.

Tea - Any non-flavored tea that is fresh without additives is fine.

Tuna - The hydrolyzed protein in tuna contains *chametz* or *kitnikyot*. Make sure it is *Kosher L'Pesach*.

Juice -Tropicana "Pure Premium," Citrus Hill, and all USDA Grade A frozen <u>unsweetened</u> juice without added Vitamin C or citric acid are *Kosher for Pesach*. Non-frozen Tropicana orange juice needs to have *Kosher for Pesach* on the carton. **Wine** - Most major "*kosher*" brands such as *Kedem* and *Carmel* are *Kosher for Pesach*. Nevertheless for a wine to be

kosher for *Pesach* it must say *Kosher for Pesach*. The Manischewitz wines must have a "**P**" on the label or say *Kosher for Pesach* for it to be *Kosher for Pesach*. Some of the wine products during the year do contain *chametz* and that line is not automatically *Kosher for Pesach* unless it says so. *Please note, that by K.I. standards, Mogen David wine is neither Kosher for Pesach nor kosher year round.*

Candies - Only those candies which have authoritative rabbinic endorsement on each wrapper, or else come in a tightly sealed box with the rabbinic endorsement printed - but not pasted - on the container may be used.

Matzot Shmurah (Special *Matzot*) - According to many authorities it is required that the three *matzot* used during the *Seder* service itself be a special variety. They are made from rainwater and special flour and are prepared similarly to the actual *matzot* that were used when the Jews left Egypt. These *matzot* are available at some area supermarkets. I urge you to use *Matzot Shmurah* for your *Seder* plate.

Colas and Soft Drinks - Colas and soft drinks, regular and diet, if available must have a *Pesach* certification on the bottle top or imprinted on the neck or somewhere on the container.

Bottled Water - all are *kosher* for *Pesach* if unflavored.

HOW DOES ONE "KASHER?"

Since we are not permitted to have any trace of *chametz* in our food during *Pesach*, special attention must be given to dishes and utensils. It is, of course, best to use dishes and utensils specially set aside for *Pesach* use. However, under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on *Pesach*. They must be "*kashered*," i.e., prepared in a special manner for use on *Pesach*.

The purging process which renders the utensils fit (*kasher*) for *Pesach* use removes whatever has been absorbed in the utensil. Purging may be carried out in two ways, either by boiling or by glowing. If the absorption of food in the pores of the utensils occurred through boiling, then briskly boiling water will extract it. If, however, the absorption occurred through heating processes other than boiling, we have to resort to glowing the utensils, thus destroying any trace of the absorption.

The following utensils and vessels may **not** be *kashered* for *Pesach* use:

- a. earthenware, china porcelain, ceramics, crockery, enamelware and plastic
- b. glassware such as Pyrex and ovenware which is used for cooking or preserving
- c. those that cannot be properly cleaned before purging, such as sieves, graters or bottles with narrow necks
- d. utensils or vessels that have crevices which cannot be reached
- e. utensils that may be damaged by hot water
- **f**. knives with glued on or attached plastic or wooden handles

All of the above are to be stored away over *Pesach*.

The *kashering* process is as follows: Metal utensils used for cooking are first scrubbed and washed, then kept without being used for at least twenty-four hours, and finally placed in a kettle or vat of boiling water and then rinsed off in cold water afterwards. This applies to silverware and small pots and utensils. To *kasher* pots, fill with water to the very top, heat until water is boiling, then place hot iron or stone inside so that the boiling water may run over the sides of the pot. Metal saucepans and frying pans with plastic or wooden handles cannot be *kashered*.

All metal utensils (*no plastic handles*) used for baking, roasting or frying cannot be *kashered* by the above method—by boiling—since absorbed materials can be cleansed only through the same method through which they are absorbed; in this case, through baking, roasting or frying. Accordingly, such metal utensils to be *kashered* must first be washed to remove any adhered surface particles and then either placed directly on or in a fire whose heat is maximally turned up. In general, the way in which metal utensils are used is the way in which they are *kashered*, e.g., if they are directly on or in the fire, then they have to be *kashered* by fire; if with water, then by water, etc.

MixMasters - Even if new bowls and beaters are purchased and set aside for *Pesach* use, MixMasters are permitted for *Pesach* only if they have been professionally cleaned, because the splattering of dough mixtures can enter the beater head. All the major appliance companies will provide this service or, of course, it is easy enough and inexpensive enough to have a *Pesadika* unit for *Pesach*.

Plastic Dishes - Plastic dishes and tablecloths may be used on *Pesach*, provided they were never used with *chametz*. Wax paper, aluminum and silver foil may be used.

Glass Vessels - Glassware not ordinarily used for hot foods may be made fit for *Pesach* use by soaking in water for three consecutive days, changing the water every twenty-four hours. This does not apply to whiskey glasses, nor to Pyrex.

Microwave Ovens - Microwave ovens may be used on *Chol HaMoed Pesach* (not on Shabbat and Yom Tov). To prepare your microwave for the holiday, clean the oven thoroughly, if at all possible leave unused for 24 hours. Fill a large paper

container with water and bring to a boil. <u>Preferably</u>, the glass tray should not be kashered and used. Use either a new one or paper goods. If you use your microwave on a <u>regular basis for cooking</u> meats etc. from scratch (not heating or defrosting), some authorities feel that microwaves should not be used or *kashered* for *Pesach*.

Kashering of Ranges - Every part of the oven which may have been reached by food during the year must be thoroughly cleansed and scraped. The oven and range must then be heated to a maximum. Some people who are very meticulous *kasher* their stoves with a small hand unit, though heating to a maximum with just the oven itself is acceptable to most authorities.

Dishwashers - Metal dishwashers can easily be made *kosher* for *Pesach* by scrubbing and boiling. Unfortunately, most dishwashers are not metal. Therefore, at the very least, to use a plastic or ceramic dishwasher one must have different racks for *Pesach* only, and many authorities do not permit the use of a dishwasher at all on *Pesach* unless it is new or all metal.

K.I. recommends not using your dishwasher on *Pesach* unless it is metal on the inside or new.

You may purchase bread or cake after 8:48 p.m. on the evening of the last day of *Pesach*, Saturday evening, April 30.

K.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2016

This is a brief synopsis of the K.I. Board of Directors meeting held February 1, 2016. It is not representative of the full minutes but should provide an overview on the activities of your board. If there are any questions, they should be directed to a board member for further information.

The annual meeting will be on Sunday, February 21, and all were asked to come.

The annual parsonage resolution for the rabbis was passed.

Rick Simon, treasurer, presented the actual 2015 cash versus budget income statement.

Rick also spoke about the need for people to commit to coming to daily services and to help make a *minyan*.

Michael Sokol received board approval to proceed with procuring the 2016 Grand Givers entertainment.

The 2016 Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 20th this year. We are especially encouraging teams to play and looking for sponsors.

Cub Scout Pack 3153, sponsored by K.I., presented a service project to build a permanent fire pit behind K.I. that the Scouts and the synagogue could use. The Scouts and friends would furnish labor and funding. Additional information was requested by the board.

Volunteers were requested for baking *hamentashen*, putting *Purim* baskets together, and delivering *Purim* baskets. The board was encouraged to be *Purim* patrons or do what they are able. All of the *hamentashen* will be baked on Sunday, March 6; contact Sharon Friedman or Brenda McKinnon to sign up. *Purim* baskets will be assembled on Sunday, March 13, and delivery will begin on Sunday, March 20. Please let the office know if you can help. Everyone was encouraged to attend the *Megillah* Reading & *Purim* Carnival on Wednesday, March 23.

Upcoming celebration kiddushim and events were announced and all were encouraged to attend:

February 6 – Scout *Shabbat*

February 13 – *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*

February 27 – Rabbi and Hedy Shron sponsoring *kiddush* in honor of the engagement of Shmuel and Emily. Board wished the family *Mazal Tov*.

March 12 –Kent Shanberg will be honored as *Minyannaire* of the Year for his faithful attendance at daily services, helping make a *minyan*. *Kiddush* sponsored by K.I. and the K.I. Men's Club.

March 12 -- Trivia Night sponsored by K.I. and the JCC – held at the JCC.

Sections of the K.I. policy manual relating to finance and subsidiary organizations were approved.

Some proposed bylaws emanating from the Governance Task Force were discussed.

It was decided that *The Focal Point* would still be mailed to members unless they 'opt out' and receive the newsletter via eblast.

Sam Devinki reiterated a request for pledges for the campaign "What You Do Matters." The goal is to raise extensive funds for an assistant rabbi and building maintenance items.

Brad Davidson reported on Karaoke & Comedy Night.



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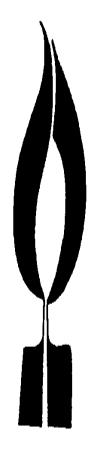
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JFS, NAMI OFFER FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SPRING COURSE

Dealing with mental illness is a challenge for many – experts estimate that one in four Americans struggle with it in any given year. Understanding mental illness and the issues that surround it is just part of the upcoming Family-to-Family course being offered by JFS and NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness).

The Family-to-Family Education Program is designed for family and friends of people living with mental illness. This free, 12-week series of classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning **Mar. 31** through June 16 from 6:30-9 p.m. (exceptions will be Wed. 4/6, 5/4 and 6/1). The group will meet at the JCC. Participants must commit to the entire 12 weeks.

The course provides caregivers with communication and problem-solving techniques, coping mechanisms and self-care skills needed to deal with their loved one's mental illness. The course is NOT appropriate for individuals who themselves have a major mental illness.

While there is no charge for the course, space is limited to 25. Those interested should register in advance by contacting Susie Hurst, JFS Director of Family Life Education, at 913.327.8259 or email her at susieh@jfskc.org. LINK: http://namikansas.org/programs/family/

OLDER ADULTS – EDIBLE TRENDS IN CONTAINER GARDENING MAR. 17

Older adults are invited to speaker Merle Sharpe, retired landscape designer and Master Gardener on Thursday, Mar. 17, from 1-2 p.m. Sharpe will inspire you with "Containers Pretty Enough to Eat" and "Growing Micro Greens", both growing trends in home gardening that work well in containers and small spaces. This talk will cover the basics of container gardening, easy plant combinations, and tips to make it easier for the mature gardener.

This presentation is co-sponsored by Older Adult Initiatives of JFS and the Heritage Center of The J. The program takes place in the board room of the JCC. While the program is free, reservations are required by contacting Deb Brown at 913.327.8044 or emailing her at debrab@thejkc.org.

<u>PESACH TEFILAT SHALOM -</u> SPIRITUAL CARE GATHERING APR. 7

The Jewish Community *Pesach Tefilat Shalom*: A Spiritual Care Gathering will take place Apr. 7. The service, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Chaplaincy program at JFS, will take place at Village Shalom. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the entire community regardless of one's level of observance. Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Jewish Community Chaplain, will

facilitate the service with co-facilitators Emily Tummons, Music Director of Congregation Beth Torah and song leader Lezlie Zucker. This service of spiritual wellness, care, and renewal features both traditional prayer and contemporary inspirational readings and music which are meaningful for every stage of life.

A light nosh will be served at 6 pm, with refreshments at the conclusion of the service. Please make reservations for the healing service by calling JFS' office at 913.327.8250 or sending an email to healing@jfskc.org. For more information, contact healing@jfskc.org.

TRUMPING HUNGER BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The public is invited to attend an afternoon of social and duplicate bridge on Sunday, **April 3,** 1-4:30 p.m., with nonperishable donations benefitting the JFS Food Pantry. The special bridge event will take place at the JCC. It is sponsored by the J, Brookdale of Leawood and Jewish Family Services.

The cost to play, which includes refreshments throughout the afternoon, is \$7 per person plus two non-perishable food or toiletry items that will be given to the JFS Food Pantry.

Bridge players can register individually, as couples or as tables. For duplicate players, this will be a Unit Championship Tournament. Scores will be calculated on a stratified basis and points will be awarded through the American Contract Bridge League.

Register by March 31 at the main reception desk of the J, online at the jkc.org, or call 913, 327,8007.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AVAILABLE

JFS hosts a Grief and Loss Support Group that meets the first and third Wednesday each month, 2-3:30 p.m. at Village Shalom. The support group is for individuals grieving from the death of a spousal partner or significant other. The group, which is free, provides 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 Goldblatt at 913.730.1422 or rgoldblatt@ifskc.org



COMMUNITY-WIDE PURIM DAY SEUDAH

The Jewish community of all ages will join together on Thursday morning, March 24 for a *Purim "Seudah"* (a festive meal on Purim day) beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Village Shalom. The *Purim* celebration will include a *Purim*-sing-along, an interactive *Purim* study, continental brunch, assembling *Shalach Manot* gift bags and an optional *Megillah* reading. The program will be led by members of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

There is no charge to attend the program but participants are encouraged to bring a canned good for the JFS Food Pantry. Participants are welcome to wear a costume! The *Purim Seudah* is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association in collaboration with Village Shalom and generously supported by the Flo Harris Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

Advance reservations are required. Space is limited and reservations accepted on a first come basis. If planning to attend, please send an email to afprogram@aol.com or call 913.327.4622 no later than March 21. Indicate the number of people attending and the name of each person. For additional information, visit kcrabbis.org.

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

Hunger never takes a holiday. As we approach the season of Passover, there will be hundreds among us who will struggle to put food on the table let alone those special items to celebrate a *Seder*.

YOU can help make a difference. Join Jewish Family Services, The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City and area congregations in collecting Passover food items. (The first *Seder* begins Friday night, April 22.) More than 160 families will be helped through your participation in the Passover food drive.

Our congregation has chosen to collect donations of Dessert Mixes and Grape Juice. Packaged items should be labeled "Kosher for Passover". Drop off items in the lobby through April 15th. Monetary donations are also being accepted by check or online through the JFS site http://www.jfskc.org/; funds are used to purchase food items to include in the holiday food packages. By participating in the Passover Food Drive you are putting into action the traditional words of the Haggadah, "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available in connection with the Passover Holiday Food Drive. If you or someone you know wants to volunteer, please call 913. 730.1410 or email volunteer@jfskc.org.

For more information about the Food Pantry, please contact Jo Hickey, JFS Food Pantry Director at 913.327.8257 or email her at jhickey@jfskc.org.

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Sunday Shacharit 9:00 AM

Monday-Friday Shacharit 7:00 AM

Sunday-Thursday Mincha and Maariv

Week of March 6

Week of March 13

Week of March 20

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