

THE FOCAL POINT

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From the Rabbi's Study...



After a very successful *Purim* at K.I., and I must thank **Joe & Debbie Adamous** and **Carolyn Braverman**, and all those who helped to create a very joyous and fun King's Feast, we now turn our attention to *Pesach*.

When I think about *Pesach* and the exodus, I imagine the Cecil B. DeMille's cast of thousands of Israelites carrying whatever they could on their backs, a vast crowd of people being led by Moshe, redeeming them from slavery in Egypt to freedom. The beginning of a nation that has survived over three millennia specifically because we continue to identify as members of one people. We are bound together by the shared experience of this great redemption that has shaped the destiny of our people for all generations.

However, when we gather around the *Seder* table on the first two nights of *Pesach*, the focus of the *Haggadah* is not only on the experience of a cast of thousands, but it makes a point of focusing on the individual and personalizing the *Seder* to the level of the people who are at the table.

The *Haggadah* makes a point of instructing us on how to relate the story to our children with different levels of knowledge, understanding and interest. This personalization doesn't only apply to children, but to everyone who is at your table. The *Haggadah* instructs us that in order to fulfill our obligation of the *Seder*, "each one of us" must understand the meaning behind the various symbolic foods that we eat. The *Haggadah* also relates the teachings of individual rabbis. And finally, we are instructed, "In every generation, one must see him/herself as though he/she personally had been delivered from Egypt." The challenge is for each individual to internalize the exodus, to be able to identify with the collective Jewish experience in order to transmit it in our own way to the next generation. So, while the *Seder* celebrates our national freedom, it also begs us to identify with our tradition in a personal and unique way.

The other aspect of the *Seder*, transmitting our religious traditions from generation to generation, is understanding and adapting to the sensibilities and individual needs of the younger generations. It is not one-size-fits-all. So our *Seder* must be flexible enough to insure that all participants feel personally engaged. In this way, we take the initiative in maintaining inter-generational relationships. The older generation must strive to understand the younger family and community members on their terms. If we achieve these goals, it will strengthen everyone's Jewish identity and raise us all to a higher level of understanding, spirituality and solidarity.

Wishing you all a sweet and kosher Pesach!
Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

From the President...



Dear Congregants,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this column. I'm losing a friend. No, G-d forbid, he's not dying. With the grace of G-d, he is healthy, vibrant and strong.

Rabbi and Hedy Shron are leaving us. Yes, they are leaving all of us, but I'm taking

this loss personally.

I don't have many close friends. Oh yes, I'm friendly with many people, and I feel I can carry myself in a crowd. I always come up with things to joke and talk about. But closeness? I don't share that with everyone.

Rabbi, I guess we all knew this day would come, but I didn't think it would come today. I'm not ready for it. And now that I think about it, I'm not sure I could ever have been prepared for it. Our friendship is 20 years old – almost one third of my life. That's a long time to invest in someone. But you are more than a friend. You're my rabbi, my teacher, my cantor, my poker buddy but not my *mohel*!

I even sacrificed for you. I gave up a lot of time to attend choir practice over the years. We laughed and gave each other a *mazal tov* when we each had a new grandbaby. We cried together when our dear beloved parents passed away. When I had questions, you gave me answers. You never judged me. You also never smoked cigars with me, but I forgive you for that.

So, Rabbi and Hedy, as I said, it's with a heavy heart we must say goodbye. However, until you have a date certain, I'm going to treasure the forthcoming months we will have together.

I'm sure I speak for the entire congregation when I say, "stay healthy and be happy. Enjoy your children and grandchildren because, that's what it's all about."

I love you both,
Marty Gorin,
President

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Candlelighting*.....7:24 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:00 PM
Havdalah.....8:16 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Candlelighting*.....7:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:20 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:05 PM
Havdalah.....8:22 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 14

CHOL HAMOEL PESACH

Candlelighting*.....7:37 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:25 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH
Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha & Shir Hashirim.....6:55 PM
Havdalah.....8:30 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Candlelighting*.....7:44 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH OF IYAR

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:20 PM
Havdalah.....8:37 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Candlelighting*.....7:51 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:35 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:30 PM
Havdalah.....8:45 PM

* NO LATER THAN

DEADLINE FOR THE
MAY ISSUE OF
THE FOCAL POINT IS APRIL 7

PESACH SCHEDULE

Mechirat Chametz - Ritual disposal of *chametz* by the traditional form of “sale” can be arranged **until Monday morning, April 10, 9:00 am**, by contacting Rabbi Shron at the synagogue office. **No arrangements can be made after 9:00 am.**

Bedikat Chametz - The searching of the house for leaven should take place Sunday evening, **April 9**, after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions, to be found on the opening page of the *Pesach Haggadah*.

Siyyum Bechorim - A special *siyyum* for the firstborn sons will be held in the Rose Morgan Chapel, Monday morning, **April 10**, following the *Shacharit* Service at 7:00 am. The conclusion of a *Talmudic Tractate* will be conducted by Rabbi Shron. The Dr. Sigmund Mandl Memorial Breakfast will be served as a *Seudat Mitzvah* in order to exempt the firstborn sons in attendance from the duty of fasting.

Z'man Issur Achilat Chametz - Latest time for eating of *chametz* on **Monday, April 10, is 11:10 am.**

Biur Chametz - The burning and the removal of the *chametz* is to take place on **Monday, April 10, no later than 12:10 pm.** The declaration of the *Bitul Chametz* - the abandonment of *chametz* - is to be recited at this time. The text can be found in the *Pesach Haggadah* or a *Siddur*.

End of Pesach - *Chametz* sold before *Pesach* is permitted for use on Tuesday night, April 18 after 8:45 pm.

JUST A REMINDER

Just a reminder that the words “*Kosher for Pesach*” must appear on boxes of *matzah* and *matzah* products, and usually the year 2017, since *matzot* are also made for use year-round that are not *kosher for Pesach*.

SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

Date _____

I/We hereby empower and authorize Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron to sell all *Chametz* that may be in my possession, wherever it may be - at home, business or elsewhere. This includes all goods which may be delivered to me over Passover as well as stocks owned in full or in part in corporations which sell or deal with *Chametz*. Rabbi Shron has full rights to sell, dispose, and conduct all transactions, including rental of the store where the *Chametz* is stored and rental of right of way as they deem fit and proper, for such time which they believe necessary in accordance with detailed terms and forms explained in the contracts in their possession. The goods mentioned above have an approximate value of \$_____. The exact assessment of the quantity and value of the goods mentioned above will take place after *Pesach*. The above power here by being given, is meant to conform with all *Torah* and Rabbinic regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

Date _____

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Address(es) _____

Address(es) _____

Return to the synagogue by April 5.

10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212

Passover Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 13 NISAN

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 14 NISAN

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY **SIYYUM BECHORIM**

(Feast of the First Born who attend the completion of a Talmudic learning.)

THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
LATEST TIME FOR EATING **CHAMETZ**.....11:10 AM
BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the *Chametz*).....12:10 PM
Candlelighting.....7:33 PM
MINCHA (Followed by *Yom Tov Maariv*).....7:35 PM
FIRST SEDER.....8:24 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

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

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA and **MAARIV YOM TOV**.....7:35 PM
Candlelighting.....8:25 PM
SECOND SEDER.....8:25 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

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

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA and **MAARIV**.....7:40 PM
HAVDALAH.....8:26 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....9:00 AM
Candlelighting.....7:39 PM
MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY *YOM TOV MAARIV*).....6:25 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
MINCHA and **YOM TOV MAARIV**.....6:25 PM
Candlelighting.....8:32 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
(**YIZKOR** WILL BE RECITED)
(*Kiddush* following service)
MINCHA7:50 PM
MAARIV followed by
HAVDALAH.....8:33 PM
Chametz is permitted after.....8:45 PM

PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING

Monday, April 10.....7:33 PM
Tuesday, April 11.....8:25 PM
Friday, April 14.....7:37 PM
Sunday, April 16.....7:39 PM
Monday, April 17.....8:32 PM



Our volunteers who helped assemble the *Mishloach Manot Purim* bags on Sunday, March 5 were from left: **Hedy Shron, Sharon Noorollah, Lois Winston, Allegra Shanberg, Irene Blend, Max Rosales, Jacob Rosales, Brenda Fishman, Adrianna Rosales, Ruth Nowack, Blanca Basurto and Jake Schulzinger.**

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (11)
- 8 Joy & Stewart Koesten (39)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (22)
- 16 Rosemary & Martin Gorin (28)
- 21 Jackye & Alan Goldberg (32)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (50)

THANK YOU TO OUR PATRONS:



Joseph, Debbie & Rochelle Adamous; Randi Berger; Paul & Susie Blackman; B'Nai Bryant, Kansas City Downtown Minyan; Helen Brown; Craig & Cathy Caplan; Arnie & Carol Caviar; Doris Chopp; Debbie Cohen; Dr. Donald & Natalie Cohen; Sam Devinki & Mary Stahl; Irene Dreiseszun; Brenda Fishman;

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*of blessed memory

מזל טוב

...to **Marion Rosen** on the birth of great-grandson, Dylan Louis Rosen, to Benjamin and Lisa Rosen of Miami, FL.

...to **Susan** and **Dr. Samuel Gutovitz** on their son, Cory, who will be starting his residence in internal medicine at University of Kansas Medical Center.

...to **Toby** and **David Levine** on their son, Micah, who will be starting his residency in internal medicine at Georgetown.

...to **Drs. Liz** and **Brian Friedman** on their son, Jonathan, who will be going to Boston University for radiology residency and University of Chicago Medical Center-North Shore for a year preliminary medicine program.

CONGREGANTS' APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Frank Agron, Beverly Alport, Lillian Anderson, Teri Becker, Ida Bernstein, Bonnie Blend, Barbra Bronstein, Cathy Caplan, Gertrude Epstein, Brian Friedman, Gayla Friedman, William Gasser, Cynthia Gilgus, Sheila Ginsberg, Leah Gladstone, Richard Glass, Lori Gold, Phillip Goodbinder, Marsha Jacobs, Max Jevinsky, Bruce Kaplan, Roza Karlan, Allan Katz, Rebecca Katz, Stanley Katz, Richard Kohn, Kimberlin Kubel, Joel Marcus, Kurt Metzl, Alan Organ, Steven Osman, Karen Pack, Herb Parmet, Deanna Pool, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Shirley Sander, Debby Schlozman, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw and Ernesto Zepeda.

APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

רפואה שלמה

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

תודה רבה

...We thank **Eunice Snitz**, **Debbie Entine**, **Brenda Fishman**, and **Jake Schulzinger**, our gracious volunteers, who make themselves available to assist office staff.

Do you know someone who owns a business? Do you know someone who plays golf? The 18th annual Allan Greenberg Memorial K.I. Synagogue Golf Tournament is Monday, June 12th. Ask people to sponsor a hole, donate an item for the auction, or play golf! For more information, contact the synagogue office.

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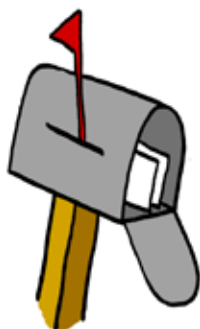
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Bakers from left: Shelley Rissien, Cristi Gillom, Tamara Kingston, Marlene Krakow, Beverly Alport, Debbie Adamous and Barnett Alport.



Mazal tov Kehilath Israel Synagogue, and *kudos* to everyone involved in that incredible “*Megillah Around the Clock*.” We enjoyed this truly professional *Purim Shpiel* directed by **Carolyn Braverman**. The performance was seamless, and followed by a magnificent Persian *Seudah* that was a delicious king’s feast. Special thanks to **Joe & Debbie Adamous** and **Maureen Minoofar** who spent hours in the kitchen to provide the authentic Persian flavor. We appreciate all the time and effort that went into this year’s *Purim* production. We want you to know your efforts were worth it...Such a **HAPPY PURIM DAY**.
Alan and Jackye Goldberg

Thank You!

To **Shelley Rissien** who shopped for the ingredients, made all the dough and coordinated the volunteers for baking *hamantaschen*.

To our *hamantaschen* baking volunteers:

Joel Abecassis, Debbie Adamous, Beverly & Barnett Alport, Teri Becker, Irene Blend, Brittany Caruba, Shiran Cohen, Jody Erwin, Nora Freyman, Cristi Gillom, Debbie Goodbinder, Rosemary Gorin, Rebecca Katz, Tamara Kingston, Marlene Krakow, Cheryl Lester, Jacquie Luckhoff, Megan Pener, Annie Rifkin, Aaron Rissien, Hedy Shron, Cindy Singer, Sonny Singer, and Jason Speier.

To our delivering crew: **Beverly Alport, Brenda Fishman, Sheila Ginsberg, Jody Gittleman, Barbie Glass, Larry Jabenis, Jonathan & Jasmine Kaplan, Marian Kaplan, Steve Koffman, Phyllis Kohn, Yalene Kusnetzky, Aaron Rissien, Luis Rosales, Jacob Schulzinger, Celia Sher, Sonny Singer, and Dr. Shari Sokol.**

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

THANK YOU to the following people for helping with the *Purim* carnival: **Brenda Fishman, Clint Gillom, Michael Orozco, Adam Peden, Andrew Peden, Rick Simon and Dr. Michael Sokol.**



THANK YOU to **Arlene & Michael Abrams; Joe & Debbie Adamous; Dr. Donald & Natalie Cohen; Laura Daniels; Brenda Fishman, Cristi & Clint Gillom; Zakaiyah Gillom; Rosemary Gorin; Bruce Kaplan; Brenda McKinnon; Allison McKinnon; Maria Juarez; Amir & Maureen Minnofar; Emily Minoofar; Sharon Noorollah; Adrianna Rosales; Hedy Shron; and Janet Stone** for preparing such a wonderful meal enjoyed by everyone attending the *Purim Seudah* on Sunday, March 12.



THANK YOU to **Carolyn Braverman** for directing the play “*Megillah Around The Clock*.” The cast members were: **Victor Castillo, Natalie Cohen, Teddi Castillo, Ariella Davidson, Alecia Stultz, Debbie Adamous, Brad Davidson, Hedy Shron** and **Xander Stultz**. The narrators were **Joe Goldwasser** and **Carolyn Braverman**.

For those of you who missed a wonderful play, you can watch it on YouTube under “*Megillah Around The Clock*.” There are four parts (separate video clips) of the play on YouTube.

WOMEN OF K.I. EVENTS IN APRIL & MAY

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

Pre-Passover Happy Hour

@ the

Gaslight Grill

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Great Opportunity to
Get Together With The Girls!



5020 W. 137th Street, Leawood 66224

Members and Non-Members Welcome!

MONDAY, MAY 8TH
6:30pm at K.I.

Damsel IN DEFENSE

Self Safety

with Mary Hiesberger Sharing
Self-Awareness Techniques

Great Event for Mothers & Daughters of All Ages!!

There is no charge for the event,
but there will be an opportunity to purchase
Security on the Go items, automobile emergency kits,
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Snacks and drinks will be served

Please RSVP to Bmckinnon60@gmail.com,
natjgc@aol.com or the K.I. office.

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Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush

1st, 3rd & 5th
Saturdays of the Month

Basketball
10-11 am



then Musaf



& Kiddush



with
Leslie Berger, Aaron Zitron & Joel Zitron

K.I. Mini Minyan



Meets the 2nd & 4th
Saturday each month
10:30 AM

in the Rose Morgan Chapel
Kids will join sanctuary for
the end of services

Led by Debbie Entine

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SUNDAYS
PreK - Grade 7
9:15-11:30 am

TUESDAYS
Grades 3-7
4:30-6:15 pm

Rachel Macek, Religious School Director

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Kehilath Israel Synagogue

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at Oakwood Country Club

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11 AM CHECK-IN & LUNCH

12:15 PM SHOTGUN START



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 ORGANIZATION: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 EMAIL: _____

Please pair me with a team: _____ or

Please pair me with the following players: (before listing partners, please ensure that they plan to team with you.)

	PLAYER NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	THE NINETEENTH HOLE SPONSOR	\$1500
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<input type="checkbox"/>	PUTTING CLOCK	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLE SPONSOR	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIENDS OF KI	\$250

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK(S) FOR \$ _____

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ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

5 NISAN-APRIL 1

ESTHER EISMAN
CHAYA KRUG
MAYER MALLIN
ROSE ZITRON

6 NISAN-APRIL 2

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

7 NISAN-APRIL 3

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

8 NISAN-APRIL 4

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

9 NISAN-APRIL 5

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

10 NISAN-APRIL 6

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

11 NISAN-APRIL 7

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

12 NISAN-APRIL 8

JACK JACOBS
A. PRICE
JACOB YEDDIS

13 NISAN-APRIL 9

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

14 NISAN-APRIL 10

JOSEPH ABEND
BORIS BARSKY
IDA ERNEST
ANNA GOTTLIEB
CELIA HAMMER
GITTEL JABEN
ANNETTE LEBRECHT
HENRY NELKIN
LOUIS RAVIS
S. J. SHAPIRO
WILLIAM WALDNER

15 NISAN-APRIL 11

FRED DUBOWY
JACK EILER
JERRY KATZ
CHARLES RUBINS

16 NISAN-APRIL 12

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

17 NISAN-APRIL 13

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

18 NISAN-APRIL 14

MELVIN BROWN
JACOB ROSENFELD
ABRAHAM SWEET
RIVKA YOFFEE

19 NISAN-APRIL 15

MILTON BAKER
BENJAMIN JOSEPH
LEONA KOCH
HOWARD LEVINE
REBECCA LISSER
ANN NELKIN
HAROLD PENER
WILLIAM POWELL
BEATRICE TURKIN

SOLOMON TURNER
CELIA ZARISKY

20 NISAN-APRIL 16

HENRY CUMONOW
ESTHER HIMMELSTEIN
HARRY KULUVA
LOUIS LIPKIN
MIERL MAIZLISH
BEN POLANSKY
MEYER SCHIFMAN
DANIEL SINGER
ABBA SWARTZ

21 NISAN-APRIL 17

SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN
MORRIS HANKIN
JACOB KAPLAN
LEON KATZBERG

22 NISAN-APRIL 18

DAVID BRAUN
IDA CAVIAR
JACOB DROSKIN
LOUIS KAPLAN
WILLIAM RUBIN

23 NISAN-APRIL 19

MARY CHEPLOVE
SOL GALLAS
SIMON HURWITZ
ABRAHAM KATZ
DOBRISH MOLDAVER

24 NISAN-APRIL 20

SHLOME BECKMAN
SOL CAPLAN
SHAMARYAHU FRIEDMAN
LILLIAN KESSLER
KALMON LEVINE
PHILIP LITMAN
MAX RAINEN

25 NISAN-APRIL 21

MAX AARON
SYLVIA BEISER
SAM BROWN
FRANK DUNN
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ORDER FLOWERS FOR SPRING PLANTING AT BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY

Kovod Hamet Respect for the Deceased



Memorial Day services will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.**

It is a custom in Judaism to show our respect for our ancestors, our family and our friends who are no longer with us. Whether it's the National Memorial Day, a day of *Yahrzeit*, or a day when we recite the *Yizkor* prayer, any day we go to the cemetery and visit the graves of our *mishpacha*, we perform the *mitzvah* of *Kovod Hamet*.

The Kehilath Israel Cemetery Committee is again offering the Flower Planting Program for those who have family and friends interred at our K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery. For the nominal price of \$38.00 per urn, a beautiful arrangement of colorful living plants, prepared by a commercial landscape artist, will be placed at the grave of your loved ones.

If this is the first year to participate in the program, it will be necessary to order a concrete urn from the cemetery at a one time charge of \$75.00. This urn will be used every year for no additional charge other than the flowers.

All orders must be paid in advance and received at the synagogue office no later than April 28. This gives us the time needed so that the plants will be in full bloom by Memorial Day this year.

Give your loved ones who are interred in our cemetery the *kovod* of remembering them, whether it's with flowers or a visit to their graves. The cemetery committee is making every effort to maintain the grounds to be clean and beautiful, and extra care is being given to keep the plants watered, trimmed and green during the summer months.

Cemetery lots are available for sale to any Jewish person. Anyone interested in reserving individual lots or family sections should call the synagogue office at 913.642.1880 ext 203 for assistance.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery is open every day, with the exception of *Shabbat* and Jewish holidays. The supervisor, Rod Sipe, can assist you in finding the location of a grave site. Normal visiting hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If it is necessary that you visit the cemetery at another time, please call Mr. Sipe at 816.461.3330 and make special arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

May the G-d of Mercy sustain and comfort those who have suffered the loss of dear ones. The Kehilath Israel family extends deepest sympathy to our bereaved families of:

ELINOR FRIEDMAN
(Wife of Sherrill Friedman)

JEROME NERMAN
(Father of Lewis Nerman)

EMILY ARIEL BAMBERGER
(Granddaughter of Albert Bamberger)

COMMUNITY CORNER

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Volunteers are needed to help prep the food pantry for Passover and package produce on Wednesday, April 5, deliver food to homebound recipients on April 6 and shop with food pantry recipients on both April 6 and 7. 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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JOINT JFS-JVS EFFORT TO HELP LOCAL REFUGEES

Details are now in place for how the community can help area refugees through a special effort by Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and Jewish Family Services (JFS). The two organizations have teamed up to provide much-needed food and transportation to the local refugee community.

The following donations are being sought, including 9 number of items needed to support the effort in its first few months:

- Bags of dried beans - red, black or garbanzo - 250 bags
- Canned carrots - 250 cans
- Canned peas - 250 cans
- Toilet paper - 80 - 12 packs (960 rolls total)
- Dried spices

Items can be dropped off in JFS Food pantry barrels at the agency's location at the Jewish Community Campus in Overland Park, the JFS Brookside East location at 425 E. 63rd St., and at JVS' offices, 4600 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri.

JFS and JVS have teamed up to form Refugee Rides, a volunteer-based transportation program for refugees served by JVS. The program will provide refugees with transportation to doctor's appointments, school programs, and cultural activities.

Refugee Rides needs volunteers Monday through Friday during typical business hours to pick up refugees from their homes and take them to appointments at JVS or other places in the city. Most of the refugees are currently living in the historic northeast neighborhood of Kansas City.

Volunteer drivers only need to attend one training session. To register for a training, or for more information on Refugee Rides, please visit jfskc.org/refugeehelp or e-mail refugeehelp@jfskc.org. **LINK:** jfskc.org/refugeehelp/

NEW DISABILITY PROGRAM OFFERED IN JEWISH COMMUNITY

JFS now offers a program to meet the needs of people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The goal of the new JFS Disability Services program is to support the quality of life and independence of people with I/DD.

Porsche Elkins is the developmental disability specialist overseeing this new pilot program for JFS.

Through the program, Elkins will help clients increase access to a variety of inclusive social activities, interaction with peers, Jewish holiday activities, and outreach to Jewish congregations and other organizations to promote socially inclusive activities.

Elkins and JFS staff will assist families in developing goals and linking people to professional resources that are developmentally appropriate.

The program serves local Jewish clients and their families. Any person with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or their family member or caregiver can reach out to Elkins for information and assistance.

Those interested in learning more about JFS Disability Services may contact Elkins at 913.730.1474 or email her at pelkins@jfskc.org.

MITZVAH BASKETS AVAILABLE FOR CENTERPIECES

JFS has centerpiece baskets available to rent for your next *simcha*. All proceeds benefit the JFS Food Pantry. Please contact Jo Hickey, JFS food

pantry director, at 913.327.8257 or email her at jhickey@jfskc.org. To volunteer to help in the pantry please email volunteer@jfskc.org or call 913.730.1410. **LINK:** jfskc.org/food-pantry/

MENTAL HEALTH COALITION COLLABORATES WITH SEVENDAYS APRIL 22 MENTAL HEALTH IMPROV WORKSHOP

The Greater Kansas City Mental Health Coalition is partnering with SevenDays-Make a Ripple, Change the World, putting on two programs on April 22 dealing with mental health.

Beginning at 1 p.m., those ages 14-21 are invited to attend "How Improv Breaks Down Barriers and Infuses Fun into Mental Healthcare: A Hands-On Workshop." This workshop is limited to the first 80 registrants. It focuses on using the fun and creative efforts of improv to help therapeutically. For many who live with mental health issues such as anxiety, part of the brain is always primed for danger. By using comedic improvisation as a therapeutic modality, these individuals may acquire skills that enable them to manage these issues in a fun, non-threatening way, while learning to break the cycle of their condition. The workshop will run until 4 p.m.

At 4:45 p.m., a workshop "Train the Trainer: Use Improv as Therapeutic Tool," will take place for professionals. This program is limited to 80 participants. It is targeted to therapists, school counselors, other behavioral health professionals and any other adult dealing with anxiety issues and/or loss and is interested in exploring alternative mental healthcare modalities.

Bart Sumner and Tom Herman will lead both workshops. Sumner is a professional actor, writer, and teacher, who relates his personal story of losing his 10-year-old son, David, and the experiences that brought him to found HEALING IMPROV, a nonprofit charity that hosts no-cost Comedy Improv Grief Workshops to help people who are struggling with grief. Herman is a musician, improviser, teacher, and therapist who uses improvisation as a way to access awareness, intuition, and acceptance. He has led Improv for Anxiety for all levels of experience at the Panic and Anxiety Recovery Center in Chicago.

The workshops will take place at the Church of the Latter Day Saints 15915 W. 143rd Street in Olathe.

The workshops are free but advanced registration is required. For more detailed information and to register, go to givesevendays.org and click on "Events" tab. **LINK:** givesevendays.org/events-2017/



ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH/HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2017

This year's Yom HaShoah Community Memorial Service, entitled *Interpreting the Images*, is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, April 23 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm** in the Lewis and Shirley White Theatre.

The commemoration will feature a moving candlelighting ceremony including Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, grandchildren of survivors, Jewish War Veterans, a youth from our community, and a representative of the entire Jewish Community. Six candles will be lit in memory of the six million Jews who perished. The service also honors those who survived the Nazi genocide.

Laurie Horn is the chair of the 2017 *Yom HaShoah* commemoration. This event is coordinated by the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee. Local Jewish organizations are co-sponsors. The entire community is invited to attend at no charge.

April 2017

5 Nisan 5777 - 4 Iyar 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						5 NISAN
2 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch-10:00 am	3 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm Women of K.I. Happy Hour at Gaslight Grill - 5-7 pm	4 Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm	5 9 NISAN	6 10 NISAN	7 11 NISAN 7:30	1 Vayikra Isaiah 43:21-44:23 Shabbos Ends: 8:16 Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush -10:00 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class-6:15 pm 12 NISAN
9 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	10 Erev Pesach 7:33	11 Passover - Day 1 8:25 OFFICE CLOSED	12 Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:26 OFFICE CLOSED	13 Passover - First Intermediate Day	14 Passover - Second Intermediate Day 7:37	8 Tzav Malachi 3:4-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:22 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 6:20 pm 19 NISAN
16 Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:39 NO Religious School	17 Passover - Day 7 8:32 OFFICE CLOSED	18 Passover - Day 8 Yom Tov Ends: 8:33 VIZKOR RECITED OFFICE CLOSED	19 23 NISAN	20 24 NISAN	21 25 NISAN 7:44	15 Passover - Third Intermediate Day Ezekiel 37:1-14 Shabbos Ends: 8:30 NO Study Class Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am 26 NISAN
23 Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	24 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	25 Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm	26 Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 1	27 1 IYAR Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2 Cub Scout Pack Meeting-6:30 pm	28 2 IYAR 7:51	22 Shemini Tzav Samuel 6:1-7:17 Shabbos Ends: 8:37 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Shron's Study Class-6:35 pm 3 IYAR
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**Sunday - Thursday
*Mincha- Maariv***

Week of April 2 6:15 PM

Week of April 9 6:20 PM

(See *Passover* Schedule on pg 3)

Week of April 16 (Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs) 6:25 PM

(Tues, April 18 - see *Passover* schedule on pg 3)

Week of April 23 6:30 PM

Week of April 30 6:35 PM

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Wednesday, April 26

Thursday, April 27

Blue Ridge Cemetery *Mitzvah* Day

Sunday, May 7 & 21 10:00- Noon



Help us beautify our cemetery.
Join us for Spring cleaning.

Bring your clippers, rakes,
and other gardening tools.

