

THE LOCAL POINT

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From Your Rabbi...



I am pleased to welcome Cantor Ben Matis (pronounced Maytis), as our new interim *hazzan*, (the congregation's second Cantor Ben), his wife Stefanie and his daughter Shoshana. Cantor Ben is a very talented *hazzan*, and I wish him much success.

I remember when I first arrived at K.I. twenty years ago, there were some who were concerned that the melodies I sang were not the same familiar melodies of Cantor Solomon, there were those who wanted more congregational melodies, there were those who wanted more cantorial solos and there were those who didn't appreciate the clapping and informality of the *Shabbat* service. Four Jews, five opinions. However, over the years our *davening* has developed into an inspirational and participatory experience that we can all be proud of.

The beauty of our liturgy is that it allows for almost every form of expression. There is no one way of conducting a service. Within the *Shabbat* service, one finds prayers of great joy, prayers of concern, prayers of awe and prayers of holiness. Each different type of prayer should be expressed in the mode that it was intended. Therefore, there are times when the *hazzan* should represent the congregation with his voice alone and times when the *hazzan* and congregation should sing as one. There are responsive occasions and there are silent meditations.

There are also huge differences in the background and experience of our congregants. Some have been regular *Shabbat* attendees for many years while others are newcomers. Some have a long K.I. history, while others have come from other congregations. Some are able to read and follow the service and others need transliteration. Some were born Jewish and others are Jewish by choice. Some understand the prayers and others are still looking for meaning. Therefore, in order to allow as much of the congregation as possible to benefit from, to participate in and by inspired by the services, we must use many methods or modes of prayer. We also need to be sensitive to those who can only *daven* through wordless melodies and clapping, and realize that a service should not be tailored to only one person's or one group's taste. Our strength lies in our diversity.

I must also express my sadness at the loss of one of our past presidents, Howard Levitan. During his tenure as president, Howard helped maintain the financial stability of the synagogue and took a personal interest in the life events

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From Your President...



Dear Congregants,

I warned you that it was coming. And now it's here. I'm speaking about the "dog days of summer." The heat is catching our attention. I suggest a trip to Alaska. The weather is in the upper 50's and low 60's during the day. If it's

not raining, the sun shines brightly. The amazing wildlife and the wondrous nature that you see there is indescribable. For those of us who do not want to travel that far, stay near the air conditioning while close to your favorite beverage.

Even though the heat is beating us up right now, things are moving forward at K.I. We have hired Cantor Ben Matis to serve as our part time *hazzan* for the next year. Those of you who have had the pleasure of hearing Cantor Matis will, I'm sure, agree that he has a marvelous voice and a wonderful personality. Can't wait to see him in full action. With Rabbi Shron and Hedy leaving after the High Holy Days, the hiring of Cantor Matis is perfect timing to preserve the continuity of our services, not only for holidays, but also for every *Shabbat* and every weekday.

By now you all should be aware of the forthcoming tribute to Rabbi and Hedy. It will be held on August 6, 2017, at 4:00 pm at the White Theatre at the Jewish Community Center. Make your reservations and show your support for our Rabbi and Hedy.

The Rabbi Search Committee is diligently working to find the best available candidate to serve as our senior rabbi. We've received a good number of resumes and are carefully evaluating each one. Finding the ideal candidate to serve as our senior rabbi is not something to be governed by time constraints. We are looking to hire a rabbi who will serve us for many years to come.

Finally, our High Holy Days will soon be upon us. Time certainly does fly by. So in the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer and stay cool.

Martin Gorin
President

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Candlelighting*.....8:08 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:50 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:45 PM
Havdalah.....9:01 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Candlelighting*.....8:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:50 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minayn for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....7:35 PM
Havdalah.....8:52 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Candlelighting*.....7:51 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH AV
CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH
Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:25 PM
Havdalah.....8:42 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Candlelighting*.....7:41 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minayn for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....7:15 PM
Havdalah.....8:32 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

WANTED MANUSCRIPT

If anyone from the 1980s cast of "Your People Are Mine" has a copy of the script and the music which they do not need, please mail it to: Sybil Kaplan, POB635, Jerusalem 91006 Israel. It would be most appreciated. Sybil Kaplan, Journalist in Jerusalem



OUR GRADUATE

...Ben Siegel, son of Bonnie & Matt Siegel, graduated with a degree in Environmental Sustainability with a minor from the Ross School of Business. He has accepted a position with Oracle and will be working in Austin, Texas.

POLICY FOR ADMITTANCE TO HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AT KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE 2017/5778

Participation in our High Holy Day services is a privilege of membership. Our desire is to welcome all members to share in worship during our High Holy Day services.

An adult member in good standing will receive a ticket, plus tickets requested for:

- dependent children (under 18 years of age do not need ticket); and
- out-of-town guests, visiting for the holidays.

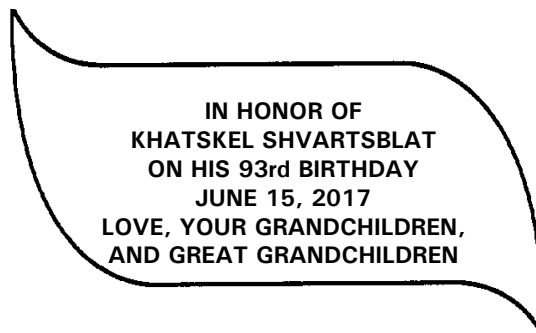
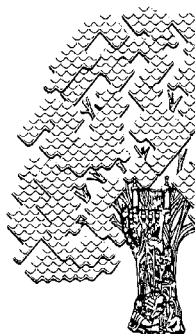
Undergraduate or graduate students are welcome to attend as our guests by showing their student IDs.

In addition, military personnel and residents who have moved to the K.C. area within the last 12 months and are not yet affiliated are welcome as our guests.

Because of security, you must have a ticket and your car must have a parking pass to attend High Holy Day services.

If you have any questions or would like tickets for the High Holy Day services, please contact the synagogue office at 913.642.1880.

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



IN HONOR OF
KHATSKEL SHVARTSBLAT
ON HIS 93rd BIRTHDAY

JUNE 15, 2017
LOVE, YOUR GRANDCHILDREN,
AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN



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of our members. Howard and Sharon were two of the first people that Hedy and I met upon coming to K.I., and, at that time, we had the pleasure of having them join us for dinner in our *sukkah* on the terrace, to help us celebrate the festival. I remember Howard taking the time to help our daughter, Carla, understand the material for her accounting course that she was taking in college. Howard was an extremely generous man in many ways. When he saw a need, there was nothing he wouldn't do to help you. He always voiced his own unique understanding of how things should be, but always did so in a respectful manner.

Howard and I had a running joke. For the past twenty years, as a past president, he has stood holding a *Torah* at my right side on *Kol Nidrei* night. Year after year, as the choir was about to chant the *Kol Nidrei* prayer, he would ask, "When will it be **my** turn to sing along?" My response was always, "Just wait for me to point to you and give you the finger." I will truly feel his absence at my final *Kol Nidrei* service as your *shl'iach tzibbur* – congregational representative. May Howard's memory serve as a blessing.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

Another Great Golf Tournament

The “place to be” on June 12th was Oakwood Country Club for K.I.’s 18th Annual Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament. The hard work by Tournament Chair **Richard Glass**, Volunteer Chair **Marlene Krakow**, Coordinator **Elizabeth Peden** and many other volunteers and sponsors insured that it was a fun day, both on the green and in the clubhouse.

Everyone was treated to a VAAD supervised luncheon buffet, headed up by **Dan Kass**. **Liberty Fruit** provided the produce and fruit throughout the day. Thanks to the silent auction many people went home with a “great deal” on a wide variety of items, and everyone left with fun goody bag “swag.”

SAVE THE DATE for our next golf tournament on Monday, June 11, 2018!

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EJ Boutique	Little Shop Next Door
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Firehouse Subs	Louie's Wine Dive

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Metropolitan Ensemble Theater
Museum at Prairie Fire
Natural Grocers
Nick and Jake's
Mark Nigro
Nordstrom's
Olive Garden
Outback Steakhouse
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Princess Gardens
Quality Hill Playhouse
Quik Trip
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Colleen Whiteside



Richard Glass handing out a winning prize to Mary Stahl.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



- 4 Barbara & Ronald Bronstein (43)
- 5 Cathy & Craig Caplan (27)
- 6 Doris & Zolan Gilgus (56)
- 8 Randa & Dr. Joel Feder (46)
- 10 Ashley & Greg Nerman (5)
- Darice & Rick Bailer (37)
- 11 Sue & Lewis Nerman (11)
- 12 Debra & Joseph Adamous (38)
- Sandra & William Gasser (61)
- 13 Doris & Gregory Quinn (45)
- 14 Phyllis & Ronald Kogan (57)
- 15 Clara & Norman Levine (52)
- Fani & William Schiffman (46)
- 16 Jamie & Jason Smartt (20)
- 18 Barbara & Rabbi Herbert Mandl (49)
- Osa and Seth Mandl (15)
- 19 Kitty & Hal Novicoff (55)
- 20 Marcie & Bruce Kaplan (39)
- 21 Betsy & Steve Waxman (18)
- Jennifer & Richard Devinki (6)
- 23 Beverly & Barnett Alport (47)
- Renee & Lynn Kuluva (53)
- Cindy & Sheldon Singer (36)
- 25 Karen & Steven Schwartz (32)
- 27 Beverly & Dr. Norman Burk (56)
- 28 Bonnie & Herbert Rosen (57)
- 29 Muriel & Gene Soloff (52)
- 30 Gerri & David Ruben (25)
- 31 Susie & Paul Gershon (54)
- Ruth & Sandy Levine (37)

תודה רבה

...Thank you to **Eunice Snitz** and **Muriel Soloff** for seeing to it that the *Focal Point* goes out.

...A very big thank you to **Scott Fishman** for taking pictures at our golf tournament event.

...To **Brenda Fishman**, **Brenda McKinnon** and **Linda Silver** for preparing the *kiddushim* in July.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Debbie Adamous**, **Isabelle Gallas**, **Charles Goodbinder**, **Fran Kanter**, **Nancy Kohn**, **Marlene Krakow**, **Rod Sipe**, **Maury Soltz**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

CONGREGANTS' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

Mitchell Gold, Robert Cohen, Ashley Nerman, Melvin Abend, Ida Kolkin, Shelley Rissien, Barbara Mandl, David Pool, Amir Minoofar, Anna Cohen, Gerri Ruben, Emanuel Winston, Harvey Schiffman, Simon Budnitskiy, Angie Fry, Lisa Kusnetzky, Linda Goldstein, Michael Taraboulos, Susie Blackman, David Shanberg, Bernard Jacobson, Bradley Cotlar, Stephen Koffman, Lewis Nerman, Steve Sweet, Ann Federman, Jasmine Kaplan, Seth Mandl, Deanna Rudd, Carole Sher, Susan Goodbinder, Rachel Tucker, Edith Quito, Darice Bailer, Scott Fishman, Susie Gershon, Linda Hoffman, Ira Neufeld, Irene Dreiseszun, Michael Heiligman, Bradley Davidson, Joel Feder, Sue Nerman, Nedra Rosen, Herbert Rosen, Madeline Zolotor, Ronald Weiss.

AUGUST YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Kolkin, Maximus Rosales, Noah Rosenbloom, Jedediah Shaffer, David Waxman, Yedid Dov Macek, Calder Smartt, Eliezer Rich, Tucker Strain.

מזל טוב

...to **Barbara** and **Rabbi Herbert Mandl** on the engagement of their daughter, **Miriam Mandl** to Ian Guffy, son of Debra Conti and the late Richard Guffy.

...to **Barbara** and **Philip Goodbinder** on the engagement of their daughter, **Deborah Goodbinder** to Joel Abecassis.

...to **Donna** and **Alan Gallas** on the engagement of their daughter, **Jessica Gallas** to Ryan Woods.

...to **Tamara** and **Steven Kingston** on the birth of a granddaughter, Savannah Kingston to Melissa and Marc Kingston.

...to **Marcie** and **Bruce Kaplan** on the birth of a granddaughter, Naomi Alicia Kaplan, daughter of Tamara and Andrew Kaplan.

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NEW INTERIM, PART-TIME HAZZAN - CANTOR MATIS



We welcome Cantor Benjamin (Ben) Matis as K.I.'s part-time interim *hazzan* for the next year beginning officially on August 1st. We are fortunate to have him during this transition time as the Shrons move to Israel.

The *hazzan* has a masters degree in Sacred Music from Jewish Theological Seminary and an undergraduate degree from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD. He was most recently the *hazzan* at Shelter Rock Community Center in Roslyn, NY. Cantor Ben is currently working on his Ph.D, teaching religious school at Congregation Beth Shalom, and will teach a course again at the University of Kansas in the spring, besides being at Kehilath Israel.

Please be sure to introduce yourselves to Cantor Ben as well as his wife Stefanie and daughter Shoshana. Stefanie is a massage therapist at Massage Heights, and Shoshana is entering 6th grade at HBHA.



K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

In the *V'ahavta*, we learn that we are responsible for making sure our children learn about the *Torah* and its *mitzvot*. I am honored to be the person Kehilath Israel Synagogue and its parents have entrusted with this responsibility for our congregation's children.

Last year, students learned about *Torah*, *mitzvot* and holidays on Sunday mornings. On Tuesday afternoons, they concentrated on their Hebrew. Every student in our school learns Hebrew at their own pace and the teachers concentrate on each student showing growth in their Hebrew reading and writing during the year. As part of this teaching philosophy, I am working on gaining new technology for our school to enhance the differentiated instruction that we can provide each week.

Students did various art projects during the year to learn about *mitzvot*. For example, each made a *Hanukkah menorah* to learn about the laws of the number of candles, the height of the candles and the order in which the candles are lit. They made groggers for *Purim* to learn about drowning out Haman's name during the *Megillah* reading. Before *Pesach*, they made pillowcases, when they learned that each one of us is supposed to feel as if we left Egypt and are free. One sign of freedom is to be able to recline during a meal.

One of the highlights of the year for the students was writing their own skit about the application of *Torah mitzvot* in our lives today. The students loved performing it for the congregation during the congregational meeting last spring.

This year, we have an additional program planned. We will have Family Days on some of our Sundays to do projects and activities about holidays. These Family Days will be open to anyone in the congregation and their school aged children or grandchildren. Be watching in your *Focal Point* for details!

I am looking forward to beginning the new school year with my students on Tuesday, August 22! For the full K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School calendar, please visit our website kisyn.org or reference the synagogue ad book. Enrollment forms may also be found on the website for anyone interesting in enrolling.

Rachel Macek, Director



Challahs by Steve Ellenbergl for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

\$11.00 Plain

\$12.00 Raisin

Order and Payment Deadline - September 15 (to K.I. office)

***Rosh Hashanah* pickup at K.I.**

Wednesday, September 20 *before* 2:00 p.m.

***Yom Kippur* pickup at K.I.**

Friday, September 29 *between* 10:00 a.m - Noon

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Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

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K.I.'s 18th ANNUAL ALLAN GREENBERG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pictured are Janet Stone, Elizabeth Peden, Felicia Weiner, Seymour Weiner, Rosemary Gorin, Barbie Glass, Brenda Fishman and Marlene Krakow, volunteering at the annual Allan Greenberg Golf Tournament.

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER
FOCAL POINT
IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.**

Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush

1st & 3rd
Saturdays of the Month

Basketball
10-11 am



then Mussaf



& Kiddush



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& Joel Zitron

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Maureen Minoofar • Adriana Rosales
Joyce Zeldin*

*at Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Saturday, September 9, 2017*

9:00 am

Kiddush luncheon follows services

Kiddush Luncheon Honoring Rabbi Jeffrey & Hedy Shron

Saturday, Sept. 16th
@ K.I. following morning services



Wish Rabbi & Hedy well before they embark
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MEMORIAL TABLETS

9 AV-AUGUST 1

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JEANETTE ARONSON
LIBBY BETTINGER
LEO SCHILD
SAM SCHULTZ
JENNIE SIEGEL
SAMUEL WEINBERG
SAMUEL WEINSHELBAUM
BENJAMIN WINER
SARAH WINER

10 AV-AUGUST 2

FRIEDA COHN
SAMUEL COVENS
GERSON GORTENBURG
RUTH LITWACK
ANNA POZNANSKI

11 AV-AUGUST 3

ZEEV BARASH
SOPHIA COHN
MEYER PELTZMAN
JACOB SHURIN
KATY SOLSKY
BEN WAINSTOCK

12 AV-AUGUST 4

IRVING BERNSTEIN
MAX BURG
YETTA GOLDSTEIN

13 AV-AUGUST 5

STANLEY BARASH
CHARLES GERSH
JOSEPH HAITH
JOSEPH KARS
SARAH LEVEY
RUTH UNGER

14 AV-AUGUST 6

REBECCA BAKER
HELEN CLUTZ
ALLAN DORFMAN
CHARLES ERNEST
JOCELYN KRINSKY
BEN NADLMAN
JOEL RUBIN

15 AV-AUGUST 7

PIROSKA ADLER
GERALD DALEN
HARRY DALEN
ROBERTA LEVINE
JOSEPH MASLAN
MAURICE RAVIS
LOUIS TOLTZIS

16 AV-AUGUST 8

LUCILLE COVENS
HELEN KLOPPER
FEIGA PODRITSKY
SAMUEL SCHULTZ
BENJAMIN SILVERMAN

17 AV-AUGUST 9

JULIUS BERMAN

ANNA KRUG
HELEN LESKY
ALBERT MARGOLIN
MARTIN NEARENBERG
BECKY SARSER
TODROS SHANE
FANNYE STEIN
ROSE WALDNER

18 AV-AUGUST 10

GOLDIE BROWN
MARILYN GALLAS
SARAH RASHBAUM
HELEN SPECTOR

19 AV-AUGUST 11

J. CINNAMON
SARAH COHEN
ROSE EISBERG
JOE HENKIN
HARRY KAHN
BERTHA KANTER
HELEN KATZ
FESSEL LIPKIN

20 AV-AUGUST 12

SYLVIA FEDER
ISRAEL KLEIN
IDA LEVIN
ANNA LIEBERMAN

21 AV-AUGUST 13

FEIGA COPAKEN
SHIMON SHAW

22 AV-AUGUST 14

PEYTON SHER
MAX SILBERG
DAVID SPACK
JACOB TEST

23 AV-AUGUST 15

LEONARD BELOVE
BRADLEY CAPLAN
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O. BRAD SHEAR
MICHAEL WEINBERG
GERTRUDE ZUKER

24 AV-AUGUST 16

CASLE AGRON
SARAH TURKIN

25 AV-AUGUST 17

RUBIN BURK
MARY CLAYMAN
PAULINE LEVINE
ROSE MALINOSKY
ZVI MILLER
SAM SHAPIRO
HARRY ZELMANOVICH

26 AV-AUGUST 18

BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN
MORRIS FISHMAN
CELIA KROSS
STEVEN MILLER
MALKA ROSENBERG
HERMAN SHALINSKY

27 AV-AUGUST 19

PINCUS CHEPLOVE
RACHEL GOLDBERG
MOSES LERNER
ABRAHAM ROSENBERG
MILTON ROSENBLATT
SOLOMON SPORN
DONALD TRANIN
SHAW WEINER
CHAYA YODLER

28 AV-AUGUST 20

JOSEPH COHEN
PHILIP COHEN
YETTA FISHMAN
BESSIE KANDLIS
SAMUEL PUCKER
BERNARD TENENBAUM
ANNA ZALCMAN

29 AV-AUGUST 21

RACHEL COHEN
ANATOLY LEVIN
REBECCA LIEBERMAN
DOROTHY MNOOKIN
ABE RADETSKY
PRO SHERMAN

30 AV-AUGUST 22

RUTH ENGLANDER
IRVING KASS
SIDNEY LEWIS
LILLIAN MARGOLIN
DAVID PENER

1 ELUL-AUGUST 23

JENNIE KALLIS
MARSHALL KOCH

2 ELUL-AUGUST 24

BEILA DENOWITZ

3 ELUL-AUGUST 25

ADA DELGASE
SAM FEINGOLD
HARRY GALLAS
IDA KAHN
CHARLES LAPIDES
SYLVIA RADETSKY
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If so, please call the synagogue office 913.642.1880 or email ashanberg@kisyn.org to let us know his/her college address. In addition to receiving *The Focal Point* each month students will also receive special "CARE" packages on *Chanukah*, *Purim* & *Pesach*.

TISHA B'AV

MONDAY, JULY 31

Mincha.....6:00 pm
The fast begins at.....8:31 pm
(K.I. will be joining the
Community-Wide *Tisha B'Av*
service at Beth Shalom
Maariv.....8:15 pm)
followed by Reading the Book
of Lamentations & Kinot

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Shacharit.....7:00 am
including selections of *Kinot*
Mincha.....6:45 pm
(*Tallit* and *T'fillin* are worn)
The fast will conclude
at....9:00 pm

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:

OLGA DREYER
(Mother of Svetlana Kapustin)

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COMMUNITY CORNER.....

'DAY OF DISCOVERY' TO KICK OFF YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING

Mark your calendar for an exciting, upcoming community program: "Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City." This event will be held from 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., at the Jewish Community Campus on Sunday, August 27.

Registration and a continental breakfast take place from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m., study sessions begin at 9:30 and lunch will be served from 12:15 – 1:25 p.m. A dessert reception with door prizes will conclude the day. An interactive family program featuring the well-known *Theater of the Imagination* will take place from 9:00-10:50 a.m. in the White Theater.

Class and lunch payments must be received in advance; after the deadline registration of August 21st fees increase and enrollment is open on a space-available basis.

The cost to participate in "Day of Discovery" is \$20 per person, which includes classes, continental breakfast, a kosher box lunch and a dessert reception. Childcare is available for children 3 months to 8 years with advance reservations. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry High Holy Day food drive.

The program is co-sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, Jewish Community, Jewish Federation of Greater KC, HBHA, Village Shalom and area congregations. This program is funded in part by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

For more information, visit kcrabbis.org or contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, by email at afprogram@aol.com or by phone at 913.327.4622.

DAY OF DISCOVERY ADDS COMMUNITY FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL AREA RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

New this year, a youth component has been added to the community *Day of Discovery -Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning*" on Sunday, August 27. Community Religious School Directors and the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City have planned an informal and interactive collaborative family program for Kindergarten-6th grade students and their parents from **9:00-10:50 a.m. in the White Theatre at the Jewish Community Campus**. The family education program will be held in lieu of regular Sunday morning religious school classes in each congregation.

The program will begin with a brief 'camp style' *tefillah* service and will be followed by the dynamic local theater group "*Theater of the Imagination*" led by "Mr. Miles" who will engage the audience in a fun filled morning filled with drama, storytelling and Jewish game challenges. A musical sing-a-long will be led by our talented Jewish musical professionals! The audience will participate in a lively performance, creating original dramatic scenes and skits based on Jewish themes!

There is no charge to participate in the family program. One parent/guardian from each family must be present!

Parents are encouraged to remain after the family program and attend some of the educational sessions offered at the annual Day of Discovery. This is an opportunity for adults to learn, study, and discover some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis, and cantors, who will lead over 30 sessions throughout the day on a wide range of topics. *Registration for the event will begin in early August. A listing of classes and registration information/fees related to the day can be found the end of July at: kcrabbis.org.* Space is limited and advance registration is required. The day runs until 3:15 pm and lunch and dessert reception are included. Child-care is available with reservations made prior to the event.

For questions, please contact your congregation's Religious School

Director, or Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/
Program Director at afprogram@aol.com or 913.327.4622.

The Day of Discovery youth program is generously funded by the Louis and Frances Swinken Supporting Foundation, the Community Legacy Fund and the White Theatre Grantor Fund, all of the Jewish Community Foundation Fund of Greater Kansas City.

COMMUNITY-WIDE COURSE: "JUDAISM FOR CONVERSION CANDIDATES" BEGINS IN FALL

The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas will once again offer a community-wide course, "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" beginning August 24. The year-long course will be taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the ten congregations and is intended to acquaint those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live Jewishly. Each student will be required to secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor by November 1 and meet the conversion requirements developed by their rabbinic sponsor.

Classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and the location will rotate among the synagogues. An orientation session is scheduled for August 17, 7:00-9:00 at the JCC. For additional information or to register for this course, visit kerabbis.org or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at afprogram@aol.com or 913.327.4622. Funding for this program is generously provided by the Menorah Heritage Foundation.

**LEARN LAUGH & LOVE SERIES AUGUST PROGRAM
FOCUSED ON INDEPENDENCE**

The Thursday, Aug. 17 Learn Laugh and Love program is focused on older adults and their adult children. This program, "Building Your Independence Toolkit: How to Stay Independent as You Age," will be facilitated by Laura Gilman, JFS Older Adult Care Manager and an occupational therapist. As we age, some things in life become more challenging. This workshop will share resources and strategies to help older adults live safely, with autonomy and dignity. Older adults and their adult children are invited to start the discussion and understand the many options available that can help you more effectively plan for the challenges that may lie ahead.

The program is free, but reservations are requested by calling The Heritage Center reception desk at 913.327.8044.
jfskc.org/golden-years-jewish-sources/

FEED THE HUNGRY OVER THE SUMMER

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. Our congregation has been asked to collect donations of **granola, fiber snack bars and toilet paper during August**. 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 (Fill in the blank). If you have any questions please contact Rochelle Kanter, 913.681.8224. 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@jfskc.org

August 2017

9 Av 5777 - 9 Elul 5777

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	Tisha B'Av	2		3		4	8:08	5	Va'eschanan Isaiah 40:1-26 Shabbos Ends: 9:01 Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class-7: 00 pm
6	Community Tribute for the Shrines - 4:00 pm - White Theatre (The J)	7	Tu B'Av	8		9	K.J. Board Meeting - 7:15 pm	10		11	8:00	12	Ekev Isaiah 49:14-51:3 Shabbos Ends: 8:52 Mini Minyan - 10:30 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 6:50 pm
13		14		15		16		17		18	7:51	19	Re'eh Isaiah 54:11-55:5 Shabbos Ends: 8:42 Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 6:40 pm
20		21		22	Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 1 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	23	Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2	24		25	7:41	26	Shoftim Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Shabbos Ends: 8:32 Mini Minyan - 10:30 am Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 6:30 pm
27	Religious School Mandatory at Day of Discovery at The J - 9:00-10:50 am	28		29	Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	30		31					



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Week of August 6 6:50 PM
Week of August 13 6:50 PM
Week of August 20 6:45 PM
Week of August 27 6:45 PM

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

FAST OF AV - Tuesday, August 1

ROSH CHODESH ELUL - Tuesday, August 22
Wednesday, August 23

Please join us on
Saturday, September 30, for

Break the fast

immediately following
Nei'lah Service and the *Shofar* 7:34 pm

\$12/person Kids 5 and under/Free

RSVP by Monday, September 25
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Begin the New Year by enjoying a delicious meal shared in good company.

Volunteers needed Thursday, Sept 28, at 10 am, 6 pm (or both) to prepare the lavish meal.
Please call the office or email hshron18@gmail.com and let us know if you can help.