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From The Rabbi...



As we enter the month of December, we look forward to celebrating *Chanukah* mid-month.

Chanukah, of course, is a minor holiday in our calendar that has been made into a major holiday by Hallmark and Mattel toys over the years. Nevertheless, even though *Chanukah* is a minor holiday like *Purim* it has a very and

important lesson for us particularly as Jews in America today.

There have been many attempts to physically annihilate the Jewish people most notably that of the Nazis in the 1940s and that of Haman in Persia some two thousand plus years ago. All those attempts thank G-d have failed.

Chanukah on the other hand has a different message of survival. The *Chanukah* story takes place in Israel approximately 2,000 years ago. The Syrian Greeks controlled that part of the world at that time. They were not interested in annihilating the Jews as Haman and Hitler were but rather causing them to totally assimilate and leave the Jewish faith. This is just as dangerous or almost as dangerous a threat. For if we do not survive as Jews then what value does Judaism have?!

The Jews of that era fought valiantly to survive and drove the Syrian Greeks out of the Temple. They then rededicated the Temple, found oil for the Holy *Menorah* and therefore we have the festival of *Chanukah*.

Chanukah means rededication as they rededicated the Temple at that time.

We face a different threat today and that is voluntary self destruction. The assimilation rate here in America is frightening. The inter-marriage rate is frightening. We are threatening to destroy ourselves.

Let us use this *Chanukah* season not only to sing songs, eat latkes and light the *Menorah* but rededicate ourselves to the real message of *Chanukah*: the survival of the spiritual aspect of the Jewish faith.

May you and yours celebrate a very happy and *freiliche Chanukah*.

Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl, PhD

From The President...



Dear Friends,

Before we get into the new month, let's recap the last one. November was a typical November in some respects and atypical in others.

A new class, Learning with Rabbi Herbert Mandl, began with a "formative" meeting on November 14. The class is intended for adult women starting to learn or wanting to

continue learning and it doesn't matter if you've had a *Bat Mitzvah* or not. The purpose of this meeting was for women to give their opinions regarding what they wanted the class to be about. We had a very nice turnout and many ideas were discussed. Stay tuned for dates and times of the future classes.

Cantor Ben Matis' class is as advertised--informative, interesting and captivating. It's wonderful to hear some of the music I heard when I was a young boy. It took me back to a warm and wonderful time. There is only one class left in December, on the 6th. I will be sorry to see the class end. I hope our cantor will come up with another inspiring class.

Then we had Thanksgiving! What a wonderful day! Spending time with friends and family and enjoying turkey with all the trimmings makes for an unbeatable combination. It was truly a "Hallmark" event. Too bad it lasts only one day.

Now we turn our attention to December, when the days are short and cold! But that's good, too. It gives us reasons to light fires in the fireplace, eat hot soups, drink hot chocolate and make snow angels.

December gives us hope. If we had a bad year, for any reason, we hope the next year will be better. If we had a good year, we hope the next year will continue to be good for us.

And that is my hope for each of you--

I hope next year, 2018, will be better for you in all possible ways, no matter how good 2017 was.

I hope to see everyone come to services as often as you are able.

I hope you will make an effort to come to our classes.

Men: I hope you will join the Men's Club.

Women: I hope you will take part in the Women of K.I. events.

If you are healthy, I hope you stay healthy.

If you are ill, I hope you get and stay healthy.

As you can see, I have a lot of hope for us. Please share it with me.

A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL 2018!!

Marty Gorin, President

P.S. Don't forget our special *Shabbat* on December 16. In addition to the *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*, students from the K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School will lead portions of the *Shabbat* services. Come and see how our children are doing.

Marty

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

GUEST SPEAKER - BOB GAST

Morning Services.....	9:00 AM
Basketball, <i>Mussaf & Kiddush</i>	10:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:20 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	5:33 PM

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

***BAR MITZVAH OF
AVI HAMMER***

Morning Services.....	9:00 AM
KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF AVI	
<i>Mincha</i>	4:20 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

BLESSING OF

THE NEW MONTH *TEVET*

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS
 HELP LEAD SERVICES**

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:35 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Morning Services.....	9:00 AM
Mini- <i>Minyan</i> for Kids.....	10:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:25 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	5:38 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Candlelighting*4:47 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

**GUEST SPEAKER -
RABBI DOUG ALPERT**

Morning Services.....	9:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	5:43 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

FAST OF *TEVET* - Thursday, December 28, 2017 Commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and led to the destruction of the Temple. The fast begins at 6:11 am and ends at 5:41 pm.

BAR MITZVAH
SATURDAY MORNING
December 9, 2017



Avi Hammer

Daniel and Sylvana Hammer announce the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, **Avi Hammer** on Saturday morning, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 am, in the Rabbi Maurice D. Solomon Sanctuary.

Avi is the grandson of Susan and the late Steven Hammer and Dr. Benjamin and Anna Maria Lichtiger. He is the great-grandson of the late Jean Hammer and the late William Hammer of Kansas City and the late Pearl Dulskey and the late Gilbert Dulskey of St. Louis, MO.

Avi attends the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy with his twin sister Illiana where he is a member of the basketball team. Avi enjoys playing pool and hanging out with his friends. He enjoys nothing more than a fine meal with his family and would never put ketchup on a hotdog.

The Kehilath Israel congregation, relatives and friends are invited to attend services with Avi and his family, and to attend the *Kiddush* following the service.



Women of K.I. Happy Hour at La Bodega on November 7.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Tuesday, December 12, three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings.

Chanukah candles are placed from the right to left side until finally on the eighth night, the *Chanukiah* is full. We light the newest candle first; therefore, we always begin by kindling the candle at the left and proceed toward the right.

On the Friday night of *Chanukah*, December 15, we always make sure that we light the *Chanukah* candles before sundown and before the *Sabbath* candles are lit. It is better not to light the *Chanukah* candles at all on Friday night than to light them after dark which is a violation of the *Sabbath* laws. On Saturday night, December 16, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:35 p.m., it is permissible to light the *Chanukah menorah* (*Chanukiah*).

Jewish law requires that on every night of *Chanukah*, the candles must burn at least one half hour after dark. Since on Friday night we must light the *Chanukah* candles before *Sabbath* candlelighting (4:40 p.m.), it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *Chanukiah* itself.

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle *menorah*, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, that it be clear and bright. There has been a

great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric *Chanukiah*. Since it is not definite as to whether or not an electric *menorah* fulfills the obligation of the lighting of *Chanukah* lights, it is best to avoid the use of such a *Chanukiah*, except for purely decorative purposes.

In general, on a weekday night other than *Sabbath* night, the *Chanukah* candles are to be lit approximately at dark. If, however, one is not at home or this time is inconvenient, they can be lit at any time during the entire night. If one has to leave home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, the *Chanukah* candles may be lit about an hour before dark, provided that *Chanukah* lights will burn for a short period of time after dark.

The *Chanukah* candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. However, this limited use of the light applies only during the first half hour of their burning. The rabbis of old determined that the required burning time of a *Chanukah* candle is one half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished.

It is customary to place the *Chanukiah* in the window of one's home, on the main table around which the family gathers, near the door, or any place where lighting of the candles will become a public event.

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)

(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'key-y'manu v'hee-gee-yanu
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and has brought us to this season.



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
asher ke-d'shanu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzee-vanu
l'had-leek nair shell Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

(2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים קָדְמִים
בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam
sheh-ah-sah nee-sim la-ah-vo-tanu, bah-yamim
hah-haim baz-man hah-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, King of the universe, Who has performed miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Cheryl & Larry Silverman (49)
- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (5)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (12)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (42)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (39)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (12)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (22)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (67)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (28)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (34)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (52)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (8)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (3)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (48)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (65)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (4)

מזל טוב

...to **Barbara and Rabbi Herbert Mandl** on the recent marriage of their daughter, Miriam to Ian Guffy.

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
REGGIE & JONATHAN FINK
11-27-17
LOVE ALWAYS
KAYLA, NATE, SAM & MARY
RICHARD & JENNIFER

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Khalemsky, Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Jackson Jacobson, Kayla Fink, Noam Basurto, Morgan Caviar, Rachel Lubowicz, Abigail Clark, Sarah Caplan, and Dylan Zismer.



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NEW!

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Learning with Rabbi Herbert Mandl

Tuesdays from 7-8 pm
Dec 5, 12 & 19
in the library at K.I.



Topics:

- Living Wills
- Marriage & Divorce
- Tatooing & Other "Unusual" Practices
- Conversion

Class may possibly include learning for a *B'not Mitzvah* ceremony for some

Contact Rabbi Mandl for more info: hjm18@aol.com / 913.642.1880 x212

***Shabbat* Morning Guest Speakers at K.I. in December**



December 2 -

Bob Gast - "*Abi Gezunt*: As long as you're healthy, you can be happy."

Many of us already know Bob Gast. For more than 35 years, he served as president/CEO of Jewish Federations in Madison, WI; Norfolk, VA; Kansas City and Denver, CO. Bob is currently president/CEO of *Turning Point Solutions*, a consulting firm specializing in leadership development and organization advancement. In addition he is a facilitator at the *Heritage Center*, leading weekly sessions of *Conversation Cafe* and *Hot Topics*.



December 30 -

Rabbi Doug Alpert - "Jewish Identity"

Doug is rabbi of *Congregation Kol Ami* and a life-long Kansas City resident. He completed his rabbinic studies at the *Academy for Jewish Religion* in Riverdale, New York, and was ordained in May, 2012. Rabbi Alpert was the rabbinic intern at *Congregation Ohev Sholom* in Kansas City for three years. He holds a Masters in Judaic Studies from the *Siegal College of Jewish Studies*. He is also an attorney, and served as the executive director of the *Kansas City Jazz Commission* and legal counsel for the *International Association of Jazz Educators*.

Purim Shpiel Casting Call

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 10 am
@ the home of Natalie & Don Cohen



Be part of a fun, musical Purim Shpiel on Sunday, Feb. 25.
Needed: Actors, Singers, Narrators, and "Back Stage" Help!
Come find out more!

RSVP: 913.568.6063 natjgc@aol.com



Women of K.I. Chanukah Dinner Party

catered by **Kosher Princess Gardens**

Thursday, December 14
6:00 pm start - dinner served 6:30 pm

\$14 K.I. members / \$20 non-members
Deadline Friday Dec. 8th.

Payment is your reservation
at kisyn.org or the K.I. office



Come see what your future might bring



Remember - K.I. supports the JFS Food Pantry. Barrel is in the lobby.

Save the Date for a Special *Shabbat*!
Saturday, December 16th



Children from the
K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School
will be leading a few prayers during
Shabbat morning service.

It is also the day of the December *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*.

Please join us for this special *Shabbat*!

Services begin at 9 am



FAMILY
CHANUKAH
PARTY

Sunday, Dec 17
10:30 am – noon

Cookie Decorating !

Races !

Latkes & More !

**For all K.I. families
with kids/grandkids**

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

13 KISLEV-DEC 1

ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN
LOUIS GOLAD
PHILLIP STRAUSS
MAYME WEISS

14 KISLEV-DEC 2

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

15 KISLEV-DEC 3

ETA ESTRIN
MORRIS FEDER
ANNA HARRIS
JOSEPH LEVEY
LIBBIE MALLIN
ELAINE MILLS
IRENE ROSENBERG
RUBEN SLOBOSKY
BENJAMIN SMUCKLER
TERRY VILINSKY

16 KISLEV-DEC 4

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

17 KISLEV-DEC 5

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

18 KISLEV-DEC 6

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

19 KISLEV-DEC 7

BEN EISMAN

LEAH ESRIG
LILLIAN FISHMAN
JULIUS GOLAD

ANNIE GRANT
MOONIE KRAMSKY
JOSEPH LAPIDES
YOSEF LICHTOR
JULIUS ROSEN
JENNIE ROSENBERG

20 KISLEV-DEC 8

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

21 KISLEV-DEC 9

SARAH BEITCHMAN
SARAH CARR
ANNA EPSTEIN
SAM KAHN
LOUIS KLEBAN
SAMUEL KODISH
ROSE KUSNETZKY
MORRIS LEVITCH
ANNA LOEFFLER
LEAH LUKIN
BESS POIZNER
ESTHER RAYMOR
JEANETTE STUDNA

22 KISLEV-DEC 10

REGINA BRAUN
MORRIS CORTEZ
HELEN EPSTEIN
FANNIE JACOBSON
RAYMOND PELTZMAN

23 KISLEV-DEC 11

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

24 KISLEV-DEC 12

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

25 KISLEV-DEC 13

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

JOSEPH STOFFSKY
ISRAEL WEINDLING

26 KISLEV-DEC 14

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

27 KISLEV-DEC 15

DONALD COHN
FRANCES
MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 16

SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
FAMILY OF KUSHNER
BENJAMIN LICHTOR
SAM PLATTNER
ISRAEL RAIZEN

29 KISLEV-DEC 17

SARAH ASHER
LAWRENCE BLONSKY
BERNARD GLICKSTEIN
PEARL HALPERN
DORA HERSCHMAN
MIRIAM INDIAN
DORA LEVY
SAMUEL SPECTOR
SAM TANKEL
DAVID WEINBERG

30 KISLEV-DEC 18

EPHRAIM DENNIS
SARAH LERNER
AARON PFEFER
MINNIE SIMON
ANNA SWARTZ

1 TEVET-DEC 19

FANNIE CLAYMAN
REVA DENNIS
ANNA DUBINSKY
ROSE FABES
DAVID GINSBERG
DAVID GOLAD
EMMA LEVINE

2 TEVET-DEC 20

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN
SARAH GREEN
CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
ABE RABINOWITZ
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 21

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW

RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER

4 TEVET-DEC 22

ISADORE BROWN
MICHAEL FISHMAN
MARTHA GOODMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RICHARD KATZ
MARCUS LEVITCH
MOLLY MONDSCHNEIN
MORRIS RASKIN
SHAY STEIN
LOUIS WALTER

5 TEVET-DEC 23

HELEN COHEN
REBECCA COHEN
ROSE GREENBERG
JACK KANDLIS
JOE LEVINE
JOE TKATCH
PETER TRANIN
RUTH ZITRON

6 TEVET-DEC 24

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI

7 TEVET-DEC 25

KATHERINE BODKER
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SAMUEL SHURIN
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SARAH WEINBERG

8 TEVET-DEC 26

CARL BERNSTEIN
IDA DUNN
SARAH FISHMAN
BESS LADERMAN
ANNE SCHAEFFER
ROSE TRANIN

9 TEVET-DEC 27

MARY ABEND
LENA ALPORT
REBECCA BLENDER
ETHEL KESSLER
IDA LERNER
SARAH LEVINSON

10 TEVET-DEC 28

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER

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ZLATA BERGER
ZVI BERGER
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BRACHA YEDDIS
FEIGA YODLER
WOLF YODLER

11 TEVET-DEC 29

ELIYA DWORKIN
HAROLD GERSH
LOUIS GLASS
MINNIE GURVITZ
ABE KELNE
ZE'EV LISSER
SARA LITMAN
SIMON MALLIN
MINNIE MILLER

12 TEVET-DEC 30

REBECCA BIALSKY
ANNA BRATMAN
MINNIE KUSHNER
ISADORE MARGOLIS
MINNIE OSADCHY
RUBIN RESNICK
SIMHA TARABOULOS

13 TEVET-DEC 31

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CUB SCOUT PACK 3153 NEWS



This is a very busy time of the year for Cub Scout Pack 3153. The Pack held its annual “*Sukkah Camp-In*” this past October 7th- 8th in the K.I. *Sukkah*. Following *Havdalah*, families enjoyed a campfire in the Pack 3153/K.I. outdoor fire pit and then spent the night (and observed the *mitzvah*) of living/sleeping in the *sukkah* followed by a hot breakfast on Sunday morning.

By the time this December issue of the K.I. *Focal Point* is issued, Pack 3153 will have had a field trip to Hutchinson to spend the day at the Kansas Cosmosphere on November 26th. The trip, organized and under the direction of Lee Albee, one of our den leaders and the Pack’s S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program leader, was arranged principally for the Cubs working on the S.T.E.M. program, but was open to all of the Pack’s families.

On December 3rd, the Pack’s 30th Pinewood Derby will be held in the K.I. Social Hall. The Derby is one of the “highlight” events of the Cub Scouting year. Results will be included in the January K.I. *Focal Point*.

Upcoming events include a “work day class” for Cubs working on their Jewish religious awards on Sunday, December 17th, Pack 3153’s annual “Blue & Gold” banquet and program on January 21 in the K.I. Social Hall, and Scout *Shabbat* in the K.I. Sanctuary followed by a *kiddush*/reception on *Shabbat*, February 10th. We are also planning a campfire and “lock-in” overnight in January, jointly with Boy Scout Troop 61.

The Cub Scout Program is available to boys in the 1st through 5th grades. If you have a son, grandson, nephew, etc., or if you are interested in volunteering as an adult “Scouter,” or for further information regarding Cub Scout Pack 3153, please contact Beth Albee (Cubmaster): roses2273@yahoo.com / 269.364.0763 or Ted Goldstein (Pack Committee Chair): tgoldstein613@gmail.com 913.642.8023.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHANUKAH PROJECT HELPS THOSE IN NEED; VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Help make a difference for an individual or family in our community by participating in Jewish Family Services *Chanukah* Project.

This year’s *Chanukah* Gift Wrapping and Chiefs Watch Party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Campus Social Hall. Wrap gifts and watch the Kansas City Chiefs game at the same time! Drivers are also needed to make gift deliveries on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email volunteer@jfskc.org.

NEW ASSISTANCE LINE AVAILABLE TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS

The JFS Food and Shelter program helps people who are in greatest financial need, whether because of a job loss, medical issues or some other financial problem. The goal is to get people the assistance they need to overcome immediate crisis and improve their financial lives in the long-term. To more directly access support, JFS has established a new Assistance Helpline at 913.730.1747.

If you or a Jewish family member or friend are experiencing a financial crisis or are in need of immediate assistance, please call the new Assistance Helpline at 913.730.1747.

KAVOD PROJECT COMING TO KC TO PHOTOGRAPH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Professional photographer John Pregulman and the nonprofit KAVOD, which means dignity, will visit Kansas City on Thursday, Dec. 4 to meet and capture photographs of local Holocaust survivors.

KAVOD was created in the fall of 2015 by Pregulman and his wife Amy to provide aid to Holocaust Survivors in need and ensure they live the remainder of their lives comfortably and with dignity. KAVOD has

already raised over \$66,000 and served survivors in 18 communities across the U.S., including Kansas City.

This free photography session will take place from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Social Hall of the JCC. A light nosh will be served. Following the photo session, each survivor will receive a complimentary print of his or her photograph.

Survivors and their children, grandchildren or other family members are invited to take a multi-generational photo together.

For more information about the portrait project in Kansas City, please contact Sarah Chao at Jewish Family Services, 913.730.1444. Learn more about KAVOD at kavodensuringdignity.com.

GATHERING FOR SPIRITUAL PEACE and WHOLENESS ON DECEMBER 7

On Thursday, Dec. 7, join an expressive and supportive gathering to share traditional and contemporary prayers, songs, and readings, including personal reflections from individuals. The Jewish Gathering for Spiritual Peace and Wholeness will focus on the miraculous power of hope and the need for all of us to feel some light in times of darkness.

Sponsored by the Chaplaincy Program of JFS in partnership with Village Shalom, this sacred time and space will offer support and connection to those seeking comfort. The evening gathering will be co-led by Jewish Community Chaplain Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, song leader Emily Tummons, and cantorial soloist Rachel Black, with guest facilitator Rabbi Stuart Davis of Temple Sinai.

This service takes place at Village Shalom beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the entire community regardless of one’s level of observance. A light nosh will be served starting at 6 p.m. Please make reservations by calling the JFS office at 913.327.8250 or sending an email to healing@jfskc.org.

LEARN, LAUGH, LOVE DECEMBER 14 PROGRAM FOCUSES ON HUMOR

Come get a little dose of Jewish humor from Kansas City’s own Lou Asner on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1-2 p.m. as part of the Learn, Laugh, Love program series. This program is sponsored by JFS and the Heritage Center of the JCC and will be held in the MAC Room.

This program is free, but reservations are requested by calling the Heritage Center at 913.327.8044.

WHOLE FOODS REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM HELPING JFS FOOD PANTRY

JFS Food Pantry has been chosen as the sole recipient of the three Kansas City area Whole Foods stores as part of the “Your Change Creates Change” program. When shoppers check out and bring their own reusable bags, Whole Foods will provide a 10-cent per bag credit at checkout. Shoppers can keep the savings or give it to the JFS Food Pantry. Shoppers should tell the cashier to pass along the savings to the JFS Pantry.

SKATE TO BATTLE HUNGER THIS WINTER

With the arrival of the colder weather comes the fun of ice skating. Now you can skate AND help others who face food insecurity. The Ice at Park Place has teamed up with JFS Food Pantry; from Nov. 17 until Feb. 19, skaters can receive \$1 off admission if they bring a non-perishable or canned item to donate to the pantry. Look for the Food Pantry barrel at The Ice where donations can be dropped off.

MY JEWISH KITCHEN JOIN HERITAGE CENTER FOR A GLOBAL COOKING EXPERIENCE WITH A JEWISH TWIST

For ages 9-12 with an accompanying adult. Cooking sessions December 2017 - August 2018. Choose one, some or all! “Visit” NYC, Argentina, Israel, Russia, and France and enjoy a true life Jewish tale from a native of the country that is covered each week. Bake a yummy kosher dish and enjoy a taste of what you’ve made. No experience needed. All materials provided!

Pre-registration required. Sessions limited to 12 child/adult teams. Session cost is \$16 per child/adult team. More information and to register: TheJKC.org/MyJewish Kitchen. Questions? Call Deb Brown at 913.327.8044.

December 2017

13 Kislev 5778 - 13 Teves 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:4:39	2 H Vayishlach Obadiah 1:1-21 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am
3 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby - 1:00 - 6:00 pm	4 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:00 pm	5 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Group with Rabbi Mandl - 7:00 pm	6 Jewish Music Mystery Tour with Cantor Matis - 7:30 pm	7 19 KISLEV	8 20 KISLEV	9 21 KISLEV
					11:4:38	H Vayishev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Bar Mitzvah of Avi Hammer
10 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	11 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:00 pm	12 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Group with Rabbi Mandl - 7:00 pm	13 Chanukah - Day 1	14 25 KISLEV	15 27 KISLEV	16 28 KISLEV
					11:4:40	Chanukah - Day 4 Mikeitz Ezchariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:35 Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush
17 Chanukah - Day 5 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Family Day: Chanukah Party - 10:30 am-Noon	18 30 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:00 pm	19 1 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Group with Rabbi Mandl - 7:00 pm	20 2 TEVES Chanukah - Day 8 K.I. Board Meeting-6:30 pm	21 3 TEVES	22 4 TEVES	23 5 TEVES
					11:4:43	H Vayigash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:38 Mini Minyan - 10:30 am
24 NO Religious School	25 7 TEVES Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	26 8 TEVES NO Religious School	27 9 TEVES	28 10 TEVES	29 11 TEVES	30 12 TEVES
					11:4:47	H Vayechi Kings 2:1-12 Shabbos Ends: 5:43
31 NO Religious School						



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Week of Dec. 3	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 10	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 17	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 24	4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 31	4:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Monday, December 18
Tuesday, December 19
Monday, December 25 - Shacharit 9:00 am



Everyone who attended the 41st annual K.I. Grand Givers loved the entertainment by Neil Berg & Company and desserts by Silver Catering (Linda Silver). Pictured here are some of our Grand Givers (front row from left): Larry Jabenis, Dr. Shari Sokol (co-chair), Dr. Michael Sokol (co-chair), Joe Adamous, Carol Caviar, Barbara Mandl, Rabbi Herbert Mandl. Second row (from left) are Dr. Don Cohen, Natalie Cohen, Sandie Jabenis, Elizabeth Peden, Irene Dreiseszun, Debbie Adamous, Rosemary Gorin, Marty Gorin, and Arnie Caviar. Back (from left) includes: Marsha Friedman, Dr. Bill Rosenthal, Jodi Rosenthal, Susan Osman, Steve Osman, Mary Stahl, Sam Devinki, and Brenda Fishman. Picture taken by Andrew Peden.