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From the Rabbi's Study...



There is a beautiful song from the 1970's recorded by James Taylor entitled, "You've Got a Friend." The lyrics begin, *When you're down and troubled, and you need a helping hand, and nothing, nothing is going right. Close your eyes and think of me, and soon I will be there, to brighten up even your darkest night. You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am, I'll come running, oh yeah baby, to see you again. Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you've got to do is call, and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah, you've got a friend.*

The Hebrew word for friend is *chavair*, which also translates to: fellow, associate, companion, comrade. The root of the word means to associate with or to gather together, and an extension of the root can mean, connection or bonding.

One of the main reasons for people joining and attending a *shul* is to create friendships, find companionship and form connections with other people. A synagogue can have the most dynamic clergy, inspiring services and delicious *kiddushes*, but if people do not feel included, wanted or connected, they will look elsewhere.

Kehilath Israel Synagogue's mission statement states that we are a warm and welcoming congregation. This is exactly what attracted me to K.I. when I first came here twenty years ago. The *shul* was filled with so many wonderful people who made me and my family feel like we were part of a large family. This warmth was extended to everyone who walked into the building. Also, our members would invite their friends to join them at services and programs to create an atmosphere of fun and comradery. When one of our members was going through trying times, we would, as the lyrics say, come together and lend a helping hand, so our K.I. family would know they were not alone. In other words, we had an extremely active membership.

This is an area that we need to revitalize in our synagogue. First, we must make sure that everyone who comes to our *Shabbat* service feels welcome and included. Many of us have become set in our patterns and keep within a small circle of friends. I would suggest that when we have newcomers to our *shul*, we invite them to sit with us at services and especially at the *kiddush*, when most of us typically sit with our usual group of friends. In this way, newcomers to our *shul* will not feel isolated and alone.

Another way to create connections within our congregation occurs outside of our building through formation of *chavurah*/social groups. In the past, these groups helped form many

From the President...



I begin my first *Focal Point* column as K.I. president-elect with wonder. What am I going to write about? What are plans for this year? What's the health of our synagogue, and what can we do to improve it from the parking lot to the heart of our soul which I see as our membership. I'm not one to dwell on change for the sake of change. However, necessary changes will be made. More about that in the ensuing months.

I am blessed to have inherited officers of extreme talent. My vice-presidents are: **Ari Lubowicz, Catherine Singer, Felicia Weiner, Dr. Michael Sokol and Joe Adamous.** Treasurer is **Rick Simon** and our secretary is **Brenda Fishman.** I'm looking forward to working with all of them.

The officers and board of directors have much work ahead. But our efforts will not be successful without you – our members. Many of you have been gracious in offering your services to "help in any way we need." I appreciate that. What we need is for you, our members, to attend services on *Shabbat* and weekdays, attend our programs and classes, support our daily *minyans*, bring your children/grandchildren to *shul*. Together we will have a successful year.

For all of you who have left or are planning to escape our Midwest winter, I hope you have a safe, warm and happy stay wherever you are and return home safely. For those of you who will brave the elements here, be safe and stay warm.

Remember, your synagogue is a great place to warm up.

Marty Gorin



lasting friendships and got people involved in helping out at the many programs of our *shul*, which in turn, helped K.I. live up to its mission statement of being a warm and welcoming congregation. We still have very active members in our *shul*, but we need many more of you to propel our *shul* into the future and to make our *shul* inviting to those looking for a spiritual home.

What has always made our *shul* vibrant is each and every one of you. I am hoping that you will demonstrate your support of my efforts to re-invigorate our *shul* by attending *Shabbat* services on a regular basis, inviting your friends to join you and supporting our programs in every way you can. *Winter, spring, summer or fall, I've just sent out my call, so please be there, yeah, yeah, yeah, so I know I've got a friend.*

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Candlelighting*	4:54 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	5:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Morning Service.....	9:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:35 PM
<i>Haydalah</i>	5:49 PM



FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Candlelighting*	5:01 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	5:05 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Morning Service.....	9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....	10:30 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:40 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	5:56 PM



FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Candlelighting*.....5:09 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:15 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
BLESSING OF NEW MONTH
OF *SHEVAT*

GUEST CANTOR -

CANTOR BEN MATIS

GUEST SPEAKER - DON GOLDMAN

Morning Service.....	9:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:50 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	6:03 PM



FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Candlelighting*.....5:17 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:20 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

GUEST CANTOR -

CANTOR BEN MATIS

RABBI MANDL WILL BE SPEAKING

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....	9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....	10:30 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	4:55 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	6:11 PM

***NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES**

FAST OF TEVET

The Fast of the 10th of *Tevet*, commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. which led to the destruction of the Temple, will occur this year on Sunday, January 8. The fast begins at 6:13 a.m. and ends at 5:50 p.m.

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GRAND GIVERS THANK YOU!

A BIG “*Yasher Koach*” to the Grand Givers Committee members, our GRAND GIVERS, and all of the volunteers who worked on our GRAND EVENT on November 12th. It was a successful evening, with the synagogue netting over \$108,000 this year. We are actively building our corporate sponsorship category, which was clearly helpful and represents an area of potential growth for the future. Those who attended enjoyed delicious appetizers and drinks before the show, *Pianomen* by *Neil Berg*, and luscious desserts afterward in a wonderfully adorned social hall. Food was prepared by Silver Catering, and the decorations were under the direction of **Tamara Kingston** with help from **Arlene Abrams**. **Scott Fishman** donated his time to take professional photos for us, too. Did you know that **Karen Pack** won the grand prize of \$10,000? We greatly appreciate Karen’s family’s generosity in donating the \$10,000 back to the synagogue!

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



2016 Dreiseszun Grand Givers include Anonymous, Carol & Arnold Caviar, the Devinki/Pack/Kolkin Families, the Irene Dreiseszun Family Foundation, Elinor & Sherrill Friedman, Dr. Myra Litman, and the Morgan Family Foundation.

2016 Grand Givers include Debbie & Joe Adamous, Anonymous (2), Helen Brown, Mickey & Dr. Sol Batnitzky, Cathy & Craig Caplan, Natalie & Dr. Donald Cohen, Barbara & Dr. J. Cusick, Robert Cutler, Ann & Isak* Federman, Herb Fishman, Linda & Elliott Goldstein, Irene Goodman, Rosemary & Martin Gorin, Randi & Larry Haith, Sandie & Larry Jabenis, Dr. David Kaplan, Beckie & Dr. Spencer Kerley, Marsha & Seymour Krinsky, Margaret & Jerry Nerman, Susan & Steve Osman, Elizabeth Peden, Debby & Joe Pfefer, Jodi & Dr. Bill Rosenthal, Fani & Bill Schiffman, Hedy & Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, and Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol.

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Thank you to our Grand Givers Committee: **Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol**, Co-chairs; **Arlene Abrams, Debbie Adamous, Sam Devinki, Brenda Fishman, Tamara Kingston, Brenda McKinnon, Elizabeth Peden, Hedy Shron, Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, Janet Stone, and Felicia & Seymour Weiner.**

Thank you to our volunteers, who along with the committee members, worked the night of the event: **Cathy Caplan, Craig Caplan, Hannah Caplan, Jody Gittleman, Mary Lea Greenwood, Sam Lubowicz, Linda Sher, and Rick Simon.**

*of blessed memory



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THE FOCAL POINT IS JANUARY 8.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!
THANK YOU**

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED. IF WE
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THANK YOU!**

GRAND GIVERS 2016

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



3	Mickey & Dr. Solomon Batnitzky	52
6	Nancy & Robert Cohen	44
12	Randi & Larry Haith	20
16	Jodi & Bill Rosenthal	34
17	Gena & Todd Agron	8
22	Carolyn Braverman & Joseph Goldwasser	6
23	Gayla & Robert Friedman	52
26	Enid & Peter Levi	48
28	Sylvia & Melvin Cosner	66
29	Karen & Steven Pack	41

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



TO THE DEVINKI FAMILY
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES
CHANUKAH 5777
FROM THE EMPLOYEES
OF DEVINKI REAL ESTATE

DAUGHTER OF K.I. MEMBER MARY COVITZ WINS FOOD NETWORK CHOPPED COMPETITION

Many K.I. members, as well as other family and friends of **Mary Covitz**, sat glued to the edge of their seats on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 29th watching the *Food Network's* show, *Chopped*.

Competing on the show that evening was Lesley, daughter of Mary & the late Ricky, ז"ל. It was a particularly brutal competition, the "Viewer's Vengeance" show, in which the program's viewers select the ingredients that must be used in the food baskets for the three cooking rounds. Lesley made it through each round, and in the end, she was named the "Chopped Champion," winning \$10,000.

JANUARY SATURDAY SPEAKERS

Cantor Ben Matis will be the guest cantor on Saturday mornings, January 21 and 28.

Don Goldman, Executive Director and CEO of Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City, will be the guest speaker on Saturday morning, January 21. He will be speaking about JFS.

Rabbi Herbert Mandl will be speaking on Saturday morning, January 28.

CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

תודה רבה

..to our office volunteers who assists in so many ways: **Eunice Snitz** and **Muriel Soloff**.

מזל טוב

...to **Natalie** and **Dr. Donald Cohen** on the birth of a grandson, Jack Hudson Cohen, son of Michelle and Daniel Cohen of Chicago.

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Saturday, January 7, 2017

Campus Social Hall

5801 W 115th St | Overland Park, KS

Check in 7:30 pm | Play begins at 8:00 pm

Featuring **Rabbi Jeff Shron**

Sports Radio Guy **Ben Heisler**

Techie **Steven Kingston**

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The Women of KI



Kicking off 2017 with **Happy Hour**
Tuesday, January 17th @ 5:30 pm (or later)
at CaCao
5200 W. 95th St (near 95th & Nall)

Celebrate January birthdays
and continue to grow our friendships!

RSVP to Natalie Cohen
913.568.6063 or natjgc@aol.com

Save the Dates

March 12
Saturday night
celebration &
Megillah reading

March 13
Sunday seudah
& Purim schtick
(meal & play)



Details will be in the
February Focal Point

SUNDAY, FEB. 5TH - 10 AM AT K.I.

SPEAKER AARON LIKENS

"LIFE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL:
MY LIFE WITH ASPERGER'S"

About Aaron:

- Over 10,000 followers on Facebook
- Author of the book, "Finding Kansas - Living and Decoding Asperger's Syndrome"
- Ambassador for Easter Seals Midwest, St. Louis, MO
- Has trained over 3,500 police officers in how to deal with ASD victims and suspects.

What people are saying:

"I have been to a lot of training in my 37 year career, and Aaron is one of the best speakers I have heard."

LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED





Save the Date!

Allan Greenberg Memorial
Kehilath Israel Synagogue

GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Oakwood Country Club

MONDAY 06.12.2017

WHY I LOVE ATTENDING K.I. by LARRY HAITH

The rabbi asked me to write about why I attend *Shabbat* services. Actually, he asked me why I enjoy going. But “enjoy going” is not the only reason I attend. I attend because of a combination of reasons.

Economics 101 teaches three incentives to motivate people, which are: money, social and moral.

1) Money - Being a Jew is expensive. We have so many organizations to support. Every single one is the “most important.” There are so many worthy causes, even the homeless on the streets. K.I. is a priority for me, and I enjoy helping our synagogue as much as I can, and I urge all of our members to step up to the plate.

2) Social - I enjoy the social aspect of attending. K.I. has a great group of people who I enjoy being with. We may not be perfect but we are darn close. Yes, close to perfect and close to one another. Just another reason I enjoy attending *Shabbat* services at K.I.

3) Moral - I love the philosophy of the Jewish religion. I feel a very strong obligation to pass the philosophy on to future generations. In order to know the philosophy, you must attend. You must listen. You must continue to learn. Luckily we have a very knowledgeable and gifted rabbi who enjoys teaching. I enjoy listening to his every word. I learn and am therefore able to teach a little to a few. It is better than doing nothing, to help the cause.

Other than the incentives is the spiritual. Spiritual is not an economic incentive. It is something that comes to you the more you associate near it. I love my spiritual/personal time to talk to G-d. Sometimes I can get very deep into my relationship with G-d. I feel like I am making a connection for myself and for all mankind. We need peace in the world. Wars don't achieve it. We need spirituality, love, and a relationship with G-d. It starts with loving ourselves and loving G-d. The spirituality must start somewhere. What better place than at our synagogue!

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

3 TEVET-JAN 1

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER

4 TEVET-JAN 2

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

5 TEVET-JAN 3

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

6 TEVET-JAN 4

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI

7 TEVET-JAN 5

KATHERINE BODKER
SOLOMON BORTNICK
ANNA BUCKSNER
BEN COHN
GENE DELEVE
MORRIS FRIEDMAN
MORRIS GOLDBERG
FLORA HARRIS
J LOUIS LESKY
DAVID SHANE
SAMUEL SHURIN
BEN TRILLIN
SARAH WEINBERG

8 TEVET-JAN 6

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

9 TEVET-JAN 7

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

10 TEVET-JAN 8

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER
ZALMON BERGER
ZLATA BERGER
ZVI BERGER
SARAH BOIGEN
CHARNA COHEN
MORDECAI COHEN
DAVID CUKIER
HARRY FILSON
CHARNA GERSHKOWITZ
ALVIN GLADSTONE
HERSHEL GOLDBERG
MARIE HACKER
DORA HAITH
IDA JABEN
ADA LEVEY
ISIDOR LIPSCHUETZ
MORITZ MANDL
SHEVA MILLER
YESHAIHA MILLER
FEIGA POLLMAN
LIBBY SLADOWITZ
VELVEL STEPONSKY
SARAH STERN
MARY WAGNER
WEINER BROTHERS
ISAAC WINER
JACOB WINER
BRACHA YEDDIS
FEIGA YODLER
WOLF YODLER

11 TEVET-JAN 9

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

12 TEVET-JAN 10

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

13 TEVET-JAN 11

RUTH ADELMAN
BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN
MILTON KESSLER

14 TEVET-JAN 12

REBECCA GINSBERG
SARA GOLDBERG
ROSE HOROWITZ
LEONARD OSMAN
ANNA STUDNA
SULE SWEET

15 TEVET-JAN 13

HILDA ADLER
NORMAN CAPLAN
SOPHIE DOLGINOFF

ALICE DUBIN
NATHAN FOX
SARAH GLASS
HARRY KOTELOV
SARAH LESKY
REVA PESMEN
MORDECAI SCHULTZ
ISRAEL SHANERMAN
MINNIE WEINSAFT
HARRY WEXLER
SAM ZEFF

16 TEVET-JAN 14

ROSE BARSKY
BLUMA FRUMHOFF
LILLIAN HAITH
EDWARD KANTER
ELSA LEVIN
IRVING LEVITAN
HARRIS SHERR

17 TEVET-JAN 15

DAVID DOLGINOW
ISAAC KESSLER
HERSCHEL KRAFT
FANNIE KUSHEL
MAX MILLER
ROYAL NERMAN
EVA SHER
MORRIS SHULTZ

18 TEVET-JAN 16

BERISH BETTINGER
MORRIS HAMMER
SANFORD KATZ
ROSE LEWIS
JOSEPH MAGARIEL
RUTH PHILLIPS
LOUIS SHOSTAK
DOROTHY WEINSTEIN

19 TEVET-JAN 17

LEAH BETTINGER
ROSE CAPLAN
SINGER COHEN
DIANE ORGAN
BEN PASTERNAK
RITA TENENBAUM

20 TEVET-JAN 18

RUTH GALLAS
ABRAHAM SIEGEL
HINDA WINER

21 TEVET-JAN 19

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

22 TEVET-JAN 20

JOSE ADLER
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MYER DOLGINOFF
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SARA KRAMSKY
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ELLA ODESNIK
MEYER STEIN
FREDA TIGERMAN
ANN WANE

23 TEVET-JAN 21

LEIBISH BIRENBOIM
ISAAC BULAVSKY
ISADORE DOLGINOFF
MORRIS DUNN
SAMMY PILTZ

24 TEVET-JAN 22

ISADORE AGRON
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STUART LEVINE

25 TEVET-JAN 23

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

26 TEVET-JAN 24

JOSEPH BOLD
LOUIS BURSTEN
HYMAN FALLEK
LOIS MYERS
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27 TEVET-JAN 25

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28 TEVET-JAN 26

HARRY COHEN
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JACOB KRAFT
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HAROLD LERNER
FANNIE MAGADY
MARTIN MANN
HYMAN PACK
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29 TEVET-JAN 27

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

1 SHEVAT-JAN 28

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MELVIN LEVINE
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2 SHEVAT-JAN 29

MARCIA COLVIN
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SOLOMON WILENSKY

3 SHEVAT-JAN 30

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BEN COSNER
BEILA DORFMAN
SAMUEL DORFMAN
HELEN GOLDIN
EDYTHE HAIMER
JOSEPHINE KORT
BEN ROBINSON
STANLEY ROSE

4 SHEVAT-JAN 31

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FOOD PANTRY TEAMS UP WITH WHOLE FOODS

Through January 2017, the Jewish Family Services food pantry will benefit from Whole Foods' Dime at a Time reusable bag credit donation program. Bring in your own reusable bags to shop and receive a 10-cent per bag credit at check-out. You can keep the savings or give it to one of the featured charities, including the JFS Food Pantry. When you check out just let the cashier know to pass along the savings to the pantry.

Take the opportunity to shop at any KC Metro Whole Foods and support your local JFS Food Pantry. For more information, please visit jfskc.org/services/foodpantry. For more information about the pantry and the food drive, please contact Jo Hickey, JFS food pantry director, at 913.327.8257 or email her at jhickey@jfskc.org, or go to jfskc.org/food-pantry/

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY COURSE TO BE OFFERED IN JANUARY 2017

JFS and NAMI will present Family-to-Family, a free 12-week course for family and friends of individuals with mental illness. The course begins Monday, January 9, 2017, and continues for 12 consecutive Mondays from 6:15-8:45 pm at the Jewish Community Campus in Conference Room C. The Family-to-Family course provides participants with communication and problem-solving techniques, coping mechanisms and the self-care skills needed to deal with their loved one's mental illness as well as its impact on the family. Space is limited; reserve your space by contacting Susie Hurst, Director of Family Life Education, susieh@jfskc.org or 913.327.8259, or go to jfskc.org/event/family-to-family-12-week-course/?instance_id=307

NEW STRESS WORKSHOP BEGINS IN JANUARY

We all face stress in our lives and sometimes it's good to get a little help in managing it. Jewish Family Services is offering a three-part workshop, "Life in the Fast Lane: Managing Change and Stress," on three consecutive Tuesdays, January 10, 17 and 24. The workshop will be held 7-8:30 pm at the Jewish Community Campus. Debra Orbuch Grayson will facilitate the workshop. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist with more than 30 years' experience working with couples, families, groups and businesses. The program will explore how to manage change and provide tips for staying flexible and resilient. For more information or to register for this program, please contact Susie Hurst, JFS' director of family life education, at 913.327.8259 or susieh@jfskc.org, or go to jfskc.org/life-fast-lane-workshop/



CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

Over 150 gently used and new winter coats and winter-wear accessories were collected at the November Pack meeting as Pack 3153's November *Tikkun Olam* project. These were delivered to families in need the first week of December through Safe Home and Project Warmth.

The pack's December Pack meeting/*Chanukah* party was held on December 15th in K.I.'s Social Hall with advancement recognition, *Chanukah* activities, and a presentation by the Blue Valley North High School Drill team. Also, as our year-end *Tikkun Olam* project, we collected children's holiday gifts and gift cards which were distributed through Jewish Family Services and Children's House.

PINEWOOD DERBY

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

Everyone is invited and welcome to be in the stands (or even participate) in the 2017 version of this annual highlight event with K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153! This is our 29th Pinewood Derby. Racing is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, January 22** on Pack 3153's "high tech" race track (courtesy of Pack 3153 fundraising and a K.I. Men's Club grant) in the K.I. Social Hall! There is no charge for the event, and light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

Cub Scout Pack 3153 is open to all boys currently in the 1st through 5th grades and adult volunteers. For more information please contact Beth Albee, Cubmaster (roses2273@yahoo.com/269.364.0763) or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair (tgoldstein613@gmail.com /913.271.6798).

Mini-Minyan for Kids

Pre-K to 7th Grade

Meets January 14 & 28



10:30 am in the Rose Morgan Chapel

Kids will join us in the sanctuary for the end of services

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:

SHARON SWIDLER
(Sister of Barbie Glass)

January 2017

3 Tevet 5777 - 4 Shevat 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 TEVES ✱ Chanukah - Day 8 ✱ New Year's Day ✱ NO Religious School	2 4 TEVES ► Shacharit Service - 9:00 am ► OFFICE CLOSED ✱ Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	3 5 TEVES ✱ NO Religious School	4 6 TEVES ✱ Yoga-6:00 pm	5 7 TEVES	6 8 TEVES 4:54	7 9 TEVES ► Vayigash ► Ezekiel 37:15-28 ► Shabbos Ends: 5:49 ✱ Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:50 pm ► K.I. and The J-Trivia Bowl-7:30 pm at The J
8 10 TEVES ✱ Fast of the Tenth of Tevet ✱ Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	9 11 TEVES ✱ Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	10 12 TEVES ✱ Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm	11 13 TEVES ✱ Yoga-6:00 pm ✱ K.I. Board of Directors Meeting-6:30 pm	12 14 TEVES	13 15 TEVES 5:01	14 16 TEVES ► Veyechi ► Kings 2:1-12 ► Shabbos Ends: 5:56 ✱ Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am ✱ Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 3:55 pm
15 17 TEVES ✱ NO Religious School ► Men's Club Brunch-10:00 am	16 18 TEVES ► Martin Luther King Day ✱ Talmud Class - 7:00 pm ✱ PrayerWorks - 7:30 pm	17 19 TEVES ✱ Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm ► Women of K.I. Happy Hour at Cacao-5:30 pm	18 20 TEVES ✱ Yoga-6:00 pm	19 21 TEVES	20 22 TEVES 5:09	21 23 TEVES ► Shemos ► Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 ► Shabbos Ends: 6:03 ✱ Guest Cantor - Cantor Ben Matis ✱ Guest Speaker - Don Goldman
22 24 TEVES ✱ Religious School 9:15-11:30 am ✱ Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby-2:30 pm	23 25 TEVES ✱ Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	24 26 TEVES ✱ Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm	25 27 TEVES ✱ Yoga-6:00 pm	26 28 TEVES	27 29 TEVES 5:17	28 1 SHEVAT ✱ Rosh Chodesh Shevat ► Va'eira ► Isaiah 66:1-24 ► Shabbos Ends: 6:11 ✱ Guest Cantor - Cantor Ben Matis ✱ Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am ✱ Rabbi Mandl Speaking ✱ Chai Anniversary Kiddush
29 2 SHEVAT ✱ Religious School 9:15-11:30 am	30 3 SHEVAT ✱ Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	31 4 SHEVAT ✱ Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm				



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**WEEKLY SERVICES
ROSE MORGAN CHAPEL**

Sunday Shacharit 9:00 AM
Monday-Friday Shacharit 7:00 AM

**Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv**

Week of January 1 4:55 PM
Week of January 8 5:00 PM
Week of January 15 5:10 PM
Week of January 22 5:15 PM
Week of January 29 5:25 PM

Saturday, January 28 - Rosh Chodesh Shevat



**K.I. Men's Club
BREAKFAST WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

DATE: Sunday, January 15, 2017 TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Brown Pavilion

You are cordially invited to attend our Men's Club Breakfast with our guest speaker,
Mr. Joel Goldberg, Royals Live, Host.

Mr. Goldberg's "Royals Live" is entering his 11th season as a Royals' broadcaster on Fox Sports Kansas City. We see him interviewing Royals' players after each game. Joel has over 20 years in broadcasting.

RSVP: Make your check payable to K.I. Men's Club in the amount of \$7.00 per person which must be received **no later than January 8, 2017**. Limit 60 people. Your reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

NO WALK-IN'S WILL BE ADMITTED.

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MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS ARE FREE. NO WALK-INS WILL BE ADMITTED.

Cut off and return bottom portion with your check and mail to Andy Schwartz, 10555 Foster Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. **All reservations must be sent to Andy Schwartz.**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. _____
GUESTS _____ TOTAL \$ _____