THE FOCAL POINT

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From the Rabbi's Study...



During a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the *Shema* prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up...

The rabbi, learned as he was in the law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98-year old man, who was one of the original founders of their temple. So the rabbi went to the nursing home with a representative of each faction of the congregation.

The one whose followers stood during *Shema* said to the old man, "Is the tradition to stand during this prayer?" The old man answered, "No, that's not the tradition." The one whose followers sat asked, "Is the tradition to sit during *Shema*?" The old man answered, "No, that's not the tradition."

Then the rabbi said to the old man, "The congregants fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand..." The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT's our tradition!"

Although the month of *Purim* is usually reserved for fun and merriment, I feel that I must address a very serious concern.

Our synagogue is considered a "traditional" synagogue which we have defined as following an Orthodox style

format in our rituals and services, except that we do not utilize a *mechitzah* - a partition between men and women.

One very important aspect of a Traditional *shul* is the weekday services that are offered every morning and evening. A Traditional synagogue must be willing and able to ensure that anyone in the community who wants to attend a weekday service, especially those who are saying *kaddish* for the loss of a loved one, will always find a *minyan* at that *shul*. Well, I'm sad to say that of late, K.I. has not been able to live up to that expectation.

Twenty years ago, when I first came to K.I., we had more than a *minyan* of men, mostly retired, who came to the weekday *minyan* every single day of the week. No matter the weather, we were the most reliable *shul* in town to guarantee a *minyan*. However, these men are no longer with us, and not enough of the next generation of men have stepped up to the plate. I am truly grateful to those loyal *minyannaires* who regularly attend weekday services; however, it's not always enough to make a *minyan*.

As your rabbi, I am asking every male member of our congregation to make a commitment to regularly support our weekday services. Please call or email me with at least one morning or evening per month that you will commit to. Coming together in prayer is the primary function of a synagogue. We must all support that function.

Please join me at our *Purim Megillah* and at The King's Feast Dinner Theater. Details are in this issue of the *Focal Point*. I wish all of you a very happy, joyous & *freiliche Purim*.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

From the President...



Dear Congregants,

Since my last article, one month ago, the time has flown by quickly, the sun is shining more and synagogue business is progressing well.

We now have the amended ByLaws in shape for the annual congregational meeting

on April 2, 2017. I am proud of the work done by **Catherine Singer, Rick Simon** and **Marlene Krakow**. I appreciate the input from many others. It was a huge undertaking that began a couple of years ago. And it is an ongoing process. We are not done, yet. We have more to do in order to address the remaining ByLaws. But that's for another time.

Little by little, our membership is growing. I'm proud to announce that **Cathy** and **Gary Levin** have joined K.I. as

associate members. We all know Cathy, a kosher caterer, and Gary, who has been coming to morning *minyan* twice a week since October, 2015 in order to help make a *minyan*. They will all be a great addition to our membership.

The Women of K.I. continue to have events that are enjoyed by all who attend. There is always room for more participation. Do yourself a favor--give it a try.

Purim is coming! Make your dinner reservation (members are free) and enjoy the show, "*Megillah* Around the Clock" (also free).

I look forward to seeing you at the congregational meeting on April 2, 2017 and services on *Shabbat*. Stay well and be happy-

Marty Gorin, President



SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MA	RCH 3
Candlelighting*	5:56 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	
SATURDAY, M	IARCH 4
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Mincha	5:30 PM
Havdalah	
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FRIDAY, MA	RCH 10
Candlelighting*	6:03 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 PM
SATURDAY, M	ARCH 11
SHABBAT ZA	<i>1CHOR</i>
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Mincha	5:40 PM
Havdalah	6:54 PM
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FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Candlelighting*	7:10 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 SHABBAT PARAH

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Havdalah	8:01 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Candlelighting*	7:17 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 SHABBAT HACHODESH **BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH OF NISSAN**

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:55 PM
Havdalah	8:08 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Candlelighting*	7:24PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:10 PM
SATURDAY, A	APRIL 1
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Havdalah	8:16 PM

*NO LATER THAN

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT IS MARCH 10

REMEMBER! MARCH 11



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

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

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

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

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE **RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2017** ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A FAMILY SIMCHA?

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

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

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

FAST OF ESTHER

On Thursday, March 9th, Jews around the world will be commemorating the Fast of Esther. This is one of our minor fast days, meaning it is observed from break of day until evening and not a twentyfour hour fast like Yom Kippur. In the Megillah of Esther, the Jewish people are commanded to fast in memory of the events of the *Purim* festival and the Jews being saved in the land of Iran.

The fast begins at 5:20 am and will conclude at 6:47 pm.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3153



On February 11th, K.I. Scout Shabbat was celebrated. Ten Pack 3153 Scouts received religious awards earned during the past year. We congratulate

those recipients and thank all who participated.

Pack 3153 will hold its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, March 19 in the Social Hall. Following dinner, the White Shield dance team from the "Tribe of Mic-O-Say," one of two scouting honor/ service groups, will perform. Adult volunteers will be honored, and those Webelos II Scouts who have earned their "Arrow of Light," Cub Scouting's highest rank, will be honored. There will also be a "Crossover Ceremony" for those Webelos II Scouts continuing on to Boy Scouts.

Cub Scout Pack 3153 is selling Coupon Books for Hen House Markets. The books sell for \$5/ each with everyday coupons totaling over \$30, including a \$5 discount coupon when purchasing \$50 in the market. (With Passover around the corner, most families will spend well more than is needed to utilize the \$5 discount coupon and completely recoup the cost of the book.) Coupons are valid through July 31, 2017. Coupon books will be available, while they last, in the synagogue office.

Purim פורים Purim פורים Purim

PURIM @ K.I.

SATURDAY - MARCH 11

6:45 pm *Megillah* Reading and Carnival Costume Contest for Children & Adults

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Megillah Reading @ 9 am Services

The King's Feast Rock 'n Roll Dinner Theater פורים Purim פורים Purim פורי

5:00 pm

A lavish, authentic Persian meal and *shpiel*"Megillah Around the Clock" is
the Purim story set to 60's Rock 'n Roll.

As *Mordechai* & Queen Esther proclaimed, *Purim* is a day of joy and feasting!

K.I. Members - FREE! / Non-members - \$10/ea Reservations close Monday, March 6

פורים Purim פורים Purim פורים

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (34)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (30)
- 16 Allison & Zane Zismer (5)
- 17 Harriett & Stanley Katz (71)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (37)
- 23 Vicky & Andre Kulikov (26)
- 24 Ellen & Maurice Soltz (49)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (55)
- 29 Joyce & Rick Dunivan (31)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (45)

תודה רבה

...We thank Eunice Snitz, Muriel Soloff, Debra Ann Entine, and Cyndi Gilgus, who made themselves available to assist office staff this month.

...Brenda McKinnon, Rosemary Gorin, Heather Oliver, Keaton Oliver, Phyllis Kohn, Debbie Adamous, Fran Kanter, Sharon Noorollah, Larry Silverman, Janet Stone and Lois Winston for preparing *Kiddushim* in January.



K.I. Annual Meeting Sunday, April 2 @ 10 am

You won't want to miss this.

We're having a catered

Mexican brunch with a

Bloody Mary & Screwdriver bar!

Come hear all the latest news at K.I.

Make your voice heard, vote, and install our new board, officers & "spicy" president.



Free!

CONGREGANTS MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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

MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Doris Gilgus, Zolie Gilgus, Barbara Goodbinder, Marlene Lubowicz** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

מזל טוב

...to **Celia Sher** on the engagement of her granddaughter, Rachel Myers, daughter of Allison and Alan Myers, to Brad Jacobs, son of Cindy and Alan Jacobs.

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Passover Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 13 NISAN	SATURDAY, APRIL 15 - 19 NISAN
BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after	SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH
dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)	Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25
, 11 1	Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14
MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 14 NISAN	SHABBAT SERVICE (Kiddush following services)9:00 AM
SHACHARIT7:00 AM	MINCHA
FOLLOWED BY SIYYUM BECHORIM	(followed by Shir Hashiurim and Seudah Shlishit)6:55 PM
(Feast of the First Born who attend the completion of	HAVDALAH
a Talmudic learning.)	11A) DALAH
THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST	SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - 20 NISAN
FINAL TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ11:10 AM	CHOL HAMOED PESACH
BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the Chametz)	SHACHARIT SERVICE9:00 AM
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Candlelighting 7:33 PM	Candlelighting
MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv)7:35 PM	MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY YOM TOV MAARIV)6:30 PM
FIRST SEDER (in the home)8:24 PM	MOND W. ADDW 45 A4 NVC AV
	MONDAY, APRIL 17 - 21 NISAN
TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - 15 NISAN	SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER	Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25
Exodus 12:21-51: Numbers 28:16-25	Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5-7; 5:2-15; 6:1,27	FESTIVAL SERVICE9:00 AM
FESTIVAL SERVICE	KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES	MINCHA and YOM TOV MAARIV6:30 PM
MINCHA and MAARIV YOM TOV7:35 PM	Candlelighting8:32 PM
Candlelighting8:25 PM	
SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark) 8:25 PM	TUESDAY, APRIL 18 - 22 NISAN EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - 16 NISAN	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25
SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER	Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6
Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25	FESTIVAL SERVICE9:00 AM
Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9;21-25	(YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
FESTIVAL SERVICE	(Kiddush following service)
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES	<i>MINCHA</i>
MINCHA and MAARIV7:40 PM	MAARIV followed by
HAVDALAH8:26 PM	HAVDALAH8:33 PM
	Chametz is permitted after
THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - 17 NISAN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CHOL HAMOED PESACH	
SHACHARIT7:00 AM	
MINCHA and MAARIV6:20 PM	
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FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - 18 NISAN	
CHOL HAMOED PESACH	PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING
SHACHARIT7:00 AM	
Candlelighting (no later than)	Monday, April 107:33 PM
MINCHA and MAARIV	Tuesday, April 11
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	Sunday, April 167:39 PM
	Monday, April 17 8:32 PM
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PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Monday night, April 10. The Passover schedule is on page 5 and will also be in the April Focal Point.

WHAT IS CHAMETZ?

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

SELLING THE CHAMETZ

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

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

Rabbi Shron will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. Look for the form on <u>page 9</u> of this *Focal Point*, as well as to enable you to contribute to the **Benevolent Fund** for distribution of funds to the needy, and charities for *Pesach* and throughout the year.

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

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

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

If you keep Pesach carefully, do not spoil your being Pesadik by going into your chametz materials before 8:33 pm on the eighth day of Pesach, April 18th.

GOING AWAY FOR PESACH?

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

GENERAL CAUTION

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

SPECIFIC FOODS & PRODUCTS

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

Grain Products - All grain products, including cereals and breakfast foods are *chametz*. *Matzot*, cakes, macaroons and egg noodles must be prepared under strict authoritative rabbinic supervision if they are to be used for *Pesach*. **Dextrose and Malts** - These are not to be used.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dried Fruits - Dried fruits should not be used unless they carry a signed endorsement as being *Kosher for Pesach*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Juice -Tropicana "Pure Premium," Citrus Hill, and all USDA Grade A frozen **unsweetened** juice without added Vitamin C or citric acid are *Kosher for Pesach*. Non-frozen Tropicana orange juice needs to have *Kosher for Pesach* on the carton.

Wine - Most major "kosher" brands such as Kedem and Carmel are Kosher for Pesach. Nevertheless for a wine to be kosher for Pesach it must say Kosher for Pesach. The Manischewitz wines must have a "P" on the label or say Kosher for

Pesach for it to be Kosher for Pesach. Some of the wine products during the year do contain chametz and that line is not automatically Kosher for Pesach unless it says so. Please note, that by K.I. standards, Mogen David wine is neither Kosher for Pesach nor kosher year round.

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

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

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

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

HOW DOES ONE "KASHER?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Microwave Ovens - Microwave ovens may be used on *Chol HaMoed Pesach* (not on *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*). To prepare your microwave for the holiday, clean the oven thoroughly, *if at all possible leave unused for 24 hours*. Fill a large microweable container with water and bring to a boil. **Preferably**, the glass tray should not be kashered and used. Use either a

new one or paper goods. If you use your microwave on a **regular basis for cooking** meats etc. from scratch (not heating or defrosting), some authorities feel that microwaves should not be used or *kashered* for *Pesach*.

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

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

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

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FOOD PANTRY OPENS EXPANDED SPACE IN KANSAS, MISSOURI

JFS Food Pantry has expanded its facilities both at the Jewish Community Campus in Kansas and in the agency's new Missouri location in Brookside. The expansion was completed to accommodate the increasing demand for food by people facing food insecurity. The pantry facilities are open to those who qualify regardless of faith, age, culture or lifestyle. JFS is always seeking donations of food as well as personal care and household items. For more information about the pantry or to host a food drive, 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. jfskc.org/food-pantry/

MARCH 16 LEARN, LAUGH AND LOVE PROGRAM FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIPS

Debra Orbuch Grayson will facilitate the March program of the Learn, Laugh and Love series, "Maintaining Positive Relationships: Myths & Realities," on March 16. The 1 pm program will be held at the Jewish Community Campus. Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Center (The J) present the program.

Grayson is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) with close to 30 years of experience helping couples, families, children and organizations. The hour-long program will explore the realities and myths about relationships and will share some tips to help you create the relationships you want. Research shows that healthy relationships help to increase happiness and contribute positively to overall health. Reservations are requested for the program; to do so, please call The J's Heritage Center Reception Desk at 913.327.8044.

COMMUNITY *PASSOVER* UNIVERSITY OFFERS WAYS TO CREATE AN AWESOME DIY SEDER

A community *Passover Seder* University will be offered to members of the Jewish community on Thursday, March 30, 6:45-9:00 pm at the Jewish Community Campus. Area clergy will share unique ways to *Create an Awesome DIY Seder* that will add a little pep into your *seder* experience.

Whether you are leading a *seder* or attending one, you will learn more about how to enhance the celebration of our ongoing journey to spiritual and physical freedom through symbolic foods, ancient rituals, storytelling and song. Six interactive workshop sessions for adults will be offered and will provide opportunities to discuss and share: *seder* basics, new and creative ideas, how to host and lead a *seder*, be an active *seder* participant; *Passover* recipes and what to serve at your *seder*, songs and customs, relevant questions to ask that will personalize your *seder* experience, and introduce ways to make the *Haggadah* text more meaningful through personal reflections, writings, drawings and other engaging activities, suitable for all ages.

Space is limited and advance registration is required by March 24. There is a minimal registration fee. Register online @kcrabbis.org, or mail a check (payable to the Rabbinical Association) to the Rabbinical Association, 5801 W. 115th, Box 113, Overland Park, KS 66211. A listing of workshop sessions can be found at kcrabbis.org or pick up a registration form at your congregation or the Jewish Community Campus. For more information, visit kcrabbis.org or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, afprogram@aol.com or call 913.327.4622.

Those in attendance will have the chance to enter their name into a special drawing to win a *Passover seder* 'Meal-to-Go' for 4 donated by Kosher Connection, and one complimentary Passover gift will be provided to each participating family. Email your favorite Passover recipe by March 24 to be included in a community *Passover* recipe booklet.

This program is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City and supported by area congregations. Principal funding for this program is provided by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

RETURNING THIS YEAR.... PASSOVER SEDER MEALS – TO-GO

If you are strapped for time due to job, family and/or personal demands, and would rather someone else prepare your *Passover seder* meal(s) this year, you are not alone. Feeding friends and family does not need to be difficult. We can save you the time and stress when you purchase a *seder* 'Meal-to-Go'. Kosher-for-Passover *seder* food items, prepared by Kosher Connection under supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of Kansas City will be available for purchase once again this year.

Order forms can be found at kcrabbis.org area congregations and the Jewish Community Campus (display rack in front lobby). All prepaid orders must be received by Monday, March 27. Pay by credit card by logging on to kcrabbis.org or send a check (payable to the Rabbinical Association) to: Rabbinical Association, 5801 W. 115th, Box 113, Overland Park, KS 66211.

Food orders must be picked up Monday, April 10, between noon and 2:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14200 Lamar (kitchen entrance located on most northern area of parking lot). Items will be packed in containers suitable for warming in the oven, and simple and clear heating instructions will be included.

For questions, or to inquire about confidential financial assistance, contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater KC: 913.327.4622 or afprogram@aol.com.

A community second night of *Passover* seder will not be offered this year, see article on information about the community *Passover* Education workshop which will take place on Thursday, March 30.

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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:

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NO Religious School King's Feast Dinner Theater - 5:00 pm	♥Shushan Purim ▼Talmud Class- 7:15 pm	NO Religious School	☼ Yoga-6:00 pm		<u>₹</u> 7:10	Ki Sisa Parshas Parah Ezekiel 36:16-38 Shabbos Ends: 8:01 Rabbi Shron's Study Class - 6:00 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 March 5 6:00 PM
Week of March 12 6:00 PM
Week of March 19 6:05 PM
Week of March 27 6:10 PM

ROSH CHODESH NISAN Tuesday, March 28

PURIM - Sunday, March 12







PURIM MATTERS

- 1. Help put Purim baskets together on Sunday, March 5 starting 9:45 am. Help deliver Purim baskets starting the same day or during the week.
- 2. Reserve your spot at the "King's Feast" Dinner Theater by Monday, March 6. (Free for K.I. members/\$10 everyone else).
- 3. Assist with the Purim Carnival on Saturday night, March 11, following the Megillah reading. It's fun! We need people to help supervise the games and give out prizes. Let us know if you can help events kisyn.org or 913.642.1880.