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From Your Rabbi...



It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my final message to the congregation, as rabbi of Kehilath Israel Synagogue.

So much has occurred within our family since we first arrived. We have been so blessed to see our family grow and create families of their own. Our eldest son, Josh, is married to Mairov and has five children, our daughter, Carla is married to Elie and has four children and our youngest son, Shmuel (A/K/A-Sam), is recently married to Emily.

When **Richard Glass** called me in March of 1997 to come out to Overland Park, KS, I didn't know what to expect. We had absolutely no knowledge of the Jewish community in Kansas, and since moving to Kansas meant that we would be leaving our entire family behind, we were unsure of what to do. But, we took a chance and came out to see what K.I. and Overland Park had to offer. Boy, were we pleasantly surprised to find a *shul* and a Jewish community that was vibrant and extremely warm and welcoming.

When I accepted the position as *hazzan* in 1997, my goal was first and foremost to strengthen and enhance Jewish knowledge in our congregation, thereby helping people to increase their understanding of how our *Torah* addresses contemporary living, leading to greater commitment and observance of our rich heritage. It was so gratifying to see so many of our congregants eager to learn and incorporate their learning into their everyday lives.

Over the past twenty years, Hedy and I have been privileged to share in many joyous celebrations within our *shul*, but more important, we have had the opportunity of getting to know so many of our *shul* members on a personal level, and are happy to call many of you our friends.

As I have mentioned before, our broader Jewish community is very unique in the fact that no matter which branch of Judaism one affiliates with, we all come together as one. Yes, we don't always agree on every issue, but, we try to find common ground and focus on what we have in common, on what brings us together, instead of what separates us.

Our Jewish organizations, Federation, JFS, The J, the Vaad, the Heritage Center, the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, the JCRB/AJC, etc., work tirelessly to strengthen and give a voice to the Jewish community. The Rabbinical Association consists of every rabbi in the area, and works to create unity within the Jewish community. This does not happen in too many cities in the world.

Of course, it has been the greatest honor and privilege to

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From Your President...



SHANA TOVA 5778!

Somehow that statement doesn't have the pizzazz that HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017 had. And we have to wait until *Simchat Torah* to enjoy our libations. With great anticipation, I shall wait.

Our gentile friends bring the New Year in with parties, drunken festivities and hangovers for 10 days while we, as Jews, reflect on our past year, ask forgiveness from our relatives, friends and associates and for 10 days ask G-d to forgive our sins and inscribe us in the Book of Life. And THEN, as if that's not enough, we fast for 25 hours and pray that G-d SEAL us in the Book of Life. And we hope and pray that our families, relatives and friends are around next year so that we can do it again.

The feeling I get during *Yamin Noraim* has been the same for over 55 years that I've been fasting on *Yom Kippur* – a bit more serious, a little morose and hopefully that my family, relatives and friends are INSIDE the gate when G-d closes it during *Neilah*. I pray that each and every one of you have a healthy and prosperous year 5778.

Support K.I. throughout the year. Help your officers and Board of Directors to be successful by volunteering, coming to services, supporting our fund raisers, attending our social events and bring your children and grandchildren to *shul*.

As you all know, Rabbi and Hedy Shron are leaving us to make *Aliyah*. In order to maintain continuity, as best as we can, we have hired Cantor Ben Matis, whom many of you already know, to handle the cantorial duties.

What about a Rabbi? I have asked Rabbi Mandl to help us out while we search for a new senior rabbi. Rabbi Mandl graciously agreed and the Board overwhelmingly gave its approval.

Now we can focus on more important matters – the future of K.I.

Rosemary and I pray that you and yours be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

*L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu V'Techatemu,
Marty Gorin, President*

PLEASE NOTE: During High Holy Days, children will not be allowed to roam the building unsupervised during services as it is a security risk. We want our children safe!

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Candlelighting*.....7:31 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush... 10:00 AM
Mincha.....7:05 PM
Havdalah.....8:20 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Candlelighting*.....7:20 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

KIDDUSH HONORING B'NOT MITZVAH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....6:55 PM
Havdalah.....8:09 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Candlelighting*.....7:09 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

KIDDUSH HONORING RABBI & HEDY SHRON

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush... 10:00 AM
Mincha.....6:45 PM
Havdalah.....7:57 PM
Selichot Service.....11:00 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

(See Rosh Hashannah Schedule)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....6:30 PM
Havdalah.....7:46 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

(See Yom Kippur Schedule)

*No Later than

2017 HIGH HOLY DAY - YAMIM NORAIM

SCHEDULE 5778

RABBI JEFFREY A. SHRON



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

29 Elul

Shacharit and Selichot.....6:45 am
Mincha and Maariv.....6:30 pm
Candlelighting.....7:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 21

1 Tishrei

Shacharit.....8:00 am
Tashlich.....6:00 pm
Mincha and Maariv.....6:30 pm
Candlelighting.....7:49 pm

Friday, September 22

2 Tishrei

Shacharit.....8:00 am
Mincha and Maariv.....6:30 pm
Candlelighting (no later than).....6:57 pm

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Saturday, September 23

3 Tishrei

Shabbat Service.....9:00 am
Mincha.....6:30 pm
Havdalah.....7:46 pm

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Sunday, September 24

4 Tishrei

Shacharit and Selichot.....9:00 am
Mincha and Maariv.....6:30 pm

EREV YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 29 - 9 Tishrei

Shacharit and Selichot.....7:00 am
Mincha.....1:45 pm
Candlelighting.....6:46 pm
(Candles will be available at the
synagogue for *licht bentchen*.)
Kol Nidre Service.....6:30 pm

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30 - 10 Tishrei

Shacharit.....9:00 am
Yizkor in the late morning
Mincha.....5:10 pm
Ne'ila.....6:15 pm
Maariv.....7:25 pm
Havdalah and End of Fast.....7:34 pm

KIDDUSH ON ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Inasmuch as most prayerbooks do not contain the daytime Rosh Hashanah Kiddush recited before luncheon upon returning home from the synagogue, we are furnishing the text for your information:

תקנו בתק"ש שופר, בכסה ליום חגנו.
כי חק לישראל הוא, משפט לאלהי יעקב.

Tik-u bachodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom chagaynu.
ki chok l'yisrael hu, mishpat lay-lohay Yaakov.

(סגרי מרנו ורפנו ורבותי)

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הנפץ.

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ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, with *Rosh Hashanah*, September 21 and 22; the first two days of *Sukkot*, October 5 and 6 and also, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*, October 12 and 13, falling on a Thursday and Friday, the ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on all three of the Wednesdays before candlelighting.

When any major festival falls on a Friday, in order that it may be permissible to cook on that day for Saturday (one is permitted to cook on a holiday for that day alone), the head of the household must perform the ritual of “*Eruv Tavshilin*” before the festival. This ceremony should be performed late afternoon on Wednesday, September 20 before *Rosh Hashanah*, Wednesday late afternoon on the eve of *Sukkot*; and Wednesday late afternoon the eve of *Shemini Atzeret*. This consists of taking some bread and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוֵּנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֶרֶב.
בְּהִדִּין עֲרוּבָא יְהִי שְׂרָא לָנָא לְאַפּוּקִי וּלְבִשּׁוּלִי וּלְאַטְמוּנִי וּלְאַדְלוּקִי
שְׂרָגָא וּלְתַקְנָא וּלְמַעַבְדָּא כָּל צְרָכָנָא, מִיּוֹמָא טַבָּא לְשַׁבְּתָא. לָנוּ,
וּלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל הַדְרִים בְּעִיר הַזֹּאת.

Blessed art Thou, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe. Who made us holy with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the *Eruv*. With this *Eruv* it shall be permissible for us to bake, cook and to keep the food warm; to light the candles, and to prepare all necessary things on the festival for the *Sabbath*. This shall be permitted to us and to all Jews who live in this city.

The food for this ceremony is to be eaten on *Shabbat Shuvah*, September 23; *Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot*, October 7, and *Shabbat Bereshit*, October 14.



TASHLICH

Tashlich comes from the Hebrew word meaning “to cast,” referring to the intent to cast away our sins via this meaningful and ancient Jewish custom common to both Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities, and is performed on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*. (Second day if first day is *Shabbat*)

Tashlich is preferably recited alongside a body of water containing fish, to remind us that just as fish are protected by the water in which they live, we pray to be protected by G-d. Also, just as fish swim freely and can suddenly be caught in a net, so too we can just as helplessly fall into the net of sin. And even as the eyes of fish are always open, so do we pray that G-d too will keep vigilant watch over his people.

Needless to say, the physical motions near the water and fish of *Tashlich* are not what grant us atonement. But if we pay attention to the symbolism and apply the sincere desire to heal our relationship with G-d as portrayed in the physical demonstrations of *Tashlich*, then it serves as a crucial part in the process of repenting and returning to G-d in purity.

Please join in and participate in the *Tashlich* service by meeting on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*, Thursday, September 21 at 105th and Conser over Indian Creek at approximately 6:00 p.m. *Tashlich* will conclude in time to return to the synagogue for the 6:30 p.m. *Mincha* and *Yom Tov Maariv*.

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME VISITATION POLICY

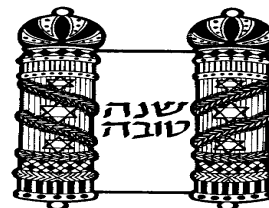
Our clergy would be more than happy to visit any relatives of yours as long as you request such a visit. It is common policy throughout the community that generally rabbis and cantors do not visit members of other congregations out of respect to their own clergy.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Those driving to the synagogue for the High Holy Days are reminded that the Overland Park Police Department will be ticketing any vehicles parked in fire lanes (located on the south and east sides of the synagogue building). Also, designated handicapped parking is reserved for only those persons prominently displaying the handicapped sign. We ask that you cooperate fully. There is a fine for those not in compliance with the disabled parking ordinance. Thank you.

FAST OF GEDALIAH Sunday, September 24

The fast will begin at 5:50 am and conclude
at 7:39 pm.



DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER FOCAL POINT
IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Hailey & Efraim Gershom (32)
Maureen & Amir Minoofar (29)
Bonnie & Matthew Siegel (31)
Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol (31)
- 2 Beverly & Bernard Jacobson (49)
Sara & Jason Gordon (10)
Jasmine & Jonathan Kaplan (5)
- 3 Nancy & Steve Cline (39)
Barbara & Phillip Goodbinder (50)
Jean & Dr. Allen Parelman (28)
- 4 Judith & Edward Chaiken (51)
- 5 Stephanie & Richard Gatewood (24)
- 6 Alix & Richard Jacobson (19)
- 11 Donna & Alan Gallas (25)
- 12 Janet & Steve Eisman (46)
- 17 Toby & David Levine (28)
- 26 Heather & Bill Oliver (19)
- 27 Roberta & Jerry Rosmarine (58)

CONGREGANTS' SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Mickey Batnitzky, Celia Sher, Gela Adelman, Sandy Levine, Marvin Romer, Marvin Birnbaum, Richard Dunivan, Miriam Glueck, Barbara Kusnetzky, Allison Zismer, Regina Fink, Allen Parelman, Paul Blackman, Sherry Davidson, Cathy Levin, Daniel Singer, Ellen Soltz, Carissa Zolotor, Susan Cohen, Richard Devinki, Luis Rosales, Jessica Rich, Richard Rosenstock, Ben Corchine, Steven Eisman, Randi Haith, Mark Klein, Jamie Smartt, Joseph Adamous, Enid Levi, Catherine Singer, Daniel Dunivan, Elly Goldstein, Rose Weisberger, Norman Burk, Scott Macek, Janet Stone, Nancy Cohen, Mary Stahl, Susan Gutovitz, Sandy Weinstein.

מזל טוב

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

...to **Shelley and Aaron Rissien** on the engagement of their daughter, Molly Rissien to Nathaniel Rischall, son of Elizabette and Morton Rischall of Skokie, IL.

...to **Elliott and Linda Goldstein** on the recent *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson, Micah Unowsky, son of Keri and Daniel Unowsky.

...to **Jasmine and Jonathan Kaplan** on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of her daughter, Audrey Brand.

...to **Doris and Greg Quinn** on the birth of a grandson to Tziporah and Rabbi Benyamin Mazer.

ORDER YOUR *ETROG* & *LULAV* NOW!

Place orders NOW for your *lulav* and *etrog*. Orders **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR CHECK.** **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2017.** NO orders will be accepted after this date in order to ensure we receive the *lulav* and *etrog* in time for *SUKKOT*.

LULAV & ETROG @ \$45 = \$ _____

(Same price as last year!)

NAME _____

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PHONE _____

Mail order form and check to:



Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Attn: Allegra Shanberg
10501 Conser
Overland Park, KS 66212

SEPTEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Beatrix Smartt, Zakaiyah Gillom, Dina Johnson, Anna Krutz, Samuel Tucker, Amanda Sokol.

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SUKKOT SCHEDULE

EREV SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 4 - 14 Tishrei

Mincha and Yom Tov Maariv.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting.....6:38 PM

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT

Thursday, October 5 - 15 Tishrei

Festival Service.....9:00 AM
Kiddush in the Sukkah
Mincha-Maariv.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting.....7:27 PM

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT

Friday, October 6 - 16 Tishrei

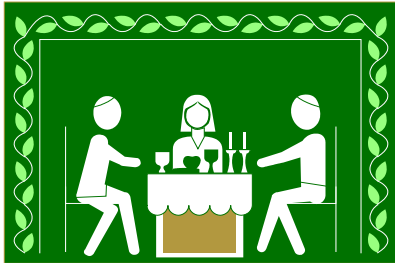
Festival Service.....9:00 AM
Kiddush in the Sukkah
Mincha.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting (no later).....6:35 PM

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Saturday, October 7 - 17 Tishrei

Sukkot Honorees Kiddush

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....6:10 PM
Havdalah.....7:24 PM



CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Sunday, October 8 - 18 Tishrei

Shacharit.....9:00 AM
Sukkah Dinner.....5:00 PM
Minchah-Maariv.....6:30 PM

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Monday, Oct. 9 - Tuesday, Oct. 10
19 Tishrei - 20 Tishrei

Shacharit.....7:00 AM
Minchah-Maariv.....6:30 PM

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Wednesday, October 11 - 21 Tishrei

Shacharit.....7:00 AM
Mincha and Yom Tov Maariv.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting.....6:28 PM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Thursday, October 12 - 22 Tishrei
(Yizkor will be recited)

Festival Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....6:30 PM
Maariv and Hakafot.....7:00 PM
Candlelighting.....7:17 PM
Celebration of the completion of the
Reading of the Torah.

Join in Festivities at K.I.!

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 13 - 23 Tishrei

Festival Service.....9:00 AM
Followed by Hakafot
Candlelighting(not later).....6:25 PM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 PM

JEWISH COMMUNITY

PREPARES FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH COMMUNITY-WIDE SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

Selichot is an opportunity to examine one's deeds of the past year, directing one's heart and mind to the process of *teshuvah* (repentance), and seeking forgiveness. Some of the prayers and music found in the *Selichot* service are taken from the High Holy Day liturgy, thus providing a musical transition between the "old year" and the New Year.

The community will come together for a city-wide *Selichot* program and service on Saturday, September 16, at Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th.

The evening will begin with a dessert reception at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by Havdalah at 8:45 pm. An open rehearsal of "The Sarah Play" will be presented at 9:00 pm followed by a talk back with its creator. This play is part of the InHEIRitance Project offering modern interpretations of Judaism's patriarchs and matriarchs, and this performance will focus on the Biblical matriarch, Sarah. It is produced by playwright and performer Jon Adam Ross and brought to KC by the Jewish Community Center. Ross will perform a final presentation of the play December 2 and 3 at the J's White Theatre.

For information, visit www.kcrabbis.org or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator, afprogram@aol.com or 913.327.4622.

The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City sponsors the *Selichot* program with generous support from The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City.

Selichot services also take place at 11:00 pm at Kehilath Israel.



Daytime Kiddush for First 2 Days of Sukkot & Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:

אֵלֶּה מוֹעֲדֵי ה', מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר תִּקְרְאוּ אֹתָם בְּמוֹעֲדָם.
וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶת מוֹעֲדֵי ה', אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Ayleh mo-aday Adon_i, mikra-ay kodesh asher tik-r'u otam b'moadam.
Va-y'daber Moshe et mo-aday Adon_i, el b'nai Yisrael.

(סִבְרֵי מְרִנָּן וְרִבּוֹתִים)
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.
Baruch Atta Adon_i, Elohu Melech ha-olam, boray p'ri hagafen.

In the Sukkah add:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.
Baruch Atta Adon_i, Elohu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzeevanu l'yshev basukkah.

serve as your rabbi for the past four years. As rabbi, I have had the added opportunity to address the congregation annually on the High Holy Days and weekly on *Shabbat*, becoming more involved in the lives of many of our families, hopefully being a source of comfort after the loss of a loved one, giving guidance when challenges arise within families and individuals and being able to cut in line at the *kiddush*.

I am proud of the fact that I am the third longest serving rabbi and second longest serving cantor in the history of K.I. It also speaks well of a *shul* that appreciates its clergy and creates continuity for several generations. I will certainly miss being your spiritual leader, but most of all, I thank you for your friendship and for accepting me and my family into your family.

Next year in Jerusalem!

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

POPCORN – POPCORN – POPCORN !

Boy Scouts of America's National Fund Raising program! Help support [K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153](#). All products are certified kosher. Traditional Popping Corn, Microwavable Packet Varieties, Gourmet Flavored "Popped" varieties, Chocolate Covered Pretzels, Trail Mix... and Kansas City's own large "*Royals* Tin" and "Chiefs Tin" (Also... the \$30, \$50 and \$100 "Popcorn For Our Troops" donation program is again available)

- 70% stays local!
- Directly benefits our Cub Scout Pack 3153 operating budget, our Heart of America Council, and our Cubs!
- Scouts learn life lessons by "earning their own way"!
- The prize program motivates Scouts!

Sale ends October 19, with delivery to your home during November. If you are not contacted directly by a Pack 3153 Cub Scout, please

contact Ted Goldstein 913.271.6798/tgoldstein613@gmail.com and you will then be contacted by one of our Cubs! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



CUB SCOUT PACK 3153



CALLING ALL BOYS in the 1st through 5th grades!

Scouting is the entry level for boys in the 1st thru 5th grades of what is, without question, the best youth program in the world... *The Boy Scouts of America*.

Cub Scout Pack 3153 blends the complete Cub Scout Program with traditional Jewish values and experiences. Cub Scouting is a "family affair" and involves the boy's family. Pack 3153 is 100% volunteer led; adult family members are expected to be leaders or "help the Pack go." Volunteer leaders are fully trained in depth in all aspects of the Cub Scout program including youth protection, motivation, youth cooperation development, and keeping the program FUN!

Cub Scout Pack 3153 has begun its 30th year at Kehilath Israel Synagogue. If you have a son, grandson, nephew, etc. who has not looked into Scouting, now is the time. Please contact Beth Albee, Cubmaster (269.364.0763/roses2273@yahoo.com) or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair (913.271.6798/tgoldstein613@gmail.com) for more information.

Challahs by Steve Ellenberg for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

\$11.00 Plain

\$12.00 Raisin

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

Rosh Hashanah pickup at K.I.

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

Yom Kippur pickup at K.I.

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



Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Raisin @ \$12.00 each

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Plain @ \$11.00 each

Total enclosed \$ _____



*The congregation is cordially invited
to the B'not Mitzvah of*

*Debbie Adamous • Carolyn Braverman
Laura Daniels • Sherry Davidson
Cheryl Intrater • Marian Kaplan
Maureen Minoofar • Adriana Rosales
Joyce Zeldin*

*at Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Saturday, September 9, 2017 9:00 am
Kiddush luncheon follows services*

Kiddush Luncheon Honoring Rabbi Jeffrey & Hedy Shron

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



**Wish Rabbi & Hedy well before they embark
on their new life adventure in Israel!**

Free, but Reservations Required by Wednesday, Sept. 6
kisyn.org, events@kisyn.org
913.642.1880

Please join us on
Saturday, September 30, for

Break the Fast

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



\$12/person / Kids 5 and under/Free

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 25

kisyn.org / 913.642.1880

Begin the New Year by enjoying a delicious meal shared in good company.

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

Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush

September 2nd & 16th

Basketball
10-11 am



then Mussaf



& Kiddush



with Leslie Berger, Aaron Zitron
& Joel Zitron

K.I. Mini Minyan



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

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

Led by Debbie Entine

SHRON COMMUNITY TRIBUTE

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SUKKOT



What do you do when you finally retire after 25 years of a professional career from Hallmark Cards and then go on to work for Williams-Sonoma for 10 years? You finally get to become a professional volunteer.

Before Marlene gave of her energy to others, she raised two fantastic sons. Russell and his wife Chavah who live in Cape Coral, Florida with their 3 children. Jason and his wife Andrea live in Fairway, Kansas with their 2 children. Marlene takes great pride in her 5 grandchildren and all their accomplishments. Just ask her. Marlene is humbled and thrilled that her sons are living a life of *chesed* and *tikkun olam*, and that they are totally immersed in their respective Jewish communities by taking on various leadership positions.

Growing up in the small Kansas town of Atchison, there were only 3 active Jewish families. To insure they were surrounded by other Jewish children and to begin their formal Jewish education, Marlene's father, Herman Friedman, alternated Sundays with the two other fathers to drive the kids 30 miles to St. Joseph, Missouri for Sunday School. All holidays and *Yom Tovim* were also spent traveling to attend an orthodox synagogue in St. Joe. Even though it was difficult, Marlene's mother, Frieda Friedman, kept kosher in their Atchison home. This is how Marlene and her siblings, Felicia Weiner and Gary Friedman, were taught. Through modeling the importance of volunteering and synagogue life, their mother demonstrated how to live a kosher Jewish life. Every Friday night, until their mother passed away, was spent enjoying *Shabbat* dinner at their parent's house with all their grandchildren - no excuse accepted.

While continuing to work, Marlene was first diagnosed with cancer in 1981. After finishing her surgery and radiation treatments, Marlene wanted to give back what she learned as a cancer survivor by volunteering to work one-on-one with other cancer patients. This ultimately led to volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House, where she became a board member and ultimately served as Vice President of Operations for the house. Her cancer volunteering continued by becoming a phone volunteer for the Block Cancer Center, talking to people across the United States about sarcoma cancer and survivorship, and volunteering in two oncology doctor's offices. Although she has survived 12 bouts of cancer, Marlene believes that with a positive attitude, believing in her doctors, living life to the fullest and one day at a time that hopefully a cure for cancer is just around the corner.

Her past volunteer opportunities consisted of president of her homes association, substituting and volunteering at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, life member of Hadassah, president of K.I. Sisterhood and life member, K.I. Israel Bonds co-chair, working at the Jewish BBQ Fest and Jewish Culture Fest, and recipient of the Hallmark Volunteer Award.

Currently she is on the board of her homes association, a board member of K.I., on the K.I. *Chesed* Committee, involved with *hamantashen* baking, serves as Golf Tournament Volunteer Chair, a member of the Task Force for the annual Day of Discovery, is a surgery waiting room volunteer at Menorah Medical Center, a greeter at the Deanna Rose Farmstead, and a driver for Jet Express through Jewish Family Services.

Marlene also believes in continuing her Jewish education and is a graduate of the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, and continues studying weekly with the Kollel rabbi. She is also a regular *Shabbat* attendee. Marlene is honored to be selected as this year's recipient of the *Ayshet Chayil* award.

Please join us on *Shabbat* morning, October 7 as we pay tribute to our two honorees. A *Kiddush* Luncheon will follow services.

IS YOUR SON/DAUGHTER ENTERING COLLEGE IN THE FALL?

If so, please call the synagogue office 913.642.1880 or email ashanberg@kisyn.org to let us know his/her college address. In addition to receiving *The Focal Point* each month students will also receive special "CARE" packages on *Chanukah*, *Purim* & *Pesach*.

IONOREES



I have been a part of the K.I. family for over four decades. K.I. and its members are not just congregants, they have become friends that are as good as family.

My father was a *hazzan* and read the *Torah* each week in Iran and instilled in me the love and respect of Judaism as did my mother. Once I arrived in the United States I looked to Kansas City to continue that tradition.

It was at Kehilath Israel Synagogue that I was introduced to the late Louis and Rose Mallin.

They invited me into their home and made me feel very welcome in my new surroundings. They

introduced me to Fred and Maria Devinki, who lobbied on my behalf and for my welfare. I believe it was the influence of those patriarchs and matriarchs that helped me become more than just a member of Kehilath Israel.

In addition, there is **Mel Mallin** who befriended me and helped me to feel a part of the K.I. family. Also, once I met my wife, **Debbie**, along with her parents, Bernard and Rita Tenenbaum, I had no choice in the matter of becoming a regular *shul* attender. The K.I. Synagogue family became our family as we shared happy and sad occasions together.

It has been my pleasure to actively be involved in different roles as needed in the synagogue as many of you have. Besides serving on various committees, I was also the chair of the cemetery committee. I am currently a synagogue vice president.

Now as we enter a new chapter in the history of the K.I. family, your active involvement is even more necessary. There are many ways to become active in the *shul*. Share your talents. Find something that interests you. Or just build relationships by hosting others in your home, as our family has done over many years. I'm sure you'll find it very rewarding, as we have.

Women of K.I. - September/October

MESHUGGAH BAGELS

Tuesday, September 12

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Start your day right with
a nice cup of coffee
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We will learn about the history of bagels
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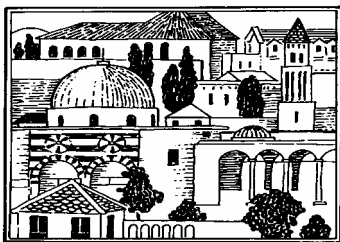


**Sunday, Oct. 1
at 10:30 am**

**for children with their
parents and/or grandparents**



L'Shanah Tovah



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healthy New Year, and may you
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MEMORIAL TABLETS

10 ELUL-SEPT 1

JEROME AARON
SAM GAMPOL
DAVID GROSSMAN
MARTIN JERWICK
MARGARETHE LATTER
SOPHIA MARCUS
HANNAH PASSMAN
LOUIS WOLFE

11 ELUL-SEPT 2

BERTHA BOBROV
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MORRIS TIVIN
IDA ZITRON

12 ELUL-SEPT 3

LOUIS BOLD
ESTHER RUBIN
ESTHER SOLOFF

13 ELUL-SEPT 4

BEN ENTIN
PEARL GOTTLIEB
PHILLIP JABEN
SHAYNA LEWKOWSKY
JACOB MADLOF
ISADORE RUBIN
SARAH SAPER
MAX SHEAR
HAROLD SHOENIG
MORRIS STRAUSS
EDWARD WEISS

14 ELUL-SEPT 5

HERMAN FRIEDMAN
GUY LANSKY

15 ELUL-SEPT 6

MOSHE DZIEWIENCKI
ETHEL GREENBERG
JACOB HARRIS
SARAH HOROWITZ
SADIE LEVIN
ETHEL ROGERS
BERTHA SPECTOR
ANNA STRAUSS
CHERNA WOLPER

16 ELUL-SEPT 7

MORDECHAI CUKIER
MELVIN DELEVE
DEVI DOLNIK
DOROTHY DORFMAN
LOUIS KRASHIN
ABRAHAM LEVY
DAVID MINKIN
MELVIN ROLSKY
ANNA SWADE

17 ELUL-SEPT 8

TZIZI BIRENBOIM
KATIE BROWN
YITZCHAK GAUM
BENA GUTOVITZ
LOUIS KAPNICK
SAMUEL LEVIN
SAM ROSENBERG

18 ELUL-SEPT 9

SONYA AGRON
ESTHER GLICKSTEIN
HERMAN KOESTEN
ZVI MAIZLISH
SARAH SPECTOR

19 ELUL-SEPT 10

MORRIS FRIEDMAN
SAM HIPSH
FRANCES LIBER
BENJAMIN MNOOKIN
MARVIN ORLOVICK
HARRY ROSS
NATHAN SALTZMAN
ZEV SWARTZ

20 ELUL-SEPT 11

SOLOMON ALTENHAUS
RACHEL DENNIS
KALMON KESSLER
JERRY KRAFT
MARGOT LIPSCHUETZ
ROY SPITCAUSKY

21 ELUL-SEPT 12

DORA BARABAN
SOL HIPSH
ISIDORE KLINOCK
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FRITZ METZL
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DAVID WOLOWSKI

22 ELUL-SEPT 13

JACK BELOVE
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MOLLY GOLDSTEIN
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BARBARA HOLLENBECK
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23 ELUL-SEPT 14

BARUCH INDIN
SEYMOUR KAUFMAN
SARAH KLOPPER
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SHERIDAN MORGAN
HARRY ROSENBERG

24 ELUL-SEPT 15

FRIEDA FRIEDMAN
CARL HIMMELSTEIN
LILLIAN KANTER
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LEAH MALLIN
ROSE SELIGSON

25 ELUL-SEPT 16

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SAMUEL POLLMAN

26 ELUL-SEPT 17

DORA BAKER
JOSEPH CHUZIE
ESTHER EISEN
SAMUEL LAPIDES
JACK SAMBUR
MOE SCHWARTZ

27 ELUL-SEPT 18

BETTY CAPLAN
MEYER KRAFT
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28 ELUL-SEPT 19

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MOENES LEVEY
ROGER MITTELMAN
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29 ELUL-SEPT 20

ABRAHAM COHN
MITCHELL FEINGOLD
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MOSHE MALINOSKY
MARY MOLOTSKY
IDA SCHIFMAN
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1 TISHREI-SEPT 21

ANNA COHN

HYMAN KUSNETZKY
MIRIAM LITMAN
HARRY MALLIN
BERNICE MILLER
GOLDENE RYDELL
MORTON SWARTZ
ETTIE TITENSKY
MANNYA TITENSKY

2 TISHREI-SEPT 22

ISADORE KAPLAN
ZELDA KROSS
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BEN SCHIFMAN
NAOMI SCHWARTZ
ETTA SNITZER

3 TISHREI-SEPT 23

ANNA GINSBERG
ABRAHAM GLASSMAN
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4 TISHREI-SEPT 24

ESTELLE DALEN
SHELLEY FARBMAN
MANUEL GREEN
GEORGE LEVICH
JOHANNA LOEFFLER
JACOB ROSEN
HARRY SELIGSON
BERTHA WAINSTOCK

5 TISHREI-SEPT 25

ROSE DALEN
JACK EISBERG
JOSHUA KAMENESKY
LOUIS KRUG
ESTHER MONDSCHEN
SARAH SCHULTZ
BESSIE STOLOV

6 TISHREI-SEPT 26

EVELYN BROWN
MORRIS HORN
JACOB LEVIN
CHAIM MANDELBAUM
SAMUEL SIMON

7 TISHREI-SEPT 27

FREDA GOLDBERG
PHILIP GOLDBERG
SAM GOULD
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8 TISHREI-SEPT 28

ANNA ADELMAN
BERTHA ESRIG
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DORA SCHWARTZ
PERCE SNITZER

9 TISHREI-SEPT 29

SUE AGRON
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SAMUEL LANSKY
MORRIS PARDO
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10 TISHREI-SEPT 30

ESTHER ALTBIER
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K.I. BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

This year the **Annual *Kehilath Israel* Blue Ridge Cemetery Memorial Service** is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, September 24, the Sunday before *Yom Kippur*, at 11:00 am.**

The annual service, led by Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, will be held in the Jack Chernikoff-Louis Dolginow Memorial Chapel at the *Kehilath Israel* Blue Ridge Chapel, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Independence, Mo.

It is the Jewish tradition during this High Holiday period to visit the *Kever Avot*, the graves of our forebearers. Since it would be inconvenient for many to attend the service on a weekday between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, Sunday, September 24 was selected.

Customarily, each individual recites the *Molay Rachamim* prayer, a “Prayer of Consolation,” at the gravesite of their loved ones. The chapel prayer booklets are available for gravesite prayers. There is a selection of prayers in the booklet, found on pages 65 through 74, in both Hebrew and English. Please return the booklets to the chapel before leaving the cemetery.

Although the cemetery is maintained by *Kehilath Israel Synagogue*, the major building improvements, new walkways, monuments and other beautification is done primarily by private contributions. If you desire to assist in the program to improve and beautify the cemetery, an envelope for your contribution to this worthy cause is available at the desk near the front door of the chapel. You may leave your check or cash in the envelope, seal it, drop it in the slot on the desk, or mail your contribution to *K.I.* Blue Ridge Cemetery, 10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212.



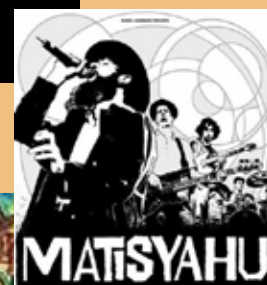
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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
										1 7:31	2	11 ELUL	18 ELUL
3 NO Religious School	12 ELUL	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service - 9:00 am	13 ELUL	5 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	14 ELUL	6	15 ELUL	7	16 ELUL	8 7:20	9	17 ELUL	18 ELUL
10 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	19 ELUL	11	20 ELUL	12 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	21 ELUL	13 K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	22 ELUL	14 Cub Scout Pack Meeting-6:45 pm	23 ELUL	15 7:09	16	24 ELUL	25 ELUL
17 Selichos Begin Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	26 ELUL	18	27 ELUL	19 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	28 ELUL	20 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00	29 ELUL	21 Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 7:49 OFFICE CLOSED	1 TISHREI	22 16:57 OFFICE CLOSED	23	2 TISHREI	3 TISHREI
24 East of Gedalyah Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	4 TISHREI	25	5 TISHREI	26 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	6 TISHREI	27	7 TISHREI	28	8 TISHREI	29 Erev Yom Kippur 6:46	30 Yom Kippur 17:34	9 TISHREI	10 TISHREI



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Week of September 3 6:40 PM
Week of September 10 6:40 PM
Week of September 17 6:30 PM
Week of September 24 6:30 PM

The *Shofar* will be sounded after the morning service during the month of *Elul* (except on *Shabbat* and the day before *Rosh Hashanah*) as a call to repentance.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY 9:00 AM



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