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From The Rabbi...



It is hard to believe that this is already the Passover edition of the *Focal Point*. Even though winter has been somewhat hard this year, the past months seem to slip by.

Passover is the month of freedom. This is the message the Jewish people gave the world: the Exodus from Egypt. It wasn't just a band of

Jews escaping from servitude in Egypt. It was the message the Jewish people gave to the world long before slavery in the United States – that every individual has a right to freedom. That freedom can be to make a living, to live wherever they want, to marry freely, etc.

Each year we meet in our homes to celebrate this message of freedom. I would encourage each and every one of you to invite anyone whom you think might need a home for a Passover *seder*. That is what this holiday is all about. We begin our *seder* by saying "Let all that are hungry come and eat." We need to take this literally. Also please give generously when you sell your *chametz* as those monies go to help people who are needy for Passover.

I would also like to invite all of you to attend services sometime during Passover. Almost every day is on a weekend this year. I hope we will have a nice attendance this year to hear the beautiful melodies of the Passover season.

If any of you have specific questions about Passover observances or food issues or any health issues regarding Passover, please feel free to contact me, and I will be glad to guide you through that process.

Also a reminder to all first born males that the eve of Passover this year, Friday, March 30, is the Fast of the First Born. You can avoid fasting by attending a special service held at the synagogue at 7:00 am that day followed by a breakfast I have sponsored for many years in memory of my late parents, of blessed memory.

I hope that the message of the Passover festival will ring loud and clear not only for you and your families, but the Jewish people and mankind everywhere.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach
Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl, PhD

From The President...



Dear Friends,

Happy March! The month that brings us Springtime and longer days. I can almost get warm, just thinking about it. But first we say goodbye to February.

February started off with a wonderful weekend wherein K.I. hosted Rabbi Jonathan

Porath as our scholar in residence. Rabbi Porath included K.I. as one of his stops as he came from Jerusalem to share his wisdom and knowledge about Rabbi Akiva, Eli Wiesel, Russia and "how to be even more Jewish in Kansas." We had a delicious *Shabbat* dinner and a *Kiddush* luncheon. For all of you who came to some or all of the events, you know what a wonderful weekend we had.

Rabbi Mandl's *Talmud* class on Mondays and his Women's Study Group on Tuesdays are both going strong. The attendance keeps growing and everyone keeps learning. It's not too late to attend either or both classes.

On Wednesday, February 7th, the Women of K.I. enjoyed a Happy Hour at Cacao. Approximately 20 women got together to enjoy camaraderie, libations and sharing some good time together. Excitedly, they are planning the next Happy Hour. Thank you, **Natalie Cohen**.

Cantor Matis presented a musical program on Sunday, February 11th, with accompanist Russell Olesh on the piano. They gave us great hits from Broadway, Yiddish theatre and opera. What a wonderful show!

On Wednesday February 28th, we had the first *Megillah* reading along with a costume parade, carnival and prizes. Of course we got to enjoy our famous *hamantaschen*. But before that, we had a pre-Purim King's Feast on Sunday evening, February 25th. We had around 150 members enjoying the wonderful foods prepared by **Joe Adamous** and **Maureen Minoofar** and their committee. (A complete list of the volunteers will appear in the weekly announcements). What a wonderful synagogue event!

Start making plans to attend the Hebrew Academy's annual Civic Service Award Celebration, honoring our very own friends and long-time K.I. members, **Carol** and **Arnie Caviar**, on May 6, 2018, at the Overland Park Convention Center. Carol and Arnie have been very active in our *shul* and Arnie served us as president for 5 years. So, let's show them how much we love them.

Now, as we march into March, let's look forward to springtime.

Be well. Stay Happy.
Hope to see you in shul.
Marty Gorin,
President

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Candlelighting*.....5:55 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush.....10:00 AM
Mincha.....5:30 PM
Havdalah.....6:46 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Candlelighting*.....6:02 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

BLESSING OF THE NEW

MONTH OF NISSAN

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....5:40 PM
Havdalah.....6:53 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Candlelighting*.....7:09 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Basketball, Mussaf & Kiddush.....10:00 AM
Mincha.....6:45 PM
Havdalah.....8:00 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Candlelighting*.....7:16 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....6:55 PM
Havdalah.....8:07 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 30

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

(SEE PASSOVER SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5)

*NO LATER THAN

**DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL ISSUE OF
THE FOCAL POINT IS MARCH 9**

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, 2018**

**ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

The K.I. annual congregational meeting to elect and install new board of directors will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, following 9:00 am services in the Kehilath Israel Synagogue sanctuary.

The Nominating Committee for the K.I. Board of Directors and Officers is composed of the following members: Craig Caplan, chair; Laura Daniels, Brenda Fishman, Jeff Goldenberg, Marty Gorin, Rosemary Gorin, Marcie Kaplan, Steven Kingston, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Brenda McKinnon, and Elizabeth Peden.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of nominations for the coming fiscal year:

Martin Gorin, President

Joe Adamous, Vice President

Ari Lubowicz, Vice President

Dr. Michael Sokol, Vice President

Brenda Fishman, Secretary

Rick Simon, Treasurer

In addition to the officers above, the following are nominated to the K.I. Board of Directors for a new two year term: Valerie Bordy, Richard Glass, Elliott Goldstein, Larry Haith, Tamara Kingston, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Ellen Portnoy, Greg Quinn, Felicia Weiner, Lois Winston, and Joel Zitron.

The following are not being voted upon as they are serving their second year of a two year term on the K.I. Board of Directors: Paul Blackman, Carolyn Braverman, Laura Daniels, Rochelle Kanter, Dan Kass, Marlene Krakow, Brenda McKinnon, Sheldon Singer, and Dr. Shari Sokol.

The following are ex-officio members of the K.I. Board of Directors: Craig Caplan, immediate past president; Sam Devinki, honorary president for life; and Elizabeth Peden, executive director.

Saturday, March 17

Meet the first of our
candidates for the K.I.
senior rabbi position



RABBI KALMAN WINNICK

Rabbi Winnick and his wife, Shoshana,
will join us over *Shabbat*.
During *Shabbat* morning (9 am) services,
he will give the sermon.

Kiddush will follow services.

Rabbi Winnick was most recently *rabbi and spiritual leader* of
Congregation Agudath Achimthe, Little Rock, AR.

Other past positions include:

- Director of Spiritual Life Jewish Home for the Aging, Los Angeles, CA
- Coordinator of Jewish Hospice Programs, Encino, CA
- Chaplain / Rabbi UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
- Rabbi-in-Residence Abraham J Heschel Community Day School, Northridge, CA
- Associate Chief Rabbi Jewish Community of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden

Your input is very important.
Please make every effort to attend.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (35)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (31)
- 16 Allison & Zane Zismer (6)
- 17 Harriett & Stanley Katz (72)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (38)
- 23 Vicky & Andre Kulikov (27)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (56)
- 29 Joyce & Rick Dunivan (32)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (46)

MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Ashlyn Agron, Jonathan Kosiborod, Mark Kricsfeld, Jordan Levin, Samuel Kosiborod, Luciella Gordon, Giovanna Basurto.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Gertrude Epstein, Barbara Goodbinder, Abbott Zolotor** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

תודה רבה

...We thank **Irene Blend, Eunice Snitz, Jake Schulzinger,** and **Muriel Soloff** who made themselves available to assist office staff this month.

...to **Shelley Rissien** who made the dough for the hamantaschen and her helpers who helped bake: Joel Abecassis, **Beverly Alport; Irene Blend; Sherry Davidson; Brenda Fishman; Nora Frayman; Debbie Goodbinder; Max Jevinsky; Nancy Kohn; Marlene Krakow; Toby Levine; Marlene Lubowicz; Megan Pener; Catherine Singer; Sonny Singer; Amanda Sokol, Shari Sokol,** and to **Aaron Rissien** who helped with the shopping for the baking supplies.

...to **Beverly & Barnett Alport; Irene Blend; Brenda Fishman; Phyllis Kohn; Sharon Noorollah; Ruth Nowack; Ellen Portnoy; Adriana Rosales; and Jake Schulzinger** who helped put the *Misloach Manot* bags together.

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, Melissa Berger, 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, Jeremy Gutovitz, Sylvana Hammer, Robin Jaffe, Rosalyn Jacobson, Daniel Khalemsky, Elaine Klugman, Maury Kohn, Sharon Kohn, Mikhail Kosiborod, Sofiya Lapidus, Betty Lesky, Debra Levin, David Levine, Marjorie Lipsky, Dorothy Mondschein, Rebecca Nowack, William Oliver, Tatyana Oskotsky, Steven Pack, Marc Price, Shirley Rose, Ben-Zion Rosenblum, Diane Rozenberg, Emily Ruben, Doris Rubin, Carole Schiffman, Cheryl Shanberg, Gene Soloff, Katianna Tannenwald, Arnold Tropp, Simon Wajcman, Edward Warren, Elizabeth Waxman, Susan Winston.



CPR CLASS

CPR/AED TRAINING

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 @ K.I.

6-9:30 PM

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Passover Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - 13 NISAN

SHACHARIT SERVICE..... 7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV..... 6:10 PM
 BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - 14 NISAN

SHACHARIT..... 7:00 AM
 FOLLOWED BY SIYYUM BECHORIM
 (Feast of the first born who attend the completion of a Talmudic learning.)

THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
 FINAL TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ..... 11:12 AM
 BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the Chametz)..... 12:12 PM
 Candlelighting..... 7:22 PM
 MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv)..... 7:15 PM
 FIRST SEDER (in the home)..... 8:15 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:16-25
 Haftarah: Joshua 3:5-7; 5:2-15; 6:1,27

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV..... 7:30 PM
 Candlelighting (no earlier than)..... 8:14 PM
 SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark)..... 8:14 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25
 Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9; 21-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV..... 7:35 PM
 HAVDALAH..... 8:15 PM

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - 4

CHOL HAMOE PASSOVER

SHACHARIT..... 7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV..... 6:15 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 5- 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOE PASSOVER

SHACHARIT SERVICE..... 7:00 AM
 Candlelighting (no later than)..... 7:28 PM
 MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY YOM TOV MAARIV)..... 6:15 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM
 (Kiddush following services)
 MINCHA AND YOM TOV MAARIV..... 6:15 PM
 Candlelighting (no later than)..... 7:29 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PASOVER

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM
 (YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
 MINCHA & Shir Hashirim & Seudah Shlishit..... 6:45 PM
 MAARIV followed by
 HAVDALAH..... 8:21 PM
 Chametz is permitted after..... 8:45 PM



ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, with the closing days of Passover taking place on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7, the ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on the eve of the seventh day, Thursday, April 5 before candlelighting.

When *Yom Tov* 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 consists of taking some *matzah* and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
 וצונו על מצות ערוב.
 בהדין ערובא יהא שרא לנא לאפוקי ולבשולי ולאטמוני ולאדלוקי
 שרגא ולתקנא ולמעבד כל צרכנא, מיומא טבא לשבתא. לנו,
 ולכל ישראל הדרים בעיר האת.

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*, April 7, the eighth day of Passover, during the daytime hours.

PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Friday night, March 30.

The *Passover* schedule is on page 5

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 Mandl will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. Look for the envelope 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 Mandl 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 7th.

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  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  or  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 **ⓈP** 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 *kitniyot*. 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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YOU can help make a difference. Join Jewish Family Services, The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City and area congregations in collecting Passover food items. (The first *seider* begins Friday, March 30) More than 160 families will be helped through your participation in the Passover food drive.

Among the items needed are grape juice, Matzah and Matzah meal, cake meal, baking mixes, Matzah ball mix and soup. **Kehilath Israel Synagogue** has chosen to collect donations of **Dessert Mixes/Grape Juice** packaged items should be labeled "Kosher for Passover". Drop off items at your congregation through March 19. Monetary donations are also being accepted by check or online through the JFS site jfskc.org/; funds are used to purchase food items to include in the holiday food packages. By participating in the Passover Food Drive you are putting into action the traditional words of the *Haggadah*, "Let all who are hungry come and eat".

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available in connection with the Passover Holiday Food Drive. If you or someone you know wants to volunteer, please call (913) 730-1410 or email volunteer@jfskc.org.

For more information about the Food Pantry, please contact Jo Hickey, JFS Food Pantry Director at 913.327.8257 or email her at jhickey@jfskc.org.

COMMUNITY SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER SEDER

A community second night of Passover *seider* will be offered on Saturday, March 31 and hosted by The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah. The *seider* is an opportunity for family and friends to come together as a community for the telling of the Passover story – to reflect on our past and look forward to a future of freedom and liberation for all people throughout the world.

The *seider* will be led by Rabbis Monica Kleinman and Jon Kleinman with music led by Rachel Black. Through engaging stories, song and discussion, we will retell the story of the Exodus, crossing the sea, the story of our people's journey from slavery to freedom and remember those around the world who struggle with injustice every day.

A traditional kosher-for-Passover *seider* meal will be prepared under supervision

of the Vaad Hakashrut of Kansas City and served under the supervision of the participating rabbis.

The community *seider* is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, funded in part by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City and supported by congregations.

Advance reservations are mandatory and must be received by Wednesday, March 21; fees increase after that date.

Registration forms are available on line at kcrabbis.org, or forms can be picked up at area congregations. For information or to inquire about confidential financial assistance, contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association by email, afprogram@aol.com or call 913.327.4622.

CUT THE CLUTTER AND GET ORGANIZED PROGRAM ON MARCH 15

Is clutter a problem for you? On Thursday, March 15, come and learn how to develop strategies for your household to manage, reduce and even eliminate your clutter.

This free program is part of the Learn Laugh & Love series sponsored by Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Center's Heritage Center. The free program takes place from 1-2 p.m. in the MAC Room of the JCC. It is open to the public.

Denise Dias, a family and consumer sciences agent with the Johnson County-Kansas State Extension, will facilitate the program. During the program, participants will learn a four-container system to tackle clutter in your home.

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

PRE-PASSOVER SERVICE OF COMFORT AND RENEWAL ON MARCH 8

Spring is a time of renewal in nature and in us. As we get ready to retell the story of the exodus from Egypt, we take this opportunity to look at our own life stories and focus on getting out of the narrow places in our lives, the places where we feel stuck and enslaved.

To assist in this process, community members are invited to a special service of comfort and renewal on Thursday evening, March 8. The service will help us connect to these themes, and to each other, as we prepare for Pesach and for springtime.

Presented by the Jewish Community Chaplaincy program of Jewish Family

Services, the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Village Shalom. The service is open to anyone, regardless of one's level of observance. A light nosh will precede the service and sweets afterward.

Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, JFS Community Chaplain, along with Cantor Benjamin Matis, Interim Cantor at Kehilath Israel Synagogue and Lezlie Zucker, community song leader, will facilitate the service that features both traditional prayer and contemporary inspirational readings and music.

Please make reservations for the service by calling JFS' office at 913.327.8250 or sending an email to healing@jfskc.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 14 ADAR ✱Purim ►Megillah Reading 7:00 am and Noon	2 15 ADAR ✱Shushan Purim 🕯️5:55	3 16 ADAR ✱Ki Sisa ✱Kings 18:1-39 ✱Shabbos Ends: 6:46 ✱Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am
4 17 ADAR ✱Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	5 18 ADAR ✱NO Talmud Class	6 19 ADAR ✱Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm ►NO Women's Study Group	7 20 ADAR ►Women of K.I. "River of Life" - 7:00-9:00 pm	8 21 ADAR	9 22 ADAR 🕯️6:02	10 23 ADAR ✱Vayakhel - Pekudei ✱Parshas Parah ✱Ezekiel 36:16-38 ✱Shabbos Ends: 6:53 ✱Mini Minyan - 10:30 am
11 24 ADAR ►Daylight Savings Time Begins ✱NO Religious School ►Gabbaim Class - 9:45-10:45 am	12 25 ADAR ✱Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:15 pm	13 26 ADAR ✱NO Religious School ►Women's Study Group with Rabbi Mandl-7:15 pm	14 27 ADAR ►K.I. Board Meeting-7:00 pm	15 28 ADAR ✱Cub Scout Pack Meeting-6:45 pm	16 29 ADAR 🕯️7:09	17 1 NISAN ✱Rosh Chodesh Nisan ✱Vayikra ✱Parshas Hachodesh ✱Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 ✱Shabbos Ends: 8:00 ✱Basketball, Mussaf, Kiddush-10:00 am ►Meet Rabbinical Candidate
18 2 NISAN ✱NO Religious School	19 3 NISAN ✱Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:15 pm	20 4 NISAN ✱Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm ►Women's Study Group with Rabbi Mandl-7:15 pm	21 5 NISAN	22 6 NISAN ►CPR and Defib Training - 6:00 - 9:30 pm	23 7 NISAN 🕯️7:16	24 8 NISAN ✱Tzav ✱Malachi 3:4-24 ✱Shabbos Ends: 8:07 ✱Mini Minyan - 10:30 am ✱Chai Anniversary Kiddush ►Congregational Meeting after Services
25 9 NISAN ✱Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am ✱Family Day: Pesach-10:30 am	26 10 NISAN ✱Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class-7:15 pm	27 11 NISAN ✱Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm ►NO Women's Study Group	28 12 NISAN	29 13 NISAN	30 14 NISAN ✱Erev Pesach 🕯️7:22	31 15 NISAN ✱Passover - Day 1 ✱Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-15, 6:1, 6:27 🕯️8:14



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Mincha and Maariv

Week of March 4 6:00 PM

Week of March 11 6:00 PM

Week of March 18 6:05 PM

Week of March 25 6:10 PM

ROSH CHODESH NISAN

Saturday, March 17



Women of K.I. Create

A River of Life

Events & situations in life can change & impact us in ways we do not expect.

See how your past experiences have shaped your present selves.

In an exercise led by Sharon Friedman and Ellen Portnoy, each person will develop their own personal *River of Life* during this program.

Sharon and Ellen attended the *Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Wise Aging* training and have presented the program to K.I. members. This is one of the exercises designed for the *Wise Aging* course.

Light refreshments will be served.



River of Life...

an exercise of Wise Aging

Wednesday, March 7
7-9 pm @ K.I. - \$5

Bring a friend (*non-member welcome*)

RSVP to Natalie Cohen

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