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From Your Rabbi... From Your Treasurer...



When *Pesach* begins on Saturday night.

This is an unusual year, in that *Pesach* begins on Saturday night, and so *Erev Pesach* is also *Shabbat*. This makes what is already a complicated festival even more complex! The following are some basic features of this year's unique calendrical occurrence to keep in mind in preparing for the holiday:

- The Fast of the Firstborn is observed on Thursday. All male firstborn are encouraged to attend the *siyyum* (completion of a *Talmudic* tractate) at the 7 am *Shacharit* on Thursday, and then to grab some individually packaged snacks to go.

- The ritual search for *chametz* takes place Thursday night after dark;

- The ritual burning of *chametz* takes place on Friday before 12:10 pm. It's highly advisable to prepare all *seder* food on Friday and have it ready to go once *Shabbat* ends on Saturday night, since one is not supposed to prepare on *Shabbat* for *pesach*;

- The *Shabbat* meals should be kosher for *Pesach* and on *Pesach* dishes; however, one is still required to have *challah* at the Friday night and *Shabbat* morning meals. This creates quite the conundrum! The recommended solution is to eat a small amount of *challah* in a separate room, over a disposable plate or table cloth; and then to gather any crumbs or leftover bread and rid them from your home by flushing them down the toilet;

- The latest time that one can eat *chametz* on Saturday is 10:55 am. This means that *Shabbat* services have to be held a bit early to allow people to get home on time to eat that last bit of *challah* at *Shabbat* lunch. As such, *Shabbat* morning services at K.I. will be at 8:30 am. Before 12:10 pm, one should recite the ritual nullification of the *chametz* ("*kol chamira*");

- The *seder* and its preparations should not commence until *Shabbat* ends at 8:11 pm. This is why it's recommended to have everything ready to go by Friday! It might be a late night, but in this way we channel the great sages referenced in the *Haggadah* who stayed up all night on *Pesach* expounding upon the Exodus until the morning. It's also fun to stay up late at night drinking four cups of wine!

- This is a general overview of the unique challenges presented by this year's *Pesach*. For any or all questions, please feel free to reach out to me at rabbi@kisy.org.

- Wishing us all a joyous *Pesach*!

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



I am a relative newcomer to both Kansas City and K.I., unlike most of my fellow officers. My wife and I moved here in 2003 and I have been part of the K.I. family since I started saying *kaddish* for my dad in 2004. Although I grew up reform – and I regularly joke I am K.I.'s "designated" Reform Jew, I am comfortable in most levels of observance.

What brought me to K.I. and has kept me here is K.I.'s incredible ability to welcome all who come through our doors. Like many of you, over the years I have had the opportunity to be in almost every Jewish prayer space for one service or another. And because of my wife, I am always "warmly" welcomed. However, each of us can tell the difference between one welcome and another. Only at K.I. have I felt a truly authentic welcome, regardless of my level of observance or my ability to participate in the service.

As I write this, we are about to celebrate Purim, a Jewish story of survival and prosperity. Nowhere in the Purim story is God's name mentioned or his voice heard. Every good thing that occurred in the story was from the efforts of the Jewish leaders. I think this story should remind us that each of us in some fashion is a leader in our synagogue. Our survival and prosperity is up to each and every one of us.

As always, we continue to lose members due to their passing. And our job must be to replace them AND add to their numbers. Each of us can assist our synagogue to grow and prosper by doing two things. One – seriously consider how much you can increase your dues and then immediately communicate that to Elizabeth Peden in our synagogue office. Second – and every bit as important, is who do you know that could become a K.I. member? Maybe someone you know is looking for a spiritual home and you would like them to be part of K.I.; maybe they are someone who is unaffiliated; new to town and has no idea about any of the community's congregations; maybe, NO ONE simply has ever asked them to join?

Whatever the circumstances, – K.I. leadership is ready to assist you in helping build K.I. into a more substantial and vibrant Jewish congregation.

Our office looks forward to hearing from each of you and how you/we are going to help move K.I. forward.

Your Treasurer
Rick Simon



SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Candlelighting*.....5:58 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

PARSHA PARAH

KI TISA

Torah Reading: Exodus 30:11-34:35

Maftir: Numbers 19:1-22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Morning Service.....9:30 AM
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv.....5:50 PM
Havdalah.....6:49 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

BLESSING OF THE MONTH - NISAN

VAYAKHEL - PEKUDEI

PARSHA HACHODESH

Torah Reading: Exodus 35:1-40:38

Maftir: Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:15

Morning Service.....9:30 AM
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv.....5:55 PM
Havdalah.....6:56 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Candlelighting*.....7:12 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

VAYIKRA

Torah Reading: Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Morning Service.....9:30 AM
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv.....7:00 PM
Havdalah.....8:03 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 26

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

(SEE PASSOVER SCHEDULE
ON PAGE 3)

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

REMEMBER! MARCH 14



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, 2021

ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE

ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

THANK YOU TO OUR PURIM PATRONS:



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*Of blessed memory

Passover Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 - 12 NISAN

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY *SIYYUM BECHORIM* (Break-fast snacks to go for the first born who attend the completion of a Talmudic learning.)
THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL “Grab and go” snack break-fast.

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 - 13 NISAN

**BIUR CHAMETZ*.....12:10 PM
(Burning of the Chametz)
Candlelighting.....7:18 PM
MINCHA and *KABBALAT SHABBAT*.....6:10 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 - 14 NISAN

SHABBAT HAGADOL

SHABBAT SERVICE(NOTE SPECIAL TIME)... 8:30 AM
Last *Chametz* approx.....10:55 AM
NULLIFY *CHAMETZ*12:10 PM
FIRST *SEDER* (in the home)8:11 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: Joshua 5:2-6:1-27

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:30 AM
Candlelighting8:12 PM
SECOND *SEDER* (in the home, after dark).....8:12 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 29 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: II Kings 23:11-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:30 AM
MINCHA and *MAARIV*.....7:25 PM
HAVDALAH.....8:13 PM

TUES/WED, MARCH 30 & 31 - 17 & 18 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PESACH

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
MINCHA and *MAARIV*.....6:10 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - 19 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PESACH

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
MINCHA and *MAARIV*6:10 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - 20 NISAN

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
Candlelighting (No later than).....7:25 PM
MINCHA and *YOM TOV MAARIV*.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

Exodus 13:17-25:25; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:30 AM
MINCHA and *YOM TOV MAARIV*.....7:30 PM
Candlelighting (No earlier than).....8:18 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - 22 NISAN

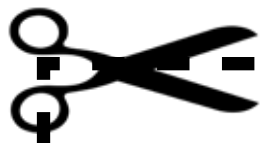
EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:30 AM
(**Yizkor will be recited**)

MINCHA7:30 PM
MAARIV followed by
HAVDALAH.....8:19 PM
Chametz is permitted after.....8:45 PM



SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

Date _____

I hereby empower and give full authority to Rabbi Moshe Grussgott to act as my agent concerning any transaction involving all types of *chametz* that I own before *Pesach* 5781, whether in my possession or not in my possession, and even *chametz* that I shall purchase after signing this document. This power means to include all types of *chametz*, *chametz* products, mixtures of *chametz* and *chametz* utensils, both before and after *Pesach*.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Address(es) _____

Address(es) _____

Return to the synagogue by Monday, March 22. 10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (38)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (34)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (41)
- 23 Vicky & Andre Kulikov (30)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (59)
- 29 Joyce & Rick Dunivan (35)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (49)

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K.I. members, if you need more info or help in ordering *Haggadot*, you can call Phyllis Kohn 913.940.3217.

IN MEMORIAM

May the G-d of Mercy sustain and comfort those who have suffered the loss of dear ones. The Kehilath Israel family extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of:

ANN FEDERMAN

LEONARD ROSEN
(Husband of Nedra Rosen)

ARLEEN BURK
(Sister of Frank Stein, Eleanor Belingloph)

WILLIAM GREENWOOD
(Husband of Mary Lea Greenwood)

ARNOLD PROBIN
(Husband of Patsy Probin)

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, Shirley Beiser, Melissa Berger, Ilene Briscoe, Sibby Cosner, Abraham Eastman, Isabelle Gallas, Paul Gershon, Cristina Gillom, Lisa Glatt, Hannah Elharar, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Jeremy Gutovitz, Sylvana Hammer, Robin Jaffe, Rosalyn Jacobson, Simon Kass, Daniel Khalemsky, Elaine Klugman, Maury Kohn, Sharon Kohn, Mikhail Kosiborod, Sofiya Lapidus, Betty Lesky, Debra Levin, Jordan Levin, David Levine, Marjorie Lipsky, Rebecca Nowack, William Oliver, Tatyana Oskotsky, Steven Pack, Marc Price, Shirley Rose, Ben-Zion Rosenblum, Diane Rozenberg, Emily Ruben, Doris Rubin, Aaron Schwartzman, Cheryl Shanberg, Joseph Smuckler, Gene Soloff, Katianne Tannenwald, Arnold Tropp, Simon Wajcman, Edward Warren, Betsy Waxman, Susan Winston.

MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Ashlyn Agron, Jonathan Kosiborod, Mark Kricsfeld, Bill Kass, Samuel Kosiborod.



PRAYERWORKS

All members of the Jewish community are invited to join. PrayerWorks facilitated by K.I. member, **Sharon Friedman**, will meet at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of each month. This month it is on March 14. Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98521373264>

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PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Saturday night, March 27

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 Grussogtt will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. **The *chametz* sale form is on page to of this Focal Point.** Funds from the sale of *chametz* are contributed to the **Benevolent Fund** for distribution 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 twenty-five minutes after *Pesach* ends before using this *chametz* to enable Rabbi Grussogtt 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 8:45 pm on the eighth day of Pesach, April 4..

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 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., as well as hard cheeses 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 an 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 ⓈP 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.

You may purchase bread or cake after 8:19 pm on the evening of the last day of *Pesach*, Sunday evening, April 4.

MARCH ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT K.I.

EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE *TALMUD* (VIRTUAL)

Mondays, March 1, March 8 & March 15 - 7:15 pm

Study of this central Jewish text pertaining to Jewish law, ethics, customs and history. This is the longest running Jewish class in our area, but no previous knowledge needed. Taught by **Rabbi Herbert Mandl**. Zoom links are emailed to class participants just prior to each class. If you do not currently receive these emails and would like to, request them at info@kisyn.org.

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Thursdays, March 4, March 11 & March 18 - 7:00 pm

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Payment is accepted online and by credit card only. A list of meals and a-la carte food items, and pricing can be found on the order page. Passover meals can be ordered in quantities to serve one or more individuals or a family of four. Convenient curbside meal pick-up takes place Friday, March 26 between Noon-1:00 at the Jewish Community Campus theater circle drive. Place your curbside Passover meals to go order at <https://rabbiskc.regfox.com/shabbat-meals-to-go-monthly>

All food items will be packed in containers suitable for warming in the oven; transfer microwaveable items to a microwave safe container before heating. Simple and clear heating instructions will be included.

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March 2021 17 Adar 5781 - 18 Nisan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 17 ADAR Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	2 18 ADAR	3 19 ADAR Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	4 20 ADAR Melton Class "Beyond Borders" taught by Bill Greenberg - 7:00 pm "Understanding the Haggadah" with Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	5 21 ADAR 5:58	6 22 ADAR Ki Sisa Parshas Parah Ezekiel 36:16-38 Shabbos Ends: 6:49 Rabbi Grussgott's Weekly Parsha Class - 5:50 pm
7 23 ADAR Weekly Kiddush 'Check in' on ZOOM - 11:00 am	8 24 ADAR Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	9 25 ADAR	10 26 ADAR Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	11 27 ADAR Melton Class "Beyond Borders" taught by Bill Greenberg - 7:00 pm "Understanding the Haggadah" with Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	12 28 ADAR 6:05	13 29 ADAR Vayakhel - Pekudei Parshas Hachodesh Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 Shabbos Ends: 6:56 Rabbi Grussgott's Weekly Parsha Class - 5:55 pm
14 1 NISAN Rosh Chodesh Nisan Daylight Savings Time Begins Prayer-Works with Sharon Friedman on ZOOM - 11:00 am	15 2 NISAN Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	16 3 NISAN	17 4 NISAN	18 5 NISAN Melton Class "Beyond Borders" taught by Bill Greenberg - 7:00 pm "Understanding the Haggadah" with Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	19 6 NISAN 7:12	20 7 NISAN Vayikra Leviticah 43:21-44:23 Shabbos Ends: 8:03 Rabbi Grussgott's Weekly Parsha Class - 7:00 pm
21 8 NISAN Weekly Kiddush 'Check in' on ZOOM - 11:00 am	22 9 NISAN	23 10 NISAN	24 11 NISAN	25 12 NISAN	26 13 NISAN 7:19	27 14 NISAN Erev Pesach Tzav Malachi 3:4-24 8:11 NO EVENING SERVICE
28 15 NISAN Passover - Day 1 8:12	29 16 NISAN Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:13 OFFICE CLOSED	30 17 NISAN Passover - First Intermediate Day	31 18 NISAN Passover - Second Intermediate Day			



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March 1 - 4 6:00 PM

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Week of March 14 6:10 PM

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Week of March 28 (See Passover Schedule on Page 3)

**ROSH CHODESH NISAN
Sunday March 14**

**Please NOTE, we are
NOW having *Mincha/
Maariv* services EVERY
evening!**



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON ZOOM
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 - 10:00 am**

The K.I. annual congregational meeting to elect the investment committee chair and install new board of directors will be held on Sunday, April 11, at 10:00 am on Zoom.

The Nominating Committee is composed of the following members: Craig Caplan, chair; Sam Devinki, Brenda Fishman, Marty Gorin, Rosemary Gorin, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Marcie Kaplan, Bill Schiffman, Max Singer, and Elizabeth Peden.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the nomination of Craig Caplan to continue as Investment Committee Chair.

The following are nominated to the K.I. Board of Directors for a new two year term: Paul Blackman, Aaron Fry, Bill Greenberg, Jasmine Kaplan, Simon Kass, Ron Kogan, Dr. Shari Sokol, and Frank Tankard.

Our officers are serving their second year (and thus we do not vote on): Martin Gorin, President; Joe Adamous, Vice President; Ari Lubowicz, Vice President; Jerry Stolov, Vice President; Sam Devinki, Vice President; Ellen Portnoy, Vice President; Brenda Fishman, Secretary; Rick Simon, Treasurer.

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: Valerie Bordy, Laura Daniels, Clint Gillom, Richard Glass, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Greg Quinn, Felicia Weiner, Lois Winston.

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

A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date. Hope to see you virtually!