THE FOCAL POINT

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From Your Rabbi...



I'm typing this installment, with the TV in the background, and watching an image of the first trucks rolling out to deliver the Pfizer vaccine, which was just approved by the FDA. I feel like we should declare this date as a new *yontif* national holiday! It seems that the end of this pandemic is finally in sight. I plan to get the vaccine as soon as it's generally available, and I'd encourage everyone who qualifies to do so as well, in consultation with your doctor of course.

The *Mishnah* teaches us that when someone is ill and thinks that they might need to eat on *Yom Kippur*, a doctor has to be consulted, in addition to a rabbi. If the doctor says that the patient needs to eat in order to sustain his life and health, then the patient is NOT ALLOWED to be 'pious' and choose not to eat; Jewish Law REQUIRES him to eat.

In Judaism we defer on scientific matters to the opinions of the scientific experts. In our country, if Dr. Fauci and

the CDC and the FDA and all the major experts say that taking the vaccine is not only safe but essential in getting our normal way of life back and in saving many lives, then I believe that Jewish Law requires that we listen to those experts and act accordingly.

Many of us are now wondering: when will *shul* life return to normal? As Jews we tend to think on the timeline of holidays. As I look forward to the holidays of the spring, my gut tells me that by *Purim* we'll not yet be back to normal; by *Pesach* there's a good chance that we might, but it's sadly still doubtful; and by *Shavuot* I think there's a better than even chance that communities around the world will be able to stage their all night in person learning. That's my gut hunch prediction, based on no expertise, but I'm sticking with it!

Until then, let's all stay strong and resolute with the faith and the optimism that comes from knowing we can finally see that elusive "light at the end of the tunnel."

Wishing us all a good and safe winter.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott

From Your Vice-President....



I was introduced to Kehilath Israel on Meyer and Rockhill for the first time by a Catholic family who were members of the People to People organization whom I was staying with during my first Spring Break from KU. I had only been in the States for a couple of months at that time. When I entered Kehilath Israel, the beautiful sanctuary appeared more like a concert hall than the synagogues I was used to in Iran. In Iran we call synagogues *Kennesa*—it is probably the Judeo-Persian derivative of *Bet Kenneset*. The "*Kennisa*" that I grew up in of my hometown of Brojerd, in mountainous Western Iran, is probably about 200 years old. The main floor was designated for the men and women sat upstairs in the balcony.

My father, of blessed memory, had a business, in addition to being a volunteer chazan and Bal Korah (Torah Reader) for approximately 40 years in that synagogue.

So that was what I expected all synagogues to look like. Although Kehilath Israel did not look like that, I felt comfortable and accepted and welcomed by the "regulars" and joined them as a weekly attender.

During the political upheaval in Iran, K.I.'s Mr. and Mrs. Club (a social club that existed at K.I. for many years) sponsored a discussion about the changes taking place in Iran and the effect on the Iranian Jewish Community. The panel included myself and other Persian students, moderated by Dr. Karla Klausner, a UMKC Professor of History with expertise in the Middle East. It was at this time that I met the lovely Kansas City native that eventually became my wife.

Since my wife's family were very active at another synagogue, we split our attendance between the two synagogues. But eventually my wife was convinced by the warmth and welcoming attitude of the K.I. spiritual family, as well as the melodious service, that we should become full members and shortly after that my in-laws followed us as full K.I. members. My father-in-law was only interested in the traditional service and felt at home, as the only difference was the lack of *mechitza*—everything else was the same as the Orthodox tradition.

Our son and daughter grew up in the synagogue, and, as regular *Shabbat* and holiday attenders, they felt like the regulars were a part of our family.

After many years of attending *Shabbat* and holiday services, as well as evening services, I was asked to become more active in the synagogue and became a board member and then an officer.

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful and Covid-safe sanctuary. And I am especially proud to be a part of Kehilath Israel Synagogue which plays such an important role in this community as a Traditional synagogue that follows the Orthodox tradition, with the exception of mixed seating. No other synagogue in our community fulfills this role. I certainly hope we will remain strong in our convictions.

SHABBAT SERVICES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
Candlelighting*4:50 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat5:00 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
Morning Service9:30 AM
VAYECHI
Genesis 47:28-50:26
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv4:45 PM
<i>Havdalah</i> 5:45 PM
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
Candlelighting*4:56 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat5:05 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
BLESSING OF NEW MONTH SHEVAT
Morning Service9:30 AM
SHEMOT
Exodus 1:1-6:1
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv4:50 PM
Havdalah5:51 PM
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
Candlelighting*5:03 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat5:15 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
Morning Service9:30 AM
VA'AYRA
Exodus 6:2-9:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv4:55 PM
<i>Havdalah</i> 5:58 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
Candlelighting*5:11 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat5:20 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
Morning Service9:30 AM
ВО
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28
Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv5:05 PM
Havdalah6:05 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
Candlelighting*5:19 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
Morning Service9:30 AM
BESHALACH
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftanah, Indaga A.A. 5.21

Haftarah: Judges 4:4 - 5:31

Mincha, Parsha Class, Maariv5:10 PM

Havdalah.....6:12PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT K.I.

EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD (VIRTUAL)

Mondays, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18 & Jan 25 - 7:00 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.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP (VIRTUAL)

Wednesdays, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20 & Jan 27 - 7:00 pm Women choose the topics in this class. Taught alternately by Rabbis Moshe Grussgott and Herbert Mandl.

Zoom links will be emailed before each class. If you do not receive our weekly emails, please request the link at info@kisyn.org.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS (VIRTUAL)

Thursdays, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 & Jan 28 - 7:00 pm Delve into Bereishit - the first book of the Torah, with Rabbi Moshe Grussgott.

Zoom links will be emailed before each class. If you do not receive our weekly emails, please request the link at info@kisyn.org.

PARSHA OF THE WEEK (IN-PERSON)

Shabbat (Saturday) afternoons at the synagogue Jan 2 - 4:45 pm; Jan 9 - 4:50 pm; Jan 16 - 4:55 pm; Jan 23 - 5:05 pm; Jan 30 - 5:10 pm

Gain insights into the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Moshe Grussgott. Class is taught between Mincha and Maariv services.

IN MEMORIAM

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

ZOLIE GILGUS

(Husband of Doris Gilgus, Father of Stephanie Gatewood, Brother of Cinde Gilgus)

WILLIE GILLOM

(Father of Clint Gillom)

ADELINE TREMPY

PLEASE NOTE:

The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle has requested that articles and/or pictures concerning anything related to K.I. and/or its organizations come from a single synagogue representative.

We'd love to have your articles and/or pictures! Please send them to Elizabeth Peden, elizabeth@ kisyn.org as she is the contact person.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



6	Nancy & Robert Cohen	48
16	Jodi & Dr. Bill Rosenthal	38
17	Gena & Todd Agron	12
22	Carolyn Braverman	
	& Joseph Goldwasser	10
26	Enid & Peter Levi	52
29	Karen & Steven Pack	45

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATION



SAM DEVINKI & REGGIE FINK
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES
CHANUKAH 5781
FROM THE EMPLOYEES
OF DEVINKI REAL ESTATE

מזל טוב

- ...to Catherine and Daniel Singer on the birth of a son, Rigby 'Riggs' Jonas Singer. Also to the grandparents, Cindy and Sheldon Singer.
- ...to Vicky and Andre Kulikov on the engagement of their son, Sam, to Madison Baker. Also to the grandparents, Phyllis and Ron Kogan.
- ...to **Renee** and **Lynn Kuluva** on the recent marriage of their grandson, Zachary Zieper, to Jordann Isbitts.
- ...to **Jennifer von Ende** on her graduation from medical school this month. Also to her mother, **Dr. Harriet Langley**.

PRAYERWORKS

PrayerWorks with **Sharon Friedman** will meet at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of each month, January 10. Email info@kisyn.org to request the secure link.

CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Anton Krutz, Andre Kulikov, Robert Fishman, Renee Kuluva, Carol Caviar, Jerry Rosmarine, Felicia Weiner, Sonia Singer, Alan Goldberg, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Liz Chopp, Elliot Kaplan, Debbie Mandl, Marian Kaplan, Arlyn Kuluva, William Nowack, Susan Osman, Etta Brenner, Michael Jerwick, Marsha Krinsky, Kitty Novicoff, Edith Lea Ommerman, Jeffery Rudd, Toby Levine, Anatoly Khalemsky, Roberta Rosmarine, Brenda Fishman, Seth Gortenburg, Michael Gortenburg, Ellen Portnoy, Idie Parmet, Jacob Schulzinger, Stan Zeldin, Sandra Jabenis, Harriet Langley, Samuel Mandl, David Lesky, Beverly Burk, Ronald Kogan, Doris Chopp, Nancy Kohn, Hayley Berger, Sheldon Singer, Nancy Cline, Elinore Kutler, Abraham Rozenberg, Jerry Stolov.

JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Shoshana Gortenburg, Louis Pener, Renton Smartt, Benjamin Mandl, Jonah Margolies, Layla Singer, Jordyn Stone, Addison Brand, Jaden Jacobson, Samuel Mandl, Macie Eden Kaplan.

תודה רבה

...to our office volunteer who assists in so many ways: **Jake Schulzinger**.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT IS MONDAY, JANUARY 11. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION! THANK YOU

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KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE WORLDWIDE CHANUKAH LIGHTING

took place on Sunday, December 13th. People from several different states plus the United Kingdom, Italy, France, and Israel joined us, including current, past, and future clergy! It was a very moving service with over 160 people of all ages participating.





Bill Kass lighting the Menorah



Tankard boys lighting the Menorah

WOKI'S CELEBRATE EIGHT CRAZY NIGHTS (COVID-19 EDITION)

The holidays looked quite different this year—thanks to COVID-19, but that didn't stop the Women of KI (WoKIs) from celebrating the *Chanukah* season with Eight Crazy Nights of COVID-friendly fun! Instead of their traditional *Chanukah* dinner get together, the WoKIs ZOOMed their annual celebration socially — from a distance. A holiday gift bag holding all the supplies needed to celebrate was assembled and delivered by *Chanukah* Harriet before the candle was lit.

The first night was dedicated to virtual volunteering for Project Linus, a locally based charity in Belton, MO that collects and distributes blankets to children in need. The agency focuses on deliveries to hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might need a big hug. Each bag included enough material to make one blanket. Ladies logged on for a live demonstration and insight into the organization.

On the second night, reservations were made for a Souper *Shabbat*. Participants were gifted with a large cup, a cup of soup, and tea lights candles for *Shabbat*. On night three of *Chanukah*, we enjoyed a virtual game night where we discovered *Who was Most Likely* to make a *Match*. The 4th Night K.I. held a virtual congregational world-wide candle lighting to connect with friends near and far. Prizes were won and delivered to our 5th-night winners of Babes playing Bingo. The sixth night challenged our ladies' "going green" creativity. Participants were given five items they had to incorporate into a DIY menorah to reduce, reuse, and Upcycle. WoKIs hosted Cocoa and Quizzes on the 7th night, where four lucky ladies won prizes for their extensive trivia knowledge.

The week ended on the 8th night, where we shared a toast in a virtual happy hour, or what we like to call *Joyful Minutes*, and stories of our own family and friends. It was a time of support, and we shared what's happening with us emotionally and spiritually while we are on this new journey together.

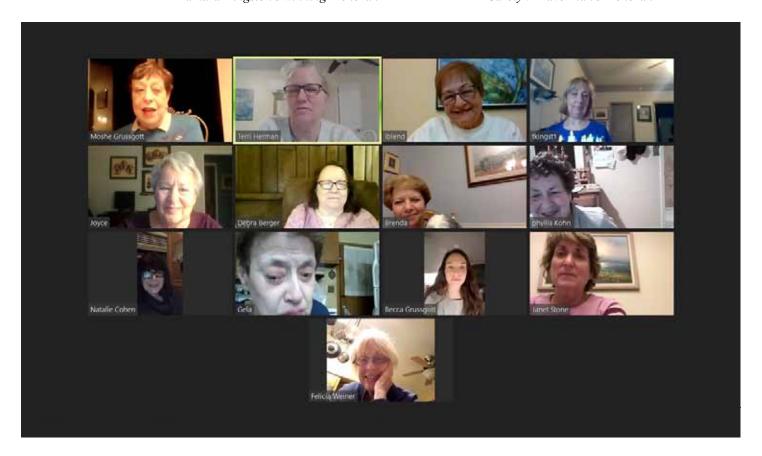
We had a virtual blast sharing time with one another. In the end, we discovered, we all crave social interaction, but a coronavirus quarantine isn't precisely the best way to cater to it. Celebrating Eight Crazy Nights with one another helped us who were struggling with feelings of loneliness and isolation to connect with friends in our community more creatively.



Tamara Kingston's winning Menorah



Carolyn Braverman's Menorah



WOMEN OF KI - continued





Rabbi Grussgott lighting the Memorah on the last night of Chanukah

GUARDIAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

FIRST TIME CAMPERS INCENTIVE GRANTS – The Guardian Society provides "incentive grants" to children attending Jewish overnight camp for the first time on a first-come first-served basis. These grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, to children the first time they attend Jewish overnight camp for three weeks or longer and have not previously received a first-time camper grant. In order to qualify for the incentive grant, children must live in the Greater Kansas City area and attend an approved Jewish camp program.

Families who need assistance sending children to camp for fewer than three weeks are encouraged to apply for financial assistance from their congregations and from The Guardian Society. Applications are also available at https://www.jewishkansascity.org/get-involved/young-adults/scholarships-incentives/jewishcamp-grants. To request a K.I. Scholarship application, email info@kisyn.org or leave a message at 913.642.1880, ext. 202.



Save the Date!!!

Virtual Trivia Bowl XX

Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm on 200M

Cost: Teams of 6 - \$30.00 | Teams of 8 - \$40.00

Individual Tickets - \$5.00

Registration is limited so don't wait to sign up.

Register at thejkc.org/index.php?src=events&srctype=detail&category=Featured&refno=6443

Teams will consist of 6 or 8 individuals, and if you are a single or a smaller group, The J will connect you to a team. Hosted by KC native and trivia host Corey Rittmaster, you will meet virtually and test your knowledge on topics ranging from pop culture to music, science, geography, Judaica, politics and more. And, there will be prizes!

Teams: After registering at this site, you will be sent an email with a quick questionnaire asking for more information. We will need your team name, team captain and teammates names and emails.

Individuals: You will also receive an email, however, it will be to introduce you to your teammates so you can choose a team name, captain, etc. and give us that info in the same questionnaire.

Presented By: The J and K.I.

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits MEMORIAL TABLETS

17 TEVET-JAN 1

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

18 TEVET-JAN 2

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

19 TEVET-JAN 3

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

20 TEVET-JAN 4

RUTH GALLAS ABRAHAM SIEGEL HINDA WINER

21 TEVET-JAN 5

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

22 TEVET-JAN 6

JOSE ADLER
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MYER DOLGINOFF
FANNIE GLASS
MAX KORNFEIN
SARA KRAMSKY
HYMAN LIEBERMAN
CELIA MAX
ELLA ODESNIK
MEYER STEIN
FREDA TIGERMAN
ANN WANE

23 TEVET-JAN 7

LEIBISH BIRENBOIM ISAAC BULAVSKY CAROL COHEN ISADORE DOLGINOFF MORRIS DUNN SAMMY PILTZ

24 TEVET-JAN 8

ISADORE AGRON YEHOSHUA CHERNICOFF GUSSIE FOX CONSTANCE GLASBERG DEWEY KOSLOSKY STUART LEVINE

25 TEVET-JAN 9

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

26 TEVET-JAN 10

JOSEPH BOLD LOUIS BURSTEN HYMAN FALLEK LOIS MYERS ESTHER ORLOVICK GEORGE ROCHELD LIEBERMAN SCHUMAN BROCHA SPACK

27 TEVET-JAN 11

RUTH FEINGOLD HAROLD GOLDBERG THOMAS GOLDENBERG FRANCES KARGER

28 TEVET-JAN 12

HARRY COHEN MARVIN DEVOE CLARA KRAFT JACOB KRAFT ALBERT KRASHIN HAROLD LERNER FANNIE MAGADY MARTIN MANN HYMAN PACK ABE PRESS

29 TEVET-JAN 13

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

1 SHEVAT-JAN 14

HARRIS DAITCH MARY DAITCH ABRAHAM LENIOWER MELVIN LEVINE RUDOLPH ZELL

2 SHEVAT-JAN 15

MARCIA COLVIN
JEANETTTE FRIEDMAN
HELEN LIEBERMAN
ESTHER SCHWARTZ
LINDMAN SHROB
SOLOMON WILENSKY

3 SHEVAT-JAN 16

JENNIE ABEND
JOSEPH BARABAN
GERALD COHEN
BEN COSNER
BEILA DORFMAN
SAMUEL DORFMAN
HELEN GOLDIN
EDYTHE HAIMER
JOSEPHINE KORT
BEN ROBINSON
STANLEY ROSE

4 SHEVAT-JAN 17

LEO CHOOS ALICE ESRIG LEONARD LAPIDES SADIE MILLER BEN RUBEN WILLIAM SPITCAUFSKY HERSHEL ZENITSKY

5 SHEVAT-JAN 18

MORRIS BELL
GRANUM CHERNOFF
STEVE GERSHON
LEAH GLADSTONE
SYLVIA GOLDSTEIN
MORRIS HAITH
DONNA LEVINE
ABRAHAM SOLTZ

6 SHEVAT-JAN 19

SHLOMO BRAUN
ISAAC DUBINSKY
MILTON FISHMAN
NATHAN HOROWITZ
ROSE KATZ
HELEN KRASHIN
SARAH KRINSKY
IDA LANSKY
ABRAHAM LERNER
DONALD TELLER

7 SHEVAT-JAN 20

JOHN GOLDBERG
ISADORE GOODMAN
GELLA POLLMAN
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8 SHEVAT-JAN 21

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ROSE LEVINE
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13 SHEVAT-JAN 26

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GERTRUDE KAPLAN
LOUIS KATZ
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15 SHEVAT-JAN 28

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16 SHEVAT-JAN 29

LOUIS FOX STEPHEN FRIEDMAN MORRIS LEVINE SOL MOLOTSKY JEAN ODESNIK SAM PORTNOFF BELLE TITENSKY

17 SHEVAT-JAN 30

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DALLES RASKIN
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18 SHEVAT-JAN 31

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COMMUNITY CORNER....

JFS has been designated as one of five social service agencies in Johnson County to distribute funds from the CARES (The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Housing Assistance Fund. The Johnson County Commission created the eviction prevention fund to assist Johnson County residents at risk of losing their

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housing during the COVID-19 crisis. The fund provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance to eligible households, with the goal of preventing the loss of housing and the resulting risk of increased spread of COVID-19. The application process may be confusing, but JFS staff can help you decipher who qualifies and how to receive assistance. If you or anyone you know has questions about your eligibility, please contact navigator@jfskc.org or call 913.327.8250.

LEARN LAUGH AND LOVE PROGRAM JANUARY

On tap Jan. 21, Learn Laugh & Love will be "Brain Fitness: Keep Your Brain in Tip-Top Shape as You Age." Learn how memory works, specific strategies for remembering, and why it is essential to exercise the body and mind. Join the Brain fitness workshop and participate in a variety of stimulating activities and brain games throughout the class.

This virtual program will be facilitated by Denise Dias, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent at the Johnson County office of the Kansas State University Extension Service. Please register in advance for this class: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/ tJUodeqorj0vE9Z32U2J9TXetAt4DLES dCk. Learn Laugh & Love is a joint series presented by JFS and The Heritage Center of the Jewish Community Center.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM SERIES ON BIKUR CHOLIM OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Kavod V Nichum and Neshama: The Association of Jewish Chaplains, and several other groups, including JFS of Kansas City, are sponsoring an innovative program about Bikur Cholim -- visiting and caring for the sick and vulnerable -- "Renewing Bikur Cholim in the Time of Covid-19 North American Conference." Beginning biweekly Monday nights from Jan. 4 - May 10, prominent teachers and rabbis from across the country will provide an educational forum and a venue for exchange of ideas and concerns, assisting providers and volunteers in providing this essential

Topics will include expanding your spiritual toolbox, being a caring presence with technology, providing for the dying, shiva under the pandemic, new approaches to prayer, dealing with dementia, new forms of loss, and grappling with isolation and loneliness. Participants may choose to register for one session, three sessions or the entire conference; scholarships are available.

For information about the Bikur Cholim conference and how to register, please use this link: https://www.jewish-funerals.org/2021-bikur-cholim-conference/.

If you are interested in becoming a spiritual care giver and would like more information about this enriching program, contact JFS Volunteer Engagement at 913.730.1410 or volunteer@jfskc.org.

ORDER YOUR MONTHLY KOSHER SHABBAT CURBSIDE MEALS TO GO

Enjoy a delicious catered curbside Shabbat dinner on Friday, January 15 prepared by Steve Ellenberg, Ellenberg Experience Catering.

Meals can be ordered in quantities to serve one or more individuals or a family of four. All food items will be packaged in containers suitable for warming in the oven or transfer microwaveable items to a microwave safe container before heating. Simple and clear heating instructions will be included.

Order your curbside Shabbat meal and pay online with a few quick clicks at https:// rabbiskc.regfox.com/shabbat-meals-to-go-monthly

Payment is accepted online and by credit card only and orders must be received by Tuesday, January 12 at 11:00 p.m. A list of menus and pricing can be found on the order page. Convenient curbside meal pick up takes place Fridays of the week you are ordering between Noon-1:00 at the Jewish Community Campus theater circle drive.

For questions 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. Visit kcrabbi.org for additional information.

This project is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City in partnership with the J Heritage Center, Jewish Family Services, Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City and Jewish Federation.

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WEEKLY SERVICES ROSE MORGAN CHAPEL

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

Sunday ONLY (Mincha and Maariv)

 January 3
 5:00 PM

 January 10
 5:05 PM

 January 17
 5:15 PM

 January 24
 5:25 PM

 January 31
 5:30 PM

Monday-Thursday (MAARIV ONLY) - 6:00 PM

January 4 - 7

January 11 - 14

January 18 - 21

January 25 - 28

Friday, January 1 - Shacharit Service 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 14 - Rosh Chodesh Shevat