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From Your Rabbi... From Your President...



Last week I visited the Auschwitz exhibit at Union Station. For those who haven't been there yet, I highly recommend it. It takes about two to three hours to complete the audio tour and to view the many meaningful artifacts and displays.

I went with my friend Rabbi Mark Glass of BIAV, along with a group of local Christian pastors from the Kansas City metro area. We all went through the displays together, in conjunction with the Kansas City Rabbinical Association, which is sending pairs of its members to the exhibit, along with groups of Christian clergy, followed by a group dialogue.

Our group dialogue was facilitated by Sarah Markowitz of the JCRB.

My Christian colleagues were moved when I mentioned that my own grandmother, of blessed memory, Eva Socachevsky, was a survivor of Auschwitz, and that many of my friends are also grandkids of survivors. For us as Jews, the Holocaust is not something abstract or distant. This helped to drive home the powerful slogan of the exhibit: "Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away."

One item which struck both me and Rabbi Glass in particular was an old copy of a tractate of *Talmud*, behind glass, which was salvaged from a *yeshiva* which once operated in the town of Oswiecim, Poland, also known as Auschwitz. Apparently, the town of Oswiecim once had a number of synagogues as well. Rabbi Glass and I both took a measure of solace in the fact that, while that particular copy of the *Talmud* is no longer being studied, the tractate itself is still studied every day by *yeshiva* students around the world.

The flame of Jewish life and Jewish learning endures. As December begins, we are already in the midst of celebrating *Chanukah*. Proverbs 6:23 reads: "The *mitzvah* is a lamp, and the *Torah* is light."

The *Midrash* teaches that the original light which G-d created on the first day of creation is actually a spiritual light, which can be accessed when we study *Torah*. As we enter the "Festival of Lights," let's take solace that while, to paraphrase the *Haggadah*, in every generation they try to destroy us, we still manage to keep the flame of Jewish living, Jewish scholarship, and Jewish communal life burning anew.

Wishing us all a good winter and a joyous *Chanukah* season.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



Is it December already? So much is going on, it's hard to believe that the year 2022 is just one month away. How many of you remember the deal that was made about "Y2K?" That was 22 years ago!

And, a lot has been going on at K.I. We hosted a special documentary, "A Promise to Our Fathers," which was written, filmed, and produced by Gene Greenberg and Stan Greenberg along with their friend, Larry Pollard. Gene and Stan grew up at K.I. Their parents, Albert and Helen Greenberg, were Holocaust survivors who reunited after they were liberated from Auschwitz. It just so happened that Larry Pollard's father, William Pollard, was one of the American soldiers that helped liberate Auschwitz and Dachau. About 150 people attended this event.

Before that event, we had Grand Givers. What a wonderful evening that was. We had over 140 people attend. The band was great. The food by Kosher Connection was delicious – thank you **Cathy Levin** and thank you **Michael and Shari Sokol** for the hard work you and your committee gave in order that we could have such a successful evening. The synagogue made over \$80,000! Wonderful!!

A special *Yasher Koach* to **Aaron Fry** for the work he did on the Kosher Wine tasting at Grand Givers. The wines were exceptional, and the information given by Aaron was amazing. Good luck on becoming a sommelier!

As you are reading this issue, we are in the middle of *Chanukah*. It's a wonderful time of the year with the latkes and *sufganiyot*. This will be another *Chanukah* miracle that we can consume so much oil.

That's about it for now. Join the classes K.I. has to offer. Come to *shul*, say hello to your friends. There is always something good to be gained at K.I.

Stay warm and be healthy,

Marty Gorin, President

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

MIKEITZ

Torah Reading: Genesis 41:1-44:17

Numbers 28:9-15

Maftir: Numbers 7:42-47

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM

Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:30 PM

Mincha.....4:20 PM

Havdalah.....5:32 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

VAYIGASH

Torah Reading: Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Women's Well Circle.....10:00 AM

Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:35 PM

Mincha.....4:20 PM

Havdalah.....5:34 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Candlelighting*.....4:40 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

VAYECHI

Torah Reading: Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:35 PM

Mincha.....4:20 PM

Havdalah.....5:36 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelighting*.....4:44 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

SHEMOT

Torah Reading: Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:40 PM

Mincha.....4:25 PM

Havdalah.....5:39 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Candlelighting*.....4:49 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

VA'AYRA

Torah Reading: Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:45 PM

Mincha.....4:30 PM

Havdalah.....5:44 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

FAST OF TEVET

Tuesday, December 14

Commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and led to the destruction of the Temple. The fast begins at 6:04 am and ends at 5:30 pm.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

Last Chanukah candles are lit on December 3 and December 4.

Lighting Chanukah candles on Friday night, December 3: Make sure to light the Chanukah candles before sundown (4:39 pm) and before the Sabbath candles are lit. It is better not to light the Chanukah candles at all on Friday night than to light them after dark, which is a violation of the Sabbath laws. Additionally, Jewish law requires that on every night of Chanukah, the candles must burn at least 1/2 hour after dark. Since on Friday night we must light before Shabbat starts, it is traditional to use large candles, such as Shabbat candles or tall tapers, for the Chanukah itself.

On Saturday night, December 4, it is permissible to light the Chanukah menorah any time after Havdalah (5:32 pm).

The Chanukah candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. However, this limited use of the light applies only during the first half-hour of their burning. The rabbis of old determined that the required burning time of a Chanukah candle is one half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished.

NEW MONTHLY CELEBRATORY KIDDUSH AT K.I.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and other *simchas* with your congregational family!

Please join us on the fourth Saturday of each month (except January's will be on the fifth Saturday) for a *kiddush* celebrating birthdays and other *simchas*! The suggested donation in honor of your birthday is \$18. The rabbi will read the names of the contributors from the pulpit, and there will be an enjoyable *Kiddush*. (Don't worry! The year you were born will never be mentioned!)

Please note – this does not replace our monthly Chai Anniversary Kiddush. This is just another opportunity for us to celebrate together.

We will begin in January, and I will be celebrating my birthday with my Kehilath Israel family.

Brenda Fishman

Please add this page to your K.I. Membership Directory.
This photograph was mistakenly omitted from the recent K.I. Directory.



From left to right: Ashlyn Agron, Grace Agron holding "Stevie Nicks," Gena Agron, Kelly Vickery Agron, Colton Agron, Joel Agron holding "Jack," Rosemary Gorin, Marty Gorin holding "Sofia," Bill Oliver, Heather Oliver, Pierce Everette Cooper, Blake Sallis, Jake Harris, and Keaton Oliver.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (9)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (16)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (46)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (43)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (16)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (26)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (71)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (38)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (56)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (12)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (7)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (52)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (69)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (8)
- 30 Henri & Ben Gaeddert (3)

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Liz Friedman, Dmitry Kapustin, Emily Minoofar, Blake Sallis, Linda Silver, Brynn Shaffer, William Anderson, Eugene Strauss, Jonathan Kaplan, Lynn Kuluva, Harold Shorr, Robyn Jacobs, Matthew von Ende, Anna Levina, Bonnie Siegel, Harold Magariel, Sandra Romer, Scott White, Janet Eisman, Clint Gillom, Marcie Kaplan, Sheila Rosmarine, Rachel Lubowicz, Robert Glueck, Joel Zitron, Austin Ruben, Arnold Caviar, Debra Ann Entine, Sarah Caplan, Hal Novicoff, Beryl Silberg.



DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Khalemsky, Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Jackson Jacobson, Kayla Fink, and Abigail Clark.

K.I. KIDZ

FIRST SHABBAT OF THE MONTH
EVERY MONTH -- 10 AM

AGES 2 - 12

12/4, 1/8*

*SECOND SHABBAT

GREENBERG YOUTH LOUNGE

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
UNVACCINATED PEOPLE AGES 5 & UP.



**The deadline for The January Focal Point is
December 3. Email your information to
ashanberg@kisyn.org.**

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Janet Eisman, Pete Levi, Adelle Matzdorff, Jeff Shniderman, and Manny Winston**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

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K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The students in the K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School are enjoying being back together for in-person learning this semester, and the teachers got them deep into learning right away.

Our youngest group, Pre-K through 1st grade, is working hard at learning the Hebrew letters. They started at the beginning of the *aleph bet* and are learning several words that begin with each letter. They are also in the middle of a unit about the synagogue and did a scavenger hunt to find many holy items in the sanctuary. They were very careful to be very respectful while they were in the sanctuary, acknowledging they were in a holy place.

Our middle group, 2nd grade through 4th grade, does weekly review with Hebrew letters and a little reading. They learn the weekly *parsha* and any *mitzvot* associated with the *parsha*. The students' major focus right now is a unit on the *Torah*. In October, they were "reporters" and investigated the *Torah* with the help of Rabbi Grussgott and saw a real *Torah* up close. They have been making their own "*Torah*" with all of its accessories and learning about why it has each part. Look for pictures in an upcoming issue of the *Focal Point* with their completed "*Torah*."

Even with the pandemic, we have still been able to have some community time within the school. Students get together outside for snack every Sunday, where they also learn the *brachot* for every food/drink. We are also building a *mitzvah* chain together as a school. Every student in the school adds a link as they do a *mitzvah*. We hope to have a chain that spreads around the entire main room of the school wing from doing so many *mitzvot*!

Rachel Macek



The Pre-K and Kindergarten class taking a tour of the sanctuary as part of their getting to know the synagogue curriculum. Left to right, Adelle Wolder, Lilah Fry, Crosby Tankard, Chaviva Macek, Bill Kass, Evie Pener, in the back Morah Becky Toniazzo.



Pre-K, Kindergarten learning the letter gimel. Evie Pener with Adelle Wolder in the background.

תודה רבה

...to our office volunteers who assist in so many ways: Irene Blend, David Kershner, Jake Schulzinger, Sonny Singer, and Eunice Snitz.

...to Max Jevinsky for taking the *Focal Point* to the main KC, MO post office each month, so that you can receive a print version.

...to Brenda Fishman, Debbie Adamous and their crew for fixing the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

...to Phyllis & Maury Kohn, Sam Rabicoff for delivering *chesed* meals.

K.I. SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The K.I. Scholarship Fund supports children of K.I. through high school age. Funds are available for approved Jewish day camps, overnight camps, and/or trips that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity, experience, etc.

If you would like an application, contact the K.I. office at info@kisyn.org or 913.642.1880.

Applications can be emailed or "snail mailed."

**SAVE THE DATE:
ANNUAL
KEHILATH
ISRAEL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
Sunday, March 27 -
10:00 am at K.I.**

KEHILATH ISRAEL HOSTED A SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY SHOWING

Over 140 people, including many children of Holocaust survivors, attended the special screening of "A Promise to Our Fathers" at Kehilath Israel Synagogue on Thursday, October 21. The documentary tells the story of friendship between two boys, with the horrors of the Holocaust and WW2 in the background.

Both Kansas City natives, Gene Greenberg and Larry Pollard met when they were nine years old in 1958. Gene's parents were survivors, a married couple, who beyond all odds were reunited after liberation, even though their two sons had perished at Auschwitz. They had two sons, Gene and his older brother Stan, after the war.

Larry's father was a WW2 veteran who had served as a medic. His experiences liberating Dachau never left his mind. Later in life, when he was living in a Veterans' home in Cameron, Missouri, he realized that the younger generation had no idea of what happened during WW2. He worked to change that.

"A Promise to Our Fathers" is the story of the friendship, the Holocaust and what happened later. The event was sponsored by K.I. Synagogue and the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education. DVDs of the movie are available for \$20. Schools can receive a copy for free. For more information go to www.apromisetooourfathers.com.



Gene Greenberg standing, and behind sitting are his wife, Melanie; Larry Pollard, who has the mic; Stan Greenberg, and Stan's wife Erika. All three men answered questions during the event.

Gene Greenberg answers questions following the showing of the documentary, "A Promise to Our Fathers."



מזל טוב

...to **Doris Chopp** on the recent *Bar Mitzvah* of her grandson, Jacob Goldman, son of Clara and Geoffrey Goldman of St. Louis, MO.

...to **Aron & Dr. Leah Mandl** and Chaya Mandl on the recent *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Ephraim Mandl in Surfside Beach, TX. Also to the grandparents, **Barbara & Rabbi Herbert Mandl**.

...to **Cory Gutovitz** on his recent marriage to Ariel Rothfield. And to parents, **Susan & Dr. Sam Gutovitz**.

...to **Jeremy Gutovitz** on his recent engagement to Allie Winchell. And to his parents, **Susan & Dr. Sam Gutovitz**. ...to **Dr. Harriett Langley** on the recent graduation of her daughter, Samantha von Ende with a JD from the Mauer School of Law at the University of Indiana.

...to **Dr. Harriett Langley** on the wedding of her daughter Elizabeth von Ende to Hannah Kuklenski.

ANNOUNCING THE NEW KI NEXT YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE: ACTIVE, INNOVATIVE, AND WORKING HARD FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS

The recently launched *KI Young Members Committee* has been hard at work staging events and developing regular programming geared to KI's younger membership.

On the kids' front, the monthly *KI Kidz* program is up and running on the first *Shabbat* of the month and seems to grow each time, under the wing of the experienced Jewish educator and imminently fun **Bridey Stangler**.

For young adults, the synagogue has put on a number of successful *KI Next* events. This included a three-part series of virtual Israeli wine tastings led by **Aaron Fry** (advanced sommelier and KI member), with contributions from **Rabbi Grussgott** and **Ben Gaeddert** (professional winemaker and KI member). Young members also connected at casual dinners on the back patio, including a well-attended summer event with the Ellenberg Experience food truck dishing out barbecue. In November, KI Next sponsored a fascinating Jewish Astrology class with Rabbi Grussgott for the women of KI and a Chanukah-themed nerf gun battle for the kids.

The Young Members Committee is committed to staging events not exclusive to young members, but open to the entire congregation and Jewish community. *Rabbi's Book Club* launched in November and will meet quarterly to discuss a new book chosen by Rabbi Grussgott. (The first book was the wonderful *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*, by Yossi Klein Halevi).

The committee is hard at work planning more. Building off the success of *KI Kidz*, monthly programming will be added beginning in January for school-age kids with the experienced Jewish educator, the venerable and learned **Shelley Rissien** (details to come). **Simon Kass** (AOS in culinary arts) and **Aaron Fry** are also hard at work planning the rollout of an exquisite and super fancy (but not too fancy) *Supper Club*, to be launched in the coming months and open to the congregation and Jewish community. Details on that and more happenings to come!



November Chanukah themed nerf gun battle for kids:

(From left) Lilah Fry, Aaron Fry, Avi Fry, Wes Tankard, Bill Kass, Simon Kass, Ezra Grussgott, Crosby Tankard, Jonah Tankard, Dan Kass, Ari Grussgott, Jacob Tankard, Frank Tankard

Jewish Astrology with Rabbi Grussgott:
(Left circling around) Irene Blend, Jackye Goldberg, Ileen Neufeld, Sharon Levitan, Shelley Rissien, Ellen Portnoy, Bev Jacobson, Natalie Cohen, Joyce Zeldin, Bridey Stangler, Jill Maidhof, Dr. Marilyn Solsky, Tracy Tankard, Angie Fry, Becky Toniazio, Rebecca Speier, Amelia Kass, Maureen Minoofar, Debbie Adamous, Mickey Batnitzky, Becca Grussgott



ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits
MEMORIAL TABLETS

27 KISLEV-DEC 1

DONALD COHN
FRANCES MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 2

HERBERT FISHMAN
SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
FAMILY KUSHNER
BENJAMIN LICHTOR
SAM PLATTNER
ISRAEL RAIZEN

29 KISLEV-DEC 3

SARAH ASHER
LAWRENCE BLONSKY
BERNARD GLICKSTEIN
PEARL HALPERN
DORA HERSCHMAN
MIRIAM INDIN
DORA LEVY
SAMUEL SPECTOR
SAM TANKEL
DAVID WEINBERG

30 KISLEV-DEC 4

EPHRAIM DENNIS
SARAH LERNER
AARON PFEFER
RICHARD SHER
MINNIE SIMON
ANNA SWARTZ

1 TEVET-DEC 5

FANNIE CLAYMAN
REVA DENNIS
ANNA DUBINSKY
ROSE FABES
DAVID GINSBERG
DAVID GOLAD
EMMA LEVINE
VICTOR SIEGEL

2 TEVET-DEC 6

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
WILLIAM GALLAS
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN
SARAH GREEN
CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
ABE RABINOWITZ
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 7

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER
OSCAR SIMON

4 TEVET-DEC 8

ISADORE BROWN
MICHLE FISHMAN
MARTHA GOODMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RICHARD KATZ
MARCUS LEVITCH
MOLLY MONDSCHIN
MORRIS RASKIN
SHAY STEIN
LOUIS WALTER

5 TEVET-DEC 9

HELEN COHEN
REBECCA COHEN
ROSE GREENBERG
JACK KANDLIS
JOE LEVINE
JOE TKATCH
PETER TRANIN
RUTH ZITRON

6 TEVET-DEC 10

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI
BARBARA STEINBERG

7 TEVET-DEC 11

KATHERINE BODKER
SOLOMON BORTNICK
ANNA BUCKSNER
BEN COHN
GENE DELEVE
MORRIS FRIEDMAN
MORRIS GOLDBERG
FLORA HARRIS
J LOUIS LESKY
DAVID SHANE
SAMUEL SHURIN
BEN TRILLIN
SARAH WEINBERG

8 TEVET-DEC 12

CARL BERNSTEIN
IDA DUNN
SARAH FISHMAN
BESS LADERMAN
ANNE SCHAEFFER
ROSE TRANIN

9 TEVET-DEC 13

MARY ABEND
LENA ALPORT
REBECCA BLENDER
ETHEL KESSLER
IDA LERNER
SARAH LEVINSON

10 TEVET-DEC 14

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER
ZALMON BERGER
ZLATA BERGER
ZVI BERGER
SARAH BOIGEN
CHARNA COHEN
MORDECAI COHEN
DAVID CUKIER
HARRY FILSON

CHARNA GERSHKOWITZ

ALVIN GLADSTONE
HERSHEL GOLDBERG
MARIE HACKER
DORA HAITH
IDA JABEN
LEON KLOPPER
ADA LEVEY
ISIDOR LIPSCHUETZ
SHEVA MILLER
YESHAIHA MILLER
FEIGA POLLMAN
LIBBY SLADOWITZ
VELVEL STEPONSKY
SARAH STERN
MARY WAGNER
WEINER BROTHERS
ISAAC WINER
JACOB WINER
BRACHA YEDDIS
FEIGA YODLER
WOLF YODLER

11 TEVET-DEC 15

ELIYA DWORKIN
HAROLD GERSH
LOUIS GLASS
MINNIE GUROVITZ
ABE KELNE
ZE'EV LISSER
SARA LITMAN
SIMON MALLIN
MINNIE MILLER

12 TEVET-DEC 16

REBECCA BIALSKY
ANNA BRATMAN
MINNIE KUSHNER
ISADORE MARGOLIS
MINNIE OSADCHY
RUBIN RESNICK
SIMHA TARABOULOS

13 TEVET-DEC 17

RUTH ADELMAN
BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN
MILTON KESSLER

14 TEVET-DEC 18

REBECCA GINSBERG
SARA GOLDBERG
ROSE HOROWITZ
LEONARD OSMAN
ANNA STUDNA
SULE SWEET
MIRIAM WAJCMAN

15 TEVET-DEC 19

HILDA ADLER
NORMAN CAPLAN
SOPHIE DOLGINOFF
ALICE DUBIN
NATHAN FOX
SARAH GLASS
HARRY KOTELOV
SARAH LESKY
REVA PESMEN
MORDECAI SCHULTZ
ISRAEL SHANERMAN
MINNIE WEINSAFT
HARRY WEXLER
SAM ZEFF

16 TEVET-DEC 20

ROSE BARSKY
BLUMA FRUMHOFF
LILLIAN HAITH
EDWARD KANTER
ELSA LEVIN
IRVING LEVITAN
HARRIS SHERR

17 TEVET-DEC 21

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

18 TEVET-DEC 22

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

19 TEVET-DEC 23

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

20 TEVET-DEC 24

RUTH GALLAS
ABRAHAM SIEGEL
HINDA WINER

21 TEVET-DEC 25

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

22 TEVET-DEC 26

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

23 TEVET-DEC 27

LEIBISH BIRENBOIM
ISAAC BULAVSKY
CAROL COHEN
ISADORE DOLGINOFF

MORRIS DUNN

SAMMY PILTZ

24 TEVET-DEC 28

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

25 TEVET-DEC 29

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

26 TEVET-DEC 30

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

27 TEVET-DEC 31

RUTH FEINGOLD
HAROLD GOLDBERG
THOMAS GOLDENBERG
FRANCES KARGER



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Memory

TIBBY RISSIEN

Scott Bronston

MARILYN HOFFMAN

BARBARA HOFFMAN

Paul Wacknov

Yahrzeit

DROSHA LEVINA

Anna Levina

DORA ADELMAN

Bruce Adelman

HARRY SCHULZINGER

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

RUBY BLAIR
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December 2021

27 Kislev 5782 - 27 Teves 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 Religious School Chanukah Party - 9:15 am - Noon	6 Chanukah - Day 8 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	7 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Melton Adult Education Class w/Bill Greenberg - 7:00 pm	8 Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	9 The Pandemic and Jewish Law taught by Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm	10 4:39	11 Vayigash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:34 Women's Well Circle-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
12 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	13 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	14 Fast of the Tenth of Tevet Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Melton Adult Education Class w/Bill Greenberg - 7:00 pm	15 Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	16	17 4:40	18 Vayechi Parashat Kings 2: 1-12 Shabbos Ends: 5:36 Chal Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
19 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	20 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	21 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	22 K.I. Board Meeting - 6:30 pm	23	24 4:44 OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	25 Christmas Day Shemos Parashat Vayechi Shabbos Ends: 5:39
26 NO Religious School	27	28 NO Religious School	29	30 The Pandemic and Jewish Law taught by Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm	31 4:49 OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	



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Sunday *Shacharit* 9:00 A.M.
Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 A.M.

Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv

Week of Nov. 28 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 5 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 12 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 19 4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 26 4:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Saturday, December 1
Sunday, December 2



UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

Classes meet in-person at K.I.

EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD Mondays, 7 pm - Dec 6, Dec 13, & Dec 20

This is the longest running Jewish class in Kansas City! Come see why. Explore Rabbinic discussions pertaining to Jewish law, ethics, customs and history. No previous knowledge is needed. Taught by **Rabbi Mandl**

MELTON CLASS - BEYOND BORDERS Tuesdays, 7 pm - Dec 7, & 14

The history of the Arab-Israeli conflict taught by **Bill Greenberg** (To register, contact Meg Pener, MeltonKC Program Director, meganp@thejkc.org or 913.327.8163.)

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP Wednesdays, 7 pm - Dec 1, 8, & 15

Women get to choose the topics in this popular class! Taught alternately by **Rabbis Grussgott & Mandl**

THE PANDEMIC AND JEWISH LAW - 2 Part Series Thursday, 7 pm - Dec 9 & Dec 30

This class will explore halachic (Jewish Law) questions which arose with the pandemic, such as whether or not halacha requires vaccination, when and under what circumstances to shut down a shul, and which prayers can be cut down for the High Holidays to make the service shorter in a time of emergency. Taught by Rabbi Grussgott. (NEW)

PARSHA OF THE WEEK - Rabbi Grussgott

Shabbat (Saturday) afternoons - See the Focal Point or kisyn.org for times

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