

## THE FOCAL POINT

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ADAR - NISAN 5783

## From the Rabbi... From the President...



We recently had an important Sunday brunch at *shul* sponsored by the Men's Club on the subject of men's health. **Doctors Don Cohen and Arnold Tropp** graciously educated us on how to properly watch our health within each age group, all while dining on delicious *shakshuka* (an Israeli dish, and one of my personal favorites!), courtesy of **Doug Zolotor**. There was a great turnout, and we even had a couple of women show up as well.

As we enter the month of *Adar*, the *Mishnah* teaches us: *MiShenichnas Adar Marbin B'Simchah*. "When *Adar* enters, we increase our joy." This is because *Adar* kicks off a spring season of rapid fire holidays, one after the other, with a number of additional holidays having been added in modern times as well. First we have *Purim*, and then *Pesach* one month later. Then comes *Yom Haatzmaut* (Israeli Independence Day), and *Lag B'Omer*; all culminating in *Shavuot*, celebrating our having received the *Torah* on Mount Sinai.

The *Talmud* teaches that the Jewish people had a national re-acceptance of the *Torah* after their salvation on *Purim*. On *Purim*, we are to have a blowout festive meal. We at K.I. take this obligation very seriously! We are deep in the throes of planning our big annual *Purim* bash, compete with dinner and *shpiel*.

On *Purim* we celebrate physically by eating and drinking, in order to achieve spiritual closeness to G-d. The wisdom of our tradition in this regard is to recognize that the body and spirit are integrated in this way. They aren't separate entities. As Jews we seek to elevate everything in this world, including the seemingly mundane and physical. I thought of this lesson after the men's health brunch that we had, and how great it was to see an event ostensibly about physical matters at the *shul* lead to a joyous sense of religious community and fraternity. That's what it's all about!

I wish us a joyous *Purim*,

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



Here we are in February, the shortest month of the Gregorian calendar. In a few weeks, from writing this article, we will celebrate *Purim*, the holiday that is dear to me due to the special connection that we, Persian Jews, have with it. As you know, the history of *Purim* goes back to the Persian Empire some 2500 years earlier. It commemorates the survival of the Jews of the empire who were marked for death.

This annihilation was planned by the evil Haman, pronounced *Haamon* in Persian, who was the Prime Minister or Vazir, of King Ashashverosh, *Khashyar shah*, in Persian which Greeks called *Xerxes*.

My hometown is only a few hundred kilometers from the then capital, Shushan, presently called Shush, and only 200 km from the city of Hamadon, where Esther and Mordechai's tombs lay.

Although the story happened in Persia, would it surprise you, if I said the *Megilah* reading is a serious occasion in Iran? I.e., no groggers, no booing and also no *hamantaschen* or costumes!!!

There was a custom that after the *Megilah* reading, men would get together and gamble 'til late in the night to mark the casting of lots. Their lots were made, as in ancient Persia, from small pieces of bones made of the end of the femur (bone) of a sheep, measuring about 1x2x2 inches, which had two irregular shaped ends, one small and one large, so depending on which side they landed, the small side or the large side, determined the bet. Another custom was to give money, in bills, as gifts to kids.

We, at K.I., celebrate *Seudah Purim* on March 7th this year by enacting the story this year named, "The Motown *Shpiel*" followed by an authentic Persian cuisine. If the past is a good indicator, this event should be Fabulous.

Recently, on February 5th, the Men's Club presented a medical education session where **Doctors Don Cohen and Arnold Tropp** discussed what men should be aware of and doing in order to improve their longevity. This presentation was preceded by serving a healthy and scrumptious brunch. I want to extend a thank you to **Pete Cabell** and all others involved in making this affair possible.

Last but not least, **Cantor Hayoun** is "looking for a few good men" to join the High Holidays Men's Choir. If interested, please contact Cantor Hayoun.

Joseph Adamous

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## SHABBAT SERVICES

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Candlelighting\*.....5:55 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:45 PM  
Mincha.....5:30 PM  
Havdalah.....6:46 PM



### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Candlelighting\*.....6:03 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Womens Well Circle.....10:00 AM  
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:55 PM  
Mincha.....5:40 PM  
Havdalah.....6:54 PM



### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Candlelighting\*.....7:10 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

### BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH NISAN

### CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Nin Jews (formerly Mini-Minyan).10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:05 PM  
Mincha.....6:50 PM  
Havdalah.....8:01 PM



### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Candlelighting\*.....7:16 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 PM

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

### BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:10 PM  
Mincha.....6:55 PM  
Havdalah.....8:07 PM



### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Candlelighting\*.....7:23 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 PM

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:15 PM  
Mincha.....7:00 PM  
Havdalah.....8:15 PM

\*NO LATER THAN

## FAST OF ESTHER

On **Monday, March 6**, Jews around the world will be commemorating the Fast of Esther. This is one of our minor fast days, meaning it is observed from break of day until evening and not a 24 hour fast like *Yom Kippur*. In the *Megillah* of Esther, the Jewish people are commanded to fast in memory of the events of the *Purim* festival and the Jews being saved in the land of Persia.

**The fast begins at 5:25 am and will conclude at 6:49 pm.**

But one should preferably not eat until after hearing the *Megillah*.

### 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, 2023**

**ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE**

**ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE**



## 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* 5783, 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 *chamez*, *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 Friday, March 31**

**10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212**



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BRUNCH

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 - 10:00 am

The K.I. annual congregational meeting to elect and install the Investment Committee chair and new Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 10:00 am in the social hall at K.I. Come enjoy a delicious brunch, vote, and get annual updates.

The Nominating Committee is composed of the following members: Marty Gorin, chair; Joe Adamous, Pete Cabell, Sam Devinki, Aaron Fry, Clint Gillom, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Herb Parmet, Shelley Rissien, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, and Elizabeth Peden.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the nomination of Geoff Friedman as Investment Committee Chair.

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

Our officers are serving their second year (and thus we do not vote on): Joe Adamous, President; Sam Devinki, Vice President; Brenda Fishman, Vice President; Ari Lubowicz, Vice President; Ellen Portnoy, Vice President; Jerry Stolov, Vice President; and Frank Tankard, 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, Pete Cabell, Clint Gillom, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Dr. Michael Sokol, Lois Winston.

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

We will also be voting on bylaw changes recommended by the Governance and Leadership Committee below.

## GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE, REVISED JANUARY 31, 2023

Members of the committee include Ellen Portnoy, VP Governance; Paul Blackman; Valerie Bordy; Sam Devinki and Joe Adamous. Proposed changes are in red.

### Article VII Section 7:03 Board of Director Meetings

**E: Meetings By Conference Call or Other Communications.** So long as permitted by **Kansas** statute, any Member may participate in the meeting through any means of communication, including conference telephone or electronic screen communication.

**F. New Business:** In order to present new business at a board meeting, a Member or board member must contact either the president or executive director no later than the day before the meeting to ask that the new business be put on the agenda. He/she must indicate what the new business is about. The member also must bring a written statement explaining the new business to the board meeting.

**No new business issue will be voted on until the following meeting to make sure the topic is investigated, and all information is available, unless this is an urgent matter needing immediate attention.**

### Article IV: Section 4:04 Voting at Congregation Meetings

Current: In addition to in person voting at Congregation Meetings, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to allow, at its discretion, absentia voting.

New version: In addition to in person voting at Congregation Meetings, **any Member may participate in the meeting through any means of communication, including conference telephone or electronic screen communication, so long as it is permitted by Kansas statute.** Additionally, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to allow, at its discretion, absentia voting.

(The second paragraph of Section 4.04 remains the same.)

**There is an inconsistency as to when a new president takes office.** As you can see below, in Article III it says the leadership year starts on May 1, while in Article 5 it says those elected to office start immediately. We decided the easiest fix was to eliminate the sentence outlining the term of office for Officers and Members at Large, leaving Article V Section 5.02 as the rule.

**~~The term of office for Officers and Members-At-Large (Leadership Year) shall commence on May 1.~~**

### Article V Section 5.02 Nomination and Elections Process

Those elected to office shall be proclaimed and installed immediately upon the determination of the results of the balloting, and shall assume their respective office.

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (40)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (36)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (43)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (61)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (51)

## תודה רבה

...to our office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Jake Schulzinger**, 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** and her crew: **Maureen Minoofar**, **Cristi Gillom**, **Janet Stone**, **Amy Nehme**, **Katie Rosenbaum**, and **Rachel Lubowicz** for shopping, cooking, and serving the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

...to **Shelley Rissien** who made the dough for the *hamantaschen*.

## רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Carolyn Kerschner**, **Rita Myer**, **Andy Schwartz**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

## מזל טוב

...to **Barbara** and **Rabbi Herbert Mandl** on the recent birth of a granddaughter, **Yakira Shoshana** to **Debbie** and **Noah Hammerman**.



...to **Sonny Singer** on being chosen as JFS' February Volunteer of the month.

## 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, Michael Farber, Isabelle Gallas, 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, Mikhail Kosiborod, Samuel Kosiborod, Sofiya Lapidus, Debra Levin, Jordan Levin, David Levine, Rebecca Nowack, William Oliver, Tatyana Oskotsky, Steven Pack, Marc Price, Ben-Zion Rosenblum, Diane Rozenberg, Emily Ruben, Cheryl Shanberg, Joseph Smuckler, Gene Soloff, Arnold Tropp, Simon Wajcman, Betsy Waxman, Susan Winston.



A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
**DORIS RUBIN**  
WHO WILL BE TURNING 100!

## MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

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## K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Families and K.I. friends:

Although this is the March *Focal Point*, I have just come home from celebrating *Tu b'Shevat* with our teachers and students. Even though *Passover* and our family *seder* is right around the corner, we celebrated the “Birthday of the Trees” with a very different *seder* for *Tu b'Shevat*. We had a very special *Haggadah* which taught us all about what trees add and how they sustain our world. There were four pitchers of wine “juice” that represented, by their color, the four seasons of our year.

The students painted rocks to add to the rocks around the tree in the front of the school door.

I shared that there are two rocks already there that were placed by previous K.I. school students in memory of two students who passed some years ago, Joseph Lawner and Nicole Jerwick.

The students made beautiful rocks with their hearts and hands. Together we learned to respect and honor the world around us and not to take anything for granted. Special thank you to **Morah Rebecca** and **Morah Bridey** as well as **Morah Daniella** who led the *seder* on this day of honoring the magic of G-d's world.

As we celebrate the month of *Adar* very soon, K.I. is getting ready for a busy month. There is always an excitement in the air as *Purim* is right around the corner. Our K.I. kids will learn about the story of *Purim* and all the customs that come with this holiday. I think there may even be a few *hamantashen* that may be made just for them or even by them!!

**As this is also the month of spring break, there will not be class on Sundays, March 12 and 19, and Wednesday, March 15.**

I would also like to share that there will be special school programming on Sunday, March 26 as the students learn and prepare for *Pesach*.

As there seems to be back to back holidays from *Tu Bshvat* to *Purim* to *Passover* and then some more, it makes me wonder if this is the Jewish source of March Madness!!

As always, thank you for allowing the K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School to be such an important part of your families.

*Morah Shelley*

### Our School Celebrates *Tu B'Shevat*



פורים Purim פורים Purim פורים

# **PURIM @ K.I.**

**Monday, March 6**

Fast of Esther

**Mincha @ 6:05 pm / Megillah Reading @ 6:40 pm**

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Megillah Reading @ 7:00 am services and 4:45 pm**

**Purim Seudah (Meal) & Shpiel (Play) @ 5:30 pm**

*Reservations only*

The children's choir under the direction  
of Cantor Hayoun will sing for you.

Feast on an elaborate Persian meal and  
enjoy "A Motown Operetta" - your favorite  
Motown tunes telling the story of Purim.

**Directed by Carolyn Goldwasser**

**\$25: Members / \$30: Non-members**

**Kids ages 2-10: \$10**

**RSVP by Monday, February 20**

Pay online [kisyn.org](http://kisyn.org) or mail check to K.I.

פורים Purim פורים Purim פורים

# Our Purim Shpiel - A Motown Operetta



## The Megillah Gorillas

Standing L-R: Carol Robinson, Michael Abrams, Irene Blend, Christie Dotolo, Bonnie Brooksher, Jim Bradley, Marlene Lubowicz, David Stelting

Seated L-R: Natalie Cohen, Carolyn Goldwasser (director/choreographer), Rebecca Nowack, Amy Fisch, Judy Elliott (Not pictured: Rebecca Speier)

**The Megillah Gorillas** are well into their rehearsal process for this year's *Purim Shpiel, A Motown Operetta*. We are feeling Uptight, Outta Sight and ready to do the Loco-Motion for our Community.

Let's make OUR celebration THE celebration for the community.  
Invite everybody!!

**RSVP DEADLINE - Monday, February 20**

**Volunteers Needed!!!**

To deliver Purim baskets the week of March 5. Let us know if you can help: [ashanberg@kisyn.org](mailto:ashanberg@kisyn.org) or 913.642.1880 x214

**Happy  
Purim**



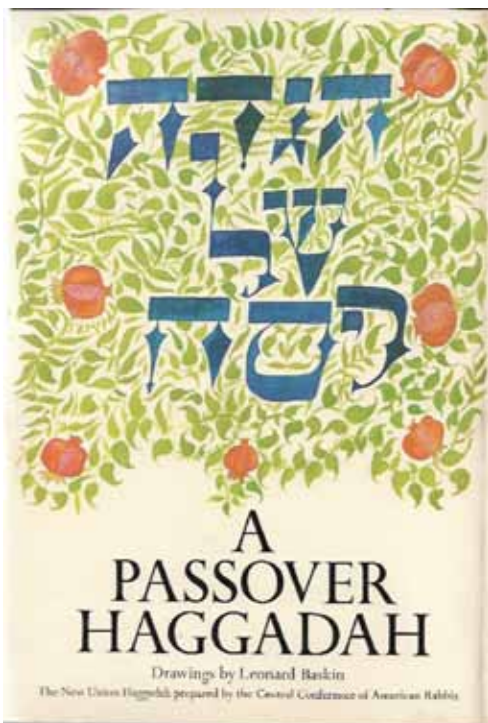
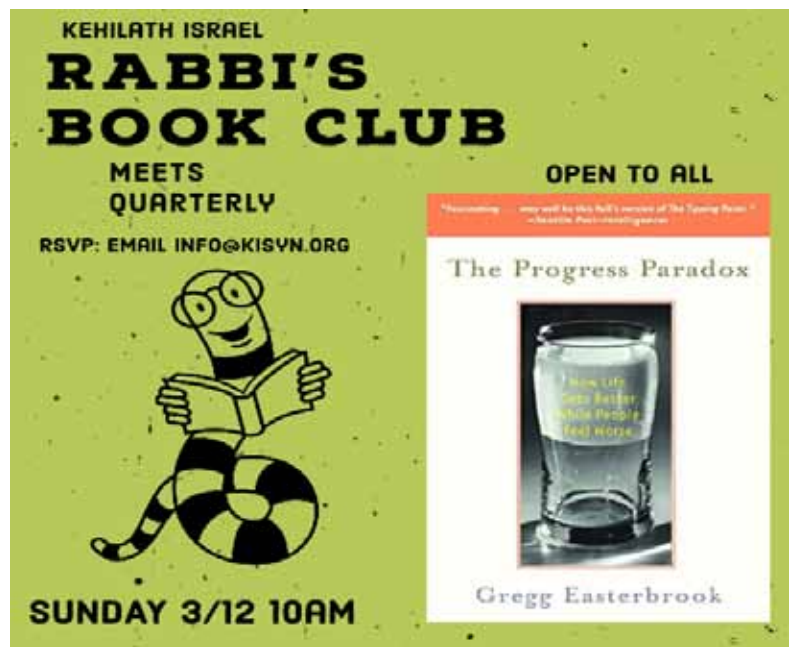
# Rabbi's March Bagel & Brunch Class Series

Following 9am *Shacharit* (at around 9:45am)  
Come for services; Stay for bagels!



**March 5th:**  
**Basic Laws and Practices of Purim**  
(*Hamantashen* will be served!)

**March 12th:**  
**Rabbi's Book Club**



**March 19th & 26th:**  
**Decoding the *Haggadah***  
(*Chametz* treats will be served!)

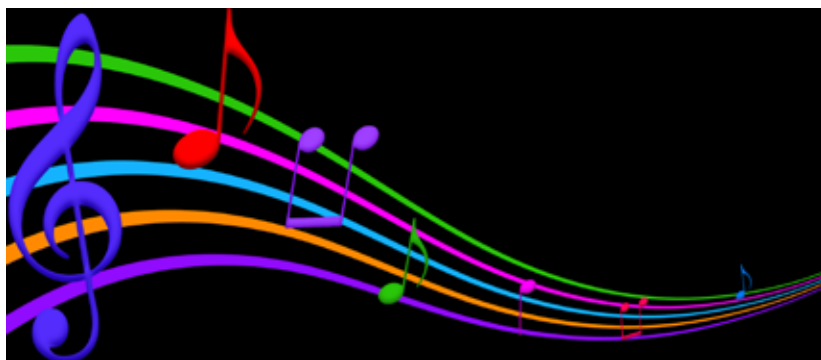


# Friday Night



Friday Night, March 17 @ 6:05 pm  
with Cantor Hayoun, Rabbi Grussgott,  
and Clint Gillom

The next Friday Night  
Kabbalat Shabbat will be on  
March 31st @ 6:15 pm



## WANTED!

Men to sing in the  
High Holiday Men's Choir!  
If interested,  
contact Cantor Hayoun



Tomahawk  Hills  
GOLF COURSE

# Allan Greenberg Memorial K.I. Synagogue Golf Tournament

Monday, June 5  
8 am Shotgun Start

**17501 Midland Drive Shawnee, KS 66217**



# 24TH ANNUAL ALLAN GREENBERG MEMORIAL KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please pair me with a team: \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Please pair me with the following players: (before listing partners, please ensure that they plan to team with you.)

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2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

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# Passover Schedule

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4 - 13 NISAN

*BEDIKAT CHAMETZ* (Searching the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation)

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - 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*)..... 11:13 AM

*BIUR CHAMETZ* (Burning of the *Chametz*)..... 12:17 AM

Candlelighting..... 7:28 PM

*MINCHA* (Followed by *Yom Tov Maariv*)..... 6:15 PM

FIRST *SEDER* (in the home)..... 8:23 PM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - 15 NISAN

### FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

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

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

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

*KIDDUSH* FOLLOWING SERVICES

*MINCHA* and *MAARIV*..... 6:15 PM

Candlelighting..... 8:20 PM

SECOND *SEDER* (in the home)..... 8:30 PM

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - 16 NISAN

### SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

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

Haftarah: II Kings 23:11-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

*KIDDUSH* FOLLOWING SERVICES

Candlelighting ..... 7:30 PM

*MINCHA* and *KABBALAT SHABBAT*..... 6:15 PM

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - 17 NISAN

### SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

Exodus 33:12-34; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*SHACHARIT*..... 9:00 AM

*KIDDUSH* FOLLOWING SERVICES

Womens Well Circle..... 10:00 AM

Kids' *Mensches & Minyans*..... 10:00 AM

*MINCHA*..... 6:20 PM

Followed by *Seudah Shlishith*

*MAARIV* followed by *HAVDALAH*..... 8:22 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 18 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

*SHACHARIT*..... 9:00 AM

*MINCHA* AND *MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

## MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 19 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

*SHACHARIT*..... 7:00 AM

*MINCHA* AND *MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - 20 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

*SHACHARIT*..... 7:00 AM

Candlelighting ..... 7:34 PM

*MINCHA* Followed by *YOM TOV MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - 21 NISAN

### SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

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

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

*KIDDUSH* FOLLOWING SERVICES

Candlelighting ..... 8:26 PM

*MINCHA* and *YOM TOV MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - 22 NISAN

### EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH

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

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

(*YIZKOR* WILL BE RECITED)

*KIDDUSH* FOLLOWING SERVICES

*MINCHA*, Rabbi's Class..... 7:30 PM

*MAARIV* followed by

*HAVDALAH*..... 8:31 PM

*Chametz* is permitted after..... 9:00 PM

## PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING

Wednesday, April 5..... 7:28 PM

Thursday, April 6 (no earlier than)..... 8:20 PM

Friday, April 7 (no later than)..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 11 (no later than)..... 7:34 PM

Wednesday, April 12 (no earlier than) ..... 8:26 PM



## PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Wednesday night, April 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 Grussogtt** will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. **The *chametz* sale form is on page 2 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 one half hour 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 9:00 pm on the eighth day of Pesach, April 16..*

### 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

year-round, such as if it bears an **OU** 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 **UP** or **KP**. 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 **UP** or **KP**. 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:

- earthenware, china porcelain, ceramics, crockery, enamelware and plastic
- glassware such as Pyrex and ovenware which is used for cooking or preserving
- those that cannot be properly cleaned before purging, such as sieves, graters or bottles with narrow necks
- 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 9:00 p.m. on the evening of the last day of *Pesach*, Thursday evening, April 13.**

## ***EIRUV TAVSHILIN - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5***

This year, with the first two days of Passover, Thursday and Friday, April 6-7, preceding *Shabbat*, April 8, the ritual of *Eiruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on Wednesday, April 5, the eve of Passover before candlelighting.

When any major festival falls on a Friday, in order that it may be permissible to cook on that day for Saturday (one is permitted to cook on a holiday for that day alone), the head of the household must perform the ritual of “*Eiruv Tavshilin*” before the festival. This ceremony should be performed late afternoon on Wednesday, April 5 before Passover. 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:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וַיְצַונו עַל מִצְוֹת עֲרֹב.  
בְּהֵדִין עֲרֹבָא יְהֵא שָׂרָא לָנָא לְאַפּוּקִי וּלְבִשּׁוּלִי וּלְאַטְמוּנִי וּלְאַדְלוּקִי  
שְׂרָגָא וּלְתַקְנָא וּלְמַעֲבֵד כָּל צְרָכָנָא, מִיּוֹמָא טַבָּא לְשַׁבְּתָא. לָנוּ,  
וּלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל הַדְּרִים בְּעִיר הַזֹּאת.

Blessed art Thou, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe. Who made us holy with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the *Eiruv*. With this *Eiruv* 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 prepared for this ceremony is to be eaten on *Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach*, April 8, during the daytime hours.

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## With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

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ZLATA ZENITSKY

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PEARL FOX  
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MEYER GILGUS  
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DORA KAHN  
MILTON NEARENBERG  
MAURICE ROTH  
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MEYER FEDER  
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MARY HOROWITZ  
BETTY SOLOMON  
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SARA GOTTLIEB  
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### KESHER MOBILE IS OUT AND ABOUT TO HELP

KesherMobile is a low barrier event that occurs several times a month to bring resources and community resources to people all over the KC Metro. Our goal is to bring resources to individuals to eliminate the barrier of having to go out and find services on their own.

Kesher Mobile, brings together KesherKC's integrated healthy food distributions and social work with the resources provided by a select group of partners.

Upcoming KesherMobile events will take place at the Kansas City Public Library Southeast Branch, 6242 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri on:

- Wednesday, March 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Onsite services will include: Access to fresh, nutritious food; Information on diabetes & high blood pressure; Grocery store gift card raffi; Connections with area resources and partners. For more information about KesherKC, please visit [www.jfskc.org/kesherkc/](http://www.jfskc.org/kesherkc/)



### JFS LOOKING FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR NEW GROUP

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is looking to engage younger adults who want to get involved in JFS's mission of providing essential human services to the Kansas City community. JFS is launching a new affinity group that will support JFS's mission through social events in support of a cause, volunteering, and leadership opportunities, and we want you to join us!

Want to know more? Please join us on Wednesday, March 8 for Music Bingo Night at Servaes Brewing Company, 10921 Johnson Dr. in Shawnee! It will be a fun evening of networking and chatting about JFS.

Please RSVP for this event and/or indicate interest for future JFS emerging leader opportunities, by click here [JFS YOUNG PROs](#).



### COMMUNITY-WIDE PURIM DAY CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**ALL AGES INVITED**

Jewish community members of all ages are invited to participate in the community-wide Purim day celebration on Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 am -12:30 pm at Village Shalom. The program will also be offered virtually.

The *Purim* celebration will include an interactive and engaging reading of the *Purim Megillah* with music and discussion led by Rabbis: David Glickman, Caitlin Brazner, Larry Karol, Beryl Padorr, Jonathan Rudnick, Linda Steigman, Scott White and Hazzan Tahl Ben Yehuda. The program will conclude with a catered lunch, and *shalach manot* gift bags will be given to those in attendance at Village Shalom.

There is no charge to attend the program, but attendees are asked to register online by March 1 at: <https://forms.gle/9g3Svmy1ehC3dVvK6>

A zoom link will be sent to all participants who register to participate virtually a few days prior to the March 7th program. Participants are welcome to wear a costume and are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the JFS Food pantry! The *Purim* program is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association in partnership with Village Shalom, The J, Heritage Center, and congregations, and generously supported by the Flo Harris Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

For information or to register, visit [kerabbi.org](http://kerabbi.org) or contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or call 913.327.8226.

## 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:

**ALLEN PARELMAN**  
(Husband of Jean Parelman)

**MYRA ROSENBERG LITMAN**  
(Sister-in-law of Lois Winston)



**REMEMBER!**  
**MARCH 12**

**DEADLINE FOR  
THE APRIL  
ISSUE OF THE  
FOCAL POINT  
IS WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 8.**

**K.I. Men's Club & K.I. Next present**



**The NCAA  
Basketball  
Championship  
Watch Party**

*on K.I.'s brand new  
BIG SCREEN!*  
(14' x 8')  
**Monday, April 3rd**

Time & Cost info to follow

Dinner... Smoked Brisket & Turkey with sides. *Yum!*

Save the date / make your reservations to  
[kehilathisraelmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:kehilathisraelmensclub@gmail.com)  
or the K.I. Office

# March 2023

8 Adar 5783 - 9 Nisan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	2	3 5:55	4 Tetzaveh Parshas Zachor Shabbos Ends: 6:46 KI KIDZ-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:50 pm
5 Religious School Purim Program - 9:15-11:30 am Bagel and Brunch Class Basic Laws and Practices of Purim with Rabbi Grussgott - 9:45 am	6 Fast of Esther Megillah Reading - 6:40 pm	7 Purim Megillah Reading-7:00 am and 4:45 pm Purim Seudah (Meal) and Shpiel (Play) - 5:30 pm	8 Shushan Purim NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	9	10 6:03	11 Ki Sisa Parshas Parah Ezekiel 36:16-38 Shabbos Ends: 6:54 Mini-Minyan- 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:55 pm
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Rabbi's Book Club - 10:00 am	13 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	14	15 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	16	17 7:10 Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:05 pm	18 Vayakhel - Pekudei Parshas Hachodesh Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 Shabbos Ends: 8:01 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:05 pm
19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Bagel and Brunch Class-Decoding the Haggadah with Rabbi Grussgott - 9:45 am	20 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	21	22 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	23 Rosh Chodesh Nisan K.L. Board Meeting - 6:30 pm	24	25 Vayikra Isaiah 43:21-44:23 Shabbos Ends: 8:07 Birthday Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:10 pm
26 Religious School Passover Program - 9:15-11:30 am Bagel and Brunch Class-Decoding the Haggadah with Rabbi Grussgott - 9:45 am	27 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	28	29 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	30	31 7:23 Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:15 pm	



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Sunday *Shacharit* 9:00 AM

Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 AM

Sunday-Thursday  
*Mincha & Maariv*

Week of March 5 6:05 PM

Week of March 12 6:05 PM

Week of March 19 6:05 PM

Week of March 26 6:10 PM

FAST OF ESTHER - Monday, March 6

PURIM - Monday night & Tuesday, March 6 & 7 (see schedule inside)

ROSH CHODESH NISAN - Thursday March 23



**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

**10:00 AM**



**K.I. ANNUAL MEETING**



**INSTALLATION  
AND BRUNCH**