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From Your Rabbi...



I just returned from a weeklong trip to New York to see my two sisters (who live there) and my brother (who was visiting from Israel). Whenever Becca and I return from New York we laugh at how foreign it already seems! We lived there together for many years. But now when we visit, we get stressed out by the traffic and the

busyness. We already feel like tourists! It's amazing how fast people can adapt and change.

My New York family and friends now also relate to us as tourists. You really live in Kansas? Are there corn fields everywhere? There are no kosher restaurants? How do you survive?! Indeed, we racked up quite the credit card bill in New York on those kosher restaurants, which I must admit I do miss (although I don't miss the cost!) It was especially special to see my nephews and my niece playing so beautifully with my own kids. And it seems that Becca and I and my boys do indeed feel fully like Kansans at this point.

I was pleased to see that Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs have really put Kansas City on the map, since everyone told us how blessed we are to have the best team and best quarterback in football. It's interesting how much we human beings relate to different territories as constituting almost different kinds of worlds.

We are now beginning the book of *Shemot*, *Exodus*. The commentary of Abraham Ibn Ezra points out that at the beginning of the Book of *Exodus*, the *Torah* describes three very different zones to which the Israelites have to relate. First there was the Land of Egypt, a place of great material wealth and bounty, as well as hubris and evil. Then there was the Sinai desert where Moses discovers G-d in the Burning Bush; an empty place of spirituality and reflection. And finally, there is the Promised Land to which, G-d tells Moses, the Jews would end up. This is a place flowing with milk and honey. At this point in the *Torah* it seems mythical and utopian, and far away.

As we begin the book of *Shemot* let's be mindful of the mortal way in which we inhabit time and space, and how we can relate to the various zones which we inhabit - be it home, work, *shul*, or otherwise - in more elevated and ennobling ways.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott

From The President...



The secular New Year, 2023, has arrived, and so far this season and the associated weather has been very fair in the Kansas City area.

I would like to take a glance at our achievements in the past year.

Most importantly, **Cantor Hayoun** and his family finally were able to travel to the States, and Cantor Aron joined our clergy staff. Once again, our services are melodious and harmonic thanks to the cantor.

In April, I was honored with the task of being the president, which I accepted in order to give back to our K.I. family.

The Gift Shop got its life back thanks to the hard work of **Marlene Lubowicz** and **Irene Blend**.

The Men's Club was invigorated again with the help of **Pete Cabell** and **Joe Goldwasser**.

The parking lot got repaired and resurfaced.

We finally were confident that Covid cases have subsided enough to go back to our norms in operation of and attendance at K I.

Year 2022 was not kind to the Adamous family.

Unfortunately, towards the end of the year tragedy struck my family. My wife, **Debbie**, was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer at the late stage, and despite all possible medical interventions, she succumbed to the disease. Her departure has been very painful and has created a large vacuum in my life that will be impossible to fill. As many of the members have conveyed to me, she will also be greatly missed by the K.I. family.

Back to happier occasions, on **Sunday, February 5th**, we celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, also known as *The New Year of the Botanical Kingdom*. Nowadays, some families hold a *seder*, similar to the one that we hold for Passover but on a smaller scale. We incorporate into the *seder* the seven species of fruits and grains associated with the land of Israel in biblical times. Those species are wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. I am hoping to have a *Tu B'Shevat* tray on the *Shabbat* preceding *Tu B'Shevat*, i.e. **February 4**, during *kiddush*, for people to sample and make proper blessings on each item.

Please save the date, **March 7** in the evening, for our annual *Purim Seudah* and a play. If the past is a good indicator, the food will be scrumptious and the play creative and discerning.

Joseph Adamous

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Candlelighting*.....5:24 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:35 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:20 PM
Mincha.....5:05 PM
Havdalah.....6:17 PM



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Candlelighting*.....5:32 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:45 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Womens Well Circle.....10:00 AM
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:25 PM
Mincha.....5:10 PM
Havdalah.....6:25 PM



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Candlelighting*.....5:40 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:50 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH OF ADAR

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Nin Jews (formerly Mini-Minyan).10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:35 PM
Mincha.....5:20 PM
Havdalah.....6:32 PM



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Candlelighting*.....5:48 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:55 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:40 PM
Mincha.....5:25 PM
Havdalah.....6:40 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

From Your Rabbi Emeritus...



ASK THE RABBI

Question: Is common law marriage valid in Judaism?

Answer: Common law marriage is valid in 35 states in America. Common law marriage is frowned on but legal in the Jewish faith.

Common law marriage, of course, means living together without having any kind of marriage ceremony. In Jewish law if two single Jewish adults live together on an ongoing basis and that is known in the community it is as if they have been married by a rabbi. In American law, common law marriage depends on the state as to how long a couple has to live together before they are considered married. It can be up to seven years or it can be less. Judaism has a much quicker definition of common law marriage; namely, once the couple lives together on an ongoing basis at an address known to the community, they are married.

By married we mean totally married in every sense requiring a get or a Jewish divorce should they separate.

The reason for this column is so many people of different ages now are living together permanently or on an ongoing basis these days that I thought these topic was important to address.

מזל טוב

...to **Cantor Hayoun** on the engagement of his granddaughter, Tehila Hayoun, daughter of Yakov and Ayelech Hayoun.



...to **Cantor Hayoun** on the engagement of his granddaughter, Hodaya Avidan, daughter of Balak and Ayala Avidan.



**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT
IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR
COOPERATION!
THANK YOU**

...to **Terri and Jay Herman** on the birth of a grandson, Leo S. Herman, son of Neil A. Herman and Chia Chuan Lee of Chicago. Also to the great-grandfather, Ken Herman.

...to **Ellen and Dr. Jay Portnoy** on the birth of a granddaughter, Celesthea Lucille, daughter of Michael Portnoy and Glenda Chance.

...to **Rosemary and Marty Gorin** on the birth of a great-grandson, Yehuda Yakov Opert, son of Elisheva and Shuki Opert in Israel.

Joe Adamous and Family
would like to thank
the K.I. community, especially
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for the support, phone calls, cards,
visits, food, and all the good wishes
over the past several weeks
during this very difficult time.

תודה רבה

Thank
You

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Barbie & Richard Glass (57)
- 14 Biana & James Clark (10)
- 19 Anzhelika & Anatoly Khalemsky (29)
- 24 Nancy & Jeffrey Shniderman (38)
- 26 Mary Jane & Reuben Stern (55)
- 28 Cristi & Clint Gillom (21)

CONGREGANTS' FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

 Fani Schifman, Audrey Brand, Karen Lesky, Shirley Pener, Rosemary Gorin, Hillary Hirshberg, William Schifman, Andre Schwartz, Bonita Krutz, Melissa Rosenthal, Kayla Goldenberg, Eleanor Belingloph, Sharon Levin, Beverly Mallin, Esti Mandl, Erin Schwartz, Stephanie Gatewood, Svetlana Kapustin, Alan Fuchsman, Gregory Quinn, Charlene Rubin, Ronald Bronstein, Gena Agron, Stella Hoffman, Myra Litman, Bridey Stangler, Sally Cohen, Sharon Levitan, Barbara Molotsky, Sharon Noorollah, Frank Tankard, William Greenberg, Abbott Zolotor, Martin Gorin,  Vlad Kaufman, Rochelle Solomon, Jason Smartt, Karen Gortenburg, Civia White, Valerie Bordy, Hailey Gershom, Maurice Eastman, Adam Rich, Charles Kuluva, Yale Winston, Jacob Margolies, Jacob Abrams.

FEBRUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Lilith Tucker, Matan Pader, Samara Krupnik, Chloe Stone, Eitan Silver.



KI MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS...

A Discussion of Preventative Medicine for adult men of all ages from the perspective of patients and physicians, with an emphasis on how to hope to live to 90 or 100 and without dementia. **Dr. Donald Cohen** and **Dr. Arnold Tropp** will address what men can do to prevent illness and stay healthy.

This presentation will be on **Sunday, February 5th at 10 am** (immediately after *Shacharit*). We will also serve members and prospective members a healthy, Israeli-style brunch. Please **RSVP** your attendance plans to the kehilathisraelmensclub@gmail.com or the K.I. office so our team can prepare the right amount of food.

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 helpers for fixing the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

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 our bereaved families of:

MARION ROSEN

*(Sister-in-law of Ed Rosen,
Sister-in-law of Nedra Rosen)*

SANDRA GASSER

*(Wife of Bill Gasser,
Sister of Phyllis Kogan)*

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Allan Greenberg Memorial K.I. Synagogue Golf Tournament

Save the date:
Monday, June 5
8 am Shotgun Start

17501 Midland Drive Shawnee, KS 66217

We need

YOU!



**to help us bake
HAMENTASHEN**

- 1. Choose your day(s) Sundays, February 12, February 19 and February 26 (12:30 - 4 pm)**
- 2. Let us know: ashanberg@kisyn.org or 913.642.1880**



HAMENTASHEN TIME

Can you believe it? It's time to order delicious, homemade *Hamentashen*.
We are taking orders **until February 17, 2023.**

\$18.00 for baker's dozen (13). Please indicate number of dozen.

Chocolate Chip _____ Mun _____ Cherry _____ Apricot _____ Apple _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Mail this form and your payment to: Kehilath Israel Synagogue,
10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212

PURIM IS MARCH 6 & 7! SEND MISHLACH MANOT!

Wish your friends and family a happy *Purim*. You can do this with a *Mishloach Manot* basket from K.I. Let us do the work; it's easier than shopping all over town!

Become a *Purim* Patron for only \$216 and send baskets to the ENTIRE congregation, or choose individuals where the first basket is \$15 and additional ones are \$10 each.

Look for an eblast with K.I. members' names for you to circle. If you are going to be a *Purim* Patron, just send your check for \$216 to the synagogue and notate *Purim* Patron in the memo line (**You do not need to circle names as a *Purim* Patron.**) **Deadline is Monday, February 20.**

We thank you so much for participating in this project and sending K.I.'s *Mishloach Manot* baskets for *Purim* this year.

With good wishes for a Happy *Purim*,
The *Mishloach Manot* Committee

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 or mail check to K.I.

פורים Purim פורים Purim פורים

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

10 SHEVAT-FEB 1

JOSEPH AMAR
ABE BERNSTEIN
BERTHA DREISESZUN
ABE JACOBSON
ROLAND KAHN
GITTEL LEVIN
JACK LOUIS
ALICE SCHILD
MOSHE SOLOMON

11 SHEVAT-FEB 2

JOSEPH AMPEL
BERTHA BROWN

12 SHEVAT-FEB 3

ELKA FRANKLIN
ALLAN GREENBERG
ESTHER HIPSH
MENDEL HOROWITZ
ROSE LEVINE
BESS MALLIN
SALLY SILVERMAN

13 SHEVAT-FEB 4

SAMUEL BEISER
BEVERLY FISHMAN
GERTRUDE KAPLAN
LOUIS KATZ
DENA LEVINE
ADA SHAPIRO
BERTHA ZUROVSKY

14 SHEVAT-FEB 5

BINA BELZYCKI
CHAIM BELZYCKI
MELVIN GORTENBURG
DOROTHY HYKEN
FLORENCE LEVIN
ROSE MILINKOWSKY
ABRAHAM OSADCHY
DAVID RABINOWITZ
JULIUS SANDER
KARL SCHICK
ABE UNTRIF

15 SHEVAT-FEB 6

SHLOMO BRATMAN
JAKE LEVINE
AZRIEL ROTHSTEIN
JOSEPH SCHWARTZ
JOE SIMON
MARY SPACK
GAYLE WEIL

16 SHEVAT-FEB 7

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

17 SHEVAT-FEB 8

JOSEPH BROWN
LEO BROWN
CHARLES COHEN
ESTHER COSNER
JOSEPH DEVOE
HARRY FEINGOLD

CLARA GLADSTONE
JOSEPH KULUVA
GERTRUDE POLSKY
DALLES RASKIN
REBECCA YEDDIS
SAM ZITRON

18 SHEVAT-FEB 9

HARRY COHN
HAROLD LOEFFLER
BEN PASLOVE
YETTA PRICE
MARIAN SHEAR
JOEL SILBERG
ALBERT WEINER
ROSE ZEMELMAN

19 SHEVAT-FEB 10

FREDA AGRON
GOLDA GERECHT
SAMUEL MARKOWITZ
HAROLD ROSMARINE
ABRAHAM SLADOWITZ
BESSIE STEMPLEMAN
SHRAGA TEITELBAUM
ROBERT TIGERMAN

20 SHEVAT-FEB 11

DORA FINKELSTON
HYMAN ODESNIK
JENNIE RITZ
LEO WEINBERG
JACOB WICENTOWSKY
HYMAN WINEGAR
ABRAHAM YODLER
ZELDA ZALCMAN

21 SHEVAT-FEB 12

ISRAEL ADELMAN
ED ARONSON
WILLIAM COHEN
MELVIN COSNER
ANNA GERSHON
MAX GLASS
JACOB HOROWITZ
DOROTHY KANDLIS
JACOB KLUTZ
HARRY LEVA
LOUIS MARKUS
EDA MYER
IDELLA PUCKER
SYLVESTER SHER
NATHAN TEMPOSKY
SOPHIA WALDMANN

22 SHEVAT-FEB 13

SAMUEL EPSTEIN
SAMUEL FRANKLIN
J. LOUIS GLASBERG
BRIAN KRAFT
LILLIAN KRAITCHMAN
MORRIS TITENSKY
TEMMA TRANIN

23 SHEVAT-FEB 14

EFRAIM ADAMOUS
SYLVIA BRATMAN
BARRY EISMAN
EMANUEL ENTIN
GRACE GOLDBERG
HAZEL HERMAN

IRMA JACOBSON
GLORIA PLANZER

24 SHEVAT-FEB 15

ISSIE CAVIAR
NADELINE EILER
GILBERT FEDER
MILTON FRIEDMAN
ESTHER JABEN
MARY LEVINE
LAWRENCE LEVINSON
LUDWIG RUSCHIN
LEIB ZEMELMAN
YEHUDA ZUCKERMAN

25 SHEVAT-FEB 16

HERSH GORIN
SAM KRUTE
MAX LEVIN
LEIBUSH LEWKOWITZ
MEYER OXMAN
JACOB RUDNICK
ABBOTT SHER

26 SHEVAT-FEB 17

ARTHUR BLACKMAN
NATHAN CAPITO
JACOB CONE
MALKA DWORKIN
ANN FEDERRMAN
SARAH KAPLAN
MARGARET KRASHIN
ELINORE KUTLER
EUGENE LEVINE
ELIEZER WANG

27 SHEVAT-FEB 18

DORIS BASSIN
SAM BEISER
HENRY DWORK
MAX GELPHMAN
ROSE GOLDSTEIN
DAVID GREENSTEIN
ERNA HUEBNER
ESTHER KAHN
MILTON POLLMAN
ELMER PRICE
JOSEPH WEINSTOCK
MARCUS WEISBERGER

28 SHEVAT-FEB 19

EARL CONE
ERNEST HOROWITZ
EUNICE RUBEN

29 SHEVAT-FEB 20

LILLIAN BULAVSKY
CHARLOTTE GLASS
AMALIE KORNFEIN
SIMCHA LAZERWITZ
MORRIS STERN

30 SHEVAT-FEB 21

CELIA AARON
MICHAEL AARON
ALAN COSNER
ELIZABETH FRANK
ISSACHAR GUROVITZ
ROSE JERWICK
HIMIE KAPLAN
HELEN KATZ

MEYER KOCHEROV
ABRAHAM LEVINE
CHARLES POLLACK
WAYNE ROTHBERG
BESSIE RUBEN
ABRAHAM SPECTOR

1 ADAR-FEB 22

MARTIN BROWN
HARRY CONE
MAX FLEITMAN
SARAH GORDON
CHAVA GUROVITZ
ADOLPH KOCH
RAISEL LADINSKY
SOPHIE MANN
WILLIAM MILLER
SAM MOGEL
DOROTHY RUDNICK
IDA SEBERT
MANYA SLOTKIN
RACHEL WEINER
SOLOMON WISMAN

2 ADAR-FEB 23

BERTHA ABEND
MOSES BECKENSTEIN
JOSEPH GOLDMAN
HARRY JACOBSON
STEVEN KANDLIS
PHILLIP KATZ
SAUL KLEIMAN
LOUIS MALLIN
ELIC MENDELSON
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3 ADAR-FEB 24

ANNA GERTLER
BELLE GLASS
ESTER JEVINSKY
SOL H. KATZ
AHRON KRAITCHMAN
ROSE PORTNOFF
ANN YEDDIS

4 ADAR-FEB 25

ROSE AARON
JOE ADELMAN
BLANCHE BLUMENTHAL
ROSE FILSON
ABRAHAM FISHMAN
LEIB FISHMAN
BENJAMIN HARRIS
BEILA JABEN
ELLEN MARGOLIS
MAX MOLOTSKY
SOPHIE PRESS
PAULINE SHAW
ALVIN SIESS
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5 ADAR-FEB 26

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MORRIS EISEN
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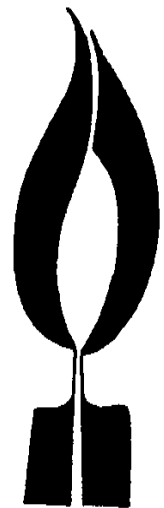
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LAWRENCE JABEN
HARRY KAPLAN
NATHAN MAISELL
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BERTHA RUBIN
IRMA SCHILD

6 ADAR-FEB 27

BENJAMIN BAKER
JOSEPH BERNSTEIN
BESSIE BLOCK
FREDA BODKER
ANNA ROSE COHN
JULIUS GUCKENHEIMER
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ALEC LEVITT
SAMUEL MYERS
FANNIE PELTZMAN
PHILIP SPECTOR
MORRIS TURKIN
JACK WEINBERG

7 ADAR-FEB 28

SOPHIE BIRENBOIM
GERTRUDE BURSTEN
PESACH COHEN
GRACE ERNSTEIN
BARNEY FRIEDSON
MOLLIE GANDAL
ABRAHAM GUTOVITZ
BENNIE KUSNETZKY
EDITH MANN
PAUL MANN
SARAH MILOVITZ
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K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School News

The month of February sends a message of nature going into hiding while the temperature gets colder and colder. At our religious school, it doesn't stop us from enjoying the sunshine and hopefully some beautiful snow. On the very first Sunday of this month, we celebrate nature no matter which form it comes in. The students know that even though we can't see it happening, the miracles of rebirth are happening beneath the surface of the ground.

As the mystics of Tzefat understand, there is so much we need to do to take care of our earth and make it better for the generations to come. On Sunday, February 5th, our school students will learn about all the special fruits and vegetation that the earth will produce for us. In modern day, we also discuss on how we cherish and do what we can to continue the life below the surface so we can celebrate the fruits of our efforts in the months to come. We will thank G-d through new blessings we will learn and say together as we learn how to take care of the world around us. Our children will take responsibility for the condition of the earth and atmosphere not just here in Kansas City, but also throughout the globe. Learning to be a "*mensch*" includes looking outside ourselves to make the world better.

I am so proud to announce that on February 19, the K.I. Fred Devinki religious school has been asked to host all the teachers from Jewish institutions in our area for a day of introspection, learning and coming together as a community. Our school is growing and changing every session and our teachers are consummate professionals with imagination, creativity, professionalism, and dedication to our students. I am pleased that other teachers are coming to witness how we are growing and expanding every single week. It is my honor to bring the Kansas City Jewish educators to our own gem.

The entire month of February, I will be making dough for *hamantashen*. This also means that we need volunteers to help make our delicious cookies as well as putting together the *Mishloach Manot* bags for our congregants. Please check with the office for sign up times.

If anyone knows of a consummate teacher for a school, please let me know. One of our teachers will be having her baby very shortly and I would love to have someone take her place while she is on leave.

Morah Shelley

February 2023

10 Shevat 5783 - 7 Adar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 14 SHEVAT Religious School Tu B'Shevat Program - 9:15-11:30 am 12:30-4:00 pm Baking Hamentashen	6 15 SHEVAT Tu B'Shevat Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	7 16 SHEVAT	8 17 SHEVAT Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	9 18 SHEVAT	10 19 SHEVAT 5:32	11 20 SHEVAT Yisro Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6 Shabbos Ends: 6:25 Kids' Menses and Minyan - 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:25 pm
12 21 SHEVAT Lincoln's Birthday Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am 12:30-4:00 pm Baking Hamentashen	13 22 SHEVAT Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	14 23 SHEVAT	15 24 SHEVAT Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	16 25 SHEVAT 6:00 pm - Robert Alter "The Challenge of Translating the Bible" - Plaza Library	17 26 SHEVAT 5:40	18 27 SHEVAT Mishpatim Parshas Shekalim All Kings 12:1-17 Shabbos Ends: 6:32 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Ninjaws - 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:35 pm
19 28 SHEVAT NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:30-4:00 pm Baking Hamentashen	20 29 SHEVAT Washington's Birthday (observed) Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	21 30 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1	22 1 ADAR Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	23 2 ADAR	24 3 ADAR 5:48	25 4 ADAR Terumah All Kings 5:26-6:13 Shabbos Ends: 6:40 Kids' Menses and Minyan - 10:00 am Birthday Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:40 pm
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Week of February 5 5:35 PM

Week of February 12 5:45 PM

Week of February 19 5:50 PM

Week of February 26 5:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH ADAR

Tuesday, February 21

Wednesday, February 22



**THE CHALLENGE
OF TRANSLATING
THE BIBLE**

No modern-day figure has contributed more to our understanding and appreciation of the Bible than Robert Alter, who devoted 23 years to its acclaimed new translation, *The Challenge of Translating the Bible*.

He will discuss that work, and the significant implications from even the tiniest alterations to biblical texts, and his push to look beyond the 17th-century King James Version and give closer study to the Hebrew Bible.

About Robert Alter:

- Graduate school professor and Emeritus Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at Cal-Berkeley.
- Author of 24 books
- Winner of the PEN Center Literary Award for Translation
- Two-time Guggenheim Fellow
- Senior Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities
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- Old Dominion Fellow at Princeton University.

An Evening with Robert Alter

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Reception: 5:30 pm Program: 6:00 pm

In Person: Plaza Branch of the KC Public Library

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Room: Truman Forum Auditorium

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