

## THE FOCAL POINT

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## From the Rabbi...



Israelis have taken to referring to the October 7th massacre as “*Shabbat HaShachor*,” or the black/dark Shabbat. I was thinking of this as I was studying the “Book of Esther,” with the *Purim* fast approaching, when I came to the verse (Esther 8:16) “And the Jews had light and joy, and gladness and honor;” as well as the verse (Esther 9:1) “And in the twelfth month-which is the month of *Adar*-on the thirteenth day thereof, when the king’s order and his edict drew near to be put into execution, on the day that the Jews’ enemies looked forward to ruling over them, it was reversed, that the Jews should rule over their enemies.”

That sense of “it was reversed” - in Hebrew, *V’Nahafoch Hu*, is an essential theme of *Purim*. The notion that things can be dark and scary until, suddenly and miraculously, circumstances reverse to a position of light and joy, leads us to see the hidden hand of G-d. The name of G-d is famously not mentioned in the *Megillah*, but we can

see His hand clearly operating behind the scenes.

This is the reality that we live in today. The strength and resilience of Israeli society in the months since the massacre are nothing short of inspirational. Whenever my cousins send me a video clip of a family *simcha* in Israel - a *bar mitzvah*, a wedding, a *bris* - I tell them that nothing gives me more joy these days than seeing such happy occasions in Israel. It shows our enemies that our national life in our land will go on. *V’Nahafoch Hu*! Their evil designs have been reversed.

That is the theme of *Purim*. Fittingly, our enemies today are also funded from Persia (Iran), just as in the “Book of Esther.” Our hearts remain with the remaining hostages and their families, and it is my sincere hope that by the time you are reading this, they will all be freed. May we all have a joyous *Purim*.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott

## From the President...



Here comes March, soon. “In like a lion, out like a lamb,” meaning, the weather starts the month bad (roaring like a lion), and leaves, in a much calmer and nicer way (gentle like a lamb). This started as a reference to astronomy, referring to the position of the constellations Leo (lion) and Aries (a ram or a baby lamb) in the night skies in the northern hemisphere.

We recently had *Tu B’Svat*, which occurred on the 15th of *Shevat*, January 25. In contemporary Israel, this is the ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration. This is also called the New Year for the Trees and the beginning of the agriculture cycle for the purpose of biblical tithes. On that evening, it is traditional to eat of the main seven species, five fruits and two grains (i.e., grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates; and two grains, roasted wheat and barley).

In current events at K.I., I should mention the “Kitchen Shower.” This so-called shower is being held to replace the pots, plans and gadgets that have been utilized for many years, to be exact 38 years, and need to be replaced. Please choose a gift from the K.I. Kitchen Shower registry online at [kisyn.org](http://kisyn.org) or donate to the K.I. general fund with a note saying it is for the Kitchen Shower. Everyone who contributes either way will be invited to a Kitchen Shower in March.

At this point, I would like to convey a *Mazel Tov* to **Cantor Hayoun** and his extended family on the birth of a great-grandchild in late January and of a grandchild in early February in Israel.

On a different note, I would like to encourage or even ask our members to come to our morning or evening daily services as we need more people to attend to make a *minyan*. Just pick at least one day a week and help us make a quorum (*minyan*).

Please save the date Sunday, March 24 for our *Purim* celebration that includes a play “Persian Version of Grease,” followed by an authentic multicourse Persian cuisine. For those of you who have not attended one of these events, I encourage you to come and enjoy as it’s lots of fun.

Our annual congregational meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 am**, followed by a delicious brunch. This is where we as members of K.I. will practice our democratic rights and vote for our favorite candidates.

Finally, please notice the flagpole picture on page 10 that was recently taken of the flagpoles directly in front of the main entrance of K.I. Notice the eagle sitting on the Israeli flagpole. To me it demonstrates the Israel military might and constitutional strength. *Am Israel Chai*.

Joseph Adamous

## SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Candlelighting\*.....5:54 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Candlelighting\*.....6:01 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

**BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH  
ADAR II**

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Womens Well Circle.....10:00 AM  
Kids' Programming.....10:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....4:55 PM  
Mincha.....5:40 PM  
Havdalah.....6:52 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Candlelighting\*.....7:08 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

**CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH**

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:00 PM  
Mincha.....6:45 PM  
Havdalah.....7:59 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Candlelighting\*.....7:15 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY**

**ELLEN & DR. JAY PORTNOY IN  
HONOR OF THEIR 44TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY**

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:05 PM  
Mincha.....6:50 PM  
Havdalah.....8:06 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Candlelighting\*.....7:22 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Service.....9:00 AM  
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....6:15 PM  
Mincha.....7:00 PM  
Havdalah.....8:14 PM

\*NO LATER THAN

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 - 10:00 am

The K.I. Annual Congregational Meeting to elect and install officers and new Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, April 7, 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, Sam Devinki, Bill Greenberg, Jasmine Kaplan, Dan Kass, Shelley Rissien, Sheldon Singer, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, and Elizabeth Peden.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the nominations for officers as follows:

Joseph Adamous – President  
Brenda Fishman – Vice President  
Ari Lubowicz – Vice President  
Ellen Portnoy – Vice President  
Jerry Stolov – Vice President  
Frank Tankard - Vice President  
Pete Cabell - Treasurer

The following are nominated to the K.I. Board of Directors for a new two year term:

Valerie Bordy, Dr. Michael Farber, Clint Gillom, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Dr. Michael Sokol.

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: Aaron Fry, Bill Greenberg, Jay Herman, Jasmine Kaplan, Simon Kass, Ron Kogan, and Dr. Shari Sokol.

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; Cantor Aron Hayoun; and Elizabeth Peden, Executive Director.

### 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, 2024  
ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE**

Thanks to all who have graciously donated items or money to the K.I. Kitchen Shower. It is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at our celebration on Sunday, March 10th. Those who donated will be personally invited, however we did receive a few items without donor information. If you purchased serving bowls from the Webstaurant site, or drink dispensers from Amazon, please contact Ellen Portnoy at [elsuropo@gmail.com](mailto:elsuropo@gmail.com).

## A Kitchen Shower for K.I.

**After 38 years:** Both the dairy and meat kitchens are in need of new cookware, serving pieces and utensils.

Join us in creating a better experience in the kitchen!  
You can help by buying a gift for the K.I. kitchen.



**Links are at [kisyn.org](http://kisyn.org):** Go to the K.I. website to see the items that are needed to continue to provide kosher kitchens for the congregation and the community. We encourage members to go online to [kisyn.org](http://kisyn.org) and shop for specific items. However, if you prefer, you are welcome to donate money to K.I. so the committee can purchase items that have not been selected.

**Shop now, view later!** We hope to receive the items at the synagogue in March to display for the Kitchen Shower. All who donate will be invited. At that time everyone will get to see all the new kitchen accoutrements and celebrate.

**Join us to celebrate: March 10, 2024,** in Kehilath Israel's social hall.  
Refreshments will be served.  
Invitations will be sent to those who contribute.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

**The K.I. Kitchen Shower Committee--**  
**Brenda Fishman and Ellen Portnoy, Co-chairs**  
**Pete Cabell**  
**Jasmine Kaplan**  
**Maureen Minoofar**  
**Jay Portnoy**

**LINKS TO ITEMS ON OUR WISHLIST  
ARE AT [KISYN.ORG](http://KISYN.ORG)**

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

### FAST OF ESTHER

On **Thursday, March 21**, 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 6:00 am and will conclude at 8:02 pm.**  
But one should preferably not eat until after hearing the *Megillah*.



**REMEMBER!  
MARCH 10**

**Happy  
Purim**

### IN MEMORIAM

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

**HAROLD SHORR**

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Shelley & Aaron Rissien (41)
- 15 Janet & James Stone (37)
- 22 Ellen & Dr. Jay Portnoy (44)
- 25 Madeline & Abbott Zolotor (62)
- 31 Faya & Yury Portnoy (52)

## 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 Stoltz**, **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 **Barbara Goodbinder**, **Cheryl Intrater**, **Craig Kolklin**, **Susan Osman**, **Kent Shanberg**, **Simon Wajcman**, **Ernesto Zepeda**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

## מזל טוב

...to **Cheryl** and **Dr. David Shanberg** on the birth of a son, **Levi Samson Shanberg**. Also to the grandparents, **Allegra** and **Kent Shanberg**.

...to **Cantor Aron Hayoun** on the birth of a great-granddaughter to **Tehilla** and **Yohanan Hayoun** in late January and a grandson, **Elijah** to **Tehilla** and **Shmuel Kimchi** in early February in Israel.

# Volunteer Needed!!!

To deliver Purim baskets  
March 24-29 (Sunday-Friday)  
Let us know if you can help:  
[ashanberg@kisyn.org](mailto:ashanberg@kisyn.org) or  
913.642.1880 x214

## 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, 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 101!

## MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

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PURIM SHPIEL

GREASE

Enjoy a  
delicious  
Persian dinner,  
singing & shpiel  
as we celebrate  
Purim

Sunday



MARCH

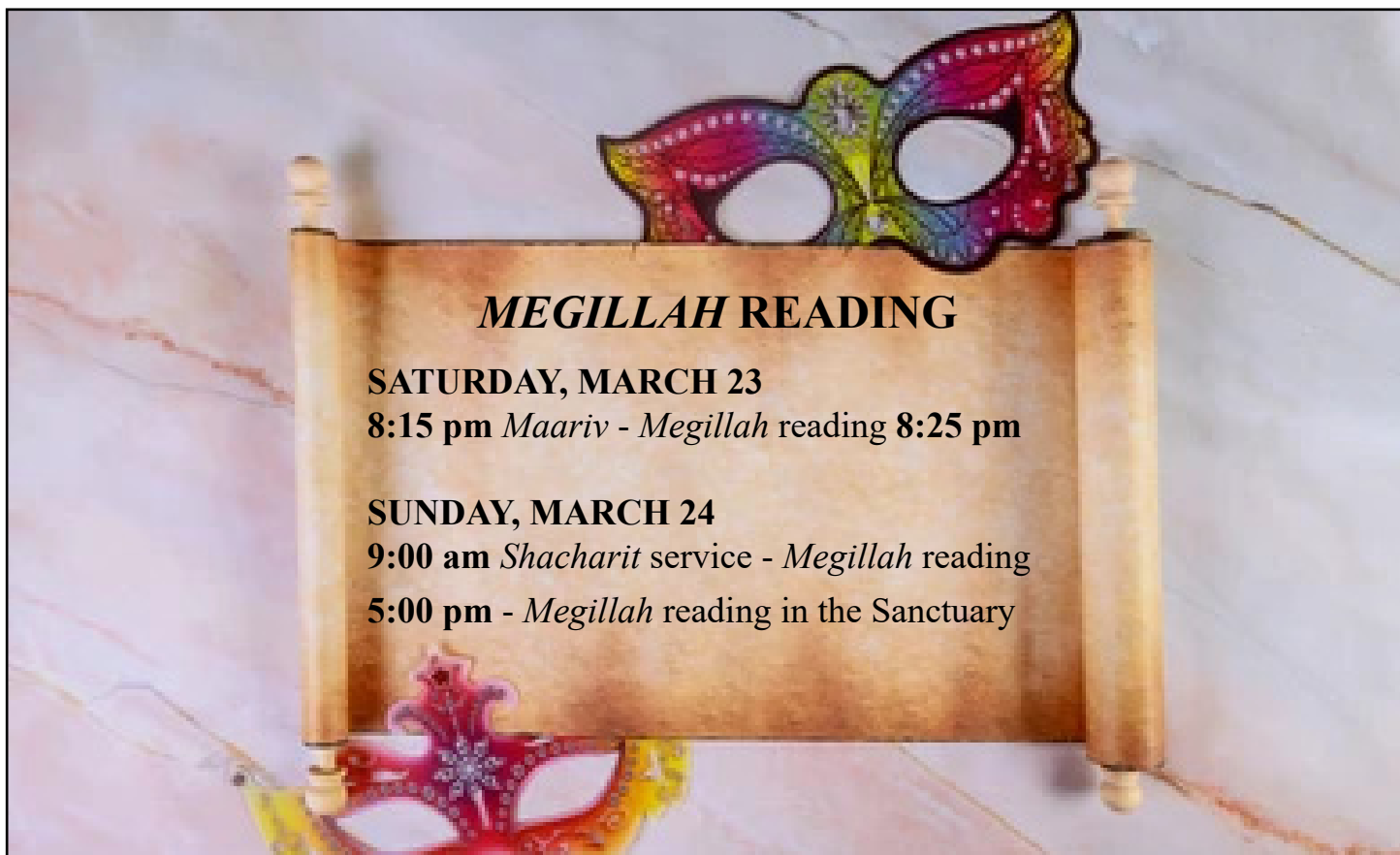
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5:00PM

Members: \$30 Non-members: \$35 Kids 2-10: \$10

**KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

RSVP by March 18th at [KISyn.org](http://KISyn.org).



Tomahawk Hills  
GOLF COURSE



**Allan Greenberg Memorial  
K.I. Synagogue  
Golf Tournament**

**Monday, June 5  
8 am Shotgun Start**

Go to [kisyn.org](https://kisyn.org) for the registration form.  
Contact [Elizabeth@kisyn.org](mailto:Elizabeth@kisyn.org) for more info.

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# 25TH ANNUAL ALLAN GREENBERG MEMORIAL KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**IN HONOR OF RABBI HERBERT MANDL**

**JUNE 10, 2024 • TOMAHAWK HILLS GOLF COURSE**

**17501 MIDLAND DRIVE • SHAWNEE, KS 66217**

**7AM CHECK IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 8 AM SHOTGUN START**

## REGISTRATION FORM

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ORGANIZATION:

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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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# ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

## With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

### MEMORIAL TABLETS

**21 ADAR I-MARCH 1**  
GOLDIE BERNSTEIN  
JACK EISEN  
HARRY KATZ  
JACOB SHAW  
LEONA TRANIN

**22 ADAR I-MARCH 2**  
JAKE BELL  
CLARA COHN  
ESTHER GRUNDMAN  
JOSEPHINE LEVITCH  
MARY MATTERS  
BEN MEDOFF  
SOL MILLER  
CLARA OSADCHY  
ABRAHAM PESMEN  
RUWEN RADVINSKY  
FANNIE SAMBUR  
ISAAC SHERMAN

**23 ADAR I-MARCH 3**  
ITZHAK ALBERT  
LIBBIE ALBERT  
WILLIAM COHN  
VICTOR DAVIS  
OSCAR FRIZENT  
JENNIE GERSHON

**24 ADAR I-MARCH 4**  
FEDERICO ADLER  
MINNIE COHN  
ABRAHAM DENOWITZ  
JENNETTE DOBROWSKI  
BEN GARBER  
RHETTA GOLDSTEIN  
HERBERT HOROWITZ  
ABE ROVEN  
PETER SCHULTZ  
SONIA SCHULTZ  
MARY SLOBOSKY  
RACHEL STUDNA

**25 ADAR I-MARCH 5**  
ISAAC BODKER  
IDA DUBANSKY  
BEATRICE EISBERG  
FRUMA FRIEDMAN  
ABRAHAM NUDELMAN  
RACHEL ROSENBERG  
RAYMOND WOLF

**26 ADAR I-MARCH 6**  
IRVING ABEND  
GOLDIE BARABAN  
LOUIS BROWN  
BETTY CHUZIE  
BAILA DROSKIN  
ALAN GOLDBERG  
ANN LEVEY  
MORRIS SAMET  
LIBBIE SHER  
ADOLPH SILVER  
BEILA SLOBOSKY

**27 ADAR I-MARCH 7**  
IRWIN AGRON  
EVA BAIER  
DORIS BUSH

GERDA LIVINGSTON  
MARY MENDELSON  
ISADORE MYEROWITZ  
JACK PRICE  
KARLA SILBERG

**28 ADAR I-MARCH 8**  
BENNETT ALPORT  
AVROM BARABAN  
LEO LESKY  
JOSEPH SHAPIRO  
SHIRLEE SIEGEL  
CELIA TANHOFF  
JOSEPH WOLF  
ISAAC ZITRON

**29 ADAR I-MARCH 9**  
ESTHER GALLAS  
HORTENSE HAITH  
GERTRUDE JERWICK  
BETTY LESKY  
GOLDA MALLIN  
JACOB MONDSCHIN  
OSCAR NUSSBAUM  
SAM OSADCHY  
SAM SHRIBER  
SAMUEL YOFFEE

**30 ADAR I-MARCH 10**  
ALAN COSNER

**1 ADAR II-MARCH 11**  
MARTIN BROWN  
HARRY CONE  
MAX FLEITMAN  
SARAH GORDON  
RAISEL LADINSKY  
SOPHIE MANN  
SAM MOGEL  
DOROTHY RUDNICK  
IDA SEBERT  
MANYA SLOTKIN  
SOLOMON WISMAN

**2 ADAR II-MARCH 12**  
BERTHA ABEND  
MOSES BECKENSTEIN  
JOSEPH GOLDMAN  
HARRY JACOBSON  
STEVEN KANDLIS  
JEROME NERMAN  
JOSEPH SIMON  
ANN SINGMAN  
ANN WEINBERG

**3 ADAR II-MARCH 13**  
BELLE GLASS  
ESTER JEVINSKY  
SOL H. KATZ  
AARON KRAITCHMAN  
ROSE PORTNOFF

**4 ADAR II-MARCH 14**  
ROSE AARON  
JOE ADELMAN  
ROSE FILSON  
ABRAHAM FISHMAN  
BENJAMIN HARRIS  
BEILA JABEN  
ELLEN MARGOLIS

MAX MOLOTSKY  
SOPHIE PRESS  
PAULINE SHAW  
ALVIN SIESS

**5 ADAR II-MARCH 15**  
LINDA DORFMAN  
MOLLIE DWORETSKY  
MORRIS EISEN  
RACHELLE  
FROHLICHMAN  
LAWRENCE JABEN  
HARRY KAPLAN  
NATHAN MAISELL  
MORRIS MILOVITZ  
LEONRD ROSEN  
BERTHA RUBIN

**6 ADAR II-MARCH 16**  
BENJAMIN BAKER  
JOSEPH BERNSTEIN  
BESSIE BLOCK  
FREDA BODKER  
ANNA ROSE COHN  
JULIUS GUCKENHEIMER  
NAFTALIE LEFKOWITZ  
ALEC LEVITT  
SAMUEL MYERS  
PHILIP SPECTOR  
MORRIS TURKIN  
JACK WEINBERG

**7 ADAR II-MARCH 17**  
SOPHIE BIRENBOIM  
GERTRUDE BURSTEN  
PESACH COHEN  
GRACE ERNSTEIN  
BARNEY FRIEDSON  
MOLLIE GANDAL  
ABRAHAM GUTOVITZ  
BENNIE KUSNETZKY  
EDITH MANN  
PAUL MANN  
SARAH MILOVITZ  
YEHUDAH MNOOKIN  
ISADOR TENENBAUM  
SAM TRANIN  
MEYER WINEGAR

**8 ADAR II-MARCH 18**  
DAVID BELZER  
ISRAEL GARFINKLE  
HYMAN GLASSMAN  
LOUIS KRASNOY  
GERALD MACK  
DAVIDA MARKOWITZ  
ROSE MAYS  
ROSE MORGAN  
YEHUDA SCHULTZ  
OLGA SIDERMAN  
PHILIP SLOBOSKY  
WILLIAM TIGERMAN

**9 ADAR II-MARCH 19**  
SHERMAN BERNSTEIN  
ESTHER LITTMAN  
SAMUEL PREVAN  
ANNA RASKIN  
ZVIYAH SILVER  
MOLLIE SINGMON  
PHILLIP SOLSKY

ALEX WACKNOV  
ZLATA ZENITSKY

**10 ADAR II-MARCH 20**  
IDA BROWN  
SAM CAPLAN  
BENJAMIN DELEVE  
KATIE FEINGOLD  
PAUL GERSHON  
HENRIETTA JACOBSON  
JACOB LANSKY  
JOSEPH PRICE  
ROSE SCHAFFER  
REBECCA TRANIN  
ROSE WEINER  
YOSEF YEDDIS

**11 ADAR II-MARCH 21**  
ELINOR FRIEDMAN  
BASIA GORIN  
IZZY HAMMER  
DORA KAHN  
MILTON NEARENBERG  
MAURICE ROTH

**12 ADAR II-MARCH 22**  
GUSTAVA ALPORT  
MEYER FEDER  
SAM GOLDBERG  
MARY HOROWITZ

**13 ADAR II-MARCH 23**  
BETTY GLASS  
ISRAEL GOTTLIEB  
MIRIAM GOTTLIEB  
RIVKA GOTTLIEB  
SARA GOTTLIEB  
MAX GREEN  
MAX HACKER  
LEAH KALISH  
MOSES MONDSCHIN  
SADIE WACKNOV

**14 ADAR II-MARCH 24**  
TILLIE BARASH  
SAMUEL GLADSTONE  
SAMUEL GREENBERG  
DANIEL MILLER  
HARRY SAGER  
RALPH SHER  
LEVI SINGMON  
SAM WEINER

**15 ADAR II-MARCH 25**  
SAM GUDINSKY  
RITA LEGA  
RAYLA LESKI  
SIMCHA LESKI  
MARY MARGOLIS  
BETTY MASLAN  
CARL MYERS  
HERMAN PLESSNER  
DORA SANDLER  
JEANNE SUBERS

**16 ADAR II-MARCH 26**  
SOLOMON BIRENBOIM  
LEO BURSTEN  
PEARLE COHN  
MORRIS DOBROWSKI  
JOSEPH ESRIG

JEANETTE GODLER  
ESTHER GREENSTEIN  
WILLIAM HOROWITZ  
ITTA LICHTOR  
WILLIAM LIPKIN  
ROSA POWELL  
HELEN RUDNICK  
CELIA SCHIFMAN  
ARYEH ZALCMAN

**17 ADAR II-MARCH 27**  
EMMA CHERNOFF  
JACOB COHN  
MICHAEL MENDELSON  
MOLLY MEYERS  
SYLVIA SPECTOR

**18 ADAR II-MARCH 28**  
LENA COHN  
BETTY KOOK  
ROSE LINDMAN  
MINNIE SALWINSKY  
DAVID SHAPIRO  
SARAH TENENBAUM

**19 ADAR II-MARCH 29**  
NATHAN DUNN  
ALLEN ENTINE  
BEN GUROVITZ  
FISHEL JABEN  
LOTTE KOESTEN  
CARL KRAITCHMAN  
HINDA LEWKOWITZ  
MAX PITLUCK  
DAVID STEINBERG

**20 ADAR II-MARCH 30**  
A. HELLMAN  
NATHAN JACOBSON  
IDA KLUGMAN  
JOSEPH KRUG  
SHEMUEL KRUG  
NATHAN MATTERS  
NELLIE MLLSTEIN  
ELIZABETH PFEFER  
NATIEN ROVENSKY

**21 ADAR II-MARCH 31**  
GOLDIE BERNSTEIN  
ESTHER CARROLL  
HARRY KATZ  
PERI KLOPPER  
JACOB SHAW  
LEONA TRANIN





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BARBIE & RICHARD GLASS  
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GOLDWASSER  
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Arnie Caviar

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Martin Gorin

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ESTHER COSNER  
Sibby Cosner & Family

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Carole Sher  
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ABBOTT SHER  
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## K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

I am so excited to share with all of you the excitement of the last few weeks and months! When I got the email requesting the *Focal Point* for March, I truly could not believe it! These last two months were short (even though the Hebrew calendar had a leap month this year!) with an extra day. The weather was bitter cold and there was so much sickness going around, but we did not let our activities and good spirits stop us.

**There were three seder plates and each had a different category of fruits;**

fruits that you could eat all of it

fruits that you could not eat the outside

fruits that have seeds or pits inside that we could not eat but we ate the fruit!

We blindfolded ourselves and tried to guess which fruit each jelly bean tasted like.

There were four pitchers of grape juice that reminded us of the four seasons! We sang songs, we shared tree stories and most of all we learned how important it is to take care of the world for ourselves and the next generation.

It is the responsibility of each of us no matter what age, to make sure that we work hard to care of our world for future generations!

*Don't forget to look at all our pictures from Tu B'shvat in this issue!*

On another Sunday, the entire school talked about the Ten Commandments. We talked about the rules that are most important and we even shared our ideas of some new commandments that the students felt should be added. We talked about the order of the rules and which ones were the most and least important. We had different opinions and very lively discussion. The most animated discussion was the opinions about how to honor our father and mother.

Please continue these conversations with your own children so the connection of home and school and Judaism will never be broken. I am humbled by the power and importance of molding the souls of these children so we can keep the work preserving Judaism alive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, ask any questions or share any thoughts. If you know of any families with school age children, please let me know.

Well, I guess it is *hamantashen* baking time so I better get going!!!

Don't forget to join us baking and preparing for *Purim*. To sign up and help, contact the K.I. office. See you in the kitchen!!!!

*CHAG SAMEACH!*

*Morah Shelley*



# March 2024 21 Adar I 5784 - 21 Adar II 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 21 ADAR I  5:54	2 22 ADAR I  Ki Sisa  Shabbos Ends: 6:45  Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:45 pm
3 23 ADAR I  Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	4 24 ADAR I	5 25 ADAR I	6 26 ADAR I  Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm	7 27 ADAR I  KI Men's Club Event - 7 pm at Negro Leagues Baseball Museum	8 28 ADAR I  6:01	9 29 ADAR I  Vayakhel  Parshas Shekalim  Shabbos Ends: 6:52  M and M-10:00 am  Women's Circle-10:00 am  Rabbi Grussgott's Class-4:50 pm
10 30 ADAR I  Rosh Chodesh Adar II - Day 1  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 1 ADAR II  Rosh Chodesh Adar II - Day 2	12 2 ADAR II	13 3 ADAR II  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	14 4 ADAR II	15 5 ADAR II  7:08	16 6 ADAR II  Pekudei  Shabbos Ends: 7:59  Chai Anniversary Kiddush  Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:00 pm
17 7 ADAR II  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	18 8 ADAR II  Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	19 9 ADAR II	20 10 ADAR II  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	21 11 ADAR II  Fast of Esther	22 12 ADAR II  7:15	23 13 ADAR II  Vayikra  Parshas Zachor  Shabbos Ends: 8:06  Kiddush sponsored by Ellen and Dr. Jay Portnoy  Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:05 pm  Megillah reading - 8:15 pm
24 14 ADAR II  Purim  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Shacharit and Megillah reading - 9:00 am  Megillah reading and Purim festivities - 5:00 pm	25 15 ADAR II  Shushan Purim  Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	26 16 ADAR II	27 17 ADAR II  Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm  Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	28 18 ADAR II	29 19 ADAR II  7:22	30 20 ADAR II  Tzav  Parshas Parah  Shabbos Ends: 8:14  Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:10 pm
31 21 ADAR II  Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am						





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**Sunday *Shacharit* 9:00 AM**

**Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 AM**

**Sunday-Thursday  
*Mincha & Maariv***

**Week of March 3 6:05 PM**

**Week of March 10 6:05 PM**

**Week of March 17 6:05 PM**

**Week of March 24 6:10 PM**

**Week of March 31 6:15 PM**

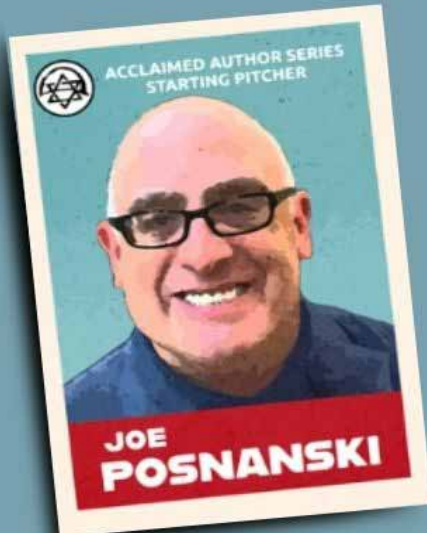
**FAST OF ESTHER - Thursday, March 21**

**PURIM - Saturday night & Sunday, March 23 & 24  
(see schedule inside)**

**ROSH CHODESH ADAR II - Sunday & Monday, March 10 & 11**



# KI MEN'S CLUB



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THROUGH  
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**MARCH 7TH, 7:00  
NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM  
THEN ON TO THE BRICK FOR BEERS**

Joe Posnanski is presented to the community by the Acclaimed Author Series of Jewish Experiences - A Collaboration of the Federation & the J.

*but don't forget to let us know you're coming!*