

THE FOCAL POINT

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TEVET-SHEVAT 5774

From the President...



By the time you read this, the Kehilath Israel congregational meeting will be history. We will have addressed our bylaws update, installed our new board members and officers, and recognized Rabbi Shron as our senior rabbi for the year 5774, better known as 2014.

We are moving forward with the action items we have been working on for the last couple of months, while planning for this new administration. First I must say that I am absolutely honored to be asked to serve as president of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. This was a decision that didn't come lightly. While I know we have challenges as we move forward, I wouldn't have taken this position if I didn't feel that K.I.'s best days are ahead of her. I am also very fortunate to have an extremely talented group of officers, board members and staff to assist me in our quest for excellence here at K.I. While I have some of the most talented people a president could ask for with which to work, we will never be successful without the help of those who matter most -- the K.I. Congregational Family. By saying "those who matter" most, I am leading into my vision. I want our members to know that I work for you; you have a voice and I am listening. What you say and how you feel about the issues does matter to the officers, board, and president of K.I.

Our synagogue has undergone many transformations over the years and we will continue to evolve. We will be working immediately these first 90 days on projects that are important to determine what the transformation will actually look like. For the first time (to our knowledge) we will have an audit to put our financial house in order. The purpose of this audit is to gain a real understanding of our current financial position, ensure that we are following current and proper accounting procedures, produce proper financial reports, have a proper budget document and make sure our procedures protect our 501(c)3 status.

Next we want to examine our current practices for internal operations. These items will include drafting a policy manual that will address things like job descriptions for everyone, officers, board members, clergy and staff. This action will develop a review process for everyone as well. We will examine our entire operation, and with the help of our fine staff, confidential surveys, in addition to ongoing discussions, will be employed to find the most efficient ways to run our operation.

Finally and most important, we will begin what I feel

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From the Rabbi's Study...



As promised, I would like to share with you my views on what defines a congregation, but first, I would like to modify the term congregation to its Hebrew origin – *kehillah*.

In simplest terms, a *kehillah* is a community, a group of people who have come together with shared purpose and in fellowship. However, in a Jewish setting, we must take it a step further and define *kehillah* as a sacred community, Jewish individuals who have joined together to seek G-d, to explore and live out their understanding of what it means to be Jewish, to offer or get support, to share joy and sorrow, to learn and grow together and to explore the meaning of life through the wisdom of our Sages. In other words, a *kehillah* is not just an institution that one belongs to, but is an extension of our immediate family.

The most important aspect of a *kehillah* is interaction and participation, going above and beyond in all ways possible. A family where there is no interaction, no mutual love and respect and no personal participation or concern for its wellbeing, is a dysfunctional one. Therefore, the key to a healthy *kehillah* is that every one of its members take an active personal role in insuring its wellbeing and survival in every way possible. To take a back seat and expect others to cover your responsibility is counterproductive.

The *kehillah* must be a top priority in one's life for one to reap the spiritual benefits that is gained from belonging to the group. One must think beyond one's self and focus on what's best for the group. Attendance at services and programs is crucial in creating a sense of community and creating a synergy that is contagious and invigorating, and this synergy will lead to increased happiness and personal fulfillment.

Finally, a member of a *kehillah* must constantly be growing in Jewish knowledge and understanding. What kind of individuals would we be if we stopped our quest for knowledge after eighth grade? How could we function in this complex world without ever increasing our worldly knowledge? The same applies in our quest to seek a spiritual connection to G-d, to understand what being Jewish is all about and find the true meaning of life. When we join together as a *kehillah* we transform ourselves into an *am kadosh* – a holy people.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

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K.I. EITZ CHAIM FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

This Semester we have seen a lot of growth at the K.I. Eitz Chaim Fred Devinki Religious School. We have enjoyed the new addition of weekly *Tefillah* with Rabbi Shron and Rabbi Cukierkorn. The students have integrated nicely with their new friends at Temple Israel and have enjoyed the added vitality that more students bring to the classrooms.

In the classrooms we have adopted an integrated curriculum with a combination of Behrman House Judaics and modern Hebrew, as well as Hebrew priming for prayer and *Chumash* reading. The Behrman House books are designed to engage children at their level and to bring Judaism to life in a meaningful and relevant way.

We have also enjoyed a number of “special events” throughout the semester. A highlight of the semester for me was our visit to Village Shalom to sing *Chanukah* songs and visit with residents. It was an important opportunity for our students to learn firsthand the importance and value of living Jewish ideals, in this case bringing cheer to members of our community who truly need and appreciate it.

The students prepared for *Chanukah* by learning more of the deeper “whys” about the *Chanukah* story and modern day observances. Each student made their own *Chanukiah* so they could fulfill the *Ashkenazi* custom of each person in the family lighting their own. During *Chanukah* we played *dreidle* and decorated *Chanukah*-shaped cookies.

We also had the great opportunity to focus on preventing and handling bullying behavior at school, both here in religious school and in their outside lives. It was interesting to hear our students, many of whom said that they actively worked to help prevent it, and to reach out to children who were victims. This presentation was lead by a group of teachers from the Beth Shalom Sisterhood who are carrying this message throughout the Kansas City area.

We are looking forward to continued growth in the second semester, as we are always trying to improve.

Gevura Davis
Director



Sunday morning tefillah



CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

January is PINEWOOD DERBY month, and Cub Scout Pack 3153 will be holding its annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, January 26th in K.I.'s social hall from 3 – 7 p.m. This is one of the highlights of the Cub Scouting year and probably the one that the boys look most forward to! Chairs for the event are Brad Klinock and Arron Tarjan.

The entire congregation is welcome to attend and to even participate, if desired.

The Pack will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in February, with Scout *Shabbat* and a *kiddush* reception, sponsored by the K.I. Men's Club, on February 8th. On February 16th the Pack will hold its annual Blue & Gold Banquet, this year featuring the Mic-O-Say dancers and other special plans commemorating the 25th year. Jennifer Conoley is chairing the Blue and Gold Banquet. All events are open to the congregation, current and former Scouts and Scout leaders, and friends from throughout the community.

For further information regarding these events or Cub Scout Pack 3153, please contact **Elly Goldstein** at 913.687.9863 / Elly.Goldstein@bostonbeer.com or Ted Goldstein, Pack Committee Chair, at 913.271.6798 / tgoldstein@kc.surewest.net.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



3	Mickey & Solomon Batnitzky	49
6	Nancy & Robert Cohen	41
12	Randi & Larry Haith	17
16	Jodi & Bill Rosenthal	31
17	Gena & Todd Agron	5
22	Carolyn Braverman & Joseph Goldwasser	3
23	Gayla & Robert Friedman	49
26	Enid & Peter Levi	45
28	Sylvia & Melvin Cosner	63
29	Karen & Steven Pack	38

CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

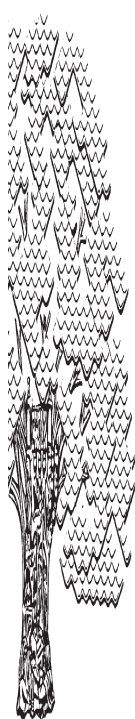
We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all of the following congregants who are celebrating birthdays:

Larry Arlan, Anton Krutz, Andre Kulikov, Moysey Kapustin, Renee Kuluva, Carol Caviar, Edward Chaiken, Jerry Rosmarine, Felicia Weiner, Sonia Singer, Myra Nearenberg, Barney Bobrow, Susan Katz, Khona Rozenfeld, Alvin Garon, Alan Goldberg, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Liz Chopp, Moshe Sharfi, Stanley Brand, Elliot Kaplan, Debbie Mandl, Gustava Alport, Marian Kaplan, Arlyn Kuluva, William Nowack, Susan Osman, Etta Brenner, Marsha Krinsky, Kitty Novicoff, Adeline Trempy, Jerri Arlan, Edith Lea Ommerman, David Fred Press, Jeffrey Rudd, Toby Levine, Sylvester Sher, Roberta Rosmarine, Marjorie Brand, Brenda Fishman, Marian Shear, Marjorie DeLeve, Seth Gortenburg, Allan Bell, Michael Gortenburg, Ellen Portnoy, Idie Parmet, Jacob Schulzinger, Stan Zeldin, Sandra Jabenis, Hal Bordy, David Lesky, Beverly Burk, Ronald Kogan, Doris Chopp, Nancy Kohn, Sheldon Singer, Jason Gordon, Olga Koz, Nancy Cline, Elinore Kutler, Anna Mondschein, Abraham Rozenberg.

JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Dolginoff, Renton Smartt, Benjamin Mandl, Leo Covitz, Jessica Glueck, Jordyn Stone, Addison Kaplan, Jaden Jacobson, Samuel Mandl, Macie Eden Kaplan.

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



TO THE DEVINKI FAMILY
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES
CHANUKAH 5774
FROM THE EMPLOYEES
OF DEVINKI REAL ESTATE

IN HONOR OF
SHERRILL FRIEDMAN
ON HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY 12-29-13
WITH LOVE,
CAROL & ARNOLD CAVIAR AND
ELIZABETH PEDEN

IN HONOR OF
SHERRILL FRIEDMAN'S
92ND BIRTHDAY
12-29-13
FROM YOUR LOVING WIFE,
ELINOR

If you would like to share your *simcha* with the congregation and to have your *simcha* recorded on our beautiful Tree of Life, you may call the synagogue office to request a *Simcha* Tree form to accompany your check of \$180 per leaf. It's a great way to honor those you love!

תודה רבה

..to our capable and reliable office volunteer who assists in so many ways: **Eunice Snitz**.

...to **Elinor** and **Sherrill Friedman** for enhancing the *Kiddush* on December 28 in honor of Sherrill's birthday.

...to **Linda Silver** for preparing the December *Chai* Anniversary *Kiddush*.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shabbat, January 4th

Yahav Barnea, Kansas City's Israel Emissary, will be our guest speaker at *Shabbat* morning services.

Monday, January 6th

Talmud Class 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 8th

Yoga (fee) 6:00 pm

Qigong (Open to Everyone) 7:00 pm

Shabbat, January 11th

Young Family Service & Luncheon *For families with children 13 and under.* We will have a special family-oriented service in the Rose Morgan Chapel beginning at 10:30 am. A luncheon for young families will follow.

Monday, January 13th

Talmud Class 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 14th

Hebrew Reading II 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15th

Yoga (fee) 6:00 pm

Qigong (Open to Everyone) 7:00 pm

Shabbat, January 18th

Chai Anniversary Kiddush

Sunday, January 19th

Rabbi Shron's Class 10:00 am

The Jewish Soul and the Non-Jewish Soul

Monday, January 20th

Talmud Class 7:00 pm

Prayers Works 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 21st

Hebrew Reading II 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22nd

Yoga (fee) 6:00 pm

Qigong (Open to Everyone) 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 26th

K.I. Men's Club Breakfast with 10:00 am
Joel Goldberg, host of Royals Live!

Monday, January 27th

Talmud Class 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 28th

Hebrew Reading II 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 29th

Yoga (fee) 6:00 pm

Qigong (Open to Everyone) 7:00 pm

K.I. Book Club Meeting 7:00 pm

at Jackye Goldberg's home

Friday, January 31st thru February 2nd

Scholar in Residence Weekend

(See Flyer in this issue)

Today Rabah to these volunteers who helped prepare food for the recent Caviar Family Jewish Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: *Shabbat* dinner: **Natalie Cohen, Debbie Adamous, Hedy Shron, Marlene Krakow, Arlene Abrams.**

Kiddush leaders were **Sharon Friedman and Dori Quinn.** Helpers were **Leslee Friedman, Jody Gittleman, Barbie Glass, Phyllis Kohn, Brenda McKinnon, Susan Osman, Ellen Portnoy, Debby Schlozman, Joyce Zeldin and Doug Zolotor.**



From left: *Debbie Adamous, Hedy Shron, Sharon Friedman, Natalie Cohen, Joyce Zeldin, Arlene Abrams and Dori Quinn.*



K.I. BOOK CLUB

The book club met recently at the home of the Shrons and discussed the book *The Storyteller* by Jody Picoult. The K.I. Book Club is open to anyone who enjoys reading. For more information contact **Jackye Goldberg.**



From left: *Karen Smith, Barbie Bronstein, Linda Silver, Hedy Shron, Tamara Kingston, Mary Covitz, Diane Dermer and Beverly Alport.*

K.I. MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST



You are cordially invited to attend Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, **January 26** at 10:00 a.m. with guest speaker, Mr. Joel Goldberg, Royals Live, Host. Mr. Goldberg, "Royals Live" is entering his 7th season as a Royals broadcaster on Fox Sports Kansas City. He is often seen interviewing the Royals players after each game. Joel has 20+ years in broadcasting.

RSVP: Make your check payable to K.I. Men's Club.

Men's Club Members are free.

Non-members \$5.00 per person

Deadline: January 13, 2014

Space is limited to 60 people

Your reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

**NO WALK-INS WILL BE
ADMITTED**

Mail your check to Andy Schwartz, 10555 Foster Street, Overland Park, KS 66212
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

GUESTS _____

TOTAL \$ _____



Hebrew Reading II



This 6 week course begins on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2014, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., and is designed for those interested in taking reading and comprehending Hebrew to the next level - reading and understanding many of the significant passages in our *Siddur* - appreciating the richness and vibrancy of the Hebrew language.

Contact Rabbi Shron to sign up.

Jshron18@gmail.com

913.642.1880 ext. 211



The Jewish Soul and the Non Jewish Soul

You are invited to join Rabbi Jeffrey Shron
on Sunday morning, January 19, 2014 at 10:00,
as we explore how our greatest rabbis throughout
the ages compare the soul of a Jew
with the soul of a non Jew.

A light breakfast will be served.

For further information, please contact Rabbi Shron at
jshron18@gmail.com or 913-642-1880 ext. 211.

CAVIAR FAMILY JEWISH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES



Rabbi Debra Orenstein

Kehilath Israel Synagogue Is Pleased To Announce Its
Caviar Family-Jewish Scholar in Residence Series

Rabbi Debra Orenstein

"Finding and Making Meaning in our Tradition"

January 31 - February 2, at K.I.

Friday Night 5:25pm

Please join us for a spirited Rock Balayla Service followed by a Shabbat Dinner. (Reservations required)

Rabbi Orenstein's topic will be: Raising Spiritually Fulfilled Children.

Friday Night Dinner 6:30pm

Adults: \$10, Children under 13: Free with Parent

Shabbat Morning 9am

*During Services: Rosh Hodesh, Women, Men, and Ritual
- followed by a Kiddush/Luncheon*

Mincha 4:45pm

Rabbi Orenstein will present:

Seeing the Torah with New Eyes: Text Study and Feminist Interpretation of the Dena Story

Sunday Morning 10am

Rabbi Orenstein will discuss the concept of: Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice

Rabbi Debra Orenstein is renowned as a teacher and scholar-in-residence across North America, and is the author or editor of five books, including the award-winning Lifecycles book series. Rabbi Orenstein's rabbinate represents both the inherited tradition and its flexibility in every age. A seventh generation rabbi, she is also an alumna of the first entering class at The Jewish Theological Seminary to include women.

This exciting year long community program is held at KI 10501 Conser Overland Park, KS.

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

29 TEVET-JAN 1
 RICHARD DREISESZUN
 ROSALYN JACOBSON
 GERTRUDE KRUTE
 ISRAEL LEVIN
 DAVID LUKE
 LOUIS OSADCHY
 JACK ROCHELD
 ISAAC SALWINSKY
 SADIE TAYLOR
 ANNA WOLBERG

1 SHEVAT-JAN 2
 HARRIS DAITCH
 MIRIAM DAITCH
 ABRAHAM LENIOWER
 MELVIN LEVINE
 RUDOLPH ZELL

2 SHEVAT-JAN 3
 MARCIA COLVIN
 JEANETTE FRIEDMAN
 HELEN LIEBERMAN
 ESTHER SCHWARTZ
 LIBA LINDMAN SHROB
 SOLOMON WILENSKY

3 SHEVAT-JAN 4
 JENNIE ABEND
 JOSEPH BARABAN
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 BEILA G. DORFMAN
 SAMUEL DORFMAN
 HELEN TESSIE GOLDIN
 EDYTHE HAIMER
 JOSEPHINE KORT
 BEN ROBINSON
 STANLEY ROSE

4 SHEVAT-JAN 5
 LEO CHOOS
 ALICE ESRIG
 LEONARD LAPIDES
 SADIE MILLER
 BEN RUBEN
 WILLIAM SPITCAUFSKY
 HERSHEL ZENITSKY

5 SHEVAT-JAN 6
 MORRIS BELL
 GRANUM CHERNOFF
 SYLVIA GOLDSTEIN
 MOSHE HAITH
 DONNA LEVINE
 ABRAHAM E. SOLTZ

6 SHEVAT-JAN 7
 SHLOMO BRAUN
 ISAAC DUBINSKY
 MILTON FISHMAN
 NATHAN HOROWITZ
 ROSE KATZ
 SARAH KRINSKY
 IDA LANSKY
 ABRAHAM LERNER
 DONALD TELLER

7 SHEVAT-JAN 8
 JOHN K. GOLDBERG
 ISADORE GOODMAN
 GELLA POLLMAN
 ROSE MOSSEL ROSS
 BERNICE SCHIFMAN
 DAVID SIMON
 CHANA TEITELBAUM

8 SHEVAT-JAN 9
 DORA K. BAKER
 DOROTHY BELL
 BESSIE DEVOE

ROSE HOUSE
 ISADORE W. KAUFMAN
 NOMA KELNE
 JOSEPH MANN
 HENRY TARABOULOS

9 SHEVAT-JAN 10
 SIDNEY COHEN
 DOROTHY CUMONOW
 ESTHER DWORK
 MINNIE LAPIDES
 JOSEPH MILLER
 BARNEY NASH
 OLGA RODRIGUEZ-JIMENEZ
 MAX ROMER

10 SHEVAT-JAN 11
 JOSEPH AMAR
 ABE H. BERNSTEIN
 BERTHA DREISESZUN
 ABE JACOBSON
 ROLAND KAHN
 GITTEL LEVIN
 JACK LOUIS
 ALICE SCHILD
 MOSHE D. SOLOMON

11 SHEVAT-JAN 12
 JOSEPH AMPEL
 BERTHA BROWN

12 SHEVAT-JAN 13
 ELKA FRANKLIN
 ALLAN GREENBERG
 ESTHER HIPSH
 MENDEL HOROWITZ
 ROSE LEVINE
 BESS MALLIN
 SALLY SILVERMAN

13 SHEVAT-JAN 14
 SAMUEL BEISER
 BEVERLY FISHMAN
 GERTRUDE KAPLAN
 LOUIS KATZ
 DENA LEVINE
 ADA GALLAS SHAPIRO

14 SHEVAT-JAN 15
 BINA BELZYCKI
 CHAIM BELZYCKI
 MELVIN GORTENBURG
 DOROTHY HYKEN
 FLORENCE LEVIN
 ROSE MILINKOWSKY
 ABRAHAM OSADCHY
 DAVID RABINOWITZ
 JULIUS SANDER
 KARL SCHICK
 ABE UNTRIF

15 SHEVAT-JAN 16
 SHLOMO BRATMAN
 JAKE LEVINE
 AZRIEL ROTHSTEIN
 JOSEPH SCHWARTZ
 JOE SIMON
 MARY SPACK
 GAYLE ZORLENE WEIL

16 SHEVAT-JAN 17
 LOUIS FOX
 STEPHEN FRIEDMAN
 MORRIS LEVINE
 SOL MOLOTSKY
 JEAN ODESNIK
 SAM PORTNOFF
 BELLE TITENSKY

17 SHEVAT-JAN 18
 JOSEPH BROWN
 LEO BROWN

CHARLES E. COHEN
 ESTHER COSNER
 JOSEPH DEVOE
 HARRY FEINGOLD
 CLARA GLADSTONE
 JOSEPH KULUVA
 GERTRUDE POLSKY
 DALLES RASKIN
 REBECCA YEDDIS
 SAM ZITRON

18 SHEVAT-JAN 19
 HARRY COHN
 HAROLD LOEFFLER
 BEN PASLOVE
 YETTA BROOKS PRICE
 JOEL SILBERG
 ALBERT WEINER
 ROSE ZEMELMAN

19 SHEVAT-JAN 20
 FRED AGRON
 GOLDA GERECHT
 SAMUEL MARKOWITZ
 HAROLD ROSMARINE
 ABRAHAM SLADOWITZ
 BESSIE STEMPELMAN
 SHRAGA TEITELBAUM
 ROBERT M. TIGERMAN

20 SHEVAT-JAN 21
 DORA FINKELSTON
 HYMAN ODESNIK
 JENNIE RITZ
 LEO WEINBERG
 JACOB WICENTOWSKY
 HYMAN WINEGAR
 ABRAHAM YODLER
 ZELDA ZALCMAN

21 SHEVAT-JAN 22
 ISRAEL ADELMAN
 ED ARONSON
 WILLIAM COHEN
 ANNA GERSHON
 MAX C. GLASS
 JACOB HOROWITZ
 DOROTHY KANDLIS
 JACOB KLUTZ
 HARRY L. LEVA
 LOUIS MARKUS
 ED MYER
 IDELLA PUCKER
 NATHAN TEMPOSKY

22 SHEVAT-JAN 23
 SAMUEL EPSTEIN
 SAMUEL FRANKLIN
 J. LOUIS GLASBERG
 BRIAN KRAFT
 LILLIAN KRAITCHMAN
 MORRIS TITENSKY
 TEMMA RACHEL TRANIN

23 SHEVAT-JAN 24
 EFRAIM ADAMOUS
 SYLVIA BRATMAN
 EMANUEL M. ENTIN
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24 SHEVAT-JAN 25
 ISSIE CAVIAR
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 LUDWIG RUSCHIN
 LEIB LEO ZEMELMAN
 YEHUDA ZUCKERMAN

25 SHEVAT-JAN 26
 HERSH GORIN
 SAM KRUTE
 MAX LEVIN
 LEIBUSH LEWKOWITZ
 MEYER OXMAN
 JACOB M. RUDNICK
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26 SHEVAT-JAN 27
 ARTHUR BLACKMAN
 NATHAN CAPITO
 JACOB SAMUEL CONE
 MALKA DWORKIN
 SARAH KAPLAN
 MARGARET KRASHIN
 EUGENE LEVINE
 ELIEZER WANG

27 SHEVAT-JAN 28
 DORIS BASSIN
 SAM BEISER
 HENRY DWORK
 MAX GELPHMAN
 ROSE GOLDSTEIN
 DAVID GREENSTEIN
 ERNA HUEBNER
 ESTHER J. KAHN
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28 SHEVAT-JAN 29
 EARL L. CONE
 ERNEST HOROWITZ
 EUNICE RUBEN

29 SHEVAT-JAN 30
 LILLIAN BULAVSKY
 CHARLOTTE GLASS
 AMALIE KORNFEIN
 SAM LAZERWITZ
 MORRIS STERN

30 SHEVAT-JAN 31
 CELIA AARON
 MICHAEL AARON
 ELIZABETH FRANK
 ISSACHAR GUROVITZ
 ROSE JERWICK
 HIMIE KAPLAN
 HELEN G. KATZ
 MEYER KOCHEROV
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 30, 2014.

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CATCH SOME KINDNESS!

JFS and the Heritage Center of the JCC are sponsoring an interactive workshop for senior adults: "Spread Some Kindness; It's Contagious!" facilitated by Marlene Katz. This free special workshop will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. at the JCC. For more information please contact Susie Hurst, at susieh@jfskc.org or call her at 913.327.8259.

JEWISH UNEMPLOYED HAVE USEFUL TOOLS THROUGH JEWISH EMPLOYMENT

RSVP for all programs to employment@jfskc.org. Questions? Please call 913.730.1449.

JANUARY

January 6, 13, 27: JES Kaffee Klatsch. Weekly coffee meeting for jobseekers. Complimentary coffee and nosh; business casual dress. JCC Conference Room A (inside theater entrance), 8:30 a.m. sharp! Lasts one hour.

January 7: Interview Skills Workshop. Learn how to interview for your success! RSVP to employment@jfskc.org, 1-4 p.m.

January 9, 14, 23, 30: JES's "JumpStart" JCC RSVP to employment@jfskc.org. Contact JES with questions at 913.730.1449. 9-11 a.m.

January 20: Kaffee Klatsch cancelled due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

January 27: JES Monthly Job Club. Business casual dress, Multi Activity Center, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

DRIVING RISK AWARENESS FOR TEENS COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

On Sunday, Feb. 2, Jewish Family Services' C.H.A.I. program will once again offer its "Driving Risk Awareness for Teens and Parents" workshop from 10- 11:45 a.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. This program is open to ninth and 10th grade students and their parents. The class will be facilitated by Susie Hurst, adolescent specialist/C.H.A.I. and Captain Mark Terman of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. The workshop is free, but reservations are required; to make a reservation, please contact Hurst at 913.327.8259 or email her at Susieh@jfskc.org.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS SET FOR JANUARY

Similar to 'First Aid' and CPR, Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches individuals how to help youth ranging from age 12 to young adulthood who are experiencing mental health challenges or crises. This 8-hour course, being offered through Jewish Family Services Family Life Education program, will be taught in four-hour sessions over two Sunday afternoons on Jan. 12 and 26, from 1-5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus

Youth Mental Health First Aid prepares you to identify potential risk factors and warning signs and implement a five-step action plan to help an individual in crisis. Mental Health First Aid is taught by certified instructors, Jennifer Savner Levinson, MS,Ed. and Cathy Lorino, LSCSW.

Registration is \$25/person, which includes the course manual. Registration is required by Dec. 23; to register, or for more information, please contact Susie Hurst, JFS Family Life Education director, at susieh@jfskc.org or call her at 913.327.8259.

B'YACHAD: TU B'SHEVAT FESTIVAL JANUARY 15, 2014 - JCC SOCIAL HALL

6:30-7:00 PM --- REGISTRATION & SNACKS 7:00-8:30 PM TU B'SHEVAT FESTIVAL

Celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, the new year for trees. Actively explore current issues like Israel and the environment, food waste, sustainability, composting and political activism. Try local, organic produce and have fun in the photo booth. Free event open to all Jewish 7th-10th graders in the community. No RSVPs needed.

Join the Youth Steering Committee! Contact Amy Ravis Furey at 913.981.8801, aravisfurey@jewishkc.org or Yahav Barnea at 913.327.8124, yahavb@jewishkc.org for more information.

CAMP SABRA PARTY

Learn more about Camp Sabra on Tuesday, January 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the home of Sara and Paul Greenwood. RSVP by Friday, January 10, saragwood@gmail.com or 415.602.9220. Kim Sloan, Camp Sabra representative will be there to answer any questions you might have about the camp.

CONGREGATIONS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

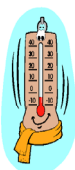
Jewish Family Services, in partnership with the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, has teamed up with area congregations in response to the ever-growing need for food assistance in Kansas City. Kehilath Israel Synagogue has been asked to collect donations of canned pasta sauce, canned/dried beans and bars of soap during the month of January. These items will be stocked in the JFS Food pantry and will provide food for more than 200 households in our community.

Please drop off your food donations in the specially labeled collection barrels in our building through the month of January. If you have any questions please contact **Susan Choucroun** or the synagogue office. If you would like information regarding the JFS Food Pantry, or would like to become a JFS Food Pantry recipient, volunteer, or donor, please call Jewish Family Services at 913.327.8250.

HEAT AND LIGHT FUND

The season has arrived when requests are received from some congregants who are in need, as well as from other needy in the community, for funds to pay their heat and light bills for the cold winter months.

In the past, you have all responded very generously to our appeals in the winter months for the Heat and Light Fund of K.I. We hope you will do so again. We actually have also had needs both in the congregation and in the Jewish community for financial aid for utilities. Should we be lucky and not have those needs in the Jewish community this year, whatever funds are leftover will address other needs. Please make checks payable to Rabbi Shron's Discretionary Fund designating on the check for Heat and Light.



January 2014

29 Teves 5774 - 30 Shevat 5774

TEVET

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 NO Religious School	6 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	7 Religious School - 4:15-6:30 pm	8 Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	9	10 4:58	11 Beshalach Judges 4:4-5:31 Shabbos Ends: 5:53 Young Families service followed by private luncheon-10:30 am Rav Shron Study Class-3:55 p.m.
12 Religious School Tu B'Shevat Seder - 9:15-11:30 am	13 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	14 Religious School - 4:15-6:30 pm Hebrew Reading II - 7:00 pm	15 Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	16 Tu B'Shvat	17 5:05	18 Yisro Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6 Shabbos Ends: 6:00 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rav Shron Study Class-4:00 p.m.
19 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am The Jewish Soul and the Non-Jewish Soul w/Rabbi Shron-10:00 am	20 Martin Luther King Day Talmud Class - 7:00 pm Prayer Works - 7:00 pm	21 Religious School - 4:15-6:30 pm Hebrew Reading II - 7:00 pm	22 Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	23	24 5:13	25 Mishpatim Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26 Shabbos Ends: 6:07 Rav Shron Study Class-4:10 p.m.
26 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am K.I. Men's Club Breakfast w/guest speaker Joel Goldberg Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby 3:00-6:00 pm	27 Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	28 Religious School - 4:15-6:30 pm Hebrew Reading II - 7:00 pm	29 Yoga 6:00-7:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	30	31 Rosh Chodesh Adar I - Day 1 5:21 Scholar in Residence Weekend Rock Balayla Services followed by Shabbat dinner 6:30 pm	



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**Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv**

Week of January 5 5:00 P.M.
Week of January 12 5:05 P.M.
Week of January 19 5:15 P.M.
Week of January 26 5:20 P.M.

Wednesday, January 1 -- 9:00 A.M.
Rosh Chodesh Shevat - Thursday, January 2

A Celebration Honoring Women and Teen Girls

***Tuesday, February 4, 2014
7:00 pm at K.I.***

Featuring

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