

THE FOCAL POINT

The Newsletter of Kehilath Israel Synagogue



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOSEPH ADAMOUS



Spring is approaching quickly, bringing with it not only the beauty of change in nature, but also a season filled with many of our most meaningful Jewish holidays.

At KI, we recently celebrated Purim. The festivities began with the reading of the Megillah on the evening of the fast day and continued the following evening with the

Purim seudah—a festive meal that featured a Persian-themed dinner. Since the story of Purim takes place in the Persian Empire, whose state religion was Zoroastrianism, the menu reflected the cultural setting of the story.

The evening concluded with a wonderful concert performed by **Cantor Hayoun** and a group of talented members of KI.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my co-chair, **Maureen Minoofar**, and our dedicated volunteers who helped make this special evening possible: **Christy Gillom, Emily Minoofar, Rochelle Adamous, Brenda Fishman**, her friend **Cindy Cohen**, and **Janet Stone**. Your hard work and commitment are deeply appreciated.

The current war situation in the Middle East, along with recent attacks on a synagogue and a university, has understandably created concern within our community. While there are **no specific threats to our congregation at this time**, we are encouraged to remain alert and vigilant. If you notice anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, please communicate it immediately to our security officer or synagogue leadership. We all share responsibility for one another and for the safety and well-being of our community.

Looking ahead, on the evening of **Shavuot, Thursday, May 21**, we will hold our traditional late-night study session. The following morning, **Friday, May 22**, we will once again host our **outdoor Shacharit service** on our remodeled back patio, beginning at approximately **5:30 AM**.

In addition, on **Saturday, April 18**, we will hold our **annual congregational meeting** following services. This is an important moment when we, as congregants, exercise our democratic process at KI. The meeting will also include a delicious lunch, and I encourage everyone to attend and participate.

As many of you know, **my term as President of KI will conclude on April 18**, when our new president and officers will be installed. This will therefore be my final “Focal Point” article.

It has truly been a **privilege and an honor** to serve our KI community. Throughout my tenure, I have done my best to work in the interest of and for the benefit of our synagogue and our community as a whole. As I pass the torch to our future president, I want to assure everyone that the congregation will be in very capable hands.

My sense of humor tells me to say that perhaps you will not have to put up with me anymore—but in truth, I will still be around to **support, promote, and advocate for our institution and our Kehilath—our synagogue family**.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Thank you,
Joseph Kourosh Adamous

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR RABBI MOSHE GRUSSGOTT



America's leading antisemitic pundit Tucker Carlson is out with an amusing new conspiracy theory. The real force behind the war in Iran is: The Chabad movement. You see, President Trump's daughter and son in law, Ivanka and Jared Kushner, pray at a Chabad House in Washington DC. And Chabad believes

deeply in the coming of the Messiah. And so, this war is designed to hasten the Messiah's coming, destroy the Al Aqsa Mosque, and rebuild the Third Temple. Ergo, Chabad is behind it all! Or something like that.

It isn't worth confronting conspiracy theorists with facts, because their bigotry is not based in fact to begin with. It might be worthwhile, however, to use this as an educational moment to remind ourselves what our own view on the Third Temple is.

Those Orthodox Jews, such as Satmar, who fiercely opposed the Zionist movement pointed to a passage in the *Talmud Ketuvot 111a* that God administered three Divine oaths upon the Jewish People and the nations of the world: 1) That the nations not persecute us overly much (it should be obvious that the nations violated this oath!) 2) That The Jews be loyal citizens of the

countries in which they live. And 3) That it is prohibited for us to take the Land of Israel back by force.

The Religious Zionist response to the invocation of these three oaths was that Zionism was not about using force, but about achieving a Jewish State through diplomacy and immigration, which does not even violate the oaths in the Talmud to begin with.

However, with regards to rebuilding the Temple specifically, it does seem that the Satmar position is, in fact, the normative Orthodox view. R. Elijah of Vilna (the Vilna Gaon) is quoted as saying that the oaths only prohibit us from reestablishing a Jewish State in the Land of Israel if the underlying intent is to rebuild the Temple by force. R. Ovadia Yosef, the late and great former chief Sefardic rabbi of Israel, also made this same distinction between the State of Israel itself, to which the oaths do not apply, and the Temple in Jerusalem, to which they do.

In conclusion, while educating the Tucker Carlsons of this world is a pointless endeavor, it is worthwhile to use these moments as opportunities to reeducate ourselves on our Torah views regarding these important matters. As we'll sing at the end of the Seder in the song "*Adir Hu*": Oh God build, oh God build, build Your Holy House soon!!

MESSAGE FROM CANTOR ARON HAYOUN

It will soon be five years since we arrived in Kansas City, and the time has flown by so quickly that my family and I can still picture ourselves boarding the plane that took us to our new life, a new destiny. I was leaving a prestigious synagogue where music and the cantor were the beacon of the Great Synagogue of Paris. An opera choir, a choirmaster, and the head cantor ensured incredible services every Shabbat, major holidays, and all religious events throughout the year. And here we are in Kansas City! And there, we discovered a new world. From the very first moments, we discovered a community whose members and leaders were Jewish in their hearts and souls. We got to know each and every one of them and discovered the kindness, and profound love that characterized them all. Everyone was and still is there to support us in our difficult times, and everyone is there to rejoice and encourage us in our new life at KI. And it is with joy that I have tried to reproduce in my new world the grandeur of the various Shabbat and holiday prayers, helped by a wonderful little choir and my son. For *Purim*, in record time thanks to a wonderful team, we managed to bring Broadway into our sanctuary and I thank everyone who took part in this. For *Yom Ha'azmaut*, which is a very important day for us, the people of Israel, we will organize a commemorative evening with falafel, music, and perhaps even dancing. Israel is going through difficult times, and perhaps we



can all come together to pray for our Israeli and American soldiers who are fighting to safeguard our identity and our survival—we, the children and grandchildren of the six million Jews who died in concentration camps simply because they were born Jewish. Community life is essential for all of us. It is certainly difficult for all of us to get up every morning, every Shabbat and holiday, and go to the synagogue again and again. But one day, only the love of our family and the brotherhood, the love and unconditional support that we all find at KI, will guide us until the end of our days. On Shabbat, when I turn around and see people who don't come often sit in the audience and sing with me, it gives me courage and the will to always do better and offer this wonderful congregation the best of myself. We have a charming and intelligent new executive director who is becoming increasingly devoted to our congregation. A rabbi who is a true scholar and a Mensch. A Rabbi Emeritus who has given eighty percent of his life to KI. A school director who gives her time and her life to the education of our children. Employees who lovingly take care of the building's smooth operation and security. A programming director who does everything to bring new members. A president who is very attached to the values of Judaism and gives his heart and time to always do better and make everyone happy, and a board that cares for the well-being of our congregation like a mother cares for her child. I thank those who have supported me and continue to support me every moment.



Shabbat & Holiday Schedule

Friday March 20

Candle Lighting: 7:12 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:05 PM

Saturday March 21

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class: 6:05 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 6:50 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:05 PM

Week of March 22

Mincha/Maariv: 6:05 PM

Friday March 27

Candle Lighting: 7:19 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:10 PM

Saturday March 28

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class: 6:10 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 6:55 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:12 PM

Sunday March 29-Tuesday March 31

Mincha/Maariv: 6:10 PM

Tuesday March 31

Search Home for Chametz After Dark

Wednesday April 1

EREV PESACH

Shacharit and Siyyum Bechorim and
Breakfast: 7:00 AM
Last Time to Eat Chametz: 11:16 AM
Last Time to Burn Chametz: 12:19 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 PM
Candle Lighting: 7:24 PM
First Seder: After Dark

Thursday April 2

FIRST DAY PESACH

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 PM
Candle Lighting and
Second Seder: 8:15 PM

Friday April 3

SECOND DAY PESACH

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Candle Lighting: 7:26 PM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:15 PM

Saturday April 4

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Reading of Shir HaShirim: 6:20 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 7:05 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:20 PM

Sunday April 5 & Monday April 6

Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 PM

Tuesday April 7

EVE OF LAST DAYS OF PESACH

Shacharit: 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting: 7:30 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 PM

Wednesday April 8

SEVENTH DAY PESACH

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Candle Lighting: 8:23 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 PM

Thursday April 9

LAST DAY PESACH

Shacharit & Yizkor: 9:00 AM
Mincha: 7:30 PM
Festive End of Holiday Meal
Maariv: 8:15 PM
Pesach Ends: 8:23 PM
Chametz Permitted: After 9:00 PM

Friday April 10

Candle Lighting: 7:33 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:20 PM

Saturday April 11

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 6:25 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 7:10 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:26 PM

Week of April 12

Mincha/Maariv: 6:20 PM

Friday April 17

Candle Lighting: 7:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:25 PM

Saturday April 18

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class: 6:35 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 7:20 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:33 PM

Week of April 19

Mincha/Maariv: 6:25 PM

Friday April 24

Candle Lighting: 7:46 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:30 PM

Saturday April 25

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class: 6:40 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 7:25 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:41 PM

Week of April 26

Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 PM

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 Ashkenazi 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 therefrom 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 can be found in this issue of *The 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 9.**

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

Baking Soda - all are kosher for *Pesach*. Baking Powder requires *Pesach* symbol.

Bottled Water - all are kosher for *Pesach* if unflavored.

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.

Coffee - Instant and regular coffee requires special *Pesach* supervision, except for Folgers and Taster's Choice. All regular ground coffees with the ☉ 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 ⓈP - but one may not purchase fresh coffee at a Starbucks store on *Pesach*.

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.

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 **ⓀP** or **ⓀP**. Most of these brands may be used without question. Dawn, Ajax, Ivory, Joy and Palmolive are okay without *Pesach* supervision.

Dextrose and Malts - These are not to be used.

Dried Fruits - Dried fruits should not be used unless they carry a signed endorsement as being kosher for *Pesach*.

Eggs - do not need special certification but should be purchased before *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.

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*.

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*.

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.

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.

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.

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*.

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 the 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 bears a or another kosher symbol that is acceptable.

Potatoes - Warning: red potatoes are kosher but *only* those without coloring added. Coloring may be *chametz*.

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. Th heavy kosher salt is kosher for *Pesach* and year round.

Silver Polish - does not require supervision. Use a new jar.

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.

Sweetener - Pillsbury Sweet #10 and Nutra Sweet (not Equal) carry a symbol **ⓀP** or **ⓀP**. There are usually pink packages of sweetener available from Israel at area supermarkets. Splenda is not kosher for *Pesach*.

Syrups and Preserves - These should not be used unless they carry a valid endorsement.

Tea - Any non-flavored tea that is fresh without additives is fine.

Toiletries - Proctor & Gamble toothpastes, shampoos, deodorants, and contact lens solutions may be used for *Pesach*. All unflavored dental floss kosher for *Pesach*.

Tuna - The hydrolyzed protein in tuna contains *chametz* or *kitniyot*. Make sure it is kosher L'*Pesach*.

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.

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
- utensils that may be damaged by hot water
- 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 (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 microwaveable 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 9:15 pm on the evening of the last day of *Pesach* (April 9).



Return to the synagogue by Monday, March 30, 2026

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* 5786, 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 *chametz*, *chametz* products, mixtures of *chametz* and *chametz* utensils, both before and after *Pesach*.

Signed _____
Printed Name _____
Address _____

MESSAGE FROM SHELLEY RISSIEN DIRECTOR, KI FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Join us For Chag Siddur Shabbat

After *Pesach*, we will be celebrating a special Shabbat where each student will receive his or her own *Siddur*. We worked hard on customizing this *Siddur* to be a learning opportunity to grow with them through the ages.

This *Siddur* comes complete, filled with anything a child would want or need to learn and understand our prayers. It would even be amazing for any adult to learn from as well, parents and children can go through it together.

In addition to the prayers, there are additional resources with clear explanations of the Jewish calendar, all holidays including the purpose and tradition. Also, the secrets of the Aleph Bet are charted out for learning and decoding. The *nikkudot* (the Hebrew vowels) are explained to master the pronunciations as well as Gematria (the numerical equivalent assigned to every Hebrew letter).

The prayers are presented in Hebrew and English but also include various explanatory modes to help with understanding of the messages behind the prayers. The *Siddur* also provides tools to help the student say the prayer, understand the prayer and build a personal connection with the prayers.

Sometimes we need specific prayers to help us through difficult situations. We say specific prayers as we struggle through our own everyday lives. This applies to people of any age. Children needing help with a difficult situation in their lives or perhaps just want to learn how to talk to G-d or approach G-d for guidance.

Prayers guide our connections with ourselves and with G-d. Prayers like the *Shema* and *V'ahavta* reflect into G-d's light as a call to prayer. Some prayers are written by humans who take us through the centuries of Judaism. The *Yishtabach* prayer was written many years ago by our Jewish sages. Through the generations we have learned new prayers to say thank you. Even a king like King David had to look and find words to use to connect with G-d.

The *Az Yashir* prayer is sung to G-d by the women while crossing the Red Sea as the entire Jewish people escaped Egypt with Moses. Each song has its own author, purpose and story. Throughout this *Siddur* our children can find answers to their questions and ways to connect with G-d.

There is never a good or bad time to focus our direct questions, ideas, misunderstandings towards G-d. We can use words from the Rabbis throughout history or words from our own hearts. Sometimes we hear the words of adults or famous writers and they help us to notice everyday miracles and how to talk to G-d without bodies and souls.

All through this book every child has opportunities to write his or her own innermost feelings and talk with G-d. The main purpose of these prayers is not just learning from others' writings but also to reflect internally.

By giving this amazing *Siddur* to every student, it is a beautiful opportunity for our children to build their personal connection with G-d. We look forward to sharing this occasion with all of you.

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Come celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut as a community by exploring Israel with fun games, crafts, and activity stations. Join us in wearing white to honor Israel's Independence Day.

Registration is strongly encouraged

APRIL 26, 2026
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Please plan to attend
SATURDAY, APRIL 18

**CHAG
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**K.I. ANNUAL
MEETING** | After Services in
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Sunday, April 19
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YOM HASHOAH MOVIE SCREENING



TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 6:45 PM (2 HR 28 MIN)

A WWII psychiatrist evaluates Nazi leaders before the Nuremberg trials, growing increasingly obsessed with understanding evil as he forms a disturbing bond with Hermann Göring.

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Mark your calendars for our
UPCOMING EVENTS



Chitraot!

Join us for a special kiddush on Saturday, April 11th where we will say “see you later” to our members Carolyn and Joe Goldwasser. We wish them well on their next adventure in Jerusalem!



SHABBAT
Women's Circle
AT KI SYNAGOGUE

10:00 - 11:00 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 11



In most cases, “thank you” is really not enough, especially in the case of the wonderful Purim events that occurred between March 1 and March 3. As usual, this holiday had a lot of moving parts, and it takes many people willing to volunteer their time and energy to achieve success.

First, many thanks to those who assembled or delivered the **Mishloach Manot Bags**: **Val Bordy, Pete and Joan Cabell, Amanda Davidson, Jonathan and Reggie Fink, Rosemary and Marty Gorin, Bill Greenberg, Joe Goldwasser, Tamara Kingston, Maury and Phyllis Kohn, Sam Kricsfield, Marcia Krinsky, Kimberlin Kubel and sons, Ruth Nowak, Ellen Portnoy, Katie Rosenberg, Sonnie Singer, Shari Sokol, Marilyn Solsky, Rebecca Speier, Amy Stoltz, Sir James Thomas, Samantha VonEnde and Gavriela Geller, Robert Weisberger and Joyce Zeldin.** We were done in record time this year! Thanks also for the additional organizing help from **Henri Gaeddert, Beverly Jacobson and Robin Abramowitz.**

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our **Purim Patrons** – it is with much appreciation for your help that led to many positive comments about the contents of the mishloach manot. Thanks so much for your donations.

The highlight of the mishloach manot were the “homemade” **hamantaschen**, a secret recipe held by **Shelley Rissien**, with dough rolled, cut, filled and baked by a few elves helping Shelley including **Aaron Rissien, Max Jevinsky, Nancy Kohn, Rebecca Speier, Robert Weisberger and Felicia Weiner.**

Next came an enthusiastic reading of the **Megillah** by **Cantor Hayoun**, featuring costumes and snacks on Monday night. It was terrific to see kids and adults dressed up, so thanks to **Rabbi Grussgott, Cantor,** and **Henri Gaeddert** for organizing this event.

Tuesday night was our traditional **Persian dinner**, a delicious meal featuring baba ganoush, khoresh, rice, skewered chicken, vegetables, fruit and cakes. Our lead cooks, **Joe Adamous and Maureen Minoofar**, were assisted in cooking, decorating, serving and cleaning up by **Rochelle Adamous, Cindy Cohen, Cristi Gillom, Tamara Kingston, Jonathan Morales, Katie Rosenbaum, Emily M. Shaw, and Janet Stone.** The cooks spent many days/hours shopping, prepping and working in the kitchen to create a beautiful meal. Thanks to **Robin, Bev and Henri** for organizing reservations and checking in guests.

Finally, a fantastic performance of “**Fiddler in Concert**” was performed by **Cantor Hayoun** and singers including **J.D. Chambers, Natalie Cohen, Jennifer Dunning, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Cantor Aron Hayoun, Arthur Hayoun, Tamara Kingston, Rebecca Nowak, Aaron Rissien and Rebecca Speier**, plus musicians **Jeannie Frank and Alla Wijnands.** Costumes, music, dancing -Wow – it was really wonderful! Thank you to **Cantor Hayoun and Jennifer Dunning** for coordinating, **Jake Dunning** for managing the tech and **KC Audio Visual** for the sound.

Much appreciation for a lot of hard work – but a lot of fun!

As you can see – there really is a place for everyone at Kehilath Israel. If you have never volunteered, you are actually missing out on some fun activities with enthusiastic people. I encouraged you to get involved and find a place at K.I. Contact Brenda at brendafishman20@gmail.com for more information, or Henri Gaeddert, Program Coordinator at henri@kisyn.org.

Thanks so much! Brenda Fishman



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Condolences to the **family of Dr. Alan Organ** who died recently. May his Memory be for a blessing.

Condolences to **Hannah Katz & Jacob Hjelmaas** and family on the death of her stepfather. May his Memory be for a blessing.

Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב

☆ Mazel tov to **Susan and Sam Gutovitz** on the arrival of their grandson, and to **Joel and Noam Gutovitz** on the birth of their son.

☆ Mazel tov to **Felicia Weiner** on the arrival of a brand new Great Grandson in Israel.



Mazel Tov to these couples celebrating anniversaries:

March 3	Shelley and Aaron Rissien	44th
March 15	Janet and James Stone	39th
March 21	Patricia and Abraham Lifshitz	42nd
March 22	Ellen and Jay Portnoy	46th
March 25	Madeline and Abbott Zolotor	64th
March 31	Faya and Yury Portnoy	54th
April 8	Anya and David Kricsfeld	20th
April 16	Rosemary and Martin Gorin	37th
April 21	Gail and Jerrold Gottlieb	14th
April 23	Barbara and David Marcus	59 th

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Mazel Tov to these congregants celebrating birthdays

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Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'Atmaut
service and dinner

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Memorial Day Services will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 24 at 11:00 AM.**

It is a custom in Judaism to show our respect for our ancestors, our family, and our friends who are no longer with us. Whether it is the National Memorial Day, a day of *Yahrzeit*, or a day when we recite the *Yizkor* prayer, any day we go to the cemetery and visit the graves of our *mispacha*, we perform the *mitzvah* of *Kovod Hamet*.

The Cemetery Committee is again offering the Flower Planting Program for those who are interested. Our policy permits only flowers purchased through this program to be placed on graves. **The cost of flowers is \$57 per urn. All orders must be paid in advance before April 20** to allow time for the plants to be in full bloom for Memorial Day.

If you would like to order an urn, or if you are Jewish and interested in purchasing a cemetery plot, please contact the K.I. office at 913-642-1880 x202.

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IN LOVING MEMORY: MARCH & APRIL YARZHEITS

With reverence, we record the following yarzheits:

12 Adar 1 & 2 - March 1

- * Gustava F. Alport
- * Issy Berman
Josif Budnitskiy
- * Meyer Feder
- * Sam Goldberg
Morris Hertzfield
- * Mary K. Horowitz
Regina Levi
Rodney Maxwell
- * Betty Solomon
- * Earl Trilinsky
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- * Morris Yeddis
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13 Adar 1 & 2 - March 2

- Rose Chaletzky
- * Betty Glass
- * Israel Gottlieb
- * Miriam B. Gottlieb
- * Rifka N. Gottlieb
- * Sara K. Gottlieb
- * Max Green
Fanny Greenbaum
- * Max Hacker
Dr. Bert Indin
- * Leah Kalish
- * Moses Mondschein
Arnold Probin
Sonia Rissien
- * Sadie Wacknov

14 Adar 1 & 2 - March 3

- * Tillie Barash
Sonia Jennie Brown
Mollie Flapan
- * Samuel Gladstone
- * Samuel Greenberg
- * Sam Indyk
- * Sol Katz
Leonard Kushel
- * Daniel Miller
- * Ike Ruben
- * Harry Sager
- * Ralph L. Sher
- * Levi Y. Singmon
- * Sam Weiner

15 Adar 1 & 2 - March 4

- Elil Bassin
Israel Bassin
- * Sam Gudinsky
- * Rita Lega
- * Rayla Leski
- * Simcha Leski
- * Gwenn Mallin
- * Mary Margolis
- * Betty Lou Maslan
- * Carl S. Myers
- * Herman Plessner
Bertha K. Rosenstock
- * Rose Roven
- * Dora Sandler
Anna R. Shanberg
- * Jeanne Subers

16 Adar 1 & 2 - March 5

- * Solomon Birenboim
- * Leo Bursten
- * Pearle R. Cohn
- * Judith Cooper
- * Morris Dobrowski
- * Joseph Esrig
- * Jeanette S. Godler
- * Sandra W. Goldstein
- * Esther Greenstein
Robert Hoffman
- * William Horowitz
- * Dan Kass
- * Ita Beila Lichtor
- * William Lipkin
- * Kiva Magady
Charles Parmet
- * Rosa Powell
Naftalie Reiter
- * Naftalie Reiter
- * Helen Rudnick
- * Noah Schachter
- * Celia Schifman
Russel S. Weiner
- * Aryeh L. Zalcman

17 Adar 1 & 2 - March 6

- David Bucksner
- * Emma D. Chernoff
- * Jacob Cohn
Louis Horowitz
Ann Lesser
- * Michael Mendelsohn
- * Molly Meyers
- * Sylvia G. Spector
Semen Yatskevich
- * Lena Cohn

18 Adar 1 & 2 - March 7

- Ricky Alan Covitz
- * Harris Goldin
Marie Guckenheimer
Ann Katz
- Dorothy Koffman
- * Betty C. Kook
- * Rose S. Lindman
- * Soly Mizrahi
- Katherine Overbeck
- * Minnie Salwinsky
- * David Shapiro
Sue Singer
- * Sarah M. Tenenbaum
Rebecca Zitzerman

19 Adar 1 & 2 - March 8

- Selma Crestol
- * Moshe D. Cukrowski
- * Nathan Dunn
- * Allen S. Entine
- * David Frank
- * Charles Goodbinder
Deborah Greenstein
- * Ben Gurovitz
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- * Lotte Koesten
- * Carl Kraitchman
- * Hinda Lewkowitz
- * Max Pitluck
Arnold Shanberg
- * David Steinberg
- * Jean S. Taxman

20 Adar 1 & 2 - March 9

- * A. R. Hellman
- * Nathan Jacobson
- * Ida Klugman
- * Joseph J. Krug
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- * Solomon Levin
- * Nathan S. Matters
- * Nellie D. Millstein
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- * Natien Rovensky
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Bertram J. Zeldin

21 Adar 1 & 2 - March 10

- Harry Agron
- * Goldie L. Bernstein
- * Jack Eisen
Sarah Fairman
- Samuel Green
- * Harry Katz
- * Peri Jo Klopper
- * Jacob Shaw
- * Leona Tranin

22 Adar 1 & 2 - March 11

- * Jake Bell
- * Samuel Cohen
- * Clara R. Cohn
- * Esther Grundman
- * Josephine Levitch
- * Mary Matters
- * Ben Medoff
- * Sol Miller
- * Clara Osadchy
- * Abraham Pesmen
- * Lena Pittel
- * Ruwen Radvinsky
Samuel Rubenstein
- * Fannie L. Sambur
- * Isaac Sherman
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23 Adar 1 & 2 - March 12

- Rosalee Abrams
- * Itzhak Albert
- * Libbie Albert
- * Esther Baum
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- * William Cohn
- * Victor Davis
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- * Oscar Frizent
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- * Rebecca Winer

24 Adar 1 & 2 - March 13

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26 Adar 1 & 2 - March 15

* Irving Abend
 * Goldie Baraban
 * Louis Brown
 Adam Carr
 * Betty June Chuzie
 * Baila Droskin
 * Alan Goldberg
 Lenora Jacobs
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 Morris Meblin
 Bessie Gordon Nelson
 * Morris Samet
 Emanuel Scharf
 * Libbie Sher
 * Adolph A. Silver
 * Bella Slobosky
 * Aron Sukiennik
 Iris White
 Louis Zingerman

27 Adar 1 & 2 - March 16

* Irwin Agron
 * Eva Baier
 Jette Bergmann
 * Doris Bush
 Jay Cooper
 Jerry Cosner
 * Sheva Goldman
 * Ida Fay Klein
 * Stephanie R. Klopfer
 * Gerda Livingston
 * Mary Mendelsohn
 * Isadore Myerowitz
 * Jack S. Price
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 * Karla Eve Silberg
 Melvin Simon
 * David Stein
 Gerald Wolfson

28 Adar 1 & 2 - March 17

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 * Bennett Alport
 * Avrom Baraban
 Adeline B. Camarata
 Benjamin Dolginow
 * Leo Lesky
 * Anna Polansky
 Ira H. Rakley
 * Sarah Ruben
 * Joseph Shapiro
 * Shirlee Siegel
 * Celia Tanhoff
 * Shirley Toltzis
 * John Warshawski
 * Joseph Wolf
 * Isaac Zitron

29 Adar 1 & 2 - March 18

* Anna Cohn
 * Esther E. Gallas
 * Hortense Rae Haith
 * Gertrude Jerwick
 * Betty Lesky
 Stephanie B. Lipman
 * Golda Mallin
 Manon Mallin
 * Jakob Mondschein
 * Oscar Nussbaum
 * Sam Osadchy
 William Sapperstein
 * Sam Shriber
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 * Samuel H. Yoffee

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4 Nisan - March 22

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 * Esther Caplan
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 * Louis Mendelsohn
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5 Nisan - March 23

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 * Esther Eisman
 Pauline Fishman
 * Chaya Krug
 * Mayer Mallin
 Rahman Minoofar
 * Margaret Nerman
 * Mark Brian Sher
 Grigoviy Zelensky
 Rose Zitron

6 Nisan - March 24

* Sam Arsansky
 Tillie Blend
 Aaron Gold
 Aaron M. Gold
 * Irving Greenberg
 Arnold Kohn
 * Esther R. Lichter
 Faye Singer
 * Abraham I.
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 * Janet K. Stone
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 * Sylvia D. Wolf

7 Nisan - March 25

Sophie Boxer
 * Ephraim Carr
 * Bertha B. Dworetzky
 * Hannah Eisen
 * Celine Gabbai
 * Aaron M. Hardin
 * Minnie Himmelstein
 * Esta Lesner
 Rose Liber
 * Raymond Madlof
 * Esther Mandelbaum
 Stanley Martasin
 * Harlan Milder
 * Simon Mnookin
 * Ruth Samet

8 Nisan - March 26

* Arthur Bamberger
 * David Bamberger
 * Yettchen Bamberger
 * John Benjamin
 Dena Gottlieb
 Mary Katz
 Marilyn Lewandowski
 Ruth Rosenberg
 Carl Schwartz
 * Sam Singmon
 * Benjamin Stempleman
 Leonard Tannenbaum
 * Pearl Wasserman
 * Sheindel Weneck

9 Nisan - March 27

I. L. Barach
 * Joseph Herschman
 * Sonia Sara Lega
 * Allen Samet
 * Beila Schultz
 * George Studna
 * Kisel Wajcman
 * Mollie Weiss
 * David Zenitsky

10 Nisan - March 27

* Mendel Bormaster
 * Samuel Daitch
 * Dena Davis
 * Fay R. Horowitz
 * Leslie C. Jacobson
 * Betty Mallin
 * Paul Myer
 Aaron A. Rissien
 * Dorothy Schifman
 Tillie Seligson
 Toby Simon
 Harry Stolov
 * Freda Wisman

11 Nisan - March 28

* Max Flapan
 Robert Hyman
 * Sara Katz
 * Sonia Katz
 * Oscar Levine
 Rachnel Makow
 Fay Meltzer
 * Fannie Nash
 * Miriam Y. Plotsky
 * Chana Shapiro
 Sam Shapiro
 * Ray Spindler
 * Dora Viscosky

12 Nisan - March 30

* Jack Jacobs
 * A. Anne Price
 * Jacob Yeddiss

13 Nisan - March 31

* Esther Abend
 * Ruth Sher Abramson
 Samuel S. Baum
 * Mordecai Gershon
 Isadore Glassman
 Bertha Gordon
 Rose Hankin
 Hortense Lapid
 Simon Lefkowitz
 * Theresa Livingston
 * Helen Mendelsohn
 * Freida Spitcaufsky
 * Gertrude Weiner

14 Nisan - April 1

* Joseph Abend
 * Boris Barsky
 David Blumpkin
 Evelyn Cohen
 * Ida Bendet Ernest
 * Anna Gottlieb
 * Celia Rose Hammer
 * Gittel S. Jaben
 * Annette Lebrecht
 * Henry Nelkin
 * Louis Ravis
 * S. J. Shapiro
 Rose Sudvarg
 * William Waldner

15 Nisan - April 2

* Fred Martin Dubowy
 * Jack Eiler
 * Shirley Frischer
 Edith Goldstein
 Roza Karlan
 * Jerry Katz
 Gertrude Rabinowitz
 * Charles Rubins

YARZHEITS, CONTINUED

16 Nisan - April 3

* Morris Adelman
 Rose Chernikoff
 Marietta Cohn
 Mollie Daniels
 Louis Davidow
 * Harry Estrin
 * Fannie Gilbert
 Adolph Klugman
 * Clara Levine
 * Hillel Littman
 * Cecelia Lee Robinson
 * Jeffrey Rubin
 Sam Solsky
 Dorothy Vidger
 Dorothy Vidger

17 Nisan - April 4

Eric Dollman
 * David Ernstein
 * Joseph Hartman
 * Marcus Adon Kaplan
 * Marsha Klopfer
 * Pearl Kraitchman
 Sara Overbeck
 * Israel Abraham Plotsky
 * Nathan Price
 * Betty Rosen
 * Chaya Yudice Schuman
 Louis Wilk
 * Abe Zitron

18 Nisan - April 5

* Melvin Brown
 Sam Lubowicz
 * Jacob Rosenfeld
 Edith Schwartz
 * Abraham Sweet
 * Rivka Leah Yoffee

19 Nisan - April 6

* Milton Baker
 Salomon Beiser
 Shirley Ann Epstein
 Sam Ginden
 * Benjamin Joseph
 * Leona Koch
 * Rebecca Lisser
 Kurt Metzler
 * Ann Nelkin
 * Harold S. Pener
 * William Powell
 * Beatrice Turkin
 * Solomon Turner
 Taiba Zaidman

20 Nisan - April 7

Isaac Beiser
 * Henry Cumonow
 * Esther Himmelstein
 * Harry Kuluva
 * Howard Levine
 * Louis Lipkin
 * Mierl Maizlish
 * Ben Polansky
 * Meyer Schifman
 * Daniel Singer
 * Abba Moshe Swartz
 * Celia Zarisky

21 Nisan - April 8

Henriette Asher
 Richard Dolginow
 * Samuel I. Goldstein
 * Morris Hankin
 * Jacob D. Kaplan
 * Leon Katzberg
 * David Leizer Braun
 * Ida Caviar
 * Jacob Isaac Droskin
 * Louis J. Kaplan
 * William Rubin
 * Maurice Shron
 * Marcia M. Thomas
 Sidney Wexler

22 Nisan - April 10

* Mary Cheplove
 * Sol Gallas
 * Simon Wolf Hurwitz
 * Abraham Katz
 Fannie Kolkin
 Esther Krebs
 Sara Lapid
 Gertrude R. Litwin
 * Dobrish Moldaver

24 Nisan - April 11

* Shlome Beckman
 * Sol Caplan
 Diane Dolginow
 * Shmaryahu Friedman
 * Lillian Kessler
 * Kalmon Levine
 * Philip Litman
 Harry Nelson
 * Max Rainen
 * Michael Craig Romer

25 Nisan - April 12

* Max L. Aaron
 * Sylvia Beiser
 * Sam Brown
 Steinberg, Charles
 Diane Dolginow
 * Frank Dunn
 * Israel Dworetzky
 Joseph Gelhaar
 Elsie Kraft Mallin
 * Aron Schifman
 * Evelyn Spitaufsky
 Nettie Tabashnik
 Lewis Tave
 * Mordecai Weiner
 Sarah Zeldin
 Harry Zolotor

26 Nisan - April 13

* Nathan Botwinik
 Rahil Budnitskiy
 Charles Frohlicman
 * Nathan Goldstein
 Avishai Gore
 David Klinock
 * Elsie House Kraft
 * Bertha Sholtz
 Manny Simon

27 Nisan - April 14

* Chaya Brailove
 * Zevi Aryeh Brooks
 * Nathan Clayman
 Sandra Ruth Ginson
 * Shirley Hannah
 Greenberg
 Joseph L. Greenwald
 Harold Joseph House
 * Nathan Keller
 * Theodore Lansky
 Lillian Woodall Levine
 * Ida Levinson
 Sarah Lieppman
 Benjamin Litwin
 * Barney Phillips
 * David Neil Rosen
 * Klara Shvartsblat
 * Jacob Straf
 * Freda Test
 * Sam Weneck

28 Nisan - April 15

* Herman Bulavsky
 * Sol S. Dalen
 * Selma Deisenfield
 * Harry Eisberg
 Henry Hirsekorn
 * Semyon Katz
 * Phil Kessler
 Rose Klugman
 Adele Levitan
 Maurice Magariel
 Richard Rosenstock
 Sherrill Rosenstock
 * Bradley Aaron Schifman
 * Ashley Zack

29 Nisan - April 16

* Jacob Abramson
 * Zanewell Beiser
 * Bertha Gelhaar
 Elias Levitan
 * Ida Lewkowitz
 * Joseph Mallin
 * Rose Miller
 * Morris Polsky
 Israel B. Rau
 * David Ruttner
 * Solomon Sherr
 Sarah Baill
 Charles Fishman
 * Rose Osman
 Harold Schwartz
 James Solsky
 * Louis Wasserman

1 Iyar - April 18

* Molly Gilgus
 Harriette Goodman
 Sharon Prohaska
 Grossman
 Thomas Morgan
 * Yechiel Reif
 Tillie Rosenberg

2 Iyar - April 19

George Altman
 * Barney Bobrow
 * Ida Capito
 * Fanny Chopp
 * Ruth Feinberg
 * Annie Fleitman
 * Wolf Osadchy
 Rose Polakoff
 * Sarah Rabinowitz
 Ruby Rovick
 * Ziska Slotkin
 Libby Taylor
 Nanette Zellinger

3 Iyar - April 20

Betty Goldstein
 Rose Klopfer
 * David Mickey Kogan
 Harry Levikow
 Mel Mallin
 Manuel Margolis
 Irving Markowitz
 * Harry Sherr
 * Wolf Singman
 * Ann Snitz
 * Zelda Stoffsky
 Miriam Studna
 * Matla Sukiennik

4 Iyar - April 21

* William Birenboim
 * Manuel Eaglstun
 * Sadie Entin
 * Rebecca Goldstein
 Celia Kort
 * Bertha Krigel
 * Chaya Levine
 Jeanne Muskoron
 * Zlata Ruchel Shane
 Juliette Steinberg
 Barbara Varns
 * Eisig Wolowski

5 Iyar - April 22

* Ben Bitner
 Eli Eisberg
 Bessie Goldstein
 * Alex Kraft
 Betty Mandelcorn
 Louis Planzer
 Anne Reichman
 * Michael Schub
 * Richard von Ende
 Mary L. Wachtel
 * Isadore Zeff

6 Iyar - April 23

* Bertha Brown
 * Max Brown
 * Harry Bursten
 * Louise Dolgenow
 * Meyer Ginsberg
 * Betty Gladstone
 Sophia Hetman
 * Harry Ruben
 * William Rudnick
 * Grete Schick
 * Joseph Schwartz
 Ann Shapiro
 * Morton Singer
 Annette Viner-Melnic

YARZHEITS, CONTINUED

7 Iyar - April 24

- * Benjamin Aronson
- * Fannie Caplan
- * Todros Greenberg
- * Izak Mayer Indyk
- Nathan Lazer
- * Joseph B. Levine

8 Iyar - April 25

- Sarah Cohen
- * Mierl Galitzky
- Sanford Hipsh
- * Edythe G. Kaufman
- * Samuel Lawrence Klevatt
- * Herman Lerner
- * Morris Milder
- Fredrick Sachs

9 Iyar - April 26

- Robert Anispan
- Janice Block
- * Arnold Goldberg
- * Manuel Klopper
- Helen Konstant
- * Louis Meyers
- * Louis Nussbaum
- Esther Rosenberg
- * Morris Shankman
- * Charles Spitcaufsky
- * Hannah Weisberger

10 Iyar - April 27

- * Moshe Abend
- Leah Cohn
- * Leah Dolginoff
- Martha Fleitman
- * Anna Sosland
- Frizent
- Ethel Kaben
- Gomberg
- Selma Klein
- * Gloria Kolkin
- Jack C. Kur
- Herman D. Levikow
- * Eugene Lipsky
- Harry Martasin
- Rebecca Rolsky
- Roberta Rosmarine
- Thelma Siegel
- * Melvin Spitcaufsky
- * Bertha Thomas

11 Iyar April 28

- * Louis Adelman
- * Jenny Bernstein
- Bertha Bussoff
- * Anna Chernicoff
- * Morris Chernicoff
- * Goldie Fishman
- Harry Goldstein
- Meyer Kaplan
- * Esther Levene
- David Pener
- * Millie Rocheld
- * Chaim Rosenfeld
- * Sara D. Weiner

12 Iyar - April 29

- * Richard Bruce Asher
- Alexander Belingloph
- Gussie Bisman
- Bernard Brown
- Harold Hester
- Esther Levinson
- * Harry Milinkowsky
- * Anna Simon

13 Iyar - April 30

- * Samuel L. Aron
- * Jennie Bassin
- Stanley Brand
- * Jack C. Eisberg
- * Morris Fingersh
- * Esther Frankstein
- Max Gershon
- * Jacob Kaufman
- * Irving Mallin
- * Jack Margolis
- * Sarah Rudnick
- Dennis Wacknov
- Leah Winer
- Max Zurovsky

Yom Hashoah

Sunday, April 12, 2026

1:30 pm

The White Theatre – Jewish Community Campus

The 2026 Yom Hashoah service will commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the 63rd anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial to the Six Million. Chaired by Geri Crain, the program features the wartime experiences of her mother and includes the traditional lighting of six candles honoring the six million murdered Jewish victims.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 14 Nisan Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot 7:00am Shacharit 11:16am Last Time to Eat Chametz 12:19pm Last Time to Burn Chametz 3:00pm Office Closes 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 8:10pm First Seder After Dark Sunrise: 7:04am Sunset: 7:42pm	2 15 Nisan Pesach Office Closed 9:00am Shacharit 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm Candle Lighting and Second Seder Sunrise: 7:02am Sunset: 7:43pm	3 16 Nisan Pesach 1st Day Omer Office Closed 9:00am Shacharit 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:26pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 7:01am Sunset: 7:44pm	4 17 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 6:20pm Reading of Shir HaShirim 7:05pm Mincha/Seudah Shelshit 8:20pm Havdalah Sunrise: 6:59am Sunset: 7:45pm
5 18 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 12:00pm to 4:00 pm Pesach Fun Fair @ KI (with TLC) 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 7:46pm	6 19 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:56am Sunset: 7:47pm	7 20 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:00pm Office Closes 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 7:48pm	8 21 Nisan Pesach 6th Day Omer Office Closed 7:00am Shacharit 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 8:23pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:53am Sunset: 7:49pm	9 22 Nisan Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer Office Closed 7:00am Shacharit 6:15pm Mincha/Maariv 8:23pm Pesach Ends Sunrise: 6:51am Sunset: 7:50pm	10 23 Nisan 8th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:20pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:33pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:50am Sunset: 7:51pm	11 24 Nisan Shabbat Mevarchim 9th Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Women's Circle 6:25pm Rabbi's Parsha Class 7:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shelshit 8:26pm Havdalah Sunrise: 6:48am Sunset: 7:52pm
12 25 Nisan 10th Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Religious School 1:30pm Yom HaShoah Community Memorial Service @ JCC 6:25pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:47am Sunset: 7:53pm	13 26 Nisan 11th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:25pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom) Sunrise: 6:45am Sunset: 7:54pm	14 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:25pm Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm Yom HaShoah Movie @ KI Sunrise: 6:44am Sunset: 7:55pm	15 28 Nisan 13th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 5:00pm Hebrew School 6:25pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:43am Sunset: 7:56pm	16 29 Nisan 14th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:25pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:41am Sunset: 7:57pm	17 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 7:40pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:40am Sunset: 7:58pm	18 1 Iyyar Tazria-Metzora Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Lil' Beit Midrash (Ages 5-12) 11:00am Chag Siddur (For Religious School Students) 12:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting 12:20pm Chai Kiddush 7:20pm Mincha/Seudah Shelshit 8:34pm Havdalah Sunrise: 6:38am Sunset: 7:59pm
19 2 Iyyar 17th Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Religious School 4:30pm Game Night (all ages) 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:47am Sunset: 8:00pm	20 3 Iyyar 18th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (In-Person @ KI) Sunrise: 6:45am Sunset: 8:01pm	21 4 Iyyar Yom Hazikaron 19th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7:00pm Ki Yom Ha'Atzmaut Dinner Sunrise: 6:44am Sunset: 8:01pm	22 5 Iyyar Yom Ha'Atzmaut 20th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 5:00pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:43am Sunset: 8:02pm	23 6 Iyyar 21st Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:41am Sunset: 8:03pm	24 7 Iyyar 22nd Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 7:46pm Candle Lighting Sunrise: 6:40am Sunset: 8:04pm	25 8 Iyyar Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 23rd Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Konei Olam (2nd Grade and Up) 7:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shelshit 8:41pm Havdalah Sunrise: 6:38am Sunset: 8:05pm
26 9 Iyyar 24th Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Religious School 2:00pm Yom HaAtzmaut Community Celebration @ JCC 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:37am Sunset: 8:06pm	27 10 Iyyar 25th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom) Sunrise: 6:35am Sunset: 8:07pm	28 11 Iyyar 26th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:34am Sunset: 8:08pm	29 12 Iyyar 27th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 5:00pm Hebrew School 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:33am Sunset: 8:09pm	30 13 Iyyar 28th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv Sunrise: 6:31am Sunset: 8:10pm	8:04pm	8:05pm

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