

THE FOCAL POINT

The Newsletter of Kehilath Israel Synagogue



MESSAGE FROM SENIOR RABBI MOSHE GRUSSGOTT



At the end of this month is the holiday of *Shavuot*, the anniversary of the day on which we received the Torah on Mount Sinai. There is a longstanding custom to eat dairy foods on *Shavuot*. Many reasons are given for this custom, and I wanted to share the following from chabad.org on four theories for the underlying reason:

Reasons Why We Eat Dairy on *Shavuot*

There are a number of reasons for this custom. Here are a few:

- On the holiday of *Shavuot*, a two-loaf bread offering was brought in the Temple. To commemorate this, we eat two meals on *Shavuot*—first a dairy meal, and then, after a short break, we eat the traditional holiday meat meal.
- With the giving of the Torah, the Jews became obligated to observe the kosher laws. As the Torah was given on Shabbat, no cattle could be

slaughtered nor could utensils be koshered, and thus on that day they ate dairy.

- The Torah is likened to nourishing milk. Also, the Hebrew word for milk is *chalav*, and when the numerical values of each of the letters in the word *chalav* are added together—8 + 30 + 2—the total is forty. Forty is the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai when receiving the Torah.
- When Moses ascended Mount Sinai, the angels urged G-d to reconsider His decision to give His most precious Torah to earthly beings. “Bestow Your majesty upon the heavens . . . What is man that You should remember him, and the son of man that You should be mindful of him?” (Psalms 8:5-7). One of the reasons why the angels’ request went unheeded is because of the Jews’ meticulous adherence to the laws of the Torah—including the kosher laws. Not so the angels, who when visiting Abraham consumed butter and milk together with meat (Genesis 18:8). On *Shavuot* we therefore eat dairy products and then take a break before eating meat—in order to demonstrate our commitment to this mitzvah.



Greetings, Friends and Family,

As I write this, one day has passed since our installation ceremony this past Shabbat, and I am still processing the warmth and kindness so many of you showed me. I want to sincerely thank everyone who attended, as well as those of you who sent good wishes by email, text message, and through the KI office. I must specifically acknowledge **Rabbi Mandl** and **Rabbi Grussgott**, who honored me with their personal anecdotes and memories. Their generosity humbled me.

As I prepared for this first submission to *The Focal Point* – our primary means of congregational communication – one phrase kept returning to me: “being born on third base.” The new term for the officers and board begins, as always, right around the start of the Major League Baseball season, and the parallel feels apt. **Joe Adamous**, our outgoing president, handed me an advantage that most people who assume this role never enjoy. Under Joe’s leadership, we assembled what I believe is the most talented officer and board roster in our collective memory. **Robin Abramowitz** now leads a talented and energetic office team, our Rabbi and his wonderful family have signed another extension, and

our esteemed **Cantor Hayoun** is spreading his wings – leading us in *Tefillah* and making significant musical contributions. My predecessors laid the groundwork. I intend to build on it.

So where do we go from here? I pledge openly and proudly to honor the efforts, sacrifices, and contributions of the founders and leaders who came before us – the people who built Kehilath Israel into the symbol of traditional Judaism it was always meant to be. We must remain a force in this community, present and strong for anyone who needs us. Everyone who witnessed the Chag Siddur celebrating our young students saw the same thing I did: these children need a community to walk alongside them as they grow into the next generation of proud Jewish leaders. *L’dor V’dor* – from generation to generation – is not a phrase we simply invoke. It is what we do. It is who we are.

Rabbi Mandl said something in his remarks that I keep coming back to: the elected leadership cannot do this alone. The entire congregational family has to show up. When we ask for help – and we will ask – there is only one acceptable answer. I look forward to sharing our plans, and I want to hear your ideas, your suggestions, and yes, your criticism. This works best when all of us are in it together.

LAG B'OMER
COOKOUT

hot dogs pareve smores lawn games

Tuesday 5 May Kehilath Israel Synagogue 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Pay and register online at kisyn.eventsmart.com/lag-bomer

SHABBAT MORNING
Women's Circle

MAY 9, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
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ON CHESED & GEVURAH

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBIN ABRAMOWITZ



It's hard to believe that my first 90 days as Executive Director have already passed. In that short time, my understanding and past experiences have been reinforced with what makes this synagogue so meaningful: a community grounded in lasting relationships, deep commitment, and a profound respect for Jewish tradition.

Over these first months, it's been important to me to spend time listening—to congregants, staff, clergy, and lay leaders.

What stands out most is the care people have for one another and for this synagogue. That sense of stewardship is truly special.

I've also been learning how much dedication it takes to sustain a synagogue like ours. Behind every service, program, and gathering is a team of staff and volunteers who give generously of their time and energy. Their work is the foundation on which everything else is built.

As we look to the future, one theme has come through clearly: a desire to ensure that this community remains strong and vibrant for generations to come.

That means continuing to nurture the relationships and traditions that define us—while also finding ways to welcome and engage the next generation of families.

We've already begun expanding our educational, social, and holiday programming to create more opportunities for connection across all demographics. These efforts are designed to build on our strengths while opening new doors for participation and engagement.

This is not about changing who we are. It's about extending what we already do so well—creating a

sense of belonging, meaning, and connection—and making sure others can find their place here too.

In the coming months, I'll be focusing on strengthening communication, supporting meaningful and accessible programming, and working with our leadership to think strategically about long-term sustainability.

A key part of that work will be continuing to grow these initiatives in ways that welcome new families while honoring and supporting the members who have built and sustained this community.

Thank you for the warmth, honesty, and generosity you've shown me during these first 90 days. It is a privilege to be part of a community with such strong roots—and such important opportunities ahead.

I look forward to continuing this work together.

A vibrant blue poster for 'Summer Social' with yellow palm fronds on the sides. The word 'SUMMER' is in large, bold, pink letters, and 'Social' is in a yellow cursive font. Below it, the text reads: 'COME SCHMOOZE WITH US', 'JOIN US ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OVER THE SUMMER FOR CASUAL GATHERINGS IN MEMBER HOMES. ALL AGES AND GUESTS WELCOME, FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND CHILD-FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE', 'DATES/TIME: 5:30 PM ON 5/31, 6/28, 7/26', 'END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY ON 8/30 TIME TBD', '\$15 PER PERSON / \$35 PER FAMILY FOR LIGHT DINNER', 'RSVP AT KISYN.EVENTSMART.COM/SUMMER', and 'A PROGRAM OF KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE'.

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A PROGRAM OF KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE



Shabbat & Holiday Schedule

Friday, May 1

Candle Lighting: 7:53 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:35 PM

Saturday May 2

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 6:50 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shelishit: 7:35 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:48 PM

Week of May 3rd:
Mincha/Maariv 6:35 PM

Friday, May 8

Candle Lighting: 8:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:40 PM

Saturday, May 9

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 6:55 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shelishit: 7:40 PM
Shabbat Ends: 8:56 PM

Week of May 10th:
Mincha/Maariv 6:40 PM

Friday, May 15

Candle Lighting: 8:06 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 PM

Saturday, May 16

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 7:00 PM
Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: 7:45 PM
Shabbat Ends: 9:03 PM

May 17th - May 20th
Mincha/Maariv 6:45 PM

Thursday May 21 ☆Erev Shavuot☆

Shacharit: 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting: 8:12 PM
Mincha: 8:15 PM
Class from Rabbi Grussgott after
Mincha/Maariv: 9 PM
Dinner & Guest Speaker: 9:30 PM

Friday May 22 ☆Shavuot Day 1☆

Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Candle Lighting: 8:12 PM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:50 PM

Saturday May 23 ☆Shavuot Day 2☆

Shacharit: 9:00 AM. Yizkor is recited.
Book of Ruth: 7:10 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shelishit: 7:55 PM
Shabbat Ends: 9:10 PM

Week of May 23rd:
Mincha/Maariv 6:50 PM

Friday, May 29

Candle Lighting: 8:18 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:55 PM

Saturday, May 30

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 7:15 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shelishit: 8:00 PM
Shabbat Ends: 9:16 PM

Week of May 31st:
Mincha/Maariv 6:55 PM

Friday, June 5

Candle Lighting: 8:23 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 6

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class: 7:20 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shelishit: 8:05 PM
Shabbat Ends: 9:21 PM

Week of June 7th:
Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS



May 2 Shabbat Morning

Karen Gerson, author of *I Should Not Be Here*, will address the congregation to commemorate **Mental Health Awareness month**. Her recently published memoir shares her story of living with obsessive-compulsive disorder, PTSD, and depression, her survival against the odds and those who walked beside her with unwavering support.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Karen has lived in Leawood, Kansas, over 25 years, and taught in

both public and private school settings. As an educator, Karen spent 20+ years working in the Jewish community specializing in program development, implementation, and relationship-building for children and young adults. She also worked several years for First Call, an organization that reduces the impact of alcohol, drugs and addiction and continues to service this organization in multiple ways including being on the Board of Directors.

She and her husband, Jeffrey have two sons, Gilli and Eitan.

a Community Conversation:
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
May 12th
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Panelists:
Karen B. Gerson
author, mental health advocate and community leader
Margaux Mueller, MAPS, ICRPS, MRS
Director of Prevention Services First Call
Keslie Redel LCPC, LPC
Jewish Family Services Clinical Director
Dawn Owens
co-facilitator with Laura Bratt of GRASP

Panel Moderator:
Jamie Copaken LSCSW, LCSW
Psychotherapist and JFS Board of Director

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A WONDERFUL WAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN ANNIVERSARY, A BIRTHDAY OR SPECIAL SIMCHA!!

Sponsor a kiddush to honor, thank, or remember someone. Our volunteer kitchen crew will prepare a kosher lunch after Saturday services. Please give one month's notice. Traditional menu (salads, cottage cheese, veggies, hummus, bagels, fruit, cookies): \$360 suggested donation. Add herring, gefilte fish, or lox for \$450. Hot meals (casseroles, pasta, pizzas, fish) with sides and dessert increase the donation.

Kiddush fund contributions always appreciated!

Thanks, Brenda Fishman

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**PRACTICAL WAYS TO KEEP
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THIS SUMMER**

with Rabbi Moshe Grussgott

May 28 at 7:30 PM
Online via ZOOM

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[KISYN.EVENTSMART.COM/TRAVEL](https://kisyn.eventsmart.com/travel)

War in the Middle East

4-Session Seminar
Instructor: **Bill Greenberg**
May 12, May 19, June 2, June 9
7:15-8:45 pm - KI Synagogue Library

This series will examine the evolving conflict involving Israel, the United States, and Iran. Each session will explore the conflict through strategic, operational, and tactical lenses, with particular attention to the rapidly changing military landscape.

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/WITMEBILL>

KI Men's Club Whiskey Tasting



22200 MO-45 N, Rushville, MO 64484

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Join us for a men's afternoon out featuring a guided whiskey tasting, light lunch, and great company. We will meet at KI and travel together by bus to the winery.

Meet at KI: 11:45 am

Bus returns to KI: Approximately 5:00 pm

Men's Club Members: \$25

Non-Members: \$35

Register at

kisyn.eventsmart.com/whiskey-tasting

The registration deadline for
this event is Wednesday, May 13.

MILESTONES

Sympathy

Condolences to the family of **Simon B Budnitskiy** and the friends of **Sandra Rothberg**.

Condolences to the family of **Marsha Renee Levey**, former KI Preschool teacher.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב

☆ Mazel Tov to **Marlene & Ari Lubowicz** on the birth of a grandson, **Benjamin Arthur**. Proud parents are **Ally & Trey Edwards**.

☆ Mazel Tov to **Cantor Hayoun & Vera Zelikson** on the marriage of Cantor's grandson, **Jonatan Avidan** to **Efrat Chassidim**.



Mazel Tov to these congregants celebrating birthdays

May 1: Tamara Kingston, Max Singer, Abby Gold;
May 2: Daniel Hammer, Mary Jane Stern; **May 5:** Leora Silver; **May 6:** Jonah Freiden; **May 7:** Faya Portnoy, Kerry Cosner, Molly Rissien; **May 9:** Michael Abrams; **May 10:** Anna Kricsfeld, Craig Kolkin; **May 12:** Steve Waxman; **May 13:** Bev Jacobson, Lilly Lopez-Goldstein; **May 14:** Elliott Gasser; **May 16:** Judy Weinstein, Jackie Kraft; **May 17:** Arlene Abrams, Natalie Cohen; **May 18:** Evelyn Brand, Norman Levine; **May 19:** Richard Jacobson; **May 21:** Phyllis Kohn; **May 22:** Cindy Singer, Deborah Thomas, Craig Caplan; **May 23:** Donald Cohen; **May 24:** Ava Schifman; **May 25:** Sondra Friedman; **May 26:** Ava Gortenburg, Aaron Rissien, Sam Pener; **May 27:** David Ruben, Gabrielle Cabell; **May 28:** Lisa Gortenburg, Rachel Macek, Lois Winston; **May 29:** Quinn Harris.



Mazel Tov to these couples celebrating anniversaries:

May 16	Linda & Elliott Goldstein	33 rd
May 17	Becca & Moshe Grussgott	11 th
	Cheryl & David Shanberg	11 th
May 20	Fran & David Kanter	42 nd
May 23	Deanna & Jeffery Rudd	45 th
	Lilly & Oren Goldstein	21 st
May 24	Madeline & Robert Schifman	62 nd
May 26	Rachel & Alex Simon	13 th
	Catherine & Daniel Singer	13 th
May 27	Karen & Scott Bronston	25 th
May 28	Debra & Scott Levin	26 th
	Rebecca & Jason Speier	9 th
May 31	Nancy & Richard Kohn	39 th
	Susan & Samuel Gutovitz	39 th
	Cara Jacobs & Doug Zolotor	11 th

Todah Rabah

ודה רבה

To our K.I. Kiddush Krew for preparing our delicious Shabbat kiddushim: **Brenda Fishman, Maureen Minoofar, Cristi Gillom, Janet Stone, Tamara Kingston, Katie Rosenbaum, Ilene Neufeld, Robert Weisberger** and **Phyllis Kohn**.

To **Max Jevinsky** for delivering *The Focal Point* to the main KCMO post office each month, ensuring that those who prefer a print edition can still receive it.

Mark Your Calendars

Memorial Service at Blue Ridge Cemetery | **Sunday, May 24 · 11am** Join us as we gather to remember and honor those we've lost.

Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament | **Friday, August 28** Tee up for a day on the course in memory of a beloved member of our community.

Grand Givers | **November 7, 2026** Our annual celebration of the generosity that keeps this community thriving.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome members of our community to consider making a tribute throughout the year to honor an occasion or loved one, express gratitude, wish a speedy recovery to someone who is ill or memorialize a yahrzeit. We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions received as of April 10, 2026:

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IN LOVING MEMORY: MAY YAHRZEITS

With reverence, we record the following yahrzeits:

<p>14 IYAR - MAY 1</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Abraham Dorfman * Hyman Fishman * Sarah Sherr Abe Simon * Israel Spack Bernard Weiner Milton Zaslav <p>15 IYAR - MAY 2</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Saul Gottlieb * Sam Grant * Alice Lapin * Heniya Lipkin * Mary Miller Maissell * Morris Max * Sarah Mermelstein * Henry Rosenberg <p>16 IYAR - MAY 3</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rachel Ampel * Bertha Feingold * Sherrill Friedman * Hortense Joy Gershon Michael Max Gershowitz * Gertrude Kaplan * Pauline Sarah Lisser * Harry Mallin * Bernard Ruben Ann H. Studna Betya Tkach * Lee Weinberg * Bella Wienshienk <p>17 IYAR - MAY 4</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Marvin Belzer * Melech Brown * Rose Dorfman * Gertrude Epstein * Beryl Fabes * Eva Green * Malka Shafir Gulko * Paul Kotelov * Joseph Levi * Lena Levine * Bette Levitch Fanny Pesman * Helen Schwartz * Rose Singer David Spector <p>18 IYAR - MAY 5</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Samuel Yitzhak Braun * Jeanette Friedman * Arnold Frohlichman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sonia Golad * Blumah Horowitz * Selma Lipsky Lottie Miller Isadore Rosenberg <p>19 IYAR - MAY 6</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rachel Birnbaum Harry Caviar * Ruth Duboway * David Gulko Morris Rozenberg * Eugene Sher * William Weindling <p>20 IYAR - MAY 7</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sara Applebaum * Tillie Beckman * Abraham Beitchman * Robert Blonsky * Aaron Caviar Paul Fuchsman Larry Glass * Harry Goldstein * Lena Green * Fannie Levin Wolfgang Lewandowski Edith Lea Ommerman Sophie Stoffsky * Steinberg <p>21 IYAR - MAY 8</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriel Altman * Arthur Dubin * Fred Ellis Gary Friedman Bess Garelich * Mary Gortenburg Sandra Grunberger * David B. 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Dolginoff * Ida Goodman Dmitri Hence Etta S. Levine * Dr. Ruth Mandl * Eudora Polsky * Morris Soltz * Robert Swade Milton Swartz Helen Wenger <p>26 IYAR - MAY 13</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Allen Abend * Bessie Bernstein * Rose Kean Caplan * Dr. Harry K. Cohen * Joe Kleinstein * Tillie Koch * Sima Mack * Dora Mann * Andrew Prevan Stuart Radetsky 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Harry Rudnick Joan Scharf Berta Winter <p>27 IYAR - MAY 14</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * H. William Alport * Lucille Dworkin * Emily Helene Perlstein * Margaret Schanzer Fannie Shnayerson <p>28 IYAR - MAY 15</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clara Baellow * Benjamin Cotton * Lebe Shear Goodall Bernard Jacobson Joseh Aaron Kram * Bess Kusnetzky * Samuel Lisser Myron Straus * Anne Test <p>29 IYAR - MAY 16</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Samuel Beiser * Frieda Friedman * Jacob Krinsky * Herb Parmet Gerald Plessner Anne Strauss * Jacob Wagner * Tsipah Wisman <p>1 SIVAN - MAY 17</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Esther Bitner Samuel Koch * Willy Latter Anna Mondschein * Jeanette A. Plattner Phillip Robinson Alvin H. 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IN LOVING MEMORY: MAY YAHRZEITS, CONTINUED

7 SIVAN - MAY 23

- * Abraham Boxer
- * Louis Cheplove
- * Irene Dreiseszun
- Leonard Ensein
- Moshe P. Kapusta
- Necha Kapusta
- * Sigmund Mandl
- Dr. Sigmund Mandl
- Adela R. (Cukier)
- * Markson
- * Morris Ritz
- * Chanah Shaw
- Chana (Cukier)
- * Szydłowska

8 SIVAN - MAY 24

- * Ida Feingold
- Jessie Friedman
- Lawrence Gelf
- * Anna Glassman
- * Lora Godler
- * Sheina Goldman
- Paul Kaplan
- * Rose Kessler
- * Joseph Kraitchman
- Ilana Libby Krashin
- Morris Scheer
- Eve Radloff Turner
- * Gertrude Wolowski

- * Max Zalcman

9 SIVAN - MAY 25

- * Abe Bogaslavsky
- Adeline Eisenberg
- * Sarah Goldman
- * Earl Goodbinder
- * Bessie Haith
- Sam Katz
- Charles Klopper
- * Heniya Kocherov
- * Harry Kolkin
- * Gertrude Slobosky
- * Jacob Tager
- Frances Zaslav

10 SIVAN - MAY 26

- * Wolf Ze'ev Brailove
- * Isidore Chalet
- * Jennie Cumonow
- Robert Daniels
- * Frances Deleve
- * Celia Goldin
- Ruben Goldstein
- * Manuel Gulinson
- Abraham Jack
- * Halpern
- * Rebecca Pardo
- Larry Schanzer
- * Stanley Schifman

11 SIVAN - MAY 27

- * Tova Adamous
- * Sara Bobrow
- * Clara Bulavsky
- Jack Crestol
- Daniel Crowley
- Tillie Gershberg
- Harold Abe
- Goldwasser
- * Helen Lerner
- * Sam Pener
- Max Norman
- * Rosenbloom
- * Abe Sher
- * Adolph Stern

12 SIVAN - MAY 28

- * Samuel Bogart
- * Sam Dreiseszun
- * Jeffrey Eisberg
- * Rose Gross
- Susan Kahn
- * Chester Kaplan
- * Jacob Rosenberg
- * Albert Strauss
- Phyllis Studna

13 SIVAN - MAY 29

- * David Beckman
- Joseph Blend
- * Sarah Bromberg
- Morris M. Duny

- * Rose Greenbaum
- * Bernice Kogan
- Rachel Luben
- * Helen Mandelbaum
- * Pete Rosen
- * Jacob Rosenberg
- * Alvin Shultz
- Eugene Sokol

14 SIVAN - MAY 30

- * Morris Bassin
- Stanley Donovitz
- Jerome Ginsberg
- * Bertha Jacobson
- James Herman
- Jacobson
- * Hyman Jerwick
- Aaron Nowack
- * Samuel Steponsky
- Mark Weil
- * Kate Weisberger
- * Edith A. Adelman

15 SIVAN - MAY 31

- * Mollie Bell
- Isaac N. Dolginow
- * Yehuda Horowitz
- * Anna Marion Kaplan
- * Claire Levy
- * Lilian Lipschuetz
- Muriel Wasserlauf

August 2–7, 2026, Kansas City is privileged to host the International JCC Maccabi Games, with expected attendance of 1,000 Jewish teens, ages 13–17, from around the world. The games will require over 1,000 volunteers, including host families for the athletes and staffing for events.

K.I. Synagogue's Men's Club is coordinating a team of K.I. volunteers.

Opportunities include:

- ☆ Serve as greeters, ushers, serve dinner, cleanup up:
- ☆ August 3rd : Opening Ceremonies (Municipal Stadium)
- ☆ August 4th : Night out for the teens (KC Zoo)
- ☆ August 6th : Lunch at the J or Evening Closing Ceremonies (Bluhawk Sports)

Other activities by date:

- ☆ August 2nd - 6th: Staff information desk (answer phones, distribute credentials)
- ☆ August 3rd: Be a basketball or swimming scorekeeper
- ☆ August 3rd & August 5th: Lead service projects & activities
- ☆ August 3rd - 6th: Assist with transportation at various sites

If you are able to volunteer for any of these projects, please contact the KI office-- bjacobson@kisyn.org. **(If you volunteered previously, please let us know what event/date works for you.)**

You also must register at - <https://jcccmaccabi.org/>
For more information:

Bill Greenberg - greenbergwilliam@hotmail.com



Kehilath Israel Synagogue

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 14 Iyvar Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:35pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53pm Candle Lighting	2 15 Iyvar Emor 30th Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Mini Mitzva (Ages 0-4) 6:50pm Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class 7:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shellshit 8:48pm Havdalah
3 16 Iyvar 31st Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Religious School 6:35pm Mincha/Maariv	4 17 Iyvar 32nd Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:35pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom)	5 18 Iyvar Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Lag B'Omer Cookout 6:35pm Mincha/Maariv 7:00pm Gym Reserved	6 19 Iyvar 34th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 6:35pm Mincha/Maariv	7 20 Iyvar 35th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm 7:00pm Gym Reserved 6:35pm Mincha/Maariv	8 21 Iyvar 36th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00pm Candle Lighting	9 22 Iyvar Behar-Bechukotai 37th Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Konei Olan (2nd Grade and Up) 10:00am Women's Circle 6:55pm Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class 7:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shellshit 8:56pm Havdalah
Sunrise: 6:19am Sunset: 8:13pm	Sunrise: 6:17am Sunset: 8:14pm	Sunrise: 6:16am Sunset: 8:15pm	Sunrise: 6:15am Sunset: 8:16pm	Sunrise: 6:14am Sunset: 8:17pm	Sunrise: 6:13am Sunset: 8:18pm	Sunrise: 6:12am Sunset: 8:19pm
10 23 Iyvar 38th Day Omer Mother's Day 9:00am Shacharit 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv	11 24 Iyvar 39th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom)	12 25 Iyvar 40th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm 7:00pm Gym Reserved 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm War in the Middle East Class (Bill Greenberg)	13 26 Iyvar 41st Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 5:30pm School Meeting 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv	14 27 Iyvar 42nd Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm 7:00pm Gym Reserved 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv	15 28 Iyvar Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 6:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:06pm Candle Lighting	16 29 Iyvar Bamidbar Shabbat Mevarchim 44th Day Omer 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Lil' Beit Midrash (Ages 5-12) 12:00pm Chai Kiddush 7:00pm Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class 7:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shellshit 9:03pm Havdalah
Sunrise: 6:11am Sunset: 8:20pm	Sunrise: 6:10am Sunset: 8:21pm	Sunrise: 6:09am Sunset: 8:22pm	Sunrise: 6:08am Sunset: 8:22pm	Sunrise: 6:07am Sunset: 8:23pm	Sunrise: 6:06am Sunset: 8:24pm	Sunrise: 6:05am Sunset: 8:25pm
17 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer 9:00am Shacharit 11:45am Men's Club Wine/Whiskey Tasting @ Riverwood Winery 6:45pm Mincha/Maariv	18 2 Sivan 46th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 6:45pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom)	19 3 Sivan 47th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm 7:00pm Gym Reserved 6:45pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm War in the Middle East Class (Bill Greenberg)	20 4 Sivan 48th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 6:45pm Mincha/Maariv	21 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer 7:00am Shacharit 3:00pm Office Closes 8:15pm Mincha Followed by Rabbi Grusgott's Class	22 6 Sivan Shavuot - 1st Day Office Closed 9:00am Shacharit 8:12pm Candle Lighting	23 7 Sivan Shavuot Yizkor 9:00am Shacharit & Yizkor 10:00am Konei Olan (2nd Grade and Up) 7:10pm Book of Ruth 7:55pm Mincha/Seudah Shellshit 9:10pm Havdalah
Sunrise: 6:05am Sunset: 8:26pm	Sunrise: 6:04am Sunset: 8:27pm	Sunrise: 6:03am Sunset: 8:28pm	Sunrise: 6:02am Sunset: 8:29pm	Sunrise: 6:01am Sunset: 8:30pm	Sunrise: 6:01am Sunset: 8:30pm	Sunrise: 6:00am Sunset: 8:31pm
24 8 Sivan 9:00am Shacharit 6:50pm Mincha/Maariv	25 9 Sivan Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00am Shacharit 6:50pm 7:10pm Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class (Zoom)	26 10 Sivan 7:00am Shacharit 6:50pm Mincha/Maariv 7:00pm Gym Reserved	27 11 Sivan 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm Gym Reserved 6:50pm Mincha/Maariv	28 12 Sivan 7:00am Shacharit 3:30pm 7:00pm Gym Reserved 6:50pm Mincha/Maariv	29 13 Sivan 7:00am Shacharit 6:55pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:18pm Candle Lighting	30 14 Sivan Nasso 9:00am Shabbat Services 7:15pm Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class 8:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shellshit 9:16pm Havdalah
Sunrise: 5:59am Sunset: 8:32pm	Sunrise: 5:59am Sunset: 8:33pm	Sunrise: 5:58am Sunset: 8:34pm	Sunrise: 5:58am Sunset: 8:34pm	Sunrise: 5:57am Sunset: 8:35pm	Sunrise: 5:56am Sunset: 8:36pm	Sunrise: 5:56am Sunset: 8:37pm
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