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From the Rabbi's Study...



There are two major events that I want to address in my column this month. Normally I let our president or our program director discuss upcoming events and I like to talk about more global types of issues. However both of these events really are global type issues for K.I.

The first is on Friday night, March 27, 2009 when we will have our annual *minyannaires* dinner. We will be honoring two loyal long term K.I. members, **Martin Gorin** and **Dan Kass**. Dan comes to synagogue almost every single evening and Marty comes to synagogue virtually every morning. The two of them help ensure the reliability of our having a *minyan* 365 days a year morning and evening. I always brag about the fact that we are the only *minyan* in Kansas City that never "misses," having missed *minyan* only five times usually due to ice storms in the last 23 years that we have been in our building here in Johnson County.

The very special ingredient about both of our honorees and this has never happened before is that both of our honorees were born and raised at K.I., literally from birth. The two of them are just a couple of years apart in age and both went through our Hebrew School, our Religious School and were raised at our Meyer and Rockhill location. They both have a deep love of Judaism and of our synagogue, and it is only fitting that we honor them in this special fashion. They will be joined by hopefully several hundred other individuals, many of whom are *minyannaires*. As you know when we came to our Johnson County location I had tremendous concerns about our *minyan* remaining strong as it had been in Kansas City, Missouri. We then started our "rotation system" where people signed up for a morning or an evening every week, and that system, though it has changed in its membership many many times over the years, still remains strong.

Unfortunately, many leaders of the congregation have never even stepped foot into the Chapel and that is unfortunate. Unfortunately, each and every one of us loses parents and loved ones and then suddenly the daily *minyan* takes on a whole different need in our lives. It is because of our *minyannaires* that a *minyan* is available to not only our members but every member of the community. There are members of other synagogues that have opted to say *Kaddish* at K.I. simply because they know that our *minyan* is reliable every day of the year. As a matter of fact, two prominent local Kansas City rabbis during the time that I have been in Kansas City have said *Kaddish* at our synagogue rather than at their own congregation – what a statement! Please come support our *minyannaires*. I know that the Men's Club is making this *Minyannaires* Dinner one of their free dinners for their members especially because they want to honor our daily *minyannaires*. So whether you want to support the *minyan* or honor Dan and/or Marty please attend and return the reservations form inside.

I also want to remind all of you as you will probably know by

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From the President...



MAZEL TOV: CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS

At a time of our congregation's renewal, that mirrors our grand and glorious past, the members and friends of *Kehilath Israel Synagogue* along with the entire community are getting ready to celebrate 100 years of extraordinary accomplishment.

First and foremost it is important for each of us to pay a "Tribute of Remembrance" to all those who have made the Centennial Celebration possible. Our great and glorious inheritance is a result of those who were the core of our congregation and held things together--during the lean years and in the good times as well. We carry their memories in our hearts and honor their lives by continuing their work and their devotion.

It all began in 1910 with a fascinating journey of 'older' synagogues--*Sh'Erith Israel D'Lubawitz Synagogue*; *Tifereth Sforad Synagogue*; and *Beth Jacob Synagogue* merging into what eventually became *Kehilath Israel Synagogue*. My hope is that individuals and families of our generation will help insure the existence of *Kehilath Israel Synagogue* for another 100 years.

This is our time!

A lyric in one of my favorite songs declares "that there is no yes in yesterday, and who knows what tomorrow brings or takes away; but as long as I am in the game I want to play--for life, for love, for you." For me the message is powerful--to rejoice and to celebrate today. This is our moment!

How often are people lucky enough to celebrate in unison such a historical time in their lives? We are so fortunate to be here. That in itself is the reason this will be a year and a half of celebration. The start of our 'year-plus' celebration will commence September 10, 2009 with a *Jewish Music and Heritage Festival*, and will continue with the theme of *Remember, Rejoice and Renew* during the *Rosh Hashanah* (September 19th) and *Yom Kippur* Holy Days. We will conclude our celebrations in December 2010!

What a pleasure and honor it is for me to be President of *K.I. Synagogue* leading up to this **100 Year Anniversary Celebration** – (which means I don't guarantee being here in 2010). There will be many hours spent working on these events; many decisions which

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Candlelighting*.....5:59 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 P.M.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7
SHABBAT ZAKHOR

MORNING SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH
Mincha.....5:40 P.M.
Havdalah.....6:50 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Candlelighting*.....7:06 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 P.M.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14
SHABBAT PARAH

MORNING SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF JACOB MARGOLIES
KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF JACOB
Mincha.....6:40 P.M.
Havdalah.....7:57 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Candlelighting*.....7:13 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 P.M.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

MORNING SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....6:50 P.M.
Havdalah.....8:05 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Candlelighting*.....7:20 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 P.M.

MINYANNAIRES DINNER

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28
SHABBAT HACHODESH

MORNING SERVICE.....9:00 A.M.
Mincha.....7:00 P.M.
Havdalah.....8:12 P.M.

*NO LATER THAN

REMEMBER!
“Spring Forward”

Daylight Savings Time starts!
Set your clocks ahead one
hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday,
MARCH 8.

ICHA D'AMREI- SOME SAY!



Dear Congregational Family,

Last week a Jewish man was at the Hen House supermarket. He saw a woman trying to get her young child to put down a candy bar he had picked off the shelf. “Johnny, you put that down! It’s not kosher!” Intrigued, the Jewish man decided to investigate. “Excuse me, ma’am, are you Jewish?” “No.” “So why did you say that?” “Why? I’ll tell you why. Often when I am shopping at this supermarket I see Jewish mothers saying that to their kids and it works, so I decided to try it.” The

underlying message of this joke is that one way of learning is by modeling the techniques of those who have succeeded.

During the month of March we will observe the *Yahrzeit* of Moshe Rabbeniu, the 7th of *Adar*. As we observe the *yahrzeit* of Moshe Rabbeniu it behooves us to consider his most important contribution to our people and to the world at large. While there are many things that Moshe did during his lifetime I submit to you that it was his relationship with G-d and the Israelites, particularly, his passion for teaching and implementing the lessons and values of the *Torah* for which we are forever indebted to him. After all, daily Jews and non-Jews in many different languages and from different perspectives all over the world read the Five Books of Moses in order to seek guidance for living their lives to the fullest.

But from all of the lessons, the values, that are contained in the *Torah*, which one stands out as the most important, which one is “the general principle” that G-d and Moshe want us to live our lives by? A possible answer to this question was taught to me from both a textual as well as a practical perspective by one of the *Torah* giants of our generation who sadly passed away last year on the 5th of *Adar*. While living in Jerusalem I had the privilege of learning *Torah* from Rabbi Ben Hollander z”l, who gained his fame as a master *Torah* teacher after his appointment by Nechama Leibowitz as her teaching assistant at Hebrew University.

For Rabbi Hollander z”l “the general principle” of the *Torah* is simply “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” I fondly remember spending *Shabbat* lunch with Rabbi Hollander and his wife Judy in their Baka town house with a variety of different people. Jews from every walk of life. Rabbi Hollander z”l truly took an interest in every student who studied with him. Not long after I moved to Toronto I received an email from Rabbi Hollander z”l inquiring about my well being and which biblical commentary I was currently learning. Rabbi Hollander z”l truly embodied “loving one’s neighbor as oneself.” Yet for Rabbi Hollander z”l there was so much more to caring for others. He often would quote the Talmudic Sage Rabbi Akiva who articulated that “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” is the fundamental ethical principle of the *Torah*. That empathy and consideration toward the other need to inform all our acts of social interactions.

At the same time Rabbi Hollander z”l would quote Rabbi Akiva’s Golden Rule, he would also quote Ben Azzai, who disagreed with Rabbi Akiva. Ben Azzai argued that the verse in Genesis which states: “This is the account of the descendants of Adam: In the day that G-d created humans, He created them in His image” is even more a fundamental principle. Ben Azzai seems to be arguing that to forge a positive relationship with fellow human beings is not always a matter of love. More fundamental than loving one’s neighbor is recognizing that whether one loves one’s neighbor or whether one dislikes one’s neighbor, one is connected to that person by the fact that we all share a common Father, and a divine image. Thus such things as mutual understanding, tolerance, pluralism and peaceful coexistence are not a matter of good will, or liberal thinking but part and parcel of the human condition, not a matter of love but a matter of life. G-d created us equal, and in our striving for G-d-like holiness, we cannot do less than recognize each other’s humanity.

How challenging it truly is to incorporate this lesson into our own lives! When we see someone in the supermarket, when we hear a story about someone often we are quick to judge them, to criticize them; but as the adage goes “don’t judge a person until you have walked a mile in his shoes.” The woman in the joke that I began with introduced us to the concept of learning, of modeling our behavior from those who have succeeded. Moshe Rabbeinu succeeded throughout his life because he embodied the value “Loving your neighbor as yourself.” My teacher and friend Rabbi Ben Hollander z”l dedicated his life to understanding practically how to implement this *Torah* value. He challenges us to recognize the divinity, the holiness in each person because we are all made in G-d image. May his name always be for a blessing.

CANTOR'S CORNER



Almost every year we celebrate the holiday of *Purim* in the month of March. In the Jewish calendar, it is celebrated on the 14th day of *Adar*. The Talmud instructs us, "*me shenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha*," which translates, "as we enter the month of *Adar* we increase our joy." I can understand asking us to be joyful on *Purim* because the holiday of *Purim* celebrates our vic-

tory over our extinction, but why during the two weeks prior to the holiday which commemorates the time when we were to be killed? There is also another time of the year when we are mandated by the *Torah* to "be joyous," and that is during the holiday of *Sukkot*. This commandment seems more logical because we were to be joyous for the main harvest that we had just finished gathering.

But even so, it seems kind of a strange requirement to command us to be joyous or happy. How can one be commanded to be happy? What if one doesn't feel happy at that particular time, especially after receiving an updated 401K (201K) statement? What if our harvest was not up to expectations? What if we are having difficulties paying the bills, or have health issues or relationship issues, and celebrating is the furthest thing on our minds? Can we just turn our joy on and off at will? What are the *Torah* and our sages trying to convey to us with this unusual request?

If I may get a little philosophical, one possible answer to this question is one's outlook on life. Most people go along their daily routines, and as long as nothing goes wrong they are relatively happy. However, as soon as they face difficulties or troubles, many people become self-absorbed in their situation and often become stressed out and depressed which often results in exacerbating the family, health or financial problems. I'm certainly not trying to trivialize people's personal problems, however, what the *Torah* and our sages are teaching us is that we need to keep an optimistic and positive outlook on our lives, even when times are bad. So, our harvest is not going to see us through the winter; I can't fall apart and despair; I need to keep joy in my life and in the lives of my family and not let this setback keep us down. My relationship just ended; I guess that person was not right for me, and maybe the next person I meet will be "Mr. or Ms. Right." I just lost my job; the next job will be a much better opportunity for me. Can you imagine if the Mordechai of Persia gave up hope and allowed Haman to fulfill his goal? Can you imagine if the Israelis surrendered to fear as they were attacked by their enemies? No, Mordechai and Israel didn't allow their problems to dominate their minds, and by keeping faith, hope and an optimistic outlook, were able to defeat their enemies.

It's easy to be happy when things are going well, but as the saying goes, the true test of a person's character is how one reacts in the face of adversity. So, twice a year, we are reminded to celebrate and be thankful for all our good fortune, and if things are not going well for us, then remember the good times and find the joy in our lives that will give us the strength and optimism to get us through the hard times.

My family and I wish you all a "*freiliche Purim*" a happy and joyous *Purim* all year long.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron/Hazzan



BAR MITZVAH SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009



Jacob Samuel Margolies

Jonathan and Diane Margolies are proud to announce the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jacob Samuel, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 in the Rabbi Maurice D. Solomon Sanctuary.

Jacob is the grandson of Rabbi Morris and Ruth Margolies.

Jacob is a seventh grader at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy where he is a member of the middle school basketball team. He is an avid reader and enjoys playing sports. Jacob's sister, Shoshana, is a member of the ninth grade class at the Academy.

The family invites the congregation, relatives and friends to the *Bar Mitzvah* and the *Kiddush* luncheon following services.



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this point that on Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kehilath Israel Synagogue is hosting a regional conference of AIPAC. Dr. Michael Oren, the famous author and an incredible speaker along with a number of important individuals will be addressing those gathered. I would like to thank particularly a fairly new but very prominent member of our synagogue **Bonnie Siegel** who is co-chair of this event who has helped make this come all together. This may be one of the largest regional conferences AIPAC has ever held. We have hundreds and hundreds of people coming and hope you will join us. Please contact K.I. immediately if you would like to attend.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl, PhD

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



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CONGREGANTS' MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Joel Agron, Albert Bamberger, Leonid Bashmakov, Shirley Beiser, Melvin Cosner, Sylvia Cosner, Michelle Chopp, Rose Dalen, Bruce Daniels, Judith Droskin, Abraham Eastman, Bea Efron, Harold Esrig, Susan Fisher, Harry Fleitman, Daniel Fox, Eunice Fox, William Gallas, Isabelle Gallas, Ben Gasser, Paul Gershon, Lisa Glatt, Rose Gross, Helen Guckenheimer, Sylvana Hammer, Denise Hankin, Morris Horowitz, Robin Jaffe, Rosalyn Jacobson, Ilene Kaplan, Jonathan Katz, Elaine Klugman, Bella Kohl, Maury Kohn, Mikhail Kosiborod, Ben Kutler, Erwin LaPine, Betty Lesky, Anne Lesser, Debra Levin, David Levine, Howard Levitan, Marjorie Lipsky, Rose Loeb, Dorothy Mondschein, Natalie Myer, William Oliver, Tayana Oskotsky, Steven Pack, Shirley Rose, Ben-Zion Rosenblum, Rela Rozenberg, Doris Rubin, Carole Schifman, Eileen Smith, Joseph Smuckler, Gene Soloff, Claudia Toltzis, Arnold Tropp, Simon Wajcman, Susan Winston, Lynda Youngblade.



MARCH YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Emily Ruben, Jeremy Gutovitz, Jonathan Kosiborod, Katianna Tannenwald, Michael Davidson, Jordan Levin, Hannah Gortenburg, Matan Siegel, Samuel Kosiborod, Adam Schlozman, Ori Bauman, Danielle Singer, Benjamin Siegel, Miranda Etkind.

תודה רבה

...to our very capable and gracious volunteers who make themselves available on a regular weekly basis to assist office staff each with their particular "specialties." We thank **Estelle Dalen**, **Lilian and Norbert Lipscheutz**, and **Eunice Snitz**.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Sheldon Snitz**, **Herman Schifman**, **Olga Krug**, **Arnold Tropp**, **Sam Gould**, **Morty Lewkowsky**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

מזל טוב

...to **Susie and Paul Blackman** on the birth of a grandson, Amichai Noah born in Israel.

...to **Arlyn and Chuck Kuluva** on the birth of a grandson, Ethan Ryan Lopez in Houston.

...to **Ellen and Maurice Soltz** on the birth of a granddaughter, Devora Hadassah Soltz in Israel.



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will need to be made; many chair people; many committees; many volunteers; and all will make this a year and a half to remember. I'll make that statement again, how fortunate, lucky and blessed we are to be alive to participate in this celebration. **THIS IS NOT A ONE TIME DINNER. THIS IS A YEAR AND A HALF OF EXCITEMENT, ENTHUSIASM, FUN AND GREAT IDEAS.**

I will try to give you a 'sneak-peak preview' of some of the things to come. For starters how about buses taking us on a tour of the original sites of our beginnings, plus the 63rd & Rockhill location as well as other Jewish historical and memorable places around Kansas City? There will be dances or parties for adults (over 21), one with a band from the east coast with 50, 60, 70 and 80's music. The kickoff in September will start with a weekend of music appreciation. Other things planned are a picnic for young people, parents, and grandparents alike. Grand Givers 2009 and 2010 will include extraordinary entertainment, not that the last six years haven't been great – but something super special. We will end with a celebration of the accomplishments of our Second Century Legacy Campaign. These are a glimpse as to what promises to be an amazing time for all and I'm sure there will be so many more wonderful programs and activities.

Leadership and I have invited three distinguished individuals to serve as the guiding lights for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. **Maria Devinki, Irene Dreiseszun and Sam Gould** have agreed to serve as **Honorary General Chairpersons**. How fortunate we are to have such illustrious 'K.I. role models of commitment and accomplishment' to lead, inspire, motivate and guide us. I salute these **three individuals of distinction**, whom I call **pillars of our synagogue**. Thank you so very much for your extraordinary leadership.

And to so many others in our congregation--present and future--who also give of their time, their talent and especially their treasury to help the synagogue I express my most sincere appreciation.

There will be many committees and countless volunteers needed for our Centennial and I have no doubt that all of our dreams and plans will be fulfilled. A number of people--congregants and non-congregants--have shared with me and others, many beautiful compliments and accolades "for the great and amazing path K.I. is on." These comments can be enjoyed by the many that make this reality possible. Yet even as we are achieving so much, there is so much more to do. It is for all of us to understand, that now is the time to ensure our future success whether it's for the next 10 years, 20 years or 100 years. We can not and must not wait or let others do it alone. I invite everyone to become part of this 'once in a lifetime' moment. Your participation will make a huge difference. Please help us ensure our future. There are so many creative and exciting ways this can be accomplished.

Before *Passover* a special mailing about the 100th Anniversary Celebration will be sent to you inviting your ideas and participation. In the meantime the Honorary General Chairpersons, Officers, Board of Directors, Clergy, Staff and I welcome your comments.

I pray that we all be together--in good health and joy--for these splendid celebrations!

Arnie
Arnold Caviar,
President



Is it March already?

February was fast and busy. I want to thank Rabbi Mandl, Rabbi Shron, Rabbi Wexler, and Rabbi Bauman for helping me with the *Tu B'Shevat* programming. With the help of The Stonelion Puppet Theater we learned about the Rainforest; **Bonnie Schanzer** and Trish Keegan taught us about plants and plant care; **Batsheva Glatt** entertained and educated us about worms and how they help us renew the soil; and we made *Tu B'Shevat* trays with Crazy Krafters. Without all my wonderful volunteer helpers, my husband, **Geoff**, **Idie Parmet**, **Laura Friedman**, **Shayna Towle**, **Jenny Madlof**, **Hedy Shron** and **Marilyn Gallas**, this wonderful morning would have not been possible. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time.

The next project Sisterhood that will undertake is working in the kitchen with Men's Club to produce over 2,000 *hamantaschen* for *Purim*. I hope we will be seeing many of you in the kitchen.

With the coming of *Passover*, Sisterhood will quiet down until *Chai Luncheon* that will take place the first of May. I will have more information on the luncheon when we have a luncheon committee in place. Anyone who would like to help plan this luncheon is welcome, just call me and let me know.

*Happy Purim to all,
Sharon Friedman
K.I. Sisterhood President*



**CUB SCOUT PACK 3153
BARTONS PASSOVER CANDY SALE**

To order Bartons/Barricini "Kosher for Passover" candy/ macaroons, please contact any member of K.I.'s Cub Scout Pack 3153 or call/e-mail Ted Goldstein 913.642.8023 tgoldstein@kc.rr.com. Orders must be made by: MARCH 4, 2009

**Save The Date
All Women's Service
Shabbat, April 11
Parts are being distributed**

Please call the following to participate:
Laura Daniels 913.206.7686
Rachel Quinn 913.491.5427
Dori Quinn 913.492.6812

Sharing the Wisdom

Ta Shma - Sundays, March

8, 22, 29 at 9:45 a.m.

What Were the Rabbis Thinking

A Study of Rabbinic Texts

Shabbat Afternoons

March 7, 14, 21, 28

1/2 hour before Mincha

Facilitated by:

Rabbi David Bauman



Mondays, March 2, 16, 23, 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Tales from the Talmud

The Talmud is a central text of Rabbinic Judaism, second only to the Hebrew Bible

in importance. Beginners

Welcome

Facilitated by:

Rabbi Herbert Mandl



Thursdays, March 5 & 12 at 7 p.m.

Can Love Last - By Dr. Marilyn Metzl

Dr. Metzl is a licensed psychologist and board certified psychoanalyst and is a member of the Training Faculty of the Kansas City Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysts. Dr. Metzl has extensive experience in the diagnosis and treatment of Attention Deficit Disorders and Learning Differences in children, adolescents, and adults.



Challah Baking 101

Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

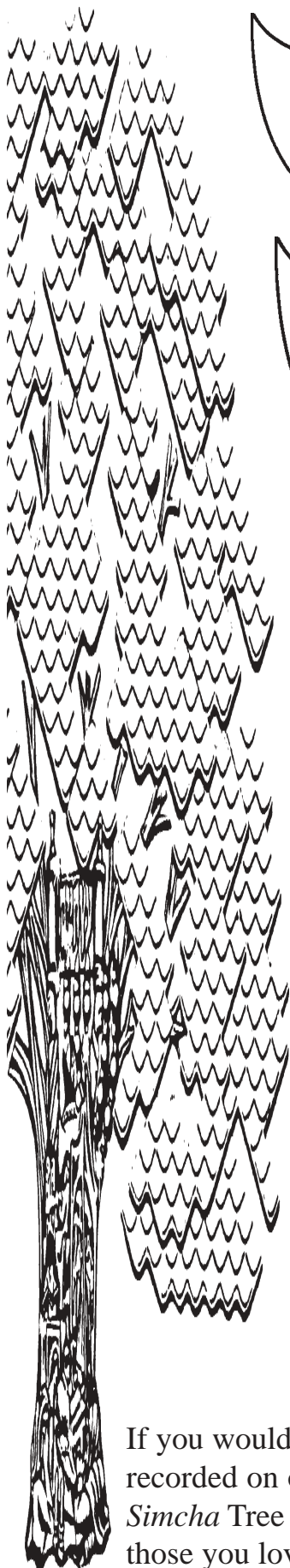
Kansas City has a vibrant Jewish Community and we certainly love our challahs. We are privileged to truly have some of the finest challah bakers in the world, right here in Kansas City and particularly at K.I. Come and learn the secret techniques of challah baking and take home, your very own creation, just in time for Shabbat.

Facilitated by Natalie Cohen.



Please Call K.I. at 913.642.1880 for additional information

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



IN HONOR OF
LILIAN LIPSCHUETZ'S
80TH BIRTHDAY
2-15-09
LOVING HUSBAND,
NORBERT LIPSCHUETZ

IN HONOR OF
ALBERT KRASHIN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY ON 1-24-09
HIS ADORING FAMILY, HELEN, MARSHALL
KAREN, MARLA, JOHN, STEVE, DANA
LILLIAN ELIZABETH & JOHN RUSSELL

IN HONOR OF
MEL & LORE MALLIN
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
2-20-09
ALL OUR LOVE
YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

HONORING
MEL & LORE MALLIN
ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY
2-20-09
YOUR GOOD FRIENDS, TOBEY, MORTY
AND THE LEWKOWSKY FAMILY

LORE AND MEL MALLIN
HAPPY 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
SHARON AND HOWARD LEVITAN
NORMAN LEVITAN
ANDREA, MARK, RILEY
ELIA AND BLUE ELLIS

MEL & LORE MALLIN
ON YOUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY
2-20-09
ALL OUR BEST WISHES
AND GOOD HEALTH
THE DEVINKI FAMILY

IN HONOR OF
LORE & MEL MALLIN
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
2-20-09
HAROLD, NAOMI & SIMON KLUG
WITH OUR LOVE

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
MEL & LORE MALLIN 2-20-09
HELEN BROWN, IRENE DREISESZUN
SAM GOULD, SEYMOUR & MARSHA KRINSKY
LEAH GLADSTONE, STAN & JOYCE ZELDIN
ISAK & ANN FEDERMAN

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 \$154 per leaf. It's a great way to honor those you love.

THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Kansas City Israel Action Forum

FEATURING



Dr. Michael Oren

World renowned author of Power, Faith and Fantasy and Six Days of War and Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem

Sunday, March 8, 2009

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Registration/Check-in will open at 1:30 p.m.)

Kehilath Israel Synagogue • 10501 Conser Street • Overland Park

\$18 couvert per person, \$5 couvert for students
Light refreshments will be served (Dietary laws observed)

Kansas City Israel Action Forum Co-Chairs

Bonnie Siegel • John Isenberg

2:00 p.m.- Opening Plenary

Featuring Dr. Michael Oren: The 61st Year - A Personal and Historical Perspective of the Challenges Facing Israel in 2009.

3:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Choose from a variety of breakout topics that include U.S.- Israel military cooperation, the threats from Iran, the Palestinians and the peace process, and what is happening on our college campuses and what you can do about it. Speakers will include Middle East experts as well as AIPAC senior staff.

4:30 p.m. - Closing Plenary

This program will feature a panel of Kansas veterans of Israel trips sponsored by AIPAC's supporting foundation, the American Israel Education Foundation. Panelists will offer a first-hand account of their Israel experiences and the impact it has had on their lives.

Register now at www.aipac.org/kcforum or contact AIPAC Kansas City Area Director, Melody Mokhtarian at (312) 253-8986 or mmokhtarian@aipac.org.



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PURIM

at Kehilath Israel Synagogue

THE FAST OF ESTHER

Monday, March 9, 2009

Services 7:00 a.m. & 7:10 p.m.

The Fast of *Esther* commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia fasted and prayed so they would be spared from the massacre planned by *Haman*. This fast begins at sunrise and ends at dark.

MACHATZIT HASHEKEL

This Biblical injunction requires everyone to pay a half *Shekel* or half dollar to the Sanctuary of the Lord. The purpose was to take a census of every man, woman and child. Today this money goes to charity.

MISHLOACH MANOT

Send two types of ready-to-eat foods to at least one friend, personally or by messenger. Also, it is a *mitzvah* to give a gift to at least two needy people.

PURIM EVENING

Monday, March 9, 2009 - *Maariv* &
Megillah Reading at 7:30 p.m.

COME IN COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR THE
MEGILLAH READING & SINGING
AND THEN, THE FUN JUST BEGINS!

PURIM DAY

Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Services and *Megillah* Reading - 7:00 a.m.
Additional *Megillah* Reading - 12:00 noon
in the Rose Morgan Chapel

PURIM SEUDAH - Tuesday, March 10, 2009

We are obligated to have this celebratory meal to express our gratitude for the miracles throughout history that have insured the survival of the Jewish people.

SPECIAL THANKS

On *Purim*, the *Al Hanisim* paragraph, a special prayer of gratitude is included in the *Amidah* and the *Birkat Hamazon*.

**Purim Fun At K.I.
Monday, March 9
at 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy
Megillah Reading &
Story followed by
Costume Parade &
A Giant Carnival of
Activities
All are Welcome**





Masquerade Trivia Bowl



We've got the Questions and
You've got the Answers

Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

at K.I

The evening will include lots of...Laughter, Music, History,
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Book Club News



Line Up For Books & Dates:

March 3 **The Friday Night Knitting Club** - Hosted by
Linda Silver

April 21 **The Madonnas of Leningrad** - Hosted by
Hedy Shron

June 2 **Broken For You** - Hosted by **Mickey Batnitzky**

Note: Open. Nonmembers welcome. Need help getting the book or for
additional information, contact Natalie Cohen

913.341.6622 or natjgc@aol.com



Calling All K. I. Members

**We need your Input
to help plan the Event of the Year
(In May)**

**We'll be meeting
Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m.
Please call Carol 913.681.3299
or Hedy 913.649.6296 and
tell us you'll attend**



Reprinted from *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle* February 13, 2009 edition...

KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE LEADS A NEW TREND IN JEWISH EDUCATION

To ensure the next generation of Jewish leaders has the proper talents and Jewish identity, education is crucial. Traditionally these two aspects of the Jewish faith were taught independently of one another. However, a local synagogue is taking the next step and combining their classes into a comprehensive study of the backbone of so many important Jewish elements.

Kehilath Israel Synagogue (K.I.) is a modern orthodox traditional synagogue, with a real focus on Jewish education. Congregational educational classes at K.I. teach the many aspects of what it means to be Jewish. Keshet K.I. (the religious school) classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Saturday is the day for the whole family to be together at the synagogue, and Sunday is a fun day of hands-on learning activities for kids with their parents and grandparents. Hebrew classes are taught in conjunction with other classes teaching both Jewish talents, like how to speak Hebrew, as well as Jewish identity classes, like what the Jewish heritage means and how to keep it in the 21st century.

“We offer blended education,” said Rabbi Meir Wexler, education director of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. “We give the students all the skills of a Jewish education, and lessons that focus on Jewish identity all in one program.”

Other classes focus on arts and crafts, a Parents and Preschoolers Program and other fun and educational lessons.

“Our education programs are cutting edge,” Wexler said. “We cater to the needs of our members. Our fine staff is dedicated to giving the students the very best education possible.”

Amazingly, these great educational classes are offered completely free of charge to all Kehilath Israel Synagogue members. They can take advantage of the classes with no out of pocket cost, an important factor in tough economic times.

“It’s part of our commitment to Jewish education,” said Rabbi Herbert Mandl, senior rabbi at Kehilath Israel Synagogue. “We value Jewish education, and we are happy to offer the classes with no expense to our members.”

The free classes are part of Kehilath Israel Synagogue’s efforts to connect with the community and to also celebrate an upcoming anniversary.

“We have our 100th anniversary in 2010, and now is the time to be thinking about the future and the next 100 years,” said Arnie Caviar, president of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. “We are putting a lot of stuff together, with a lot of different activities going on. And the education classes are a big part of working towards the future.”

Rabbi Wexler believes their programs are really a new wave of Jewish education. He has been education director for four years and has met a lot of students in that time. He says he enjoys directing all of the aspects of educating students.

“It’s very meaningful,” he said. “It is tremendous that we also have the full support of the entire staff here.”

“We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Wexler,” Caviar said. “He is so great with all the kids.”

Sunday is a fun day for teachers and students to form those special bonds with informal education classes, such as classes to relate the fun of Jewish holidays and activities.

Rabbi Mandl says he has seen their membership grow a lot recently as they move forward. There have been many young families joining K.I. He feels the free educational programs have played a large role in this growth.

“It’s rare to find free classes like these, anywhere in the country,” Mandl said. “It has brought a lot of people in, not just because it is free but because this is quality education.”

This kind of education also makes Kehilath Israel Synagogue stand out.

“We are creating a new trend,” Rabbi Wexler said. “We feel we are trailblazers for Jewish education, literally shaping the future of education for Jewish students.”

“Education is so important, it is the savior of keeping the Jewish faith,” Rabbi Mandl said. “We need programs like ours so that the future will be in good hands.”

In addition to the classes for young people, Kehilath Israel Synagogue has programs all week for adult education. The synagogue wants to engage every member of the family, educationally and spiritually.

“Religion is a good part of a person’s life. Our philosophy is to try to motivate the unaffiliated in our community through our programs and to show them everything we have to offer,” Caviar said. “And we feel there are really three key aspects that you can do for your synagogue. You can give your talent, your time and your treasury. And everything you give, you receive back a lot more.”

Kehilath Israel Synagogue is located at 10501 Conser in Overland Park. For more information call 913. 642.1880 or visit www.kisyn.org.



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K.I. ARTISTS

Forty children of all ages together with their parents from Kehilath Israel Synagogue enjoyed a special experience at ARTichokes Art Gallery in Mission Farms recently. Each child received a canvas and the artists showed them how to mix colors and work with the paint. Then they painted their own picture to take home or give to someone special in their lives.

The children also worked together to construct two large group paintings which are being donated to Kehilath Israel Synagogue. Each group talked for some time with the paid artists to decide what they wanted included in their artwork and what the paintings should be called.

The first painting is entitled "Holidays Together," which depicts symbols from different holidays and Shabbat. The second painting has scenery from outdoors and is called "Life in Nature." These paintings are currently on display at Kehilath Israel Synagogue, along with certificates signed by each of the budding artists.

This artistic morning was generously sponsored by Marsha and Seymour Krinsky.



Brody Kadosh



Sarah Caplan



Sara Gasser



Mikaella Smith



Josh Kolkin



Lizzy Rosenstock & Leena Clark painting the group painting



Matan Bauman



Seymour Krinsky surrounded by the children



Jordyn Fox, Rachel Youngblade, Amanda Sokol



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For information or reservations, please call Ted Goldstein (913.271.6798) or e-mail tgoldstein@kc.rr.com

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To attend a fully catered Shabbat dinner
Honoring the Minyannaires
Of The Year
Friday, March 27. Services at 6:15 p.m.
Dinner following services

Honoring
Dan Kass
&
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Adult \$15 Child \$10

Please return this portion to K.I. before March 20

We would love to attend the Minyannaires Dinner

NAME(S) _____

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

MILTON FISHMAN

(Brother of Shirley Perner)

DOROTHY BELL

*(Mother of Beverly Alport,
Allan Bell)*

TABLET DEDICATION

In memory of

Aron Warren

Lottie Warren

Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m.

Rose Morgan Chapel

MONUMENT UNVEILING

In Memory of

Aron Warren

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Blue Ridge Cemetery

In Memory of

Charles Wasserman

Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Blue Ridge Cemetery

**DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL ISSUE OF
THE FOCAL POINT IS
MARCH 5**

COMMUNITY CORNER

GENESIS

Genesis offers a variety of opportunities for interfaith couples and families to explore issues relevant to their lives, and to understand their relationship to Judaism and the Jewish community.

OPEN DOOR DROP-IN DISCUSSIONS

“Why Are Jews So Sensitive?” Come for lively discussion and support as this free, informal group takes on topics that affect interfaith families.

Time/Date: 10:00-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 8 Facilitator: Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS; Location: Jewish Community Center; Free of charge; free childcare available

CAN WE TALK?

Private Coaching Sessions for Interfaith Couples

- Are there interfaith questions you and your partner need to clarify?
- Do interfaith issues complicate your marriage or relationship?
- Have you been thinking about enrolling in the Genesis Interpersonal Issues course but aren't sure it's for you?
- Would you and your partner like to speak privately with a relationship coach who specializes in interfaith relationship issues?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, perhaps it's time for some help. Couples who have not yet participated in the Genesis Interpersonal Issues or Family Ties course may meet for two private sessions with Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS, at the subsidized rate of \$100 for two one-hour sessions. Following these sessions, couples may choose to enroll in the Interpersonal Issues course or continue in private sessions at the full hourly rate as arranged with Rabbi Steigman. Fee: \$100/individual or couple for two private sessions. Please call 913.754.2284 to arrange a day/time for your private coaching sessions.

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING IS A YEAR-ROUND EVENT

There's something to learn all year long! Join the Department of Adult Jewish Learning for an array of topics and presenters in March:

IS FORGIVENESS A ONE-PERSON BUSINESS?

7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at The Center
Sergey Dolgopolskii, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at KU

TUESDAYS WITH MOREY

Biblical Stories: Told and Retold
Instructor: Rabbi Morey Schwartz
8:30-9:45 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning March 3 (10 sessions)
Fee: \$200; \$25 discount for couples
Location: Village Shalom Board Room

BERESHIT — PART II

Adam to Abraham: The First 20 Generations
Instructor: Rabbi Neal Schuster
9:00-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, beginning in March (10 sessions)
Fee: \$200; \$25 discount for couples

THE HOLOCAUST: REFLECTED IN DIARIES AND MEMOIRS

Instructor: Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn
9:00-10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, beginning March 25 (10 sessions)
Fee: \$200; \$25 discount for couples

PRAYER 101: GEOGRAPHY OF THE SIDDUR

Instructor: Marla Brockman
Beginning in March (times/dates TBA)
Fee: \$90

For more information, contact Jeff Goldenberg, Director of Adult Jewish Learning, at 913.327.4647 or jeffg@jewishkc.org. To register online, go to www.jcckc.org and click on "Jewish Education."

START PLANNING NOW FOR EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

MELTON ISRAEL SEMINAR

July 13-23, 2009

Melton students and graduates will discover Israel's history and mystery firsthand, with some extraordinary teachers as guides: Melton scholars Haim Aronovitz, Jonty Blackman and Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz (now of Springfield, MA). This trip promises to be a remarkable experience!

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL – FALL 2009

You are invited to visit a class session in the coming weeks to see firsthand what the program is about (with no obligation whatsoever). This may be the year that you enroll, or the exposure might lead you to share the experience with another who might be interested. In either case, the offer stands!

Currently, we have classes that meet on:

Tuesday mornings, 9-11am; Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm; Sunday mornings, 10-11 am

Contact Jeff Goldenberg, Director of Adult Jewish Learning, if you would like to "drop in" for a class, or if you have any questions. The Melton experience is one you will never forget, and could well be the start of a whole new chapter in your life of Jewish learning!

For more information on these and other upcoming courses and programs, contact Jeff Goldenberg at 913.327.4647 or jeffg@jewishkc.org.

2009 YOM HASHOAH/HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1:30 PM JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS

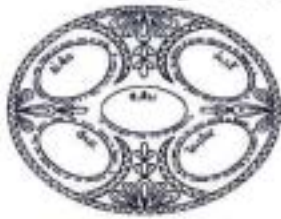
The community is invited to this annual observance that honors the memory of those who were murdered during the Holocaust and the lives of those who survived. Jackie Hermanson is the Chair of the 2009 service.

A very moving candle lighting ceremony will include Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, grandchildren of survivors, Jewish War Veterans, March of the Living participants, and a representative of the Jewish Community. Six candles will be lit in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

Sponsors are the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee, and Jewish Community Center. Local Jewish organizations are co-sponsors. The entire community is invited to attend at no charge

Community Second Night of Passover Seders

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a complete Passover Seder meal without the preparation
Experience an interactive journey from slavery through the 15 steps to freedom



Thursday, April 9, 2009

TRADITIONAL SEDER

Beth Israel Abraham Voliner (BIAV)

(99th & Antioch) 8:15 p.m.

Led by Rabbi's Daniel Rockoff,
Robert Tobin and Scott White

This seder will take place throughout the night and include long held traditions and customs as participants read the Haggadah, study the meaning of various passages and sing Passover songs.

* Food will be kosher-for-Passover and prepared and served under supervision of the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City.

CONTEMPORARY/MODERN SEDER

The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah

(124th and Nall) 7:00 p.m.

Led by Rabbi's Arthur Nemitoff,
Alexandria Shuval-Weiner and Hazzan Rob Menes

Seder will be child-friendly and include traditions and customs of the Passover Seder while incorporating meaningful events of our day into this seder experience. Modern day readings and additions will focus on Maggid, the telling of the Exodus.

* Food will be kosher-for-Passover and prepared under supervision of the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City. Meal will be served under the supervision of Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff of The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah.

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, supported by area congregations and partially funded by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City

Mail form and check to: Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, 5801 W. 115th, Box 113, Overland Park, KS 66211

Reservations must be received by March 27. Space is limited.

After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis, and costs will increase to \$38 per adult and \$16.50 per child.

Indicate which Seder you plan to attend:

- Traditional Seder at BIAV
 Contemporary/Modern Seder at B'nai Jehudah

Name: _____ Email: _____
Day Phone () _____ Eve Phone: () _____ Congregation Affiliation: _____
I/We wish to be seated with: _____

First & Last Name of each Person Attending: (for additional names please use the back of this form)	Adult Meal (\$33 each)		Child Meal (Ages 4-9)		Child Meal (Under 4)	
	Chicken	Vegetarian	\$13.50 each		No Charge	
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	Subtotals		#	\$	#	\$
Optional 1 lb. Schmurah Matzah hand-made in Israel (7-8 round pieces/box) @ \$16 each	# _____ \$ _____		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:		\$ _____	
			Make checks payable to Rabbinical Association			

For more information or to inquire about confidential financial assistance,
contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association, afprogram@aol.com or (913) 327-4622

March 2009 5 Adar 5769 - 6 Nisan 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 ADAR Mitzvah Day - 9:00 a.m. Purim Baskets Preparations - 9:00 a.m. Uncle Moishe Concert - 2:00 p.m.	2 6 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 p.m.	3 7 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	4 8 ADAR Breakfast Club	5 9 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m. Adult Education - Can Love Last? w/Dr. Marilyn Metz - 7:30 p.m.	6 10 ADAR 5:59	7 11 ADAR Tetzaveh Parshas Zachor Shabbos Ends: 6:50 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 5:00 p.m. Tiviv Bowl - 7:30 p.m.
8 12 ADAR AIPAC - 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Rabbi Bauman Ta Shma Class - 9:45 a.m.	9 13 ADAR Fast of Esther Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Megillah Reading - Purim Carnival - 7:30 p.m.	10 14 ADAR Purim	11 15 ADAR Shoshan Purim Breakfast Club Kollel Class - 7:30 p.m.	12 16 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m. Adult Education - Can Love Last? w/Dr. Marilyn Metz - 7:30 p.m.	13 17 ADAR 7:06	14 18 ADAR KJ Sisa Parshas Parah Shabbos Ends: 7:57 Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Margolies Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 6:00 p.m.
15 19 ADAR Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:30 p.m.	16 20 ADAR Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:30 p.m.	17 21 ADAR	18 22 ADAR Breakfast Club	19 23 ADAR Challah Baking Class - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	20 24 ADAR 7:13	21 25 ADAR Vayabhel - Peludei Parshas Hachodesh Shabbos Ends: 8:05 Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 6:15 p.m.
22 26 ADAR Men's Club CPR - 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Bauman Ta Shma Class - 9:45 a.m.	23 27 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:30 p.m.	24 28 ADAR Keshet K.L. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	25 29 ADAR Breakfast Club Kollel Class - 7:30 p.m.	26 30 ADAR Rosh Chodesh Nisan Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	27 31 ADAR 7:20 Shabbat Services - Mitzvah Dinners 6:15 p.m.	28 1 NISAN Vayikra Shabbos Ends: 8:12 Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 6:30 p.m.
29 4 NISAN Rabbi Bauman Ta Shma Class - 9:45 a.m. Keshet K.L. Family Program - 10:00 a.m. Savone Wedding - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	30 5 NISAN Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:30 p.m.	31 6 NISAN Keshet K.L. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.				

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**Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv**

Week of March 1 6:05 P.M.

***Beginning with week of March 8 6:45 P.M.**

**FAST OF ESTHER
Monday, March 9**

**PURIM
Tuesday, March 10**

**ROSH CHODESH NISAN
Thursday, March 26**

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 29, 2009

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Kehilath Israel Synagogue

**An evening of celebration and joy to benefit Sasone
(Bringing the joy of Jewish education to children
with special needs)**

For information, please contact Naomi Cohn

913.327.8142

or go to www.sasone.org