

# The Focal Point

## From the Rabbi's Study...



Our country gets to inaugurate our president only once every four years. I really want to dedicate this article to our new president, Barack Obama.

I remember when I was 15 years old in 1960 the election between Nixon and Kennedy was taking place. I remember a bigot down the block who always made comments about "Jews, Catholics and Blacks." He was preaching really foul and off the color comments about John Kennedy – with him being a Catholic.

I remember when Kennedy was elected in that very close election. The feelings of excitement; first, the fact that a Catholic was elected president for the first time in American history; that was the first time any type of minority had been elected to the presidency in the 200 years of our republic. Kennedy also ushered in the Camelot era which lasted unfortunately less than three years with his assassination at the end of 1963.

It is with the same feelings of exuberance that I acknowledge the inauguration of our first African-American as President of the United States. This is an amazing statement about our democracy.

Furthermore, Obama brings with him tremendous hopes and promises for change. He comes to the highest office in the land with a myriad of problems that we all face. The question is whether we will remain hopeful even during these dark and difficult times where we recognize that we also must sacrifice in order to help resolve the problems that our country is facing.

It is ironic that Barack Obama is being installed as president just one day after Martin Luther King Day. It is also the *yahrzeit* of our own sainted Abraham Joshua Herschel, one of my teachers at seminary. Herschel motivated an entire generation of people as did Martin Luther King to strive for equal rights for all.

This article is not meant as a political statement. The election is over, we have a new president and we must all hope, wish, and

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## From the President...



### THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund at *Kehilath Israel* pays for so many things. The new and old programs which bring us together spiritually and socially are paid by the General Fund. We need these programs to help us grow our youth population...and so much more!

The first event which Carol and I co-chaired was the "Slice of Life" event. It was so successful that we did it a second year, as I recall. Then came the Hawaiian Luau and more of an upscale Grand Givers with the likes of Joan Rivers and Alan King, of blessed memory; the installation of officers on a Sunday morning and getting as many people involved being at the synagogue; the phone tree which I had talked about for three years as vice president and I could go on and on. Will somebody or someone pick up and run with these types of events? It's events like these which brought my family to *K.I.* and keeps us involved.

My game plan, when I became your president five years ago, was for *K.I.* to be like a second "beautiful" home for all our congregants. It's always a goal to leave something a little better than you've found it. Sometimes I didn't quite meet the goals I set; sometimes the events exceeded my expectations more than I could imagine. Mostly it's been a blessing and a learning experience!

My formative years were spent at 63rd & Rockhill. I went to Hebrew school and Sunday school there. I doubt the number of young people will ever match the numbers we had back then, but we can try. I am always up for the challenge.

The additional and improved programs--during the past five years and going forward--are part of the reason for the three percent increase in dues for 2009. Like the rest of the country, we are suffering from increased costs including the upkeep on our aging building and other items which are paid in part from the General Fund.

At *K.I.* our members were spared any increase in dues for the past three years. Yet we were able to increasingly offer many outstanding value-added benefits and programs to our members during this time period.

I participate in the budget committee and the investment advisory committee. I have the opportunity to meet with accountants, attorneys, stockbrokers and financial advisors and learn from their knowledge. They have taught me that lines of thinking can be changed. Three to six to nine years down the road,

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Candlelighting\*.....5:28P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
**CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH**  
Mincha.....5:05 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:20 P.M.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Candlelighting\*.....5:36 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:40 P.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**SCOUT SHABBAT**

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
**KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY  
MEN'S CLUB & BOY SCOUTS**  
Mincha.....5:10 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:27 P.M.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Candlelighting\*.....5:44 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:50 P.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**SHABBAT SHEKALIM**

**BLESSING OF THE NEW MOON  
ADAR**

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
**KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF  
LORE & MEL MALLIN'S  
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Mincha.....5:20 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:35 P.M.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Candlelighting\*.....5:52 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Morning Service.....9:00 A.M.  
Mincha.....5:30 P.M.  
Havdalah.....6:44 P.M.

\*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH**

**If your daughter was born in 1998 or your son was born in 1997 you should contact Rabbi Shron to schedule a Bar/Bat Mitzvah for the year 2010.**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

**Because we care we would like to be informed of any illness within the congregation family. If you are aware of any ill or homebound members (or relatives of members), please call the synagogue office at 913.642.1880. Please do not assume we already know.**

**ICHA D'AMREI- SOME SAY!**

Dear Congregational Family,



Recently I had some computer problems where my PalmPilot was not connecting with my computer resulting in a loss of information. During this period of technological challenges I felt at a loss that I was not connected with the world unable to be efficient and effective in accomplishing my responsibilities. How is it that with all of the advancements of technology, with all the new techniques of organizing our lives we still have difficulty finding the time to enjoy life? One would

think that with the use of technology we are not only able to be more productive but also more efficient at our tasks leaving more time for leisure. Yet the reality is that 21st century life is busier than ever with less personal time to enjoy.

For many Jews Maimonides is a religious role model for his keen ability to blend philosophic thought with Jewish legal tradition. Yet I believe that Maimonides offers us so much more providing us the encouragement to balance our lives so that we can find time for everything. Allow me to elaborate; it is well known that Maimonides was the rabbi of the Jewish community in Fustat (Old Cairo) Egypt. What may not be as well known was that this particular role was his part-time job. His full-time position was as a physician. In fact Maimonides would travel an hour or so each morning to look after the health of the sultan, his family and the other members of the sultan's inner court. It was only after checking up on them each day that he would return home, eat a quick meal, and attend to the healthcare needs of the Jewish community. Afterwards he would continue his intellectual endeavors by writing numerous works all of which have become important in Jewish life. On Shabbat after services he would answer the religious questions of the community, spend a few moments with his wife and son and if lucky would get some time for a short nap. Maimonides' life was so busy that when his prize student wrote him asking permission to visit so that he could continue his studies Maimonides had to turn him away, claiming that he did not have sufficient amount of free time to offer his student.

With such a busy schedule where did Maimonides find the personal quiet time needed to research, contemplate his findings, and gather his thoughts in order to write his legal and philosophical books? During my doctoral studies I came across an article that suggested the following possibility: It was in between seeing patients in the sultan's court that he and the sultan's son, also a lover of books and knowledge, would steal some time away and read and discuss different issues in the sultan's library. Then on his travels home and back to the sultan's palace the next morning Maimonides would occupy his time by gathering his thoughts in an orderly fashion so that he could write them.

There is a lesson embedded in Maimonides' life and actions. No matter how busy we are there is always time for the things that are important to us. It may be a few minutes here and a few minutes there but those moments add up significantly. In applying this theory to our Jewish lives and our synagogue activity I would like to challenge each of us to look for those few moments of seemingly empty time and consider how they can be contributed to enhancing Kehilath Israel. Over the last few years our synagogue has reengaged itself and has become a vibrant community, yet without you the members to provide input and volunteer your time, we will become a deer in headlights, paralyzed. Since my arrival at K.I. this past summer we have started a program entitled, "K.I. House Parties." The purpose of these parties is twofold; an opportunity for you the member to get to know me, the new rabbi and more importantly a significant chance for us to discuss questions and issues about the past, present, and future of our synagogue and Jewish life. While many have attended these gatherings, there are still many who have not accepted the invitation. I realize that our lives are busy with many competing priorities and when we have a few moments to unwind and watch the Jayhawks (or is it the Tigers!?) play we seize the moment. Our challenge is the same as Maimonides' challenge was; we need to find the time in order to perpetuate Jewish life. For Maimonides it was the Jewish community of Fustat, for us it is the Jewish community of Kansas City. I look forward to seeing you at the next K.I. House Party.

*Rabbi David S. Bauman*

## CANTOR'S CORNER



There is a rabbinic *midrash* that says that all of our children are born together with their Hebrew names and that their name portrays what kind of person they really are. This is proven by the fact that we are born with our Jewish souls or *neshama*. The Hebrew spelling of *neshama* is, *nun, shin, mem* and *hay*.

The two central letters are *shin* and *mem* which spell out the word *shem* which is Hebrew for name. Although we may spend much time in deciding what Hebrew name to give our children, G-d insures that we ultimately pick the name that came with our baby. It is really our Hebrew names that define who we are as individuals and as Jews.

One of the tasks that I have inherited from Allan Greenberg *z"l*, is the verifying of Hebrew names of our loved ones for the purpose of headstones and memorial plaques. One would think that this would be an easy task; however, you would be surprised how many times I must turn into a private investigator, tracking down relatives, funeral homes, monument companies and synagogues in my quest for an accurate Hebrew name.

I often have the same difficulty in obtaining Hebrew names in my role as *mohel*, when a baby boy publically receives his Hebrew name. (A baby girl publically receives her Hebrew name in *shul*, preferably as soon after birth as possible.) So many people do not know the Hebrew names of one or both of their parents, and believe it or not, sometimes they don't even know their own Hebrew name. Part of the problem is that many Jewish people are not regular *shul* attenders where the Hebrew names would be used either when called for an *aliyah* to the *Torah* or when reciting the prayer on behalf of the ill. Traditionally, when called to the *Torah*, a man's Hebrew name and his father's Hebrew name are used, and for the *mishebayrach* for the ill, one's mother's name is used. In Conservative synagogues, the Hebrew names of both parents are used for calling one to the *Torah*, for *Ketubot* (Jewish marriage contracts) and for headstones. This is a custom that I am totally in favor of to prevent our names from becoming forgotten.

As parents, one easy way for us to convey the importance of Judaism in our lives is by keeping our Hebrew names alive and passing them onto our children. They should not just be names that are on some document somewhere, but names that are used, talked about on a regular basis and researched for their origins. So many people are involved in reseaching their family tree to find out more about who they are and where they came from. By adding the Hebrew name component we make our family history complete.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron  
(Yaakov Avraham ben Moshe Mendl & Raizl)

## 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009



Lore & Mel Mallin

Lore and Mel met in Brooklyn, New York. They married in West New York, New Jersey. They raised three children, Lisa Gibson, David and Gail Mallin and Larry Mallin. They brag about their four wonderful grandchildren, Jacob and Max Gibson, and Joshua and Natanya Mallin. Lore is a past president of Sisterhood and Mel is a past president of the synagogue. Everyone is invited to the *Kiddush*.

### LOVE AND MARRIAGE

LOVE AND MARRIAGE, LOVE AND MARRIAGE  
GO TOGETHER LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE  
THIS I TELL YOU BROTHER  
YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER

LOVE AND MARRIAGE, LOVE AND MARRIAGE  
IT'S AN INSTITUTE YOU CAN'T DISPARAGE  
ASK OUR DEAR OLD RABBI  
AND HE WILL SAY IT'S ELEMENTARY

TRY, TRY, TRY TO SEPARATE THEM  
IT'S AN ILLUSION  
TRY, TRY, TRY, AND YOU'LL ONLY COME  
TO THIS CONCLUSION

LOVE AND MARRIAGE, LOVE AND MARRIAGE  
GO TOGETHER LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE  
MEL WAS TOLD BY LORE  
YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE, YOU CAN'T HAVE NONE  
YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE WITH OUT THE OTHER

**SAVE THE DATE for the first ever Kansas City Israel Action Forum, Sunday, March 8 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at K.I. Synagogue. Please contact Melody Mokhtarian, AIPAC Kansas City Area Director at [mmokhtarian@aipac.org](mailto:mmokhtarian@aipac.org) or call 312-253-8986 for further information.**

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



1	<b>Sidney &amp; Martha Cohn</b>	<b>61</b>
	<b>Barry &amp; Barbara Glasberg</b>	<b>40</b>
2	<b>Philip Barnard &amp; Cheryl Lester</b>	<b>25</b>
5	Richard & Barbara Glass	43
	Lawrence & Sandra Jabenis	43
10	Gerald & Susan Klopper	46
18	<b>Morris &amp; Esther Horowitz</b>	<b>64</b>
	Thomas & Ellen Magariel	36
	<b>Peyton &amp; Carole Sher</b>	<b>35</b>
20	<b>Mel &amp; Lore Mallin</b>	<b>60</b>
27	<b>Joseph Smuckler &amp; Marcia Karbank</b>	<b>10</b>

## רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Olga Krug, Ann Epstein, Isabelle Gallas, Flo Rosenblatt, Dorothy Bell, Anna Mondschein, Lillian Greenberg** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

## תודה רבה

...to our very capable, gracious and willing "regulars" who take the time to assist office staff week in and week out. We thank **Estelle Dalen** and our mailing team remains second to none -- they are **Lilian and Norbert Lipschuetz, and Eunice Snitz.**

...to **Steve and Karen Pack** on donating a new Israeli flag.

## מזל טוב

...to **Susan and Charles Goodbinder** on the engagement of their son, **Jay Goodbinder** to Darcy Kroll.

...to **Judy and Dr. Harold Esrig** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Tova Esrig to Meshulam Twersky.

## THANK YOU

**Beverly and Herb Fishman** have made a generous contribution to the Breakfast Club Fund in honor of the memory of Morris Weisberger.

## CONGREGANTS' FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Helen Luben, Esther Radetsky, Himie Wainstock, Frank Loeffler, Fani Schifman, Karen Lesky, Gloria Planzer, Shirley Peneer, Rosemary Gorin, Harriett Katz, Herbert Fishman, Deborah Garon, Dale Lewkowsky, William Schifman, Andre Schwartz, Bonita Krutz, Eleanor Belingloph, Irene Goodman, David Rubin, Federico Adler, Stephanie Gatewood, Svetlana Kapustin, Elmer Price, Gregory Quinn, Charlene Rubin, Lillian Rubin, Lanora Yoffee, Ronald Bronstein, Marilyn Schulzinger, Stella Hoffman, Julie Kadosh, Leon Katzberg, Lilian Lipschuetz, Myra Litman, Bernard Tenenbaum, Ilya Azizov, Helen Brown, Bruce Singer, Sally Cohen, Ann Geier, Sharon Levitan, Abbott Zolotor, Martin Gorin, Edward Kanter, Allen Rubins, Rochelle Solomon, Jason Smartt, Karen Gortenburg, Valerie Bordy, Hailey Gershon, Esther Horowitz, Jerome Nerman, Maurice Eastman, Zolan Gilgus, Adam Rich, Charles Kuluva.

## FEBRUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nina Kulikov, Hillary Gutovitz, Kayla Goldenberg, Polina Krasnopolskaya, Erin Schwartz, Esti Mandl, Yale Winston, Mason Fox, Adam Kuluva, Joseph Horak, Evan Youngblade, Micah Daniels, Jacob Abrams, Sara Arlan, Michele Noykovich, Nicholas Rosenstock, Gabriel Goldstein, Jacob Margolies.

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the focus of **K.I.** may be totally different and thoughts and practices may need to change then too. But let's think about now for a bit.

**The bottom line: in order to keep both our present and future going, it's all about increasing total giving to K.I.!**

As President of *Kehilath Israel Synagogue* I respectfully ask you to **INCREASE your voluntary giving SPECIFICALLY to the General Fund** for *yahrzeits*, anniversaries, birthdays and any other honors and memorials. In addition to your gifts to the named fund(s), please consider increasing your voluntary giving to the General Fund as well.

I emphasize that I am in no way asking any congregant, who has a named fund, to neglect their fund. However, I am asking all members to consider diversifying and increasing your 'investments' in **K.I.** Of course, I understand that giving to both categories of funds is important and necessary and each and every contribution is very much appreciated.

**Thank you to all our GIVERS for your support. Without people such as you, Kehilath Israel Synagogue wouldn't be as successful as we have become!**

  
Arnold Caviar,  
President



## MEN'S CLUB

This is the time to promote the Men's Club. We will be contacting every K.I. male member as to why they should be a member. There are many reasons, but I will only enumerate a few. Our goal is to have 100 members by the 100th anniversary of K.I. The Men's Club offers members the opportunity to make new friends and strengthen the family core of K.I. You will have the opportunity to shape the future programs.

The paid up dinner and installation will be February 21 at 7:30 p.m. It's going to be a first class sit down dinner with first class entertainment. Make plans to attend and see your friends installed. Paid up members are free, guests are \$18, and children 12 and under will be \$10. Reservations are due by February 11.

The board members installed are; **Marvin Orlovick, Andre Schwartz, Ted Goldstein, Larry Silverman, Sheldon Snitz, Zolie Gilgus, Greg Quinn, Jacob Schulzinger, and Scott Fishman.**

*Marvin Orlovick,*  
Men's Club President



February brings *Tu B'Shevat!* Sisterhood and Keshet K.I. are putting their heads together this month to create "**Sisterhood and Keshet K.I. Goes Green**" a morning of learning about plants, ecology, and composting while having fun. **Join us on February 8 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.** There will be a wonderful puppet show by the Stone Lion Puppet company "*Rainforest Crunch.*" This puppet show interacts with the audience and is geared for all ages. There will be breakout groups that will feature planting and plant care, arts and crafts for the youth and other educational sessions about ecology. This is a great opportunity for grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and students of all ages to learn together. The cost for the program is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family of 5 or more. Please make your reservation to me by phone 913.491.0111 or by email [sfriedman55@gmail.com](mailto:sfriedman55@gmail.com).

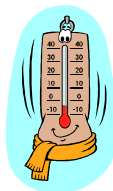
Here's a heads up for the upcoming *Purim* celebration. Once again Men's Club and Sisterhood are working together (after a very successful *Chanukah* event). The men and women of K.I. will be in the kitchen together making *hamantaschen*. We are looking for volunteers! There will be weekday morning times, evening times, and Sunday morning times. Please call or email me (look above) or Marvin Orlovick for times and days for baking.

Sisterhood is a place for the young women and the mature women of our synagogue to find common interests and discover what we have to offer each other.

We are coming up on the busy months of *Shevat, Adar, and Nisan*, so check your calendars, make your plans and get active in your synagogue!

*Sharon Friedman,*  
K.I. Sisterhood President

## HEAT AND LIGHT FUND

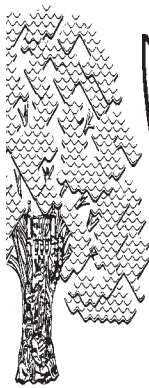


The season has arrived when requests are received from our congregants who are in need, as well as requests from other needy in the community, for funds to pay their heat and light bills for the cold winter months.

In the past you have all responded very generously to our appeals for the Heat and Light Fund of K.I., and we hope you will do so again. We actually have had requests both in the congregation and in the Jewish community for financial aid for utilities. Should we be lucky and not have those needs in the Jewish community this year, whatever funds are left over will be distributed to the K.C. Star Heat and Light Fund. Please make checks payable to K.I. Synagogue Heat and Light Fund and address the envelope directly to Rabbi Mandl.

*Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl*

# SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



HONORING THE FIFTH TERM  
OF ARNOLD CAVIAR  
AS PRESIDENT OF K.I.  
2009  
YOUR PROUD AND LOVING FAMILY

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

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December 23, 2008

Jenny Madlof

Kehilath Israel Synagogue

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Dear Jenny and the students at Keshet School,

On behalf of Jewish National Fund, I would like to thank you for your wonderful efforts in facilitating a "JNF Let Us Play" program to raise money for the children and families in Sderot.

Your gift will help build the JNF Sderot Indoor Playground. This all-inclusive Indoor Recreational Center will provide Sderot's youth with a place to have fun, connect with friends, enjoy stimulating classes, and be children. It is a place to feel strong and free, away from their daily worries about rockets. Parents will have the peace of mind knowing that their children are playing and learning in an environment that is safe and secure.

Thank you for all of your support.

Best Regards,  
Sonya Jacobs  
Campaign Executive  
Jewish National Fund



## SCOUT SHABBAT

The congregation is encouraged to attend Kehilath Israel's annual  
*Boy Scout Sabbath*

*Shabbat Yitro*, Saturday, February 14, 2009  
9:00 am – Noon

Kiddush to follow sponsored by the K.I. Men's Club and Cub Scout Pack 3153

Boy Scouting's Religious Awards will be presented during the service,  
Scouts will be participating in the service.

**SCOUTING SERVES THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**  
**K.I. MEN'S CLUB SERVES THE CONGREGATION**

## HEDY'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Enclosed within this issue of the *Focal Point* you have undoubtedly already glanced at our lineup of Adult Education classes for February and March. K.I. is fortunate to have top people in their field available to lead some of our exciting sessions. Aside from the interesting educational capabilities that Rabbis Mandl, Shron and Bauman provide, lay members of K.I. who have volunteered to lead our sessions, have also demonstrated their aptitude and capabilities very proficiently.

For instance earlier this year, **Dr. Alan Organ**, who we thank immensely, for sharing his expertise on nutrition at an eye opening power point presentation, enlightened us about our health, & physical well-being and taught us to eat healthy. We also must thank **Jerome Smith**, a patent attorney who is interested in Israel and their emergence as a world leader in the High Tech industry, for sharing his insights and knowledge about all that is new in Israel.

Upcoming guest speakers and topics include: **Dr. Michael Sokol** and guests, who will offer suggestions on achieving a "Honeymoon for Life," **Dr. Marilyn Metzl** will focus on "Can Love Last" on March 5 and 12, "Kosher -- To Be Or Not To Be," facilitated by **Steve Nearenberg** on February 25. Topics for future classes include: Challah making 101 and The Joys of *L'Chaim*.

Please continue looking through the *Focal Point* for other upcoming speakers. I've discovered that I learn something new and greatly enjoy every lecture and learning experience that I am privileged enough to attend. You will too.

Thank you to **Carol Caviar** for coordinating our fabulous installation brunch on Sunday, January 18. We all had such a good time preparing the delicious offerings. Thanks **Mary Stahl, Sharon Levin, Mary Covitz, Martha Fleitman, Natalie Cohen, Cheryl Silverman, Linda Silver and Gail Goldstein** for helping to create this lavish event and having the time of our lives doing it.

Also many thanks to **Steve Nearenberg** who has been so busy planning, cooking and executing the Friday night *Shabbat* dinner held on January 23. He's a great cook who puts much thought and effort into making things happen, and it shows. Thanks so much Steve. We all appreciate your talents. The outpouring of volunteers who helped put this dinner together was simply fantastic and included **Debbie Adamous, Dori Quinn, Arlene Abrams, Josh and Rachel Tucker, Cheryl Silverman, Zelma Saltzman, Gail Goldstein, Rita Wasserman, Marisa Siegel, Dan and Janet Schwimmer, Debra Martasin, Jordan Zeldin, Abbott and Madeline Zolotor, Phyllis and Maury Kohn, Cindy Singer, Rachel Quinn, Scott Macek, Marilyn Gallas, Shayna Towle, Aaron Towle, Michelle Noykhovich, Debbie Goodbinder, Carol and Arnie Caviar**, Liberty Fruit Company and so many others, that we will hopefully list later when we have the final tally. Also much appreciation goes to **Trent Daniels, Dan Kass, Ed Warren, Bruce Effron, Marty Gorin and Rav Chazzan Shron** for the lovely and inspirational *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service held prior to the dinner.

So many of you work tirelessly behind the scenes helping to make K.I. the most bustling and busy spot in the Kansas City Jewish Community and we thank you so much for your involvement. We hope to honor all our volunteers at a major event coming up soon. Details will follow.

Stay tuned for a busy season of happenings. Our calendars are full of activities to be enjoyed by everyone. Every age group is important to K.I. from the very young to our cherished senior members. In this age of computers and isolation, remember how good it feels to be part of a caring community. Not only do we value your important presence,

at each event, but we also need a giant cadre of volunteers to implement our activities.

We have such good times when we work together in teams. If you would kindly let me know which of the following events below you would be interested in volunteering for, we'll be sure to contact you and provide details.

We thank you in advance for your assistance. Please call me. I can be reached in many ways. My email is [hshron@hotmail.com](mailto:hshron@hotmail.com), during the day my phone number is 913.642.1880 ext. 209, and in the evening 913.649.6296. I don't at all mind receiving phone calls at home.

In addition to the list below, please grace us with your presence at Keshet K.I. events, Girl's Night Out February 10, *Mitzvah* Day March 1, Trivia Bowl March 7, Adult Education courses and others. Your attendance and physical support at all of K.I.'s events and activities would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming activities where your assistance is absolutely necessary:

**Wednesday, February 4** from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. - Compiling K.I.'s *Purim* Mailing.

**Sunday, March 1**, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *Mitzvah* Day

**Sunday, March 1**, 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Uncle Moishy Free Concert

**Sunday, March 8**, 10 a.m. - Assemble *Purim* gifts to the congregation.

**Monday, March 9**, at 7:30 p.m. - *Purim Megillah* Reading & Carnival. Volunteers needed to help the younger kids during the carnival part of the evening.

I look forward to experiencing so many events, *simchas* and happy times together. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Hedy Shron,  
Program Director

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pray for his success which would mean our success as well. As President Obama said in his New Hampshire primary speech many months ago, "We know the battle ahead will be long. But always remember that no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing will stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change. We have been warned against offering the people of America false hope. But in the unlikely story that is America, there has never been anything false about hope."

For when we have faced down impossible odds, when we have been told we are not ready or that we should not try or that we can't, generations of Americans have responded with the simple creed that sums up the spirit of the people - "yes we can, yes we can."

That same theme was sung by immigrants as they struck out from distant shores and pioneers who pushed westward against an unforgiving wilderness - yes we can.

Yes we can for opportunity and prosperity, yes we can heal this nation, yes we can repair this world, yes we can.

Those are the sentiments that I would like to share with all of you. Let's get behind this new president to work for and improve America and a safe Israel and let us all say "yes we can."

*Shabbat Shalom*  
Herbert J. Mandl, PhD  
Senior Rabbi

## Men's Club Paid Up Membership Dinner



All Men's Club members who have paid their dues are invited to attend our dinner on **Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Guests \$18.00 and children under 12 \$10.00. The sit-down dinner will also include entertainment.

The menu will be chicken quarters, salad, pasta, green beans, almonds, rice, rolls, chocolate raspberry cake, and coffee or tea.

### Future Events

March – Mitzvah Day; Purim Hamantaschen with Sisterhood

April – CPR Instructions; Blood Drive

May – Barbeque Sports Night

June – T-Bone

**RVSP: by February 11, 2009** to Marvin Orlovick 816.363.0336 or Andy Schwartz 913.642.2772

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to K.I. Men's Club, mail to Andy Schwartz, 10555 Foster Street, Overland Park, KS 66212.  
Payment must accompany reservations.

## KEHILATH ISRAEL GOES "GREEN" EXPERIENCE TU B'SHEVAT WITH ALL YOUR SENSES!

**Presented by Sisterhood and Kesher K.I.**

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**STONE LION PUPPET PRESENT: Rainforest Crunch**

**\*Fruits found in the Torah...find out how they relate to us!\***

**\*Composting\* \*Planting and Plant Care\***

**\*Krazy Krafters\* \*Sing-along\***

**Taste the "Seven Species"**

Pomegranate Punch, Fresh Mint Barley Salad, Olive Tapenade  
and a Grape, Fig, Almond Munch



*Bring the family, babysitting available with notice at no charge*

**Only \$1 per person or \$5 per family covers puppet show, refreshments and plantings**

**CALL SHARON FRIEDMAN, 491.0111 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**

# Sharing the Wisdom

**Ta Shma** - Sundays, February

1, 8, 15, 22 at 10 a.m.

## **What Were the Rabbis Thinking**

A Study of Rabbinic Texts

Shabbat Afternoons

February 7, 14, 21, 28

1/2 hour before Mincha

Facilitated by:

Rabbi David Bauman



Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7 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



Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

**PrayerWorks** An evening of Sharing Spirituality and Friendships

Facilitated by: Sharon Friedman



Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

## **Kosher - To Be Or Not To Be**

**Presented by: Steve Nearenberg**

Steve received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and History from the University of Kansas in 1986. He received his Law Degree from The University of Kansas in

1990. Steve is an attorney focusing on contracts and record labels for bands and is a master chef.



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.



Please Call K.I. at 913.642.1880 for additional information



## **Girl's Night Out**

**Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m.**

**Caleb's Lighthouse**

**"A Sea Of Beads"**

**Enjoy Jewelry Making**

**Appetizers and sangria cocktails  
and lasting friendships**

**\$2 Entrance Charge**

**Pay for your own creation**

**RSVP before Feb. 9**

**to Hedy Shron 913.642.1880 ext. 209 or**

**[hshron@hotmail.com](mailto:hshron@hotmail.com)**

**6421 W. 119th Street (behind Cheesecake  
Factory) 913.469.GEMS**

**[www.calebskc.com](http://www.calebskc.com)**

# Kehilath Israel Mitzvah Day

Are you ready for an absolutely rewarding morning strengthening your community?

**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 9:00 am**



Agencies include: Animal Haven Animal Shelter, Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, Harvesters, Marillac, Ronald McDonald House, Safehome & Village Shalom.

**Followed at 2:00 pm by an awesome afternoon of fun, food and  
entertainment starring...**

## **Cuncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men**

Uncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men are an internationally acclaimed Jewish  
music phenomenon in children's entertainment.



For more info call Kehilath Israel Synagogue at 913.642.1880

# **Masquerade Trivia - Bowl**

**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**At 7:30 p.m. at K.I.**

**Enjoy an evening of  
laughs, deli trays, friendships, music,  
& a chance to exercise your brain  
(but knowledge of trivia is not essential in attending)**

\$12 per person at the door  
\$10 advance reservations  
Mailed to K.I. 10501 Conser  
Checks made out to K.I.

Teams of 10 compete for points & prizes.  
Get your friends to join you or just come and  
we'll set you up with a team.

Please call:  
Hedy at 913.649.6296  
Tamara at 913.341.9399  
K.I. at 913.642.1880  
to make your reservation.

Don't forget to wear a  
costume  
(Purim is just 2 days later) & stock  
your pockets with odds & ends for  
additional points



# **Purim Fun at K.I. Monday March 9 at 7:30 p.m.**



**Megillah reading  
& Purim Story  
Followed by:  
Costume Parade  
Giant Carnival of  
Activities...**

**Enjoy:**

**Adrenaline Rush**

**Mini Golf**

**Electronic**

**Basketball**

**Rescue Heroes**

**Hamentaschen,**

**etc.**



**KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**  
"WELCOMING, HONORING & EMBRACING"

**MITZVAH DAY 2009**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009**  
**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

9:00 a.m. Morning Services followed by Registration,  
Breakfast, D'var Torah

10:00 a.m. Leave for Community Service Sites

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Perform Mitzvot at Sites

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Return to K.I. for a free lunch and Uncle  
Moishy Concert

**COMMUNITY SERVICE SITES**

- Animal Haven Animal Shelter
- Children's Center for the Visually Impaired
- Harvesters
- Marillac
- Ronald McDonald House
- Safehome
- Village Shalom

# MITZVAH DAY VOLUNTEER FORM

Please return this volunteer form as soon as possible to Stan Madlof, 12504 Slater Lane, Overland Park, KS 66213 or to K.I. Synagogue, 10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212 attention: Jenny Madlof. For more information, please contact Jenny or Stan at [stannmazel@kc.rr.com](mailto:stannmazel@kc.rr.com) or 913.766.1714.

## MITZVAH DAY CHOICES

First choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

We shall try as much as possible to grant you one of your choices

\_\_\_\_\_ I am able to drive to the site and can take \_\_\_\_\_ additional people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I require transportation to the site.

## WAIVER

**\*\* MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS \*\***

**Parents/ Guardians must sign for children under age 18**

I understand that I am spending the morning as a volunteer on projects organized by the Kehilath Israel Synagogue Mitzvah Day Committee with non-profit groups across Greater Kansas City. I understand that I am responsible for my behavior and will only perform volunteer work that I feel comfortable doing. I hereby release and agree to hold Kehilath Israel Synagogue harmless from any and all damages (including exposure to illness and disease), injuries, claims, and causes of action which may accrue to be asserted by me or any minor child of mine arising (directly or indirectly) out of my or any children's participation in Mitzvah Day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature for Waiver

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Date

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Date

## FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mitzvah Day Information - Sunday, March 1st, 2009**

Mitzvah Day is an occasion for members and friends of Kehilath Israel Synagogue to do the Mitzvah of providing a kindness to others.

9:00 a.m. - Morning Services in the Chapel, followed by check in / registration  
Receive your 2009 Mitzvah Day gift. Breakfast and D'Var Torah  
Participants will join their site chairperson(s) for introductions, an explanation of the morning's activity, and the carpool arrangements

10:00 a.m. - Depart for Mitzvah Day sites

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Perform Community Service

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Return to K.I. for free lunch and Uncle Moishy Concert

### **Chesed Committee (Chesed literally means "kindness")**

The Chesed Committee of Kehilath Israel Synagogue operates throughout the year. If you are unable to participate in Mitzvah Day 2009, but wish to support the Chesed Committee, please contact Mary Covitz (913.451.9123) or Jenny Madlof (913.766.1714) and learn about other ways you can "Do a Mitzvah" such as:

- Visiting our congregants in nursing homes, hospitals, or visiting those who are confined to their homes
- Making phone calls to our members at times of bereavement, following hospitalization, on wedding anniversaries, on birthdays, or after having babies
- Cooking and/or delivering meals for those sitting shiva
- Helping to organize an event or program that provides a mitzvah, including Mitzvah Day
- Making a donation to the Chesed Fund to help pay for meals and/or for emergencies.

The world exists on three things: on Torah study, on the service of G-d, and on acts of kindness. (Pirkay Avot - Ethics of our Fathers)

## MITZVAH DAY 2009 PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Animal Haven Animal Shelter**  
Provides shelter for stray animals. It operates with a progressive low-kill philosophy and they are determined to help as many pets as possible to find the loving home they deserve.  
9800 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66203 Ph: (913) 432-7548
- **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired**  
Prepares children with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, to function at their highest potential in the sighted world.  
3101 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 Ph: (816) 841-2284
- **Harvesters**  
Distributes products and provides nutrition services through a network of not-for-profit agencies.  
3801 Topping Ave, Kansas City, MO 64129 Ph: (816) 929-3000
- **Marillac**  
Provides comprehensive mental health services for children, adolescents and families; 24 hour nursing care.  
8000 W. 127 Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 Ph: (913) 681-5437
- **Ronald McDonald House**  
Provides lodging for ill children and their families during their hospital stay.  
2502 Cherry, Kansas City, MO 64108 Ph: (816) 842-8321
- **Safehome**  
Provides services for victims of domestic violence and their children in Johnson County and throughout the metro area.  
Address unpublished
- **Village Shalom**  
A senior living community sponsored by the Kansas City Jewish Community.  
5500 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66209 Ph: (913) 317-2600

**Sites may be added or eliminated.**

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*With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits*

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ISADORE GOODMAN  
GELLA POLLMAN  
ROSE MOSSEL ROSS  
BERNICE SCHIFMAN  
DAVID SIMON  
CHANA TEITELBAUM

### 8 SHEVAT-FEBRUARY 2

DORA K. BAKER  
BESSIE DEVOE  
ROSE HOUSE  
ISADORE W. KAUFMAN  
NOMA KELNE  
JOSEPH MANN  
HENRY TARABOULOS

### 9 SHEVAT-FEBRUARY 3

SIDNEY COHEN  
DOROTHY CUMONOW  
ESTHER DWORK  
MINNIE LAPIDES  
JOSEPH MILLER  
OLGA RODRIGUEZ-  
JIMENEZ  
MAX ROMER

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JOSEPH AMAR  
ABE H. BERNSTEIN  
BERTHA DREISESZUN  
ABE JACOBSON  
ROLAND KAHN  
GITTEL LEVIN  
JACK LOUIS  
ALICE SCHILD  
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JOSEPH AMPEL  
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ELKA FRANKLIN  
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MENDEL HOROWITZ  
ROSE LEVINE  
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BINA BELZYCKI  
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FLORENCE LEVIN  
ROSE MILINKOWSKY  
ABRAHAM OSADCHY  
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JOE SIMON

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## **LIBBIE & JACK SHER BOOK FUND**

### **Yahrzeit**

JOSEPH COHN

Martha & Sidney Cohn

MARY ABEND

Esther Abend

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### **HONOR**

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Doris & David Rubin

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### **HONOR**

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### **Yahrzeit**

BEN COSNER

Jerry & Barbara Cosner

ARTHUR KUSNETZKY

Benne, Barbara, Yalene Kusnetzky

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### **HONOR**

RABBI DAVID BAUMAN

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### **MEMORY**

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### **Yahrzeit**

SULE SWEET

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MAX CHAIKEN

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### **Yahrzeit**

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### **Yahrzeit**

DORA FOX

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## **HEAT & LIGHT FUND**

### **Yahrzeit**

ANNA WICENTOWSKY

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## **ESRIG - GOULD FUND**

### **Yahrzeit**

YESHIA - SHEVA MILLER

Harold Esrig

ALICE ESRIG

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### **SUPER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS HAVE POWER**

**SIGN UP NOW TO VOLUNTEER FOR SUPER SUNDAY!**

**TWO SHIFTS 9:30 – 11:45 am and 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

This year they are offering many different ways for you to get involved.

- \* Gather Prizes to Reward Volunteers
- \* Decorate the Social Hall
- \* Register Volunteers
- \* Train and Motivate the Volunteers
- \* Distribute Prizes to Volunteers
- \* Call Donors to Request Pledges
- \* Write Thank You Notes
- \* Earn Service Hours as a Teen Runner

On Super Sunday you can demonstrate the collective power of a caring community through your support of the Jewish Federation's annual Community Campaign. Food, family programming, childcare and camaraderie throughout the day at the Jewish Community Campus!

ONE MAJOR OPPORTUNITY to address our community's most critical needs in Kansas City, Israel and overseas. During the morning session from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., children birth to age five, accompanied by a parent, can participate in the Pre-Purim Ball, presented in partnership with the PJ Library and YPI, featuring music, singing and story time. For fifth through eighth graders and their families, BBYO's Teen Connection and Federation's Israeli shaliach Nir Gad and Learning for Life's Karen Gerson, are planning a social action afternoon (1:00 to 2:30) to help those in need in the Kansas City area. Contact Vicky Kulikov at 913.327.8112 or [vickyk@jewishkc.org](mailto:vickyk@jewishkc.org) to volunteer.

### **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.

**SHABBAT DINNER** For Interfaith Couples & Families

Facilitator: Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS - Location: Social Hall, Jewish Community Center - Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 pm., Friday, February 20

Price: \$10/adult; \$5/children over 3; children under 3 free

**PARENTS CIRCLE DROP-IN DISCUSSION**

Facilitator: Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS - Location: ASK Room, Jewish Community Center - Time/Dates: 10:00-11:30 am, Sunday, February 15

Free of charge; free childcare available

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** One Family, Dual Heritage—How Do We Honor Both?

Facilitator: Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS - Location: TBD - Time/Date: 3:30-5:00 pm, Sunday, March 1

Free of charge; free childcare available; refreshments will be served

### **THE MOTHERS CIRCLE**

The Mothers Circle provides free resources and learning for mothers of other backgrounds raising Jewish children.

Facilitator: Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS - Location: ASK Room, Jewish Community Center - Time/Dates: 7:00-9:00 pm, Wednesday, February 4 & 18, March 4, April 1 & 22, May 6

Free of charge; \$37 book fee; free childcare available

For information on these and other upcoming Genesis and Mothers Circle programs, contact Rabbi Linda Steigman, MSS, Interfaith Outreach Coordinator, at 913.754.2284, [lindas@jewishkc.org](mailto:lindas@jewishkc.org), or the JCC website: [www.jcckc.org](http://www.jcckc.org).

## **WARD OFF FEBRUARY CHILL WITH HOT STUDY TOPICS**

February brings some new and exciting learning opportunities to the Center. Join us for the first in a series of thought-provoking lectures presented by faculty members of the Jewish Studies Department at the University of Kansas. Register for a continuing legal education course based on Jewish law.

### **Dybbuks in Jewish Folklore**

Presenter: Renee Perelmutter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Slavic Languages and Literatures at KU - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at The Center.

In Jewish folklore, a dybbuk is a possessing spirit, usually a soul of a dead person, that wanders restlessly until it finds a living host. The belief in dybbuks was especially prominent in early modern Eastern Europe; the persons possessed were taken to a baal-shem, a Hasidic rabbi who alone could exorcise the dybbuk. This presentation will explore Jewish attitudes towards mental illness and the conflicting concepts of afterlife as they emerge through folk narratives of possession. Excerpts from Ansky's famous film, *The Dybbuk*, will be shown.

### **Jewish Law and Comparative Legal Perspectives**

Instructor: Prof. Colin Picker, Daniel L. Brenner/UMKC Scholar and Professor of Law - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, February 24-March 17 (4 sessions) at the Center - Fee: \$200 (Additional fee for CLE credit. Contact Jeff Goldenberg, 913.327.4647, about credit fees.)

Examine and compare Jewish law with various legal traditions throughout the world, both secular and religious. Missouri and Kansas CLE credits may be available. The course will be set at a level for participants who have completed or are currently involved in legal education.

### **AVILA UNIVERSITY, CONCEPTION ABBEY & THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BU- REAU/AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE present:**

On Sunday, March 1, 3:30pm at Kansas City's Union Station, JCRB/AJC, Avila University and Conception Abbey will present an Interfaith Dialogue examining the differences and commonalities between Christianity and Judaism. The program is in conjunction with Avila University's presentation of the exhibit, "A Blessing To One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People."

Two international figures in the world of Jewish Catholic Relations, both of whom knew Pope John Paul II personally, will lead the dialogue: Father Dennis McManus S.J., Visiting Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, and Rabbi James Rudin, currently the Senior Inter-religious Advisor to the American Jewish Committee.

JCRB/AJC, Avila University and Conception Abbey invite the community to join in this dialogue and be inspired by the life of Pope John Paul II. The program is open to the public at no charge.

### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES**

Jewish Family Services, through the Jewish Elder Transit (JET) Program, has been awarded funds by the Wilk Family Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation, to provide financial assistance for transportation to persons younger than 65 years of age, with a physical or mental disability.

A financial assessment form needs to be completed; each applicant's annual income will need to be at or below 150% of the federal poverty level to be accepted into the program. However, if the applicant currently receives a subsidy through Jewish Senior Network, or has been

approved for federally subsidized housing, this requirement is waived. If accepted, each person will be given 12 roundtrip or 24 one way taxi rides, free of charge.

The furthest destination one can travel cannot exceed 20 miles (roundtrip) from the point of pick up, unless the ride is for a medical appointment. For further information about the JET Financial Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities, or to obtain enrollment forms, please contact Dawn Herbet at 913.327.8239 or [dherbet@jfskc.org](mailto:dherbet@jfskc.org).

### **JET EXPRESS** ride program needs volunteers

Day time volunteers are being sought for JFS' JET Express volunteer driver program that provides door-to-door transportation for older adults, age 65 and up. The cost to use the service will be \$2.50 for each leg of the trip. Volunteers are needed to provide rides. Volunteer drivers must be at least 21 years of age, hold a valid driver's license, have current auto insurance coverage and the ability to use their own vehicle. Volunteer drivers will be reimbursed for mileage at a rate of \$.33 per mile. Two training sessions are set; Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 22 at 9:30 a.m. Those interested in volunteering as drivers should contact Adrienne Kizer at 913.327.8257 or [akizer@jfskc.org](mailto:akizer@jfskc.org). Riders interested in accessing the service should contact Sondra Atherly at JFS, 913.981.8877.

### **SING A SONG WITH JFS**

Raise your voice in song! Raise your voice for our community! Raise your voice for JFS! Join Jewish Family Services and representatives from many of our local congregations for a fun, family friendly music competition. Congregational representatives (Rabbi, Cantor, Music Director, etc.), will be forming their own intergenerational community choirs to perform and compete at the JFS event, "Boogie to Broadway," on Sunday, June 14 in the Lewis and Shirley White Theatre at the Campus. Open auditions will take place on Sunday, February 8 from 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. Auditions will be judged by the choir directors. If you are eight to 80-plus years old and love to sing, we want you to become a member of one of these community choirs! (Those 17 and under must have a signed parental permission form provided by JFS.) For more information, please contact Adrienne Kizer at 913.327.8257.

### **CARE GIVERS, GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED**

JFS currently offers three support groups open to anyone in the community free of charge.

· Every other Monday evening, JFS offers a Care Givers' Support Group from 6-7:30 p.m. The group is facilitated by Laura Breitberg, JFS therapist and a care giver herself. Contact Laura at 913.327.8254 for more information.

· Every other Tuesday evening, JFS offers a Grief Support Group from 6-7:30 p.m. This group will be by Mike Straw, a JFS therapist. For details, contact Randall Staton, director of clinical services, at 816.333.1172.

· Every other Wednesday evening the Divorce Recovery Group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. This group is open to anyone who may be divorced or is going through a divorce. The group is facilitated by Dr. Warren Bull; for more information call him at 816.333.1172.

All three groups meet at JFS' Missouri office located at 8080 Ward Parkway, Suite 350, Kansas City, Missouri. Please call JFS' Missouri office to RSVP your attendance at 816.333.1172.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

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

**SANFORD MALLIN**

*(Brother of Gloria Mallin Planzer)*

**MALKA ZHITOMIRSKAYA**

**SOL CHERNICOFF**

**BORIS SHOYKHET**

*(Husband of Ida Shoykhet)*

## **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  
MARCH FOCAL POINT  
IS FEBRUARY 5.  
YOU MAY E-MAIL YOUR  
ARTICLES TO  
[ashanberg@kisyn.org](mailto:ashanberg@kisyn.org)  
THANK YOU**

# February 2009 7 Shevat 5769 - 4 Adar 5769

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Keshet K.L. Family Program - 10:00 a.m. Sisterhood Tu B'Shevat Program - 10:00 a.m.	Tu B'Shevat Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 p.m. PrayerWorks-7:00 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Breakfast Club Kollel Class - 7:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.	Yisro Shabbos Ends: 6:27 Scout Shabbat Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 4:35 p.m.	Yisro Shabbos Ends: 6:27 Scout Shabbat Rabbi Bauman's Study Class - 4:35 p.m.
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Sunday Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Monday-Friday Shacharit	7:00 A.M.
Sunday-Thursday Mincha and Maariv	
Week of February 1	5:35 P.M.
Week of February 8	5:40 P.M.
Week of February 15	5:50 P.M.
Week of February 22	5:55 P.M.

**ROSH CHODESH ADAR**  
Tuesday, February 24  
Wednesday, February 25

# "Baby You Can Spin My Dreidel!" Chanukah Party



*Jeff Martasin, Michael Abrams and  
Debra Martasin*



*Rachel Quinn and Marisa Siegel*



*Mitch Gold and Doug Zolotor*



*Allison Caviar, Tony Jacobson*



*Lynda and Allen Youngblade*



*Zac Haith, Anna Kricsfeld, David Kricsfeld*