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From the Rabbi's Study...



First I would like to begin by wishing Arnie Caviar a mazal tov on his upcoming unprecedented fifth term as president of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. Most of his officers are returning with him. They are a good working team and will continue to help “grow” the synagogue.

Now to turn to some American politics. With the upcoming inauguration our President-elect Obama, we will now hopefully see a liberalizing in a number of areas in social/human rights. Stem cell research is so vital to the potential healing of various diseases and very much in keeping with Jewish law. Stem cell research will once again be permitted in Federal facilities as he has promised to immediately reverse President George W. Bush’s executive order which prohibited stem cell research for years. Also, certain types of abortion and other women’s rights will once again be permitted by Executive Order in the armed forces and various other Federal facilities which have forbidden the same due to President Bush’s wishes. The Jewish faith, though not wildly pro-abortion, still respects the right of a woman to her body and believes even in the more traditional setting in women’s rights in the area of abortion.

We wish President-elect Obama G-d’s speed and hope that the radical change that we see ahead will be for the good of our country and the good of the Jewish people as well. I have not felt the dynamism around the country and the hopeful outlook that I now hear expressed frankly since President Kennedy was inaugurated when I was a teenager back in January of 1961. May President-elect Obama’s Administration launch a new Camelot for the good of America and the good of the Jewish people.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl, PhD
Senior Rabbi

From the President...



ENDOWMENT BOOK of LIFE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Before you read what my wife, Carol and I put together on our beliefs and what we’ve learned from experiences of giving back, I would like to take this small opportunity to introduce you to the Jewish Community Foundation if you aren’t already aware of it.

The Jewish Community Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009. Since 1959 the Foundation has worked with individuals and families to realize philanthropic dreams and with organizations to develop and invest resources for their long-term financial security. With its technical expertise and knowledge of the community, the Foundation staff is able to guide donors as they consider the best way to support the charities that are most important to them. The Foundation accepts gifts of cash, marketable securities, life insurance and IRA distributions. They are also qualified to issue Charitable Gift Annuities and to serve as Trustee of a Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Lead Trust. They are available to meet with you and your professional and/or financial advisor to help structure the charitable giving portion of your estate plan. Although, the minimum gift requirement for a named fund is \$10,000, gifts of any size are accepted and appreciated.

This year, Carol and I were honored to be included in the Book of Life ceremony, honoring us into perpetuity by the Jewish Community Foundation. We became honorees along with several others. We attended a fairly large meeting of trustees and officers who support this organization. It’s ironic how many *Kehilath Israel* congregants give of their time and talents to this Foundation. It’s outstanding how many K.I. congregants give financially to this Foundation.

The welcoming remarks were made by Mike Schultz and the Dvar Torah given by **Seymour Krinsky**. The foundation then presented their “Friend of the Foundation” award to Seymour, much to his surprise. **Seymour Krinsky** was honored for his over 20 years of support through his stock-broker/financial advisor career. He directed many clients who were thinking of their own legacy to the Jewish Community Foundation.

This event was also a meeting. The executive director’s report and business meeting were so well organized. It was run in such a manner you didn’t have time to let your mind wander.

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ICHA D'AMREI- SOME SAY!

Dear Congregational Family,



For some reason the other day I remembered a question that was posed to me during my interview for Rabbinical School, some years ago. If my memory serves me correctly the question was, “Mr. Bauman, what type of Jew are you?” The questioner was attempting to clarify for himself and perhaps the committee as to which “movement” of Judaism I most identify, whether it is Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox. My response was, and remains today, to simply be “the Jewish type.” My thinking

was, and in many regards still is, shaped not on where someone obtained their education but rather on the quality of the person and the individual’s behavior. Unlike Germany in the 19th century, where Jews were looking to be integrated into the larger society and were struggling on the best approach to take, today the glass ceiling seems no longer to be in tack. Since the advent of formal movements of Judaism in the 19th century (Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox) the world has continued to change at rapid speed. Not only has the world at large changed so much but the Jewish world in particular also looks different. In fact there are those who are currently writing that we are seeing a post-denominational era emerge in the Jewish community. Perhaps what we are really experiencing is not a new era but rather a throwback to a prior time. The Festival of Lights, *Chanukah*, through its legal practice offers us insight into this phenomenon.

The *Shulkan Aruch*, the Code of Jewish Law, written by Rabbi Joseph Karo (Sefat, Israel) codifies how one should kindle the *Chanukah* lamp. “How many lamps (candles) does one light on the first night of the festival? Light one and from that night on add an additional candle each night until the last night where there will be eight lamps (candles) lit. This is true even if there are many people in the house do not light more.” Rabbi Moses Issreles (Krakow, Poland) in his gloss to Rabbi Karo’s law explains “There are those that say that everyone in the house needs to light (his or her own *Chanukiah*) and this is the simple practice.” While formal movements did not appear until the 19th century in Germany the notion that there were Jews behaving differently because they lived in a different part of the world is as old as time itself.

A close read of the *Shulkan Aruch* will indicate that at least dating back to the 16th century Jews would cross cultural/ geographical lines and adopt a practice (a custom or *halakhah*) from a different community. Take our case of lighting the *Chanukiah* for example; on its surface the *Sephardic* Rabbi Karo rules that “even if there are many people in the house do not light more,” meaning that for each household only one *Chanukiah/ Menorah* is to be used. On the other hand, Rabbi Issreles believes that each person in the house should light their own *Chanukiah*. If we delve one more layer into our topic we will notice that the *Ashkenazi* practice is in reality the practice of Rambam (Maimonides, a *Sephardi* Jew from Spain and Egypt) and the *Sephardic* practice is actually the opinion of Rashi’s grandchildren the Tosefot (a commentary on the Talmud from France and *Ashkenaz*, Germany)!!! In short, this particular practice demonstrates that not often but every once in a while Jews are willing to “cross party lines” because the thinking from the other camp simply makes more sense. What a statement of Jewish pluralism!

In contemporary Jewish society we hear people using language that Orthodox Jews are more religious than Reform or Conservative Jews. I disagree with this point and offer an example for our thinking: with regards to synagogue requirements for *Bar/ Bat Mitzvah* in most Orthodox institutions the child does not have to fulfill a prerequisite of certain number of years of religious education in order to celebrate a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. On the other hand, in the more liberal movements of Judaism often you will find requirements that may include 5 years of Hebrew School or day school education in order for one to ritually celebrate their becoming a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* in the main sanctuary of the synagogue. Who is more religious I ask?! The Festival of Lights, *Chanukah*, offers us an opportunity to reconsider our opinions of other Jews. Pluralism is more than a mere tolerance of others, rather it is an approach that encourages us to strive and understand the values and thinking of other Jews. Our relationship with our Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform brothers and sisters is not a hierarchal one but rather a horizontal one in which we appreciate the similarities and relish the differences. As we continue to observe the Festival of *Chanukah* may we enrich our Jewish lives by learning from other Jews.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2	
Candlelighting*	4:50 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH	
Mincha	4:35 P.M.
Havdalah	5:46 P.M.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9	
Candlelighting*	4:57 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:05 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	4:40 P.M.
Havdalah	5:51 P.M.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16	
Candlelighting*	5:03 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:10 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	4:45 P.M.
Havdalah	5:58 P.M.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23	
Candlelighting*	5:12 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:20 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24	
BLESSING OF THE NEW MOON	
SHEVAT	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	4:55 P.M.
Havdalah	6:05 P.M.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30	
Candlelighting*	5:20 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:25 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	4:55 P.M.
Havdalah	6:12 P.M.
*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES	

FAST OF TEVET

The Fast of the 10th of Tevet, commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. which led to the destruction of the Temple, will occur this year on Tuesday, January 6. The fast begins at 6:15 a.m. and ends at 5:47 p.m.



CANTOR'S CORNER



As I write this column, I am sitting at my daughter Carla's house in Modiin (yes there are two i's), Israel, where she lives with her husband Elie and her three children Akiva, Nate & newborn Gabriella. The reason why this is noteworthy is, first of all, until now, I have never been in Israel for any Jewish holiday, and as of this writing, we will be celebrating *Chanukah* in two weeks. Second,

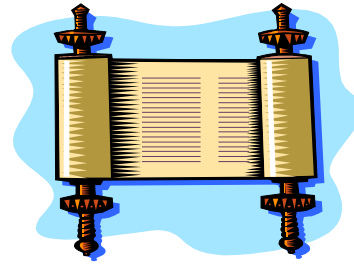
Modiin is the biblical city where the Maccabee family lived, and third, there is absolutely no indication that the holiday of Christmas exists (although the holiday lighting in Kansas is pretty.) However, in Israel, *Chanukah* is very similar to Christmas in the fact that most cities and homes do display outdoor lights, after all, *Chanukah* is the holiday of lights, municipalities erect giant *Chanukah* menorahs, many businesses and shuls have family *Chanukah* parties, schools have their winter vacations and families get together to light their *chanukiot* and celebrate the holiday singing *chanukah* songs while eating their *sufganiot* (jelly donuts) and *levivot* (potato latkes). When it comes to giving presents, only the American Israelis give presents to their children, while the native Israelis, who never have had the Christian influences, generally do not give presents.

As I have stated in the past, there is no better place on earth for a Jewish person to live than in Israel. With all their craziness, politics, red tape, 6-7 dollar a gallon gas prices, severe weather and security issues, being in Israel just feels right. At supermarkets one never has to look for kosher symbols on products because the entire supermarket is kosher. If you want to dine out, you have to look really hard to find a non-kosher restaurant. On Shabbat and major festivals, schools and businesses are closed. Most Israeli citizens can read and understand Hebrew and their national anthem is a song about the hope for freedom and peace and not about fighting and battles. And although in the U.S. we might have bigger houses and nicer cars, we will always be strangers living in a strange land.

Any Jewish person who has not visited Israel is missing out on the experience of a lifetime, and even if you have visited Israel you need to visit again in order to revitalize your Jewish soul. There are so many programs and tours for all ages, and whether young or old, being in Israel awakens the spirit, elevates you to a higher level of spirituality and makes you proud of your heritage. Let's not say **next** year in Jerusalem, but say **this** year in Yerushalayim!

Rav Hazzan Jeffrey A. Shron

KASHRUT ALERT
Effective December 15,
2008, items produced by
the NEW YORK BAKERY
are no longer under the
supervision of the Vaad
Hakashruth of Kansas City.



BAR/BAT MITZVAH CANDIDATES

The following young people will celebrate their *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* in future years:

Those reserving dates in 2009 are:

Jacob Margolies - March 14
Samuel Kulikov - June 20
Sara Gasser - October 24 (Mincha)
Joel Gutovitz - October 31
Yaniv Gershom - November 7

Do you see your name? If it should be there and is not, please contact Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, ASAP to schedule your *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*.



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CONGREGANTS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Larry Arlan, Leah Heiligman, Andre Kulikov, Moysey Kapustin, Renee Kuluva, David Sapperstein, Carol Caviar, Edward Chaiken, Jerry Rosmarine, Felicia Weiner, Sonia Singer, Myra Nearenberg, Barney Bobrow, Susan Katz, Khona Rozenfeld, Nathan Saltzman, Alvin Garon, Alan Goldberg, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Moshe Sharfi, Elliot Kaplan, Aaron Schifman, Debbie Mandl, Rose Taraboulos, Gustava Alport, Marian Kaplan, Arlyn Kuluva, William Nowack, Susan Osman, Etta Brenner, Marsha Krinsky, Kitty Novicoff, Adeline Trempy, Jerri Arlan, Edith Lea Ommerman, David Fred Press, Jeffrey Rudd, Toby Levine, Sylvester Sher, Malka Zhitomirskaya, Roberta Rosmarine, Dorothy Bell, Brenda Fishman, Marian Shear, Judith Esrig, Seth Gortenburg, Netta Krashin, Allan Bell, Michael Gortenburg, Ellen Portnoy, Idie Parnet, Jacob Schulzinger, Stanford Zeldin, Beverly Burk, Ronald Kogan, Doris Chopp, Henry Hirsekorn, Nancy Kohn, Felis Gladstone, Sheldon Singer, Ann Epstein, Nancy Cline, Elinore Kutler, Anna Mondschein, Frieda Pollman.

JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay Jerwick, Laura Martasin, Renton Smartt, Benjamin Mandl, Paulina Siegel, Jessica Glueck, Jordyn Stone, Spencer Schanzer, Michael Jerwick, Robert Garon, Aaron Towle, Jaden Jacobson, Samuel Mandl, Rayna Daniels, Jeffrey Kaplan.

תודה רבה

...To our very capable, gracious and willing "regulars" who make the time to assist office staff whenever needed. We thank **Estelle Dalen** and our mailing team who remains second to none, **Lilian and Norbert Lipschuetz**, and **Eunice Snitz**.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Flo Rosenblatt, Allan Bell, Herman Schifman, Marlene Krakow, Benne Kusnetzky, Nancy Cline, Sandra Gasser** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

מזל טוב

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard and Charlene Rosenberg on the marriage of their son, Yaakov Rosenberg to Avital Kelin, daughter of Alan and Jackie Kelin, all of Edison, New Jersey.

...to **Myer Litwack** on the marriage of his grandson, Nesaniel Reisman of New York to Elky Kamlins, of St. Louis; and the birth of a great-grandson, David Zvi Klein to Rachuma and Joshua Klein of New York.

...**Betsy and Bruce Efron** on the birth of a grandson, Noah Efron Barnes to Erica and Matt Barnes. Also to the great-grandparents, **Bea and Jerry Efron**.

...to **Chaia and Aron Mandl** on the birth of a son, Frank Ephraim Mandl. Also to the grandparents, **Barbara and Rabbi Herbert Mandl**.

...to **Shari Sokol** on receiving her PhD from the University of Kansas.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JANUARY 18, 2009

The election of Officers and Board of Directors will be held at the annual congregational meeting and installation on **Sunday morning, January 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** at the synagogue. Please join us for this meeting which will include brunch. The nominating committee is presenting the following slate of nominations for the coming fiscal year. The list is being published pursuant to Article 3, Section 5 of the Kehilath Israel Synagogue Constitution and Bylaws which states:

“It shall be the duty of the secretary to publish the nominating committee slate and circularize same to the general membership at least thirty days prior to the election meeting. Additional nominations for any office or directorship may be made in writing, submitted with the signatures of at least five members in good standing, certifying that the nominees have agreed to accept the office if elected. Such nominations must be presented to the secretary not less than seven full days before the election meeting, so the secretary can notify the membership of such additional nominations. No nominations from the floor shall be made or accepted.”

The Nominating Committee for 2009 Board of Directors and Officers is composed of the following members: Sheldon Singer, Chairman; Arnold Caviar, Craig Caplan, Steven Nearenberg, Sheldon Snitz, Abbott Zolotor, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, ex-officio; Elizabeth Peden, Executive Director; and Bob Gast, Director of Development.

Officers for 2009

Arnold Caviar, President
Craig Caplan, Vice President
Martin Gorin, Vice President
Ronald Kogan, Vice President
Dr. Michael Sokol, Vice President
Steven Nearenberg, Secretary
Steve Osman, Treasurer
Sheldon Singer, Chairman of the Board

Board of Directors 2009: Michael Abrams, Joseph Adamous, Paul Blackman, Craig Caplan, Arnold Caviar, Carol Caviar, Doris Chopp, Stephen Cline, Dr. Donald Cohen, Natalie Cohen, Mary Covitz, Trent Daniels, Maria Devinki, *Sam Devinki, Irene Dreiseszun, Stewart Farbman, *Isak Federman, Scott Fishman, Martha Fleitman, *Geoffrey Friedman, Sharon Friedman, *Richard Glass, *Elliott Goldstein, Martin Gorin, Rosemary Gorin, *Sam Gould, Susan Gutovitz, Larry Haith, Randi Haith, Michael Heiligman, Howard Jacobson, Ronald Kogan, Joseph Krashin, Seymour Krinsky, *Nathan Kubel, *Peter Levi, *Howard Levitan, Morty Lewkowsky, *Thomas Magariel, *Mel Mallin, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Steven Nearenberg, Marvin Orlovick, Adam Rich, Bonnie Schanzer, William Schifman, Debby Schlozman, Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, Marisa Siegel, Matthew Siegel, Linda Silver, Larry Silverman, Cindy Singer, Max Singer, *Sheldon Singer, Sheldon Snitz, Dr. Michael Sokol, Barbara Steinberg, *Joyce Zeldin, *Stan Zeldin, Abbott Zolotor.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheldon Singer,
Chairman of the Board

From the Sisterhood

Welcome to the year 2009

For those who attended the 'Miracle of Chanukah,' I hope you had a great time! Thank you, **Marvin Orlovick** and Men's Club for helping make the event the wonderful event it was. I also want to thank the committee members and all the volunteers that worked so hard to help make the event run smoothly.

January is a quiet month. No holidays or big events, but February brings *Tu B'Shevat*. Last year we had a great program planned, but the weather did not cooperate. I am trying again this year, expanding the program by working with Keshet K.I. on February 8. It should be a wonderful fun morning of learning, eating and entertainment. Please look for more information somewhere in this Focal Point.

I also want to send out an early request for *HAMENTASHEN* makers. We are back in the kitchen. Men's Club and K.I. Sisterhood are teaming up to make the *hamentashen* for the *Mishloach Manot* and the *Megillah* reading. Don't be shy. Contact me or I will be contacting you. I would like to have every generation in that kitchen rolling the dough!

I look forward to having FUN with everyone in 2009!

*Sharon Friedman,
K.I. Sisterhood President*

MEN'S CLUB

This begins the second year of my Administration and I must say it has been very interesting. I don't believe I could have made it without the help of the Board. We ended the year with the *Chanukah* party that we chaired with the Sisterhood. I must tell you that those of you who did not participate really missed out. Members of the Men's Club came out and helped make it a success. I want to thank **Abbott Zolotor, Sheldon Snitz, Kevin Skea, Jacob Schulzinger, Marty Gorin, Andy Schwartz, Greg Quinn** and honorary members **Toby Orlovick** and **Eunice Snitz** for all the help they gave.

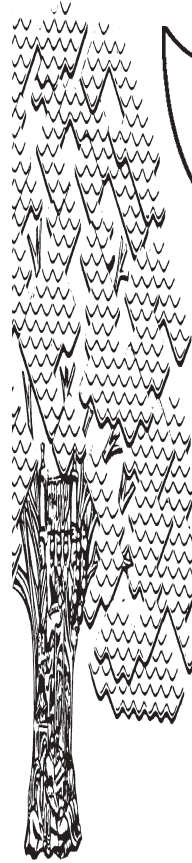
We have a pancake breakfast scheduled for January with an interesting speaker and of course our paid up dinner for our paid up members. No cost for members. A small cost for family and friends. This will be held in February.

I just want to close with a thought. It was so nice to see so many young families with their children. I really enjoyed talking to the kids.

Dues statement are out, please respond at your earliest convenience.

*Marvin Orlovick,
President*

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



HONORING
IDA & CRAIG KOLKIN
ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY
11-19-2008
WITH LOVE & BEST WISHES
MOM, MARIA DEVINKI

TO ELLE KOLKIN
ALL MY LOVE & BEST WISHES
FOR ALL OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS
GRANDMA, MARIA
11-22-08

TO THE DEVINKI FAMILY
WITH APPRECIATION & BEST WISHES
CHANUKAH 5769
FROM THE EMPLOYEES
OF DEVINKI REAL ESTATE



Box Tops for Education

As we begin a new year, please don't forget to send in your Box Tops coupons c/o K.I. Keshet Religious School. Box Tops for Education is a fundraiser for the religious school and cash may be redeemed by clipping the coupons or by shopping online through the Marketplace.

Participating products include General Mills, Kleenex, Cottonelle, Huggies, Ziploc, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, and Hefty Brands among others. For a full product listing, please visit their website at boxtops4education.com and to sign up as a school supporter.

Thank you for your support of the Box Tops for Education fundraiser.

*Debra Martasin
Box Tops for Education Coordinator*

The Book of Life ceremony was led by Lauren Hoopes and Diane Azorsky. The closing remarks made by **Ro Jacobson** and **Joyce Zeldin** were brief but so meaningful.

I want to share Carol and my statement in the Book of Life:

ARNOLD AND CAROL CAVIAR

At its core, our story is based on the “anything-but-simple journey” of learning from wonderful role models and experiencing life’s challenges, setbacks and successes. Our lives include a pathway of shared Jewish values and principles.

It is a story of making a difference.

The events of our younger years - Arnie in Kansas City and Carol in Memphis – inspired a passion to help others. And along the way we discovered countless opportunities and amazing people to fulfill that passion.

We have been very fortunate throughout our lives - experiencing *mazal* and *bracha* - good fortune and blessings.

We believe that the spiritual significance of *Tzedakah* – generosity - and *Chesed* - loving kindness - involves actions and commitments beyond financial gifts. It also means donating one’s time, talent and energy to those in need.

We know that when we give to others a splendid transformation takes place. The recipients are elevated beyond whatever we can provide, and our joy of “doing the right thing” is without limits.

When we can make a difference, we “make it happen.” This includes our support of private individuals as well as *Kehilath Israel Synagogue*, Jewish Federation, *Amit*, Little Sisters of the Poor, Children’s Mercy Hospital, and others.

Two compelling truths have emerged from our shared life’s journey:

An Understanding Heart

We believe strongly and without hesitation in reaching out to others and allowing others to reach out to us; in responding with empathy and love to those in need; and in praying for strength, courage and comfort from a loving, healing G-d.

Making a Difference

Only through **our actions by helping others** can we be like the honey associated with *Rosh Hashanah*, with its newness, freshness and sweetness.

And what is life’s purpose all about?

Thinking big, chasing dreams, working hard, overcoming obstacles and most importantly – **Giving Back** - and being a blessing to others!

Why do we share this with you? We hope you will put in the back of your mind to give back, whether now or in the future. The Jewish Community Foundation is a great place to share.

Arnold Caviar,
President

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CHOIRS

Do you love to sing? JFS wants YOU!

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, including *Kehilath Israel Synagogue* for a fun, family friendly music competition. Congregational representatives (Rabbi, Cantor, Music Director, etc.), including **K.I.’s own Cantor Jeffrey Shron** 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, 2009 from 4 p.m. to 9 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.)

Details:

- Please sign up to audition during one of the half hour blocks between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. by calling Adrienne Kizer at 913.327.8257.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early in order to fill out some paperwork.
- Be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song of your choice. You may sing a cappella or bring legible piano-vocal sheet music in the correct key. An accompanist will be provided.
- All who audition must be able to commit to 5 – 10 hours of practice between March and June, and must be available the entire day of June 14 (the date of the community event).

For more information, please contact Adrienne at 913.327.8257.

**Sharing the Wisdom in January - Open and Free at K.I.
Support K.I.'s Adult Ed. Programs**

Thursday
January 8th & 15th
at 7:00 p.m.



**Judaism Lost...
The Survivor's Series**

on
Death, Mourning & Life

Taught by:
Rav Chazzan Shron

Shabbat Afternoons
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

1/2 hour
Before Mincha



**WHAT WERE THE RABBIS
THINKING..
A Study of Rabbinic Texts**

TAUGHT BY:
RABBI DAVID BAUMAN

Wednesday, January 28 - at 7 p.m.

**Dr. Michael Sokol Presents:
"Honeymoon For Life"**

Dr. Michael Sokol is a Board Certified
Endocrinologist, Internist & Psychiatrist
with the Statland Clinic.

He serves as chairman of Medical
Education at Menorah Hospital as well as
V.P. of Education at K.I. Most recently
he was chosen as a Top Physician in
Kansas City.

Co sponsored by Hadassah and
K.I. Sisterhood



Mondays, January 5, 12, 19, 26
at 7:00 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, January 12
at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER WORKS

An evening of sharing,
spirituality and friendships

Facilitated By:
Sharon Friedman



Book Club News

Line Up For Books & Dates:



January 20 **Three Cups of Tea** - Hosted by **Janelle Flacks**

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



We're dressing up for:

Details to follow



MASQUERADE - TRIVIA BOWL
SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 7

Start thinking about your costumes for Purim

Wear your costume twice

on Saturday, March 7

& again on

Monday, March 9 - for Purim

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



Presented by Sisterhood and Kesher K.I. Religious School
Sunday, February 8th
10-12 A.M.

STONE LION PUPPETS PRESENT:
Rainforest Crunch

******Information and fun for all ages******

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

Composting

Planting and Plant Care

Krazy Krafters

Then we'll all participate in planting & take our project home
to begin our spring gardening!

Taste the "Seven Species"

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



Bring the family; babysitting available at no charge

Only \$1 per person or \$5 per family covers refreshments and plantings

CALL SHARON FRIEDMAN, 913.491-0111, TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Calling all K.I. Kids

Age 5 and up

COME & CREATE AN HEIRLOOM

Help make one group original painting

For display at K.I.

Take one personal creation home

Sunday, January 25

from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ARTICHOKES

10557 Mission Road (Mission Farms)



Reserve your canvas
by January 16
Contact Jenny Madlof
913.766.1714 or
jenny@kisyn.org

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R.S.V.P. by Monday, January 19th to
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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
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Kehilath Israel Mitzvah Day

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

Sunday March 1st 2009



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

Followed by an awesome afternoon of fun, food and entertainment starring...

Uncle Moishy **and the Mitzvah Men**

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

For more info call Kehilath Israel Synagogue at 913.642.1880

J.N.F. LET US PLAY PROJECT

The Kesher K.I. Religious School students participated last month in the J.N.F. "Let Us Play" Day. The pupils first watched a JNF Video showing the unfortunate circumstances of the children of Sderot in Israel who could not play outside freely due to the continual rocket attacks in the area. They learned about the JNF Project of building a beautiful indoor playground there. Teachers Barbara Mandl and Jenny Madlof then explained the "Let Us Play" Project where the children should obtain sponsors for this day of play the following week.

The day then arrived for the children to participate in this project. They returned to class excited to share how much they had collected and to play games for one half hour of class. Some of them had even gone from door to door to their Jewish neighbors (first checking whether the houses had mezuzzot!!) requesting sponsorship for this great cause.

The pupils went home proudly wearing the badges that they were given by J.N.F. Both classes together collected a total of \$370 which will be forwarded to JNF Israel towards the building of the indoor playground in Sderot. We are planning additional fundraising projects to assist in the building of the playground.



CHANUKAH SECRETS PROGRAM

Over 50 K.I. congregants, including parents and grandparents, were actively engaged in a morning of interesting Jewish learning blended with fun projects.



THE MAGIC OF CHANUKAH



HOUSE PARTIES

The month of November and December were quite busy with house parties being held at the homes of Joyce and Dr. Harold Koch and Rochelle and Edward Kanter.



KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
"WELCOMING, HONORING & EMBRACING"

MITZVAH DAY 2009

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 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. - 3:00 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 stanmazel@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

Date

Name (please print)

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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, 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. - 3:00 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. 67th 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. 123rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66209 Ph: (913) 317-2600

Sites may be added or eliminated.

January 2009 5 Teves 5769 - 6 Shevat 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>8 TEVES</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 TEVES</p> <p>Fast of the Tenth of Teves Keshet K.L. Grades 3 - 7 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 TEVES</p> <p>Breakfast Club</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5 TEVES</p> <p>New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 TEVES</p> <p>4:50</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 TEVES</p> <p>Vaygash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:46 Chat Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Bauman's Study Class</p>
<p>11</p> <p>15 TEVES</p> <p>Rabbi Bauman's Class - 9-45 a.m. Keshet K.L. Family Program - 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Brunch 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>16 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Classes - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Works - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>17 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades 3 - 7 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>18 TEVES</p> <p>Breakfast Club</p>	<p>15</p> <p>19 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m. Adult Education w/Rabbi Shron - 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>20 TEVES</p> <p>5:03</p>	<p>17</p> <p>21 TEVES</p> <p>Shmos Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 Shabbos Ends: 5:38 Rabbi Bauman's Study Class</p>
<p>18</p> <p>22 TEVES</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting and Installation of Officers Board followed by Brunch</p>	<p>19</p> <p>23 TEVES</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 p.m. No Religious School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>24 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades 3 - 7 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>25 TEVES</p> <p>Breakfast Club</p>	<p>22</p> <p>26 TEVES</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m. Adult Education - Judaisim-Lost? The Survivor Series w/Rabbi Shron 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>27 TEVES</p> <p>5:12 Friday Night Service Dinner - 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>28 TEVES</p> <p>Vaycira Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Shabbos Ends: 6:05 Rabbi Bauman's Study Class</p>
<p>25</p> <p>29 TEVES</p> <p>Rabbi Bauman's Class - 9-45 a.m. Keshet K.L. Family Program - 10:00 a.m. Middle School Programs-Limo Ride-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1 SHEVAT</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Shevat Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2 SHEVAT</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades 3 - 7 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3 SHEVAT</p> <p>Breakfast Club Adult Education - Honeymoon for Life: How to Achieve It - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4 SHEVAT</p> <p>Keshet K.L. Grades K-2 - 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-7 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5 SHEVAT</p> <p>5:20</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6 SHEVAT</p> <p>HBo Jeremiah 46:13-28 Shabbos Ends: 6:12 Rabbi Bauman's Study Class</p>



ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS



5 TEVET-JANUARY 1

HELEN COHEN
REBECCA COHEN
ROSE GREENBERG
JACK KANDLIS
JOE LEVINE
JOE TKATCH
PETER TRANIN
RUTH TURNER ZITRON

6 TEVET-JANUARY 2

IDA BAMBERGER
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HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
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7 TEVET-JANUARY 3

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8 TEVET-JANUARY 4

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9 TEVET-JANUARY 5

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10 TEVET-JANUARY 6

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11 TEVET-JANUARY 7

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MINNIE GUROVITZ
ABE KELNE
ZE'EV LISSER
SARA F. LITMAN
SIMON MALLIN
MINNIE MILLER

12 TEVET-JANUARY 8

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MINNIE OSADCHY
RUBIN RESNICK
SIMHA TARABOULOS

13 TEVET-JANUARY 9

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BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN

14 TEVET-JANUARY 10

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SARA GOLDBERG
ROSE HOROWITZ
ANNA STUDNA
SULE SWEET

15 TEVET-JANUARY 11

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2 SHEVAT-JANUARY 27

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(Father of Shauna Bobrow)

UNVEILINGS

There will be no unveilings during the month of Nissan, from March 26 through April 30, 2009.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AVILA UNIVERSITY, CONCEPTION ABBEY AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU/AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE present: On Sunday, March 1, 3:30 p.m. 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, "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.

MAKING MARRIAGE WORK SERIES

Jewish couples who are engaged, contemplating marriage or recently married are encouraged to register for "Making Marriage Work," a program offered by Jewish Family Services and the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

The six session course, developed at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, addresses values and skills needed to build a solid foundation for marriage. Each session explores specific concerns of married life, including; Love & Marriage, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Jewish Family Life, Financial Planning, and more. In addition couples are offered an individual session with a marriage counselor.

The first session is Monday, March 2, 2009 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. Susie Hurst, M.A., Director of Family Life Education with JFS will facilitate the sessions. The cost is \$150 per couple; limited scholarships assistance is available.

For more information or to register, call Susie Hurst at 913.327.8259 or email susieh@jfcskc.org. This program made possible by a grant from the Flo Harris Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation.

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JET EXPRESS ride program needs volunteers

JFS' JET Express volunteer driver program started in September providing door-to-door transportation for older adults, age 65 and up. JET Express members can be driven to doctor and dental appointments, the hairdresser, grocery shopping or other locations. The cost to use the service will be \$2.50 for each leg of the trip. Day time 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, the ability to use their own vehicle and complete a JFS training session. The next sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Board Room of the Jewish Community Campus.

Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for mileage at a rate of \$.33 per mile. Those interested in volunteering as drivers should contact Adrienne Kizer at 913.327.8257 or akizer@jfskc.org. Riders interested in accessing the service should contact Sondra Atherly at JFS, 913. 981.8877.

NEW MOMS connection again

The Family Life Education Department of Jewish Family Services will hold the second session of the New Moms Connection, a collaborative program with the Jewish Community Center. Facilitated by Betsy Low, LSCSW, a therapist with JFS, this series offers support, guidance and expertise for new moms of babies Birth-9 months.

The group will meet for six Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to Noon in the ASK room of the Jewish Campus on the following dates: January 6,13,20, 27 and February 3 and 10. The low price of \$36 covers the six sessions. Participants should register by October 1 by contacting Susie Hurst, director of the Family Life Education department, at 913. 327.8259 or Susieh@jfskc.org. Babysitting is available for older siblings through the JCC for \$5 but reservations are required; make reservations with Susie Hurst. This program has been underwritten by a grant from J-LEAD.

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. Among the issues discussed are letting go of the negatives, overcoming depression, anger and shame, positive stress-management and self care and how to handle new relationships. 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.

YAD B'YAD

Lisa Alcalay Klug, author of Cool Jew, a hip-hop version of the Jewish Catalogue, will be the featured speaker at the Yad B'yad Women's Division Education series on Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. Author and stand-up comic Lisa Alcalay Klug is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UC Berkely and consults for a variety of organizations and considers herself to be a "cool Jew."

For more information, contact Women's Division director Bev Jacobson, 913.327.8108 or beverlyja@jewishkc.org. Reservations can be made at www.jewishkansascity.org.

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