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From Your Rabbi...



It's great to be officially installed! My entire installation weekend was very special and dear to me and Becca. And Ari had a great time too! I'd like to thank everyone at KI for welcoming all the members of my and Becca's families who came in for the occasion. They were all made to feel so welcomed and at home.

And of course, having my father oversee the installation ceremony was extra special for me and for my family. I'm also glad that Rabbi Seth Gordon of Traditional Congregation in St. Louis was able to participate in the ceremony. Rabbi Gordon is the current president of Morasha, the rabbinic arm of the Union for Traditional Judaism. I believe that our Traditional synagogues in the Midwest need to stay connected with each other! It's nice to have opportunities to foster those connections.

I officiated my first wedding here at K.I. just last night, as I'm writing this, for a long time K.I. member and her groom. It was so nice to see the space transformed into a wedding hall, with the *chupah* on the *bimah*. One could feel the *simcha*, the holy joy, in the air. I must say, K.I. is a beautiful venue in which to get married! We are blessed to have a building that is equipped to serve so many functions. Which leads me to another major event that we held in our building in recent weeks, but which we all wish would not have had to take place - the communal vigil in memory of the victims of the horrendous shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. I'm told that we had 3,000 people here, including some distinguished local dignitaries, such as outgoing Governor Jeff Colyer. It was truly amazing to see the whole space opened up, back to the gym.

We at K.I. should feel honored that we are the "go-to" venue to host such communal gatherings, when they need to take place. It was heartwarming to feel the support for the American Jewish community, from speakers of diverse faith backgrounds, Christian and Muslim alike. We were all particularly stirred by Rev. Emanuel Cleaver, who seemed to shake the room with his fiery and passionate address. That man can really preach!

As I write this, we are heading toward two major holidays - Thanksgiving and *Chanukah*. The word *Chanukah* means "dedication." As we head forward into the year, let's give thanks for all the good things which have happened at K.I. so far this year, as well as rededicate ourselves anew to the *shul* going forward.

Moshe Grussgott, Senior Rabbi

From Your President...



Dear Friends,

November was an excellent month for K.I. Classes started and we experienced an amazing installation, featuring our rabbi and *rebbetzin*. Several out-of-town Grussgott family members and friends came to share this wonderful *simcha* with us. What a way to begin the month! I'm

looking forward to many more *simchas* to be shared by our K.I. family.

I have added another job to our current list of duties as president, and that is forming a Cantor Search Committee to find a permanent senior *Hazzan*. As our search progresses, I will keep you informed of any developments.

Our classes are going well, attracting new participants each week. I know it's difficult to get off of a comfy couch in a warm house to *schlep* over to the synagogue for an evening class. However, the effort to do so is well worth the benefit derived. We have the heat on at K.I.! Turn the thermostat down at home and come to a class and let K.I. keep you warm for an hour or two.

You've probably eaten and digested your turkey by now. Wasn't it yummy? I enjoy Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful time to eat good food, but most of all, we get to spend quality time with our families and friends. I hope you enjoyed the holiday.

December, of course, is the month during which we celebrate *Chanukah*. This year we are featuring a *Chanukah* dinner with brisket, latkes and the trimmings. Bring your children and grandkids. Bring your *menorah* and candles. We want to set a record for children and candles and celebrate *Chanukah*! The cost is only \$10 per adult for members. Thank you for those who have volunteered to underwrite the costs of the dinner to attract more of us. We cannot accommodate any last minute reservations or walk-ins.

Please read the *Focal Point* and weekly bulletin for more information regarding upcoming events.

Stay warm. Be healthy. Keep smiling. See you in *shul*.

Marty Gorin, President

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

BAR MITZVAH OF NATHAN KHALEMSKY

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Candlelighting*.....4:38 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

ROSH CHODESH CHANUKAH

BLESSING OF

THE NEW MONTH TEVET

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Candlelighting*.....4:39 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:35 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Candlelighting*.....4:42 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:40 PM
Mincha.....4:25 PM
Havdalah.....5:37 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Candlelighting*.....4:46 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:45 PM
Mincha.....4:30 PM
Havdalah.....5:42 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES



Dear Elizabeth,

Thanks so much for all your help in planning and organizing the logistics for our Community Vigil at KI. The venue was perfect – who would have believed we'd have 3,000 people. The synagogue was filled with sadness and positive energy. All the logistics worked out and accommodated the myriad of people there last night.

Your attention to detail made a huge difference. It was so good to know that all I had to do was pick up the phone and ask and you made it happen. I truly appreciated your professionalism and support at a critical time for our community.

Please extend my appreciation to all who supported and helped in making this evening happen. Couldn't have done it without you!

Best,

Helene Lotman,

President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of
Greater Kansas City



Pictures from community vigil on October 29th at K.I. in honor of the memory of the victims from the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.



**FAST OF TEVET - Thursday,
December 18, 2018** Commemorates
the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem
in 586 B.C.E. and led to the destruction
of the Temple. The fast begins at 6:05 am
and ends at 5:36 pm.

**The deadline for The January
Focal Point is December 9.
You can email your information
to ashanberg@kisyn.org.**

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Sunday, December 2, the three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). The third blessing *Sheh-heh-cheh-yanu* is recited only on the first day of each holiday in the Jewish year. On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings.

Chanukah candles are placed from right to left side until finally on the eighth night, the *Chanukiah* is full. We light the newest candle first; therefore, we always begin by kindling the candle at the left and proceed toward the right.

On Friday, we always make sure that we light the *Chanukah* candles before sundown and before the Sabbath candles are lit. It is better not to light the *Chanukah* candles at all on Friday night than to light them after dark which is a violation of the *Sabbath* laws. On Saturday night, December 8, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:33 p.m., is permissible to light the *Chanukah* menorah.

Jewish law requires that on every night of *Chanukah*, the candles must burn at least one half hour after dark. Since on Friday night we must light the *Chanukah* candles before *Sabbath* candlelighting (4:45 p.m.), it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *Chanukiah* itself.

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle menorah, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, that it be clear and bright. There has been a great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric *Chanukiah*. Since it is not

definite as to whether or not an electric menorah fulfills the obligation of the lighting of *Chanukah* lights, it is best to avoid the use of such a *Chanukiah*, except for purely decorative purposes.

In general, on a weekday night other than *Sabbath* night, the *Chanukah* candles are to be lit approximately at dark. If, however, one is not at home or this time is inconvenient, they can be lit at any time during the entire night. If one has to leave home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, the *Chanukah* candles may be lit about an hour before dark, provided that *Chanukah* lights will burn for a short period of time after dark.

The *Chanukah* candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. However, this limited use of the light applies only during the first half hour of their burning. The rabbis of old determined that the required burning time of a *Chanukah* candle is one-half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished.

It is customary to place the *Chanukiah* in the window of one's home, on the main table around which the family gathers, near the door, or any place where lighting of the candles will become a public event.

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)

(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגָּעְנוּ לָזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'key-y'manu v'hee-gee-yanu
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and has brought us to this season.



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
asher ke-d'shanu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzee-vanu
l'had-leek nair shell Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

(2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam
sheh-ah-sah nee-sim la-ah-vo-tanu, bah-yamim
hah-haim baz-man hah-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, King of the universe, Who has performed miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (6)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (13)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (43)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (40)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (13)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (23)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (68)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (29)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (35)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (53)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (9)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (4)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (49)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (66)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (5)

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Liz Friedman, Dmitry Kapustin, Emily Minoofar, Debbie Cohen, Blake Sallis, Joseph Schiffman, Linda Silver, Brynn Shaffer, William Anderson, Brenda McKinnon, Eugene Strauss, Jonathan Kaplan, Lynn Kuluva, Mary Covitz, Anna Levina, Richard Rubins, Harold Shorr, Robyn Jacobs, Matthew von Ende, Bonnie Siegel, Rachel Lubowicz, Harold Magariel, Sandra Romer, Janet Eisman, Clint Gillom, Lea Rozenberg, Marcie Kaplan, Sheila Rosmarine, Robert Glueck, Joel Zitron, Arnold Caviar, Debra Ann Entine, Hal Novicoff, Beryl Silberg, Solomon Batnitzky.



DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Khalemsky, Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Jackson Jacobson, Kayla Fink, Noam Basurto, Morgan Caviar, Abigail Clark, Sarah Caplan, and Dylan Zismer.

תודה רבה

...to our capable and reliable office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Jacob Schulzinger** and **Eunice Snitz**. We greatly appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

...to **Brenda Fishman**, **Debbie Entine**, **Cristi Gillom**, **Phyllis Kohn**, **Brenda McKinnon**, **Maureen Minoofar**, and **Sharon Noorollah** for preparing the November *Chai Kiddush*.

מזל טוב

...to **Debbie Goodbinder** on her recent marriage to Joel Abecassis. Also to Debbie's parents, **Phil and Barbara Goodbinder**.

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 the bereaved families of:

SUSAN KLOPPER

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K.I. Adult Ed Classes continues in December

(All meet at K.I. unless otherwise stated; free unless noted differently; no previous knowledge required)

MONDAYS

EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD

WILL NOT BE MEETING IN DECEMBER. CLASSES WILL RESUME IN JANUARY.

TUESDAYS

HOW TO FIND GOD IN PRAYER

6-7:15 pm, 12/13-12/18

\$15 includes class materials & a deli dinner for all sessions, or \$5/session. RSVP by the Friday before to the office for entire series or by the Friday before individual sessions. Looking for meaning in your prayers? Do you feel your prayers are answered? Are you getting any satisfaction from your prayer experience? Do you want to find God before God finds you? Would you like to “friend” God? What is the meaning of the *Amidah* (the 19 blessings) which is said three times a day. For questions contact **Dan Kass**.

Two sessions where indicated:

One for men and women 20-40/One for men and women 40 & above

Course Description:

Dec 4 - Session III: (Two sessions) We'll examine the second half of the *Amidah* using the translations started in Session II.

Dec 11 - Session IV: (Two sessions) We will compare our notes from previous sessions to the commentaries of our sages. In other words, we'll see how we stack up to the commentary of the Rabbis.

Dec 18 - Session V: (Joint session) To reconcile our thoughts vs. what we have learned from the commentary, we will meet with **Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Rabbi Herbert Mandl**, and with Rabbi Shaya Katz from the KC *Kollel* for an opportunity to ask a true rabbinic scholar about the meaning of the *Amidah* prayers.

WEDNESDAYS

LIVING ROOM LEARNING - CRASH COURSE IN RELIGIOUS ZIONISM

7 pm, taught by **Rabbi Grussgott**

Space is limited, so RSVP by the Friday before each class at events@kisyn.org, or call the K.I office

Dec 5 - Part 4 Zionism and Chanukah (The spiritual significance of Chanukah in relation to the Modern State of Israel) At the home of Debbie & Joe Adamous

THURSDAYS

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

7 pm, co-taught alternating weeks by **Rabbis Grussgott & Mandl**

Women choose the subjects of this popular class that is returning at the request of K.I. women! Ongoing class.

SHABBAT (SATURDAYS)

PARSHA OF THE WEEK

with **Rabbi Grussgott**

Meets 45 minutes before *Mincha* (see pg 2 of this *Focal Point*)

Enhance *Shabbat* by gaining insights into the weekly *Parsha*. This class meets every week unless otherwise informed.



Josh Stein, Director of Philanthropy at The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater KC, presents a \$10,000 check from the Sam and Lucy Gould JCF Program Fund to K.I. President, Marty Gorin, and Executive Director, Elizabeth Peden, for successful completion of K.I.'s legacy gift affirmations.



Women of K.I. Celebrate Chanukah with a White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$15 limit) & Dinner (a hearty vegetable soup, salad, bread & dessert) Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm @ K.I.

\$10 K.I. members / \$18 non-members
RSVP deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

Your check made out to Women of K.I.
is your reservation.
Mail to K.I. - Attn: Women of K.I.

Women of K.I. supports the JFS Food Pantry. Please bring an item to donate.



Letter received from the Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church:
 “We at Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist gathered on a Sunday morning in our sanctuary last week, and took a moment out of our services to write you a letter – to send our deepest regrets to you, for you must

be shaken and worried after the recent shooting in Pennsylvania.

During the service, we typically bring the children up to the front of the sanctuary to spend a little special time with them. They range from ages of 2-17. This week, we spoke about the shooting and how there are so many Jewish people who live in KC, so many Jewish people in our congregation. We spoke about how it made a lot of people feel (sad, angry, scared), and then I read them the opening of this letter, and then I asked, “What else do you think I should say?” This is what they said:

We have hope for you.

Stand strong in your beliefs and stand up for what you think is right.

We hope future generations will be more safe.

You are not alone.

We will do what we can to support you.

Not just thoughts and prayers but actions.

Trust each other.

Words on paper may not help, but knowing someone is there for you might.

Shalom.

We love you.

We are there for you.

Don't worry. We are on your side.

Make harmony.

We wish you all the kindness and hopes in the world. Know how very proud we are to be your neighbors.

Your friends,

Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church”

*More detailed notes are on a poster in the K.I. lobby.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3153 NEWS



Cub Scout Pack 3153 is in “high gear” for its winter activity schedule!

On December 2nd, the Pack will offer a Cub Scout Jewish Religious Award “workshop” from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The J, in preparation for Scout

Shabbat in February.

Our annual PINWOOD DERBY season begins at the December 20th Pack Meeting with a race car “design and cut” activity in preparation for the January 6th PINWOOD DERBY.

The annual Pack 3153 BLUE AND GOLD banquet and program will be held on Sunday, January 20th and will include a performance by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say’s White Shield Dance Team following the “crossover ceremony” of Webelos II Scouts into Boy Scout Troops. The ceremony will be conducted by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Team.

K.I.’s SCOUT SHABBAT is scheduled for February 9, 2019, which concludes National Scout Week. Religious awards earned since the 2018 community Scout *Shabbatot* will be awarded, and much of the service will be led by current and former Scouts, leaders, and parents. The *kiddush* reception following the *Shabbat* morning service is co-sponsored by Kehilath Israel Synagogue’s Men’s Club, the synagogue, and friends of Pack 3153.

With the Boy Scouts of America’s new “Family Scouting” initiative, which has opened up the Cub Scouting programs fully to girls, we expect major growth in Pack 3153. Several girls have registered with the Pack and we expect several more to sign up and participate in the Pack’s activities and the 2019 camping programs.

Cub Scout Pack 3153, Kansas City’s Jewish Community’s Cub Scout Pack, meets at and is sponsored by Kehilath Israel Synagogue and is open to all youth currently in the 1st through 5th grades from throughout the Kansas City community. For more information please contact:

Cubmaster Beth Albee: 269.364.0763/roses2273@yahoo.com
 or Pack Committee Chair Ted Goldstein: 913.271.6798/
 tgoldstein613@gmail.com.



Webelo Scouts of Pack 3153 lead by Den Leader Lee Albee in the back of K.I. learning fire starting, fire safety, and cast iron cooking. GO SCOUTS!

INSTALLATION WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 4, 2018



Rabbi Ira Grussgott, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



Felicia & Seymour Weiner



Ellen Portnoy, Brad Davidson, Craig Caplan



Steve & Susan Osman



*Todd Stettner,
Howard Jacobson,
Shirley Stettner,
Ro Jacobson*



Joe Goldwasser, Carolyn Braverman, Greg & Dori Quinn



Marlene Lubowicz, Ari Lubowicz, Irene Blend



Marsha Krinsky, Marlene Krakow



Clint Gillom, William Anderson, Lillian Anderson



Rebecca Nowack, Dr. Bill Nowack

GRAND GIVERS THANK YOU!

A BIG “*Yasher Koach*” to the Grand Givers Committee members, our GRAND GIVERS, and all of the volunteers who worked on our GRAND EVENT on November 11th. It was a successful evening, with the synagogue netting over \$80,000 this year. We are always trying to build our corporate sponsors and this represents an area of potential growth for the future. Gold ticket holders enjoyed delicious appetizers and wine plus a chance to see the entertainer up close and personal before the show. Everyone partook of scrumptious desserts before the show as well. Dennis Watkins amazed the audience with incredible magic and mind reading! Thank you to **Irene Blend** and **Marlene Lubowicz** for spectacular table decorations. Delicious food was prepared by our very own **Linda Silver**. **Marlene Lubowicz** and **Marlene Krakow** donated their time to take professional photos for us, too. Did you know that **Dr. Myra Litman** won the grand prize of \$10,000? We greatly appreciate Myra’s generosity in donating the \$10,000 back to the synagogue!

We want next year to exceed all goals and expectations and have already been working with our committee members about possible HEADLINERS for next year. To break our recent attendance numbers and exceed this year’s net revenue, YOU must invite FRIENDS and FAMILY to join us at K.I. It is up to YOU! DON’T BE SHY. You won’t be sorry, and you’ll be doing a *MITZVAH*. If you have ideas, connections, or skills that might help us with Grand Givers planning, please contact **Michael** or **Shari Sokol**, or **Elizabeth Peden** in the K.I. office.

2018 Dreiseszun Grand Givers include Anonymous; the Devinki/Pack/Kolkin Families; the Dreiseszun Family Foundation; and Dr. Myra Litman.

2018 Grand Givers include Debbie & Joe Adamous; Anonymous (2); Helen Brown; Carol & Arnie Caviar; Natalie & Dr. Donald Cohen; Barbara & Dr. J. Douglas Cusick; Robert Cutler; Ann Federman; Brenda Fishman; Linda & Elliott Goldstein, Irene Goodman; Rosemary & Marty Gorin; Sandie & Larry Jabenis; Beckie & Dr. Spencer Kerley; Marsha & Seymour Krinsky; Mel Mallin; Susan & Steve Osman; Elizabeth Peden; Debby & Joe Pfefer/Jade Alarm; Jodi & Dr. Bill Rosenthal; Fani & Bill Schiffman; Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol; and Joel Zitron.

2018 Corporate Sponsors include Care Haven Homes, Digital Lagoon, Excel Linen Supply, Louis Memorial Chapel, and Lukas Liquor.

Thank you to our Grand Givers Committee: **Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol**, Co-chairs; **Irene Blend**, **Sam Devinki**, **Brenda Fishman**, **Tamara Kingston**, **Marlene Lubowicz**, **Elizabeth Peden**, **Rick Simon** and **Felicia & Seymour Weiner**.

Thank you to our volunteers, who along with the committee members, worked the night of the event: **Cathy & Craig Caplan**, **Jody Gittleman**, **Mary Lea Greenwood**, **Ari Lubowicz**, and **Sam Lubowicz**.



Pictured here
are some of
our 2018
Grand Givers

GRAND GIVERS 2018



Linda Silver, Larry Haith, Randy Haith



Irene Blend, Sam Lubowicz



Joyce Zeldin, Ro Jacobson



Drs. Michael & Shari Sokol, co-chairs



Marsha & Seymour Krinsky



Abbott & Madeline Zolotor



*Manny Winston, Lois Winston,
Dr. Myra Litman*

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

23 KISLEV-DEC 1

ESTHER BOROWIK
ISRAEL BOROWIK
SHERMAN DREISESZUN
SHRAGA GOLDMAN
EVA GOODMAN
SARAH KAHN
HARRY KRUG
ABRAHAM MILLER
JOHANNA PRICE
DORA SHULTZ

24 KISLEV-DEC 2

ROSE GLASSMAN
LILLIAN GREENBERG
LOUIS KAPLAN
ALEX RUBIN
ROBERT SHAW
MARTHA SHER
HARRY TAYLOR

25 KISLEV-DEC 3

SARAH GERSH
MARY GOLDBERG
MAURICE JERWICK
ALBERT KALIKOW
MICHOEL LEVIN
JOSEPH MILLER
RUTH ROSE
JANET SIEGEL
JOSEPH STOFFSKY
ISRAEL WEINDLING

26 KISLEV-DEC 4

MINNIE BAUM
ALBERT BEISER
JOHN BELL
MAX COHEN
DAVID GOLDSTEIN
BLUMA HOROWITZ
JEROME NARON
MIERL STEPONSKY
DORA YOMAN

27 KISLEV-DEC 5

DONALD COHN
FRANCES
MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 6

HERBERT FISHMAN
SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
FAMILY OF KUSHNER
BENJAMIN LICHTOR
SAM PLATTNER
ISRAEL RAIZEN

29 KISLEV-DEC 7

SARAH ASHER
LAWRENCE BLONSKY
BERNARD GLICKSTEIN
PEARL HALPERN
DORA HERSCHMAN
MIRIAM INDIN
DORA LEVY
SAMUEL SPECTOR
SAM TANKEL
DAVID WEINBERG

30 KISLEV-DEC 8

EPHRAIM DENNIS
SARAH LERNER
AARON PFEFER
MINNIE SIMON
ANNA SWARTZ

1 TEVET-DEC 9

FANNIE CLAYMAN
REVA DENNIS
ANNA DUBINSKY
ROSE FABES
DAVID GINSBERG
DAVID GOLAD
EMMA LEVINE
VICTOR SIEGEL

2 TEVET-DEC 10

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN
SARAH GREEN
CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
ABE RABINOWITZ
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 11

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER

4 TEVET-DEC 12

ISADORE BROWN
MICHELE FISHMAN
MARTHA GOODMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RICHARD KATZ
MARCUS LEVITCH
MOLLY MONDSCHIN
MORRIS RASKIN
SHAY STEIN
LOUIS WALTER

5 TEVET-DEC 13

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

6 TEVET-DEC 14

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI

7 TEVET-DEC 15

KATHERINE BODKER
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8 TEVET-DEC 16

CARL BERNSTEIN
IDA DUNN
SARAH FISHMAN
BESS LADERMAN
ANNE SCHAEFFER
ROSE TRANIN

9 TEVET-DEC 17

MARY ABEND
LENA ALPORT
REBECCA BLENDER
ETHEL KESSLER
IDA LERNER
SARAH LEVINSON

10 TEVET-DEC 18

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER
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11 TEVET-DEC 19

ELIYA DWORIN
HAROLD GERSH
LOUIS GLASS
MINNIE GUROVITZ
ABE KELNE
ZE'EV LISSER
SARA LITMAN

SIMON MALLIN
MINNIE MILLER

12 TEVET-DEC 20

REBECCA BIALSKY
ANNA BRATMAN
MINNIE KUSHNER
ISADORE MARGOLIS
MINNIE OSADCHY
RUBIN RESNICK
SIMHA TARABOULOS

13 TEVET-DEC 21

RUTH ADELMAN
BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN
MILTON KESSLER

14 TEVET-DEC 22

REBECCA GINSBERG
SARA GOLDBERG
ROSE HOROWITZ
LEONARD OSMAN
ANNA STUDNA
SULE SWEET
MIRIAM WAJCMAN

15 TEVET-DEC 23

HILDA ADLER
NORMAN CAPLAN
SOPHIE DOLGINOFF
ALICE DUBIN
NATHAN FOX
SARAH GLASS
HARRY KOTELOV
SARAH LESKY
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ISRAEL SHANERMAN
MINNIE WEINSAFT
HARRY WEXLER
SAM ZEFF

16 TEVET-DEC 24

ROSE BARSKY
BLUMA FRUMHOFF
LILLIAN HAITH
EDWARD KANTER
ELSA LEVIN
IRVING LEVITAN
HARRIS SHERR

17 TEVET-DEC 25

DAVID DOLGINOW
ISAAC KESSLER
HERSCHEL KRAFT
FANNIE KUSHEL
MAX MILLER
ROYAL NERMAN
EVA SHER
MORRIS SHULTZ

18 TEVET-DEC 26

BERISH BETTINGER
MORRIS HAMMER
SANFORD KATZ
ROSE LEWIS
JOSEPH MAGARIEL
RUTH PHILLIPS
LOUIS SHOSTAK
DOROTHY WEINSTEIN

19 TEVET-DEC 27

LEAH BETTINGER
ROSE CAPLAN
SINGER COHEN
DIANE ORGAN
BEN PASTERNAK
RITA TENENBAUM

20 TEVET-DEC 28

RUTH GALLAS
ABRAHAM SIEGEL
HINDA WINER

21 TEVET-DEC 29

DAVID ALPORT
IRVING ARLAN
MAREK BENGIS
GORDON BEREY
MEYER FABES
MORRIS GINSBERG
MORRIS KROSS
MARY SCHWARTZ
LIBA VISCOFSKY

22 TEVET-DEC 30

JOSE ADLER
CHAYA CHERNICOFF
MYER DOLGINOFF
FANNIE GLASS
MAX KORNFEIN
SARA KRAMSKY
HYMAN LIEBERMAN
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RABBI GERSHON HADAS GUARDIAN SOCIETY FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

A limited number of First-Time Camper grants are available and are awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and only under extraordinary circumstances. Application deadline is March 1. Call the synagogue office for an application.

The Guardian Society is a community fund available to the Jewish children of Greater Kansas City. For many years, this scholarship program has enabled thousands of young people to participate in Jewish enrichment summer programs, including Jewish sleep-away camps and Israel programs.

The Jewish Federation, through the Guardian Society, is pleased to offer \$1,000 "incentive grants" to a limited number of children planning to attend an approved, overnight Jewish camp for three-weeks (or longer) and \$500 to those attending an overnight Jewish camp for less than three-weeks for the first time.



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Mosaic—in partnership with the Tikvah Fund and The Paul E. Singer Foundation—is pleased to announce a new fellowship for aspiring writers, editors, and journalists interested in Jews, Judaism, modern Israel, and American democracy. The fellowship is named after the late Charles Krauthammer, preeminent intellectual journalist and staunch defender of Israel and the Jewish people.

Fellows will receive a full-time salary and benefits for two years, and be based in our offices in New York City or Washington DC. They will work closely with the senior editorial staff of *Mosaic*, writing, researching, and editing in-depth essays and articles.

The Krauthammer Fellowship is open to anyone (1) under age 27 and (2) with a BA degree as of May 2019. The fellowship begins in the summer of 2019. Candidates should submit (a) a résumé, (b) a detailed cover letter explaining why they are interested in the fellowship, (c) a short summary of three ideas for essays that they would like to pursue as a fellow, and (d) two writing samples.

Applications should be addressed to fellowship@mosaicmagazine.com and are due December 31, 2018. Winners will be selected by February 15, 2019.



THE FLO HARRIS SUPPORTING FOUNDATION PASSPORT TO ISRAEL SAVINGS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It's never too early to begin planning your child's trip to Israel.

Visiting Israel is one of the best ways to build a strong Jewish identity, but these trips can be very expensive. The Flo Harris Supporting Foundation's Passport to Israel Savings Incentive Plan is a wonderful way to save toward the cost of an Israel trip. In grades 3 through 8, when parents deposit \$200 a year into their child's Passport to Israel (PTI) account, the Flo Harris Foundation, (a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation), will match the deposit with a \$100 contribution. The Jewish Community Foundation manages the funds, while the Jewish Federation administers the PTI program. Interest is earned on the account, depending on market returns. By the time a child is old enough to visit Israel, he/she will have approximately \$2,500 in Passport funds to use toward the cost of the trip.

When K.I. parents deposit \$125, the K.I. Scholarship Fund adds \$75 to make the donation \$200 before it's sent to the Jewish Federation. Your deposit must be in the K.I. office by December 14.

PTI enrollment forms will be distributed by congregations to the parents of 3rd grade students. However, parents of children up to 8th grade (who are not already enrolled in PTI) are also invited to sign up for PTI by contacting their congregation.

There are specific rules for the use of Passport funds. The student must travel with a not-for-profit group that has a defined educational purpose and the trip should be of an extended duration – usually at least three weeks. Passport funds may be used until a student turns 30 years of age.

Please contact Andi Milens at 913-327-8108 or andim@jewishkc.org for more information.

December 2018

23 Kislev 5779 - 23 Teves 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 23 KISLEV Vaycisev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Khalemsky
2 24 KISLEV Religious School - 9:15 - 11:30 am K.I. Chanukah Dinner-5:30 pm	3 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1	4 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2 Religious School - 4:30 - 6:15 pm K.I. Adult Ed Class-How To Find God in Prayer-6-7:15 pm	5 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 Living Room Learning at members' homes-7:00 pm Taught by Rabbi Grussgott	6 28 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 4 Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	7 29 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 5 4:38	8 30 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1 Mikeitz Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
9 1 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 Religious School - 9:15 - 11:30 am Family Chanukah Party 10:30 am - 1:00 pm	10 2 TEVES Chanukah - Day 8 Women of K.I. Celebrate Chanukah-6:00 pm	11 3 TEVES Religious School - 4:30 - 6:15 pm K.I. Adult Ed Class-How To Find God in Prayer-6-7:15 pm	12 4 TEVES	13 5 TEVES Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	14 6 TEVES 4:39	15 7 TEVES Vayigash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:35 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush
16 8 TEVES Religious School - 9:15 - 11:30 am	17 9 TEVES	18 10 TEVES Fast of the Tenth of Teves Religious School - 4:30 - 6:15 pm K.I. Adult Ed Class-How To Find God in Prayer-6-7:15 pm	19 11 TEVES K.I. Board Meeting - 6:30 pm	20 12 TEVES Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	21 13 TEVES 4:42	22 14 TEVES Veyechi Kings 2:1-12 Shabbos Ends: 5:37 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
23 15 TEVES	24 16 TEVES OFFICE CLOSES-3 pm	25 17 TEVES Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	26 18 TEVES	27 19 TEVES Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	28 20 TEVES 4:46	29 21 TEVES Shemos Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 Shabbos Ends: 5:42 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
30 22 TEVES	31 23 TEVES OFFICE CLOSING-3 pm					



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Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv

Week of Dec. 2	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 9	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 16	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 23	4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 30	4:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Saturday, December 8

Sunday, December 9

Tuesday, December 25 - *Shacharit* 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 1 - *Shacharit* 9:00 am



**FAMILY
CHANUKAH
PARTY**

**Sunday, Dec 9
10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Cookie Decorating

Dreidel

Singing Chanukah Songs

Dairy Lunch

**For all K.I. families
with kids/grandkids**

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