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From Your Rabbi... From Your President...



The winter is upon us! We have some exciting events coming up. The weekly Women's Class is back up and running on Wednesday nights, with Rabbi Mandl and I alternating weeks. I'm also looking forward to beginning my weekly Thursday night class on the subject of "Understanding the *Siddur*," beginning on Thursday, December 5th, and then continuing on December 12 and 26.

On Thursday night, December 19th we're introducing what we hope to become a monthly event going forward, co-presented by K.I., BIAV, and the KC *Kollel*: "The Monthly Nosh and Learn." Featuring myself along with Rabbis Mizrahi (BIAV) and Rubin (*Kollel*), the three of us will teach on a different topic each month, and snacks will be served. We plan to alternate buildings each month between K.I. and BIAV. For this first installment, which we'll be hosting at K.I., the topic will be "*Chanukah* and Zionism: How the Maccabees Compare to the Modern State of Israel." As *Chanukah* approaches, I think of the flare up that Israel had this past week with the evil terrorists of Islamic Jihad in Gaza. The soldiers of the IDF really are our modern day Maccabees, and that will be a part of my discussion on the night of this new class.

Finally, in addition to all the classes, we plan to have some good old fashioned fun at *shul* as well! In that vein, I hope you'll come on the afternoon of Sunday, December 8th, for the "Tailgate at the *Shul*," presented by K.I. Next, and open to congregants of all ages. We'll enjoy some delicious BBQ from Steve Ellenberg's new kosher food truck, and then we'll watch the Chiefs play the Patriots. Perhaps we'll also say a special prayer for Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs!

Finally, we have a wonderful *Chanukah* dinner and event planned, complete with great musical entertainment, which you can read more about on page 7 of this edition of the *Focal Point*.

One of the fascinating aspects of *Chanukah* is that it's our only holiday which doesn't appear in the *Tanach* (Hebrew Bible), having occurred after our scriptures were already canonized. Rabbis throughout the ages have commented that this shows the power of human initiative in Jewish thought. It shows that the *Torah* remains dynamic and alive, and not static. For, just as we have the theoretical power to create new holidays, so too does the tradition of the Oral *Torah* grant us the power to unlock new layers of meaning and new insights from the written *Torah* in every generation.

I hope that in this month of December, and on this *Chanukah* of 5780, we can all merit to experience that sense of the dynamism of *Torah* in our own lives, through our connection with our K.I. community.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



A Tribute to Our Princess, Lucy

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I write this article. Rosemary and I went on a vacation to Mexico with friends in early November. We woke up to a telephone call on Sunday morning, November 10, from our house sitter who informed us that our precious, sweetheart, Lucy, a little gray

Schnauzer, had passed away.

Immediately, the day turned black for us. Our happiness was replaced by much sadness, our joy disappeared. It wasn't really a shock as the veterinarian told us about three weeks prior that Lucy had lymphoma. But the vet told us Lucy had three months to six months to live – NOT THREE WEEKS!

Of course, the rest of that day was filled with tears, inability to swallow, and happy memories of a beautiful little puppy that lived with us for the 12 years of her life. I thought of the many times Lucy would jump onto my lap while I was watching television and she would bend her head back to look at me with her big, beautiful black eyes as if to say, "scratch my tummy." And, of course, I did.

Every night when I came home from work, or a meeting, she was waiting for me at the garage door, along with Jack, her brother, and Nacho, our Chihuahua, to greet me. Her little tail was wagging back and forth at such a pace, I was certain her tail would go flying off.

This all left me wondering. Why? What is the good that needs to come out of this? I'm not really sure there is an answer.

Thank you, Lucy. Thank you for giving us 12 wonderful years of happiness. You will always be my little sweetheart. I know you gave our family much more than we gave you and we gave you everything.

Lucy, you taught me how to be a gentler and kinder person. I'll never be able to adequately thank you for that.

And, of course, thank you G-d. Thank you for bringing Lucy into our lives. Our lives have been more enriched and happier that I ever imagined a little dog was capable of.

Marty Gorin

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:32 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:34 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Candlelighting*.....4:41 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

BLESSING OF THE

NEW MONTH TEVET

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 27

Candlelighting*.....4:45 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH

CHANUKAH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Rabbi's Class.....3:45 PM
Mincha.....4:30 PM
Havdalah.....5:41 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

מזל טוב

...to **Dan Kass & Lori Klarfeld** on the birth of twin grandchildren, Pierce Patrick Kass and Mildred Rose Kass to Lyle & Kerry Kass.

The deadline for The January *Focal Point* is December 9.

You can email your information to ashanberg@kisyn.org.

From Your Executive Director...



I want to take the opportunity to update you about comings and goings at K.I.

We are looking forward to **Cantor Hayoun** and his family joining us at K.I. Unfortunately, immigration is taking longer than we thought so their arrival will be sometime in the first few months of 2020—but the important thing is they will be here!

Bob Gast's last regular *Torah* reading is on Shabbat, December 7. We will miss him and **Linda** as they take up full time residence in Ft. Myers, FL. We wish them well and hope they will come back and visit often. They will always have a place in our hearts and at Kehilath Israel.

Welcome our own **Jeff Goldenberg** as our new "official" *Torah* reader. Jeff has already been doing a wonderful job filling in often as our *Torah* reader and we are thrilled that he has accepted this new role.

Meanwhile we are working on some fabulous programming. Join us on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 1:30 pm for a Chief's tailgating party, including cornhole, washers and other games. See the flyer in this *Focal Point* for more information. Thanks to **Becca Grussgott** and **Frank Tankard** for putting this event together.

Carolyn Braverman, our new volunteer social chair, has a bigger and better family *Chanukah* dinner and program planned for Sunday, December 29, with services beginning at 4:45 pm. Yachad, the K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School, the Women of K.I., Men's Club and plenty of other volunteers will be entertaining and feeding you and your family! Bring your *menorahs* so we can set an even higher record for number of *menorahs* lit at once.

We will co-sponsor Trivia Bowl at The J on Saturday, January 25. Doors open at 7:00 pm. This is a fun event that began at K.I. and became so popular that it is now a community event. **Steven & Tamara Kingston** and **Jake & Jennifer Schlozman** head up some great trivia, prizes, snacks and entertainment. Talk to the **Abrams, Goldbergs, Richs, Sokols**, and others—just to name a few of our members who enjoy this program year after year.

Carolyn Braverman is also putting together a talented, professional *Purim spiel* (hint: think Beatles' songs!) for Tuesday, March 10, at K.I. on *Purim* day evening. The dinner and show should be from about 5:00-7:30 pm. If you, or your children, are interested in performing, please contact her now! **Joe & Debbie Adamous, Amir & Maureen Minoofer**, and friends will fix us another delicious King's Feast, too, so mark your calendars for this great evening.

Rochelle Kanter is also helping with programming, and **Brenda Fishman** is our food goddess so contact either of these two wonderful ladies to get involved in those areas.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank **Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol** for another wonderful Grand Givers recently. Everyone in attendance had plenty of chances to eat a variety of tasty food from Ellenberg's Catering Experience; try different beverages, especially concoctions invented by **Ari Lubowicz**; win fun prizes; and dance the night away with Randy Kort and Extravaganza Productions. Thank you to our many donors listed separately in this *Focal Point* edition.

Be a part of the EXCITEMENT at K.I.!! Let any of the officers, clergy or myself know what you would like to do, and I hope to see you all soon!

B'Shalom,
Elizabeth Peden

IMPORTANT KITCHEN INFO:

ALL Food Items brought to the K.I. kitchens must be checked in by Rabbi Grussgott. Contact him PRIOR to bringing food to K.I. to schedule times - rabbi@kisyn.org - or call the shul office.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Sunday, December 22, three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). 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.

Shabbat always takes precedence over other holidays; therefore, on December 27, the Friday night of *Chanukah*, we should light the *Chanukah* candles first and then the *Shabbat* candles. Both need to be done by **4:45 pm**, and since the *Chanukah* candles need to burn at least one half hour after dark, it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *chanukiah*. On Saturday night, December 28, one should recite *Havdalah* first, after **5:41 pm**, and then light the *Chanukah* candles.

On Saturday night, December 28, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:41 p.m., it is permissible to light the *Chanukah menorah* (*Chanukiah*).

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle *menorah*, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, it should 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. 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 שֵׁל 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 (7)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (14)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (44)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (41)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (14)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (24)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (69)
- Sharon Kohn & Richard Simon (30)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (36)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (54)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (10)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (5)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (50)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (67)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (6)

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Arnold Caviar, Rosemary Gorin, Seymour Krinsky, Adeline Trempey**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.



The Women of K.I. recently gathered on Monday, November 18 to learn about upcoming events of the group. In attendance were about eighteen ladies.

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, Linda Silver, Brynn Shaffer, William Anderson, Brenda McKinnon, Eugene Strauss, Jonathan Kaplan, Lynn Kuluva, Mary Covitz, Anna Levina, 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, Austin Ruben, Arnold Caviar, Debra Ann Entine, Hal Novicoff, Beryl Silberg.



DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Khalemsky, Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Jackson Jacobson, Kayla Fink, Abigail Clark, and Sarah Caplan.

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 **Craig** and **Cathy Caplan, Brenda Fishman, Susan Osman**, and **Sharon Noorollah** for preparing the Veteran's Day *kiddush*.

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GRAND GIVERS THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to the Grand Givers Committee members, our GRAND GIVERS, and all of the volunteers who worked on our GRAND EVENT on Sunday evening, November 10th. Everyone put on their dancing shoes and danced the night away with Los Angeles-based DJ Randy Kort (yes, he grew up in Overland Park!) and his crew of dancers. Gold ticket holders had their photos taken and were entered into an exclusive drawing for our grand prize this year: a week-long trip to Malagá, Spain, with airfare and luxury lodgings included. The lucky winner was **Helen Brown**. Other prizes included 4 tickets and chauffeured transportation to a Carlsen Center performing arts event (won by **Sandie Jabenis**), 2 tickets to the Chiefs game on December 15th (won by **Dr. Donald and Natalie Cohen**—stay warm!), a bracelet and earrings from Glitters Jewelry (won by **Debbie Adamous**), and lodgings for a week-long trip to Acapulco, Mexico (won by **Marsha and Seymour Krinsky**). Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner catered by Steve Ellenberg. Thank you to **Irene Blend** and **Marlene Lubowicz** for the festive table decorations. Our social hall pulsated with energy, and we all perfected our dance moves, including the Electric Slide, the Hustle, and the Macarena—all indispensable skills to have for any future *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* party attendee!

We want next year to exceed all goals and expectations and are already planning with our committee members about possible HEADLINERS for next year. Please join us to help raise needed operational funds for K.I. Synagogue and to help infuse our *shul* with positive energy and FUN. If you have ideas, connections, or skills that might help us with next year's Grand Givers event, please contact **Michael** or **Shari Sokol**, or Elizabeth Peden in the K.I. office.

2019 Dreiseszun Grand Givers (\$10,000+ donation) include Anonymous; the Devinki/Stahl/Fink Families; the Dreiseszun Family Foundation; and Dr. Myra Litman.

2019 Grand Givers (\$2000+ donation) include Debbie & Joe Adamous; Anonymous (2); Helen Brown; Carol & Arnie Caviar; Natalie & Dr. Donald Cohen; Robert Cutler; Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov; Ann Federman; Brenda Fishman; Linda & Elliott Goldstein; Irene Goodman; Sandie Jabenis; Beckie & Dr. Spencer Kerley; Marsha & Seymour Krinsky; Mel Mallin; Susan & Steve Osman; Elizabeth Peden; Fani & Bill Schiffman; Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol; and Joel Zitron.

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Thank you to our Grand Givers Committee: **Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol**, Co-chairs; **Irene Blend**; **Judy Elliott**; **Brenda Fishman**; **Bill Greenberg**; **Tamara Kingston**; **Marlene Lubowicz**; **Elizabeth Peden**; **Megan Pener**; **Rick Simon**; and **Jerry Stolov**.

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

A FEW OF THE THANK YOU CARDS FROM B'NAI JEHUDAH STUDENTS



"Thank You K.I. for letting us use your space for our Hebrew classes and Sunday School, you're very thoughtful for letting us use it, not that many people are as thoughtful as you."

*Love and Sincerely,
Charlotte"*

"First of all, I want to apologize for tearing up your various tablecloths. It was very nice of you to share your space with many unpredictable young children. The space in your building is very holy and beautiful, thank you for sharing this holy place with us. I know that many people will just write short little "thank you's" but I am very appreciative that you were willing to share this place with people who have such a thirst for knowledge. The items on display are very pretty and I love to read about them. Everything in this holy space is so fascinating and beautiful. Again, thank you for sharing this holy place with people that drive for knowledge about Jewish culture."

Todah Rabah"



TAILGATE AT THE SHUL (K.I.)

12/8 @ 1:30 - CHIEFS V. PATRIOTS @ 3:25

UPDATES:

RSVP BY 12/2* - \$15/Person / \$45/Family

Tickets include:

**Cornhole
Beer/Drinks
1 meal ticket/person
Activities for kids**

Food by the Ellenberg Experience Kosher Food Truck
choice of burnt ends, turkey leg, Polish sausage (2), or falafel
+ side + dessert
(additional food available for purchase)

***After 12/2 & walk-ins: \$20/Person - \$50/Family**

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\$15/person

Free: Men's Club members
Kids 7 & under

RSVP Deadline: Monday, Dec 23

**Special activities for
kids 7 & under**

Join family and friends for a
de-LIGHT-ful
celebration on the last night of
CHANUKAH

**Sunday, December 29
5:00 pm**

BBQ Brisket Latkes
Sides Dessert

The story of *Chanukah* will be presented by
the K.I. Men's Choir and kids, and members of
Yachad. Directed by Carolyn Braverman.

Bring your *Chanukiah* (Menorah) & candles, and we will light together.



Women of K.I. Celebrate "Let's Get Lit" pre Chanukah Party

Monday, December 16, 6:00 pm @ K.I.

Dinner (Moroccan salmon, sides, sweets & Sangria)

Mail your \$10 (check made out to Women of K.I.) to the synagogue.

Your check is your reservation.

Deadline is Friday, December 6. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please bring a gift-wrapped scented candle but don't put your name on it.

DZARG



Cathy & Craig Caplan



*From left: Yehoshua Rich, Rochelle Kanter,
Eliezer Rich, and Yonatan Rich*



Ariella, Sherry and Brad Davidson



Megan Pener, Larry Haith, Cindy Singer



Susan & Steve Osman



Dr. Don & Natalie Cohen



Debbie & Joe Adamous

Photos by Ryan Bruce



Carolyn Braverman & Joe Goldwasser



Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol



Alan and Jackye Goldberg



Conga Line



Line Dancing



*Front row: Marcie Kaplan; Jackie Stahl; Dr. Harriet Langley;
Back row: Bruce Kaplan; Dr. Lloyd Stahl; Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov*

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits
MEMORIAL TABLETS

3 KISLEV-DEC 1

IDA BRATT
SOL EPSTEIN
MORTON GLASS
REBECCA MARGOLIN
MARY MORGAN
JESSICA SHAPIRO
MARY STUDNA
LOTTIE WARREN

4 KISLEV-DEC 2

MOLLIE BERMAN
ESTHER BULAVSKY
SHEYNA BURSTEIN
HARRY GOLDBERG
NICOLE JERWICK
BENNE NEIL KUSNETZKY
BERNICE LAPINE
REVA LITWACK
HARRY SCHWARTZ
WILLIAM SEBERT
MILLY ZEFF

5 KISLEV-DEC 3

ROSE AGRON
SAMUEL EISMAN
CHINKA KAMENESKY
LOIS LEVITCH
ALICE LIEBERMAN
SAMUEL MNOOKIN
LILLY RESNICK
ALAN ROSENBERG
JENNIE WEINER

6 KISLEV-DEC 4

SEYMOUR KATZ
SAM LEVY
BETTY PRICE
EDWARD PRICE

7 KISLEV-DEC 5

GOLDIE BURSTEN
CARL HAMER
D'VORA MILLER
ANNA WICENTOWSKY

8 KISLEV-DEC 6

JACOB BAKER
ETTA BRODSKY
HARRY GOLDBERG
CHARLES HOROWITZ
WILLIAM KLUGMAN
CELIA LITMAN
AVROM SIEGEL
CELIA SNITZ
MARIA WERTMAN
MAX WINER

9 KISLEV-DEC 7

MILTON COHEN
AVRAHAM COSNER
MINKA COSNER
FREIDL FEDER
NORMAN GOPMAN
HAROLD KATZ
KURT LEVI
MORRIS TURNER

10 KISLEV-DEC 8

LEIZER COPAKEN
JACOB FISHMAN
ISRAEL GALLAS
BERL GOLDSTEIN
HERMAN SCHIFMAN
HERMAN SIESS

11 KISLEV-DEC 9

VICTOR BULAVSKY
BETTY CONE
SOL GOLDBERG
FRIEDA KABRISKY
HARRY KANTOR
HARRY LESNER
ABRAHAM RAPOPORT
JACK SCHWARTZ

12 KISLEV-DEC 10

ROSE BRATT
HANNAH COHN
MORRIS SCHANZER

13 KISLEV-DEC 11

ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN
LOUIS GOLAD
PHILLIP STRAUSS
MAYME WEISS

14 KISLEV-DEC 12

HARRY BARASH
FRIEDA FINGERSH
MARY GOODBINDER
REUVEN KUSHNER
ARTHUR KUSNETZKY
JOE LEVIN
BLANCHE LEVINE
WILLIAM LONDON
REBA PITLUCK
LILA ROBERTS
BENJAMIN STILLMAN
EARL TRANIN

15 KISLEV-DEC 13

ETA ESTRIN
MORRIS FEDER
ANNA HARRIS
JOSEPH LEVEY
LIBBIE MALLIN
ELAINE MILLS
IRENE ROSENBERG
RUBEN SLOBOSKY
BENJAMIN SMUCKLER
TERRY VILINSKY

16 KISLEV-DEC 14

MORRIS FEINBERG
CLARA GERSHON
MORRIS HAITH
JACK LERNER
ABE RABIN
ETTA ROBINSON
ETHEL ROSENFELD
SARAH TRILINSKY
MANIA WEINDLING

17 KISLEV-DEC 15

MARIA DEVINKI
DORA FOX
SADIE KATZ
SYLVIA LEVINE
ESTHER SILBERG
MEYER SOLTZ
DOROTHY STEINZEIG
FANNY TAGER
LOUIS THOMAS
SOSHA ZUROVSKY

18 KISLEV-DEC 16

FEIGA BETTINGER
BEN CLAYMAN
JACQUELINE FRIEDMAN
NORBERT KELLMER

IRVING KLINOCK
ROSE LERNER
REBECCA LIPKIN
JACOB LIPSKY
FANNIE PRICE
REBECCA SANELL
SARAH SPORN
BEN WEINBERG

19 KISLEV-DEC 17

BEN EISMAN
LEAH ESRIG
LILLIAN FISHMAN
JULIUS GOLAD
ANNIE GRANT
MOONIE KRAMSKY
JOSEPH LAPIDES
YOSEF LICHTOR
JULIUS ROSEN
JENNIE ROSENBERG

20 KISLEV-DEC 18

BETTY ADLER
MAURICE BLONSKY
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WOMEN OF K.I.

Well, the WoKIs (Women of K.I.) have two meetings under our belts and we really appreciate the warm response and great participation. We also appreciate suggestions and recommendations.

Also, just a reminder we are still collecting for a welcome present for Cantor Hayoun and family. You can make your check out to the Women of K.I. and drop it at the synagogue.

Our next gathering is called "Let's Get Lit" our pre *Chanukah* party on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 pm. \$10.00 for a full dinner including Moroccan salmon, sides, sweets and Sangria. **Your \$10.00 payment is your reservation.** The deadline for getting your money in is December 7. Sorry, no exceptions.

In addition, we are asking everyone to bring a gift-wrapped scented candle but don't put your name on it.

Chanukah celebration continues with the WoKIs "8 Crazy Nights." We will be having events at our members' homes to celebrate each night of *Chanukah* culminating with the congregational synagogue dinner on December 29, the last night of *Chanukah*.

We will provide dates and times of where each gathering will be held at our pre-*Chanukah* program. Thank you in advance to the members who have offered their homes for these events.



Letter from the Vets...

"Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for allowing the JWV Post 605 to again use your

facility for our Holiday Gifts for Vets. Without us being allowed to use the shul we would have a very hard time being able to execute this very important program. The check enclosed is just a minor gift to show how much we appreciate K.I. The Post hopes we can continue our partnership in this crucial service project for many years in the future.

Thank you!!

Bill Greenberg

Post Commander

JWV Post 605"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JACOB AND ROSE SZNELER SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR TRAVEL TO ISRAEL AND/OR EASTERN EUROPE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

In July 2016, the Beth Shalom Foundation received a number of contributions to establish the Jacob and Rose Szneler Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide funds to high school students to help underwrite the costs of their participation in an organized trip to Israel and/or Eastern Europe.

Although the funds reside in the Beth Shalom Foundation, all Jewish students in Kansas City and Des Moines, Iowa, are eligible to apply. 2019 applications are due by January 10, 2020 and should be e-mailed to diane.azorsky@yahoo.com.

Applications should include: Student's name; grade he/she will be entering in fall 2019; name of Israel and/or Eastern Europe program and sponsoring organization; and, a 300-400 word essay explaining why you chose to participate in this trip.

Jacob and Rose Szneler were extraordinary people. Both were born in Poland, spent the war in a number of concentration and work camps and, horrifically, lost their entire immediate families in the Holocaust. After the liberation, Rose and Jacob met in Bergen-Belsen in 1945. They were married in 1946 and immigrated to Des Moines, Iowa in 1950 under the auspices of HIAS. They did not know English, and attended night school in Des Moines to learn English and proudly become United States citizens. Rose worked as a seamstress for a furrier and Jacob worked in a bag factory.

Jacob and Rose each were devoted Jews who benefited their communities with their kindness, hospitality and sense of humor. They cared deeply for the orphan, the widow, the aged and the sick. Jacob and Rose took great pride in the State of Israel and the traditions and history of their people. Jacob died in Des Moines in 1994 and Rose passed away in 2014 in Kansas City (her adopted home).

For more information regarding the scholarship, please contact Diane Azorsky at 913.345.9191.



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 could have approximately \$2,500 in Passport funds to use toward the cost of the trip.

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.

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 13.

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 Marsha Cott at 913.327.8100 or marshac@jewishkc.org for more information.



2019/2020 B'NAI BRITH SCHOLARSHIP THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Kansas City Lodge #184, B'nai B'rith announces the 2019/2020 Margolis Memorial Essay Contest. The prize is (\$2,000.00) cash. The competition is open to students who are graduating from a Kansas City area high school at the end of the Spring semester of 2020 and who plan to start college in the Fall semester of 2020. This scholarship is not based on financial need.

Participants are required to submit their essay together with an application form on or before Monday, June 1, 2020 to: Mark D. Wasserstrom, Chair, Margolosi Memorial Essay Contest, Kansas City Lodge #184, B'nai B'rith, 6624 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64131-1419.

A copy is requested by email at wass1@sbcglobal.net.

For any further information, please contact Mark Wasserstrom at 816.523.4243 or email wass1@sbcglobal.net.

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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.

JFS JEWISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RESUMES IN DECEMBER

JFS is once again offering its Grief and Loss Support Group beginning in December. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at The J starting with Dec. 4 and Dec. 18. The group, which is free, provides the opportunity to address issues of loss and grief within a Jewish spiritual context, in a warm and confidential environment. The Rabbinical Association of Greater KC also sponsors the group and it is the only Jewish-based grief support group in the area.

The group is co-facilitated by Rabbi Mark Levin and JFS Therapist Lauren Glass, LCSW. The support group is for individuals dealing with grief and loss of a loved one. It is open to all faith backgrounds.

While there is no charge to attend the support group, those wishing to participate (or who would like additional information) may contact Molly McGurk, JFS Director of Mental Health Services, 913.327.8298 or via email at mmcgurk@jfskc.org.

SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SET FOR DEC. 12

The Jewish Chaplaincy program, under the auspices of JFS, will host its Service of Spiritual Renewal for *Chanukah* on Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Chapel of Village Shalom.

Join this expressive and supportive gathering as we share traditional and contemporary prayers, songs, and readings, which include personal reflections with individuals looking for warmth and light. This Service of Spiritual Renewal will focus on the miraculous power of hope and the need for all of us to feel some light in times of darkness.

Join Jewish Community Chaplain Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Michelle Cox, music director/*B'nai Mitzvah* coordinator at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah and Lezlie Zucker, music coordinator for Congregation Beth Torah for this uplifting and meaningful gathering.

A light nosh will precede the service at 6 pm and the program will begin at 6:30 pm. Sweets will be served following the service.

PRIYA HOSTS DEC. 3 SUPPORT MEETING FOR THOSE FACING INFERTILITY

Bloom - a support group of the Priya program - will hold its quarterly support meeting on Dec. 3, 6:30-8 pm at the Jewish Community Campus. Priya supports Jewish families on their fertility and adoption journeys. Spouses & partners welcome. Open to all religious and spiritual backgrounds. For more information please call Porsche Elkins, Priya Family Consultant, at 913.730.1474 or email pelkins@jfskc.org.

POOCH PALOOZA FASHION SHOW DEC. 17 TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR JASMINE'S CORNER

Dogs are man (and woman's) best friends! Now some furry friends will be gathering for a good cause – Jasmine's Pet Food

Pantry, part of Jewish Family Services Food Pantry!

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, come for the fun as "celebrity" pups strut their stuff with their owners in the first ever Pooch Palooza Fashion Show. Produced by the Jewish Community Center, Pooch Palooza will include about 20 canines strutting down the "cat" walk while the audience enjoys refreshments and bar (k) snacks. Cost to attend this "adults only" evening is \$12 PLUS two pet food items for JFS' Jasmine's Pantry!

Jasmine's Corner was opened so pet owners don't have to forgo eating themselves in order to keep their beloved pets fed. Last year 1,275 pets received food from the pantry.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jill Maidhof, The J's Director of Jewish Experiences, at 913.327.8077 or email jillm@thejkc.org.

KESHER KC BAGS ARE AVAILABLE HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Kesher KC Care Bags are an extension of the food pantry program at Jewish Family Services. The Care Bags were intended for people seeking food assistance from the JFS food pantry without an appointment ("walk-in" clients). The bags allow JFS to meet the immediate food needs of potential clients while setting up an appointment to connect them with JFS' full array of services.

Kesher KC Care Bags are now available for people to assist others they encounter who may be experiencing homelessness and/or need a meal. Each bag contains food for a day that is relatively easy to heat, serve, and eat as well as a guide to local community connections that provide hot meals and other resources.

Keep Kesher KC Care Bags in your car or take them with you on foot to give out whenever the opportunity arises. Giving a Care Bag is an opportunity to provide food for another person who is struggling while treating him or her with dignity and respect.

Kesher KC Care Bags are available for \$20 for three bags and may be purchased on line through the JFS web site.

jfskc.org/kesher-kc-care-bags/

K.I. SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The K.I. Scholarship Fund supports children of K.I. through high school age. Funds are available for approved Jewish day camps, overnight camps, and/or trips that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity, experience, etc.

If you would like an application, contact the K.I. office at info@kisyn.org or 913.642.1880.

Applications can be emailed or "snail mailed."

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:

ANITA (ANNA) KELLMER
(Sister of Barney Bobrow)

December 2019

3 Kislev 5780 - 3 Teves 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 KISLEV Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Tailgate at the Shul (K.I.) - 1:30 pm	2 4 KISLEV Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	3 5 KISLEV Religious School - 4:30 - 6:15 pm	4 6 KISLEV Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	5 7 KISLEV "Understanding the Siddur-A Detailed Study of The Shabbat and Weekday Liturgy" taught by Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	6 8 KISLEV 4:38	7 9 KISLEV Vayetzet Hosea 13:6-14:10 Shabbos Ends: 5:32 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Tot Shabbat - 10:30 am Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
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15 17 KISLEV K.I. Religious School - 9:15-10:30 am - Chanukah Family Day - 10:30 am-Noon	16 18 KISLEV Women of K.I. pre Chanukah Party - 6:00 pm Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	17 19 KISLEV Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Melton Class-7:00 pm	18 20 KISLEV Women's Study Group-7:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting - 6:30 pm	19 21 KISLEV PrayerWorks-6:45 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-7:00 pm The Monthly Nosh and Learn with Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm	20 22 KISLEV 4:41	21 23 KISLEV Vayeshev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:37 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
22 24 KISLEV NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	23 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1	24 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES - 3:00 PM	25 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service - 9:00 am	26 28 KISLEV "Understanding the Siddur-A Detailed Study of The Shabbat and Weekday Liturgy" taught by Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	27 29 KISLEV 4:45	28 30 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1 Mikeitz Zechariaiah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:41 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am
29 1 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Chanukah Dinner and Lighting-5:00 pm	30 2 TEVES Chanukah - Day 8	31 3 TEVES NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES - 3:00 PM				



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Week of Dec. 22	4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 29	4:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

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

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