

# THE FOCAL POINT

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ELUL - TISHREI 5779/5780

## From Your Rabbi...



Introducing: Ezra Grussgott! Full name: Avraham Eliezer, named after my *zaidie*. Here's my speech from the *Bris* on Sunday morning, August 18.:

Thank you everyone for coming to the *Bris* of the first Grussgott born in the great state of Kansas! We didn't name him Clark Kent in the end; but he and Superman still do share the same home state (Clark Kent's hometown is the fictional city of Smallville, Kansas). I've actually joked with Becca that the fact that Superman is from Kansas probably constitutes somewhere between 2-5% of the reason that I wanted to move here; which might not sound like a lot, but if you think about, that's actually alarmingly high...

But I digress. Our son is named after my paternal grandfather, Avraham Eliezer Grussgott, who died in 2003. My nephew Avi, plus 3 of my cousins (one Mayefsky and two Yehudas) also bear his name, but Ezra is the first of them to bear the surname Grussgott as well. My *Zaidie* had suffered a series of strokes by the time I was very young, and I only really remember him in a state of progressive cognitive decline. But for my whole life I've heard the legendary tales of him in his prime from everyone who remembers him. He was a larger than life figure, with a boisterous, outgoing personality and a sharp wit. He had a long career as the executive director of various synagogues. His love for *shul* life inspired my father to become a rabbi, which in turn inspired me to become a rabbi. *Zaidie* spent a long period as executive director of a Syrian *shul* in Brooklyn called *Beit Torah*. When he was with the Syrian

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## From Your President...



How does one slow down time? If anyone out there knows, please share your insight with me. All of a sudden it's September. What happened? Where did the summer go?

Anyway, the past month has been busy: board and executive meetings resumed, classes are being organized, the ovens in the dairy kitchen have been installed and are working excellently, the sanctuary seats are being built and will be installed soon. We hosted the Community-Wide *Tisha b'Av* program and services this year on August 11th. We received a lot of good, positive feedback from the community for hosting.

So, what's next?

Well, believe it or not we are preparing for the High Holy Days, *Yamin Naroim*. Our cantor will be Rabbi Ira Grussgott, who will officiate with our choir.

We are planning a Break the Fast meal after *Yom Kippur* and a *Sukkah* dinner during *Sukkot*. Watch for the details in the bulletins and emails you will receive. It's always a good time to celebrate the holidays with family and friends at K.I.

On behalf of the officers and board of directors, I extend a hearty *mazal tov* to Rabbi and Becca and a special *mazal tov* to Ari on his new brother.

Rosemary and I wish each and every one of you a healthy, happy and successful year 5780.

*Shanah Tovah U'Metuka,*  
Marty Gorin

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### WE WANT TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



Therefore, children are not allowed to roam the building unsupervised during services as it is a security risk.

## SHABBAT SCHEDULES

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Candlelighting\*.....7:24 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#### CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 am  
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 am  
Tot Shabbat.....10:30 am  
Mincha.....7:00 pm  
Havdalah.....8:13 pm



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Candlelighting\*.....7:13 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### ENHANCED KIDDUSH FOR PAUL BLACKMAN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Morning Services.....9:00 am  
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 am  
Rabbi's Class.....6:05 pm  
Mincha.....6:50 pm  
Havdalah.....8:02 pm



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Candlelighting\*.....7:01 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:20 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Morning Services.....9:00 am  
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 am  
Rabbi's Class.....5:50 pm  
Mincha.....6:35 pm  
Havdalah.....7:50 pm  
Selichot Service.....12:00 am



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Candlelighting\*.....6:50 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

#### DR. MARILYN METZL SPEAKING SECOND CHANCE CAMP:

#### MY BAT MITZVAH AT THE WALL

Morning Services.....9:00 am  
Mini-Minyan for Kids.....10:30 am  
Rabbi's Class.....5:40 pm  
Mincha.....6:25 pm  
Havdalah.....7:38 pm

\* No Later than



## 2019 HIGH HOLY DAY - YAMIM NORAIM

### SCHEDULE 5780

RABBI MOSHE GRUSSGOTT



#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 29 - 29 Elul

Shacharit and Selichot.....8:45 am  
Mincha and Maariv.....6:30 pm  
Candlelighting.....6:46 pm

#### ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 30 - 1 Tishrei

Shacharit.....8:00 am  
Birth to K .....9:30 am  
1-5th Grade.....10:30 am  
Tashlich.....5:30 pm  
Mincha and Maariv.....6:15 pm  
Candlelighting (not before).....7:35 pm

Tuesday, October 1 - 2 Tishrei

Shacharit.....8:00 am  
Birth to K .....9:30 am  
1-5th Grade.....10:30 am  
Mincha and Maariv.....6:45 pm  
Havdalah.....7:34 pm

#### FAST OF GEDALIAH

Wednesday, October 2 - 3 Tishrei

Shacharit and Selichot.....7:00 am  
Mincha and Maariv.....6:45 pm

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 8 - 9 Tishrei

Shacharit and Selichot.....7:00 am  
Mincha.....1:45 pm  
Candlelighting.....6:32 pm  
(Candles will be available to light at shul)  
Kol Nidre Service.....6:35 pm  
Birth to K .....6:30 pm  
1-5th Grade.....6:30 pm

#### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 9 - 10 Tishrei

Shacharit.....9:00 am  
Birth to K .....9:30 am  
1-5th Grade.....10:30 am

#### Yizkor in the late morning

Birth to K.....4:30 pm  
Mincha.....4:45 pm  
Ne'ila.....6:00 pm  
Maariv.....7:10 pm  
Havdalah and End of Fast.....7:21 pm

#### FAST OF GEDALIAH

Wednesday, October 2

The fast will begin at 5:56 am and  
conclude at 7:32 pm.

### KIDDUSH ON ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Many prayerbooks do not contain the daytime Rosh Hashanah Kiddush recited before lunch upon returning home from the synagogue, so we are furnishing the text for your convenience:

תקנו בתד"ש שופר, בקסטה ליום חגנו.  
כי חק לישראל הוא, משפט לאלהי יעקב.

Tik-u bachodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom chagaynu.  
ki chok l'yisrael hu, mishpat lay-lohay Yaakov.

(סגרי מרנו ורפנו ורבותי)

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

S avri maranan.

Baruch Atah Adon\_i Elo\_h\_inu Melech ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen.

After the wine is drunk, the assembled wash their hands and begin the meal with Hamotzie over the bread, which is dipped in honey.

# Adult Ed Classes at K.I.

Classes are taught by Rabbi Moshe Grussgott unless otherwise noted.

## ON-GOING WEEKLY CLASSES

*Shabbat* Afternoons *Shabbat Study Group* - meets weekly 45 minutes prior to *Mincha*.  
See [kisyn.org](http://kisyn.org) for times. Topic: *Parsha* of the Week



Wednesdays, 7 pm *Women's Study Group* - Women choose the topics they wish to discuss in this class. Taught alternately by Rabbis Moshe Grussgott and Herbert Mandl. *Does not meet in October.*

Mondays, 7 pm *Exploring the Secrets of the Talmud* - Season premier October 28  
Study of this central Jewish text pertaining to Jewish law, ethics, customs and history.  
This is the longest running Jewish class in our area, but no previous knowledge needed.  
Taught by Rabbi Herbert Mandl.

## WEEKLY SERIES

Thursdays, 7 pm *Understanding the Machzor*  
Sept. 12, 19, & 26 A detailed run through of the *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* liturgies.

Thursdays, 7 pm *Understanding the Siddur*  
Nov. 7 - Dec. 19 A detailed study of the *Shabbat* and weekday liturgies.



## ORDER YOUR *ETROG* & *LULAV* NOW!

Place orders NOW for your *lulav* and *etrog*. Orders **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR CHECK.**  
**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.** NO orders will be accepted after this date in order to ensure we receive the *lulav* and *etrog* in time for *SUKKOT*.

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## TASHLICH

*Tashlich* comes from the Hebrew word meaning “to cast,” referring to the intent to cast away our sins via this meaningful and ancient Jewish custom common to both Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities, and is performed on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*. (Second day if first day is *Shabbat*)

*Tashlich* is preferably recited alongside a body of water containing fish, to remind us that just as fish are protected by the water in which they live, we pray to be protected by G-d. Also, just as fish swim freely and can suddenly be caught in a net, so too we can just as helplessly fall into the net of sin. And even as the eyes of fish are always open, so do we pray that G-d too will keep vigilant watch over his people.

Needless to say, the physical motions near the water and fish of *Tashlich* are not what grant us atonement. But if we pay attention to the symbolism and apply the sincere desire to heal our relationship with G-d as portrayed in the physical demonstrations of *Tashlich*, then it serves as a crucial part in the process of repenting and returning to G-d in purity.

Please join in and participate in the *Tashlich* service by meeting on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*, Monday, September 30 at 105th and Conser over Indian Creek at approximately 5:30 p.m. *Tashlich* will conclude in time to return to the synagogue for the 6:15 p.m. *Mincha* and *Yom Tov Maariv*.



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Hailey & Efraim Gershom (34)  
Maureen & Amir Minoofar (31)  
Bonnie & Matthew Siegel (33)  
Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol (33)
- 2 Beverly & Bernard Jacobson (51)  
Jasmine & Jonathan Kaplan (7)
- 3 Nancy & Steve Cline (41)  
Barbara & Phillip Goodbinder (52)  
Jean & Dr. Allen Parelman (30)
- 4 Judith & Edward Chaiken (53)
- 5 Stephanie & Richard Gatewood (26)
- 6 Alix & Richard Jacobson (21)
- 11 Donna & Alan Gallas (27)
- 12 Janet & Steve Eisman (48)
- 13 Samuel & Bonnie Rabicoff (49)
- 17 Toby & David Levine (30)
- 26 Heather & Bill Oliver (21)
- 27 Roberta & Jerry Rosmarine (60)

## רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Fran Kanter** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

## SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATION



IN HONOR OF  
NATHAN FINK  
ON HIS BAR MITZVAH 8-31-2019  
LOVE, STEVEN, KAREN, ZACHARY,  
AMY, DAVID, ETHAN, TEDDY,  
JOSEPH & MOLLY

### Note of Thanks...

Thanks to Rabbi Grussgott, Rabbi Mandl, and to the members of K.I. for their prayers, thoughts and many acts kindness, and support in my time of bereavement, of the loss of my wife, Lillian, of blessed memory.

*William J. Anderson & Family*

## CONGREGANTS' SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Mickey Batnitzky, Gela Adelman, Shira Levine, Sandy Levine, Marvin Romer, Marvin Birnbaum, Richard Dunivan, Miriam Glueck, Barbara Kusnetzky, Tracy Tankard, Regina Fink, Allen Parelman, Paul Blackman, Sherry Davidson, Joel Gutovitz, Cathy Levin, Daniel Singer, Ellen Soltz, Deborah Turley, Carissa Zolotor, Susan Cohen, Richard Devinki, Luis Rosales, Jessica Rich, Richard Rosenstock, Ben Corchine, Steven Eisman, Randi Haith, Mark Klein, Elle Kolkin, Danielle Gatewood, Alanna Daniels, Jamie Smartt, Joseph Adamous, Enid Levi, Catherine Singer, Marilyn Solsky, Daniel Dunivan, Rose Weisberger, Norman Burk, Scott Macek, Janet Stone, Nancy Cohen, Mary Stahl, Susan Gutovitz, Sandy Weinstein.

## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Beatrix Smartt, Zakaiyah Gillom, Kristine Clark, Dina Johnson, Anna Krutz, Samuel Tucker, Amanda Sokol.

## תודה רבה

...to our office volunteers who assist in so many ways:

**Jake Schulzinger**, and **Eunice Snitz**.

...to **Brenda Fishman** and her helpers **Irene Blend**, **Yalene Kusnetzky**, **Phyllis Kohn**, **Sharon Noorollah**, **Shari Sokol** and **Amanda Sokol**, and **Lois Winston** for preparing food for *Kiddushim*.

## מזל טוב

...to **Amelia** and **Simon Kass** on the birth of a son, **Charles Truman Kass**. And to the grandfather, **Dan Kass**.

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Jews, he would speak exactly like they do, and when he was with his *Chasidic* family, he would speak exactly like they do. He was a real *chevra mann*, a social animal. And he was always the most popular and fun guy in the room.

He liked to joke about how he was the first of his cohort of friends to learn English and gain a real profession upon immigrating to America, which is why he was the first to get a real job. But his friends who didn't speak English and didn't get professional jobs had to scramble to do menial things like selling *shmattas* – and they all eventually became millionaires, very successful at business. It's not always a blessing to be educated! He had a great sense of humor. Although he was only about 5'4, he had a cousin, a pious and serious *chassid* named Naftuli, who was maybe 2 inches shorter than him. He would affectionately make fun of how short Naftuli was. He'd say "Naftuli can walk underneath the dining room table with an umbrella, and it still wouldn't hit the bottom of the table!" Apparently one time, Naftuli broke from his serious demeanor and responded very gently with: "you know, Avraham Leizer, you're not exactly *Oig Melech HaBashan* yourself" (Og, King of the Bashan, a famous Biblical giant).

My *zaidie* was a survivor of the Holocaust. In his wedding album he's crying while walking down the aisle; not only from joy but also from sadness, because he had no immediate family to walk him down the aisle. I believe two cousins walked him down. His mother had died before the war, and his father and three sisters were killed in the *Shoah*. His brother Nasan Nata survived the war and moved to pre-state Israel, only to be tragically killed when he was run over by a bus in Tel Aviv. When he was killed, in his jacket pocket was the ethical will that his father, my great grandfather Shmuel Yehuda Grussgott, had managed to get smuggled out of prison before being executed. Shmuel Yehuda and his sons (my grandfather and great uncle) had been living in hiding in the forest, forging documents and fake passports, and saving many lives, including some of the family of Bobover Rebbe. This is why when my fourth-grade class in Philadelphia went to visit the Bobover Rebbe in Brooklyn, he stood up for me when he heard my last name. I was only ten years old at the time, and that left quite an impression.

My great-grandfather had left his hiding spot to try and find food for all the others who were hiding with him and his sons. He was caught by Nazi collaborators and put in prison, interrogated, and eventually executed. In his *tzavaa* (final ethical will and testament) he writes of how they had discovered that he was circumcised, and so they knew that he was a Jew. A few small excerpts from that inspirational will, which he wrote in flawless rabbinic Hebrew, as translated into my English rendering: "And now [and behold the phrase 'and now' is always indicative of a moment of introspection and repentance – see *Midrash*] if my fate is to be like the myriads of other Jews who have been swept up in this slaughter and calamity, then let it be known that I am a Jew who still believes in the salvation of the Lord, and let any other thoughts to the contrary be considered as null and void...one request I make of my dear sons Nasan, Nata, and Avraham Eliezer, if the Lord allows them to survive this upheaval alive...that they remember me, and their mother and their sisters...that they walk in the ways of the Lord and always be kind to people...And now, Return, oh my soul, to its proper rest. Naked and bare did I come forth from the womb, and now I return to the earth..." (December, 1944)

This sense of strength and hope was passed on to his son, my grandfather, Avraham Leizer. Despite all the hardship he had seen

(or perhaps precisely because of that) my *zaidie* loved life to the fullest. He wrote the book about the history and destruction of his hometown, Bardejov, which is in present day Slovakia, entitled "*B'Avdan Moladti*", "The Destruction of My Kindred" (From the Book of Esther 8:6 – "For how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?")

When my father and I visited Bardejov together about 15 years ago, just a few months after my *zaidie* had died, we went to the apartment of the only Jew left in that town, Mr. Meyer Shapira z'l. Mr. Shapira had moved back to Bardejov to be the caretaker for the synagogues and the cemetery. We arrived at Meyer's house in Bardejov unannounced; we hadn't told him we were coming. We just showed up and knocked on his door. But when he said something like "come in," we saw that, amazingly, he was literally sitting at his coffee table and reading my grandfather's book, which was open on the table right in front of him. Imagine his surprise and delight to hear who we were.

I've seen my *zaidie*'s stationary at my Bobby Nelly's house in Brooklyn. She still has some of it left on his old desk in his home office room. On the top of each page of that stationary is printed a quote from Psalm 118:17, which is recited as part of *Hallel* on special holidays, as authored by King David, who, like my *zaidie*, was also a fighter and a survivor: "*Lo Amut ki echyeh, va'asaper maaseh Yah*": "I shall not die, rather I shall live, and I shall tell of the [wondrous] acts of the Lord." The text appears alongside a drawing of the Statue of Liberty, signifying *Zaidie*'s salvation by arriving in America after the war, next to a drawing of the *Kotel*, signifying the sense of wonder he had that just 25 years after hiding for his life in a dark basement, he lived to see the Holy City liberated by the sovereign Jewish army in the State of Israel. His love for both America and Israel was passed on to us all.

To return to that verse on *Zaidie*'s stationary: "I shall not die, but rather I shall live." A rabbinic parsing (and I actually forgot where I first heard this, unfortunately): once King David had already said "I shall not die," doesn't the next line, "I shall live," become redundant? Is King David just saying the same thing in two different ways, for poetic effect? The answer is to be found in a line from *Braveheart*: (and for this, you need to picture the character William Wallace speaking in his Scottish accent): "Every man dies. Not every man really lives."

*Chazal* (the Sages) also teach that "The righteous, even in death are called alive; whereas the wicked, even in life, are called dead." The people who killed my great-grandfather were already dead souls in that sense, even before whenever it was that they may have physically died. My great-grandfather, on the other hand, still lives on now, even in death. The memory of my *zaidie* lives on as well, not only in all the cousins who are named after him, but in the *hashkafa*, the worldview of his love for life and optimism that he passed on to us all. His father was murdered due to the *mitzvah* of *bris milah*/circumcision (To quote once again from his father's final ethical will and testament: "And behold my forged documents could not help me, because they discovered that I was circumcised, and so they know that I am a Jew.") I know that both my great-grandfather and his son, my *zaidie* Avraham Leizer, would be so proud to watch my *Zaidie*'s namesake undergoing that very same sacred *mitzvah* as a free Jew, in the company of so much family, and especially in the presence of *Zaidie*'s beloved wife, my Bobby Nelly, who is here with us today; she's the most special guest of all here today. May this newest Avraham Eliezer Grussgott bring *nachas* to his namesake and to us all.

# K.I. KIDS SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

## Kehilath Katan

### Mini Minyan

Pre-K to 2nd Grade



Meets Every Saturday  
10:30 AM  
in the Library

Kids join the congregation in the sanctuary at the end of services

## Tot Shabbat

Ages 1 to 3

with Parent/Grandparent



1<sup>st</sup> Shabbat of Each Month  
10:30 AM  
in the School Wing

# Let's Break the Yom Kippur Fast Together!

Wednesday, October 9

Approximately 7:30 pm,  
immediately following  
the *Nei'lah* service and  
the blowing of the *Shofar*

\$12/person

Kids 5 & under/Free

**RSVP**

**by Friday, October 4**

**kisyn.org / 913.642.1880**

## MELTON CLASS

**Join Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Dates: 10/29, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

Location: K.I. Synagogue Library

Instructor: **Bill Greenberg**

This course provides students with a strong, text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. The complexity of the conflict forces students to grapple with issues of religion, culture, history, politics, economics, identity and survival—all reflected through primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents, speeches, photographs and memoir.

Fee: \$250 + \$45 book. Special discount for K.I. members of \$50. Additional scholarships available. Contact **Megan Pener**, director, [mpener@hbha.edu](mailto:mpener@hbha.edu) or 913.327.8161 to register!

# DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 10

at K.I.  
Doors open 6 pm



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## ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

*With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits*

### MEMORIAL TABLETS



#### 1 ELUL-SEPT 1

JENNIE KALLIS  
MARSHALL KOCH

#### 2 ELUL-SEPT 2

BEILA DENOWITZ

#### 3 ELUL-SEPT 3

ADA DELGASE  
SAM FEINGOLD  
HARRY GALLAS  
IDA KAHN  
CHARLES LAPIDES  
SYLVIA RADETSKY  
ETTA SHAW  
ROSLYN WEINER

#### 4 ELUL-SEPT 4

BESS ALBERT  
ESTHER BURSTEN  
SLAVA GOLDBERG  
MARY LEVITT  
PAUL LIBER  
RACHEL MALLIN  
SILIA SHOSTAK  
BERTHA WACKNOV

#### 5 ELUL-SEPT 5

DELIA BURNETT  
ELIYA KALLIS  
RUTH KOFFLER  
SAMUEL LEVENE  
CELIA LEVIN  
LOUIS LIEBERMAN  
ANNE MARGOLIS  
JENNIE MENDELSON  
EDITH RUBIN

#### 6 ELUL-SEPT 6

DAVE COHEN  
ISAK FEDERMAN  
SARAH WHITE

#### 7 ELUL-SEPT 7

SONIA BROWN  
DEACON COHEN  
SOL DALLEN  
IKE ENTINE  
MARY FRISCHER  
ANNA HAMER  
FANNIE KAUFMAN  
WILLIAM KRUG  
MOSHE VISCOFSKY

#### 8 ELUL-SEPT 8

ISRAEL BETTINGER  
JEAN KATZ  
EVALINE PFEFER  
LOUIS PRESS

#### 9 ELUL-SEPT 9

HANS KOCH  
MARSHALL MILLER  
GEORGE NEWMAN  
GOLDIE OSHANSKY  
ARON POLSKY  
GARY STEIN  
SALAMON TARABOULOS

#### 10 ELUL-SEPT 10

JEROME AARON  
SAM GAMPOL  
DAVID GROSSMAN  
MARTIN JERWICK  
MARGARETHE LATTER  
SOPHIA MARCUS  
HANNAH PASSMAN  
LOUIS WOLFE

#### 11 ELUL-SEPT 11

BERTHA BOBROV  
JOSEPH CONE  
LEISBISH CUKIER  
JULIUS DENNIS  
RUBIN FISHMAN  
MEYER GILBERT  
SAUL KASS  
SARA KLEVATT  
WOLF KUSNETZKY  
JACK LEGA  
RUTH LEVI  
ROSE LEVINSON  
ROSE LEVITCH  
JACOB MNOOKIN  
HAROLD MYER  
HERMAN RADETSKY  
ALEZYZ RESNICK  
IDA ROSMARINE  
ROSE SMUCKLER  
MORRIS TIVIN  
IDA ZITRON

#### 12 ELUL-SEPT 12

LOUIS BOLD  
BONNIE ROSEN  
ESTHER RUBIN  
ESTHER SOLOFF

#### 13 ELUL-SEPT 13

BEN ENTIN  
PEARL GOTTLIEB  
PHILLIP JABEN  
SHAYNA LEWKOWSKY  
JACOB MADLOF  
ISADORE RUBIN  
SARAH SAPER  
MAX SHEAR  
HAROLD SHOENIG  
MORRIS STRAUSS  
EDWARD WEISS

#### 14 ELUL-SEPT 14

HERMAN FRIEDMAN  
GUY LANSKY

#### 15 ELUL-SEPT 15

MOSHE DZIEWIENCKI  
ETHEL GREENBERG  
JACOB HARRIS  
SARAH HOROWITZ  
SADIE LEVIN  
ETHEL ROGERS  
BERTHA SPECTOR  
ANNA STRAUSS  
CHERNA WOLPER

#### 16 ELUL-SEPT 16

MORDECHAI CUKIER  
MELVIN DELEVE  
DEVI DOLNIK

#### DOROTHY DORFMAN

LOUIS KRASHIN  
ABRAHAM LEVY  
DAVID MINKIN  
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SARAH SPECTOR

#### 19 ELUL-SEPT 19

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SAM HIPSH  
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BENJAMIN MNOOKIN  
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RACHEL DENNIS  
KALMON KESSLER  
JERRY KRAFT  
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ROY SPITCAUFSKY

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SOL HIPSH  
ISIDORE KLINOCK  
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# K.I. BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

This year the **Annual Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery Memorial Service** is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, October 6, the Sunday before Yom Kippur, at 11:00 am.**

The annual service, led by **Rabbi Moshe Grussgott**, will be held in the Jack Chernikoff-Louis Dolginow Memorial Chapel at the *Kehilath Israel* Blue Ridge Chapel, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Independence, MO.

It is the Jewish tradition during this High Holiday period to visit the *Kever Avot*, the graves of our forebearers. Since it would be inconvenient for many to attend the service on a weekday between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, Sunday, October 6 was selected.

Customarily, each individual recites the *Molay Rachamim* prayer, a "Prayer of Consolation," at the gravesite of their loved ones. The chapel prayer booklets are available for gravesite prayers. There is a selection of prayers in the booklet, found on pages 65 through 74, in both Hebrew and English. Please return the booklets to the chapel before leaving the cemetery.

Although the cemetery is maintained by *Kehilath Israel Synagogue*, the major building improvements, new walkways, monuments and other beautification is done primarily by private contributions. If you desire to assist in the program to improve and beautify the cemetery, an envelope for your contribution to this worthy cause is available at the desk near the front door of the chapel. You may leave your check or cash in the envelope, seal it, drop it in the slot on the desk, or mail your contribution to K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery, 10501 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66212.

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 3153

Cub Scout Pack 3153 is entering its 30th year with its sponsoring partner... Kehilath Israel Synagogue! The pack brings the Full Cub Scout program to the entire community but with a Jewish flair and programs that are *Shabbat* and Jewish holiday observant.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, a recruitment meeting is planned... anyone youth (BOYS or GIRLS) in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades (and adults)...who are interested in finding out about the adventure of Cub Scouting and Pack 3153 is encouraged and invited to attend. Contact Beth Albee, Cubmaster for more information.

Thursday evening, September 19 is the opening Pack Meeting of the school year, and a "Rain Gutter Regatta" and social evening is planned. (K.I. patio @ 6:45 p.m., weather permitting, or indoors if not.)

On Saturday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Pack will be holding its annual *Sukkah* "Camp-in" in the K.I. *Sukkah*, featuring *Havdalah* followed by a campfire, games, snacks, participation in the *mitzvah* of sleeping in a *sukkah*, and ending with a hot breakfast on Sunday morning.

For more information, please contact Beth Albee, Cubmaster at roses2273@yahoo.com / 269.364.0763.

# COMMUNITY CORNER.....

## SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00 pm DESSERT RECEPTION

8:45 pm *HAVDALAH*

9:00 -10:00 pm PROGRAM

Congregation Beth Torah (6100 W. 127th St. OP, KS 66209) Join the Community's Rabbis for Study and Conversation as we explore Hillel and Shamai: What we can learn from **Hillel and Shamai - Discord and Unity in Jewish Texts** Explore texts that teach us how we can listen, challenge and connect with one another and be mindful, compassionate and generous in the year ahead, and how to discuss difficult topics in a civil manner. **Jewish Pluralism: Discord and Unity in the Machzor Liturgy** Rabbis Doug Alpert and Sarah Smiley **Who's in and Who's out? An interactive Game on the Messiness of Coalitions** Rabbis David Glickman and Jonathan Rudnick. **Vows and Their Consequences: Jewish Views on the Power of our Words** Rabbis Jon Kleinman, Monica Kleinman, Beryl Padorr. **The Peaceful Path to Repentance** Rabbis **Moshe Grussgott and Herbert Mandl**. To register or for additional information, visit [kcrabbis.org](http://kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913.327.4622. Sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City in collaboration with area congregations and with generous support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City. **Selichot services also take place at Midnight at Kehilath Israel.**

## SELICHOT at K.I. - Saturday, Sept. 21

**10:30 pm - Rabbi Moshe Grussgott** will teach *Maimonides' Laws of Repentance*.

Refreshments and social time will follow.

**12 midnight - Selichot** service will be led by Rabbi Moshe Grussgott and Rabbi Ira Grussgott.

## MONUMENT UNVEILING

**Sunday, September 15**

**In Memory of Eunice Fox**

**10:30 a.m.**

**K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery**

## 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:

**DR. SOLOMON BATNITZKY**

*(Husband of Mickey Batnitzky)*

**ETTA CLAY**

*(Sister of Shelley Rissien)*

# September 2019

1 Elul 5779 - 1 Tishrei 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2	<b>2</b> Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service - 9:00 am	<b>3</b> Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:24	<b>7</b> Shoftim Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Shabbos Ends: 8:13 Tot Shabbat - 10:30 am Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush
<b>8</b> K.I. Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	<b>11</b> Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Cub Scout Regatta-6:30 pm Understanding the Machzor taught by Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	<b>13</b> 7:13	<b>14</b> Ki Seitzei Isaiah 54:1-10 Shabbos Ends: 8:02 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Kiddush for Paul Blackman's 70th Birthday Rabbi's Class-6:05 pm
<b>15</b> K.I. Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	<b>18</b> Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	<b>19</b> Understanding the Machzor taught by Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	<b>20</b> 7:01	<b>21</b> Ki Savo Isaiah 60:1-22 Shabbos Ends: 7:50 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Selichot Program and Service - 10:30 pm Rabbi's Class-5:50 pm
<b>22</b> Selichos Begin K.I. Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	<b>25</b> Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Understanding the Machzor taught by Rabbi Grussgott-7:00 pm	<b>27</b> 6:50	<b>28</b> Nitzavim Isaiah 61:10-63:9 Shabbos Ends: 7:38 Mini-Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Rabbi's Class-5:40 pm Dr. Marilyn Metzl Speaking -- Second Chance Camp: My Bat Mitzvah at the Wall
<b>29</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:47 NO K.I. Religious School	<b>30</b> Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 7:35 OFFICE CLOSED					



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SUNDAY SHACHARIT 9:00 A.M.  
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SUNDAY-FRIDAY  
MINCHA AND MAARIV

Week of September 1 6:15 PM  
Week of September 8 6:05 PM  
Week of September 15 5:55 PM  
Week of September 22 5:45 PM  
Week of September 29-30  
(See *Rosh Hashanah*, Schedule-page 3)  
October 1 - 3 6:45 PM

The *Shofar* will be sounded after the morning service during  
the month of *Elul* (except on the Sabbath and the day before  
*Rosh Hashanah*) as a call to repentance.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, LABOR DAY 9:00 AM



***Sukkah Dinner***  
**on the 1<sup>st</sup> night of**  
***Sukkot***  
**Sunday, Oct. 13**

**Children's Program - 6:30 pm**

**Services - 6:30 pm     Dinner - 7:00 pm**

**\$15/adults    \$8/under age 8    Men's Club members/Free**

**Reservation deadline Monday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**