

THE LOCAL POINT

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



We marked a bittersweet milestone at K.I. recently: we've finally resumed services, both daily and on *Shabbat* morning. It was "sweet" because it's so wonderful to be back in *shul*. But the "bitter" aspect is in the sense that *shul* still isn't quite back to "normal." We all wear masks and sit distanced. We have

no *Kiddush* at which to socialize with each other. Moreover, in accordance with guidance from national synagogue organizations, we've shortened the service so as to limit any potential viral exposure. Many Jews are now joking: So this is what it took to finally shorten the services! A worldwide pandemic!

We're also now deliberating about the very difficult decisions surrounding what the High Holy Days will look like in these difficult and unprecedented times. I've never been more grateful to be a person of faith than now, because religious faith is one area in which I can find comfort when so much about what's currently happening in the world is beyond our capacity for control or prediction.

As you read this, we will have just observed *Tisha b'Av*, the saddest day of the Jewish year. *Tisha b'Av* commemorates the date on which both Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed, over 500 years apart, by the Babylonians and the Romans, respectively. This cosmic "coincidence," of both Temples having been destroyed on the same date so many centuries apart, speaks to the 9th of Av as a date of ominous negative destiny. However, the prophet Zechariah taught that in the future, when the Messiah comes, the 9th of Av will actually become a *Yom Tov*, a festive day. And so, in addition to being a day of great national sadness and mourning, it has also always been a day of great hope, and of messianic expectation. *Tisha b'Av* is followed by seven *Shabbatot* on which we read the seven *Haftorahs* of Consolation, all from the book of Isaiah. These seven weeks, in turn, lead us into *Rosh Hashanah* and the New Year. That's the message that I think we need to turn to now, in this time of worldwide uncertainty and angst: that despite the uncertainty and distress, we look forward with religious faith to better times ahead.

May the approaching New Year bring with it renewed luck and health for the world.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott
Senior Rabbi



What's new? I'm asked that every day. The answer is, "Which news station do you watch or newspaper do you read?" Unfortunately, all the news is pretty much the same – not good. But we do what we can. Refrain from unnecessary risks and pray for the best.

The trick is trying to maintain a sense of normalcy. I felt it was necessary to explore reopening the synagogue, so we put a committee together as our first step. The ground rules included compliance with the CDC Guidelines and the Rabbinical Association's recommendations. We included a medical expert on our committee.

We realized how blessed we were in that our sanctuary is large enough to accommodate our membership for the High Holy Days while maintaining social distancing. Of course, there will be other guidelines with which we will have to comply. We will let the entire membership know what will be expected and how services will shape up.

In the meantime, we are holding daily services, *Shacharit* and *Mincha/Maariv*. We are proud to say that if you need to say *Kaddish*, K.I. will accommodate you.

As I write this article, I am pleased to say that we have added *Shabbat* services to our reopening. For three weeks in a row, we have been able to enjoy *Shabbat* services at K.I.

I am happy to see things falling into place. In the meantime we need to all be safe, and G-d willing healthy.

We look forward to seeing you at *shul*. The services are shorter, and safety guidelines are in place. Of course, if you have a medical condition that prohibits you from joining us, please pray in the comfort of your home.

If you have any issues that we can help you with, please call the synagogue office and leave a message. Someone will get back to you quickly.

Looking forward to seeing you at *shul*.

Marty Gorin,
President

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM)+.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting*.....8:12 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Va'eschanan

Shabbat Nachamu

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Havdalah.....9:05 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM)+.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting*.....8:05 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Eikev

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Havdalah.....8:58 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM)+.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting*.....7:56 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH

ELUL

Re'eh

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Havdalah.....8:48 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM)+.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting*.....7:47 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Shoftim

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Havdalah.....8:37 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM)+.....6:30 PM
Candlelighting*.....7:36 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Havdalah.....8:26 PM

*NO LATER THAN

*Rabbi Grussgott will send out an email with a link to the ZOOM Kabbalat Shabbat service. Alternatively, request the link at info@kisyn.org.

K.I. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

As we end the summer, we are unsure of what things will look like in the fall. Because of the state of the pandemic, area religious schools will not be opening in person this fall. Like the other schools, we will begin virtual religious school after the fall holidays. Our first session will be on October 18.

During the summer, I enjoyed doing one on one tutoring with some of the students. If there is interest, I will be looking at ways to incorporate that into this school year also.

We ask that all the school families allow us flexibility this year as we figure out what will work best in the current medical climate. We hope that as the medical community gets closer to a vaccine and the number of COVID cases in our area go down, we will be able to meet together again as a school family.

Anyone wanting to join the school can get an application by contacting the synagogue office or **Rachel Macek** (macek.rachel@gmail.com). Applications can be downloaded from our website - kisyn.org.

If you have questions about religious school, please contact Rachel Macek at macek.rachel@gmail.com.

Rachel Macek,
Religious School Director



CUB SCOUT PACK 3153



With adherence to Covid-19 virus restrictions on gatherings, self-distancing, mask usage, etc., coupled with youth "attention span" realities in holding "Zoom" meetings, Pack 3153 will be doing suitable and controlled Pack activities only.

The plan is to hold 2 Pack "SAFE" activities per month beginning in August and continuing until the situation allows the return to "normal."

On Sunday, August 9th, weather permitting, the Pack will hold its grade-to-grade "crossover ceremony" at 7:00 p.m. on the field and Kass patio, outdoors behind K.I. (The ceremony is normally held in May, but has been postponed due to current pandemic situation.) After the ceremony, a bonfire, complete with "s'mores" will be held in the K.I. fire pit built by Lee Albee and Pack 3153. There will be NO building access.

On Sunday, August 30th, weather permitting, the Pack is planning a fishing derby on a private stocked lake from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Additional controlled activities including a "bike hike" and "traditional" forested hikes, etc. are planned for the Fall.

Cub Scout Pack 3153, chartered to K.I. for over 30 years, provides safe, age appropriate, and outstanding programming, with youth protection trained volunteer leadership, for all youth (boys and girls) in Kindergarten through 5th grades. More information regarding Pack 3153 can be obtained from Beth Albee, Cubmaster at roses2273@yahoo.com / 269.364.0763. Please contact Beth if you should have any additional ideas for activities during this pandemic situation, or if you would like to support or become involved with the Pack.





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- 8 Randa & Dr. Joel Feder (49)
- 11 Sue & Lewis Nerman (14)
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- 23 Beverly & Barnett Alport (50)
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Cindy & Sheldon Singer (39)
- 25 Karen & Steven Schwartz (35)
- 27 Beverly & Dr. Norman Burk (59)
- 29 Muriel & Gene Soloff (55)
- 30 Gerri & David Ruben (28)
- 31 Susie & Paul Gershon (57)
Ruth & Sandy Levine (40)

תודה רבה

...to **Susan** and **Dr. Sam Gutovitz** on the engagement of their son Dr. Cory Gutovitz to Ariel Rothfield. Cory is an internal medicine physician and Ariel is a reporter and law student.

...to **Janet** and **Jim Stone** on the birth of a granddaughter, Elara Rose Stone, to Matthew and Teresa Stone.

...to **Tracy** and **Frank Tankard** on the birth of their son, Jonah Truman Tankard.

...to Bonnie and Sam Rabicoff on the birth of a grandson, Jacob Symon Rabicoff to Samantha and Isaac Rabicoff in Alexandria, VA. Also to the great-grandmother, Ida Mour.

...to **Katie Rosenbaum** on the birth of a grandson to Rachel and Brian Hartwich.

CONGREGANTS' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

Mitchell Gold, Robert Cohen, Frank Friedman, Melvin Abend, Ida Kolkin, Shelley Rissien, Barbara Mandl, David Pool, Amir Minoofar, Jedediah Shaffer, Anna Cohen, Gerri Ruben, Emanuel Winston, Harvey Schiffman, Simon Budnitskiy, Angie Fry, Lisa Kusnetzky, Linda Goldstein, Michael Taraboulos, Susie Blackman, David Shanberg, Bernard Jacobson, Bradley Cotlar, Stephen Koffman, Lewis Nerman, Steve Sweet, Ann Federman, Jasmine Kaplan, Seth Mandl, Deanna Rudd, Carole Sher, Susan Goodbinder, Isaac Gortenburg, Rachel Tucker, Scott Fishman, Susie Gershon, Linda Kurz, Ira Neufeld, Michael Heiligman, Bradley Davidson, Joel Feder, Sue Nerman, Geoffrey Friedman, Nedra Rosen, Sylvia Partridge, Herbert Rosen, Madeline Zolotor, Yaniv Gershom, Ronald Weiss.

AUGUST YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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רפואה שלמה

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

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Sundays. If you are not on our email list, contact
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IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

**ROSH CHODESH ELUL - Thursday, August 20 &
Friday, August 21**

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.

