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



Rabbis like to joke about how we Jews are always complaining that the holidays are either "so early this year" or "so late this year;" they never seem to come simply "on time!" Well, this year the High Holidays are truly quite early. The first night of *Rosh Hashanah* is Labor Day Monday. I'm sure that that

confluence must have occurred sometime before, but I can't remember when.

We can express gratitude to God that this year's High Holidays are scheduled to occur as normal, as we slowly emerge from the pandemic. The pandemic has delayed our ability to navigate the international bureaucracy necessary to bring in Cantor Hayoun in time for the holidays. But we are still committed to finally bringing him here as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we're delighted to bring back Cantor Howard Shalowitz of Saint Louis for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. You might recall that Cantor Shalowitz's cousin, Rabbi Morton Shalowitz, of blessed memory, was the assistant rabbi of K.I. back in the 1950's. Cantor Shalowitz did an excellent job leading services in the highly difficult and unusual circumstances that pertained last year. I remain so proud that we managed to so seamlessly pull off those services. Those of you who were able to attend last year will be glad to hear that Cantor Shalowitz's young sons Max and Ari will once again be joining him in singing some of the melodies.

We're still looking into if it will be feasible to have our full regular choir back for this year as well. I envision that it will be an especially joyous holiday season. Many of us who weren't able to make it to services last year will be back again this year. In Hebrew the word for year, "*Shanah*," is related to the word "*Lish'not*," which means "to repeat." Each time a new year comes in, we're simply repeating the cycle of calendrical turnover. And so, when we wish each other a "*Shanah Tovah*," we're essentially wishing for each other to have a "good renewal." I think that that message is especially fitting for this year.

May it be a time of renewal, rededication, and rejuvenation, both emotional and spiritual, for all of us. I wish us all an early *Shanah Tovah*!

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



One thing is for sure - time keeps on going. We cannot stop it, nor can we control it.... It continues at its own constant speed. We must adjust our schedules to comply with time. It's time to go to sleep. It's time to wake up. It's time to eat. It's time for prayers. It's time to get the oil changed. And so on.

And it's time for the High Holy Days which are "just around the corner."

There are a lot of things waiting for each of us "just around the corner." And I believe that each one of us has his/her own corner packed with personal, as well as common events, that we share with others. And all of these events are waiting for for the proper time to jolt us into realizing we haven't planned properly.

Is it human nature to procrastinate?

I've always tried to get things done as soon as possible. Of course, not all things can be done well in advance of their occurrence. Lately, I find myself putting things off as "I work better under pressure."

I've come to the conclusion that "whatever works best for you," is what you should do. Just keep in mind, the High Holy Days are right around the corner, no matter at which corner you look. And before you know it TIME will make it seem like a flash in the recent past.

Marty Gorin,
President

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON K.I. POLICIES:

Following the latest CDC guidelines, masks are not required at K.I. if you are two weeks past your second Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or two weeks past your J&J vaccine. **You should wear a mask if you do not meet these requirements. Children under age 12 and their parents should still wear masks at K.I.** (Vaccinated parents should do so in support of their children.)

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 PM
Candlelighting*.....8:06 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH

ELUL

RE'EH

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF

WILLIAM WAXMAN BAR MITZVAH

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....7:00 PM

Mincha.....7:45 PM

Havdalah.....8:59 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 PM

Candlelighting*.....7:58 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

SHOFTIM

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:50 PM

Mincha.....7:35 PM

Havdalah.....8:49 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:35 PM

Candlelighting*.....7:48 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

KI TEITZEI

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:40 PM

Mincha.....7:25 PM

Havdalah.....8:39 PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 PM

Candlelighting*.....7:38 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

KI SAVO

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Morning Services.....9:00 AM

Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:30 PM

Mincha.....7:15 PM

Havdalah.....8:29 PM

*NO LATER THAN

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER
FOCAL POINT IS MONDAY,
AUGUST 9. WE APPRECIATE
YOUR COOPERATION.**

POLICY FOR ADMITTANCE TO HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT

KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE 2021/5782

Participation in our High Holiday services is a privilege of membership. Our desire is to welcome all members to share in worship during our High Holiday services.

An adult member in good standing will receive a ticket, plus tickets requested for:

- dependent children (under 18 years of age do not need ticket); and
- out-of-town guests visiting for the holidays.

Undergraduate or graduate students are welcome to attend as our guests by showing their student IDs.

In addition, military personnel and residents who have moved to the K.C. area within the last 12 months and are not yet affiliated are welcome as our guests.

Because of security, you must have a ticket and your car must have a parking pass to attend High Holiday services.

If you have any questions or would like tickets for the High Holiday services, please contact the synagogue office at 913.642.1880.

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Place orders **NOW** for your *lulav* and *etrog*.

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Overland Park, KS 66212



2021 HIGH HOLIDAY YAMIM NORAIM SCHEDULE 5782

RABBI MOSHE GRUSSGOTT



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 6 - 29 Elul

<i>Shacharit</i> and <i>Selichot</i>	6:45 AM
<i>Mincha</i> and <i>Maariv</i>	6:30 PM
Candlelighting.....	7:23 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, September 7 - 1 Tishri

<i>Shacharit</i>	8:00 AM
Kid's Congregation.....	11:30 AM
<i>Tashlich</i>	5:45 PM
<i>Mincha</i> and <i>Maariv</i>	6:30 PM
Candlelighting (no earlier than).....	8:12 PM

Wednesday, September 8 - 2 Tishri

<i>Shacharit</i>	8:00 AM
Kid's Congregation	11:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i> and <i>Maariv</i>	7:30 PM
<i>Havdalah</i>	8:11 PM

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 15 - 9 Tishri

<i>Shacharit</i> and <i>Selichot</i>	7:00 AM
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45 PM
Candlelighting	7:08 PM
(Candles will be available at the synagogue for <i>licht bentchen</i> .)	
<i>Kol Nidre</i> Service	7:10 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, September 16 - 10 Tishri

<i>Shacharit</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Yizkor</i> in the late morning	
<i>Mincha</i>	5:20 PM
<i>Ne'ila</i>	6:35 PM
<i>Maariv</i>	7:45 PM
<i>Havdalah</i> and End of Fast.....	7:57 PM

YOM KIPPUR REMINDER

Just a reminder that on *Yom Kippur* night and all day, all laws of *Shabbat* apply. Also, it is very important for those of you affected by the Overland Park *Eruv* to call the *Eruv* Hotline at 913.791.8080 late in the afternoon of the eve of *Yom Kippur* to verify the *Eruv* is "up" and functioning as we do on the eve of every *Shabbat*.

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*, Tuesday, September 7 at 105th and Conser over Indian Creek at approximately 5:45 pm. *Tashlich* will conclude in time to return to the synagogue for the 6:30 pm *Mincha* and *Yom Tov Maariv*.

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Thursday, September 9

The fast will begin at 5:34 am and
conclude at 8:06 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:

תקעו בחודש שופר, בכסה ליום חגנו.
כי חק למשאל הוא, משפט לאלקי יעקב.

Tik-u B'chodesh Shofar, Bakesh L'Yom Chagaynu.
Ki chok l'Yisrael Hu, Mishpat Lay-Lohay Yaakov.

(סברי מרנן ורפנן ורבנותי)
ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

Savri Maranan.
Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaim 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.



- 4 Barbara & Ronald Bronstein (47)
- 5 Cathy & Craig Caplan (31)
Tracy & Frank Tankard (14)
- 8 Randa & Dr. Joel Feder (50)
- 11 Sue & Lewis Nerman (15)
- 12 Debra & Joseph Adamous (42)
Sandra & William Gasser (65)
- 13 Doris & Gregory Quinn (49)
- 14 Terri & Jay Herman (33)
Phyllis & Ronald Kogan (61)
- 15 Clara & Norman Levine (56)
Fani & William Schiffman (50)
- 16 Jamie & Jason Smartt (24)
- 18 Barbara & Rabbi Herbert Mandl (53)
Osa and Seth Mandl (19)
- 19 Kitty & Hal Novicoff (59)
- 20 Marcie & Bruce Kaplan (43)
- 21 Betsy & Steve Waxman (22)
Jennifer & Richard Devinki (10)
- 23 Beverly & Barnett Alport (51)
Renee & Lynn Kuluva (57)
Cindy & Sheldon Singer (40)
- 25 Karen & Steven Schwartz (36)
- 27 Beverly & Dr. Norman Burk (60)
- 29 Muriel & Gene Soloff (56)
- 30 Gerri & David Ruben (29)
- 31 Susie & Paul Gershon (58)
Ruth & Sandy Levine (41)

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, Joshua Kolkin, 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, Bradley Cotlar, Stephen Koffman, Lewis Nerman, Steve Sweet, Jasmine Kaplan, Seth Mandl, Deanna Rudd, Carole Sher, Susan Goodbinder, Isaac Gortenbug, Rachel Tucker, Scott Fishman, Susie Gershon, Linda Kurz, Ira Neufeld, Michael Heiligman, Joel Feder, Sue Nerman, Geoffrey Friedman, Nedra Rosen, Sylvia Partridge, Herbert Rosen, Madeline Zolotor, Yaniv Gershon, Ronald Weiss.

PROFESSOR SELECTED FOR NATIONAL COMMISSION ON PANDEMIC-ERA NURSING-HOME SAFETY



In June 2020, **Jessica Kalender-Rich, M.D., FACP**, associate professor of Geriatric Medicine at KU Medical Center and practicing physician, was named to the Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes. She was selected from more than 800 applicants. She was part of a team of experts who went to the White House to analyze how facilities could better cope with the pandemic reality. Jessica was honored to be chosen for such a prestigious appointment.

The initial plan was for the commission's 25 members to convene weekly through July. Ultimately, they provided recommendations, and their completed report was delivered to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shortly after Sept. 1, 2020.

In addition to her position at KU Medical Center, Kalender-Rich also is medical director for post-acute continuum of care at The University of Kansas Health System. She also is medical director at two skilled nursing facilities: one in Kansas City, Kansas, and the other in Shawnee, Kansas.

AUGUST YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Noah Rosenbloom, Cameron Speier, Avi Fry, Ezra Grussgott, Jaden Cohavi, David Waxman, Charles Kass, Yedid Macek, Calder Smartt, Crosby Tankard, Eliezer Rich, Tucker Strain.



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BAR MITZVAH OF WILLIAM WAXMAN



Because of the pandemic last year, William's celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* with his family on a Sunday morning here at K.I.

Everyone is invited to a *kiddush* sponsored by his parents, Steve and Betsy Waxman on Saturday, August 7 following morning services.



For his Eagle Scout project, William Waxman built bookcases for the K.I. Religious School. Pictured are Dr. Steve, William and Betsy Waxman



Standing with William is Rabbi Moshe Grussgott.

OUR GRADUATES



The following names did not make it in the June/July *Focal Point*. We wish them and all a *mazal tov* on their endeavors!

...**David Waxman**, son of **Dr. Steve** and **Betsy Waxman**, graduated from Blue Valley Northwest High School. He will be attending KU in Lawrence, Kansas in the fall.

...**Gabi Cabell**, daughter of **Peter** and **Joan Cabell**, graduated from Bradley University with a Masters in Accounting. She is using her summer to study for the CPA exams. In August, Gabi will work for Plante Moran in Chicago.

מזל טוב

...to **Sharon Levitan** on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of her granddaughter, Elia Remi Ellis, daughter of Andrea Levitan and Mark Ellis.

...to **Dr. Lowell Fletcher** for completing his Accredited Residency in Family Practice.

...to **Dr. David Shanberg** who graduated from the UMKC General Surgery Residency Program. He was presented with awards from both St. Luke's Hospital and Truman Hospital on his trauma surgery skills, and overall surgery skills, and he was named "Resident of the Year" (5th year in a row).

תודה רבה

...to our office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **Irene Blend**, **Jake Schulzinger**, and **Sonny Singer**.

...to **Max Jevinsky** for taking the *Focal Point* to the main KC, MO post office each month so that you can receive a print version.

...to **Brenda Fishman**, **Debbie Adamous** and their crew for the *Shabbat kiddushim*.

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IN HONOR OF
SAM DEVINKI
75TH BIRTHDAY
06-09-2021
JOSEPH & DEBBIE ADAMOUS

FRED DEVINKI K.I RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School is excited to resume in person classes on **Sunday, September 12, 2021**. Enrollment is now open.

You can find forms to enroll your child in the tuition free school here:

<https://kisyn.org/religious-school/schedule-of-classes>

Please contact **Rachel Macek** (macek.rachel@gmail.com) about any questions regarding the school.

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:

ARNOLD LITMAN

*(Brother of Lois Winston,
Brother-in-law of Myra Litman)*

HELEN BROWN

(Sister of Marvin Romer)

SAMUEL GOTTLIEB

(Father of Sharon Levin)

SIGMUND GAST

(Brother of Bob Gast)



Memorial Day Cemetery Service at K.I. Blue Ridge on May 30
Pictured (from left): Jake Schuzinger, Mel Mallin, Bill Greenberg
and Rabbi Grussgott

JUST CHECKIN' IN...

We're thrilled to be gathering and able to "break bread" together again.

A friendly reminder to any and all who bring food into our kitchens:

**ALL food coming into either K.I. kitchen
must be checked in by Rabbi Grussgott, Rabbi Mandl or the Vaad.**

Please contact one **PRIOR** to coming to arrange a time
which will be convenient for all.
Rabbi@kisyn.org

If using a caterer, the VAAD KC must supervise at all times.
Contact Rabbi Yitzchak Mizrahi: info@vaadkc.org 913.235.6077

For a convenient, **printable list** of the
most commonly seen
accepted **kosher symbols** in our area:
vaadkc.org/kosher-symbols

Need help? Contact the *shul* office.

K.I. KIDZ

10 SNACK
10:30 PROGRAM
11:15 CRASH THE
BIMAH

AGES 0-12

8/21, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8

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K.I. GRAND GIVERS 2021

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23 AV-AUGUST 1

LEONARD BELOVE
BRADLEY CAPLAN
DAVID SCHWEITZER
O. BRAD SHEAR
MICHAEL WEINBERG
GERTRUDE ZUKER

24 AV-AUGUST 2

CASLE AGRON
SARAH TURKIN

25 AV-AUGUST 3

RUBIN BURK
MARY CLAYMAN
PAULINE LEVINE
ROSE MALINOSKY
ZVI MILLER
SAM SHAPIRO
HARRY ZELMANOVICH

26 AV-AUGUST 4

BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN
MORRIS FISHMAN
CELIA KROSS
STEVEN MILLER
MALKA ROSENBERG
HERMAN SHALINSKY

27 AV-AUGUST 5

PINCUS CHEPLOVE
RACHEL GOLDBERG
MOSES LERNER
ABRAHAM ROSENBERG
MILTON ROSENBLATT
SOLOMON SPORN
DONALD TRANIN
SHAW WEINER
CHAYA YODLER

28 AV-AUGUST 6

JOSEPH COHEN
PHILIP COHEN
YETTA FISHMAN
BESSIE KANDLIS
SAMUEL PUCKER
MARK ROBINSON
BERNARD TENENBAUM
ANNA ZALCMAN

29 AV-AUGUST 7

RACHEL COHEN
ANATOLY LEVIN
REBECCA LIEBERMAN
DOROTHY MNOOKIN
ABE RADETSKY
PRO SHERMAN

30 AV-AUGUST 8

RUTH ENGLANDER
IRVING KASS
SIDNEY LEWIS
LILLIAN MARGOLIN
DAVID PENER

1 ELUL-AUGUST 9

JENNIE KALLIS
MARSHALL KOCH

2 ELUL-AUGUST 10

BEILA DENOWITZ

3 ELUL-AUGUST 11

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

4 ELUL-AUGUST 12

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

5 ELUL-AUGUST 13

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

6 ELUL-AUGUST 14

DAVE COHEN
ISAK FEDERMAN
SARAH WHITE

7 ELUL-AUGUST 15

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

8 ELUL-AUGUST 16

ISRAEL BETTINGER
JEAN KATZ
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LOUIS PRESS

9 ELUL-AUGUST 17

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

10 ELUL-AUGUST 18

JEROME AARON
SAM GAMPOL
DAVID GROSSMAN
MARTIN JERWICK
MARGARETHE LATTER
SOPHIA MARCUS
HANNAH PASSMAN
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11 ELUL-AUGUST 19

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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE COURSE: "JUDAISM FOR CONVERSION CANDIDATES" BEGINS IN AUGUST

The community-wide program "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" will begin August 19. The 36-week engaging and interactive course is offered for those considering conversion to Judaism and provides a comfortable forum to learn more about the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice. Each student is required to secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor who will serve as a mentor to candidates.

Participants will combine Jewish learning with Jewish "doing" as they become part of a shared community and create Jewish memories by taking part in *Shabbat* and holiday celebrations and observances at *Sukkot*, *Chanukah* and *Passover*. Basic Hebrew is also taught as part of the course.

Sessions are taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and Progressive movements. Classes will take place virtually, and some sessions may rotate among the synagogues later in the year.

An orientation session for those enrolled in the program will take place virtually Thursday, August 12, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Visit kerabbi.org for information. To register, contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at afprogram@aol.com or 913.327.8226.

Funding for this Rabbinical Association program is generously provided by the Menorah Heritage Foundation and the National Center to Encourage Judaism. This course is taught through a collaborative educational partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program of American Jewish University.

◆◆◆◆◆ **REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THIS YEAR'S VIRTUAL Day of Discovery August 22**

Registration is now open for this year's annual Day of Discovery taking place Sunday, August 22. Visit the Rabbinical Association website kerabbi.org for information, a complete listing of classes and topic descriptions, and a link to registration. The deadline to register is August 16 and participants are asked to register early as some classes have limited spaces. Registration fees increase after August 16. Zoom links for each session will be sent a few days prior to the program.

Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for the entire Jewish community to

discover and explore the richness, diversity, and joy of Jewish learning in Kansas City. Participants will have an opportunity to learn, study, and discover some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis, professors, experts and cantors who will lead sessions on a wide range of topics throughout the day beginning at 9:30 a.m. Nearly thirty classes will be offered.

This year's program will take place virtually using ZOOM and our new and improved online platform. A limited number of adult and family-oriented sessions will be offered in person. Volunteers are available by phone to assist with registration for those who would like assistance and technology assistance will also be offered the day of the program. A lunch and discussion featuring the popular radio show Religion on the Line co-hosts Rabbi Michael Zedek, Dr. Bob Hill and Deacon Bill Scholl from 12:30-1:30.

Two family-oriented service projects will take place for youth and parents in the morning and coordinated by Frank Tankard, a member of the Day of Discovery task force. Taly Friedman, Director of Volunteer Engagement, Jewish Family Services will lead an interactive session and hands-on projects focused on the JFS Food Pantry, and Ken Sonnenschein and his team will facilitate a discussion and tour of the Mitzvah Garden with an opportunity to work in the garden. Each program has limited space.

This program is co-sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City in partnership with The J KC, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Jewish Family Services, Village Shalom and area congregations.

For information, visit kerabbi.org or contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, by email at afprogram@aol.com or by phone at 913.327.8226.

◆◆◆◆◆ **ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY AND SHABBAT MEALS TO GO**

Curbside kosher holiday meals to go will be available for purchase for *Rosh Hashanah* catered by Kim Matsil, Kim's Creations (pick up Sunday afternoon, September 5) and *Kol Nidre* catered by Cathy Levin, Kosher Connection (pick up Wednesday, September 15). The next *Shabbat* Meal to go will be offered October 15 and catered by Steve Ellenberg, Ellenberg Experience Catering.

Place your order early and pay online

at <https://rabbiskc.regfox.com/shabbat-meals-to-go-2021>

Link can also be found at kerabbi.org. Payment for meals is accepted online and by credit card only and orders must be received by the deadline.

Menus, pricing, and ordering deadlines can be found on the order page. Convenient curbside meal pick-up takes place at the JCC theater circle drive. When you pick up your meals, drop off a non-perishable food donation for the JFS Food Pantry's High Holy Day Food Drive. JFS donation barrels are located near the entrance.

Meals can be ordered in quantities to serve one or more individuals or a family of four. All food items are packaged in containers suitable for warming in the oven or transfer microwaveable items to a microwave safe container before heating. Simple and clear heating instructions will be included.

Those who wish may purchase additional meals to go to gift to someone special and/or share a Holiday meal with others. Donations in all amounts are welcome.

For questions or to **inquire about confidential financial assistance**, contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association by email, afprogram@aol.com or call 913.327.8226. Visit kerabbi.org for additional information.

This project is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

◆◆◆◆◆ **BEYOND BORDERS: THE HISTORY OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Dates: October 12, 19, 26,

November 2, 9, 16, 30,

December 7, 14, January 11

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Faculty: **Bill Greenberg**

Location: K.I. Synagogue - Cost: \$295

This course provides students with a strong, text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. The course material is designed to encourage discussion and debate, challenging students to appreciate the basis of the conflicting historical claim made by all sides. The complexity of the controversy forces students to grapple with issues of religion and culture, history and politics, combined with economics, identity and survival—all reflected through primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents, speeches, photographs and memoirs. The 20-lesson course will provide students with new tools for understanding and critiquing texts and events as the conflict continues to unfold.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 23 AV	2 24 AV	3 25 AV	4 26 AV	5 27 AV	6 28 AV	7 29 AV
8 30 AV Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 1	9 1 ELUL Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2	10 2 ELUL	11 3 ELUL	12 4 ELUL	13 5 ELUL	14 6 ELUL Shoflim Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Shabbos Ends: 8:49 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Pirkei Avot Class - 6:50 pm
15 7 ELUL	16 8 ELUL	17 9 ELUL	18 10 ELUL	19 11 ELUL	20 12 ELUL	21 13 ELUL KI Seitzel Isaiah 54:1-10 Shabbos Ends: 8:39 KI Kidz - 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Pirkei Avot Class - 6:40 pm
22 14 ELUL	23 15 ELUL	24 16 ELUL	25 17 ELUL K.I. Board Meeting - 7:00 pm	26 18 ELUL	27 19 ELUL	28 20 ELUL KI Savo Isaiah 60:1-22 Shabbos Ends: 8:29 Rabbi Grussgott's Pirkei Avot Class - 6:30 pm
29 21 ELUL Selichos Begin Selichot and Shacharit Services - 9:00 am	30 22 ELUL	31 23 ELUL				



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Week of August 8 6:40 PM
Week of August 15 6:35 PM
Week of August 22 6:30 PM
Week of August 29 6:25 PM

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

**ROSH CHODESH ELUL - Sunday, August 8 &
Monday, August 9**

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.



K.I. BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

This year the **Annual Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery Memorial Service** is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, September 12, 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, September 12 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.