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From the Rabbi... From the President...



I recently returned from a rabbinic convention in Boca Raton, Florida. I was extra excited to go this year, since last year's convention was cancelled due to the pandemic.

One of the sessions we had was a workshop on prayer. One idea which was presented, which I found quite beautiful, was as follows: it's hard to connect with the words of the siddur. As Jews, we have a set text that we're expected to recite, as opposed to speaking to G-d in our own words (although there are sections of the *Amida* where one is encouraged to pray in their own words, most notably at the very end, before taking three steps back). Why is this? Parenthetically, I was reminded of my experience as a US Army chaplain in training, when I was asked to offer a prayer for the class one morning. I froze up. We Jews don't compose our own prayers! My evangelical Christian friends were quite skilled at closing their eyes and coming up with spontaneous words of prayer, so I turned to some of them for instruction about how to properly do that. I eventually learned how to do it, but it never came naturally.

At my convention, an idea was presented from the great Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook: it's true that prayer might not often resonate with our mortal selves. We don't usually aspire to such lofty goals as are articulated in our set text of prayer. But the *siddur* is meant to speak to our souls, that divine spark within us, which is actually always talking to G-d, always reaching out to the Infinite. Prayer simply allows the soul to be heard a few times a day. The challenge is to align your own priorities with those which are already latent in your soul. I found this to be a powerful explanation for what's happening when we *daven*.

I mention this all because we finally have our *chazzan* arriving soon! Cantor Aron and Vera Hayoun and their kids are scheduled to arrive by the time you're reading this. What a blessing to finally have a *chazzan* again, who can help uplift our prayers, and achieve what R. Kook described as giving voice to our very souls. If you've heard *Chazzan* Hayoun *daven* before, you know that he has that power to inspire through his voice.

I hope you'll join us in *shul* sometime soon, to hear him, and to meet him.

Wishing us all a happy *Pesach* this coming month.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



Dear Friends,

The time has come to "pass the torch" to a new administration here at K.I. It has been an honor as well as a privilege to serve as your president the past five years. I am pleased with our accomplishments and am excited thinking about our future.

As I outlined in my *Yom Kippur* speech, our accomplishments exceeded our expectations. That's the result because we insisted on only the best.

My administration began with the hiring of our Rabbi and ends with the hiring of our next *Hazzan*, who we expect will be with us as you read this article. I have spoken to several non-members who told me that they are excited about Cantor Hayoun's arrival to our community.

One final issue that we are working on is our parking lot. Unfortunately, timing is sometimes everything. We started prepping the parking lot and cold weather set in, the paving company told that we would have to wait until springtime to complete the job. So we have something to look forward to.

Of course, all these good things we've accomplished and are still working on could not have happened if it wasn't for my officers and volunteers. They are the ones who deserve the credit.

My officers:

Ari Lubowicz (VP) - your ideas are always worthwhile. Who else would have been able to come up with an "International *Chanukah*" candle lighting celebration. Thank you.

Jerry Stolov (VP) - your tireless work in dealing with the INS in bringing the Hayoun family to us would have been difficult alone. However, you had to deal with COVID problems on an international scale. Thank you.

Joe Adamous (VP) - you always contribute at our meetings. You not only make sure that our cemetery is clean and neat, but also you make sure that our synagogue grounds are kept up and thriving.

Sam Devinki (T, VP) - you're a late comer to my administration, but you're not a new comer to the Executive Committee. You have worked tirelessly for K.I. longer than anyone else that I can think of. Your efforts haven't gone unnoticed. You were appointed Honorary President for Life and rather than "taking it easy" you volunteered to take over as treasurer, when it became available and now you agreed to be a vice president.

Ellen Portnoy (VP) - I feel that I had to convince you to be one of my vice presidents because when I made the offer, you told me about all the other committees you were involved in with other organizations and weren't sure you had enough spare time. I convinced you to give it a shot. You weren't bashful about keeping me on my toes at our meetings, saying things like "According to Robert's Rules..." But I value your opinions very much. You are *continued on page 4*

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Candlelighting*.....7:24 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH NISAN

TAZRIA

SHABBAT HACHODESH

Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Numbers 28:9-15

Maftir: Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Class.....6:15 PM
Mincha.....7:00 PM
Havdalah.....8:16 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Candlelighting*.....7:31 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:20 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

METZORA

Torah Reading: Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Womens Well Circle.....10:00 AM
Mini-Minyan.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Class.....6:25 PM
Mincha.....7:10 PM
Havdalah.....8:23 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 15

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Candlelighting*.....7:52 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:35 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

ACHAREI-MOT

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Rabbi's Class.....6:45 PM
Mincha.....7:30 PM
Havdalah.....8:46 PM

*NO LATER THAN

Plan to Attend
Our Annual
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3
AT 10:00 AM
& STAY FOR
A DELICIOUS BRUNCH
AND
MEET THE HAYOUNS!

SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

Date _____

I hereby empower and give full authority to Rabbi Moshe Grussgott to act as my agent concerning any transaction involving all types of *chametz* that I own before *Pesach* 5782, whether in my possession or not in my possession, and even *chametz* that I shall purchase after signing this document. This power means to include all types of *chamez*, *chametz* products, mixtures of *chametz* and *chametz* utensils, both before and after *Pesach*.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Address(es) _____

Address(es) _____

Return to the synagogue by Monday, April 11.

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PASSOVER ANNOUNCEMENT

Rabbi Mandl will have available an excellent Passover guide from New Jersey about two weeks before Passover. This guide is more detailed and covers more products than most any other guide.

Passover Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - 13 NISAN

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:20 PM
 BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - 14 NISAN

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
 FOLLOWED BY SIYYUM BECHORIM
 (Feast of the first born who attend the completion of a Talmudic learning.)

THE DR. SIGMUND MANDL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
 FINAL TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ.....11:06 AM
 BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the Chametz).....12:12 PM
 Candlelighting.....7:38 PM
 MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv).....6:25 PM
 FIRST SEDER (in the home).....8:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:16-25
 Haftarah: Joshua 3:5-7; 5:2-15; 6:1,27

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:30 PM
 Candlelighting (no earlier than).....8:31 PM
 SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark).....8:35 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25
 Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9; 21-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....7:45 PM
 HAVDALAH.....8:32 PM

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 - 20

CHOL HAMOE PASSOVER

SHACHARIT.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA AND MAARIV.....6:25 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 - 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOE PASSOVER

SHACHARIT SERVICE.....7:00 AM
 MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY YOM TOV MAARIV).....6:30 PM
 Candlelighting.....7:44 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 13:17-15:26; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 (Kiddush following services)
 MINCHA AND YOM TOV MAARIV.....6:30 PM
 Candlelighting (no later than).....7:45 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PASSOVER

Deuteronomy 14:22 -16:17; Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE.....9:00 AM
 (YIZKOR WILL BE RECITED)
 KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
 RABBI'S CLASS.....6:15 PM
 MINCHA & Shir Hashirim & Seudah Shlishit.....7:00 PM
 MAARIV followed by
 HAVDALAH.....8:38 PM
 Chametz is permitted after.....9:00 PM



ERUV TAVSHILIN

This year, with the closing days of Passover taking place on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23, the ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to be recited on the eve of the seventh day, Thursday, April 21 before candlelighting.

When *Yom Tov* falls on a Friday, in order that it may be permissible to cook on that day for Saturday (one is permitted to cook on a holiday for that day alone), the head of the household must perform the ritual of "*Eruv Tavshilin*" before the festival. This consists of taking some *matzah* and some other food, such as fish or meat, putting them on a plate, raising it and then reciting the following prayers:

ברוך אתה ה', אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
 וצונו על מצות ערוב.
 בהדין ערובא? הו' שרא לנא לאפוקי ולבשולי ולאטמוני ולאדלוקי
 שרגא ולתקנא ולמעבד כל צרכנא, מיומא טבא לשבתא. לנו,
 ולכל ישראל הדרים בעיר הזאת.

Blessed art Thou, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the *Eruv*. With this *Eruv* it shall be permissible for us to bake, cook and to keep the food warm; to light the candles, and to prepare all necessary things on the festival for the *Sabbath*. This shall be permitted to us and to all Jews who live in this city.

The food for this ceremony is to be eaten on *Shabbat*, April 23, the eighth day of Passover, during the daytime hours.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (16)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (27)
- 16 Rosemary & Martin Gorin (33)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (55)

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the best.

Brenda Fishman (Sec'y) – you are so much more than the synagogue secretary. You have great ideas, which you share at the meetings, but what you do outside of the meetings is so amazing that I feel so lucky to have you in my administration. Every *Shabbat* you set up the *Kiddush*. You prepare delicious food and display everything needed to make *Shabbat Kiddush* beautiful for our congregation. I know you have help, and I thank **Debbie Adamous, Janet Stone, Cristi Gillom, Maureen Minoofar** and others who help from time to time. And if that's not enough, you are involved with the *Chesed* Committee. In addition, you have a full time job as a teacher at Shawnee Mission East High School and a part time job at Macy's.

And of course, the ladies in the office, Mary Lea Greenwood, Karen Smith, Allegra Shanberg, Candice Wheeler, and Elizabeth Peden. I don't even want to think about what life would be like without any of these women. I thank each of you and feel that we are blessed to have you.

Even with such wonderful talent, we still need our volunteers and members to come support your synagogue, services, classes, holiday dinners and plays, and soon, *Shabbat* dinners.

There are so many more people who should be mentioned, but I have exceeded my allotted space. So, I thank you all.

May G-d bless you all.

Marty Gorin, President

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 family of:

BETTY LESKY

PAUL GERSHON

(Husband of Susie Gershon)

MILTON PITTY

(Brother of Arlene Abrams)

SARAH SIPE-MILLER

*(Daughter of Rod Sipe,
Caretaker at K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery)*

CONGREGANTS' APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Frank Agron, Beverly Alport, Bonnie Brooksher, Barbra Bronstein, Peter Cabell, Cathy Caplan, Jasmine Dey, Brian Friedman, William Gasser, Allison Geivett, Jessie Geivett, Cynthia Gilgus, Richard Glass, Lori Gold, Ryan Gold, Kyle Gold, Mirra Goldenberg, Phillip Goodbinder, Marsha Jacobs, Max Jevinsky, Bruce Kaplan, Roza Karlan, Richard Kohn, Kimberlin Kubel, Herb Parmet, Deanna Pool, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Shirley Sander, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw, Rebecca Speier, Terri Turner, and Ernesto Zepeda.

APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Walter Waxman, Ari Grussgott, William Waxman.

תודה רבה

...to our office volunteers who assist in so many ways: **David Kershner, Jake Schulzinger, and Eunice Snitz.**

...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 fixing the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

מזל טוב

...to **Marsha Jacobs** on the birth of a great-grandson, Reuben John Jacobs to Taylor and Molly Jacobs.

...to **Sandy Suffian** and **Ernesto Zepeda** on the birth of a grandson to Federico Zepeda and Shana Wolfstein.

...to **Tamara** and **Steven Kingston** on the recent marriages of their sons, Benjamin to Belen Garcia Martinez; and Marc to Katie Hess.

...to **Stephanie** and **Richard Gatewood** on the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa to CJ Schwartze. Also to the grandmother, **Doris Gilgus.**

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PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year starts on Friday night, April 15

WHAT IS CHAMETZ?

A) Wheat, barley, rye, oats and spelt that have undergone the process of fermentation through the medium of water are termed by the *halachah* as *chametz*. The laws concerning the consumption of *chametz* apply to any quantity thereof, as well as to any item containing *chametz*, whether solid, liquid or gaseous. This means that we are not allowed to eat any bread, crackers, cake, cereals, etc., nor drink beer, whiskey or similar grain alcoholic beverages, nor use any grain vinegar and the like. Products such as sponge cakes and macaroons sold in bakeries are forbidden unless products are under strict rabbinic supervision and labeled “*Kosher For Pesach*.”

B) As a precautionary measure, leguminous plants or pods have been traditionally included in the category of *chametz* for *Ashkenazic* Jews. Included in this category are items such as peas, corn, beans (including string beans), millet, rice, lentils, buckwheat and peanuts. However, the oil derived therefrom is permissible according to some *Halachic* authorities.

C) No cereals, Dextri-maltose, or other baby food containing *chametz* or produced there from may be used. In their stead, *matzah* cereals and other non-*chametz* substitutes are easily obtainable. Leguminous baby foods may be used if prepared and served in separately kept utensils.

SELLING THE CHAMETZ

Any *chametz* owned by a Jew during the entire eight days of *Pesach* is forbidden for actual and future use forever. After as much *chametz* as possible is disposed, there still remains in our possession *chametz* which is stored away, including such things as our non-*Pesach* pots, pans, dishes and utensils. In order to fully comply with the laws of *Pesach*, these objects must be disposed of through formal sale to a non-Jew.

All such *chametz* in your possession should be collected and locked up, or put away in a carefully locked place, until after *Pesach*. All such removal of *chametz* must take place not later than the morning of the eve of *Pesach*.

Rabbi Grussogtt will act on your behalf to sell your *chametz* to a non-Jew. **The *chametz* sale form is on page two of this Focal Point.** Funds from the sale of *chametz* are contributed to the **Benevolent Fund** for distribution to the needy and charities for *Pesach* and throughout the year.

This transaction is a completely legal one giving the non-Jew all rights of ownership over that *chametz*. After the conclusion of *Pesach*, your agent may repurchase the *chametz* from the non-Jew. However, none of this *chametz* sold may be touched until it has been repurchased. It is, therefore, necessary for you to wait at least twenty-five minutes after *Pesach* ends before using this *chametz* to enable Rabbi Grussogtt time to repurchase it.

In order to be strictly *kosher* for *Pesach* and even *kosher* during the year, one must sell one's *chametz*!

Actual grain products such as bread, cookies and cake should really be totally disposed of and not locked away over *Pesach*. The types of things that may be stored away are canned goods and various other types of products that may be grain derivatives, but not in any cookie, cake or cracker form.

If you keep Pesach carefully, do not spoil your being Pesadik by going into your chametz materials before 9:00 pm on the eighth day of Pesach, April 23.

GOING AWAY FOR PESACH?

Even if you are going away for *Pesach* - even if well in advance of the holiday—you must still search for *chametz* on the last night you are in town and sell your *chametz* through the synagogue.

GENERAL CAUTION

The label, ***Kosher for Pesach***, in Hebrew or English, accompanying or even attached to a food product, does not of itself imply that the product is *Kosher for Pesach*, and should be examined closely as to the reliability of the label.

SPECIFIC FOODS & PRODUCTS

Milk and Other Dairy Products - *Pesach* milk must be specifically marked *Kosher for Pesach*. However, if none is available, you can buy milk without the *Kosher for Pesach* marking, as long as it is purchased before *Pesach*. There will be other dairy products, such as cheeses, butter, etc., as well as hard cheeses all certified ***Kosher For Pesach***, at selected area supermarkets.

Grain Products - All grain products, including cereals and breakfast foods are *chametz*. *Matzot*, cakes, macaroons and egg noodles must be prepared under strict authoritative rabbinic supervision if they are to be used for *Pesach*.

Dextrose and Malts - These are not to be used.

Eggs – do not need special certification, but should be purchased before *Pesach*.

Oils, Fats and Shortenings - Cottonseed oils, pure vegetable shortening, mayonnaise, and salad dressing may be used if bearing authoritative certification. Some people do not use peanut oil even if marked *Kosher for Pesach*. If in doubt use other *Kosher for Pesach* marked oil. Wesson Oil should be available *Kosher for Pesach* only if so marked. All olive oil brands are automatically *Kosher for Pesach* if extra virgin, provided the product is *kosher*.

year-round, such as if it bears an **OU** or another *kosher* symbol that is acceptable.

Spices and Condiments - Items such as pepper, cinnamon, paprika, garlic powder, etc. **cannot** be used unless the container bears a proper endorsement. Granulated sugar may be used provided a new bag of sugar is purchased. Domino sugar cubes and brown sugar is *kosher* for *Pesach*, as is the 4 pound package of Crystal Sugar and C&H, available at local grocers. **Confectionery sugar is not Kosher for Pesach.** Domino Sugar is also available at all Walgreens Pharmacies.

Baking Soda - all are *kosher* for *Pesach*. **Baking Powder** requires *Pesach* symbol.

Salt - Any brand **without** iodine, maltodextrin and dextrose may be used. Morton's **non-iodized** salt may be used provided a new container is purchased. The heavy kosher salt is *kosher* for *Pesach* and year round.

Syrups and Preserves - These should not be used unless they carry a valid endorsement.

Dried Fruits - Dried fruits should not be used unless they carry a signed endorsement as being *Kosher for Pesach*.

Coffee - Instant and regular coffee requires special *Pesach* supervision, except for Folgers and Taster's Choice. All regular ground coffees with the OU may be used on *Pesach* without special *Pesach* supervision with the exception of Nescafe Coffee; decaffeinated requires *Pesach* supervision. Brim, Maxwell House, Sanka, Maxim and Yuban have special *Pesach* supervision. - **No coffee made with chicory is Kosher for Pesach.** Starbucks flavor lock bags and regular coffee have an OUP - but one may not purchase fresh coffee at a Starbucks store on *Pesach*.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables - All fresh fruits and vegetables, except legumes as mentioned above, are *Kosher for Pesach*. However, special care should be taken that these fruits and vegetables be washed properly.

Warning - Red Potatoes are *kosher* - but only those without coloring added. Coloring may be *chametz*.

Frozen Fruit - Frozen (*unsweetened and without syrup*) fruits are automatically *Kosher for Pesach*.

Frozen Vegetables - Due to production of packaging of pasta products in some frozen vegetable plants, we cannot recommend any frozen vegetables unless they are certified as specifically *Kosher for Pesach*.

Detergents - Many of the powdered brands of detergents that are *kosher* year-round may be used for *Pesach* without special certification. All Proctor & Gamble liquid detergents are *Kosher for Pesach*. An alternative is that some brands carry a symbol **OU** or **OK**. Most of these brands may be used without question. Dawn, Ajax, Ivory, Joy and Palmolive are okay **without** *Pesach* supervision.

All Silver Polish - does not require supervision. Use a new jar.

Toiletries - Proctor & Gamble toothpastes, shampoos, deodorants, and contact lens solutions may be used for *Pesach*. All unflavored **dental floss** are *kosher* for *Pesach*.

Sweetener - Pillsbury Sweet #10 and Nutra Sweet (*not Equal*) carry a symbol **OU** or **OK**. There are usually pink packages of sweetener available from Israel at area supermarkets. Splenda is not *kosher* for *Pesach*.

Tea - Any non-flavored tea that is fresh without additives is fine.

Tuna - The hydrolyzed protein in tuna contains *chametz* or *kitniyot*. Make sure it is *Kosher L'Pesach*.

Juice -Tropicana "Pure Premium," Citrus Hill, and all USDA Grade A frozen **unsweetened** juice without added Vitamin C or citric acid are *Kosher for Pesach*. Non-frozen Tropicana orange juice needs to have *Kosher for Pesach* on the carton.

Wine - Most major "*kosher*" brands such as Kedem and Carmel are *Kosher for Pesach*. Nevertheless for a wine to be *kosher* for *Pesach* it must say *Kosher for Pesach*. The Manischewitz wines must have a "**P**" on the label or say *Kosher for Pesach* for it to be *Kosher for Pesach*. Some of the wine products during the year do contain *chametz* and that line is not automatically *Kosher for Pesach* unless it says so. *Please note, that by K.I. standards, Mogen David wine is neither Kosher for Pesach nor kosher year round.*

Candies - Only those candies which have authoritative rabbinic endorsement on each wrapper, or else come in a tightly sealed box with the rabbinic endorsement printed - but not pasted - on the container may be used.

Matzot Shmurah (Special Matzot) - According to many authorities it is required that the three *matzot* used during the *Seder* service itself be a special variety. They are made from rainwater and special flour and are prepared similarly to the actual *matzot* that were used when the Jews left Egypt. These *matzot* are available at some area supermarkets. I urge you to use *Matzot Shmurah* for your *Seder* plate.

Colas and Soft Drinks - Colas and soft drinks, regular and diet, if available must have a *Pesach* certification on the bottle top or imprinted on the neck or somewhere on the container.

Bottled Water - all are *kosher* for *Pesach* **if unflavored**.

HOW DOES ONE "KASHER?"

Since we are not permitted to have any trace of *chametz* in our food during *Pesach*, special attention must be given to dishes and utensils. It is, of course, best to use dishes and utensils specially set aside for *Pesach* use. However, under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on *Pesach*. They must be "*kashered*," i.e., prepared in a special manner for use on *Pesach*.

The purging process which renders the utensils fit (*kasher*) for *Pesach* use removes whatever has been absorbed in the utensil. Purging may be carried out in two ways, either by boiling or by glowing. If the absorption of food in the pores of the utensils occurred through boiling, then briskly boiling water will extract it. If, however, the absorption occurred through heating processes other than boiling, we have to resort to glowing the utensils, thus destroying any trace of the absorption.

The following utensils and vessels may **not** be *kashered* for *Pesach* use:

- a. earthenware, china porcelain, ceramics, crockery, enamelware and plastic
- b. glassware such as Pyrex and ovenware which is used for cooking or preserving
- c. those that cannot be properly cleaned before purging, such as sieves, graters or bottles with narrow necks
- d. utensils or vessels that have crevices which cannot be reached
- e. utensils that may be damaged by hot water
- f. knives with glued on or attached plastic or wooden handles

All of the above are to be stored away over *Pesach*.

The *kashering* process is as follows: Metal utensils used for cooking are first scrubbed and washed, then kept without being used for at least twenty-four hours, and finally placed in a kettle or vat of boiling water and then rinsed off in cold water afterwards. This applies to silverware and small pots and utensils. To *kasher* pots, fill with water to the very top, heat until water is boiling, then place hot iron or stone inside so that the boiling water may run over the sides of the pot. Metal saucepans and frying pans with plastic or wooden handles cannot be *kashered*.

All metal utensils (*no plastic handles*) used for baking, roasting or frying cannot be *kashered* by the above method—by boiling—since absorbed materials can be cleansed only through the same method through which they are absorbed; in this case, through baking, roasting or frying. Accordingly, such metal utensils to be *kashered* must first be washed to remove any adhered surface particles and then either placed directly on or in a fire whose heat is maximally turned up. In general, the way in which metal utensils are used is the way in which they are *kashered*, e.g., if they are directly on or in the fire, then they have to be *kashered* by fire; if with water, then by water, etc.

MixMasters - Even if new bowls and beaters are purchased and set aside for *Pesach* use, MixMasters are permitted for *Pesach* only if they have been professionally cleaned, because the splattering of dough mixtures can enter the beater head. All the major appliance companies will provide this service or, of course, it is easy enough and inexpensive enough to have a ***Pesadika*** unit for *Pesach*.

Plastic Dishes - Plastic dishes and tablecloths may be used on *Pesach*, provided they were never used with *chametz*. Wax paper, aluminum and silver foil may be used.

Glass Vessels - Glassware not ordinarily used for hot foods may be made fit for *Pesach* use by soaking in water for three consecutive days, changing the water every twenty-four hours. This does not apply to whiskey glasses, nor to Pyrex.

Microwave Ovens - Microwave ovens may be used on *Chol HaMoed Pesach* (not on *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*). To prepare your microwave for the holiday, clean the oven thoroughly, *if at all possible leave unused for 24 hours*. Fill a large microweable container with water and bring to a boil. **Preferably**, the glass tray should not be *kashered* and used. Use either a new one or paper goods. If you use your microwave on a **regular basis for cooking** meats etc. from scratch (not heating or defrosting), some authorities feel that microwaves should not be used or *kashered* for *Pesach*.

Kashering of Ranges - Every part of the oven which may have been reached by food during the year must be thoroughly cleansed and scraped. The oven and range must then be heated to a maximum. Some people who are very meticulous *kasher* their stoves with a small hand unit, though heating to a maximum with just the oven itself is acceptable to most authorities.

Dishwashers - Metal dishwashers can easily be made *kosher* for *Pesach* by scrubbing and boiling. Unfortunately, most dishwashers are not metal. Therefore, at the very least, to use a plastic or ceramic dishwasher one must have different racks for *Pesach* only, and many authorities do not permit the use of a dishwasher at all on *Pesach* unless it is new or all metal.

K.I. recommends not using your dishwasher on *Pesach* unless it is metal on the inside or new.

You may purchase bread or cake after 9:00 pm on the evening of the last day of *Pesach*, Saturday evening, April 23.

March Classes: On-Going

(Meet at K.I. at 7 pm)

Mondays: EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD - Rabbi Mandl, April 4
Explore Rabbinic discussions pertaining to Jewish law, ethics, customs and history in this longest-running Jewish class in KC.

Wednesdays: WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP - taught alternately by Rabbis Grussgott & Mandl, April 6 & 27. Women get to choose the topics in this popular class.

Shabbat (Saturday) afternoons: PARSHA OF THE WEEK - Rabbi Grussgott
meets every week in April 45 minutes prior to *Mincha*. See page 2 of this *Focal Point* for times.

WELL CIRCLE

By Rebecca Speier

One year ago the group of us gathered together at Shawnee Mission Park to learn more about a women's group called At the Well, "The Well Circle." Henri Gaeddert had approached each of us individually with the idea of forming a local circle. The premise behind a well circle is to bring together women to create a sacred space of belonging. The At the Well website describes the group as "a network that exists to unify ancient Jewish wisdom, modern health science, and the life experiences of real women into content, events, and products that support holistic self-care."

Each of us were drawn to the idea and the group, but I don't think any of us knew what an integral part of our lives it would become. Immediately at our first meeting the sense of connection between us all was undeniable. Many of us had known one another from various parts of our lives but as a whole this specific group of women had never been in the same place at the same time.

The Well Circle made a commitment to meet monthly on an agreed upon date and time. A beautiful part of our circle was that it was not intended to be exclusively a Kehilath Israel circle, but as time went on the majority of us were either already or made the decision to become members of the K.I. community. Our circle decided that we loved the idea of meeting on Shabbat mornings because it allowed us to still be in *shul* for *Shabbat* and it was easy to facilitate child care for those of us who needed it.

Each meeting is led by one member of the circle and this role rotates monthly to allow all members to lead. Since each woman brings their own unique personality, background and presentation approach this creates a widely diverse meeting each month. Each month the theme of the meeting is based on something related to that Hebrew month, whether it be the season or a holiday. We learn together about the theme of the month through text study, meditation, song and discussion.

There are truly no words to describe the impact that the Well Circle has had on the ten of us. As individuals we all have our own jobs, families, responsibilities, but the Circle allows us to leave that at the door and focus on our own needs and wishes. Over the past year, we have shared together through good times and bad, we have shared the cycles of life including birth, loss of loved ones, tragedy, sickness, birthdays, moves and so much more. When something momentous, good or bad, happens we rush to share with one another. We hold each other up and lean on each other when we need support and we laugh till we cry when we just need to have a good time. A true sisterhood built on the foundation of our Circle, Judaism and community.

While our circle is fully blessed at this time, we feel very strongly that we want to pay forward what we have received from being part of At the Well. If you or anyone else you know is interested in starting your own Well Circle, we would love to help facilitate that for you. For more information on At The Well, you can visit their website at www.atthewellproject.com/ or you can reach out to me (Rebecca Speier) at rebeccakatjid@gmail.com or 913.709.4998. We look forward to seeing how the Well Circle community can ripple forward and touch many more lives.

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If we inadvertently left your name off, we are sorry, and please let the office know!

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3 NISAN-APRIL 4

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KATIE BROWN
MORDECAI COPAKEN
ITA GREENWALD
SARAH KAHN
RAE KRAKOW

4 NISAN-APRIL 5

ESTHER CAPLAN
LEE LISSER
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5 NISAN-APRIL 6

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It is a custom in Judaism to show our respect for our ancestors, our family and our friends who are no longer with us. Whether it's the National Memorial

Day, a day of *Yahrzeit*, or a day when we recite the *Yizkor* prayer, any day we go to the cemetery and visit the graves of our *mishpacha*, we perform the *mitzvah* of *Kovod Hamet*.

The Kehilath Israel Cemetery Committee is again offering the Flower Planting Program for those who have family and friends interred at our K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery. For the nominal price of \$48.00 per urn, a beautiful arrangement of colorful living plants, prepared by a commercial landscape artist, will be placed at the grave of your loved ones. This year deer repellent will be applied every three weeks during the summer to deter the deer.

If this is the first year to participate in the program, it will be necessary to order a concrete urn from the cemetery at a one time charge of \$75.00. This urn will be used every year for no additional charge other than the flowers. It is the policy of the cemetery that only flowers purchased through this program can be placed on graves.

All orders must be paid in advance and received at the synagogue office no later than April 29. This gives us the time needed so that the plants will be in full bloom by Memorial Day this year.

Give your loved ones who are interred in our cemetery the *kovod* of remembering them, whether it's with flowers or a visit to their graves. The cemetery committee is making every effort to maintain the grounds to be clean and beautiful, and extra care is being given to keep the plants watered, trimmed and green during the summer months.

Cemetery lots are available for sale to any Jewish person. Anyone interested in reserving individual lots or family sections should call the synagogue office at 913.642.1880 ext. 202 for assistance.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery is open every day, with the exception of *Shabbat* and Jewish holidays. The supervisor, Rod Sipe, can assist you in finding the location of a grave site. Normal visiting hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If it is necessary that you visit the cemetery at another time, please call Mr. Sipe at 816.916.3655 and make special arrangements.

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Gracie Goldstein showing her Purim bowl

April 2022

29 Adar II 5782 - 29 Nisan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29 ADAR II	1 NISAN
3 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am K.I. Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch-10:00 am	4 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	5 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	6 Women's Study Group-7:00 pm	7	8 7:31	9 Metzora Malachi 3:4-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:23 Mini-Minyan 10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:25 pm
10 Religious School - Passover Program - 9:15 am - Noon	11	12 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	13	14	15 Erev Pesach 7:38	16 Passover - Day 1 Yom Tov 3:5-7, 5:2-15, 6:1, 6:27 8:31
17 Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:32 NO Religious School	18 Passover - First Intermediate Day	19 Passover - Second Intermediate Day NO Religious School	20 Passover - Third Intermediate Day	21 Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:44	22 Passover - Day 7 7:45 OFFICE CLOSED	23 Passover - Day 8 Yom Tov 10:32-12:6 Shabbos Ends: 8:38 Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:15 pm
24 NO Religious School	25	26 Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm	27 Women's Study Group-7:00 pm K.I. Board Meeting - 7:00 pm	28	29 7:52	30 Acharei Yom Samuel 20:18-42 Shabbos Ends: 8:46 Birthdays Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:45 pm



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**WEEKLY SERVICES
ROSE MORGAN CHAPEL**

Sunday *Shacharit* 9:00 AM

Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 AM

**Sunday - Thursday
*Mincha - Maariv***

Week of April 3 6:15 PM

Week of April 10 6:20 PM

Week of April 17 - see Passover Schedule

Week of April 24 6:30 PM

***ROSH CHODESH NISAN*
Saturday, April 2**



K.I. Mini Minyan for Kids

**For K thru 6th Grade
Meets once a month**

Second Saturday of the month



10:00 AM

in the Rose Morgan Chapel

Led by Shelley Rissien

K.I. KIDZ

**FIRST SHABBAT OF THE MONTH
EVERY MONTH -- 10 AM**

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**GREENBERG YOUTH
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