

THE FOCAL POINT

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From Your Rabbi...



An eerie thing happened this week. We had our quarterly "Rabbi's Book Club" event in the library on Sunday morning, on the book "The Gifts of the Jews" by Thomas Cahill. A mere week before the book club event, a congregant sent me an obituary in the New York Times announcing that Cahill had just recently passed away. And so, our book club also doubled as a sort of tribute in his memory.

Cahill was Irish Catholic, but his book about the Jews is highly complementary toward us as a people, asserting that it was our contribution of the Bible and its role in shaping Western thought that led to our modern assumptions about human rights, and of progress through time. Cahill asserts that ancient pagans really were as barbaric as we might assume. If you've ever been to a tour of the Colosseum in Rome, you can hear firsthand how the people competing there for people's entertainment were seen as dispensable fodder. Thankfully, modern sports are more civilized (although the fans aren't always as well behaved as we'd prefer them to be).

On the sports front, I recently had the misfortune of watching my Phillies lose the World Series four games to two against the Houston Astros. I spoke on the *Shabbat* after how being a sports fan teaches us lessons of resilience through loss. Most of fandom entails dealing with disappointment, which conveys lessons that we all need for real life.

Chanukah is fast approaching. I've heard many traditionalist rabbis laugh at the irony of how the modern day global Jewish athletic competition is referred to as "The Maccabiah." This is ironic, since the Maccabees fought against Greek Hellenism, which is the source of the Olympic Games! The Hellenists worshipped physicality, whereas we fought on behalf of the spiritual side of Man. However, the Maccabees were, in fact, mighty warriors themselves. They had to be strong in body as well as in spirit. Being Jewish in a modern world entails balancing these concerns of staying true to the spirituality of tradition, while also remaining grounded in this physical world. As we enter *Chanukah*, let's take that lesson to heart.

On another note, I'm pleased to announce that I now have official office hours. (Sadly, the pandemic really messed with that, as with everything else!) Those hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12pm-4pm. Please come by to see me during those times (however, please do still try to make an appointment in advance, as events can have a way of yanking me out of the office sometimes!).

I wish us all a happy *Chanukah* and a good winter.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott

From Your President...



The much anticipated Grand Givers, "Une Soirée Parisienne," was a great success, thanks to planning by Doctors **Shari** and **Michael Sokol** and their committee, also much hard work of **Aaron** and **Angela Fry**. The beautiful decor was set up by the WOKIS and made the evening atmosphere exquisite and elegant.

We should be proud that we have a facility so properly and beautifully built that can compete with luxury hotels. This was a good testimonial that good food and great music matched with good company making, a case for having a gala evening.

The Men's Club "Bourbon and Steak" night was such a success that almost made up for the lack of such events for the last two years. All those who attended enjoyed the food and whiskey, and most importantly the camaraderie. Thank you **Pete Cabell** and **Simon Kass** and others involved for their hard work. I am looking forward to future get togethers.

I can't wait to participate in a joint event between Men's Club and WOKIS sometime in the future. Let's take time to enjoy the beautiful fall with colorful effects all around us. At the same time get ready for winter, hopefully a mild one.

Let's use this quiet period to renew our energy after the last couple of months of very active, or sometimes, hectic activities.

*Thank you,
Joseph Adamous*

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
KI KIDZ.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM
Women's Well Circle.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:33 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Candlelighting*.....4:40 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Nin Jews (formerly Mini-Minyan).10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:35 PM
Mincha.....4:20 PM
Havdalah.....5:35 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Candlelighting*.....4:43 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:50 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:40 PM
Mincha.....4:25 PM
Havdalah.....5:39 PM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Candlelighting*.....4:48 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Nin Jews (formerly Mini-Minyan).10:00 AM
Rabbi's Parsha Class.....3:45 PM
Mincha.....4:30 PM
Havdalah.....5:43 PM

*NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

Cantor's Corner...



Dear Congregation,

We have just finished celebrating the High Holidays, and here we are starting a new year. For the *Hazzanim* and for the rabbis this period is difficult because of the multitude of tasks and traditions associated with it, as well as because of the importance of the High Holidays in the lives of Jewish people. The holidays closely follow one another, and it lasts for weeks. The congregation members meet in their synagogue almost every day in the morning and in the evening to pray together. The prayers seem to continuously go on, yet they all are different, each one having a different meaning in our rich liturgical tradition.

Rabbi Grussgott, with his vast knowledge, explains to us the meaning of the texts and the proper functioning of the prayer. My job as a *Hazzan* is to sing the prayers alone or with our choir. After having sung for all the important holidays in the last six months, I can say that I am happy. Happy to have given our congregation the happiness of rediscovering the tunes and songs they love so much, and for me having the joy and the honor of singing for them.

The synagogue reminds us of the two Temples that unfortunately were destroyed. The children of Israel had this wonderful tradition of making the pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem three times a year to celebrate and offer a sacrifice to *Hashem*. The *Cohanim* took charge of these gifts and the *Leviim* sang the praises to the God of Israel. It was a time of joy and happiness, because the people of Israel had an opportunity to serve *Hashem* with fear and love. Unfortunately, the two Temples are not there anymore, but *Hashem* gave us the synagogues. This imposing building where we all like to meet and share both joyful and sad experiences with the entire congregation. This temple, our own temple, is our home and without it, where could we go and offer our prayers and read in our holy *Torah*? Where could we celebrate the birth of our children, their *bat* and *bar mitzvah*, and their marriages? Or to pray for our sick and for ourselves? Our duty is to contribute to this temple, our synagogue, to be able to financially go through the hard times that we are experiencing right now by bringing a little sacrifice and thus perpetuating the tradition through time and space.

I see the dedication of the board members and our president, men and women who give their time and their energy to organize delicious *Shabbat* and holiday meals that could be served in a French restaurant. All these people are blessed by *Hashem*, and I know that this new year will bring us wealth, good health, and *refuah shlema* for all. Amen.

Cantor Hayoun

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:

MARK KLEIN

ROSE LEE WEISBERGER

(Wife of Eugene Weisberger,
Mother of Deborah Geivett,
Sister of Madeline Zolotor)

HAROLD "HAL" NOVICOFF

(Husband of Kitty Novicoff)

K.I. SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

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

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

Applications can be emailed or "snail mailed."

The deadline for The January Focal Point is December 7. Email your information to ashanberg@kisyn.org.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Sunday, December 18, three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings.

Chanukah candles are placed from right to left side until finally on the eighth night, the *Chanukiah* is full. We light the newest candle first; therefore, we always begin by kindling the candle at the left and proceed toward the right.

Shabbat always takes precedence over other holidays; therefore, on **December 23, the Friday night of *Chanukah***, we should light the *Chanukah* candles first and then the *Shabbat* candles. **Both need to be done by 4:50 pm**, and since the *Chanukah* candles need to burn at least one half hour after dark, it is traditional to use larger candles such as *Shabbat* candles or tall tapers for the *chanukiah*.

On Saturday night, December 24, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:39 p.m., it is permissible to light the *Chanukah menorah* (*Chanukiah*).

For *Chanukah*, one might light either an oil or a candle *menorah*, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, it should be clear and bright. There has been a great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric *Chanukiah*. Since it is not definite as to whether or not an electric *menorah* fulfills the obligation of the lighting of *Chanukah* lights, it is

best to avoid the use of such a *Chanukiah*, except for purely decorative purposes.

In general, on a weekday night other than *Sabbath* night, the *Chanukah* candles are to be lit approximately at dark. If, however, one is not at home or this time is inconvenient, they can be lit at any time during the entire night. If one has to leave home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, the *Chanukah* candles may be lit about an hour before dark, provided that *Chanukah* lights will burn for a short period of time after dark.

The *Chanukah* candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. The rabbis of old determined that the required burning time of a *Chanukah* candle is one half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished.

It is customary to place the *Chanukiah* in the window of one's home, on the main table around which the family gathers, near the door, or any place where lighting of the candles will become a public event.

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)
(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּי וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגָּעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam, sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'key-y'manu v'hee-gee-yanu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and has brought us to this season.



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam, asher ke-d'shanu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzee-vanu l'had-leek nair shell Chanukah.

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

(2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמֵינוּ הָהֵם
בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam sheh-ah-sah nee-sim la-ah-vo-tanu, bah-yamim hah-haim baz-man hah-zeh.

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, King of the universe, Who has performed miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Debby & Joe Pfefer (10)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (17)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (47)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (44)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (17)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (27)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (72)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (39)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (57)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (13)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (8)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (53)
- 28 Lois & Emanuel Winston (70)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (9)
- 30 Henri & Ben Gaeddert (4)

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Debbie Adamous**, **Anna Levina**, **Madeline Zolotor** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

We apologize for omitting **Lynn Kuluva**'s name from the veterans list that was published in the November *Focal Point*. Thank you to Lynn and all of our vets for their service to our country!

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will sponsor a brunch and speaker on Sunday, December 11, following morning services.

The speaker, Jacob Stoil, Associate Professor of Military History at the US Army School for Advanced Military Studies, will provide an updated perspective and analysis on the current Russian invasion of Ukraine. Jacob is an Adjunct Scholar at the Modern War Institute.

Please RSVP to: KehilathIsraelMensClub@gmail.com by 12/4.



Come get your *Chanukah* gifts and decorations!
New shipments arriving soon!! Free gift wrap!!!

Gift shop hours:
Wednesdays 4-6:30 pm
Sundays 9-11:30 am
"and by appointment"

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Liz Friedman, Dmitry Kapustin, Emily Minoofar, Blake Sallis, Linda Silver, Brynn Shaffer, William Anderson, Jonathan Kaplan, Lynn Kuluva, Harold Shorr, Robyn Jacobs, Matthew von Ende, Anna Levina, Bonnie Siegel, Harold Magariel, Sandra Romer, Scott White, Janet Eisman, Clint Gillom, Marcie Kaplan, Sheila Rosmarine, Rachel Lubowicz, Robert Glueck, Joel Zitron, Austin Ruben, Arnold Caviar, Debra Ann Entine, Sarah Caplan, Beryl Silberg, Kayla Fink, and Jackson Jacobson,

DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Khalemsky, Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Jordyn Brock, Manny Grussgott, and Abigail Clark.

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**, **Maureen Minoofar** and their crew for fixing the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

מזל טוב

...to **Madeline** and **Abbott Zolotor** on the birth of a great-grandson, Kellen Michael Curtis, son of Kortney and Alex Curtis. Grandparents are Malissa & Roger Amos.

...to **Dr. Emily Moe** and **Alfred Kass** on the birth of a son, Benjamin Tipton Kass. Grandparents are Dan Kass and Joy Wilner.

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K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School is alive with learning, celebrating, and having fun. Most of our students did not know each other before K.I. and now they are truly becoming a family. It does not matter what age; they help each other and take care of each other. Even though we are settling into a routine, there is still a palpable energy that binds them together. I would like to share some things that I have witnessed at school and on *Shabbat* as well.

- Our students are comfortable anywhere at K.I. – the *shul*, school, the gym, the gift shop, etc.

We feel secure.

- Kids of all ages are interacting and helping each other. We observe kindness.
- When the children learn and sing prayers and songs, you can feel the angels smiling.

We hear their hearts in their voices.

- K.I. kids are excited to learn about *Torah*, prayers, *Hebrew*.

We are thankful for our ancestors and tradition.

- Being Jewish is not only fun but it is cool. We are proud.
- Having *mitzvah* opportunities like giving *tzedakah*, saying *Modeh Ani* in the morning, etc.

We feel and act responsible for others.

- K.I. kids and teachers share when wonderful things happen to each other. We applaud, laugh and hug each other. We are appreciative.
- We also hug and say we're sorry and help when someone is having a tough time. We have empathy.
- It is very important that as the synagogue blossoms with young people, we appreciate that children change constantly. Life helps them learn how to think and make good choices.

We are patient and tolerant.

- It is important to help and support our friends because they will be there for us as well. We are family.

As educators, parents, and congregants there needs to be a constant awareness that our young people are the future of this synagogue and will keep the eternal light burning. It is our obligation to teach Judaism but to also inspire a love for Judaism that is lifelong.

Some Highlights for the month of December:

December 18- Chanukah Dinner Party

Sunday Classes in Session: December 4 and 11

Wednesday Classes in Session: December 7 and 14



Were you at the *Purim Shpiel* last year? Did you have fun? Did you say to yourself, "I want to do that?" Well, now's your chance.

Come to an informational meeting Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm to get more information on our *Shpiel*.

Contact **Carolyn Goldwasser** at stildancing55@gmail.com for details.

2022 GRAND GIVERS



Vera Zelikson & Rosemary Gorin



Angie Fry & Rebecca Speier



Cocktail Hour



*Dr. Michael & Miriam Farber (standing);
seated McKay & Bridey Stangler*



Amelia & Simon Kass

2022 GRAND GIVERS THANK YOUS!

We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from attendees at our 46th Annual Grand Givers event on October 30th. At the end of the evening, people came up to us saying that this year's event was "the best one ever." Shari and I are still relishing our lingering good memories of the evening. From the various wine pairings to the kosher haute cuisine, from the explanations of our chef de cuisine and sommelier to the history lesson from David Epstein on why Jewish businesses became involved with spirits rather than beer, from the beat of French flamenco to the rhythms of South America, we were wined by **Aaron Fry**, dined by Brian Aaron, and musically entertained "to the nines" by Beau Bledsoe and Ensemble Iberica.

Our net income at the moment appears to be between \$90,000 and \$100,000, representing a 20% increase over the past few years' averages. This event could not have been as successful as it was without the ingenuity and hard work of the Grand Givers Committee, namely: **Debbie & Joe Adamous, Irene Blend, Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov, Brenda Fishman, Aaron Fry, Carolyn Goldwasser, Rosemary & Marty Gorin, Bill Greenberg, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Jasmine Kaplan, Tamara Kingston, Maureen Minoofar, and Elizabeth Peden.**

We gratefully acknowledge our 2022 Dreiseszun Grand Givers for selling or donating \$10,000 worth of tickets: **Anonymous; Brown Family; Devinki Family; Dreiseszun Family Foundation; Shirley Frischer**, of blessed memory; **Dr. Myra Litman; Morgan Family Foundation;** and our 2022 Grand Givers for selling or donating \$2,500 worth of tickets: Lou Accurso, **Joe & Debbie Adamous, Anonymous-3, Dr. Don & Natalie Cohen, Dr. Doug & Barbara Cusick, Bob Cutler, Frank & Sondra Friedman, Kaplan Family, Dr. Spencer and Beckie Kerley, Marsha Krinsky, Amir & Maureen Minoofar, Elizabeth Peden, Dr. Bill & Jodi Rosenthal, Bill & Fani Schifman, Drs. Michael & Shari Sokol, and Jerry Stolov & Judy Elliott.**

This year's corporate sponsors and donors include: The Antes Group of Merrill Lynch, Care Haven Homes, Security Bank of KC, and Tom's Town (David Epstein.)

If you did not join us this year, Shari and I encourage you to do so next year. If you did not donate your money or time toward this project this year, we would love to have you help us next year. We invite you all to continue to bring in the fun (and the funds) to K.I. Synagogue.

With warm wishes to each one of you,

Drs. Michael and Shari Sokol



A graphic featuring a red Chanukah Menorah with nine lit candles against a dark blue background. The word "CHANUKAH" is written vertically in large, gold, sans-serif capital letters on the right side. The text "1st Night" is written in a large, white, serif font across the lower part of the menorah. On the left side, a brown vertical band contains the text "Light Dinner", "Games for the kids", "Children's choir led by Cantor Hayoun", and "FREE" in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a dark red band contains the text "Bring your Chanukah Menorah, and we'll light together!" in white, serif font, followed by "SUNDAY, 12/18" and "Following 4:50 pm Minyan" in white, sans-serif font.

Light Dinner
Games for the kids
Children's choir led by Cantor Hayoun
FREE

CHANUKAH

1st Night

Bring your Chanukah Menorah,
and we'll light together!

SUNDAY, 12/18
Following 4:50 pm Minyan

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

7 KISLEV-DEC 1

GOLDIE BURSTEN
CARL HAMER
D'VORA MILLER
ANNA WICENTOWSKY

8 KISLEV-DEC 2

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

9 KISLEV-DEC 3

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

10 KISLEV-DEC 4

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

11 KISLEV-DEC 5

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

12 KISLEV-DEC 6

ROSE BRATT
HANNAH COHN
MORRIS SCHANZER

13 KISLEV-DEC 7

ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN
LOUIS GOLAD
PHILLIP STRAUSS
MAYME WEISS

14 KISLEV-DEC 8

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

15 KISLEV-DEC 9

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

16 KISLEV-DEC 10

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

17 KISLEV-DEC 11

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

18 KISLEV-DEC 12

FEIGA BETTINGER
BEN CLAYMAN
JACQUELINE FRIEDMAN
NORBERT KELLMER
IRVING KLINOCK
ROSE LERNER
REBECCA LIPKIN
FANNIE PRICE
REBECCA SANELL
SARAH SPORN
BEN WEINBERG

19 KISLEV-DEC 13

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

20 KISLEV-DEC 14

BETTY ADLER
ALBERT BAMBERGER
MAURICE BLONSKY
HENRY GOTTLIEB
SARAH MNOOKIN
ETTA STRAUSS
NETTIE WEINER
NATHAN YEDDIS

21 KISLEV-DEC 15

SARAH BEITCHMAN
SARAH CARR
ANNA EPSTEIN
SAM KAHN
LOUIS KLEBAN
SAMUEL KODISH
ROSE KUSNETZKY
MORRIS LEVITCH
ANNA LOEFFLER
LEAH LUKIN
BESS POIZNER
ESTHER RAYMOR
JEANETTE STUDNA

22 KISLEV-DEC 16

REGINA BRAUN
MORRIS CORTEZ
HELEN EPSTEIN
FANNIE JACOBSON
RAYMOND PELTZMAN

23 KISLEV-DEC 17

ESTHER BOROWIK
ISRAEL BOROWIK
SHERMAN DREISESZUN
SHRAGA GOLDMAN
EVA GOODMAN
SARAH KAHN
HARRY KRUG
ABRAHAM MILLER
JOHANNA PRICE
DORA SHULTZ

24 KISLEV-DEC 18

ROSE GLASSMAN
LILLIAN GREENBERG
LOUIS KAPLAN
ALEX RUBIN
ROBERT SHAW
MARTHA SHER
HARRY TAYLOR

25 KISLEV-DEC 19

SARAH GERSH
MARY GOLDBERG
MAURICE JERWICK
ALBERT KALIKOW
MICHOEL LEVIN
JOSEPH MILLER
RUTH ROSE
JANET SIEGEL
JOSEPH STOFFSKY
ISRAEL WEINDLING

26 KISLEV-DEC 20

MINNIE BAUM
ALBERT BEISER
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JEROME NARON
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27 KISLEV-DEC 21

ROBERT COHEN
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28 KISLEV-DEC 22

HERBERT FISHMAN
SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
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29 KISLEV-DEC 23

SARAH ASHER
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30 KISLEV-DEC 24

EPHRAIM DENNIS
SARAH LERNER
AARON PFEFER
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MINNIE SIMON
ANNA SWARTZ

1 TEVET-DEC 25

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2 TEVET-DEC 26

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
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CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
ABE RABINOWITZ
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 27

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
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4 TEVET-DEC 28

ISADORE BROWN
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5 TEVET-DEC 29

HELEN COHEN
REBECCA COHEN
ROSE GREENBERG
JOE KANDLIS
JOE LEVINE
JOE TKATCH
PETER TRANIN
ADELINE TREMPY
RUTH ZITRON

6 TEVET-DEC 30

IDA BAMBERGER
RACHEL BROOKS
HENE GAUM
FRED LEBRECHT
RACHEL MOSSERI
BARBARA STEINBERG

7 TEVET-DEC 31

KATHERINE BODKER
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PTI enrollment forms will be distributed by congregations to the parents of 3rd grade students. However, parents of children up to 8th grade (who are not already enrolled in PTI) are also invited to sign up for PTI by contacting their congregation.

When K.I. parents deposit \$125, the K.I. Scholarship Fund adds \$75 to make the donation \$200 before it's sent to the Jewish Federation. Your deposit must be in the K.I. office by December 9.

There are specific rules for the use of Passport funds. The student must travel with a not-for-profit group that has a defined educational purpose and the trip should be of an extended duration – usually at least three weeks. Passport funds may be used until a student turns 30 years of age.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL



December 2022

7 Kislev 5783 - 7 Teves 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 KISLEV	2 8 KISLEV	3 9 KISLEV
				Melton Adult Education Class w/Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm Women's Choir Practice-7:00 pm	4:39 Vayeitzei Hosea 13:6-14:10 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 KI KIDZ - 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:30 pm	
4 10 KISLEV	5 11 KISLEV	6 12 KISLEV	7 13 KISLEV	8 14 KISLEV	9 15 KISLEV	10 16 KISLEV
Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm		Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	Melton Adult Education Class w/Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm	4:38 Vayishlach Obadiah 1:1-21 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 Kids' M and M Program - 10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:30 pm	
11 17 KISLEV	12 18 KISLEV	13 19 KISLEV	14 20 KISLEV	15 21 KISLEV	16 22 KISLEV	17 23 KISLEV
Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am 9:00 am Service followed by Men's Club Brunch and Speaker	Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm		Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	Melton Adult Education Class w/Rabbi Grussgott - 7:00 pm	4:40 Vayeishev Amos 2:6-3:8 Shabbos Ends: 5:35 NinJews-10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm	
18 24 KISLEV	19 25 KISLEV	20 26 KISLEV	21 27 KISLEV	22 28 KISLEV	23 29 KISLEV	24 30 KISLEV
4:45 pm Services followed by Chanukah celebration for all	Chanukah - Day 1 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 2	Chanukah - Day 3 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Women's Study Class-7:00 pm	Chanukah - Day 4	4:43 Chanukah - Day 5	Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1 Mikeitz Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:39 Kids' M and M Program-10:00 am Birthday Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
25 1 TEVES	26 2 TEVES	27 3 TEVES	28 4 TEVES	29 5 TEVES	30 6 TEVES	31 7 TEVES
Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 Christmas Day NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Chanukah - Day 8 OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service 9:00 am		NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Women's Study Class-7:00 pm		4:48 Vayigash Ezekiel 37:15-28 Shabbos Ends: 5:43 NinJews-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:40 pm	



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Monday-Friday *Shacharit* 7:00 A.M.

Sunday-Thursday
Mincha and Maariv

December 1	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 4	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 11	4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 18	4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 25	4:50 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Saturday, December 24
Sunday, December 25



New and Exciting **Weekly** Shabbat Programming for our Youth 10:00-11:30 am



*Childcare available for
babies & toddlers*

December 3
December 10
December 17
December 24
December 31

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Be a part of the service.... Pray, Learn cool Stuff, Help the Torah get back to the ark,
Pray from the front two rows of the shul, Help Cantor Hayoun sing the prayers!!!

Don't forget to join us for KIDDUSH!!!

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