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



Mazal Tov to our Chiefs on winning yet another Super Bowl! I don't want to toot my own horn, but since we Grussgotts moved to town, the Chiefs have won two Super Bowls and the Jayhawks have won a national championship. I'd like to think that perhaps we brought some good luck with us!

However, as many of you have no doubt heard by now, this past Super Bowl presented me with quite a personal conundrum: I am originally from Philadelphia, and I have always been an Eagles fan. I have been happy to adopt the Chiefs as my second favorite team, but I was forced to decide: for which team should I root in the Super Bowl? At the risk of raising the ire of my beloved congregants, I must admit that I was rooting for the Eagles.

However, I was still happy that the Chiefs won. I also mentioned the following in *shul*: while I personally remain an Eagles fan, I am actually raising my boys to be Chiefs fans. I think that kids need to grow up rooting for the city in which they live.

The wisdom of *halacha* seems to address this conundrum. Which set of customs holds more sway in a person's life: their own family customs (*Minhag Avot*), or the practices of the community in which they live (known as *Minhag HaMakom*)? For example: *Sephardic* Jews eat rice on Passover, while *Ashkenazic* custom prohibits this. If a *Sephardic* Jew finds himself living in an *Ashkenazi* community, which custom prevails? In that case, the common practice is that the *Sephardic* Jew can abide by his family custom to eat rice and is not bound by the restriction observed by the wider community.

As relates to sports, I figure that it's the local custom which ought to prevail. Why should my boys root for my teams, when they'd only rarely have occasion to see those teams play live? Better for them to be on the same page as their friends and root for the same teams as them. And, if I may wax *Talmudic*, there is in fact no contradiction here to begin with between father's customs and local customs, because, ironically, I am in fact doing the same thing that my own father did in this regard.

My father is from New York and is an avid Yankees fan, but he always encouraged me to root for my local Phillies! And so in that regard, I am, in fact, retaining my own father's custom, which is to have your kids abide by local customs. (Yes, I am proud of this typically cheesy rabbinic insight.) Interestingly, my brother-in-law disagrees with me on all this. He is originally from Pittsburgh, and lives in New York, and he is raising his kids to root for Pittsburgh teams! All of this goes to prove the ancient adage: two Jews, three opinions.

As we enter *Pesach*, let's embrace the wide and colorful array of customs which we've picked up for the *Seder* from our parents, from the local community, and from others. Wishing us all a happy *Pesach*.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



I am delighted that now the days are longer thanks to the change in Daylight Saving Time and the natural phenomenon of the Northern Hemisphere tilting back towards the planet sun.

Spring starts on March 20, and soon the plants begin to respond to increased sunlight by production of early blooms. Watch for the magnificent blooms on our Prairie Fire Crabapple tree at the entrance of the parking lot, coming soon. Also observe a showcase of Bradford Pear blooms covering both sides of the boulevard in the middle of the parking lot.

Changing the subject, for those of you who could not attend the *Purim Seudah* festivities, the Motown play (the *shpiel*) had all the characteristics of an excellent play; the plot, character, theme, language, rhythm and finally the spectacle. All these thanks to the hard work of a cast made of our K. I. members and others brought in from outside.

I am grateful to **Carolyn Braverman**, who not only directed it but generously also sponsored it. The play was preceded by the melodious children's choir conducted by **Cantor Hayoun**.

What can I say about the food, the dinner! Although I have a bias, I can say, with certainty, the use of mostly savory flavors and aromatic ingredients induced by herbs and spices should have made the gastronome's taste buds sing and dance with pleasure. This time, the credit goes to my team, **Maureen Minoofar, Cristi Gillom**, (Debbie Adamous in spirit), and yours truly for our days of hard work. We tried to give the guests a Persian culinary experience.

I also want to give thanks to **Shelley Rissien** and her team for production of homemade, or should I say, *shul* made *hamentashen*. They worked diligently on multiple occasions; each time they contributed many hours to a labor of love.

Now that we are done with *Purim*, let's turn our attention to Passover, which has its own fun and flavors.!!!

I want to wish everyone a happy Passover on behalf of the board and myself. *Leshana Habaa* together.

Thank you,
Joseph Adamous

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Candlelighting*.....7:23 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

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



FRIDAY, APRIL 7

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Candlelighting*.....7:37 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:25 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH IYAR

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Nin Jews (formerly Mini-Minyan).....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:30 PM
Mincha.....7:15 PM
Havdalah.....8:30 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Candlelighting*.....7:44 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Kids' Mensches & Minyans.....10:00 AM
Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:40 PM
Mincha.....7:25 PM
Havdalah.....8:37 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Candlelighting*.....7:50 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:35 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Rabbi's Pirkei Avot Class.....6:45 PM
Mincha.....7:30 PM
Havdalah.....8:44 PM

*NO LATER THAN



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 5783, 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 _____

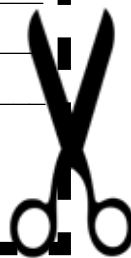
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Return to the synagogue by Friday, March 31

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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.

EIRUV TAVSHILIN - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

This year, with the first two days of Passover on Thursday and Friday, April 6-7, preceding Shabbat, April 8, the ritual of Eiruv Tavshilin is to be recited on Wednesday, April 5, the eve of Passover before candlelighting.

When any major festival 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 "Eiruv Tavshilin" before the festival. This ceremony should be performed late afternoon on Wednesday, April 5 before Passover. 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 עירוב.

בהדין עירובא יהא שרא לנא לאפוקי ולבשולי ולאטמוני ולאדלוקי
שרגא ולתקנא ולמעבד כל צרכנא, מיומא טבא לשבתא. לנו,
ולכל ישראל הדורים 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 Eiruv. With this Eiruv 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 prepared for this ceremony is to be eaten on Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach, April 8, during the daytime hours.

Passover Schedule

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 - 13 NISAN

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ (Searching the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - 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*)..... 11:13 AM

BIUR CHAMETZ (Burning of the *Chametz*)..... 12:17 AM

Candlelighting..... 7:28 PM

MINCHA (Followed by *Yom Tov Maariv*)..... 6:15 PM

FIRST *SEDER* (in the home)..... 8:23 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - 15 NISAN

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: Joshua 5:2-6:1-27

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES

MINCHA and *MAARIV*..... 6:15 PM

Candlelighting..... 8:20 PM

SECOND *SEDER* (in the home)..... 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - 16 NISAN

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: II Kings 23:11-25

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES

Candlelighting..... 7:30 PM

MINCHA and *KABBALAT SHABBAT*..... 6:15 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - 17 NISAN

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

Exodus 33:12-34; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

SHACHARIT..... 9:00 AM

KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES

Womens Circle..... 10:00 AM

Kids' *Mensches & Minyans*..... 10:00 AM

MINCHA..... 6:20 PM

Followed by *Seudah Shlishith*

MAARIV followed by *HAVDALAH*..... 8:22 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 18 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT..... 9:00 AM

MINCHA AND *MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 19 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT..... 7:00 AM

MINCHA AND *MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - 20 NISAN

CHOL HAMOED PASSOVER

SHACHARIT..... 7:00 AM

Candlelighting..... 7:34 PM

MINCHA Followed by *YOM TOV MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - 21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

Exodus 13:17-25:25; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES

Candlelighting..... 8:26 PM

MINCHA and *YOM TOV MAARIV*..... 6:20 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - 22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

FESTIVAL SERVICE..... 9:00 AM

(*YIZKOR* WILL BE RECITED)

KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES

MINCHA, Rabbi's Class..... 7:30 PM

MAARIV followed by

HAVDALAH..... 8:28 PM

Chametz is permitted after..... 9:00 PM

PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING

Wednesday, April 5..... 7:28 PM

Thursday, April 6 (no earlier than)..... 8:20 PM

Friday, April 7 (no later than)..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 11 (no later than)..... 7:34 PM

Wednesday, April 12 (no earlier than)..... 8:26 PM



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (17)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (28)
- 16 Rosemary & Martin Gorin (34)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (56)



To **Shelley and Aaron Rissien** who shopped for the ingredients, made all the dough and coordinated the volunteers for baking *hamantashen*.

To our *hamantashen* baking volunteers: **Maurice Eastman, Debbie Entine, Brenda Fishman, Bev Jacobson, Max Jevinsky, Nancy Kohn, Lisa Lanfranca, Sonny Singer, and Richard Wasserstrom.**

To our volunteers who helped put the *Misloach Manot* bags together: **Mickey Batnitsky, Marsha Krinsky, Elizabeth Peden, Jake Schulzinger, and Sonny Singer.**

To our *Mishloach Manot* delivery crew: **Joe Adamous; Evie Brand; Brenda Fishman; Rabbi Grussgott; Cantor Hayoun; Jasmine & Jonathan Kaplan; Simon Kass; Sammy Katz; Phyllis & Maury Kohn; Kim Kubel; Pierson Kubel; Elizabeth Peden; Shelley Rissien; Steve Shaw; Rebecca Speier; Frank, Wes and Crosby Tankard; and Dr. Shari Sokol.**

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

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, Jessie Geivett, Cynthia Gilgus, Richard Glass, Lori Gold, Ryan Gold, Kyle Gold, Mirra Goldenberg, Phillip Goodbinder, Jerrold Gottlieb, Marsha Jacobs, Max Jevinsky, Bruce Kaplan, Roza Karlan, Richard Kohn, Kimberlin Kubel, Joel Marcus, Alan Organ, Steve Osman, Karen Pack, Herb Parmet, Deanna Pool, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw, Rebecca Speier, Terri Turner, and Ernesto Zepeda.

APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Walter Waxman, Ari Grussgott, William Waxman.

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Craig Caplan, Clint Gillom, Carolyn Kersner** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

THANK YOU TO OUR PURIM PATRONS:



Joseph & Debbie* Adamous; William Anderson; Robert Bellefy & Murphy; Dr. Arthur & Margaret Berger; Paul & Susie Blackman; B'Nai Bryant, Kansas City Downtown Minyan; Valerie Bordy; Pete & Joan Cabell; Arnie & Carol Caviar; Dr. Donald & Natalie Cohen; Sam Devinki & Mary Stahl; Dr. Michael & Miriam Farber; Brenda Fishman; Frank & Sondra Friedman; Susie Gershon; Clint & Cristi Gillom; Richard & Barbie Glass; Jackye Goldberg; Elliott & Linda Goldstein; Marty & Rosemary Gorin; Michael & Karen Gortenburg; Bill Greenberg & Melinda McConnell; Rabbi Moshe & Becca Grussgott; Daniel & Sylvana Hammer; Cantor Aron Hayoun & Vera Zelikson; Jay & Terri Herman; Richard & Ali Jacobson; Jonathan & Jasmine Kaplan; Marian Kaplan; The Kolkin Family; Marsha Krinsky; Sandy & Ruth Levine; Ari & Marlene Lubowicz; Rabbi Herbert & Barbara Mandl; Amir & Maureen Minoofar; Amy Nehme; Rebecca Nowack; Dr. William & Ruth Nowack; Steve & Susan Osman; Steve & Karen Pack; Elizabeth Peden; Joe & Debby Pfefer; Dr. Jay & Ellen Portnoy; Marc & Leslee Price; Adam & Dr. Jessica Rich; Nedra Rosen; Dr. Bill & Jodi Rosenthal; Bill & Fani Schiffman; Jake Schulzinger; Carole Sher; Drs. Michael & Shari Sokol & Family; Jerry Stolov & Judy Elliott

**of blessed memory*

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 - 10:00 am

The K.I. annual congregational meeting to elect and install the Investment Committee chair and new Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 10:00 am in the social hall at K.I. Come enjoy a delicious brunch, vote, and get annual updates.

The Nominating Committee is composed of the following members: Marty Gorin, chair; Joe Adamous, Pete Cabell, Sam Devinki, Aaron Fry, Clint Gillom, Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Herb Parmet, Shelley Rissien, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, and Elizabeth Peden.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the nomination of Geoff Friedman as Investment Committee Chair.

The following are nominated to the K.I. Board of Directors for a new two year term: Aaron Fry, Bill Greenberg, Jay Herman, Jasmine Kaplan, Simon Kass, Ron Kogan, and Dr. Shari Sokol.

Our officers are serving their second year (and thus we do not vote on): Joe Adamous, President; Sam Devinki, Vice President; Brenda Fishman, Vice President; Ari Lubowicz, Vice President; Ellen Portnoy, Vice President; Jerry Stolov, Vice President; and Frank Tankard, Treasurer.

The following are not being voted upon, as they are serving their second year of a two year term on the K.I. Board of Directors: Valerie Bordy, Pete Cabell, Clint Gillom, Sandy Levine, Maureen Minoofar, Dr. Michael Sokol, Lois Winston.

The following are ex-officio members of the K.I. Board of Directors: Marty Gorin, immediate past president; Sam Devinki, honorary president for life; Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, senior rabbi; Hazzan Aron Hayoun, cantor; and Elizabeth Peden, executive director.

We will also be voting on bylaw changes recommended by the Governance and Leadership Committee below.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE, REVISED JANUARY 31, 2023

Members of the committee include Ellen Portnoy, VP Governance; Paul Blackman; Valerie Bordy; Sam Devinki and Joe Adamous. Proposed changes are in red.

Article VII Section 7:03 Board of Director Meetings

E: Meetings By Conference Call or Other Communications. So long as permitted by **Kansas** and **Missouri** statutes, any Member may participate in the meeting through any means of communication, including conference telephone or electronic screen communication.

F. New Business: In order to present new business at a board meeting, a Member or board member must contact either the president or executive director no later than the day before the meeting to ask that the new business be put on the agenda. He/she must indicate what the new business is about. The member also must bring a written statement explaining the new business to the board meeting.

No new business issue will be voted on until the following meeting to make sure the topic is investigated, and all information is available, unless this is an urgent matter needing immediate attention.

Article IV: Section 4:04 Voting at Congregation Meetings

Current: In addition to in person voting at Congregation Meetings, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to allow, at its discretion, absentia voting.

New version: In addition to in person voting at Congregation Meetings, **any Member may participate in the meeting through any means of communication, including conference telephone or electronic screen communication, so long as it is permitted by Kansas and Missouri statutes.** Additionally, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to allow, at its discretion, absentia voting.

(The second paragraph of Section 4.04 remains the same.)

There is an inconsistency as to when a new president takes office. As you can see below, in Article III it says the leadership year starts on May 1, while in Article 5 it says those elected to office start immediately. We decided the easiest fix was to eliminate the sentence outlining the term of office for Officers and Members at Large, leaving Article V Section 5.02 as the rule.

The term of office for Officers and Members-At-Large (Leadership Year) shall commence on May 1st.

Article V Section 5.02 Nomination and Elections Process

Those elected to office shall be proclaimed and installed immediately upon the determination of the results of the balloting, and shall assume their respective office.

תודה רבה

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

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

...to **Brenda Fishman** and her crew: **Cristi Gillom**, **Rachel Lubowicz**, **Rebecca Speier**, **Bridey Stangler**, **Janet Stone**, and **Tracy Tankard** for fixing the *Shabbat Kiddushim*.

...to **Joel Zitron** for helping on Saturday, February 25, preparing, serving and cleaning up *Kiddush* lunch.

GRADUATIONS

If you have students graduating high school, college or graduate school, please call the synagogue office. Give us their names, school, degree, etc., so that they can be acknowledged in the next *Focal Point*.

K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH-APRIL

I am writing this article as I am still basking in the happiness of *Purim* at K.I. this year. Before we jump from *Purim* to *Pesach* with so much learning to do, I must take a moment and reflect on our K.I. kids who truly filled *Purim* with energy and happiness. Although *Purim* is supposed to be joyful, our kids truly gave their souls as they embraced the holiday. Sunday school before *Purim* was filled with all the good feels. I watched as little fingers rolled out their dough, filled the circles with their favorite fillings and talked about why we make triangles. Each student made a *mishloach manot* box filled with goodies focused not so much about what they were putting in their box, but the smiles and joy that giving *Purim* treats to a special person would bring.

Honestly, my favorite part of the morning was when Cantor Hayoun sang *Purim* songs with the children. Many of our students are learning the Hebrew letters and sounds and have not yet begun to read. You would never know listening to these angels. Silly songs, happy songs, soulful songs, and prayers were all belted out with such heartfelt feeling. Those of you at the *Purim shpiel* and dinner, witnessed our children singing in front of a room full adults without any song sheets, just their souls and their voices. Thank you, **Cantor Hayoun!**

I want to also thank our wonderful parents who have helped in the school every time they were needed. Creating and singing and even dancing truly make it feel like we are all one family. I can't think of a better way to build community at K.I., and the students are truly proud when their parents participate.

As we move into April, our focus becomes the *Pesach* story and how our ancestors suffered at the hands of Pharoah and the Egyptians. Our students have so much to learn and so little time. Sunday, March 26, is our only time together before *Pesach* arrives.

I am more than happy to share ideas of how a child can help with the preparations AND enjoy it as well:

- ◇ Check out websites, books, stories and ideas of how to make Passover fun as well as educational. Please text me at 913.709.5023 for suggestions.
- ◇ Include your children in the preparations. Children love to cook and bake (not too sure about the cleaning).
- ◇ Talk about the important people in the story and what was their importance.
- ◇ Ask trivia questions.
- ◇ Don't forget to ask "Why."
- ◇ Listen to Passover music while you prepare. This is a great way to learn the words and the Seder songs for everyone.
- ◇ Go online and get great ideas how to include children in the Seder. In the next few days, I will put together some websites that are appropriate for our students.
- ◇ Ask your child, what would you do if you were _____?


Please remember that we have a library full of Passover story books and materials for any age. The children's books are in the school wing on the right side as you enter. You can check them out at any time. I am more than happy to guide you.

Although there is only one school Sunday before Passover, every moment will be filled with learning and activities As Passover requires, each of us this holiday, should feel as if we were leaving Egypt along with our ancestors.

KI School Schedule:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Sunday, April 2 | No School | Passover prep |
| Wednesday, April 5 | No School | Passover begins |
| Sunday, April 9 | No School | Passover |
| Wednesday, April 12 | No School | Passover |
| Sunday, April 16 | School in Session | |
| Wednesday, April 19 | School in Session | |
| Sunday, April 23. | No School | City wide program for families Sponsored by JFS 10:00 am-1:00 pm Details to Come |
| Wednesday, 26 | No School | Yom Ha’atzmaut Community Israel Celebration Details to Come |
| Sunday, April 30 | School in Session | |


April *Minyan-aires* Schedule

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| 1 | TBA | TBA |
| 8 | Frank Tankard | M&Ms (Women's Program in the Library) |
| 15 | Shelley Rissien | NinJews |
| 22 | Frank Tankard | M&Ms |
| 29 | Rebecca Speier | Free Day |



REBECCA SPEIER TAKES THE REIGNS AS K.I.'S NEW FAMILY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

In a newly created position at Kehilath Israel Synagogue, **Rebecca Speier** is looking forward to recreating, and instilling in others the passion she has had for K.I. her entire life.

 Rebecca is a life-long K.I. member, starting out in K.I. pre-school. Growing up, she would come to K.I. multiple days a week to be with her mom, **Shelley Rissien**, who was director of the religious school. Her dream is to be able to keep K.I. families loving to come to the synagogue and growing their bonds with each other. “Nothing brings me more happiness than sitting at *Kiddush* on *Shabbat* and hearing the kids run and play with each other, or tell me about the imaginary stories they have come up with about the history of K.I., or begging for play dates together so they can have more time with their K.I. friends.”

In the position of Family Programming Director, Rebecca plans to fill the K.I. calendar with new, family-oriented programs. She will also work with existing programming for children, families and adults such as KI Kidz, KI Next (K.I.'s young adult organization), and other stand-alone education opportunities. She will additionally collaborate with the director of the K.I. Fred Devinki Religious School to integrate students and the classroom curriculum with congregational programming and observances. She hopes to work closely with congregants who may have ideas for developing grass-roots programming at K.I.

Rebecca says, “Growing up without a lot of biological family locally, I never felt without family because of the connections I had growing up at K.I. I want to make sure that this is continued through our next generation of K.I. families. Through education, play, food, and so much more we can strengthen the ties and attract even more people to our home away from home.”

PURIM



Arthur Hayoun



Serving line for dinner



Jacob and Wes Tankard



Cantor Hayoun

*Doug and
Cara Zolotor*



Felicia Weiner, Marsha Krinsky



Purim Players

AT K...



Kids Choir, Cantor Hayoun and Shelley Rissien



Maureen Minoofar cooking



Maurice Eastman, Richard Wasserstrom, Shelley Rissien, Debbie Entine, Nancy Kohn and Deanna Culver



Allan Greenberg Memorial K.I. Synagogue Golf Tournament

Monday, June 5
8 am Shotgun Start

Go to kisyn.org for the registration form.
Contact Elizabeth@kisyn.org for more info.

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24TH ANNUAL ALLAN GREENBERG MEMORIAL KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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8 AM SHOTGUN START

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

Please pair me with a team: _____ or

Please pair me with the following players: (before listing partners, please ensure that they plan to team with you.)

| | PLAYER NAME | EMAIL | PHONE |
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Memorial Day services will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.**

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 \$50.00 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 21. 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.

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE
FOCAL POINT IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

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:

RITA MYER

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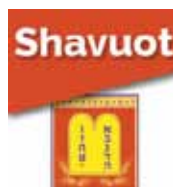
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Thursday, May 25

8:00 pm Services

8:30 pm Dinner

9:30 pm Speaker



\$20 - Adults

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*Details to follow

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...to **Amelia** and **Simon Kass** on the birth of a girl, Farrah Jean. Also to the grandfather, **Dan Kass**.

...to **Hadas Moshonov-Cohavi** and **David Cohavi** on the birth of a son, Moshe Benjamin.

...to **Aron Mandl** on the engagement of his son, Shmuel to Tehila Auslander. And to grandparents, **Barbara** and **Rabbi Herbert Mandl**.

...to **Deborah Goodbinder** on being elected president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Hadassah. Debbie is the wife of **Joel Abecassis**. She is the daughter of **Barbara** and **Phillip Goodbinder**.

...to **Leslie** and **Marc Price** on the birth of a granddaughter, Gavriella Tali Del Posa; parents are Ashley and Carlos Del Posa.

...to **Cantor Hayoun** on the recent marriage of his granddaughter, Hadaya Avidan to Shmuel Kemhe.

...to **Bridey** and **McKay Stangler** on the birth of a boy, Rafael Murphy.

April 2023

10 Nisan 5783 - 9 Iyar 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 10 NISAN Tzav Malachi 3:4-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:15 K.I. KIDZ-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:15 pm |
| 2 11 NISAN Bagel and Brunch Class-Decoding the Haggadah with Rabbi Grussgott - 9:45 am NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL | 3 12 NISAN Men's Club-KI NEXT NCAA Championship Watch Party-6:30 pm | 4 13 NISAN | 5 14 NISAN Erev Pesach 7:28 OFFICE CLOSING-3:00 PM | 6 15 NISAN Passover - Day 1 8:20 OFFICE CLOSED | 7 16 NISAN Passover - Day 2 7:30 OFFICE CLOSED | 8 17 NISAN Passover - First Intermediate Day Ezekiel 37:1-14 Shabbos Ends: 8:22 M and M - 10:00 am |
| 9 18 NISAN Passover - Second Intermediate Day NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL | 10 19 NISAN Passover - Third Intermediate Day | 11 20 NISAN Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:34 OFFICE CLOSING-3:00 PM | 12 21 NISAN Passover - Day 7 8:26 OFFICE CLOSED | 13 22 NISAN Passover - Day 8 Yom Tov Ends: 8:28 OFFICE CLOSED | 14 23 NISAN 7:37 | 15 24 NISAN Shemini II Samuel 6:1-7:17 Shabbos Ends: 8:30 NinJews - 10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:30 pm |
| 16 25 NISAN Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am K.I. Annual Meeting-Brunch - 10:00 am | 17 26 NISAN | 18 27 NISAN | 19 28 NISAN Religious School - 4:30-6:15 pm Women's Study Class-7:00 pm | 20 29 NISAN | 21 30 NISAN Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 1 7:44 | 22 1 IYAR Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2 Tazria - Metzora Isaiah 66:1-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:37 M and M-10:00 am Birthday Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:40 pm |
| 23 2 IYAR NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (JFS Birthday Bash at The J - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm) | 24 3 IYAR Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:30 pm | 25 4 IYAR | 26 5 IYAR Yom HaAtzma'ut NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL | 27 6 IYAR | 28 7 IYAR 7:50 | 29 8 IYAR Acharei - Kedoshim Ezekiel 22:1-16 Shabbos Ends: 8:44 Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:45 pm |
| 30 9 IYAR Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am | | | | | | |



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Week of April 2, 3, 4 6:15 PM
5,6,7 - see Passover Schedule (page 3)
Week of April 9 - --- see Passover schedule (page 3)
Week of April 16 6:25 PM
Week of April 23 6:30 PM
Week of April 30 6:35 PM

ROSH CHODESH IYAR
Friday, April 21
Saturday, April 22



KI Men's Club and KI Next Present
**THE NCAA BASKETBALL
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*(on a 14' x 8' screen!)**

Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm

Smoked Brisket & Turkey, sides, beer, soft drinks

Everyone is invited!

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