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



As I write this, we are one month into the war with Hamas. In *Parshat Noach* (Genesis 6:11) We read: "Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth became full of outrage." The word for "outrage" here is "Hamas" in Hebrew. This is not a coincidence! Hebrew and Arabic are closely related, both being

Semitic languages (which, incidentally, demonstrates our indigenusness to the Middle East and to the Land of Israel). In Arabic the word is meant to have the connotation of "zeal" or "fierceness." The terror group Hamas consciously named themselves this. We are dealing with pure evil. A terror group that cynically uses its own civilians as human shields while attacking our civilians.

Sadly, we have also seen a lack of moral clarity on all too many college campuses, where it appears to be fashionable amongst some young, naive social justice warrior types to support Hamas and to traffic in hideous anti-Semitic tropes about Israel and Jewish people in general. These feel like dark times for Jews around the world. Where can we turn to for hope?

Chanukah is approaching, the Festival of Lights. I recently attended the Jewish Leadership Conference in New York, hosted by *Tikvah*, a pro-Israel Jewish think tank that my brother Josh works for. There were some fascinating and enlightening sessions, such as a talk from retired Israeli General Yaakov Amidror, who has previously served as Prime Minister Netanyahu's Security Advisor. He flew in from Israel to update us on the war, stayed at the conference for a few hours, and then flew right back to Israel. There was an inspiring panel of Jewish college students from various elite universities sharing their experiences with combating anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment on campus. The conference closed with a stirring address by Rabbi Mayer Soloveichik of my Alma Mater Yeshiva University. He showed us a photo taken in Kiel, Germany in 1931 by Rachel Posner, Rebbetzin of Kiel, of her *Chanukah Menorah* in the window, with a Nazi flag across the street. She wrote the following poem, in German, on the back of the photo: "Judah will die, says the flag; Judah lives forever, replies the Light."

Last year on *Chanukah*, Rachel Posner's grandson Akiva Mansbach lit this same *Menorah* in his home in Israel, while



Here we are in the middle of fall, although we recently experienced a cold episode where we had a few freezing nights and unseasonably cold days.

On November 5th daylight savings time ended and reverted to standard time.

This change grants us one extra hour of sleep, but as far as K.I. Synagogue is concerned, we start *Mincha* and *Maariv* earlier, i.e. starting at 5:00 pm now, but will get even earlier as we go into the winter. This shift in time brings about a challenge in getting a *minyan* in the afternoon for *Mincha* and *Maariv*. That's why I am going to ask our members to be more cognizant of the issue and try to help us get an afternoon *minyan*, because some of our regulars won't be able to attend that early in the afternoon due to their commitment to work.

Now back to the situation in the Middle East and Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel. It is going to be a prolonged conflict. We have started seeing the impact of this war, reaching the shores of the United States and arriving in the Midwest and Kansas City area.

According to statistics, we have seen a 192% increase in anti-Semitic incidences in the United States in comparison with last year. There are lots of protests where they chant slogans like "With blood and spirit Palestine will be free," and with calls for annihilation of Jewish people. University campuses have seen a 360% increase in anti-Jewish incidents.

That's why we have to stay vigilant and not allow fear in our midst, because enemies want to frighten our people into submission. We cannot be complacent or fearful and must continue to find the courage and resilience needed to continue our Jewish lives. We at K.I. should be assured that between community security apparatus, the City of Overland Park Police Department and our own security guard at the entrance to the building, we are surveilled and protected.

The Overland Park Police Department sends patrol cars to sit in our parking lot in the morning and afternoon. Last week I happened to see some of the police force in our parking lot. I approached them and gave them our gratitude (see page 2 for the picture)

[As of the writing of this article,] I now change the subject to our Grand Givers fund raising event. I am looking forward to this affair, and it promises to be a rare and remarkable

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of *Chanukah*, Thursday, December 7, the 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 8, the Friday night of *Chanukah***, we should light the *Chanukah* candles first and then the *Shabbat* candles. **Both need to be done by 4:38 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 9, any time after *Havdalah* at 5:33 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 לְזִמְנוּ 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
בְּזִמְנוּ 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 (11)
- 3 Lisa & Seth Gortenburg (18)
- 7 Shirley & Todd Stettner (48)
- 9 Sonia & Max Singer (45)
- 10 Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom (18)
- 16 Lori & Mitchell Gold (28)
- 17 Stella & Robert Hoffman (73)
- 18 Karen & Michael Gortenburg (40)
- Bridey & McKay Stangler (13)
- 19 Joyce & Stan Zeldin (58)
- 20 Rachel & Scott Macek (14)
- 21 Leslee & Marc Price (9)
- 27 Susan & Steven Osman (54)
- 29 Megan & Sam Pener (10)
- 30 Henri & Ben Gaeddert (5)

רפואה שלמה

The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Gela Adelman**, **Bonnie Brooksher**, **Jackye Goldberg**, **Ro Jacobson** and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

מזל טוב

...to **Felicia Weiner** on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of her great-granddaughter, **Eliana Schwartzbard**, daughter of **Kaley Wajcman** and **Jonathan Schwartzbard**. Granddaughter of **Mindy** and **Davey Wajcman**.

...to **Marcie** and **Bruce Kaplan** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Shana Rani Kaplan** to **Seema** and **Jeffrey Kaplan**.

SIMCHA TREE LEAF DEDICATIONS



IN CELEBRATION OF
PAUL WACKNOV'S
100TH BIRTHDAY 11-16-2023
DONNA, SCOTT, KIMBERLY,
ZALEY, AND SAGAN ZAVELLO

CONGREGANTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Liz Friedman, **Dmitry Kapustin**, **Nathan Khalemsky**, **Emily Minoofar**, **Blake Sallis**, **Linda Silver**, **Avi Hammer**, **Illiana Hammer**, **Brynn Shaffer**, **Kayla Fink**, **William Anderson**, **Jonathan Kaplan**, **Jackson Jacobson**, **Harold Shorr**, **Amy Stoltz**, **Robyn Jacobs**, **Matthew von Ende**, **Bonnie Siegel**, **Harold Magariel**, **Sandra Romer**, **Scott White**, **Janet Eisman**, **Clint Gillom**, **Marcie Kaplan**, **Sheila Rosmarine**, **Rachel Lubowicz**, **Joel Zitron**, **Austin Ruben**, **Arnold Caviar**, **Isaac Eastman**, **Debra Ann Entine**, **Sarah Caplan**, **Beryl Silberg**.

DECEMBER YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Ephraim Mandl, **Jordyn Brock**, **Manny Grussgott**, and **Abigail Clark**.

תודה רבה

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

...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.

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2023 GRAND GIVERS THANK YOUS!

We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from attendees at our 47th Annual Grand Givers event on November 12th. Many people came up to us saying that they would like to have the performers back. Shari and I are still relishing our lingering good memories of the entire weekend. The performers exceeded all expectations! And the food prepared and served by our amazing volunteers was outstanding! We were fortunate to have local newscaster Kris Ketz who was a pleasure, too.

This event could not have been as successful as it was without the ingenuity and hard work of the Grand Givers Committee, namely: **Joe Adamous, Irene Blend, Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov, Brenda Fishman, Aaron Fry, Carolyn Goldwasser, Bill Greenberg, Cantor Aron Hayoun, Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Jasmine Kaplan, Tamara Kingston, Sandy Levine, Marlene Lubowicz, Maureen Minoofar, and Elizabeth Peden.**

We gratefully acknowledge our 2023 Dreiseszun Grand Givers for selling or donating \$10,000 worth of tickets: **Anonymous**; the **Brown Family**; **Devinki/Stahl/Fink Families**; **Dreiseszun Family Foundation**; **Elizabeth Flever**; **Dr. Myra Litman**, of blessed memory; and the **Morgan Family Foundation**; and our 2023 Grand Givers for selling or donating \$2,500 worth of tickets: **Anonymous (2)**; **Joe Adamous**; **Carol & Arnold Caviar**; **Natalie & Dr. Don Cohen**, **Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov**; **Sondra & Frank Friedman**; **Karen & Michael Gortenburg**; the **Kaplan Family**, **Beckie & Dr. Spencer Kerley**; **Marsha Krinsky**; **Ruth & Sandy Levine**; **Maureen & Amir Minoofar**; **Elizabeth Peden**; **Jodi & Dr. Bill Rosenthal**; **Fani & Bill Schiffman**; **Drs. Shari & Michael Sokol**; and **Joel Zitron**.

Bonnie & Herb Buchbinder won 2 tickets to any performance of the 2023-2024 season Harriman-Jewell Series; **Marsha Krinsky** won 4 tickets to any performance of the 2023-2024 season at the White Theater at The J; **Gail & Jerry Gottlieb** won \$200 in Scheel's gift cards; and **Beckie & Spencer Kerley** won 4 KC Chiefs tickets for December 31st game plus parking worth \$1,500.

Because we are writing this less than 24 hours after our event, we do not know what our total proceeds are yet, but we will be sending 10% of our proceeds to victims of terror in Israel.

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



Carol & Arnold Caviar



Shelley & Aaron Rissien



*Katie Rosenbaum
serving wine*



Jodi & Bill Rosenthal



Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov



Our guest performers



Elizabeth Peden & Marsha Krinsky

K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

In the beginning of the year, it was so exciting to have everyone back with our new and improved school wing! Even now after months have gone by, it is still amazing to me how some paint, a few rugs, and an amazing hardworking crew (hard labor is cheap in the family) can change the atmosphere and the attitude in the school.

We were all ready to get started when every Sunday for weeks was holiday after holiday. At least we got to spend time together, but I couldn't wait for the energy to take hold in our end of the building. Now, as I look on the rooms on Sunday mornings, each one is filled with K.I. kids interacting, having fun, and most of all enjoying being Jewish and becoming one family.

I would like to share that the past few Sundays have been bittersweet with the situation in Israel. Our teachers, *Morah* Amy, *Morah* Becca, and *Morah* Carol have discussed with each group of children about the hard times we are going through, so they understand how important Israel is to us. It is even part of our school's name!!! *Kehilath Israel*. Last Sunday, we made bracelets with beads that say "Israel" with a red heart on one side and a silver bead that says love, peace, or hope.

For the next week, the children will make round cookies that are an Israeli treat. They will make the dough and dip the cookie in blue and white sprinkles. We are learning to sing "*Hatikvah*" and Israeli songs. Each student was excited to put a message in the back wall where our "Kotel" Wailing Wall is painted. There is something special and comforting that this wall beckons the children to sit by it.

We have started to learn the morning blessings and even *Havdalah*. The children love to smell the spices and love to hear the crackling of the candle flame as it is extinguished. As always, the students (even the youngest of them) love to sing together.

Now we turn our thoughts to *Chanukah* and learning about the miracles. We will have a school-wide celebration during class on Sunday morning, December 10. I can't imagine what our snacks will be and what games we will be playing!!

** There will be no school on December 24 and 31 as we will be on winter break. It is so hard to believe how fast the year is flying. We will resume with Wednesday class for the "Bigs" on January 3.

If any of you would like to spend a *Shabbat* morning with our children for an hour or two before they go into the main sanctuary to sing with the *Chazzan*, it would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to give you a lesson plan all set and ready to go. They do like to play in the gym for a short while. These children are so eager to learn and read and play *Hebrew* games. We are so blessed to have them.

Happy *Chanukah*, and may the new year that is right around the corner bring good health, joy, healing and G-d's blessings for our K.I. family and for our family in Israel.

May we continue to watch our K.I. family grow as time goes on.....

Shelley Rissien

K.I.Fred Devinki Religious School Director





Join family and friends for a
CHANUKAH
celebration on

Wednesday, December 13
6:00 pm

\$15/person
Kids 7 & under free

***Make your reservations by Friday,
December 8***

Games, singing, and goody bags for the kids!

Bring your *Chanukiah (Menorah)* & candles, and we will light together.

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits
MEMORIAL TABLETS

18 KISLEV-DEC 1

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 2

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

20 KISLEV-DEC 3

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

21 KISLEV-DEC 4

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 5

REGINA BRAUN
MORRIS CORTEZ
HELEN EPSTEIN
FANNIE JACOBSON
RAYMOND PELTZMAN

23 KISLEV-DEC 6

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

24 KISLEV-DEC 7

ROSE GLASSMAN

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

25 KISLEV-DEC 8

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

26 KISLEV-DEC 9

MINNIE BAUM
ALBERT BEISER
JOHN BELL
MAX COHEN
DAVID GOLDSTEIN
BLUMA HOROWITZ
JEROME NARON
MIERL STEPONSKY
DORA YOMAN

27 KISLEV-DEC 10

ROBERT COHEN
DONALD COHN
FRANCES
MANDELBAUM
NATHAN MARGOLIN
NOAH MEDLOV

28 KISLEV-DEC 11

HERBERT FISHMAN
SAMUEL GREEN
DAVID HOUSE
FAMILY KUSHNER
BENJAMIN LICHTOR
SAM PLATTNER
ISRAEL RAIZEN

29 KISLEV-DEC 12

SARAH ASHER
LAWRENCE BLONSKY
EPHRAIM DENNIS
BERNARD GLICKSTEIN
PEARL HALPERN
DORA HERSCHMAN
MIRIAM INDIN
DORA LEVY
AARON PFEFER
SAMUEL SPECTOR
ANNA SWARTZ
SAM TANKEL
DAVID WEINBERG

1 TEVET-DEC 13

FANNIE CLAYMAN
REVA DENNIS
ANNA DUBINSKY
ROSE FABES
FREDA FLEVER
DAVID GINSBERG
DAVID GOLAD
SARAH LERNER
EMMA LEVINE

RICHARD SHER
VICTOR SIEGEL
MINNIE SIMON

2 TEVET-DEC 14

ROSE BELOVE
SARAH BRITZ
WILLIAM GALLAS
EUGENE GOLDSTEIN
SARAH GREEN
CONNIE KAPLAN
MAX KRAFT
ABE RABINOWITZ
BERL SHERR
MARY SPORN

3 TEVET-DEC 15

ALEXANDER BULAVSKY
EDWARD CUMONOW
RITA FRIEDMAN
ISADORE GREEN
ISIDOR HOUSE
LOUIS LEBOFF
ISADORE RAINEN
MAX SHER
LUCY SHRINER
OSCAR SIMON

4 TEVET-DEC 16

ISADORE BROWN
MICHELE FISHMAN
MARTHA GOODMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RICHARD KATZ
MARCUS LEVITCH
MOLLY MONDSCHNEIN
MORRIS RASKIN
SHAY STEIN
LOUIS WALTER

5 TEVET-DEC 17

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

6 TEVET-DEC 18

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

7 TEVET-DEC 19

KATHERINE BODKER
SOLOMON BORTNICK
ANNA BUCKSNER
BEN COHN
GENE DELEVE
MORRIS FRIEDMAN
MORRIS GOLDBERG
FLORA HARRIS
J LOUIS LESKY
DAVID SHANE
SAMUEL SHURIN
BEN TRILLIN

8 TEVET-DEC 20

CARL BERNSTEIN
IDA DUNN
SARAH FISHMAN
EDWARD KANTER
BESS LADERMAN
ANNE SCHAEFFER
ROSE TRANIN

9 TEVET-DEC 21

MARY ABEND
LENA ALPORT
REBECCA BLENDER
ETHEL KESSLER
IDA LERNER
SARAH LEVINSON

10 TEVET-DEC 22

ETHEL BERGER
LEAH BERGER
ZALMON BERGER
ZLATA BERGER
ZVI BERGER
SARAH BOIGEN
CHARNA COHEN
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LEON KLOPPER
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ISIDOR LIPSCHUETZ
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MARY WAGNER
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ISAAC WINER
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BRACHA YEDDIS
FEIGA YODLER
WOLF YODLER

11 TEVET-DEC 23

ELIYA DWORKIN
HAROLD GERSH
LOUIS GLASS
MINNIE GUROVITZ
ABE KELNE
ZE'EV LISSER
SARA LITMAN
SIMON MALLIN
MINNIE MILLER
BEVERLY SPITCAUFISKY

12 TEVET-DEC 24

REBECCA BIALSKY
ANNA BRATMAN
MINNIE KUSHNER
ISADORE MARGOLIS
MINNIE OSADCHY
RUBIN RESNICK
SIMHA TARABOULOS

13 TEVET-DEC 25

RUTH ADELMAN
BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN
MILTON KESSLER

14 TEVET-DEC 26

REBECCA GINSBERG
SARA GOLDBERG
ROSE HOROWITZ
LEONARD OSMAN
ANNA STUDNA
SULE SWEET
MIRIAM WAJCMAN

15 TEVET-DEC 27

HILDA ADLER
NORMAN CAPLAN
SOPHIE DOLGINOFF
ALICE DUBIN
NATHAN FOX
SARAH GLASS
HARRY KOTELOV
SARAH LESKY
REVA PESMEN
MORDECAI SCHULTZ
ISRAEL SHANERMAN
MINNIE WEINSAFT
HARRY WEXLER
SAM ZEFF

16 TEVET-DEC 28

ROSE BARSKY
BLUMA FRUMHOFF
LILLIAN HAITH
EDWARD KANTER
ELSA LEVIN
IRVING LEVITAN
HARRIS SHERR

17 TEVET-DEC 29

DAVID DOLGINOW
ISAAC KESSLER
HERSCHEL KRAFT
FANNIE KUSHEL
MAX MILLER
ROYAL NERMAN
EVA SHER
MORRIS SHULTZ

18 TEVET-DEC 30

BERISH BETTINGER
MORRIS HAMMER
SANFORD KATZ
ROSE LEWIS
JOSEPH MAGARIEL
RUTH PHILLIPS
LOUIS SHOSTAK
DOROTHY WEINSTEIN

19 TEVET-DEC 31

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Visiting Israel is one of the best ways to build a strong Jewish identity, but these trips can be very expensive. The Flo Harris Supporting Foundation's Passport to Israel Savings Incentive Plan is a wonderful way to save toward the cost of an Israel trip. In grades 3 through 8, when parents deposit \$200 a year into their child's Passport to Israel (PTI) account, the Flo Harris Foundation, (a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation), will match the deposit with a \$100 contribution. The Jewish Community Foundation manages the funds, while The Jewish Federation administers the PTI program. Interest is earned on the account, depending on market returns. By the time a child is old enough to visit Israel, he/she could have approximately \$2,500 in Passport funds to use toward the cost of the trip.

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 8.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 18 KISLEV 4:39	2 19 KISLEV Vayishlach Obadiah 1:1-21 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 K1 KIDZ-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
3 20 KISLEV Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	4 21 KISLEV Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	5 22 KISLEV	6 23 KISLEV Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	7 24 KISLEV	8 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1 4:38	9 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2 Vayeshev Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Shabbos Ends: 5:33 M and M-10 am Women's Circle-10 am Kiddush in honor memory of Debbie Adamous Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
10 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	11 28 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 4 Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:00 pm	12 29 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 5	13 1 TEVES Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm Chanukah Dinner and Program-6:00 pm	14 2 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7	15 3 TEVES Chanukah - Day 8 4:39	16 4 TEVES Mikeitz I Kings 3:15-4:1 Shabbos Ends: 5:35 NinJews -10:00 am Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
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24 12 TEVES NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	25 13 TEVES Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	26 14 TEVES	27 15 TEVES NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	28 16 TEVES	29 17 TEVES 4:47	30 18 TEVES Veyechi I Kings 2:1-12 Shabbos Ends: 5:42 M and M-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-3:35 pm
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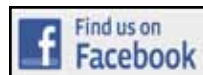
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Week of Dec. 3 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 10 4:45 PM
Week of Dec. 17 4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 24 4:50 PM
Week of Dec. 31 4:55 PM

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Wednesday, December 13

Monday, December 25 - *Shacharit* Service 9:00 AM



A delegation of members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum meeting with Pope Francis in October at the Vatican.



Sam Devinki and Mary Stahl meet the Pope.