

# THE FOCAL POINT

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



Every year at the *Seder* we recite the “*V’Hi She’Amda*” poem. This year it should have more resonance: “And it is this (the *Torah*) that has stood by our ancestors and for us. For not only one (enemy) has risen up against us to destroy us, but in every generation they rise up to destroy us. But the Holy One, Blessed be He, delivers us from their hands.”

I recently returned from a rabbinical convention in south Florida. Not surprisingly, the main topic of conversation was October 7, and how we and our communities are processing the aftermath. One of the sessions was about anti-Semitism in America, particularly on college campuses. The presenter quoted from the thought of the late great Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, of blessed memory, former Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom. One excerpt from Sacks is so pertinent to what we are witnessing today, that I want to quote it in full. From the keynote address of “The Future of the Jewish Communities in Europe” conference held at The European Parliament on 27th September, 2016, in Brussels, Rabbi Sacks says:

“It is easy to hate, but difficult publicly to justify hate. Throughout history, when people have sought to justify anti-Semitism, they have done so by recourse to the highest source of authority available within the culture. In the Middle Ages, it was religion. So we had religious anti-Judaism. In post Enlightenment Europe it was science. So we had the twin foundations of Nazi ideology, Social Darwinism and the so-called Scientific Study of Race. Today the highest source of authority worldwide is human rights. That is why Israel—the only fully functioning democracy in the Middle East with a free press and independent judiciary—is regularly accused of the five cardinal sins against human rights: racism, apartheid, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and attempted genocide.

The new anti-Semitism has mutated so that any practitioner of it can deny that he or she is an anti-Semite. After all, they’ll say, I’m not a racist. I have no problem with Jews or Judaism. I only have a problem with the State of Israel. But in a world of 56 Muslim nations and 103 Christian ones, there is only one Jewish state, Israel, which constitutes one-quarter of one per cent of the land mass of the Middle East. Israel is the only one of the 193 member nations of the United Nations that has its right to exist regularly challenged, with one state, Iran, and many, many other groups, committed to its destruction.”

Let us take comfort this year at the *Seder*, when we recite the “*V’Hi She’Amda*,” that even though in every generation they rise up to destroy us, we retain the faith and the certainty that *Hashem* will save us from their hand. Wishing us all a happy *Pesach*.

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott



Spring is right around the corner. We in Kansas City have been fortunate the way the winter season developed, which soon will end. An unseasonably moderate temperature in this area made winter more tolerable and pleasant. I love looking at the pear tree white blooms on both sides of the boulevard in the front. It’s a gorgeous scene.

This year *Purim* is in *Adar Shani* (the second *Adar* month due to the Hebrew calendar’s leap year). This holiday is close to my heart due to an association that we, Persian Jews (or *Yahoodi*, as it is said in Persian), have with it.

Persian Jewry history goes back 2500 years, which approximately is when the story of *Purim* took place. *Purim* memorializes the survival of the Persian Jews. You know how the story goes by now. My hometown is merely about 150 miles from the King’s summer quarters, the city of Hamadan, where Esther’s and Mordechai’s tombs are.

Now something interesting: although the story of *Purim* took place in Persia, would you believe it if I told you that the *Megillah* reading is a serious occasion in Iran — meaning no groggers, no booing, no costumes, or *hamentashen*? The local custom includes men getting together after the reading of the *Megillah* and gambling till late at night to commemorate the casting of the lots. Another custom is to give money, in bills, to kids as gifts.

On a different note, I would like to extend a *mazel tov* to Cantor Hayoun on the marriage of his granddaughter in Israel. Also *mazel tov* to Rabbi Mandl and Barbara on the birth of a great-granddaughter born to their grandson, Sami and Tehila. We also await the birth of a child soon to Rabbi Grussgott and Becca.

Please save the date **Monday, June 10th** for our second largest fundraiser, our **Annual Golf Tournament**.

As you know, our building and its components are over four decades old now. This year a group of volunteers, headed by **Ellen Portnoy** and assisted by other associates, came up with a novel idea to replace some of our kitchen pots and pans and gadgets. This event was planned as a Kitchen Shower, where people ordered from a registered list or donated money to accomplish this goal. I thank the organizers for their work and those who contributed to this effort.

Finally, please mark your calendars to participate in our **Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch on Sunday, April 7**. As I have maintained previously, this is how we exercise our democratic power. I hope to see you there.

Joseph Adamous



# Passover Schedule

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 13 NISAN

**BEDIKAT CHAMETZ:** (The searching of the house for leaven after dark, with the recitation of the appropriate benedictions.)

## MONDAY, APRIL 22 - 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**.....11:02 AM  
**BIUR CHAMETZ**.....12:09 PM  
 (Burning of the Chametz)  
**Candlelighting (no later than)**.....7:45 PM  
**MINCHA (Followed by Yom Tov Maariv)**.....7:45 PM  
**FIRST SEDER (in the home)**.....8:33 PM

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23 - 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**.....7:45 PM  
**Candlelighting (no earlier than)**.....8:39 PM  
**SECOND SEDER (in the home, after dark)**.....8:34 PM

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - 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**.....8:40 PM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 17 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PESACH

**SHACHARIT**.....7:00 AM  
**MINCHA AND MAARIV**.....6:30 PM

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - 18 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PESACH

**SHACHARIT**.....7:00 AM  
**Candlelighting (no later than)**.....7:49 PM  
**MINCHA AND KABBALAT SHABBAT**.....6:35 PM

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 19 NISAN

### SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH

Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25

*Haftarah:* Ezekiel 37:1-14

**SHABBAT SERVICE (Kiddush following services)**.....9:00 AM  
**MINCHA**  
 (followed by *Shir Hashirim* and *Seudah Shlishith*).....7:05 PM  
**HAVDALAH**.....8:43 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 20 NISAN

### CHOL HAMOED PESACH

**SHACHARIT SERVICE**.....9:00 AM  
**Candlelighting (no earlier than)**.....7:51 PM  
**MINCHA (FOLLOWED BY YOM TOV MAARIV)**.....6:35 PM

## MONDAY, APRIL 29 - 21 NISAN

### SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

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**.....7:50 PM  
**Candlelighting (no earlier than)**.....8:45 PM

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30 - 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)**  
**MINCHA**.....7:50 PM  
**MAARIV followed by**  
**HAVDALAH**.....8:46 PM  
**Chametz is permitted after**.....9:15 PM

**BREAD AND PASTRY SHOULD NOT BE PURCHASED  
 UNTIL AFTER 9:15 PM (APRIL 30)**

## PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING

Monday, April 22.....7:45 PM  
 Tuesday, April 23 (no earlier than).....8:39 PM  
 Friday, April 26 (no later than).....7:49 PM  
 Sunday, April 28 (no later than).....7:51 PM  
 Monday, April 29 (no earlier than).....8:45 PM



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Anna & David Kricsfeld (18)
- 12 Elena & Mikhail Kosiborod (29)
- 16 Rosemary & Martin Gorin (35)
- 21 Gail & Jerry Gottlieb (12)
- 23 Barbara & David Marcus (57)

## 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, Barbara Bronstein, Peter Cabell, Cathy Caplan, Jasmine Dey, Brian Friedman, Jessie Geivett, Cynthia Gilgus, Richard Glass, Lori Gold, Mirra Goldenberg, Jerrold Gottlieb, Marsha Jacobs, Max Jevinsky, Bruce Kaplan, Roza Karlan, Richard Kohn, Kimberlin Kubel, Lisa Lanfranca, Joel Marcus, Kurt Metzl, Alan Organ, Steve Osman, Karen Pack, Deanna Pool, Marvin Rogolsky, Jodi Rosenthal, Edith Shaw, Steve Shaw, Rebecca Speier, Walter Waxman, and Ernesto Zepeda.

## APRIL YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Justin Parmet, Ari Grussgott, William Waxman.

## THANK YOU TO OUR PURIM PATRONS:



Joseph Adamous; William Anderson; 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; Howard & Ro Jacobson; Richard & Ali Jacobson; Jonathan & Jasmine Kaplan; Marian Kaplan; Marsha Krinsky; Sandy & Ruth Levine; Ari & Marlene Lubowicz; Rabbi Herbert & Barbara Mandl; Amir & Maureen Minoofar; Sharon Noorollah; Dr. William & Ruth Nowack; Steve & Susan Osman; Elizabeth Peden; Joe & Debby Pfefer; Dr. Jay & Ellen Portnoy; Adam & Dr. Jessica Rich; Nedra Rosen; Bill & Fani Schiffman; Carole Sher; Drs. Michael & Shari Sokol & Family; Jerry Stolov & Judy Elliott; and Lois Winston

## 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:

### DAVID RABINOVITZ

### ROBERT HOFFMAN

*(Husband of Stella Hoffman,  
 Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law, Jerry and Bobbie  
 Rosmarine)*

### CHARLES GOODBINDER

*(Husband of Susan Goodbinder,  
 Father of Lisa Gortenburg, Todd Goodbinder,  
 Jay Goodbinder  
 Brother of Charlene Goodbinder)*

### DAN KASS

*(Father of Lyle Kass, Simon Kass, Alfred Kass  
 Partner of Lori Klarfeld)*

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## PASSOVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Passover this year falls on Monday night, April 22

### 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 7 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 one half hour 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 30.*

### 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 a

Ⓢ 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 **UP** or **KP**. 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 **UP** or **KP**. 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:

- earthenware, china porcelain, ceramics, crockery, enamelware and plastic
- glassware such as Pyrex and ovenware which is used for cooking or preserving
- those that cannot be properly cleaned before purging, such as sieves, graters or bottles with narrow necks
- utensils or vessels that have crevices which cannot be reached
- 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.

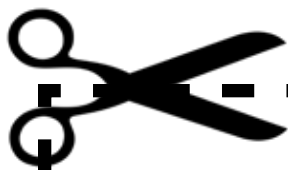
**Microwave Ovens** - Microwave ovens may be used on *Chol HaMoed Pesach* (not on *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*). To prepare your microwave for the holiday, clean the oven thoroughly, *if at all possible leave unused for 24 hours*. Fill a large microweable container with water and bring to a boil. **Preferably**, 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 9:15 pm on the evening of the last day of *Pesach*, Tuesday evening, April 30.**



## 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* 5784, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return to the synagogue by Friday, April 19**

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**17501 MIDLAND DRIVE • SHAWNEE, KS 66217**

**7AM CHECK IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 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
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

**SILENT AUCTION, PRIZES & AWARDS FOR THE BIG WINNERS THROUGHOUT EVENT!**

COST:

FORMAT:

\$200 per player, includes green fees, lunch and prizes.

Four person scramble (flighted)

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## K.I. FRED DEVINKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Sometimes a day off from school is welcomed by teachers and students to be able to stop and enjoy the free time. The Sundays off in March have been freeing but hard to maintain a cadence for teaching. We also became appreciative of being with friends regularly on Sundays and learning all about being Jewish.

We missed many Sunday sessions in February/March because of Spring break from public school, as well as *Purim* landing on a Sunday as well. The hugs and smiles demonstrate that we appreciate seeing our friends and teachers as we prepared for *Purim*, continued to learn more Hebrew, recited the morning prayers, and laughed at *Purim* silliness. *We also let Haman know that he is not welcome in our home!!!!*

Baking *hamantashen* as the songs of “Grease” blast throughout the building, we become aware that *Pesach* and spring are right around the corner. I know the students are excited to go outside for recess, as well as learn all about *Pesach*. After all, children are a very integral part of the *seder* and the holiday itself!!

I would also like to share a project the Bigs, my Wednesday afternoon Hebrew class, did recently. Their Hebrew reading and comprehension is moving forward, and we are now learning about specific prayers and major topics. Last week, the students learned how the famous rabbis got their “rabbinical” names. For example, *Rambam* would be Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon. As they graduated to rabbinic status, we began to study.

Each “*talmid*” (student), took a favorite phrase from the *Shema* and wrote it in the middle of the page. In the borders of the text around the page, each student commented on why they chose their specific phrase. Then we passed the page on to the next student and they commented on the text as well as the responses of the previous student. It truly felt like we were building a little *Yeshiva* right in the library, with all the holy and Jewish literary books around us. The students were explaining their responses and were also very open with their criticism. I felt like I was watching a scene from “Yentl,” where all the rabbinical students were sitting around the table arguing about their interpretation of the text.

So.... as we come close to *Pesach* and the number of school days are waning, may the coming month bring only blessings and good health to our teachers, students and all our families.

*Chag Aviv Sameach!* Happy Spring to all of you!

PS: We are looking for outdoor items for the playground. Even paint or small items are welcome and needed. On a Sunday morning after school ends, I would like to request volunteers to help clean and paint the playground. Details to follow.

As always, feel free to contact me or meet with me for ideas, issues, and improvement suggestions.

I will just close with *Chag Sameach*, as there are so many this time of year!!

*L'Shalom,  
Shelley*



## K.I. KITCHEN SHOWER

Donations from the K.I. Kitchen Shower were on display at the celebration held on Sunday, March 10. Everyone had the opportunity to see the many items for both kitchens and enjoy some sweets. In all over \$4300 was donated by 46 donors!

The new items will be in use in time for the *Purim* events. Also, with some of the extra funds donated, the committee was able to purchase an industrial vacuum cleaner for the synagogue. Those who still wish to donate to the K.I. Shower can do so by sending a donation indicating it is for the shower.

Many thanks to committee chairs, **Brenda Fishman and Ellen Portnoy**, along with committee members **Pete Cabell, Jasmine Kaplan, Maureen Minoofar and Jay Portnoy**. Together they worked to organize and inventory the kitchens, to create lists of items needed, and plan the shower celebration.



*Irene Blend, Joan Cabell, Michael Abrams, Pete Cabell*



*Mauren Minoofar, Pete Cabell, Brenda Fishman, Ellen and Jay Portnoy*

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# ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

*With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits*

## MEMORIAL TABLETS

### 22 ADAR II-APRIL 1

SAMUEL COHEN  
ESTHER GRUNDMAN  
JOSEPHINE LEVITCH  
MARY MATTERS  
BEN MEDOFF  
CLARA OSADCHY  
LENA PITTEL  
FANNIE SAMBUR  
ISAAC SHERMAN

### 23 ADAR II-APRIL 2

MARK ADELMAN  
ITZHAK ALBERT  
LIBBIE ALBERT  
ESTHER BAUM  
VICTOR DAVIS  
OSCAR FRIZENT  
REBECCA WINER

### 24 ADAR II-APRIL 3

MINNIE COHN  
ABRAHAM DENOWITZ  
BEN GARBER  
RHETTA GOLDSTEIN  
ABE GREENBERG  
LEAH NUSSBAUM  
ABE ROVEN  
RACHEL STUDNA

### 25 ADAR II-APRIL 4

EDNA BEISER  
ISAAC BODKER  
HARRY BRODSKY  
IDA DUBANSKY  
TRENT DANIELS  
BEATRICE EISBERG  
ABRAHAM NUDELMAN  
RACHEL ROSENBERG  
ARON WARREN  
RAYMOND WOLF

### 26 ADAR II-APRIL 5

LOUIS BROWN  
BETTY CHUZIE  
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MORRIS SAMET  
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### 27 ADAR II-APRIL 6

IRWIN AGRON  
DORIS BUSH  
SHEVA GOLDMAN  
IDA KLEIN  
STEPHANIE KLOPPER  
MARY MENDELSON  
JACK PRICE  
KARLA SILBERG  
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### 28 ADAR II-APRIL 7

BENNETT ALPORT  
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LEO LESKY  
ANNA POLANSKY

SARAH RUBEN  
JOSEPH SHAPIRO  
SHIRLEE SIEGEL  
CELIA TANHOFF  
SHIRLEY TOLTZIS  
JOHN WARSHAWSKI  
JOSEPH WOLF  
ISAAC ZITRON

### 29 ADAR II-APRIL 8

ANNA COHN  
ESTHER GALLAS  
GERTRUDE JERWICK  
OSCAR NUSSBAUM

### 1 NISAN-APRIL 9

FAGA BOTWINIK  
LEONARD COHN  
HIMAN GARON  
BENJAMIN HANKIN  
MARY HANKIN  
IDA HARRIS  
HELEN KATZBERG  
MOSHE KUSHNER  
DAVID MAGADY  
ABRAHAM PELTZMAN  
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EDWARD ZUROVSKY

### 2 NISAN-APRIL 10

GUSSIE ESRIG  
JEROME FRIEDMAN  
CHARLES FRUMHOFF  
ZVI KOCHEROV  
SAMUEL LEVIN  
DONNA LEVINE  
DAVID SNITZ

### 3 NISAN-APRIL 11

SAM BRESEL  
KATIE BROWN  
MORDECAI COPAKEN  
ITA GREENWALD  
SARAH KAHN  
RAE KRAKOW

### 4 NISAN-APRIL 12

ESTHER CAPLAN  
LEE LISSER  
LOUIS MENDELSON

### 5 NISAN-APRIL 13

ESTHER EISMAN  
CHAYA KRUG  
MAYER MALLIN  
MARGARET NERMAN  
MARK SHER  
ROSE ZITRON

### 6 NISAN-APRIL 14

SAM ARSANSKY  
IRVING GREENBERG  
ESTHER LICHTOR  
ABRAHAM STEMPLEMAN  
JANET STONE  
SYLVIA WOLF

### 7 NISAN-APRIL 15

EPHRAIM CARR  
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### 8 NISAN-APRIL 16

ARTHUR BAMBERGER  
DAVID BAMBERGER  
YETTCHEN BAMBERGER  
JOHN BENJAMIN  
SAM SINGMON  
BENJAMIN STEMPLEMAN  
PEARL WASSERMAN  
SHEINDEL WENECK

### 9 NISAN-APRIL 17

JOSEPH HERSCHMAN  
SONIA LEGA  
ALLEN SAMET  
BEILA SCHULTZ  
GEORGE STUDNA  
KISEL WAJCMAN  
MOLLIE WEISS  
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### 10 NISAN-APRIL 18

MENDEL BORMASTER  
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DENA DAVIS  
FAY HOROWITZ  
LESLIE JACOBSON  
BETTY MALLIN  
PAUL MYER  
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### 11 NISAN-APRIL 19

MAX FLAPAN  
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OSCAR LEVINE  
FANNIE NASH  
MIRIAM PLOTSKY  
CHANA SHAPIRO  
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### 12 NISAN-APRIL 20

JACK JACOBS  
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### 13 NISAN-APRIL 21

ESTHER ABEND  
RUTH ABRAMSON  
MORDECAI GERSHON  
ROSE HANKIN  
THERESA LIVINGSTON  
HELEN MENDELSON  
FREIDA SPITCAUFSKY  
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### 14 NISAN-APRIL 22

JOSEPH ABEND

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GITTEL JABEN  
ANNETTE LEBRECHT  
HENRY NELKIN  
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### 15 NISAN-APRIL 23

FRED DUBOWY  
JACK EILER  
SHIRLEY FRISCHER  
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CHARLES RUBINS

### 16 NISAN-APRIL 24

MORRIS ADELMAN  
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### 18 NISAN-APRIL 26

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RIVKA YOFFEE

### 19 NISAN-APRIL 27

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### 21 NISAN-APRIL 29

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### 22 NISAN-APRIL 30

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**TABLET  
DEDICATION**  
In memory of  
Herb Parmet  
Sunday, April 21  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Rose Morgan  
Chapel

## MONUMENT UNVEILING

In Memory of  
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Sunday, April 21  
at 10:30 a.m.  
Blue Ridge  
Cemetery



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AT BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY**

**Kovod Hamet Respect for the Deceased**



**Memorial Day Services** will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 26 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. The new nursery for flowers last year did an outstanding job. The deer just looked and did not touch. We have hired the same nursery this year. The cost of flowers is \$52.00 per urn.

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 Rod Sipe at 816.916.3655 and make special arrangements.

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE  
FOCAL POINT IS FRIDAY, APRIL 5.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The Unity Seder on Monday, April 15 at 5:30 pm at K.I. Synagogue and all-day  
Symposium at Rockhurst University on Tuesday, April 16 from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm.**

The Unity Seder will bring community and interfaith partners together to share in the Jewish Passover seder ritual to build bridges and foster greater understanding between different communities by reaffirming our shared commitments to the pursuit of justice and liberation.

The Symposium will offer leaders from throughout our region a space to learn about rising antisemitism and mobilize toward action. You'll hear directly from nationally recognized speakers, including:

Ted Deutch, AJC CEO and former U.S. Representative;

Holly Huffnagle, AJC's U.S. Director for Combating Antisemitism;

Michael Signer, attorney, author, and former mayor of Charlottesville, VA; and

Kevin Clayton, Senior Vice President, Head of Social Impact and Equity for the Cleveland Cavaliers. You'll also learn from local activists and leaders including Gwendolyn Grant, the Urban League of Greater Kansas City's President & CEO.

Speakers will share their best practices for addressing antisemitism, explore manifestations of antisemitism in the 21st century, and facilitate conversations on addressing antisemitism in the Midwest, including in rural areas. Breakout sessions will cover topics including coalition building in a time of deep division, media literacy and navigating online extremism, supporting students and creating safer school environments, and more.

Vaad-certified kosher meals will be served at each event.

The full symposium schedule and additional speaker announcements are coming soon! For more information go to <https://jcrbajc.networkforgood.com/events/65739> to purchase tickets.

# April 2024

22 Adar II 5784 - 22 Nisan 5784

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	28 ADAR II	22 ADAR II	23 ADAR II	24 ADAR II	25 ADAR II	26 ADAR II	27 ADAR II						
1	Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	2	3	Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm	4	K.I. Board Meeting - 7:00 pm	5	7:29	6	Shemini Purshas Hachodesh Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 Shabbos Ends: 8:21 Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:20 pm			
7	Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am Congregational Annual Meeting and Brunch - 10:00 am	8	9	Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	10	Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm Women's Study Class - 7:00 pm	11	12	13	Tazria Kings 4:42-5:19 Shabbos Ends: 8:29 Women's Circle-10:00 am Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:30 pm			
14	Religious School - 9:15-11:30 am	15	16	Rabbi Mandl's Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	17	Religious School - 4:30-5:45 pm	18	19	20	Metzora Malachi 3:4-24 Shabbos Ends: 8:35 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:35 pm			
21	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	22	23	Erev Pesach Passover - Day 1 8:39 OFFICE CLOSED	24	Passover - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:40 OFFICE CLOSED	25	26	27	Passover - Second Intermediate Day Ezekiel 37:1-14 Shabbos Ends: 8:43 Rabbi Grussgott's Class-6:45 pm			
28	Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:51 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	29	30	Passover - Day 7 8:45 OFFICE CLOSED									





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Tuesday, April 9**



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