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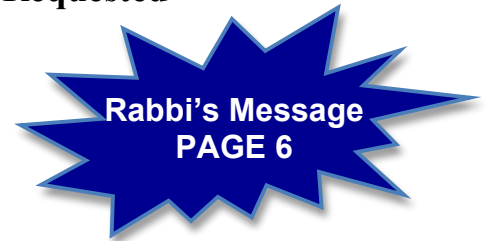
### Administrator Office Hours:

Mon – Wed – Fri: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Rabbi – Judah Kogen  
President – Paul Wolff  
Gabbai – Jan Hoffman

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## Preparing for Passover

Preparing a Jewish home for Passover involves purchase and preparation of special Passover food, changeover of dishes to special Passover utensils and selling of Hametz. The form for selling Hametz appears elsewhere in this issue. The other steps are detailed as follows:

### PASSOVER FOODS AND DISHES:

The best source of information on Passover preparations is the Pesach section of A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice by Rabbi Isaac Klein (pages 109 – 119.) Feel free to consult authoritative literature and to rely on your past experience. It is ordinarily appropriate to follow the practice of previous years. As we all know, however, things change from year to year. In our lifetime, these changes have mostly been for the better – there have been more and more approved Kosher products every year.

Progress in the food industry, though, does not always improve the availability of Kosher products. Many foods that we could reliably use in the past may now have been "improved" and include hametz. The most common pitfall today is to use a product that was acceptable in the past which may no longer be acceptable. Please call me if you have any questions.

### FOOD:

Baked goods and processed foods are presumed to be hametz unless certified "Kosher for Passover" under rabbinical supervision. Fresh fruits and vegetables (other than the few that are not used on Passover) as well as fresh Kosher meat, fish, and dairy products are Kosher for Passover. Food and beverages which would ordinarily be considered Kosher for Passover, but which have been opened and used before Passover, are assumed to have had contact with hametz and should not be used on Passover. If you would like more information about food

products that may be used on Passover, please feel free to call me.

### DISHES:

Most dishes (china, ceramics, plastic, etc.) which have been used year-round may not be converted to Passover use. Metal utensils may be Kasherred only if they have no attachments (such as handles.) How to Kasher metal depends on usage in cooking. If you intend to Kasher a metal utensil this year for the first time, please call me to ask how to do it. I will be glad to help. Glass may be used interchangeably without Kashering, but it is customary to soak it in water for three days, changing the water every day.



### OTHER KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:

Refrigerators and counters should be cleaned and surfaces coming into contact with food should be covered. Freezers should be cleaned thoroughly. Tables which are customarily used without being covered should only be used with a tablecloth on Passover. Tablecloths and dish towels should be laundered before Passover. Ovens should be cleaned thoroughly, then heated to the highest temperature for a short time. Self-cleaning ovens should be self-cleaned before the start of Passover. Racks and burners should be cleaned separately.

Best wishes for a Happy and Kosher Pesach to all and may our spiritual preparation and our observance of the holiday be a source of joy and inspiration to us all and our families.

**Rabbi Judah Kogen**

**Phone:** 1-917-647-7419 (cell phone)

**E-mail:** [clankogen@aol.com](mailto:clankogen@aol.com)

## **SELLING OF HAMETZ**

After providing for Passover food and changing over to Passover dishes, it is customary sell any non-Passover food and utensils that remain in the home. This includes all premises, including vacation homes, places of business and dormitory rooms. This is because in addition to not eating any hametz on Passover, we also may not possess any hametz. Accordingly, it is customary to "sell" our hametz to a non-Jew on *erev pesah*. Naturally, we also buy it back at the conclusion of the holiday. Anything "sold" in this manner becomes the nominal property of the purchaser during the holiday so that we do not keep hametz we own in our possession.

I will be glad to make the necessary arrangements for selling your hametz if you will fill out the coupon below and return it to the synagogue office no later than Wednesday April 8, 2020.

There is no charge for selling hametz on your behalf. It is a good time, however, to make a contribution to a Tzedakah fund (known as *ma'ot hittim*) which provides Passover necessities for those who cannot afford them. [All checks should be made out to Hebrew Congregation – Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.]

**Please print and return this form by Wednesday April 8, 2020 to:**

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Hebrew Congregation  
1850 N Woodlawn  
Wichita, KS 67208

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### **FORM FOR SELLING HAMETZ**

Dear Rabbi Kogen,

Please sell my hametz before the beginning of the Passover Festival. My hametz will be set aside in a separate area of my home by Wednesday April 8, 2020. This includes all hametz that I own or will acquire, which is located at the address below.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please use an additional sheet of paper to include other names and addresses.

## In Our Family

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Joyce Bachus  
David & Magali Pichinte  
Dr. Paul & Cynthia Stein



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Judy Frank  
Joanna Bndell  
Ryan Bendell  
Darl Cord  
Linda Saffier  
Kay Soltz  
Susan Kadison  
David Marinsky



## REFU'AH SHLEMAH

Jodie Abels  
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Stuart Frank  
Rebecca George  
Melvin Kahn  
Jerry Marcus  
Marilyn Mason  
Andrea Stras  
Judy Frank  
Allie King  
Allen Boge  
Howard Marcus

Stanley Harder  
Nan Joseph Bailey  
Holly Robbins  
Mary Ann Filbrick  
Eunice Schonning  
Amos Leitner  
Phyllis Leitner

*May the one who blessed  
our ancestors, bless them  
with a complete healing;  
a Healing of Body and a  
Healing of Spirit.*

## Candle Lighting Time April 2020

FRIDAY 4..... TZAV .....7:36 PM  
FRIDAY 10..... PASSOVER.....7:43 PM  
FRIDAY 17..... SHEMINI .....7:49 PM  
FRIDAY 24..... TAZRIA–METZORA .....5:56 PM

## TREASURER'S NOTE

If you have not paid your 2019 Pledge to the Synagogue – Now is the time to pay! The Synagogue Annual Meeting is just around the corner – Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Your pledge must be current by then in order to vote at that meeting.

## Contributions

### YAHREZEIT FUND

Dee Abels  
Hara Braun  
Barbara Herman  
Paul Wolff  
Royce Wolff  
Laurence Slutsky  
Bernard Stekoll



### GENERAL FUND

Bernard Backer

### IN MEMORY OF BETTY NOVICK

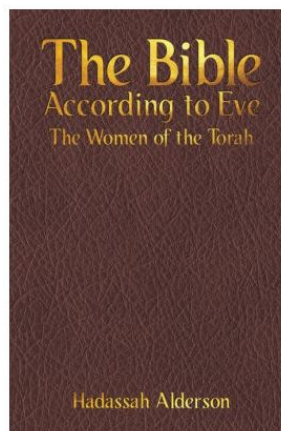
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### IN MEMORY OF JAY NOVICK

Dr. Elliot & Rita Magidson  
Gary & Joyce Bachus  
Bernard Stekoll

### THANK YOU TO RON & KELLY FIELDING

Dr. Wayne Mason



**Mazel Tov** to our own Jenny Alderson on publishing her first book, **The Bible According to Eve**. It is a story of the Women of the Torah, retelling the stories of the women of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Beginning with a poem about Eve, it moves through the story of Eve's loss in Cain's

murder of Abel and the tale of Noah's wife, to the stories of the patriarchs' wives of Genesis. It follows with poems relating to the stories of Moses' family and laws of Leviticus, Numbers, and the other books of the Pentateuch. Boldly told from an all-female perspective, **The Bible According to Eve** is a more exhaustive treatment of the Bible's women. It is easy to understand and a joy to read.

Jenny used her pen name Hadassah Alderson.

Jenny's book is now available on Amazon, and should soon be available in our gift shop.

*(Courtesy Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation)*

## Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation News



Dear Friends:

At this time, out of an abundance of caution and care for our Jewish community and the community at large, we have made the difficult decision to postpone or cancel all Federation meetings and events scheduled to take place through April. While disappointing, we are committed to supporting efforts to slow transmission through social distancing.

We remain committed to providing safe, secure, and meaningful ways for you to connect with us, each other, and our community. We'll look for every opportunity to reschedule, and we are exploring creative virtual solutions where appropriate.

We are also surveying our partners to determine how to work together to address emerging community needs. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact any of our dedicated staff members, board or simply reply to this email.

Be well and Shabbat Shalom,

Julie

**Please refer to our MKJF E-News for new information and things to do while home.**

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### COVID-19 Mutual Aid Volunteer Sign-up

This list is being compiled by the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation to share with groups that are doing mutual aid work around COVID-19 in Wichita. The efforts, I am aware of, are still in development, but people have been reaching out to volunteer, so I wanted to start getting a list ready so people can be contacted as needs arise. I will be using this list with groups doing mutual aid in area, if needed. You can also help by contacting friends and family whether they are in

the local area or not. Reaching out via phone gives both parties a good feeling and provides you with a sense of satisfaction and security making sure they are ok. The MKJF will be calling those in our community frequently, making sure they have a feeling of wellbeing during this unusual time.

Thank you in advance for looking out for others during this crisis. Safe distancing is important, but we also have to be able to hold each other, even when we're apart. We must love and care for one another even for a distance. Important: Note that if you are contacted about any volunteer work, does not constitute a hard and fast commitment. We know people's circumstances can be unpredictable and change daily. Emailing me your information, just means we may call if an opportunity arises.

Please email the following by replying to this email or to [jfruhauf@mkjf.org](mailto:jfruhauf@mkjf.org);

Name

Phone Numbers - Cell and Home

What is your email address?

Do you wish to be contacted about donations that are needed to support mutual aid work around COVID-19?

Would you like to be contacted about volunteer opportunities that involve being outside, such as distributing groceries or delivering food and leaving it outside the doors of people on quarantine? (Note: Risks and best practices will be discussed before any work is done. People over 50 and people with underlying conditions should be especially cautious in these times, so this option will not be right for everyone. Please do whatever you must to remain well.)

Would you like to be contacted about volunteer opportunities that involve picking up donations, such as groceries, from stores or other businesses and transporting those materials to volunteers for distribution?

Would you like to be contacted about tasks that you can complete remotely from your home, such as online awareness raising, making phone calls, or distribution of crucial information?

## Joan Beren Jewish Community School News



"As others planted for me,  
so will I plant for others after me"  
- TALMUD

Well, we have ventured into unknown territory at JBJCS—along with everywhere else in the world. With heavy hearts, JBJCS has decided to suspend all classes and gatherings. Tentatively, we plan to resume all activities on Sunday, April 12. We will, however, continue monitoring the situation to see if this date is appropriate.

We will communicate any dates and changes to our schedule with our families through email and through our Facebook page.

With all of this said, we still have a lot of incredible things happening at the Joan S. Beren Jewish Community School. Our teachers and I are working on providing Jewish content and activities to our families through our Facebook page and other digital avenues. We will provide fun, educational links, lessons, activities, crafts (with easy to access materials), stories, music, and more! Our teachers and staff are a fabulously creative and talented bunch, and everyone is working hard to keep our families engaged, informed, and connected!

If you want to be a part of the activities (or at least see what we're up to) and you are NOT on our Facebook page, please let Jamie Smartt know at [thewjcs@gmail.com](mailto:thewjcs@gmail.com). We would love to share our fun with YOU!

Looking forward to the future, we very much look forward to seeing our incredible students and their families back at school. With that in mind, we are planning for the 2020–2021 school year, which is shaping up to be quite a year full of exciting programs and events.

*Jamie Smartt, JBJCS director*

### RABBI'S MESSAGE

#### From our Rabbi

I have never had to write a message like this and I am sure you have never read one like it either. Last month, we were forced to close the synagogue because of a plague unlike any since the Exodus from Egypt. We have no services, no

meetings, no classes and, of course, we will not have a Seder this year.

I have been sending e-mails to the congregation with suggestions on how to cope, how to worship during these difficult times. (If you are reading the Shofar and are not on our e-mail mailing list, please call the office to be added.)

We can't include a schedule of services this month, because we may not have any. If all restrictions are lifted in time for Passover, we will hurriedly schedule services on April 8 for the Siyyum, April 9 and 10 for Yom Tov, April 11 for Shabbat, April 12 for Sunday Minyan, April 15 for Yom Tov and April 16 for Yizkor. Even if we have services during all or part of Passover, we cannot serve any food until after Passover, because our kitchen will not be switched to Passover use.

In this edition of the Shofar, I will include the usual instructions for preparing for Passover. I hope you will be able to follow these instructions, as in other years. Selling Hametz before Passover still needs to take place and we will, I'm sure, all do our best to carry on in difficult times.

The fact that we will not have a Seder at the synagogue, may require some people to conduct their own Seder at home – even if they have never done so before. It will surely be difficult to proceed without guests or visiting family members. Many communities here and in Israel are planning to bring families together for the Seder by Zoom technology. That may be more sophisticated than we need. I can imagine families dispersed in several locations holding their Seder "together" on SKYPE/face time or even on an open phone line. I hope nobody will have to be altogether alone on the Seder nights. We also have Haggadahs that we can make available to anyone who needs them.

This period of isolation – so far only a matter of a week or two, but likely to last for a while – makes us all miss the occasions in which we are together. This crisis will eventually run its course and I look forward to seeing us all back together very soon.

In the meantime, please take good care, make every effort to protect your health and we can all look forward to coming out on the other side. Please do not hesitate to call on me for any assistance I can provide.

*Rabbi Judah Kogen*

**1 Byron Clarke**  
Remembered By:  
Rebecca George

**4 Abe Bachus**  
Remembered By:  
Gary Bachus

**4 Elaine Harris**  
Remembered By:  
Dixie Harris

**5 Gillard Croney**  
Remembered By:  
Gillard Cohen

**5 Fannie Nash**  
Remembered By:  
Idell Goldstein

**8 Max Boge**  
Remembered By:  
Allen Boge

**11 David Litan**  
Remembered By:  
Robert Litan

**16 Boots Hartstein**  
Remembered By:  
Harlan Hartstein  
Carol Sue Rosen

**16 Burton D. Katz**  
Remembered By:  
Rebecca George

**16 Bonnie Marcus**  
Remembered By:  
Howard & Rose Marcus

**16 Charles Solovy**  
Remembered By:  
Susan Kadison

**17 Beate Mason**  
Remembered By:  
Wayne Mason

**20 Elaine Seligman**  
Remembered By:  
Morris Seligman

**21 Jean McCarty**  
Remembered By:  
Ryan Bendell

**22 Meyer Wolff**  
Remembered By:  
Paul Wolff

**24 Mickie Drell**  
Remembered By:  
Susan Mandelbaum  
Dr. Herbert Kadison

**25 Shirley Glickman**  
Remembered By:  
Mark Glickman

**27 Lena Snitz**  
Remembered By:  
Barbara Herman

**28 Dora Chuzy**  
Remembered By:  
Lynne Greenberg

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**FROM PAT PATTERSON and FAMILY**

**Thank you from the family of  
Benjamin Teague  
For your flowers, presence & prayers  
during this time.**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS      APRIL 2020

Sadly, all services and classes at our Synagogue must be cancelled until further notice.

Tue, April 7 ..... Search for Chametz  
Wed, April 8 ..... EREV PESACH  
  FIRST SEDER  
Thur, April 9 ..... FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER (Office closed)  
  Siyyum, Fast-of-the-First Born  
  SECOND SEDER  
Fri, April 10 ..... SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER (Office closed)  
Sat, April 11 ..... Shabbat Hol ha-Mo'ed  
Sun, April 12 through Tue, April 14..... Hol ha-Mo'ed (Intermediate Days)  
Wed, April 15 ..... SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER (Office closed)  
Thur, April 16 ..... EIGHTH DAY OF PASSOVER (Office closed)

To: Members of Hebrew Congregation

Subject: Synagogue closing until further notice

Our Hebrew Congregation executive board met recently to plan our strategy for dealing with the Corona virus crisis. Including Rabbi Kogen, the group decided, based on health and safety considerations, to close the Synagogue for the near future. What this means is the following:

1. No religious services for at least the next three weeks. This includes Shabbat and Sunday minyan services.
2. Sadly, the Passover Seder must be cancelled for this year.
3. The kitchen will also be closed until after Passover.
4. No meetings will be held at the Synagogue for at least the next three weeks.
5. Classes for at least the next three weeks will not be held at the Synagogue. Rabbi Kogen will notify members of his classes if it becomes possible to continue later on.
6. The Office will be opened on a limited basis. We are asking that if you need to do business with the Synagogue, please use the phone (685-1339). If you need to do business in person, please call first and make an appointment.
7. There will be limited activity related to prepping the Synagogue, for the beginning of renovation of our facility for the joint campus. These will be limited to small groups.

Over the next three weeks, our executive committee will continue to assess the situation and make decisions on future actions. Please stay tuned for additional information, including possible on-line religious services.

Paul Wolff, president

Phone: 841-1428