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Day of DISCOVERY

Explore the Joy of Jewish
Learning in Kansas City

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:45 am-3:15 pm

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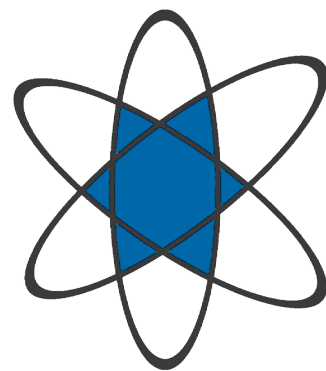
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*Bring non-perishable food items for the
Jewish Family Services Food Pantry
High Holy Day Food Drive*

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Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
5801 W. 115 Street, Suite 201
Overland Park, KS 66211



ABOUT DAY of DISCOVERY

The Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for adults to discover the richness and the diversity of Jewish learning available in Kansas City. Participants learn, study and “discover” some of the community’s finest Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors, who lead sessions on a wide range of topics.

— Visit kcrabbis.org for more details —

DAY of DISCOVERY TASK FORCE

Mari Anne Birnbaum	Henri Goettel
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Steve Chernoff	Barbara Gutierrez
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This program is funded in part by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

DAY of DISCOVERY SCHEDULE

8:45-9:30 am Continental Breakfast & Registration

9:30-10:45 am Session I

11:00 am-12:15 pm Session II

12:15-1:25 pm Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm Session III

2:45-3:15 pm Dessert Reception

Note: Some rooms may be cool. Remember to dress in layers.

LUNCH

Kosher box lunches prepared by Caterer Kim Matsil are available.

FREE CHILD CARE (THE ZONE/PARK)

Available for children 3 months to 8 years. For further information, contact Brie Puttoff, Childcare Coordinator, Jewish Community Center, briep@thejkc.org or 913-327-4642. Deadline to request care and meals (\$8 ea.) is 8/21.

NEW THIS YEAR

Community Day of Discovery Religious School Family Program for K-6th graders and parents, 9-10:50 a.m., White Theater. For information, visit kcrabbis.org or contact your congregation Religious School Director.

Lunch and Learn (optional)

Carol Sader, Community Advocate, Former Representative, Kansas State Legislature (1987-1995)
Dr. Micah Kubic, Executive Director, ACLU of Kansas
Rabbi Doug Alpert, Congregation Kol Ami
David Achtenberg, Professor of Law and Law Foundation Scholar, UMKC School of Law

Seven Months Later: The Changing Status of the Separation of Church and State in the U.S.

The panelists will discuss the Separation of Church and State issue from three perspectives—legal, social action and clergy—in light of President Trump’s recent Executive Order encouraging not-for-profits and clergy to endorse or oppose political candidates with no likely penalty to their tax-exempt status.

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SESSION I (9:30-10:45)

- Rabbi Doug Alpert, Congregation Kol Ami**
Breaking Down Synagogue Walls-Alternative Synagogue Models
The number of alternative shuls is increasing. What are these alternative Jewish communities, and are they possible in Kansas City? This session will discuss shuls without walls, denominationally non-affiliated, and more.
- Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Congregation Beth Torah**
Acculturation in Medieval Spain: The Case of Hebrew Poetry
We will look at the unique issues that arose from the encounter of Jewish culture with Arab society in the 10th century, and how it changed Judaism forever. Examples of poems will be studied (in translation).
- Laura Gilman, LCSW, Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City**
Trauma Informed Care: Caring for Ourselves While We Care for Others
The Trauma-Informed Care paradigm helps to contextualize the lived experiences of individuals who have suffered significant trauma. It guides us in our care of these individuals and of ourselves. Learn about Trauma-Informed Care, so you can better help serve our Holocaust survivor community and other populations who have suffered trauma.
- Sherri Jacobs, MS, LMFT, MA, ATR art therapist, marriage and family therapist and mediator**
Torah Portion Art Therapy
Torah Portion Art Therapy is an interactive, engaging way to explore weekly stories related to the Torah. This session will offer art directives to stimulate participants' memories, emotions and life experiences in relation to various Torah stories. (No art experience necessary.)
- Rabbi Shaya Katz, Community Kollel of Kansas City**
Is There a Mitzvah to Be Happy?
As every Jewish Mother likes to say, "I just want them to be happy." But does G-d share that sentiment? Discover the "joy" of Jewish learning by delving into the sources that might answer the question: Do we get a mitzvah for being happy?
- Rabbi Jon Kleinman, Hospital and Hospice Chaplain**
Why is the Word "Life" Plural in Hebrew?
Health care providers are embracing a belief that true health stems from achieving balance and fulfillment in all elements of life. This session will address the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of life, and how Jewish traditions and texts add sanctity to them.
- Mark D. Nanos (PhD, University of St. Andrews, Scotland), University of Kansas**
Did (the Apostle) Paul Call Jews "Dogs"? De-Fanging a Christian Polemic
Since 4th century CE, Christian commentaries on the New Testament's Letter to the Philippians have been calling Jews "dogs." We will discuss the invention of this polemical legacy, its destructive history, and its continued role in theological reasoning. Then we'll learn how to help those of goodwill to stop it.
- Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Community Chaplain and Jo Hickey, Food Pantry Director, Jewish Family Services**
Gluten-free Torah: Hunger's Role in Judaism
Hunger is everywhere around us. Explore the relationship of the Torah and hunger. In this interactive session, we will put ourselves in the shoes of those who rely on the JFS Food Pantry and other community resources. Join this session to get firsthand experience of someone working to piece life back together.
- Dr. Jacob Stoil, Professor, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies**
Everything You Wanted to Know About Conflict, Security and the Middle East
From the Syrian Civil War to the Saudi arms deal, this class will provide an overview of the key security issues in the Middle East as they relate to Israel. The speaker will give an in-depth, country-by-country briefing, including a who's who among Palestinian groups, before opening up to a Q&A and discussion.
- Rabbi Avi Weinstein, Head of Jewish Studies, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy**
100 Blessings a Day
Every classical anthology of prayer begins with the prescription of saying one hundred blessings a day. Journey through the Torah, the Talmud, and Kabbalistic works that offer different understandings of why this instruction is considered the cornerstone of prayer, and one's relationship with God.
- Dr. Eric Welch, Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, University of Kansas**
The Profits Have Spoken: How Ancient Judah Transformed its Economy, Religion, and Society
Before the rabbis, the Maccabees, and even the Exile, the Kingdom of Judah endured a transformative event that directly contributed to the formation of modern Judaism as we know it. This session examines how the adverse events surrounding 701 B.C.E. changed Judah's economy, and subsequently its religion and society.

Session II (11:00-12:15)

- Samuel Hayim Brody, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas**
Judaism and Economics
Is Judaism just about kashrut, tefillah and holidays? What does it say about everyday economic life: wages, prices, and property? Could Jewish law have prevented the financial crisis of 2008? We will explore questions about Judaism and economic life.
- Bob Gast, Community Educator**
Moses ben Amram: My Life and My Story in Music
While the musical midrash focuses on the story of Moses, it is really about you and me. By reflecting on the life of Moses, we can realize how richly we are blessed. Come listen to recordings featuring the musical talents of Jeffrey Shron, Sharon Kohn, Robert Menes, Patrick Buckley and pianist Lori Levens, as they pay tribute to the Jewish quality of imagination to envision a better world.
- Rabbi David Glickman, Congregation Beth Shalom**
The Chosen People
Jews have been deemed The Chosen People. We'll explore what this most famous moniker has meant for good and for bad throughout history. Is it a title of pride or a cause of hatred?
- Jessica Kirzane, PhD in Yiddish Studies, and lecturer in Jewish Studies at the University of Kansas**
Kansas Jewish Literature
This class explores Jewish literature written in and about Kansas, including the works of August Bondi, Sophia Berman Molk, Isador Molk, Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg and Carol Ascher.
- Rabbi Monica Kleinman, Director of Lifelong Learning, Congregation Beth Torah**
History of Reform Judaism – Its Platforms Over Time
We will explore the Reform Movement's stances over time in regard to God, Torah, and Israel. Early reformers created a document that identifies their main viewpoints and ideas. Over time, these Platforms have been updated. We will examine what has changed and how the movement seeks to define itself.
- Rabbi Mark Levin, Founding Rabbi, Congregation Beth Torah**
The Future of Israel as the State of the Jewish People
Though Israel guarantees Freedom of Religion and Equality to all citizens, many issues confront that guarantee: Should Israel be governed by Jewish law or by a civil code? Should it have civil or only religious marriage? Why does Israel have four school systems? Now in its 70th year, is Israel still the State of all the Jewish people? What is the future of Israel and its relationship to American Jewry?
- Dr. Renee Perelmutter, Associate Professor of Slav and Jewish Studies, University of Kansas**
Jewish Linguistic Diversity around the World
This presentation considers the incredibly rich and varied array of Jewish languages that developed in the Diaspora period, and were spoken in countries as far-flung as Russia, Morocco and India. Learn about the role of Hebrew and Aramaic in the lives of Jews who spoke other languages in their daily life.
- Etsy Perman, Program Director, The Shul, Chabad of Leawood**
The "Eishet Chayil" Demystified
Over two thousand years ago, King Solomon penned the Eishet Chayil, the Woman of Valor. We'll explore this beautiful poem together and discover its modern day meaning and relevance.
- Fran Sternberg, Professor, Jewish history, Nazi Germany, and Holocaust in Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas**
At Home in America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1920-1950
During the interwar and immediate postwar periods, a distinctive American "Jewishness" emerged. In this session, hear how Jewish Culture was reshaped from the conscious blending of Jewish values, traditions, rituals, and institutions with American notions of personal happiness and success, family, domesticity and gender.
- Rabbi Scott White, Congregation Ohev Sholom**
2017: A Year of Anniversaries
This year marks a number of seminal events in modern Jewish history and Jewish people's search for security. This session will discuss the Balfour Declaration of 1917, the UN Petition Plan of 1947, and the Six Day War of 1967.
- Rabbi Zevi Wineberg, Author**
What is the Messianic Redemption: Dream? Hope? Fantasy?
No less than 30+ times a day, Jews pray for the messianic redemption. Singing, "I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Moshiach," many of our ancestors proudly marched into the gas chambers. What exactly are we looking forward to? Can we make the redemption arrive? Discover how we have entered the age of personal transformation.

SESSION III (1:30-2:45)

- Bogi Perelmutter, Author and Psycholinguistics Researcher**
Talmudic Sex and Gender
How many genders and sexes are there in traditional Judaism? The Talmudic sages struggled to fit people into categories of men and women. What happens when sex cannot be assigned at birth? We will examine the ancient debates and their relevance to modern transgender and intersex issues.
- Sally Gordon, Community Volunteer and Cooking Maven**
How Do You Like Your Matzah Balls?
Does your family love Matzah Ball soup, but you find yourself saying, "Why are my matzah balls like hockey pucks?" Come learn how to make a matzah ball that will wow your family and guests. Space is limited to 15 participants.
- Rabbi Daniel Kirzane, The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah**
Jerusalem in Jewish Tradition – Nine Portions of Beauty and Suffering
Jerusalem has always been essential to Jewish belief and practice, yet it has been a divided capital of an independent Jewish state for fifty years. How have our ancestors envisioned Jerusalem, and what prayers and hopes do we have for that holy city today?
- Cantor Benjamin Matis, Ph.D. Candidate at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland**
They Wrote the Songs and Sang Them Too
In the interwar Polish Republic, as in the U.S., Jews dominated cabaret life and popular music. The most famous song writing teams, popular bandleaders and crooners were Jews. Listen to some delightful 1930's tunes and learn about this little known piece of Jewish history.
- Leah Nash and Tami Sal, Hebrew Instructors, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy**
B'teavon! - Learn How to Order Food When You Visit Israel
Learn to order food at a restaurant in Israel. This session will teach you vocabulary words and phrases related to dining out. Become familiar with typical and popular food in Israel, while listening to an Israeli song written by national poet Naomi Shemer.
- Rabbi Schneur Perman, Chabad, Leawood and Mohel**
The Kabbalah of Circumcision
The traditions of Brit Milah have been passed on from generation to generation. Understand the kabbalah behind this Mitzvah and the spiritual meaning of this covenant.
- Aletha Simon, M.A., Judaic Studies scholar and Docent, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**
The Impact of the Holocaust on Artists
The Holocaust influenced Jewish artists inside and outside the concentration camps, as well as some Christian artists. Learn how Beckmann, Klee, and Picasso protested the Nazis' decrees via their paintbrushes, and how Chagall, Lipchitz, and other Jewish artists cried out to the world!
- Aviva Solomon, Yoga Instructor and Private Holistic Health Coach**
The inherent Jewishness of Yoga
Yoga is inherently Jewish at its core. Learn how the Kabbalistic teachings of the ten Sefierot line up perfectly with the chakras of yoga and reveal the same essential truths. Unite the mind, body and spirit in this experiential class. Dress in comfortable clothing. Beginners welcome.
- Rabbi Zalman Tiechtel, Co-director, Chabad, KU and Daniel Singer, Attorney, Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman**
Ethics of American Law from a Jewish and Common Law Perspective
Join a stimulating discussion on ethical issues from a Jewish and common law perspective, comparing Talmudic and American law. The best Jewish minds struggled with hard choices over thousands of years. Trace their search for satisfying resolutions, and discover how Judaism offers a moral compass to guide us through the labyrinth of life.
- Emily Tummons, Music Director & Carmen Dieker, Assistant Music Director, Congregation Beth Torah**
Contemplative Judaism: an Explorative Journey
We read in Pirkei Avot, "I grew up among the sages. All my life I listened to their words. Yet I have found nothing better than silence." Join us on an interactive, experiential journey through the history and practices of contemplative Judaism. We'll study Talmud, sit in silence, and sing.
- Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, Chabad House Center of Kansas City**
Making the Right Turn – Engineering Ethics into Driverless Vehicles
The advent of the self-driving car promises to significantly reduce traffic deaths, yet poses ethical dilemmas. These machines, and the people developing them, will decide whom to save or protect in the event of a collision. Explore ancient Talmudic considerations to this very modern problem.

REGISTER ONLINE AT KCRABBIS.ORG OR SUBMIT FORM BELOW BY 8/21

REGISTRATION FORM

Advance registration required. All payment due by 8/21. Space is limited. Act now to reserve your space and avoid extra charges.

Name (Person A) _____

Name (Person B) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Day Phone (____) _____

Evening Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Congregation Affiliation _____

CLASS SELECTION

Indicate CLASS NUMBER for each session for each person.

SESSION	Person A			Person B		
	I	II	III	I	II	III
1st choice	___	___	___	___	___	___
2nd choice	___	___	___	___	___	___

LUNCH

Indicate the number of kosher deli lunches. **Choose one lunch option per person. Indicate initials of person ordering.**

A	B	
___	___	All lunches include fresh fruit, pasta salad and Israeli salad, dessert and drink
___	___	Chicken Tarragon Salad with grapes in a tortilla wrap
___	___	Veggie Tortilla Wrap w/spinach, carrots, cucumber, sweet peas and hummus
___	___	Tuna Salad Sandwich on pretzel bun
___	___	Grilled Chicken Salad w/spinach, apples, grapes, almonds and raspberry vinaigrette, fruit, quinoa salad (does not include pasta salad) and dessert (GLUTEN-FREE)
___	___	Salami Sandwich on rye w/pickle

PAYMENT

Breakfast and dessert reception included with both sections.

Advance Registration

___ # Classes and lunch @ \$20/person

___ # Classes only @ \$12/person

___ # Child lunch @ \$8/child

Late Registration (after 8/21)

___ # Classes and lunch @ \$25/person

___ # Classes only @ \$18/person

___ # Child lunch @ \$8/child

___ **TOTAL PAYMENT** Enclosed

(make checks payable to Rabbinical Association)

MAIL THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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***** Registration due August 21 *****

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