

Save the Date and look for information on the following upcoming 2019

Rabbinical Association Sponsored Programs

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(Note: Program information posted as details are finalized)

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Community Professional Development Day for Jewish Religious School Teachers, Teaching Specialists, Madrichim and Clergy

Sunday, February 17th, Congregation Beth Shalom

A shared day of professional Jewish learning and networking for religious school teachers, teaching specialists, madrichim and clergy includes an engaging and interactive program led by Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph, Ph.D., internationally known educator, lecturer, workshop facilitator, and expert in leadership development and organizational excellence. The program is generously funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and coordinated by the Rabbinical Association and area Religious Schools. Contact afprogram@aol.com for information.

COMMUNITY-WIDE PURIM SEUDAH

Thursday, March 21st, Village Shalom, 10:00 a.m.

The community Purim celebration will include a Purim-sing-along, an engaging and interactive reading of the megillah, a Purim Seudah (light festival lunch), assembling Shalach Manot gift bags and conclude with an optional traditional Megillah reading. The program will be led by members of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Rabbinical Association in collaboration with Village Shalom and generously supported by the Flo Harris Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City. Advance reservations are required by March 14. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come basis.

Congregations help Feed the Hungry for Passover

Month of March

Hunger never takes a holiday. As we approach the season of Passover, there will be hundreds among us who will struggle to put food on the table let alone those special items to celebrate a Seder. YOU can help make a difference. Join Jewish Family Services, The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City and area congregations in collecting Passover food items. (The first Seder begins Friday, April 19) More than 160 families will be helped through your participation in the Passover food drive. Among the items needed are grape juice, Matzah and Matzah meal, cake meal, baking mixes, Matzah ball mix and soup. All packaged items should be labeled "kosher for Passover". Drop off items at your congregation through the end of March. Monetary donations are also being accepted by check or online through the JFS site <http://www.jfskc.org/>; funds are used to purchase food items to include in the holiday food packages. Put into action the traditional words of the Haggadah, 'let all who are hungry come and eat'.

Community Second Night Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20th – Congregation Ohev Sholom, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to a community second night of Passover Seder. We will retell the story of our people's journey from slavery to freedom with engaging stories, story, song and interactive discussion and remember those around the world who struggle with injustice every day. A traditional kosher-for-Passover Seder meal will be prepared by Kosher Connection under the supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of Kansas City and served under the supervision of Rabbi Scott White. The community Seder is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, funded in part by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City and supported by Congregations. Advance reservations are mandatory. Registration forms available on line in March.

Community Tisha B'AV Observance

Saturday, August 10, Congregation Beth Shalom TBA

The evening includes a Tisha B'av MA'ARIV service and will be followed by a D'var Torah and reading of *Eicha*. This is a meaningful service with beautiful, mournful melodies, some engaging teaching, and a time for communal reflection on both painful times of our past and hope for our future.

Community-wide Course: "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" Begins in Fall

Thursday, August 15th – Orientation, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Jewish Community Campus

The year-long course will be taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements and is intended to acquaint those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live Jewishly. Each student is required to secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor and meet the conversion requirements developed by their rabbinic sponsor. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and the location will rotate among the synagogues. Students learn about Jewish holidays, home celebrations, life-cycle observances, rituals and Jewish prayer, Torah, Judaism's view of God, and about our religion's movements. Each class will include a 30-minute Hebrew component. Funding for this program is generously provided by The Menorah Heritage Foundation.

Day of Discovery' to Kick Off Year of Jewish Learning

Sunday, August 25th, Jewish Community Campus 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m

Learn, study, and discover some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis, and cantors, who will lead sessions on a wide range of topics. Over thirty classes will be offered throughout the day. Registration and a continental breakfast take place from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m., study sessions begin at 9:30 and lunch will be served from 12:15 – 1:05 p.m. A dessert reception with door prizes will conclude the day. Registration for the event will begin in early August. Registration forms will be mailed in July. A listing of classes and information related to the day can be found the end of July at: www.kcrabbis.org.

Community Selichot Program and Service

Saturday, September 21, Congregation Beth Torah, 8:00 p.m.

The month of Elul, prior to the beginning of Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Day season is a time for soul-searching and reflection as we prepare oneself for the Days of Awe. It is during this time that we observe *Selichot* which translates as "forgiveness" on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah. The evening includes a dessert reception, Havdalah, a program TBA and a moving and beautiful Selichot service that begins at 10:10 p.m. Through readings, meditations and beautiful music focusing on the themes of our fall holiday season, we reflect on the past year and how we will affect *teshuvah* for ourselves in the year to come. Be part of this transition as we change Torah covers and prepare our souls to welcome 5780.