

**Save the Date and look for information on the following upcoming
2019 PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES**

**Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City
Sponsored Programs**

*Visit kcrabbis.org for Program Details and Registration Information
(Note: Program information posted as details are finalized)*

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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 8th – 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 are held on Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and the location rotates 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 includes 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 – 1:20 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.