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Jewish Life & Learning

for the
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Your KC Guide to Jewish Events and Classes



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Introduction

In 2011, staff members from the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation agreed that we could accomplish more by working together than we do alone.

This led to a series of conversations and first fruits like this Guide. What you're holding is a result of teamwork by staff from both agencies, and much more. It is a symbol of the widespread movement toward more inclusion of and collaboration between the agencies and organizations that provide vibrant Jewish programming in our community.

Our goal is to present the breadth of choices you have to learn, increase your sense of gratitude and connection, celebrate, and form friendships. **Our Guide is a tool that empowers you to steer the course of your unique Jewish journey.**

How to Use This Guide:

Each program in this Guide meets three criteria:

- It focuses on Jewish content.
- It is open to the community without regard to membership or affiliation.
- It takes place between mid-August and December, 2011.

Given the ever-evolving nature of our community calendar, this Guide will never be complete. We recommend that you consider it to be a user-friendly companion to the website www.planitjewishkc.org, sponsored by the Jewish Federation. In addition, we've provided contact information for all of the agencies whose programs are included.

Jewish Life & Learning Program

How This Guide Works:

Section 1: Programs for people 18 years of age and older

Section 2: Programs for families and people of all ages

Section 3: Contact information for organizations listed in the Guide

To contain costs, we did not include worship schedules. For this information, we recommend that you visit the website of the congregation you wish to contact or the Congregations page of the Jewish Federation website, jewishkansascity.org.

Within each category, programs are listed in the following order:

- Drop in programs meeting on a regular basis between mid August and December are listed ONCE, at the beginning of each section.
- Following these ongoing programs, events are listed in chronological order.
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Symbols Used in This Guide:



This icon tells you that prerequisite knowledge is assumed when you enroll.
Example: People enrolling in "Scholars" programs are expected to be graduates of the Florence Melton Mini-School or have an equivalent knowledge base.



This icon tells you that you are expected to complete assignments outside of class.

Jewish Life & Learning Schedule

PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE 18 AND ABOVE

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DROP IN PROGRAMS MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS:

MIFGASH IVRIT: A GATHERING OF HEBREW SPEAKERS

Use it or lose it--join others once a month to strengthen or practice your conversational Hebrew skills! Sit at the table that best suits your skill level, chat with others, and receive help from a professional Hebrew instructor. Get a sneak peek at the next Israeli film that will be shown in the community; discussion topics will relate to that movie.

Date: Second Sunday of the month

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center, Jewish Federation

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
No registration required

GREAT JEWISH LITERATURE MONTHLY CLUB



Prior to each meeting, we make available online (or by email, if you get on our list) carefully selected literature that contains content of interest to Jews and can be read in one sitting.

Discussions are informal but highly focused as we delve deeply into the meaning and significance of selections.

Date: Third Sunday of the month

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
No registration required

AHOOVIM

Kansas City's only adults-with-special-needs group goes on monthly outings to fun places while learning more about Judaism and connecting to other adults with special needs. Parents are welcome.

Date: Usually last Sunday of the month

Place: Private homes

Time: Afternoons

Cost: Between \$5 and \$10

Sponsor: Kollel

Contact: Rabbi Elchanan Schulgasser, 786.229.8883, eschulgasser@kckollel.org

Target Audience: Jewish Adults with special needs

PRAYERWORKS

The Jewish approach to keeping the mind, body and spirit healthy, ending with a healing prayer service and mishebayrach for participants and the ill.

Date: Second or third Monday of the month - *please confirm date before coming*

Place: Conference room at KI Synagogue

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue

Contact: Sharon Friedman, 913.491.0111, sfriedman55@yahoo.com

PIZZA AND PARSHA

Weekly insights into the weekly parsha focused on self-growth with Rabbi Binyomin Davis in a fun, laid-back, and friendly atmosphere.

Date: Mondays

Place: At the home of Rabbi Davis

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Kollel

Contact: Rabbi Binyomin Davis, 913.481.5842
bdavis@kckollel.org

CONVERSATIONAL YIDDISH WITH SKIPPER

Refresh your knowledge of Yiddish through songs, conversation and games.

Date: Tuesdays

Place: Village Shalom

Time: TBD

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Village Shalom

Contact: Program staff at 913.266.8431

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ISSUES WITH ALAN EDELMAN

Alan tackles some of the meatiest issues in Judaism at this weekly discussion group.

Date: Most Tuesdays/*please confirm date before coming*

Place: Village Shalom

Time: 10:30 AM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Village Shalom

Contact: Program staff at 913.266.8431

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH KOLLEL

Monthly discussion group led by Kollel Rabbi each month.

Date: Fourth Tuesday of every month
Place: Village Shalom
Time: 12:15 – 1:15 PM
Cost: If dining, purchase kosher lunch at Rachel's café
Sponsor: Village Shalom
Contact: Program staff at 913.266.8431

TORAH STUDY—THE TEMPLE, CONGEGATION B'NAI JEHUDAH

Weekly Torah study taught by B'nai Jehudah clergy.

Date: Wednesdays
Place: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Contact: Office staff, 913.663.4050

WISDOM ON WEDNESDAYS

Program participant use texts from the Schottenstein Talmud and midrash to explore topics of interest.

Date: Wednesdays
Place: Congregation Beth Torah – Bride's Room
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Beth Torah 913.498.2212

NOSH AND KNOW WITH ESTHER FRIEDMAN

Monthly discussion group lead by Esther Friedman

Date: Fourth Wednesday of each month
Place: Village Shalom
Time: 11:30 AM
Cost: If dining, purchase kosher lunch at Rachel's Café
Sponsor: Village Shalom
Contact: Program staff at 913.266.8431

TORAH STUDIES

The mystical meanings and relevance of the weekly Torah portion.

Date: Thursday evenings
Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Time: 8:00 – 9:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Contact: Rabbi Mindy Wineburg, 913.205.9524, RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org

MID-TOWN LUNCH AND LEARN

Explore the weekly parsha in an extremely fresh and exciting way, with experienced teacher Rabbi Elchanan Schulgasser. We guarantee you will feel more knowledgeable and inspired.

Date: Second and fourth Thursdays
Place: Metro Title Services
Time: 12:30 – 1:15 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kollel
Contact: Rabbi Elchanan Schulgasser, 786.229.8883, eschulgasser@kckollel.org

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI

Come feed your soul (and your stomach) with Rabbi Levin each month.

Date: Third Thursday of the month
Place: Congregation Beth Torah – Library
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Cost: Free – bring your own lunch or call to purchase a lunch
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Beth Torah office, 913.498.2212

YIDDISH CIRCLE WITH RAY DAVIDSON

Learn or review the ancestral language of Eastern European Jews, enjoy lunch catered by Ray, and build friendships through discussion around our history and the ways Yiddish culture continues to impact our lives.

Date: Fridays
Place: Congregation Beth Torah – Bride's Room
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Cost: Small donation for cost of lunch
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Beth Torah office, 913.498.2212

SHABBAT LIVE

Join in the Shabbat fun that KC's young community has grown to know and love. Meet new friends, relax and enjoy a home-style gourmet Shabbat dinner.

Date: Friday nights
Place: Private homes
Time: 7:30 – 10:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kollel
Contact: Rabbi Binyomin Davis, 913.481.5842, bdavis@kckollel.org

BEHIND THE SCENES

Look at the teachings of our sages through contemporary eyes.

Date: Fridays
Place: Library at KI Synagogue
Time: 45 minutes prior to Mincha/*check time prior to coming*
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Rav Hazzon Jeffrey Shron, 913.642.1880, jshron18@gmail.com

DISCUSSIONS ON THE WRITINGS OF THE TORAH

Weekly study in rabbinic texts and plenty of discussion with Rabbi Levin.

Date: Saturdays
Place: Congregation Beth Torah – Library
Time: 9:00 – 10:15 AM
Cost: No Charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Beth Torah office, 913.498.2212

DOR L DOR: CONNECTING KANSAS CITY'S YOUTH AND SENIORS

Join us four times a year for an incredibly fun Jewish experience, themed around the Jewish holidays. This is a great opportunity to accustom your children to being with seniors while having an awesome time. These events are extremely valuable for both seniors (non-residents welcome) and little ones!

Date: On or before Jewish holidays
Place: Village Shalom
Time: Afternoons
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kollel
Contact: Rabbi Binyomin Davis, 913.481.5842, bdavis@kckollel.org

BEIT MIDRASH

Late summer study session of the new mahzor recently published by United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. Fall and winter classes include study of Jewish texts, history and Israel.

Date: Late summer, fall and winter/*please confirm date before coming*
Place: Ohev Sholom – Asner Hall
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Ohev Sholom
Contact: Meredith Farnan, 913.642.6460, ohevmanager@sbcglobal.net

DISCOVERING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD

Monthly discussion group lead by Esther Friedman.

Date: Mondays, *beginning Oct 31*
Place: Village Shalom
Time: 11:30 AM
Cost: If dining, purchase a kosher lunch at Rachel's Café
Sponsor: Village Shalom
Contact: Program staff at 913.266.8431

AUGUST PROGRAMS

- Programs are listed in chronological order.
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BETWEEN THEE & ME: TWO IMPORTANT EXHIBITS SPONSORED BY THE KANSAS CITY JEWISH MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

Two independent exhibits featuring works by selected artists based on an object or artifact from the Jewish (Klein) or Jesuit (Van Ackeren) collection. The goal is to bridge the actual and perceived cultural differences between generations, faiths, and artistic communities.

Contact: Marcus Cain, 913.266.8413, mcain@kcjmca.org
Cost: No charge
Target Audience: *Adults and families with children 13 years of age and older*

1) ARTISTS RESPOND TO THE JUDAICA COLLECTION OF MICHAEL KLEIN

Date: Jul 24 – Sep 4 daily/*closed Mondays*
Place: The Epsten Gallery at Village Shalom
Time: 11:00 – 4:00 PM (Tues – Fri); 1:00 – 4:00 PM (Sat – Sun)

2) ARTISTS RESPOND TO THE VAN ACKEREN COLLECTION OF RELIGIOUS ART

Date: Aug 26 – Oct 1/*Thurs through Saturday*
Place: Greenlease Gallery at Rockhurst University
Time: 12:00 – 5:00 PM Thursday – Saturday

BUBBE GOES VEGETARIAN

Join Ray Davidson for evening featuring a complete (vegetarian) steak dinner and great conversation about about what our Bubbles cooked for us back in the day. Reservations are limited to the first 20 people who sign up.

Date: Wed, Aug 3
Place: Congregation Beth Torah – kitchen
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Cost: \$5 to cover cost of dinner
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Ray Davidson, 314.477.4309

KI KOSHER COUNTRY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

The Kasher Kid, Dan Kass, & friends serve up mighty tasty kosher vittles. EVERY ONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME for great food, country chicks, line dancing, whiffle ball and a chance to see your friends – Y'ALL COME!

Date: Sun, Aug 14/*future dates TBD*
Place: KI Synagogue
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Cost: Depends on food purchased. People who bring a can of kosher food will receive a free drink. This food will be donated to Yachad, the kosher food pantry
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Dan Kass, 913.642.5567 or lacyjazz@sprintmail.com
RSVP's appreciated; walk-ins welcome

(RE)INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: "WHAT I DIDN'T LEARN BECAUSE I SLEPT THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL!"

Led by B'nai Jehudah clergy, this lively course explores Jewish traditions, history and community values.

Date: Tues evenings beginning Aug 23
Place: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Cost: \$70 – includes materials
Sponsor: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Contact: Maria Barton, 913.663.4050

KI BOOK CLUB



Enjoy a laid back chitchat with friends about the book selection of the month. The book to be discussed Aug 24 is [This Is Where I Leave You](#). Please bring names of three books for the group to consider.

Date: Wed, Aug 24
Place: Barnes & Noble bookstore, site TBD
Time: TBD
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Jackye Goldberg, 913.492.1361

JUDAISM FOR CONVERSION CANDIDATES

This year-long course, meeting weekly from August to May, is 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 by Nov. 3 and meet his/her conversion requirements.

Date: Thurs, Aug 25 - May 31, 2012
Place: To be announced - classes rotate between congregations and Jewish Community Campus
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Cost: \$360
Sponsor: Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City
Contact: Annette Fish, 913.327.4622, afprogram@aol.com

WOMEN'S PRE ROSH CHODESH "FARBRENGEN"

Join women from the community for a warm gathering with meaningful Torah discussion relevant to our lives. Experience timely wisdom and tasty treats in preparation for the blessing of a new Jewish month.

Date: Fri, Aug 26
Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Neshei Chabad
Contact: Sherill Parkhurst, nesheichabad@kc.rr.com
Target Audience: *Women*

DAY OF DISCOVERY: EXPLORE THE JOY OF JEWISH LEARNING

The Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for adults to discover the richness and diversity of Jewish learning opportunities in Kansas City. Participants learn, study and "discover" with some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors who lead sessions on a wide range of topics. 8:45-9:30 registration and continental breakfast; 9:30-10:45 Session I, 11:00-12:15 Session II, 12:15-1:00 Lunch, 2:15-2:45 dessert reception and door prizes.

Date: Sun, Aug 28
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 8:45 AM – 2:45 PM
Cost: \$20 – includes classes, breakfast, lunch and dessert reception. \$12/person classes only, excludes lunch
Sponsor: Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, Jewish Community Center, CAJE/Jewish Federation, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy and area congregations
Contact: Visit kcrabbis.org for details or contact Annette Fish, 913.327.4622, afprogram@aol.com
Please respond with payment in advance and session choices (see online brochure of class choices at kcrabbis.org)

HEBREW – GIMMEL (ADVANCED)



This course focuses on conversational Hebrew and reading comprehension skills. Students expand their vocabulary and are exposed to newspaper, stories, videos, and auditory tools. Students are expected to bring basic Hebrew language acquisition skills, actively participate in classroom conversations, and complete outside assignments.

Date: Mon Aug 29 – Dec 5
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Cost: \$200 + cost of assigned text
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org.
Register online at jccck.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

ROSH HODESH ELUL WOMEN'S RETREAT: "RETURN TO SACRED PLACES"

All women are invited to Congregation Beth Torah's 7th Annual Rosh Hodesh Elul Women's Retreat - "Return to Sacred Places." The evening will begin with Gentle Yoga and Jewish Meditation with Shanna Haun. Dinner will feature favorite foods from Jewish holidays. The heart of our retreat, Return to Sacred Places, will be worship led by Rabbi Vered Harris and Linda Sweeney.

Date: Tues, Aug 30
Place: Congregation Beth Torah
Time: 4:30 – 9:00 PM
Cost: \$18 for Beth Torah members; \$22 for non-members – includes dinner and program
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Torah
Contact: Rabbi Vered Harris, 913.498.2212, vharris@beth-torah.org
Register by mailing your check to the CBT office:
6100 W. 127th St, Overland Park, KS 66209

MELTON YEAR ONE UNIT ONE: BEGINNINGS

Welcome to the award-winning Florence Melton Adult Mini School! This introductory course is a text-based study exploring Jewish perspectives on the creation of the universe, the beginnings of human life, and the founding of the Jewish People. We'll also look at rituals and commandments of Jewish living and fresh perspectives on ancient practices, uncover the pattern of the Jewish calendar, and delve into the significance of the fall holidays.

NOTE: This is the first of three 10-week units comprising the Year One Curriculum. Each unit stands alone, but we highly recommend that you enroll in all three!

Date: Tues, Aug 30 – Nov 1
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:45 – 11:55 AM **OR** 7:00 – 9:10 PM
Cost: \$180 + \$50 for text

Enroll in all three units (30 weeks) of the Melton Year One Core Curriculum and SAVE. Cost is \$495 + one text fee of \$50

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

MELTON YEAR TWO



Dramas of Jewish Living: An examination of movements, trends, and events that have shaped and influenced Jewish history and made us who we are today. **Ethics of Jewish Living:** A text-based approach to Jewish values and ethics covering issues such as justice, life and death, sexuality and community.

Date: Tues, Aug 30 – Apr 3, 2012 **OR** Sun, Sep 11 – Apr 22, 2012/break in late December
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:45 – 11:55 AM on Tues **OR** 9:45 – 11:55 AM on Sun
Cost: \$495 + \$50 for textbook
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

MELTON REVISITED

Loved Melton and wish you remembered more of what you learned? Whether it's been a year or a decade since you've been in a Melton classroom, we'll spark that love of learning that you enjoyed and hit the highlights of the entire first year of the Melton curriculum -- Rhythms and Purposes -- in 4 simple sessions. Melton format (no homework, no tests, KNOW more) and an awesome overview of all you learned.

Date: Tues, Aug 30 – Sep. 20
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:45 – 11:55 AM
Cost: \$120
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

AYEKA: ELUL– GETTING MY SOUL READY FOR THE DAYS OF AWE

You'd never run a marathon without a little stretching - don't enter the High Holy Days without giving your soul some warm up activity. AyeKa is designed to help you grow as a human being so you can lead a happier, more meaningful life. Using Jewish texts, writing exercises and deep conversations in small group and one-on-one settings, AyeKa provides a safe space for you and other participants to listen to your inner voice, expand your senses of awareness and explore and renew your life -- in your own unique way and at your own pace.

Date: Wed, Aug 31 – Sep 21 **OR** Thurs, Sep 1 – 22
Place: Wed – Congregation Beth Torah
Thurs – Jewish Community Center
Time: Wed 7:00 – 8:30 PM **OR** Thurs: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: \$60
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Edna Levy, 913.327.8004, ednal@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

HEBREW – ALEPH (BEGINNING)



Don't put it off any longer—make this the year to learn basic Hebrew! Students begin to build a basic vocabulary, learn grammatical rules, and practice reading and writing. This is an intense introductory class, requiring class interaction and the completion of outside assignments.

Date: Wed Aug 31 – Dec 7
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Cost: \$200 + cost of assigned text
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

HEBREW BET (INTERMEDIATE)



Students continue to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Functional vocabulary, verb classifications, and sentence structure are presented. This course is designed to increase the pace and comfort with which

students converse in modern Hebrew. Students are expected to actively participate in class and complete outside assignments.

Date: Wed Aug 31 – Dec 7
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Cost: \$200 + cost of assigned text
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

TWO JEWS/THREE OPINIONS: SESSION ONE

Back by popular demand! Rabbi Scott White facilitates discussions about current events.

Date: Wed Aug 31 – Oct 12/*no class 9/28*
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Cost: \$72
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

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Date: Thurs, Sep 1—22
Place: Jewish Community Center
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: \$60
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Edna Levy, 913.327-8004, ednal@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913-327-8002

HOT TOPICS: JEWISH NEWS, IDEAS AND CULTURE

Bob Gast leads discussions about the most talked about issues of our time!

Date: Thurs, Sep 8 – Dec 29/*no class Sep 29, Oct 13, Oct 20, Nov 24*
Place: Jewish Community Campus board room
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Sandy Terwilliger, 913.327.8046, sandyt@jewishkc.org
Target Audience: *Adults age 65 +*

BETH SHALOM SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT

Community-wide remembrance of 9/11/2001

Date: Sun, Sep 11
Place: Congregation Beth Shalom
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom
Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

MELTON SCHOLARS CLASS: BEYOND BORDERS



Gain a strong historical overview from the late 19th century to today. Primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents and speeches, encourage discussion and challenge students to appreciate the basis of conflicting historical claims.

Date: Mon, Sep 12 – Nov 28 **OR** Fri, Oct 12 – Feb 3, 2012
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: Mon 7:00 – 8:30 **OR** Fri 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Cost: \$180
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

STORIES YOU NEVER HEARD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Deception - murder - incest – these, too, are written in the Tanakh. the Jewish Bible. We will explore four of the wilder tales, for entertainment of course, and also to ask - why are these seedier stories even included in our texts?

Date: Mon, Sep 12 – Oct 3
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Cost: \$72
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

MELTON SCHOLARS CLASS: JEWISH DENOMINATIONS – ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF MODERNITY



Examination of Jewish identity and religious expression against the backdrop of dramatic political and social change of the past 300 years. Gain extensive insights into the major movements and explore the impact of gender, assimilation, Israel, and post-denominationalism on the movements and the Jewish people.

Date: Sun, Sep 18 – Nov 20
Place: Congregation Beth Torah
Time: 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM
Cost: \$150
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

FEED YOUR MIND LUNCHTIME GATHERING: BE STILL AND GET GOING

Fear is one of the most paralyzing and destructive emotions we carry. Based on the wisdom of the late Zen Master Rabbi Alan Lew, JCC Executive Director Jacob Schreiber helps you to identify your primary fears and set yourself on a path toward addressing them in order to increase your happiness and effectiveness.

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Date: Mon, Sep 12
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Cost: No charge; bring your own lunch
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

KI BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a laid back chitchat with friends about the book selection of the month.

Date: Wed, Sep 21/*please confirm date before coming*
Place: Barnes & Noble bookstore, site TBD
Time: TBD
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Jackye Goldberg, 913.492.1361

ROSH HASHANA LUNCHEON

Gather with you friends as we usher in the Jewish New Year with apples, honey and a delicious holiday meal. Thanks to Paul Flam for partially underwriting this program in memory of Doris Flam and Sol Flam.

Date: Thur, Sep 22
Place: Jewish Community Campus Social Hall
Time: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Cost: \$7.50
Sponsor: Heritage Center
Contact: Sandy Terwilliger, 913.327.8046, sandy@jewishkc.org/reservations required

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy Israeli movies with friends -- recent releases and old favorites!

Date: Thurs, Sep 22, Nov 10, Dec 15
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Jewish Federation
Contact: Lilach Nissim, 913.327.8124, lilachn@jewishkc.org
No registration required

WOMEN'S PRE ROSH CHODESH "FARBRENGEN"

Join women from the community for a warm gathering with meaningful Torah discussion relevant to our lives. Experience timely wisdom and tasty treats in preparation for the blessing of a new Jewish month

Date: Friday, Sep 23
Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Neshei Chabad
Contact: Sherill Parkhurst nesheichabad@kc.rr.com
Target Audience: Women

COMMUNITY SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

The Jewish community will gather to prepare for the Days of Awe at this annual community-wide Selichot program and service. The evening begins at 8:00 with a dessert reception; Havdalah will follow at 8:30. Rabbis will lead sessions related to the spiritual preparation which will be offered from 8:50-9:50. Selichot worship services begin at 10:00 at Beth Torah, 12:15 at Kehilath Israel and 1:10 a.m. at Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner.

Date: Sat, Sep 24
Place: Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS 66209
Time: 8:00 PM – MORNING
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City
Contact: Visit kcrabbis.org for details or contact Annette Fish, 913.327.4622, afprogram@aol.com
Participants are asked to respond with session choices (see list of classes at kcrabbis.org or check congregation for fliers)

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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- Programs for which registration is required, including those meeting more than once and possibly over several months, are listed ONCE, on the first meeting date.

AYEKA 1: BRINGING GRATITUDE & AWARENESS INTO MY DAILY LIFE

You will emerge from Ayeka with an enriched sense of awareness, gratitude and connections to yourself and to the world around you. With this series, the mundane activities of daily life can become opportunities to deepen appreciation and awareness. Ayeka is not a Jewish education course; it is a program of personal/spiritual development that brings Judaism out of the mind and into the heart -- transforming it from an intellectual or rote exercise to an inspiring, soulful guide for living.

Date: Tues Oct 4 – Nov 22
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Cost: \$125
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Edna Levy, 913.327-8004, ednal@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

MELTON SCHOLARS CLASS: B'RESHIT I



The stories take us from the universal tales of the creation of the world, the flood, and the Tower of Babel to the foundational tales of Abraham and Sarah and the beginnings of the Jewish people. The themes of family and faith, honor, passion and power provide the backdrop for a rich exploration of our people and ourselves.

Date: Wed, Oct 5 – Dec 14
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Cost: \$150
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

Target Audience: *Adults*

KI BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a laid back chitchat with friends about the book selection of the month.

Date: Wed, Oct 5/*please confirm date before coming*
Place: Barnes & Noble bookstore, location TBD
Time: TBD
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Jackye Goldberg, 913.492.1361

AYEKA III: BRINGING SPIRITUALITY INTO MY PRAYERS

Prayer can be an empty experience. This 8-session seminar focuses on how to get beyond the words and the routine. What does it mean to wrestle with God? To stand in the presence of God? Are we being a noodle when we ask God for something? What wisdom do Rav Kook, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and the Talmud have for us? How can we make the words and the experience our own?

Date: Thurs, Oct 6—Dec 15
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: \$125
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Edna Levy, 913.327.8004, ednal@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

JEWISH VALUES FOR PARENTS

Bring Jewish values to your children and family in a manner that suits YOUR household. Explore Jewish wisdom and gain confidence. Wrestle with a Jewish story and the value it embodies in an open format with other parents looking for similar empowerment. Part of the series of "Foundations of Jewish Living" created by the Melton Mini-School. Topics include: Self-Improvement, Shabbat, and How We Learn Values.

Date: Thurs, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$15/session

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

Target Audience: *Parents of preschool & elementary school students*

MELTON SCHOLARS CLASS: JEWS IN AMERICA- INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS



Students consider the challenges of Jewish acculturation to American life, and the sacrifices as well as the contributions that have been made over the past 200 years. Lessons explore the role of education, "The Three Generation Hypothesis," anti-Semitism, Zionism, the civil rights movement and other issues related to American and Jewish culture and identity.

Date: Mon, Oct 10 – Dec 12

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Cost: \$150

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

SARAH PELZMAN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Sarah Peltzman classes are sponsored by the Beth Shalom Sisterhood and are taught by Rabbi Cohen.

Date: Tues, Oct 11– Dec 6/*no meeting 11/15 & 22*

Place: Beth Shalom, rooms 108 & 109

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: TBD

Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom

Contact: Linda Lessner, 913.897.0122, shpres@bethshalomkc.org

Registration: Contact Linda Lessner

URBANSUBURBAN 2011, SEVENTH ANNUAL ART AUCTION

The best annual art auction party in Kansas City, UrbanSuburban offers audiences an opportunity to bid on exceptional contemporary art while supporting the Epsten Gallery program at Village Shalom. Fully catered with heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar.

Date: Sat, Oct 15

Place: The Epsten Gallery at Village Shalom

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Cost: Tickets \$75 each; patron donors start at \$300

Sponsor: Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art

Contact: Marcus Cain, 913.266.8413, mcain@kcjmca.org

WOMEN'S PRE ROSH CHODESH "FARBRENGEN"

Join women from the community for a warm gathering with meaningful Torah discussion relevant to our lives. Experience timely wisdom and tasty treats in preparation for the blessing of a new Jewish month

Date: Friday, Oct 21

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Neshei Chabad

Contact: Sherill Parkhurst nesheichabad@kc.rr.com

Target Audience: *Women*

ART AND JEWISH HISTORY

Join two historians from the Kansas City Art Institute in examining two compelling topics over the course of four weeks. **Creative Defiance: Art of the Holocaust** will focus on art created by prisoners of ghettos and concentration camps under impossible conditions and often at the risk of their lives. We will explore the manner in which their work served as witness, a means of spiritual and psychological resistance, an assertion of humanity, and an affirmation of life. **The Art and Politics of Holocaust Memorials** reveals the manner in which memorial images and spaces are shaped by national myths, ideals, and political realities. We will closely examine their reflection of both the past experiences and current lives of communities, and a state's memory of itself.

Date: Sunday Oct 23 – Nov 13

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Cost: \$72

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center, offered in cooperation with the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

PARSHAT HASHAVUAH: TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

An in-depth study of the weekly Torah portion, led by Rabbi Scott White.

Date: Mon, Oct 24 – May 2012/*end date TBD*
Place: Jewish Community Campus - Conference Room A
Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Sandy Terwilliger, 913.327.8046, sandyt@jewishkc.org
Target Audience: Adults age 65+

TUESDAYS WITH MOREY-PROVERBS

The past comes alive, and is relevant today: Come study the wisdom of the sages.

Date: Tues, Oct 25 – Nov 22
Place: Village Shalom
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM
Cost: \$75
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913-327-8002

FEED YOUR JEWISH SOUL!

Harness your full potential through guided meditation, thoughtful discussions and exercises designed to help you slow your thoughts, direct their focus, and improve their quality. This practical approach to everyday spirituality gives you real-life tools for lasting change.

Date: Thurs, Oct 27—Dec 1 **OR** Fri, Oct 28 – Dec 2/*no class 11/24 & 11/25*
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: Thurs 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Fri 12 to 12:45 PM
Cost: \$72 for 6 classes
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913-327-8002

G-3 SUMMIT: A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO GOOD GIVING

The speaker for the conference will be Andrea Pactor, Associate Director of the Women's Philanthropy Institute at the University of Indiana. Strengthened by increasing economic power and educational achievements, women have emerged as a bold and visible presence on the philanthropic landscape. The changing role of women in society has opened the gates for women's giving of time, talent and treasure for the common good. Key points that will be addressed during the program include:

- How can you make a difference with your personal philanthropy (any amount)?
- Are the dollars we contribute as women in line with our own priorities?
- The power of women's philanthropy as a force for change
- How do we encourage and develop the value of tzedakah in the next generation
- How to create an individual philanthropic plan

Date: Sun, Oct 30
Place: Jewish Community Campus

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Time: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Cost: \$20, includes a lovely brunch
Sponsor: Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Foundation & the Jewish Federation
Contact: Beverly Jacobson, 913.327.8108, beverlyja@jewishkc.org
Register online, jewishkansascity.org, by Oct. 21
Target Audience: All Jewish women, high-school and above

A SEASON OF MUSSAR I

This program is for adults who want to find balance and strength in key inner traits that are essential for leading a fulfilling life, in worldly as well as spiritual matters. Mussar is a path of contemplative practices and exercises that have evolved over the past thousand years to help an individual soul to pinpoint and then to break through the barriers that surround and obstruct the flow of inner light in our lives. Mussar is a treasury of techniques and understandings that offers immensely valuable guidance for the journey of our lives.

Date: Sun, Oct 30—Dec 18
Place: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Cost: \$118 – includes materials, coffee and dessert
Sponsor: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Contact: Rabbi Shuval-Weiner at 913.663.4050

DISCOVERING THE SECRETS OF THE TALMUD

Kansas City's longest running Jewish class delves into the mysteries of the Talmud. From sex to pottery to meditation—it's all there!

Date: Mondays, beginning Oct 31
Place: Library at KI Synagogue
Time: 7:00 PM (winter); 7:20 PM (daylight savings time)
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Allegra Shanberg, 913.642.1880 x 214 or ashanberg@kisyn.org

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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RABBI GERSHON HADAS MEMORIAL LECTURE

Featuring Steve Stern, critically acclaimed author of The Frozen Rabbi, The Wedding Jester and others. Much of his work draws inspiration from Yiddish folklore.

Date: Tues, Nov 1
Place: TBD
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: CAJE / Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center
Contact: Alan Edelman, 913.327.8104, alane@jewishkc.org
No registration necessary

TWO JEWS/THREE OPINIONS: SESSION TWO

Join an ongoing group in which Rabbi Scott White facilitates mostly civil discussion about current events.

Date: Wed, Nov 2 – Dec 14
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Cost: \$60
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

KI BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a laid back chitchat with friends about the book selection of the month.

Date: Wed, Nov 2/*please confirm date before coming*
Place: Barnes & Noble bookstore, location TBD
Time: TBD
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Jackye Goldberg, 913.492.1361

TO LIFE! MCHÉ'S 18TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – MARVIN HAMLISCH IN CONCERT

MARVIN HAMLISCH, renowned composer of Broadway tunes and motion picture scores, including music for “A Chorus Line” and “The Way We Were,” will delight MCHÉ's audience at this special benefit performance. Winner of virtually every major award that exists --- including three Academy Awards, four Grammys, four Emmys, one Tony, three Golden Globes, and a Pulitzer Prize --- Hamlisch captures the power of music to bring people together. The event will honor our community's Holocaust survivors, from whom we have learned so much, as well as MCHÉ's directors emeriti and past presidents, whose vision and leadership have shaped the organization since its founding in 1993.

Date: Thurs, Nov 3
Place: Helzberg Hall, The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts
Time: Evening-TBD
Cost: Tiered seating and sponsorship levels are available
Sponsor: The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education
Contact: Jean Zeldin, Executive Director, 913.327.8191, jeanz@mchekc.org
Registration: By phone or online at mchekc.org
Target Audience: *Community-wide*

EAT AND EDUCATE

A weekly instruction and discussion group which delves into some of the controversial aspects of Jewish ethics, law and rituals. Join Hazzan Menes for a lively discussion as you enjoy your lunch.

Date: Thurs, Nov 3 – Jan 26, 2012/*no meeting Nov 24, Dec 22 & 29*
Place: Village Shalom
Time: 12:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom
Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

THE JEWISH COURSE OF WHY

Jewish Fun Facts – learn the meaning behind a wide range of Jewish customs and trivia.

Date: 6 sessions; Sun, Nov 6, 13, 20 & Dec, 4, 11, 18
OR Tues, Nov 8, 15, 22 & Dec 6, 13, 20
Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Time: Sun 10:00 – 11:30 AM **OR** Tues 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Cost: \$89 single, \$165 couple, scholarships available
Sponsor: Rohr Jewish Learning Institute – Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Contact: Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, 913.205.9524, RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org
Registration: www.myjli.com

DOWNTOWN MISHNAH CLASS

Come study Mishnah with Rabbi Alan Cohen.

Date: Thurs, Nov 10, Dec 8 & Jan 12
Place: Office of Lathrop and Gage
Time: 12:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom
Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

GRAND GIVERS

Grand Givers presents “Live from Vegas” – an evening of 50's music led by *Harry as Elvis*, an entertainer at several Las Vegas hotels. Food will match the theme of the evening.

Date: Sat, Nov 12
Place: KI Synagogue
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: \$200 per couple
Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Contact: Rachel Macek, 913.642.1880, rachq@everestkc.net or KI office

MELTON YEAR ONE CORE CURRICULUM UNIT TWO: CELEBRATIONS

Who wrote the Bible? Do miracles happen today? Why Shabbat, and what do age-old traditions mean in my life today? Join a diverse group of learners for a text-based exploration of the basis for and meanings of some of the weekly, annual and once-in-a-life celebrations associated with Jewish life.

NOTE: This is the second of three 10-week units comprising the Year One Curriculum. Each unit stands alone, but *we highly recommend that you enroll in all three!*

Date: Tues, Nov 15 – Jan 31, 2012/ *break in late December*
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 9:45 – 11:55 AM **OR** 7:00 – 9:10 PM
Cost: \$180 + \$50 text fee
NOTE: Enroll in all three units of the Melton Year One Core Curriculum and SAVE! Cost is \$495 + one text fee of \$50
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkc.org
Register online at jcckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.27.8002

INTERFAITH FAMILIES – TELLING OUR STORIES

Panel presentation of personal stories from interfaith families. Hear from a Jewish grandparent, an adult who has converted to Judaism, a mom raising her kids Jewish and an adult who grew up in an interfaith home.

Date: Sun, Nov 20

Place: Jewish Community Campus, MAC room

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center, PJ Library / Jewish Federation, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy and Jewish Family Services

Contact: Edna Levy, 913.327.8004, ednal@jewishkcc.org
Register online at jccck.org, in person at the Main Reception Desk or call or call Gail Odgers, 913.27.8002

RSVP's appreciated; walk-ins welcome

Target Audience: *Jewish & non-Jewish people (college-age and above) who are part of interfaith families, or are curious to hear these stories.*

WOMEN'S PRE ROSH CHODESH "FARBRENGEN"

Join women from the community for a warm gathering with meaningful Torah discussion relevant to our lives. Experience timely wisdom and tasty treats in preparation for the blessing of a new Jewish month

Date: Friday, Nov 26

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Neshei Chabad

Contact: Sherill Parkhurst nesheichabad@kc.rr.com

Registration: Not required

Target Audience: *Women*

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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THE WOMAN: HER SPIRIT. HER SOUL.

The Spirit & Soul of the Woman – The Private Woman – The Public Woman – The Family Woman – The Career Woman – The Spiritual Woman – The Complete Woman: Become part of an intimate group meeting monthly to explore the power of the woman and the Torah's vision for unleashing that power.

Date: First Thurs of the month: Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3 & June 7

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Cost: \$100

Sponsor: Chabad House Center & Jewish Community Center

Contact: Register online jccck.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

CASINO NIGHT

Fund-raiser for the Rose Family Early Childhood Education Center and Polsky Religious School.

Date: Sat, Dec 3

Place: Congregation Beth Shalom

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: TBD

Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom

Contact: Jennifer Levy-Mackay 913.647.7285,
jlevymackay@bethshalomkc.org or visit our website
www.bethshalomkc.org

TUESDAYS WITH MOREY – SOTAH

Rabbi Morey Schwartz guides us in an exploration of the Biblical ritual of the Sotah, a woman suspected of adultery, and an up-close look at Jewish perspectives on marriage, the relationship between men and women, and justice.

Date: Tues, Dec 6 – Jan 10, 2012

Place: Village Shalom

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Cost: \$75

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center

Contact: Jill Maidhof, 913.327.8077, jillm@jewishkcc.org

Registration: Register online jccck.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call Gail Odgers, 913.327.8002

KI BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a laid back chitchat with friends about the book selection of the month.

Date: Dec 14/*please confirm date before coming*

Place: Barnes & Noble bookstore, location TBD

Time: *The time is not known at the time of publication*

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue

Contact: Jackye Goldberg, 913.492.1361

WOMEN'S PRE ROSH CHODESH "FARBRENGEN"

Join women from the community for a warm gathering with meaningful Torah discussion relevant to our lives. Experience timely wisdom and tasty treats in preparation for the blessing of a new Jewish month.

Date: Friday, Dec 24

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Neshei Chabad

Contact: Sherill Parkhurst nesheichabad@kc.rr.com

Registration: Not required

Target Audience: *Women*

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND ALL AGES

- Drop in programs meeting on a regular basis between mid-August and December are listed below.
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DROP IN PROGRAMS MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS

SHALOM BABY MONTHLY PLAY GROUPS

Families with children ages infant to two years old (and their siblings) will have a great time playing!

- Date:** One Sunday morning monthly September through December/*dates TBD*
- Place:** Jewish Community Campus
- Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 AM
- Cost:** TBD
- Sponsor:** The PJ Library, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Learning for Life / CAJE
- Contact:** Karen Gerson, 913.327.8143 or kareng@jewishkc.org/registration TBD

MUSIC WITH MAR!

Music with MAR! is an interactive class full of singing and dancing for early walkers through pre-K children and the adults who love them.

- Date:** Thursdays
- Place:** Congregation Beth Torah
- Time:** 10:00 – 10:45 AM
- Cost:** \$7.00 per family / class
- Sponsor:** Congregation Beth Torah
- Contact:** Hedy Goldman at hedygoldman@att.net, 816.942.8291

EREV SHABBAT PARTY

Join Rabbi Davis and friends for a free Erev Shabbat party, with live Jewish music and instruments for your children to rock n' roll to classic and new Jewish Shabbat songs.

- Date:** Fourth Friday of every month
- Place:** Village Shalom
- Time:** 3:30 – 4:15 PM
- Cost:** No charge
- Sponsor:** Kollel
- Contact:** Rabbi Binyomin Davis bdavis@kckollel.org 913-481-5842
- Registration:** Please call Rabbi Davis

TOT SHABBAT

We begin at 5:45 p.m. with snacks and continue from 6:00 – 6:20 with a music-filled service to welcome Shabbat. Bridey Stangler and Leslie Zucker alternate as our music leaders. It's an evening full of singing, dancing and cuddling with parents, grandparents and children ages 5 and under. Older siblings are welcome.

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- Date:** Second Friday of every month
- Place:** Congregation Beth Torah
- Time:** 5:45 – 6:20 PM
- Cost:** No charge
- Sponsor:** Congregation Beth Torah
- Contact:** Rabbi Vered Harris, 913.498.2212, vharris@beth-torah.org

EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Drop in programs meeting on a regular basis between mid-August and December are listed ONCE; see DROP IN PROGRAMS MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS, listed above August events
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BETWEEN THEE & ME: TWO IMPORTANT EXHIBITS SPONSORED BY THE KANSAS CITY JEWISH MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

(For details, please see page 7)

KI KOSHER COUNTRY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

The Kosher Kid, Dan Kass, and friends serve up mighty tasty kosher vittles. Y'all come for the Country Chicks, line dancing, games and great company.

- Date:** Sun, Aug 14/*future dates TBD*
- Place:** KI Synagogue
- Time:** 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- Cost:** Depends on food purchased. People who bring a can of kosher food will receive a free drink. This food will be donated to Yachad, the kosher food pantry
- Sponsor:** Kehilath Israel Synagogue
- Contact:** Dan Kass, 913.642.5567 or lacyjazz@sprintmail.com
RSVP's appreciated; walk-ins welcome

SHALOM BABY POOL PARTY

Come splash in the pool, enjoy a light breakfast and spend time with friends!

- Date:** Sun, Aug 14
- Place:** Jewish Community Campus
- Time:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Cost:** No charge
- Sponsor:** The PJ Library, the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Learning for Life / CAJE and the Jewish Community Center
- Contact:** Karen Gerson, 913.327.8143 or kareng@jewishkc.org
Register on Shalom Baby web site:
www.jewishkansascity.org/shalombaby.aspx
- Target Audience:** *Families with children from infancy to age two (siblings welcome)*

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Drop in programs meeting on a regular basis between mid-August and December are listed ONCE; see DROP IN PROGRAMS MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS, listed above August events
- Following these ongoing programs, programs are listed in chronological order.

BETWEEN THEE & ME: TWO IMPORTANT EXHIBITS SPONSORED BY THE KANSAS CITY JEWISH MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

(For details, please see page 8)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: AN AMERICAN TAIL

A free outdoor movie, open to the entire community. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic!

Date: Sunday, Sep 4

Place: Jewish Community Campus

Time: 8:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Jewish Community Center and The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Learning for Life / CAJE

Contact: Bridey Stangler, 913.327-8097

Reservations requested but not required.

BETH SHALOM SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT

Community-wide remembrance of 9/11/2001

Date: Sun, Sep 11

Place: Congregation Beth Shalom

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom

Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

ROSH HASHANAH MUSIC CLASS

Learn the holiday music. All families in the community are welcome!

Date: Thurs, Sep 22

Place: Congregation Beth Shalom library reading room

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom

Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

SHOFAR FACTORY WORKSHOP

Start the new year off on the right note as you make your very own Shofar and learn how to blow it.

Date: Sun, Sep 25

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Cost: Free to attend: \$10 per Shofar

Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Contact: Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, 913.205.9524,

RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org

Register at www.ChabadKC.org

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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KAPPAROT – “IT’S THE REAL THING”

Kapparot can be done with money or a chicken or rooster. Find out what this ritual is all about and help provide holiday necessities for the needy in our community.

Date: Wed, Oct 5

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Cost: \$18

Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Contact: Blumah Wineberg or Chabad House

Register by calling 913.940.1113 or blumahw@aol.com

Target Audience: All ages

DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

Enjoy a catered dinner and festive evening in the sukkah with friends and family.

Date: Wed, Oct 12

Place: KI Synagogue

Time: 8:30 PM

Cost: Adults \$20, Age 12 & under \$10

Sponsor: Kehilath Israel Synagogue

Contact: Karen Smith, 913.642.1880 x 200 or karen@kisyn.org

RSVP to the KI Synagogue office 913.642.1880

FALAFEL IN THE SUKKAH

Join us for great Israeli food, music and entertainment!

Date: Sun, Oct 16

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 5:30 PM

Cost: TBD

Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Contact: Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, 913.205.9524,

RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org. To register, visit our website www.ChabadKC.org

SIMCHAT TORAH WITH CHABAD!

Catch the Spirit! WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT OUR CELEBRATIONS!

Date: Thurs, Oct 20

Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Time: 7:30 PM

Cost: No charge

Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City

Contact: Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, 913.205.9524,

RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org. To register, visit our website www.ChabadKC.org

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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B'YACHAD

No matter what your background or affiliation, please join us for a thought provoking learning experience. Have fun and enjoy apple cider and fresh doughnuts!

Date: Wed, Nov 2
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: CAJE, Jewish Federation
Contact: Samantha Feinberg, 913.981.8801, samanthaf@jewishkc.org
RSVP's welcome but not required

Target Audience: *Children must be at least 8 years of age*

SHABBAT SHABBANG

See old friends and make new ones at this cozy Shabbat dinner, full of schmoozing, singing and good kosher fun. Participation limited to 50 people, so enroll early!

Date: Friday, Nov 11
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 6:00 PM
Cost: \$10 per person
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Bridey Stangler, 913.327.8097, brideym@jewishkc.org.
Reservations are required and accepted until Wed, Nov 9

TURKEY DAY TIKKUN OLAM

Join us in making fleece scarves for children at Operation Breakthrough. Have fun and enjoy apple cider and fresh doughnuts!

Date: Sun, Nov 27
Place: Meet at the Center and caravan to Operation Breakthrough Preschool in midtown Kansas City
Time: 1:30 PM
Cost: \$5
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Bridey Stangler, 913.327.8097, brideym@jewishkc.org.
Reservations are required and accepted until Wed, Nov 9

Target Audience: *Children must be at least 8 years of age*

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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MACCABEE TOWN II - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

SAVE THE DATE! In its second year, this family Chanukah party will bring back favorite activities from last year – the life-sized maze, candle making, potato latkes, sword-fighting—PLUS NEW CHANUKAH ADVENTURES!

Date: Sun, Dec 11
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Cost: \$5 in advance; \$6 on Dec 11
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center, The PJ Library, the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Learning for Life / CAJE
Contact: Bridey Stangler, 913.327.8097 or brideym@jewishkc.org
Register online at jckc.org, in person at Main Reception Desk of JCC, or call 913.327-8000

CHANUKAH MUSIC CLASS

Learn the holiday music—open to all families in the community!!

Date: Thurs, Dec 15
Place: Congregation Beth Shalom library reading room
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: No charge
Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom
Contact: Jill Goldstein, 913.647.7281, jgoldstein@bethshalomkc.org

CHANUKAH AT CHABAD!

Steaming hot latkes and Israeli Sufganiot. Check out www.ChabadKC.org to see when and where.

Date: Dec 21 through Dec 28/*check our website for more information*
Place: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Time: TBD
Cost: TBD
Sponsor: Chabad House Center of Kansas City
Contact: Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, 913-205-9524, RabbiMendy@ChabadKC.org. Register at www.ChabadKC.org

CHINESE AND A MOVIE

Continuing a time-honored Christmas tradition, families are invited to kosher Chinese food and a free movie in the White Theatre! SAVE THE DATE AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Date: Sun, Dec 25
Place: Jewish Community Campus
Time: TBD
Cost: TBD
Sponsor: Jewish Community Center
Contact: Bridey Stangler, 913.327.8097 or brideym@jewishkc.org
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Organizations With Events Listed in this Guide

**CAJE: The Jewish Educational Program
Arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater
Kansas City**

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 201, OP, KS 66211
913-327-8100 www.jewishkansascity.org

Chabad:

6201 Indian Creek Dr., OP, KS 66207
913.649.4852 www.chabadkc.org

Congregation Beth Shalom:

14200 Lamar Ave., OP, KS 66223
913.647.7279 www.bethshalomkc.org

Congregation Beth Torah:

6100 W. 127th St., OP, KS 66209
913.498.2212 www.beth-torah.org

Congregation Ohev Sholom:

5311 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208
913.642.6460 www.ohav-sholom.com

The Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy:

5801 W. 115th St., OP, KS 66211
913.327.8150 www.hbha.edu

Jewish Community Center of Kansas City:

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 101, OP, KS 66211
913.327.8000 www.jcckc.org

Jewish Community Foundation:

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 104, OP, KS 66211
913.327.8245 www.jcfkc.org

Jewish Family Services:

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 103, OP, KS 66211
913.327.8250 www.jfskc.org

Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City:

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 201, OP, KS 66211
913-327-8100 www.jewishkansascity.org

**Kansas City Jewish Museum of
Modern Art / Epstein Gallery at Village
Shalom:**

5500 W. 123rd St., OP, KS 66209
913.266.8413 222.kcjma.org

Kehilath Israel Synagogue:

10501 Conser, OP, KS 66212
913.642.1880 www.kisyn.org

Kollel:

5801 W. 115th St., OP, KS 66211
www.kckollel.com

Midwest Center for Holocaust Education:

5801 W. 115th St., Ste. 106, OP, KS 66211
913.327.8190 www.mcheckc.org

The Rabbinical Association:

5801 W. 115th St., Box 113, OP, KS 66211
913.327.4622 www.kcrabbis.org

The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah:

12320 Nall Ave., OP, KS 66209
913.663.4050 www.bnaijehudah.org

Torah Learning Center:

8800 W. 103rd St., OP, KS 66212
913.385.5770 www.torahkc.org

Village Shalom:

5500 W. 123rd St., OP, KS 66209
913.317.2600 www.villageshalom.org



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