

Kol Kehillah

SHEVAT - ADAR I 5782

FEBRUARY 2022

Shabbat Services

Friday, February 4

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade

Family Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 5

Torah Portion: *Terumah*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, February 11

Sisterhood/Brotherhood/

New Member Shabbat 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 12

Torah Portion: *Tetzaveh*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Children's Havdalah 6:00 PM

Friday, February 18

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 19

Torah Portion: *Ki Tissa*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, February 25

Broadway Shabbat

Sneak Peek 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 26

Torah Portion: *Vayakhel*

Shabbat Worship 10:30 AM

Talia Sherman, Bat Mitzvah

Join us for Sisterhood, Brotherhood and New Member Shabbat



Friday, February 11th at 7:30 PM

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A Note From the Rabbi

Jason Holtz



The Blessings Make it All Worthwhile

When I meet with prospective conversion students, I feel that it's important that I give them some of the fine print, which includes *being Jewish means that some people won't like you simply because you're Jewish*. In recent years, I've emphasized that warning even more. I don't want to scare people away, but I do want people to know what they're getting into. After the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, the shootings at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and Chabad of Poway, and now the hostage-taking in Colleyville, Texas, it's hard to deny the growing frequency of significant anti-Jewish violence. That's to say nothing of the many other incidents of anti-Semitism, such as the Nazi graffiti at Pope High School.

TKC, like nearly every other synagogue, has detailed security procedures and policies. We received a grant for and are now spending tens of thousands of dollars to help secure our physical infrastructure, from a concrete blockade so people don't drive through our glass doors, to enhanced lighting and security cameras all over the

place. We often have a uniformed police officer present at large gatherings, including most worship services and every Sunday that religious school is in session. A few years ago, our teachers and staff participated in training from the Roswell Police Department on what to do if there is an active shooter. We're now looking at a refresher session. It's sad that we must do this, and I'm envious of the many churches that prop their front door open as a display of welcome. Our doors are nearly always locked as a precaution.

At the same time, we must not let anti-Semites keep us apart or away from our Judaism. It's prudent that we take security seriously, but the best response isn't just more security, it's championing our values, which include respect for human dignity, building bridges between different peoples, and always pursuing peace. When we show up for services, programs, or learning, we show up for a vision of a world that doesn't operate according to bigotries and violence. When we show up, it's both in defiance of anti-Semites as well as in support for something better.

My conversations with conversion students might always include a warning, but they also include a welcome. And while I share that there are dangers and risks, I also say that there are blessings. Those blessings are what makes it all worthwhile.

Rabbi Jason Holtz



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February Highlights

Rabbi Holtz's The Crown (of Israel) Class
meets every Wednesday at 12:00 PM

- 4 6:15 PM - Family Spaghetti Dinner**
- 6 9:00 AM - Religious School**
12:45 PM - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal
- 8 6:45 PM - Executive Committee Meeting**
7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13 9:00 AM - Religious School**
1st Grade Family Education Day
11:00 AM - Little Mensches
12:30 PM - JYG Lunch & Scavenger Hunt
- 20 NO Religious School**
- 21 Presidents' Day - Office Closed**
- 23 7:15 PM - Finance Committee Meeting**
- 27 9:00 AM - Religious School**
12:30 PM - Klub345 Open Youth Lounge
1:00 PM - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal

Check our online calendar for all Temple programs & events at
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Nazel Tov

February Milestone Birthdays



Amy Hirschland
Paula Boyer-Moore
Laura Dreffin
Michelle Hynes
Barbara Kushner
Dave Howard
Mei Markowitz
Jean Brown
Carilyn Arkin
Judith Dennis
Andrew Goodman

Day of Service Project

Thank you to our whole TKC community for our outstanding support of our Day of Service Project. The response was overwhelming from so many people. We were able to fill 38 bags to the brim with the food, socks, hats, and stuffed animals and get them to the Economy Hotel to be doled out to their guests. The management at the hotel was delighted to receive the items that will help those who reside there.

I want to especially thank Michelle Erste who had the idea of a project and who set up the SignUpGenius and sent reminder emails. I also want to thank Lori Dreffin who brought in so many packages and food donations and helped to organize them. Leslie Anderson helped when she appeared at TKC right when my husband and I were loading up our cars and then also helped to fill and deliver the bags. Steve Naman (on his birthday) transported most of the food to the church and along with our grandson Rhys Stieglitz, who helped to fill the bags of all the donations. I also want to thank our partners in this project, Becky Nelson of Huskys helping Huskys and Roxann Johnson from Pleasant Hill Church.

This was just a start of the good TKC can do help repair our little niche of the world - *Tikkun Olam*. Please contact Leslie Anderson at jcrc.atlanta@gmail.com with ideas of future projects so that we can continue to be a source of good in Roswell.

My heart is overjoyed at this great success.

Shari Naman



Celebrate Shabbat

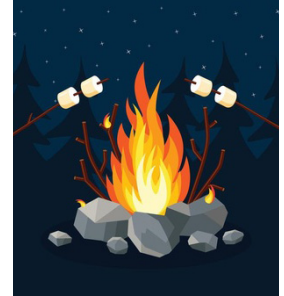
Family Dinner and K/1st/2nd Grade Family Shabbat Friday, February 4 6:15 PM - Dinner, 7:00 PM - Service



All religious school families are invited to join us for our family spaghetti dinner. The dinner will be followed by a Family Shabbat service featuring Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades.

Children's Campfire Havdalah Saturday, February 12, 6:00 PM

Join us under the stars for a Campfire Havdalah service with Caroline and Danny! Bring your camping chairs and meet us in the Green Street parking lot! This program is appropriate for kids age 2 through 2nd grade and their families.



Sisterhood, Brotherhood and New Member Shabbat Friday, February 11, 7:30 PM



Join us for Shabbat services as the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lead us in worship. We will also be celebrating our newest members and their families. Enjoy a festive Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood following the service.

Broadway Shabbat Sneak Peek Friday, February 25, 7:30 PM



Broadway is coming to TKC! Everyone is invited to enjoy a preview of some of the music showcased in TKC's upcoming original "Shabbat on Broadway" program. Cantorial Soloist Veronica Beskin, Gigi Morton, Samantha Best, Caroline Figiel and accompanist Steve Best will present some well known Friday night prayers, set to some of Broadway's great tunes. We hope the full program will be presented later this calendar year.



SHABBAT WORSHIP with TORAH STUDY Saturdays 2/5, 2/12 and 2/19 at 9:45 AM

Join Rabbi Holtz on Zoom for a Shabbat Morning service, followed by Torah Study. The Zoom link can be found in the TKC weekly email.



February Candlelighting Times Roswell, Georgia

February 4 / 3 Adar I	5:53 pm
February 11 / 10 Adar I	6:00 pm
February 18 / 17 Adar I	6:06 pm
February 25 / 24 Adar I	6:13 pm

News from TKC President Alan Abrams



What We Must Do

The recent hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, was another nightmare come true for the American Jewish community and a shocking reminder of the current state of antisemitism in America. Just as when the target of a violent antisemitic attack was the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh or the Chabad of Poway synagogue in California, the Texas attack was an attack on all of us.

It was impossible for me to watch the event unfold without imagining it playing out in our kehillah and during our own Shabbat services. It was a painful reminder that the threat to the Jewish community in America remains at a significant and lethal level.

75+ years after the end of the *Shoah*, antisemitism is still being expressed publicly and violently, and classic antisemitic tropes are freely expressed. Although Jews are less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, the FBI reports that over 60 percent of all victims of anti-religious hate crimes last year targeted Jewish communities across the country. Assault, harassment, and vandalism against Jews remain at near-historic levels in the U.S., according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in its most recent *Audit of Antisemitic Incidents*: there were more than 2,100 reported antisemitic incidents at synagogues, Jewish community centers and Jewish schools in 2021, an increase of 12% over 2020 and 40% over 2019. This is the highest level of antisemitic incidents since ADL's tracking began in 1979, and included five fatalities directly linked to antisemitic violence and another 91 individuals targeted in physical assaults.

Unlike many other bigotries, antisemitism is not merely a social prejudice; it is a conspiracy theory about how the world operates. Apparently the Texas terrorist attacked the synagogue because he believed centuries-old antisemitic tropes that we Jews secretly control the moves of politicians, financial institutions and the media, and can manipulate world events to our advantage. After he pulled a gun on the Texas congregation, he demanded to speak to the Rabbi of New York's Central Synagogue, who he claimed could authorize the release of Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani woman serving an 86-year sentence in federal prison facility near the synagogue. He apparently was certain that the Jewish worshipers assembled for Shabbat could make that happen.

Following the Texas attack, news headlines reported that

Jewish institutions are on heightened alert. And yet, we know that the reality of being a Jew today is to be on heightened alert at all times, living with the ever-present knowledge that we may be at risk simply by being ourselves, by embracing our faith, and by being Jews.

The American Jewish Committee recently released a report titled *The State of Antisemitism in America* that further details the rise of antisemitism. Among the report's key findings:

- One in four American Jews say they have been targets of antisemitism in the last 12 months;
- Four in 10 American Jews have changed their behavior out of fear;
- Four out of 10 of all Americans have personally witnessed antisemitic incidents;
- 82% of American Jews say antisemitism has risen over the last five years, while only 44% of the general public believes that to be the case.

Nevertheless, although antisemitism may be at an all-time high in our country, I firmly believe that we cannot let fear rule our lives or dampen the joy of our Judaism!

Instead, what we can do - what we must do - is take measures to make sure that our kehillah is as secure as possible, and to ensure preparedness, to the best of our ability, in the event that the unthinkable happens.

It is important to note that the Texas hostages were not rescued by law enforcement; instead they successfully escaped. Congregation Beth Israel's heroic rabbi, Charlie Cytron-Walker, said following the horrible 11-hour hostage ordeal that the prior preparation, training and periodic drills at his synagogue enabled them to recognize how and when to escape, saving their lives. He said that without the prior instruction they received, they would not have been prepared to act and flee when the situation presented itself.

So in the aftermath of the Texas attack, I am reconvening TKC's special ad hoc security committee to evaluate the robust security systems and safety precautions we already have in place, to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary, to test our systems and review and update our emergency operations plans, and also to work with law enforcement officials, the ADL, the Jewish Federation, and other community resources to help us train and drill our clergy, staff, regular ushers, and others about how to recognize and respond to an urgent crisis.

No matter what, our kehillah must not live in fear. Instead we will be prepared and we will remain vigilant, while we continue to share in the incredible joy of being Jewish.

Alan Abrams

Sisterhood

Greetings from the Sisterhood and Happy New Year! We hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully 2022 will be a great year for everyone! There are upcoming opportunities to get together soon.

There will be a Sisterhood/Brotherhood/New Member Shabbat service on Friday, February 11th at 7:30 pm at TKC. We hope you can make it! It's a great way to be involved in our community and make friends.

The Sisterhood will be meeting for an outdoor dinner on Thursday, February 24th at 6:15 pm at PURE, which is across the street from Lucky's Burger & Brew. We hope you can join us for that, too!



We would like to host the Women's Seder on March 27th, with Shari Naman as our hostess. It is a fun event where mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends and family gather together for a special evening together. We will keep you posted if that can be confirmed as it gets closer to the date.



We would like to thank everyone for their support of TKC Sisterhood. We've had fun events and have enjoyed your friendship and wisdom. Judy and I will be stepping down as Co-Presidents of Sisterhood in May 2022, and we are actively searching for the next leaders of Sisterhood. Please feel free to contact us at tkcsisters@gmail.com with any suggestions or ideas.

Judy Singer and Debbie Lutchen
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



KLUB345

Klub345 will be meeting for youth lounge time immediately following religious school on



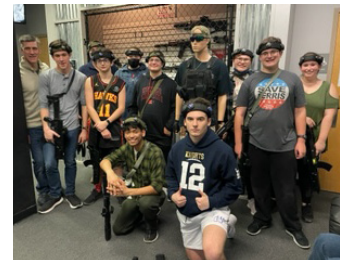
Sunday, February 27th. We will be making our own personal pizza lunch and planning our Mitzvah Day in March. Pick up time will be 2:00 pm. RSVP to Klub345@gmail.com by Friday at 5:00 pm if your child will be attending so that we can have enough supplies for all the participants.

JYG

Please come join us for a scavenger hunt around Canton Street and a chance to win fun prizes on Sunday, February 13th! Please arrive at TKC no later than 12:30 pm for a pizza lunch. Pick up will be back at TKC at 2:00 pm. The last day to RSVP is Monday, February 7th. The cost of the event is \$6/per person. Check your inbox for the details on RSVPing.

RAFTY

The Brotherhood and RAFTY had a blast at Whirly Ball and War Games on Saturday, January 8th.



Religious School Update

Spring semester has begun! We had a great first day of Religious School on Sunday, January 23rd as we celebrated Tu B'Shevat with our students. Our Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade students had a seder for Tu B'Shevat, where they enjoyed fruits, nuts, and juice to celebrate the New Year of the Trees. We also had a few special visitors – Robin Pressley with Animal Encounters brought a turtle, an alligator, a chinchilla, a macaw, an African hisser, and a Patagonian Mara to share with our students.



We also had a very successful community service project with Pleasant Hill Church. Thank you to Shari Naman for organizing and to everyone who donated food, socks, and gloves to the long-term stay families in Roswell. We are so grateful for your support and for this partnership with Pleasant Hill Church, which we hope to grow and see more opportunities for in the coming months and years.

Our last day of Religious School for January was our family education day for 6th grade. Our 6th graders and their families picked their Torah and Haftarah portions for their B'nai Mitzvahs which will kick off in August of this year! This class is currently our biggest class in the Religious School, and we are so excited to watch them hit this important milestone.

A few dates to save for February and March:

- Friday, February 4: Family Shabbat with Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade participation. Join us for spaghetti dinner at 6:15 pm before the service starts at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 1: Registration for the 2022-23 school year opens!
- Friday, March 4: Family Shabbat. Join us for pizza dinner at 6:15 pm before the service starts at 7:00 pm.
- Sunday, March 20: Purim Shpiel! Join us for a fun 50s themed shpiel and carnival to celebrate Purim.

Thank you again for your continued support of our religious school. We are looking forward to a busy, fun spring semester with lots of fun activities for our families and students and hopefully a return to normal very soon!

Michelle Erste


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Zaban Paradies
Center for Homeless Couples

TKC provides dinner to the Zaban Paradies Center on the fourth Sunday of each month when the shelter is open. This center helps couples work to having more solid relationships, jobs, and their own homes. We usually have two families work together to provide the food. Due to the pandemic, we are allowed to just drop off the meals. If you are interested in doing this mitzvah on March 27, 2022, please contact Shari Naman at namanshari@aol.com.

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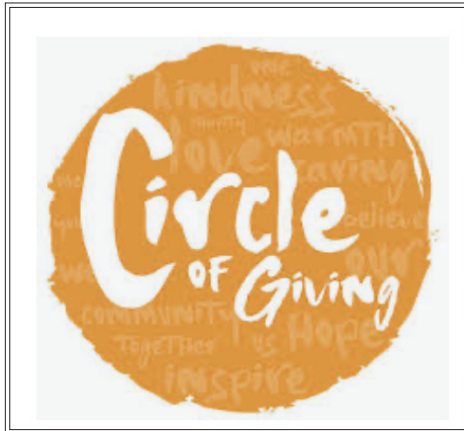
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	Norman Becker*	Randi Baill and Louise Becker
	Ida Meltzer	Robert & Roz Rosenberg
	Henry Dreffein	Scott & Lori Dreffin
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	Toni Landman	George & Rhonda Flynn
	Gertrude Bursky*	Barry Wolfert & Faith Hoople
	Sigmund Chernick	Jeff & Kathleen Amsterdam
FEB 11/12	Henry Klatz*	Gil & Marilyn Bartman
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Date	Loved One	Remembered By
FEB 18/19	Paul Feinsod*	Mackie & Barbara Brown
	Beverly Robin	Erik & Kimberly Laidhold
	Natalie Greenberg	Alex & Alissa Glatter
	Frieda Schwartz*	Bryan & Lyneve Hirsch
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