



CONGREGATION  
BETH TORAH

Wednesday, August 8th

- Blood Drive

Thursday, August 9th

- Rabbi's Lunch 'n' Learn

Friday, August 10th

- Outdoor Erev Shabbat Worship

Sunday, August 12th

- BTTY Royals Game
- Makom Ba'tu'ach (Safe Space)

Monday, August 13th

- Speak Up Golf Classic

Saturday, August 18th

- Siddur Safari

Sunday, August 26th

- Day of Discovery

Friday, August 31st

- "A Taste of the High Holy Days"

**Visit our website**  
for the complete  
Beth Torah  
August calendar

**Please note:**

Our office will be closed for the national holiday of Labor Day on Monday, September 3rd. We will reopen on Wednesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.

# Tekiah

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## A Note from Rabbi Javier Cattapan



### Chesed and the Limits of Forgiveness

Our ancient rabbis teach, "For transgressions that are between man and God the Day of Atonement effects atonement, but for transgressions that are between man and his fellow the Day of Atonement effects atonement only if he has appeased his fellow." (*Mishnah, Yoma 8:9*).

Their teaching is echoed in the liturgy of Yom Kippur. We are reminded that transgressions between individuals are not absolved by the rituals we perform at the synagogue, unless one is willing to make restitution of what we owe and beg the forgiveness of our neighbor. It is always up to the offender to take the first step towards teshuvah, repentance and return.

Following the Talmud, the great Medieval scholar, Moses Maimonides teaches that one is obliged to appease those whom we have offended and implore their forgiveness. Tradition prescribes that "If his neighbor refuses he should bring a committee of three friends to forgive him to implore and beg of him; if he still refuses he should bring a second, even a third committee, and if he remains obstinate, he may leave him to himself and pass on, for the transgression then rests upon him who refuses forgiveness." (*Maimonides, Hilchot Teshuvah, 2:10*).

It is clear that the onus of asking for forgiveness is placed on the transgressor, but I wonder what responsibility the offended party bears on someone else's process of teshuvah, repentance. If we all chose to remain obstinate and refuse to "play the game," the world that we may create is one where forgiveness between individu-

als is no longer possible; a world in which we may not want to live.

But are there any limits to forgiveness? When we put our trust on someone whom we love, and our trust is betrayed, is forgiveness the answer? Our tradition does not teach that we should simply forgive and forget. Rather, the process of *teshuvah*, which must include asking for forgiveness, is done in front of witnesses (three friends, three times). So, *teshuvah* is a public act that must lead to reconciliation, both in a family, in a community, and in a nation.

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## Blood Drive

Wednesday,  
August 8th

2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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The year 5778 has been a tumultuous year in our country as well as in Israel. Within the Jewish community alone, we have had profound disagreements: from the decision to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem to the moral implications of the violence at the Gaza border. On top of that, we have been awakened by #MeToo, and discouraged by the inhumane treatment of migrant families at our Southern border. We desperately need to find reconciliation in 5779, but how?

First, we must remember that it is a *mitzvah* to forgive and be part of the teshuvah process of those who have offended us, which in turn, requires that we maintain some relationship with them. It is not easy but we need to keep an open

dialogue with those on the other side of any debate. Only from a relationship can forgiveness flow.

And secondly, teshuvah requires a significant dose of *chesed*, compassion and care on our part. *Chesed*, not just patience, can help us understand others and find a way to forgive. When fear, hatred and bitterness remain strong, we must turn inward first, to find empathy and *chesed*. Given the historical or personal circumstances in which we may find ourselves, to ponder granting forgiveness or seeking it might not be our first inclination. With *chesed*, forgiveness and reconciliation are possible, and they are the only way toward healing a broken and divided family, community, and society.



Not to worry, as there are still numerous 30th Anniversary Pick-a-Party events! What is Pick-a-Party you say? A friendly, fun, fund-raiser available for Congregation Beth Torah members.

The variety of activities and creativity of our members who are hosting the Pick-a-Party events are amazing. You won't want to MISS OUT! So, go to the following link: [beth-torah.org/30th-anniversary-pickaparty](http://beth-torah.org/30th-anniversary-pickaparty) to sign up TODAY. You'll enjoy meeting congregational members, involving a fun activity and FOOD, and have the opportunity to donate to Congregation Beth Torah. All parties are underwritten by our fabulous hosts. As a party participant, a portion of your ticket price will be considered a donation to CBT.

### Here are some upcoming parties that you won't want to miss:

#### August 19th KC Zoo and You

Join your host Zach Zwibelman and the KC Zoo Educators and Ambassadors to learn about animal conservation and the animals you might meet at the zoo. Pizza and dessert will follow.

#### September 30th Sukkot Party Under the Stars

Enjoy a delicious Fall dinner prepared by your hosts Adrienne and Vic Applebaum and Susan and Joel Waxman. Adult beverages will be served, and the evening will also feature a themed speaker for all to learn from and enjoy!

# High Holy Day Worship Schedule 2018/5779

## Selichot

### Saturday, September 1st

Community Program held at Congregation Beth Torah

8:00 p.m.	Selichot Dessert Reception
8:45 p.m.	Havdalah
9:00 p.m.	Community Selichot Program
10:10 p.m.	Community Selichot Service

## Rosh Hashanah

### Sunday, September 9th

7:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
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### Monday, September 10th

9:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Family Experience
10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
12:45 p.m.	Teen Lunch and Learn
12:45 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Luncheon*
1:45 p.m.	Tashlich

\* Sponsored by the Senior Rabbi Discretionary Fund

## Yom Kippur

### Tuesday, September 18th

7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre Service
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### Wednesday, September 19th

9:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur Family Experience
10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
1:30 p.m.	Tikkun Service
2:15 p.m.	Yizkor Service
3:30 p.m.	Study Sessions
3:30 p.m.	Teen Study Session
4:30 p.m.	Mincha/Avodah Experience
6:00 p.m.	N'ilah Service*

\* Followed by Break the Fast in the *ulam* sponsored by the Ellenberg family

## Sukkot and Simchat Torah

(All events and services at Beth Torah except for Monday, October 1st)

Sunday, September 23rd, 6:30 p.m.	Erev Sukkot Service
Monday, September 24th, 9:00 a.m.	Study in the Sukkah
Sunday, September 30th, 6:30 p.m.	Erev Simchat Torah Service with <i>Hakafot</i>
Monday, October 1st, 10:30 a.m.	Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor*

\*This service will be held in coordination with The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, in their chapel:

12320 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS 66209





Missing President's Corner?  
It's coming back next month.  
Not missing it? Still coming back.

*In Memoriam:*

*Lenny Davis*

Loved one of Marlene Kahn

*Margaret Bender Smith*

Mother of Jenifer Blum and  
mother-in-law of Michael Blum

*Lt. Col. I.J. Harris*

Uncle of Marlene Kahn

*Blake Ephraim*

Congregation Beth Torah Member

*Mazel Tov to:*

Jeffrey and Cassidy Appelbaum on the occasion of their wedding on June 27th. The Beth Torah community celebrates with all of Jeffrey and Cassidy's family here: parents Jim and Gail Appelbaum, grandmother Elizabeth Appelbaum, uncle and aunt Reed and Sharon Hoffmann, and sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Jordan Thompson.

Emily Collins and Alexander Karmazin on their marriage

Robin and Rod O'Bryan on their new granddaughter, Jude Dean Boylan

**Kick-off a Year of  
Jewish Learning  
at the Day of Discovery**

**Sunday, August 26, 2018  
8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**at the Jewish Community Campus**

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. Watch your mail in early August for the Day of Discovery brochure or check online at [www.kcrabbis.org](http://www.kcrabbis.org) for a listing of classes and information related to the day.

Questions? Contact Annette Fish, Administrator/ Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com), 913-327-4622.

Watch for information about Day of Discovery Religious School Family Youth program, August 26th, 9:00 – 10:50 a.m., White Theatre, Jewish Community Campus.

*Torah Portion*

**August 3/4 | 23 Av**  
Ekev

**August 10/11 | 30 Av**  
Re'eh

**August 17/18 | 7 Elul**  
Shoftim

On August 18th the Torah will be read by Rabbi Mark Levin in honor of what would have been his father's 100th birthday

**August 24/25 | 14 Elul**  
Ki Tetze

**August 31/September 1 | 21 Elul**  
Ki Tavo

**MONDAY  
AUGUST 13TH  
2018**



**OAKWOOD  
COUNTRY  
CLUB**



## SCHEDULE

**11:00 a.m.**

Registration Opens

**11 a.m. – end of tournament**

Silent Auction

**11 a.m. – end of tournament**

Putting Contest

**11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

Lunch

**12:45 p.m.**

Orientation “Round Up”

**Post Golf**

Awards Ceremony & Light Meal

## SILENT AUCTION AND MORE:

- Hole Contests
- Putting Contest
- Team Prizes

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or call Sharon at the Beth Torah office, 913-498-2212.

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Or

\$10/\$20/\$25 gift cards for our silent auction (more than one is accepted!)

Call or email Sharon at 913-530-2447, [saltman@beth-torah.org](mailto:saltman@beth-torah.org)  
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Thank you in advance!

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Our Sages teach:

They must set up a building where they can come together to pray.

Such a place is called a *Beit K'neset*: a House of Assembly, a Synagogue.

And so we learn:

Wherever ten gather in prayer,

The Divine Presence is among them.

*Hineih mah tov*—how good it is to be together.

How good to gather as one people,

Before our God...

— *From Mishkan HaLev Prayers for S'lichot and the Month of Elul*

Rabbi Cattapan wrote in his article a while back how Beth Torah would be all together for the upcoming High Holy Days. No more early/late/contemporary/traditional... but one congregation, in our beautiful sanctuary, before God. I am so looking forward to that. But did you know that some other new items are coming your way for the upcoming High Holy Days? Here is a little preview of what to expect as we welcome 5779:

**The mailing and tickets:** The mailing piece you get in your physical mailbox will look different this year. Our dedicated, talented member, Laura Bolter, is designing a booklet that will have vital information, but most of the sign-up sheets that you are used to filling out and mailing back will be online, as well as the ability to pay for your extra tickets, babysitting and your Book of Remembrance submissions. Of course, you can always call us at the office and we can take care of any of the administrative pieces of the Holy Days right over the phone too. You can also check the website, and the booklet for information on parking, ticket requirements, and volunteer participation.

**The schedule:** Please be sure to check out the High Holy Day schedule at <https://beth-torah.org/hhdworshipschedule>. You can peruse it online or print a PDF to hang on your fridge. Some new items you will see on the schedule are: a Rosh Hashanah light lunch, the Yom Kippur Tikkun Service, the Study Sessions placement during Yom Kippur, the morning Family Experiences and our Sukkot morning Study in the Sukkah session.

**The High Holy Day Appeal:** Our President, Barry Katz, has been reminding the congregation to say “Yes” to Beth Torah for over a year now. This year, all of us together will have that opportunity during our first ever High Holy Day appeal. Our hope is that every member of the congregation will reach out in the spirit of hope, optimism and generosity and contribute to the greater good as we go forward as a community. The goal for participation numbers? 100% of course. Look for more information coming in your High Holy Day mailer and in our upcoming CBT E-News, our website and on our Facebook page. Keep your heart and your mind open as we enter the Days of Awe.

**The Sound:** Anyone who has spent any time in our sanctuary knows that what you hear depends on where you sit. The spiritual and beautiful music that our musicians produce and the words that our rabbis share are only as good as our sound delivery system. Thanks to a gift by the Shik family from the Paul and Doris Flam Donor Advised Fund, we have upgraded our sound system, achieving the goal of consistent and clear sound in the entirety of the room. Sit where you like and you will hear the nuances of the cello at Kol Nidre and the blast of shofar at Rosh Hashanah with the same clarity.

**Name Tags:** According to Dr. Ron Wolfson, the author of Relational Judaism, , “one of the most pervasive-incorrect-assumptions in Jewish organizations, especially synagogues, is that everyone knows everyone else’s name. This couldn’t not be further from the truth...” So, this year we will have prepared name tags for everyone available on a display when you walk in the door. Take yours if you would like when you come in and then leave it behind when you leave the building. Maybe there is someone you have seen every year at the Holy Days and you didn’t know their name. Maybe someone has seen you and didn’t know YOUR name. Name tags are an important way to connect. May 5779 be the beginning of new connections for us all.

So, that is what’s Nu. But what is a constant is meaningful worship, spiritual and beautiful music and community. YOUR Beth Torah community. The one People, in our sanctuary, that will be with you as, together, we return again and restore the light that is within us.

## Congratulations Beth Torah

**The Crescent Peace Society will be honoring Congregation Beth Torah at its upcoming Annual Eid Celebration & Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday, August 11th.**

Beth Torah will be recognized for our effort to partner with CPS and the Muslim community, to help spread learning and understand among people of all ages and backgrounds. The dinner will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Overland Park Marriott and will feature Keynote Speaker, Syria-American Poet Amal Kassir.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://goo.gl/itcPp4>.

Please let Laura Intfen know if you are going so that the Beth Torah contingency can all sit together.



## Religious School

Rabbi Monica Kleinman, Director of Lifelong Learning  
mkleinman@beth-torah.org

Shalom, Beth Torah families!  
I hope everyone is staying cool and collected during this summer heat! As you are reading this we're hard at work getting ready for next year's amazing programming! Here are some great things to look forward to in the coming months:

### **Makom Ba'tu'ach (Safe Space) – August 12th**

For the next in our series of women's programming, Emily and I are proud to present a *Makom Ba'tu'ach* (Safe Space) event at Beth Torah at 2:00 p.m. Come meet us at the well and continue the great conversation we started last time. Couldn't make it then? Join us anyway!

### **Siddur Safari – August 18th**

The last of our Siddur Safari sessions; have you ever wondered why someone lifts the Torah after it is read? Why some people kiss it with their *tzitzit* and others use a siddur? Where this whole idea came from? Join me at 10:30 a.m. for Shabbat

morning worship and find out! If you missed any of the previous sessions, the PowerPoint slides are available—just email me at mkleinman@beth-torah.org and I'll send them over!

### **Day of Discovery – August 26th**

Day of Discovery is for both families and adults! Families are invited to a rockin' concert with special guest Cantor Randy Herman (check out some of his music here: <https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/randyherman>). We'll sing old favorites and learn new tunes that we can use all throughout the year! Grown-ups are welcome to join my session, *Jonah—Prophecy, Paradox ... Maybe Both?* during the last part of the program. There are many other fantastic learning opportunities throughout the day, please try to take advantage of some of them!

Our first Sunday of the Weiner Religious School is September 16th, and our first Wednesday TAG session is September 26th. We have an amazing year in store with some old favorites, new endeavors, and Jewish friendships that will last a lifetime!

## BTTY News



Hello,

It's been a fun month for BTTY. The highlight was driving to St. Louis to go to the City Museum for a board retreat. Though not technically still a part of BTTY, this idea was Tess's brainchild, and we were lucky enough to have her join us.

It's fortunate we even got to go; we didn't think we'd be able to find a time that works for everyone's busy schedule. Also, Zach's grandparents were gracious enough to let us stay at their house, so we were able to keep the costs down significantly.

We had a great time in St. Louis! We drove on Friday, the 20th, had all day on Saturday to explore City Museum, and came back on Sunday. In case you're unaware, City Museum isn't a normal museum; the best way I can describe it is an adult playground. There are a bunch of caves and crevices to explore, planes suspended in the air that you get to by climbing through a wire tube, and a 10-story slide. That's not even scratching the surface. If you've never been there, I highly recommend it.

In addition to being a fun trip, retreats are also a time where we plan our events for the year. The big one that's coming up is the rush program in August. This is our big back-to-school event, and it's always tons of fun; this will be one that you sure don't want to miss! If you have a kiddo going into 6th grade or above, make sure to look out for further details via email and Facebook.

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Get ready for another great year at the Weiner Religious School!

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Pre-K to Fifth Grade  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**September 16th**  
is our first day!



**TAG**  
(Sixth to Tenth Grade)  
Wednesdays  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**September 26th**  
is our first day!




Register online!  
[beth-torah.org/register5779](http://beth-torah.org/register5779)

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We've got a fun year planned for BTTY! Most of our programs are centered around the same goal that our "Get a Clue" night was; we are trying to get the JYGers involved as much as possible to give them experience running programs. If you want more information on BTTY, programs, or anything else I can help you with, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [swfine42@gmail.com](mailto:swfine42@gmail.com). And of course, keep looking out for BTTY's future Tekiah articles so we can keep you informed of upcoming events.

Until next time,  
Sam

## Beth Torah Gift Shop

Are you still on vacation? Have you been to camp? While you have been gone, The Gift Shop at Congregation Beth Torah has been open and getting new items for all your needs. We have handmade knit kippot from a local artist. The knit kippot also can be made to order.

The Gift Shop has many ideas for our customers. Are you looking for a gift or something for yourself? We have a tallit sale—"Start your New Year with a New Tallit." All our tallit are 25% off from August 20th to September 17th.

Everyone needs a gift, a card or a new piece of Judaica. The Gift Shop at Congregation Beth Torah is asking you to help support our community by making at least 2 purchases during the next year. It is very important that we all work together in ways big and small.

Our gift shop hours are: Sunday (when religious school is in session) 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to noon. If these hours are not convenient, call for an appointment: 913-498-1474.

Are you able to volunteer your time and talents to the Gift Shop? The Gift Shop is always looking for friendly, customer service-oriented volunteers.

Thank you for being a Gift Shop Customer.

Remember our motto:

"Where Shopping Turns Into A Mitzvah"

– Kelly Kaplan

# 15th Annual Remembrance Walk

Sponsored by SASS-MoKan  
(Suicide Awareness Survivor Support)

Sunday, September 9th

Loose Park • 51st and Wornall

Registration at 8:00 a.m. | Walk at 9:00 a.m.

The walk is for anyone who has dealt with a loss from suicide, homicide, or other traumatic loss.

Registration is \$25 in advance on the website at <http://www.sass-mokan.com/Sass-walk> or \$30 the day of the event.

The walk includes a t-shirt and other items.

Included in the event is a name remembrance, dove release, song, and flowers.

All monies collected stay in the KC area to benefit suicide awareness and education.

Please contact  
[bonswade@gmail.com](mailto:bonswade@gmail.com)  
if you have questions.



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## CAMP SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT

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making your contribution to our  
Camp Scholarship Fund today.







## Music Program

Emily Tummons, Music Director  
emily@beth-torah.org

Here's a glimpse into some upcoming happenings in the music program:

### Bimah Teams

Here are the leadership teams for each of the Friday evening Shabbat services in the month of August.

Take special note of the final Shabbat on August 31st, when our robust High Holy Day Band will give us "A Taste of High Holy Days."

**August 3rd:** Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Carmen Dieker, Tim Intfen

**August 10th:** Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Randy Deutch, Tim Intfen, Emily Tummons

**August 17th:** Martha Gershun, Carmen Dieker, Tim Intfen, Emily Tummons

**August 24th:** Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Tim Intfen, Emily Tummons

**August 31st:** Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Randy Deutch, Brandon Draper, Carmen Dieker, Tim Intfen, Nanette Kraus, Emily Tummons ("A Taste of High Holy Days")

### The Mighty Chorus

Carmen and Nanette and I have had a blast rehearsing so far this summer with our High Holy Day Chorus.

Our Chorus is conducted by Carmen Dieker, and accompanied by Nanette Kraus. The group will rehearse on these remaining Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.:

- August 1st (working on Kol Nidre)
- August 15th (working on Erev Rosh HaShanah and N'ilah)
- August 22nd (working on Kol Nidre)
- August 29th (working on Selichot)
- September 5th (working on Erev Rosh HaShanah and N'ilah)
- September 12th (working on Kol Nidre)



### One Big Service for Kol Nidre, and More

Remember that this year there will be one single Kol Nidre service, held at 7:30 p.m. on September 18th, with everyone praying together. New this year, the musical approach to the historically Early Kol Nidre service (the instrumental textures of the High Holy Day Band) and the musical approach to the historically Late Kol Nidre service (choral music) will be woven together into one integrated whole.

Just like the Erev Rosh HaShanah service.

Many years ago, Beth Torah held two Erev Rosh Hashanah services, not just one. (We similarly held two Kol Nidre services, two Rosh HaShanah Morning services, etc.) The Early Erev Rosh Hashanah service was labeled "traditional," and used the *Gates of Repentance* prayer book, featuring choral music. The Late Erev Rosh Hashanah service was labeled "contemporary," and used the *Paths of Repentance* prayer book, with our normal guitar/bass instrumentation.

When Beth Torah made the decision to move to just one Erev Rosh Hashanah service, this became a combined, or blended, service.

Last year, the integration of our new *machzor*, one prayer book for all services, afforded us the opportunity to take a similar approach to the full integration of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning services as well. We invited our clergy and musicians to weave together *both* our traditionally beloved High Holy Day choral settings and that band vibe that is core to our Friday night Shabbat services.

The result was a weaving together of diverse musical styles within one seamless service. And we offered an "Early" version of that service and a "Late" version; duplicate services.

Now, this year, our Kol Nidre service will follow the same model of our historical Erev Rosh HaShanah,

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N'ilah, Rosh HaShanah Morning, and Yom Kippur Morning services. At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, September 18th, we will all come together as one big congregation to pray together, our High Holy Day Chorus and our High Holy Day Band joining their voices and their instruments in harmony.

### Save the Date

Here are a few music-related dates to jot down on your calendar:

#### Outdoor Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, August 10th, 6:30 p.m.

#### Makom BaTu'ach

(Safe Space for Women)

Sunday, August 12th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### First Shabbat of Elul

with lay leader Martha Gershun

Friday, August 17th, 6:30 p.m.

#### A Taste of the High Holy Days

featuring our High Holy Day Band

Friday, August 31st, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selichot Community Service

Saturday, September 1st, 10:10 p.m.



## Jewish Community Prepares for High Holy Days with Community-Wide Selichot Program and Service at Beth Torah

The community is invited to participate in a city-wide Selichot program and service on **Saturday, September 1st**, at Congregation Beth Torah. Selichot is an opportunity to examine one's deeds of the past year, directing one's heart and mind to the process of teshuvah (repentance), and seeking forgiveness. Some of the prayers and music found in the Selichot service are taken from the High Holy Day liturgy, thus providing a musical transition between the "old year" and the New Year. The evening will begin with a dessert reception at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by Havdalah at 8:45 p.m. At 9:00 p.m., Rabbis will lead sessions examining *The Limits of Forgiveness*.

The Selichot service begins at 10:10 p.m. and is designed to help worshipers begin to spiritually prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The service will be led by area clergy and musicians. For information, visit [www.kcrabbis.org](http://www.kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator, [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913-327-4622. The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City sponsors the Selichot program with generous support from The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City. Selichot services also take place at 11:00 p.m. at Kehilath Israel and at 1:10 a.m. at Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner.

### Singers Invited to Participate in Community-Wide Selichot Service

Want to be part of the Community Chorus at this year's community-wide Selichot service at 10:10 p.m. on Saturday, September 1st at Congregation Beth Torah? Soloists and singers for the chorus should be available for rehearsal on Wednesday, August 29th, 7:00–9:00 p.m. This chorus also meets early on the day of the service for sound checks and final run-throughs at 8:00 p.m., for as many singers as are available at that time. Please contact Emily Tummons, Music Director at Beth Torah, if you're interested in signing up: [emily@beth-torah.org](mailto:emily@beth-torah.org). The choir will be conducted by Lara Steinel, Music Director at Congregation Kol Ami.

## THANK YOU

for bringing a bag of food and/or paper products to donate EVERY time you enter the building.



# KC

## BTTY Royals Game

Come join the fun as we take a trip to Kauffman Stadium on August 12th to watch our hometown team take on our cross-state rival St. Louis Cardinals

**When:** Sunday, August 12th, meet at CBT at 11:30 a.m. to carpool  
First pitch starts at 1:15 p.m. | Pick up at CBT at 6:00 p.m.

**What:** Bring \$18 for your ticket, along with money for snacks (optional)

Please RSVP at [mkleinman@beth-torah.org](mailto:mkleinman@beth-torah.org)





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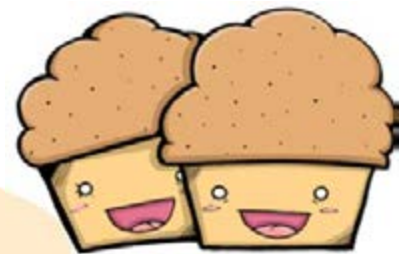
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### Judaism for Conversion Candidates

The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City will once again offer a community-wide course, "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" beginning August 23rd. 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 will be required to secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor by November 1st and meet the conversion requirements developed by their rabbinic sponsor.

Classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and the location will rotate among the synagogues. An orientation session is scheduled for August 16th, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. For additional information or to register for this course, visit [kcrabbis.org](http://kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913-327-4622.

Funding for this program is generously provided by the Menorah Heritage Foundation.

### August Learn Laugh & Love Program

Thursday, August 16th, the Learn Laugh & Love program will be "Let's Talk About Not Falling." The 1:00 p.m. program will be led by Sally N. Ellis Fletcher, a licensed practical nurse. Fletcher is a certified Fall Stop...Move Strong™ trainer. She currently serves as the Associate Dean for Students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies.

During this workshop, Fletcher will discuss concerns about falling, basic fall prevention and more.

While the program is free, reservations are requested by calling The Heritage Center reception desk at 913-327-8044.

### Grief Support Group to Begin August 15th

Jewish Family Services is hosting another Grief and Loss Support Group that begins August 15th, continuing for 10 sessions. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at the JCC. The support group is for

individuals grieving from the death of a spousal partner, significant other or close family member. The group, which is free, provides the opportunity to address issues of loss and grief within a Jewish spiritual context in a warm and confidential environment.

The group is co-facilitated by Rabbi Mark Levin and Laurie Schulte, MSW, JFS social worker. To register or for more information, please contact Schulte at 913-730-1457 or [lschulte@jfskc.org](mailto:lschulte@jfskc.org).

### Gathering For Spiritual Peace & Wellness Set for August 23rd in New Location

Join Jewish Community Chaplain Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Lara Steinel, Congregation Kol Ami's music director, and Lezlie Zucker, community song leader, at a new location in The Heritage Center of the Jewish Community Campus on Thursday, August 23rd for the Jewish Community Gathering for Spiritual Peace and Wholeness. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. This special service of comfort and renewal is sponsored by the Chaplaincy Program through Jewish Family Services to surround you with the comfort of music and the feeling of community in spiritual preparation of the High Holy Days. Please make reservations by calling the JFS office at 913-327-8250 or sending an email to [healing@jfskc.org](mailto:healing@jfskc.org)

### Career Skills & Connections Offers Free Coffee Club Every Monday

Join Career Skills & Connections (CSC) every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City Board Room for Coffee Club. The first hour, led by a Career Coach, includes an educational component on a job search related topic; the remaining time provides an opportunity for networking. The meetings on the fourth Monday of each month will be led by the Midwest Alliance for Mindfulness. Speakers will present topics relevant to job seekers and the emotional side of the job search. Monday morning Coffee Club is FREE and you need not be a client of CSC to attend. Light refreshments are served. For more information contact [CSCinfo@jfskc.org](mailto:CSCinfo@jfskc.org) or 913-730-1449.



Jewish Family Services, in partnership with the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, has teamed up with area congregations in response to the ever-growing need for food assistance in Kansas City. Our congregation has been asked to collect donations of **Granola/Fiber/Snack Bars and Toilet Paper** during the summer months of June, July and August. These items will be stocked in the JFS Food Pantry and will provide food for more than 200 households in our community.

Please drop off your food donations in the specially labeled collection barrels in our building. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Pakula at [jpakula@kc.rr.com](mailto:jpakula@kc.rr.com).