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Thursday, April 26, 2012 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Congregation Kol Ami

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and Guest Artists*

*Cantors Jonathan Grant and Kerith Spencer-Shapiro
with a musical ensemble directed by Cantor Jonathan Comisar*

Please go to nykolami.org to download your reservation form.



Synaplex

Friday, April 20th

Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection Matters

An Evening with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

An observant Jew, Dr. Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies
at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

See pages 16 and 17 for more details

Friday, May 4th

The People v. the King

King David on Trial for Rape and Murder. See page 18 for more details.

SERVICES

Friday, April 6

PASSOVER, FIRST SEDER
NO EVENING SERVICES

Saturday, April 7

PASSOVER, DAY 1
SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am

Coffee and community

9:30 am

Study

11:00 am

SERVICE

PASSOVER FIRST DAY SERVICE

6:00 pm

MEN'S COUNCIL SECOND SEDER

Friday, April 13

PASSOVER, DAY 7

10:00 am

PASSOVER, DAY 7 & YIZKOR SERVICE
in Chapel

5:30 pm

SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:10 pm

TEFILLAH TEAM (K-3) Service in Chapel

6:15 pm

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

in Main Sanctuary

Saturday, April 14

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am

Coffee and community

9:30 am

Study

11:00 am

SERVICE

Wednesday, April 18

EREV YOM HASHOAH

7:00 pm

YOM HASHOAH SERVICE, led by 8th Grade

Friday, April 20

SYNAPLEX

5:30 pm

SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:10 pm

TEFILLAH TEAM (K-3) Service in Chapel

6:15 pm

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

in Main Sanctuary

Saturday, April 21

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am

Coffee and community

9:30 am

Study

11:00 am

SERVICE

10:30 am

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

B'not Mitzvah of Lily Sherwood and

Maya Cohen in Sanctuary

5:30 pm

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Lichtblau in Chapel

Friday, April 27

SECOND GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT

5:30 pm

SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:10 pm

TEFILLAH TEAM (K-3) Service in Chapel

6:15 pm

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

in Main Sanctuary

7:40 pm

Learner's Minyan class

Saturday, April 28

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am

Coffee and community

9:30 am

Study

11:00 am

SERVICE

10:30 am

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Caione in Sanctuary

5:30 pm

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Scherr in Sanctuary

Friday, May 4

SYNAPLEX: TRIAL OF KING DAVID

5:30 pm

SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:10 pm

TEFILLAH TEAM (K-3) Service in Chapel

6:15 pm

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

in Main Sanctuary

7:40 pm

Learner's Minyan class

Saturday, May 5

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am

Coffee and community

9:30 am

Study

11:00 am

SERVICE

5:30 pm

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

B'not Mitzvah of Danielle Okun and

Samantha Tomkiewicz in Sanctuary

With wishes for a Passover of joys from your Kol Ami Family

Passover Services

On Friday, 4/6, First Seder:

There will be no evening services

Yahrzeit names will be read at the Saturday service only.

On Saturday, 4/7:

Shabbat Morning Service and Passover Service will be held in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods at 11:00 am.

On Friday, 4/13:

Seventh Day Passover Service and Yizkor Service will be held at 10:00 am in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods.

There will be regular evening services

Weekly Torah Portions for April

Week ending April 7, 2012

Parashat Bo Exodus 12:21-51

This chapter is re-read during Passover as it relates the story of the final plague and the Exodus from Egypt. It includes God's instructions to the Israelite people regarding the laws of the Passover offering and the commandment to "observe this as an institution for all time."

Week ending April 14, 2012

Parashat Shemini Leviticus 9:1-10:20

Shemini refers to the eighth (shemini) day of the ordination ritual. The priestly ordination of Aaron and his sons is described. A fire from God consumes Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, when they offer "alien fire" to God on their own initiative.

Week ending April 21, 2012

Parashat Shemini Leviticus 11:1-11:47

In this segment of *Shemini*, the dietary laws concerning which animals are fit and which are unfit for consumption are described. The *parasha* concludes with a rationale for being holy and distinguishing between the impure and the pure.

Week ending April 28, 2012

Parashat Tazria-Metzora Leviticus 12:1-15:33

This double *parasha* is concerned with various types of unclean conditions. *Tazria* begins with a discussion of defilement and purification following childbirth, and continues with a discussion of *tzara-at*, which denotes a variety of skin rashes and blemishes. *Metzora* contains descriptions of other forms of uncleanness, which are thought to refer to various molds or mildews that could discolor surfaces of fabric or stone, and the laws concerning the purification of clothing and houses.



This Passover, take action for the millions of men, women and children who suffer from hunger every night.

Passover is a magical time when we gather with family and friends to retell the story of our people's freedom from bondage. We read from a prayer book, perform rituals that are thousands of years old, and eat. We eat A LOT. Many of us eat far more than we should, but the food is so delicious, it's nearly impossible to resist. Unfortunately, not everyone is lucky enough to have that luxury.

Hunger in America is at an epidemic level, despite how it might seem at first glance. 50 million Americans – including 17 million children – struggle with hunger every day. One out of every six people in this country can't be sure

when or if they'll have their next meal. Hungry people live in every community in the country and come in all colors, shapes and sizes. They wrestle with impossible choices no one should have to make: buy my daughter's asthma medication or feed my family? Whose turn is it to eat: the children or the adults? It breaks our hearts – it should break yours.

There is another way – an end to hunger is within our reach. Early in the seder we say, "All who are hungry, let them enter and eat." More than an invitation to join us at the dinner table, we at Mazon see these words as a rallying cry – a call to do more to help those who so des-

perately need it; to fight for responsible government policies that promote the health and security of everyone in our nation; to provide access to resources that allow people to pick themselves up and build (or rebuild) their lives; to give every man, woman and child a chance not only to live their lives, but to thrive.

Join us in asking a Fifth Question at your Seder: Why on this night are millions of people still going hungry?

Shira

For more information please go to www.mazon.org/get-involved/communities-and-synagogues/passover-2012/.

Ritual Riches: Reform Jews and Divorce

The answer to a commonly asked question: Yes, there is a Reform document and ceremony for divorce; but no, it is not the traditional Get required in the more orthodox Jewish world. The historical document of divorce mandated in the orthodox Jewish communities are a central element of the legal process of divorce. But due to the extremely misogynistic aspects of traditional divorce, the Reform Movement long ago stopped requiring the Get and instead accepts the documentation of civil divorce as all that is required for person to remarry.

Unfortunately, there is potentially a very complicated reality for the Jew who does not obtain a traditional Get, and then later seeks to marry within the orthodox world. If that is your situation, then I would strongly recommend that you sit with one of our rabbis and work that through, to avoid getting all caught up in that "potentially complicated reality".

But for our purposes here, I want to share with you the existence of the very powerful "Document of Separation and Release" that we have in the Reform Movement. Still recognizing that the civil, legal issue divorce is fully recognized by our Movement, we are also well aware that there remain powerful emotional and spiritual issues when a marriage comes to an end. The simple ceremony of signing The Document of Separation and Release can play a great role in the closure needed to begin moving forward in your life. We recognize that there are elements of two people ending a marriage that are beyond the legal and financial settlements of civil divorce.

During the ceremony, the Rabbi may say, "What existed between you, both the good and the bad, is ingrained in your memories. We pray that the good that once existed between you may encourage you to treat each other with respect and trust, and to refrain

from acts of hostility. And may the love that you have for your children, and the love that they have for you, increase with years and understanding." (Rabbi Simeon Maslin)

Is this ceremony appropriate or realistic for everyone? Perhaps not. But for those who would find any bit of comfort, closure or healing from this ceremony of release, please know that we are here for you, and would be available to share your thoughts and questions at any time. Just stop us in the hall, call or come by the Rabbis' Study.

Ritual Riches is a monthly column written by members of the Worship Committee. We hope you find these articles interesting and informative.

From the Religious School Principal



What a day we had on Wednesday, March 14! Feeling inspired by the incredible weather and anticipating how our students would feel, we decided to bust out of the traditional walls of our class-

rooms and immerse our 4th and 5th graders in being outside. Being outside? At Religious School? What could you possibly learn outside that has to do with Religious School? Well, we took the challenge to do just that and I think a good time was had by all.

It was definitely not a normal day in our school. Here's the low down:

4:00pm: Our students entered the Sanctuary, expecting the usual *T'filah*, and they were greeted by Moses, playing the guitar. (Okay, it was Rabbi Shira and she plays an awesome and convincing Moses!) By 4:10pm, we had moved everyone outside to the area just in front of the main entrance.

4:30pm: Our 4th and 5th graders were broken up randomly into the 12 Tribes of Israel, each with a standard to carry. Two Tribes were paired with a teacher who then moved the



students through 6 stations, each themed and constructed around Pesach learning. The energy of moving from station to station was created to be frenzied and frantic, as Tribes sometimes did not have time to complete a task. We wanted them to feel what it was like to not have enough time...students only had 8 minutes at each task! Here's what each station did...

- **Learning the Four Questions**

Tribes learned and practiced the 4 Questions in Hebrew, discussed the meaning of the words and had a chanting competition

- **What to Bring to the Promised Land**

Tribes reviewed a number of items and together had to determine the 5 most crucial things to pack. One tribe member was then responsible for carrying the "pack" through the rest of the stations. Otherwise, they wouldn't make it through the Sea of Reeds!

- **A Taste of Slavery**

In each tribe, one student was appointed Pharaoh, the task master. In a limited amount of time, tribes had to gather sticks and construct a pyramid using all materials gathered. Once all materials were used, the task was stopped. The tallest and biggest pyramid was declared the winner!

- **Miriam's Motivation Station**

Using clues on their standard, tribes had to write a motivational cheer to keep their tribe going through hard times.

- **Hide from the "Angel of Death"**

In the woods, tribe members had to make sure they could not be seen by the Angel of Death by camouflaging themselves right nearby!

- **The Art of the Four Children**

After a text study together, tribes created visual depictions of the Four Children: the Wise, the Wicked, the Innocent and the Child Who Cannot Ask. These beautiful drawings were displayed in the trees.



We used almost the entirety of Kol Ami's outdoor space, from the grass lawn at the front to the trails in the back. Everything concluded with Tribes presenting their tribal cheers and 90 students bursting through the Sea of Reeds!

We hope our students brought home the excitement and shared the learning that took place. As we have more beautiful spring days, I'm hopeful we will continue to be creative in our approach to teaching our students. Making Jewish learning fun is our best way to make it meaningful for our kids.

Please join the conversation online! The Religious School is now on twitter. You can follow us @KolAmiRS. If you have any trouble finding us, please contact us in the school office or email us at school@nykola-mi.org!

Wishing everyone a meaningful and joyous Pesach!

Felice

Junior Youth Group Silent Auction

The Junior Youth Group (grades 7 & 8) of Congregation Kol Ami will be having a silent auction during the upcoming Synaplex on Friday, May 4. The proceeds of this benefit will go to funding Kol Ami's own Social Action Committee and all of their charitable work.

As of now, we are in need of donations for our auction, and we would be extremely grateful if you could donate any new items and/or services. For example, if you are a health trainer, you could donate one free

hour of health tips and guidance. We will also take items of value that are unwanted. Thank you very much for your time and we would greatly appreciate your donations!

If you have any questions about what to donate or anything about the auction, please contact us. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have:

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Max Kratzok and Jenny Moss
Project Managers, Kol Ami Social Action Committee Fundraiser

From Our Director of Membership and Development

As always there are many wonderful happenings at Kol Ami!

As I am sure you are aware, our annual fund raiser will be on April 26th. Cantor Mo will be joined by Cantor Jonathan Grant and Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro in presenting *Life is A CaberNet*. It should be a fabulous evening and the proceeds will be used to close the gap between monies raised and monies needed to keep Kol Ami fiscally healthy. I hope that you understand that we are an open community. By that I mean it is our policy is to be inclusive and not to turn away anyone who wants to be a member or send their children to our religious school. The reality is that, even though the staff and lay leaders work very hard to be fiscally responsible, our dues do not cover all of the costs of running the temple. And so this "fun raiser" is Kol Ami's way of raising additional funds. I hope you will join us.

On Saturday, April 21st, Rabbi Tom Weiner will be hosting *Havdallah* and a potluck dinner at his home for all of this year's new members. All new members are welcome to

attend. E-vites were sent to everyone. If you have questions, please let me know.

The next *Shabbat Dinner with Friends* is on Friday, April 27th at the home Kol Ami's friend and congregant Rabbi Edie Mencher. There is still room at this Shabbat dinner, so if you're interested in attending, please let me know.

As I write this, the Capital Campaign is continuing at a wonderful pace. We have raised nearly 3.8 million dollars from over 180 members of our community! It is our hope that everyone will give to the effort as this is a community project and it belongs to every family in the congregation. We will be celebrating the beginning of the re-creation of the Sanctuary with a very special Shabbat service and oneg on Friday, May 11th. Jean Rouda will be working with us to create a book of memories relating to the sanctuary. If you wish to share a memory, a thought, a drawing, please stop by the office and pick up a special sheet of paper for the book and return it to us by May 1st.

Finally, please note that we will be hosting our *Annual Open House* for prospective members on Sunday, May 6th at 9:30 am. It would be wonderful if you would invite your unaffiliated friends and neighbors to come to meet Rabbi Milgrom, Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Glazman as well as our school principals, Felice Miller Baritz and Nan Blank, and our Executive Director, Jane Friedberg.



School will be in full swing as our 6th graders and their parents will be working on their family history museum project. There will be a complete morning of activities for our visitors to observe. A light breakfast will be served and childcare is available for all.

I am always reachable so if you have any questions, comments or concerns – please let me know! Wishing you a sweet and meaningful Pesach!

Janet



Rabbi Weiner met with our Boston college students on March 4th: David Candell, Josh Seiden, Matthew Lee, Mitchell Mosk, Sydney Stracher, Katie Stuntz, Maddie Bohrer, and Lucy Abrams

From The Director of The Early Childhood Program

We've taken off our costumes and put away our groggers. We've packed away all of our Purim Carnival games and prizes and we have taste-tested every Hamantaschen recipe this side of the Mississippi! We celebrated Purim, we're very proud to say, with great enthusiasm!

Spring has officially arrived at the nursery school. It's on everyone's face and in everyone's step. The children have literally blossomed over the winter months and it shows in every part of our Early Childhood Program, from their artwork to the games

they are playing to the activities they are engaging in and in the friendships they are forming. Spring is here and the warmth and sunshine of April is a welcome reminder that if spring is here, summer can't be far behind!

We ended March with our bi-annual Early Childhood Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children. Beth and Scott and Friends were here to entertain us and it was a wonderful evening from start to finish! If you missed it, we hope you'll put us on your calendar for next year.

We will begin the month of April with our family model seders to mark the holiday and end with our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration always a favorite holiday event here at the Early Childhood Program.



Next time you're at Temple, please don't forget to stop by!

Nan



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

Registration for 2012-2013 Now Open

First Friends: A Toddler Program

2, 3, 4 and 5-Day 2's • 3, 4, and 5-Day 3's • Morning 4's

Full & Half-Day 4's • Extended Day Program for 3's & 4's

A Step Ahead! Our Pre-K program for children turning 5 from September through December
Call for an appointment and tour today • Nan Blank, Director, at Ext. 107



The Early Childhood Program Invites You To

An Evening with Julie Ross, MA

Family Therapist, Author, Educator and Expert in Early Childhood Development

Building Self Esteem from Toddlers to Teens: A Parent's Encouragement

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

7:00–8:30 pm

Congregation Kol Ami

252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains

Everyone in the community is always welcome!

Sun and Fun

June 25th – August 3rd

Congregation Kol Ami's Summer Session

Are dreams of warm summer days beginning to come to mind?
Include the ECP at Kol Ami in your summer plans; we have just the right program for your child!
Here are just a few of the reasons why:



Summer Fun for Incoming 2's

Staffed by our fabulous ECP 2's Staff

- This program is a perfect segue for children entering our (or another) 2's program in September
- Our mornings include crafts, playtime, outdoor water play, music, and snack

This is a non-separated program. All children attending must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver

Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-11:00

June 25th-August 3rd \$700.00



Look at Me I'm 3!

Staffed by our fabulous ECP 3's and 4's Staff

- This program boasts a wonderful fun-filled morning for children entering our (or another) 3's program in September
- Our mornings include, playtime, outdoor play, water play, snack, and Shabbat
- Daily specialists with instruction in Art, Drama, Music, Nature, and Soccer

Monday-Friday from 9:00-12:00

June 25th-August 3rd \$1875

Join us – we know you'll be glad that you did!

Applications and additional information available by calling Nan Blank at 949-4717x107.

From Our Co-Presidents:

Photo by Mariela Melamed



It truly takes a community. In preparing for weekly announcements during Kabbalat Shabbat Services, our Executive Committee members frequently marvel over the sheer number and diversity of programs and events occurring at Kol Ami.

To keep up with everything that is going on, we encourage all of our congregants to review *The Connection* (printed copies are always available for those desiring a hard copy); *This Week at Kol Ami*; our website; our Facebook page; or to simply speak with our lay leaders, clergy, professional staff and other congregants. There are lots of ways to stay connected and there is really something for everyone. Sometimes the most difficult part is to just try something, take the first step and give it a shot.

Having recently completed *Shabbat Across Kol Ami*, where congregants enjoyed a

relaxed Shabbat dinner while getting to know new friends and strengthening ties with existing friends, to rave reviews, we want to briefly underscore a few more upcoming community building events.

Second Night Seder sponsored by KABRO (formerly Men's Council), our recently reimagined brotherhood. It is a great opportunity to experience a creative Reform Seder, eat a wonderful Passover dinner, and enjoy what will surely be a memorable community evening. Please be sure to reserve no later than April 3rd.

The second is our annual spring fundraiser, "*Life is a Cabernet*", which is being described as a "rich and full-bodied evening of fine wines, live music and bistro fare", on April 26th at 7pm. Events such as this enable Kol Ami to support the wide array of programs of which we are so proud and which are open to our entire congregation and community.

Last, but in no way least, is a special Shabbat service on the evening of May 11th to celebrate the kickoff of the construction phase of our L'Dor Va'Dor campaign. So many congregants have worked so hard and given so generously to make the L'Dor Va'Dor dream a reality that will benefit many generations of Kol Ami members and their families. There will be a ceremonial removal of the Torah scrolls from the sanctuary until their grand re-entrance at the conclusion of the construction work. The service will be followed by a community oneg. Please join us if you can as it will be a truly historic evening in the life of Kol Ami.

Stay connected through one or more of our many paths to community involvement. We are confident that you will find a place that is both meaningful and fun.

Wishing you a joyous Passover with family, loved ones and friends,

Ronnie and Mark

5 Synagogues of White Plains Israel Action Committee in Collaboration with Israel Bonds

invite you to an evening with

**Ambassador Yehuda Avner, Advisor to five Israeli Prime Ministers
and author of *The Prime Ministers*, Amazon #1 Bestseller**

Thursday, May 10, 2012 • 8:15pm

Temple Israel Center of White Plains, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY

FREE ADMISSION

Ambassador Yehuda Avner is a former Israeli diplomat and prime ministerial advisor. He fought in the 1948 War of Independence and was among the founders of Kibbutz Lavi in the Galilee. He served in diplomatic positions at the Israeli Consulate in New York and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC, and as Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Ireland and Australia. Ambassador Avner also served as speechwriter and secretary to Israeli Prime Ministers Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, and adviser to Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin and Shimon Peres.

For further information, contact israelactioncom5synofwhiteplains@yahoo.com or call 914-310-2293

For information on Israel Bonds, CONTACT CYNTHIA BLUSTEIN cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com 1-800-720-4743



Mark Your Calendar – Kol Ami Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM

at Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, 295 Soundview Avenue (around the corner from Kol Ami)

Please make sure there will be blood available when someone needs it. YOU can save lives. Give the GIFT OF LIFE. There is no substitute for blood. There is only one source—us! Money and insurance are useless if the right blood type is unavailable in an emergency. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh 110 pounds. People over 75 can continue to donate blood if they meet all donor criteria and present a physician's letter allowing them to donate. There are, however, some medical conditions that can keep someone from giving blood and some restrictions based on past travel. If you have specific questions about your donor eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900 or log on to www.nybloodcenter.org and click on Donate Blood. Or for information call David Klein, Blood Drive Chair, at 761-7659.

"For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14

"Whoever saves a life, as if saves an entire world." Mishna Sanhedrin 4:5

The Kids Got It! A Look Back at Jewish Disability Awareness Month

Well it was a success! In honor of February Jewish Disability Awareness Month, the inclusion committee ran three programs for various age groups. In the Early Childhood Program, "The Kids on the Block" puppet show was arranged through the Westchester Disability Office and was well received. Puppets and puppeteers with disabilities performed for our children. After the puppet show the kids had the opportunity to ask questions about how people live with a disability. They asked and learned about how someone who is blind tells time (by having a talking watch) and how a seeing eye dog is trained to work (when dogs wears a harness with a handle, they learn they are working and are trained not to get distracted). The kids even had the opportunity to pet the guide dog! One puppeteer, Scott, who uses a wheelchair, explained that he likes to swim, play baseball and that he has a lift to get him into his car to drive. We also sent out resources to parents about how to speak to kids about disabilities. Please check out some tips about talking to kids about disabilities below and see the pictures from the show.



The high school program with our Yad B'Yad kids was an exciting and eye opening experience for us all. A couple of amazing Yad B'Yad teens spoke and answered questions from the general body of our high schoolers. They spoke about their life experiences and it was easily noticed by all that teens with disabilities share many similarities with "typical" teens. They experience frustrations, good days, bad days, can get bullied and feel happiest when they are around friends that support them. Following the presentation and panel discussion, we broke up into small groups and had very insightful conversations and sharing. When both groups of teens were asked at what age children should begin to learn about disabilities, the general consensus was "as young as possible"! By the end of the evening everyone questioned why there are not more programs at Kol Ami that allow all our teens to experience our programs as a united community. There was no question this program was a huge success! We look forward to exploring



additional programs to get ALL our teens together more often. We also hope to present this program at the middle school level in the near future.

For the adult population, we distributed emergency preparedness packages during Shabbat services. The package allows emergency responders to access vital information in an organized format that hangs on the person's door. If you would like more information about this or to get a copy, please contact Gene Kava.

As a committee, we look forward to planning year-round disability awareness programs and programs that include all congregants despite our varying abilities!

Tips for Speaking to Kids about Disabilities:

Kids may not notice people with disabilities, such as a person in a wheelchair, until around the age of 4, but at this time they may start to stare or blurt out questions. Your reaction may impact what your child thinks about and how they treat people with disabilities for years from that moment. Below are some tips on how to be prepared.

Watch for an opening – when your child notices someone with a difference or disability, take the opportunity to acknowledge the differences and start a conversation. Explain how we are all different (hair, eyes, height) and then explain what you know about the person. For example, "he is using sign language because he cannot hear". Try to foster an attitude of inclusion and not otherness.



Answer questions directly – you don't need a long, drawn-out answer but go right to the point. For example: "he is probably using a wheelchair because he is having a problem walking."

Watch your choice of words – try to use people first language. For example, say "a person with a disability" not a "disabled person". When you interact with someone with a disability, try not to avoid the person or to tell your child "don't stare". That may make your child feel as if they can't ask questions or there is something to be scared of.

Emphasize what is the same – point out the similarities to your kid. For example, he has the same color eyes and he likes to play with his friends. If your child likes sports, you can use Youtube to show how their favorite sport can be played in a modified way. Having social interactions can help the kids to realize the similarities on their own.



Offer reassurance – sometimes kids are concerned that they will "catch" the disability. In privacy, explain to them that it doesn't happen that way.

Teach respect – if you hear language or teasing, explain how the words can be hurtful to people.

Reflect on your own thoughts and assumptions. This may give you insight into how you want your child to be the same as you or different depending on your comfort level.

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or suggestions you may have.

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The Inclusion Committee

Nominations for 2012 – 2013 Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Officers To Be Elected (For a one-year term expiring in 2013)

Co-President	Ronnie Cohn Farley
Co-President	Mark Seiden
Secretary	Eugene Kava
Treasurer	Lori Okun

(For a three-year term expiring in 2015) Jessica Lorden

Continuing Vice Presidents

Margie Lewis*	term expiring 6/30/14
Hank Rouda	term expiring 6/30/13

*(filling Lori Okun's unexpired term expiring 6/30/14)

Auxiliary Representative Trustees

Men's Council	Women of Reform Judaism
TBA	TBA

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	Scott Musoff

* Returning Trustee

(To fill an unexpired term expiring in 2014) Gerri Sommers

(To fill an unexpired term expiring in 2013) Laura Green Elizabeth Ward

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Term Expiring 2013

Ronnie Cohn Farley	Lori Okun
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Lori Abrams	Amy Mauer-Litos
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Laura Barzilai	George Lusk
Leslie Heineman	Debbi Marcus*
Martin Kahn	Edward Nerenberg

*replaced David Okun from original committee due to wife's nomination

*Please join us
at the Annual
Meeting of the
Congregation
Tues., May 8, 2012
at 8 pm.*

*Watch the mail for
further details.*

Congregation Kol Ami Article VII Nominations

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed each year by the President with the consent of the Board of Trustees at its November meeting. The committee shall consist of nine Members; at least five members shall not be present Trustees.

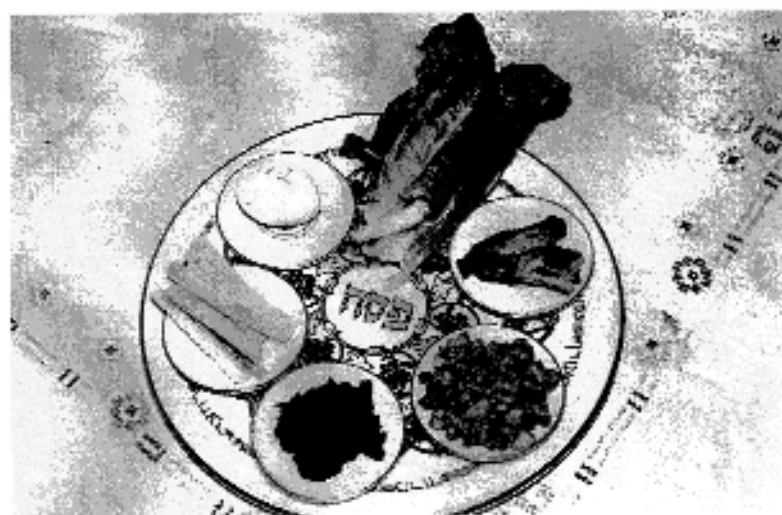
Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of prospective Trustees and Officers to be voted on by the Congregation at its next annual meeting. The slate shall be presented to the Secretary for publication in the April issue of *The Connection*. No member of the Nominating Committee or any member of his or her family unit may be nominated to be a Trustee or Officer.

Section 3. At least 75 days prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall hold at least one meeting open to the Congregation. Notice of the time and place of the open meeting will be published in *The Connection* or will be mailed to each Member by first class mail not less than 10 days before the open meeting date.

Section 4. Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least 25 Members, and delivered to the chair of the Nominating Committee or any Officer of the Congregation at least 20 days before the annual meeting of the Congregation. In the event of additional nominations, a list of all nominees will be sent by first class mail to each Member at least 10 days before the annual meeting.

Second Night Seder

Hosted by KABRO



for the whole
**Kol Ami
Family**

Saturday April 7

Join us and bring your entire family. Participate in the tradition that has been passed on by Jews from generation to generation – for thousands of years. The service begins at 6:00, followed by a full traditional Seder dinner at about 7:00.

Adults - \$25. Children living with their parents - FREE.

Bring your children and grandchildren. They play a special part in the Seder. We explain our history, tell the story of freedom, and teach them lessons to teach to their own children. KABRO, Men's Council subsidizes the dinner so children are free. Return the coupon to our mailbox in the office with a check payable to Men's Council to reserve your spot by April 3 - We're cooking this meal ourselves, so space is limited.

We also need volunteers. Please sign up on the coupon.

Names: Adults _____ Children: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$25 per adult) _____ Email/phone: _____

We would like to volunteer to help with:

- ☐ Cooking on Saturday 4/7
- ☐ Reading from the Haggadah or participating in the Seder
- ☐ Our children would like to participate in the Seder

Meet Our Members



ELLEN AND JONATHAN FLAKS

Ellen and Jonathan Flaks live in Dobbs Ferry with their two sons, Nathan and Ray, and dog Dustin. Jonathan is an executive coach and Ellen is a creative drama specialist. Nate is a sophomore at Dobbs Ferry High School and Ray is in the seventh grade at Dobbs Ferry Middle School. Ellen's family belonged to the JCC and Ellen and Jonathan were married in the Chapel in the Woods in August 1991. Ellen began directing the Kol Ami Children's Drama Club about nine years ago and Ellen and Jonathan joined the temple a year later.

Ellen, tell us about your careers.

"Jonathan maintains a Master Certified Coach distinction and works with entrepreneurs and small business owners as a speaker and a facilitator setting goals and team building. He has authored two works – *Income Double-Half the Trouble* and *Who Are You, Inc., - Bring Out Your Best In Business*. He earned a dual degree from Cornell University and was Adjunct Professor in Business Leadership and Coaching Skills for New York University. His web site is JFCOACH.COM.

"The name of my web site, YOU-ARE-THE-STAR.COM, says a lot about my work. As both a teacher and director, I encourage my students to explore their creativity and stretch their 'imagination muscles.' I have worked with students, ages 3 to 103, in schools, summer camps, senior centers, churches, synagogues, corporations and community centers. I also provide Creative Drama parties for children. One of many rewarding current jobs is that of company manager of a touring musical about bullying that is performed by kids for kids." I am also a performer and am excited to be in and be directing this year's Purim Spiel.

Can you tell us about your family?

"Jonathan and I knew each other at Scarsdale High School. We met again by accident many years later in Manhattan and began dating. The rest is history. Jonathan is an avid sailor and loves to participate in sailing races. He plays keyboards and is in a classic rock band called *Kick Start Charlie*. Nate plays keyboard, composes music, has scored for student films, has

played gigs ranging from Barnes and Noble to the Yippee Café on Bleeker Street. Ray does karate and is in a program called *Destination Imagination*. They do improv performances in response to presented problems. Ray is also on the tech crew at school."

Is your family at Kol Ami often? "

Yes. Ray is in Hebrew School and will become Bar Mitzvah in October. Nate is in the Confirmation class this year. I just finished directing and performing in the Purim Spiel for the fourth time and this was my ninth year directing our Children's Drama Club. They just performed, "You're A Real Mensch, Charlie Brown" on March 24th and 25th. I recently joined the adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class and Jonathan joined KABRO. I'm also teaching an improvisational theater elective to our Yad b'Yad special needs teens. And when there's time, we take voice lessons with our amazing Cantor, Mo!"

What advice can you give to newer congregants?

There are a million ways to get involved as part of our community as well as religiously, but you don't have to do it all to feel connected – just choose what feels right to you and go from there. There is something going on at every age group. We all found connections here. The staff makes everyone feel welcome and Rabbi Tom has a great way with teenagers. Your kids are most welcome to join the Drama Club.



JOSHUA RAFF AND KERRY BLINDER

Among our very new members are Joshua Raff and Kerry Blinder, who joined us in September. New to our Religious School are their daughters Eleanor, age seven and in the second grade, and Charlotte, age five and in kindergarten. They moved to the area from Manhattan in 2003 and have been in their home on Barry Road in Scarsdale since 2007. Some enthusiastic recommendations led them to Kol Ami and they have found a warm and friendly reception here.

Please tell us about your Jewish and educational backgrounds and current work situations.

Kerry – "I grew up in Springfield, New Jersey, and was raised in a warm and lively Reform

synagogue. There were many opportunities for my family to be active in our congregation and have fun at the same time. I'm hoping that Kol Ami will offer the same opportunities for our family. I also have fond memories of the Reform Jewish camp I attended for four years. I majored in philosophy at Union College in Schenectady and have two Masters degrees, an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business and a Masters in Education from Fordham University. Currently I'm enjoying being a stay-at-home mom, but I also have a business, www.kabprints.com, making personalized shirts for babies and kids. I love doing it. My shirts can feature anything from names and initials to zip codes and schools. They make perfect baby gifts or birthday presents."

Josh – "I was raised in a Conservative Jewish home in Westport, Connecticut. I attended Bi-Cultural Hebrew Day School in Stamford. I graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in molecular biology and then received my medical degree from the Sackler American Program in Tel Aviv, Israel. I am presently Chief of Oncology and Hematology at White Plains Hospital Center, and our private practice has offices both in White Plains and Mt. Kisco. We are affiliated with White Plains Hospital Center, Northern Westchester Hospital, and the Burke Rehabilitation Center."

Josh, would you tell us about your work?

"There are many exciting advances in the practice of oncology, especially regarding genetic testing for high-risk families, and the development of less toxic, molecularly targeted therapies. Most of these drugs are terribly expensive, however, and we are seeing more and more people struggle with the financial burden of cancer, as well. I frequently give talks for the general public on the advances in cancer care, and I would be happy to speak at the synagogue. Genetic counseling and testing is particularly relevant for people of Ashkenazi Jewish background, because we are more likely to carry these genes than are other communities."

Back to Kol Ami. What are you hoping for?

"We want to teach our children the Jewish traditions and enjoy those traditions with them. We want the beauty and generosity of Judaism without the distraction of too many rules. Many thanks to Janet and Felice for their helpful guidance. As a family, we participate in the Cooking for the Homeless program each month. We all enjoyed the Purim Spiel and look forward to more such experiences at the Temple. We hope to establish close friendships with other families at Kol Ami."

LIFE IS A
Cabernet



Thursday, April 26, 2012

7 PM to 10 PM

Congregation Kol Ami
White Plains, New York

YOU'RE INVITED

*to a Rich and Full-bodied Evening of
Fine Wines, Live Music and Bistro Fare*

Featuring Cantor Mo Glazman
and Guest Artists
Cantor Jonathan Grant and
Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro
with a musical ensemble
directed by Cantor Jonathan Comisar

Congregation Kol Ami

Women of Reform Judaism

Dear Congregant,

With Confirmation scheduled for Sunday, May 27, 2012, our thoughts turn to our Confirmands and their families. On that day, our tenth grade Religious School students listed on the following page will participate in the Shavuot Confirmation Service, dedicating themselves anew to the values of our faith. We rejoice with them on this happy occasion.

Sending Uniongrams—our special, simple greeting—is traditional for this event, delivering the good wishes of the sender and the warm pleasure of being remembered to the recipient. These special greetings will be presented to each Confirmand at a special dinner on Thursday, May 24th.

You may send as many Uniongrams to our Confirmands as you wish. A beautiful folio of Uniongrams will be compiled for each Confirmand. Here is an opportunity to send your good wishes and warm congratulations to these young people. The Uniongram folio becomes a lasting keepsake for a memorable occasion.

In order for them to be ready for presentation, a **deadline of Thursday, May 10th** is necessary for acceptance of orders. We hope you will want to be a part of this meaningful project. Please respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Miriam Freedman-Carmen

Suggested Messages (\$1.50 each)

1. Congratulations and best wishes. May the inspiration of this day be with you always.
2. We rejoice with you, your parents and friends who celebrate this important day with you.
3. Best wishes for future happiness, health and success.
4. Congratulations! We are happy for you and your family today. May the years ahead bring fulfillment of all your hopes.

OR

Personal Messages are also available at \$5.00 each.

Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains, NY 10606 ATTN: Miriam Freedman-Carmen
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERHOOD, CONGREGATION KOL AMI
PLEASE CHECK NAMES ON NEXT PAGE, FILL OUT ORDER FORM AND RETURN TO OFFICE

Dear Chairman:

- (A) The names of confirmands to whom I wish to send Uniongrams at \$1.50 each are checked off on the list which I enclose. Please send message # _____ to them.
- (B) Send my personal message at \$5.00 each. I have written my own message on the next page and have checked off names.

Signature on the Uniongrams is to be _____

I enclose check or cash in the amount of \$ _____. This amount includes

\$ _____ (\$5 x Number) for personal messages and

\$ _____ (\$1.50 x Number) for check-off messages.

\$37.50 to send message # _____ to all Confirmands.

Name: _____ Address: _____

MEMBERS OF THE 2011-2012 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please check off those who are to receive Uniongrams from you.

Confirmand's Name

Parent's Name(s)

☐ Hallie Carmen

Miriam Freedman-Carmen & Richard Carmen

☐ Alison Clarke

Audrey Prashker & Alec Clarke

☐ Mark Colbran

Esther & Philip Colbran

☐ Andrew Cukierwar

Eva & Gene Cukierwar

☐ Gabriel Darmon

Naomi Klein & Pierre Darmon

☐ Randi Eisenpress

Cindy & Michael Eisenpress

☐ Nathan Flaks

Ellen & Jonathan Flaks

☐ Eli Jacobowitz

Carrie & Brad Jacobowitz

☐ Noah Jacobowitz

Carrie & Brad Jacobowitz

☐ Maia Leeds

Pegi Goodman & Gregory Leeds

☐ Jasmine Lerner

Fran Lerner

☐ Jordan Lewis

Margie & Gary Lewis

☐ Maya Melamed

Mariela Dujovne-Melamed & Gabriel Melamed

☐ Sarah Milian

Dana Billman & Carlos Milian

☐ Rachel Okun

Lori & David Okun

☐ Tyler Staffin

Jill & Eric Staffin

☐ Carly Stracher

Patti & Todd Stracher

☐ Jackie Tames

Lisa & Jason Tames



Friday April 20, 2012

Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection Matters

An Evening with Dr. Amy - Jill Levine

An observant Jew, Dr. Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School

5:00 pm

- ☐ **Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests Trio Shalva**
Born and raised in Israel, each of the musicians eventually found themselves in the heart of New York, where they spent years developing their individual styles and techniques. In 2009, Assaf Gloizner, Koby Hayon, and Nadav Snir-Zelniker came together for their first gig, in which they performed original compositions and arrangements of traditional Israeli repertoire. It only took one show for them to understand the serendipitous connection that was underway. As a result, the three musicians moved forward as Trio Shalva, choosing the name for its representation of the Hebrew word for "serenity". The trio explores both new and arranged compositions, combining elements of Jazz with Middle-Eastern, Israeli & Jewish influences.

o Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ☐ **Shabbat in the Woods**
o Gallery

6:00 pm

- ☐ **Tofillah Team for K-3 with Adrian Durlister**
o Schulman Chapel in the Woods

6:00 pm

- ☐ **Unwind with Wine and Cheese**
o Alrium

6:15pm

- ☐ **Shabbat Services**
o Main Sanctuary
☐ **Torah Study**
o Conference Room

7:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (your choice)

Adults \$30.00/Teens \$18.00/Children \$15.00

Free for children under 5/Picnickers \$10.00

- ☐ Teen Shabbat Dinner
☐ Community & Family Shabbat Dinner
☐ "Quiet Conversation" Shabbat Dinner
☐ Shabbat Picnic Dinner (we will provide challah, set up, dessert & beverages; you bring your own Shabbat meal)

All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., April 18th. Reservations are non-refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.

7:30 pm

- ☐ **Tzedakah Sandwich Making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach**
o Gallery

8:00 pm

- ☐ **Supervised Sports and Games with Coach Steve**
For Children in Grades K-6
o Gym

8:00 pm

- ☐ **THE MAIN EVENT – Professor Amy-Jill Levine, author "The Misunderstood Jew, The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus"**
The evening lecture is part of a weekend of learning shared with Manhattanville College and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church of White Plains. It is a simple truth that Jews and Christians should be close friends, since they share common roots and a basic ethical system. But the gulf between the groups seems vast. Levine presents a strong and convincing case for understanding Jesus as "a Jew speaking to Jews" and for viewing Christianity as a Jewish movement that ultimately swept the world in its influence and authority. An observant Jew, Dr. Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

9:30 pm

- ☐ **Dessert Oneg**

**Save the Date for the final Synaplex of the Year - May 4th
The People v. the King
King David on Trial**

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN April 18th

Adults \$30.00 / Teens \$18.00 / Children \$15.00 / 5 & Under FREE!

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

"Quiet Conversation Dinner"

Adults Only

Adults @ \$30/ea

"Shabbat Picnic Dinner"

Adults Only

Adults @ \$10/ea

"Community & Family Dinner"

Adults @ \$30/ea

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Children under 5

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

Seating is planned 2 days in advance. Any last minute seating requests cannot be guaranteed.

Please seat us with...

(We'll do our best!)

ASL Interpretation upon Request

St. Bartholomew's Church, Congregation Kol Ami and Manhattanville Chaplaincy Cosponsored Lectures



**Amy-Jill Levine, author of “The Misunderstood Jew:
The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus”**

PRESENTATION	DATE/TIME/PLACE	SPEAKER/ MODERATORS
<i>In preparation for Dr. Levine's visit, St. Bartholomew's book club presents The Misunderstood Jew. Simple lunch provided. RSVP.</i>	Sunday April 15th 11:15 am - 1:00 pm St. Bartholomew's Church	Rev. Dr. Gawain de Leeuw Rabbi Shira Milgrom
<i>Hearing Jesus' Parables through Jewish Ears</i>	Thursday, April 19th 7:00 pm Manhattanville College Ophir Room in Reed Castle	Prof. Amy-Jill Levine Rev. Dr. Gawain de Leeuw
<i>Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection Matters</i>	Friday, April 20th 8:15 pm Congregation Kol Ami Main Sanctuary	Prof. Amy-Jill Levine Rabbi Shira Milgrom
<i>How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently</i>	Saturday, April 21st 9:00 am Congregation Kol Ami Schulman Chapel in the Woods	Prof. Amy-Jill Levine Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Locations and Contacts

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	Congregation Kol Ami	Manhattanville College
82 Prospect Street White Plains, NY 10606 914-949-5577	252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY 10606 914-949-4717	2900 Purchase Street Purchase, NY 10577 914-694-2200



Friday May 4, 2012

The People v. the King King David on Trial for Rape and Murder

5:00 pm

- ☐ **Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guest: Sivan Magan, Harpist**

Praised by the press as a "great musician who happens to be a harpist", Sivan Magen is the only Israeli to have ever won the prestigious International Harp Contest in Israel, a recent winner of the Pro Musicis International Award in NY and the 2012 Award Winner of the Borletti-Buitoni Trust – the first harpist to have been awarded that honor.

Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ☐ **Shabbat in the Woods**

o Gallery

5:45 pm

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o Atrium

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7:30 pm

- ☐ **Tzedakah Sandwich Making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach**

o Gallery

8:00 pm

- ☐ **Supervised Sports and Games with Coach Steve**

For Children in Grades K-6

o Gym

Teens are encouraged to join in adult activities.

7:30 – 9:45

THE MAIN EVENT –

The People v. the King

The sanctuary of Kol Ami becomes a courtroom tonight as the biblical King David is put on trial for rape and murder. Three verdicts will be issued: the vote of the congregation by ballot, the verdict of a multi-generational jury, and a verdict issued by the Honorable Naomi Buchwald of the Southern district of New York. The trial is preceded by study (lawyers can register for CLE credit) as we prepare for an incredible night.

9:45 pm

- ☐ **Coffee & Dessert**

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Children _____ under 5

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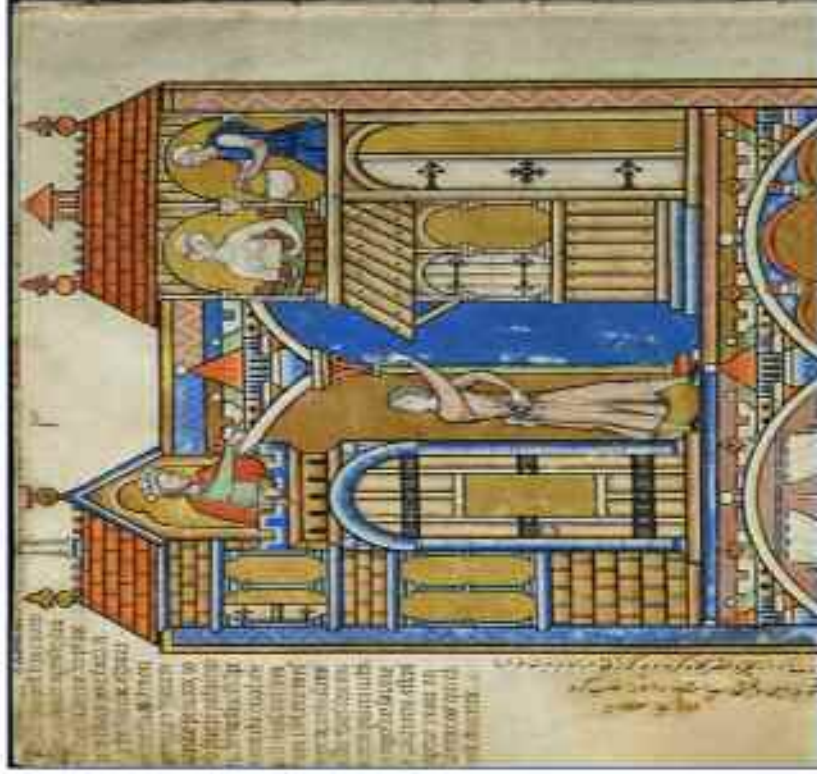
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THE PEOPLE v. THE KING

King David on Trial for Rape and Murder



Presiding Judge:

Honorable Naomi Buchwald,
United States District Court,
Southern District of New York

Place:

Congregation Kol Ami
252 Soundview Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606

Time:

Friday, May 4, 2012

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm David's Harp, Explorations in Music
Harpist: Sivan Magen, Winner
International Harp Contest

6:15 pm – 6:45 pm Services

6:45 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner (upon reservation only)

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm CLE Roundtable (for attorneys, all welcome)

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Congregational Study (Ballroom)

8:00 pm – 9:45 pm Trial (Sanctuary)

9:45 pm Coffee and Dessert

Verdicts to be rendered by Judge Buchwald, a six person jury and the Congregation. **NY CLE Credit (1.5 hours) will be offered.**

Attorneys for the Prosecution:

Scott D. Musoff, Litigation Partner,
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager & Flom LLP

Jay K. Musoff, Litigation Partner
Loeb & Loeb LLP

Attorneys for the Defense:

Michael P. Zweig, Litigation Partner,
Loeb & Loeb LLP

Julie B. Ehrlich, Associate
Cuti Hecker Wang LLP

Witnesses:

King David: Daniel Lobatto

Bathsheba: Rabbi Nadia Gold

Nathan, the prophet: Paul Schwarz

Expert witness: Larry Heuer, Columbia Prof. of Psychology

Court Clerk: Dr. Carrie Baratz

For more information, please call 914.949.4717



Kol Ami Brotherhood (KABRO) Dance Party!!

Saturday, May 19, at 8:00 pm at Congregation Kol Ami!!

Join us for an evening of wine, beer, coffee, cheese & dessert and Great Music!!
All included in the price of admission!!



The band, *Kick Start Charlie*, is an 8-piece Rock & Roll band. It is known for their high energy and visually entertaining performance, playing hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Kick Start Charlie will grab you with their music and hold you with their tasteful harmonies!!

Admission: \$18 by May 9th for KABRO (Kol Ami Brotherhood)
& WRJ (Sisterhood) members

\$25 for all other attendees and at the door!!
Bring your friends and neighbors!!

May 19 Dance Party

Please return to the KABRO (Men's Council) Mailbox in the Office or mail to
Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains NY 10606

Name(s): _____

How Many Adults: @ \$18 _____ I am a member of KABRO/WRJ _____

How Many Adults: @ \$25 _____ I am not a member of KABRO/WRJ _____

_____ I am enclosing a check for \$36 to become a member of KABRO

Please make checks payable to Men's Council

cooking • hiking • eat • yoga • campfire • frisbee • discussion • biking • shabbat • art •

cocktails • games • sports • relax • eat • yoga • arts & crafts • shabbat • schmooze •

kol ami retreat

comes home

may 25 ~ 26, 2012

family

19 years

old

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congregation

connections

laughter

shabbat • music • field games • play • schmooze • movies • basketball • havdalah •
hiking • discussion • basketball • campfire • frisbee • cocktails • biking • games • eat •

Email address and phone:

Friday night (begins at 5pm)

(Includes cocktail party & pot-luck dinner)

Names

Adults	\$18 pp
Children (staying over; ages 6-16)	\$25 pp
Teens (no sleep-over)	\$15 pp
Children (no sleep-over; ages 6-12)	\$10 pp
Children (under 6)	no charge

(Friday also includes a basketball game for those interested; bring or wear appropriate clothing)

Saturday (begins at 5pm)

(Includes cocktail party, BBQ dinner and s'mores)

Names

Adults & Teens	\$20 pp
Kids (ages 6-12)	\$15 pp
Children (under 6)	no charge

(Lawn activities available as well, so dress for play)

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami. We now accept credit card payments (Visa & MC only) with a 3% convenience fee.

Please visit www.nykolami.org if you prefer to register online.

Any questions, please contact Lori Okun (lari.okun@mac.com) or Stacey Matusow (sjmatusow@aol.com)

Adult Education

Please check the program listings in your Kol Ami phone and date book for more details.

COMING IN APRIL:

Women's Transitions: Midlife & Beyond
Tuesdays, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
4/3, 4/10, 4/17 & 4/24
5/8, 5/15 5/22

Join Harriet Shenkman, PhD and Ursula Strauss, PhD for discussions on retirement, widowhood, aging, and much more. The goal is to offer mutual aid in personal adjustment to life transitions. Course is free, but if you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Ursula Strauss at littledipper5@optonline.net

Women's Roundtable Breakfast
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am
4/4 Cancelled
5/2

Kol Ami Reads Book Club
First Wed. of each month
9:15 am in Room 20
Doris Dingott, 289-0869

Israeli Folk Dance
with Shmulik Gou-Ari
Wednesdays when Religious School is in Session
No Dance 4/11
\$10 members; \$13 non-members
8:00-8:30 pm Beginners
8:30-10:00 pm Open Dance

Current Events
with Beth & Gene Kava
Mondays, 11:00am-12:30 pm in Room 20
4/16; 4/30; 5/14
Examine a current issue of the day in depth.
Will use readings, video or a guest speaker

Kol Ami Genealogy Group
with Dr. Alan Steinfeld
First Wednesday of month, 7:45-9:00 pm.

Wisdom of the Sages: Lunch and Learn
with Rabbi Tom Weiner
Every Tuesday, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm.
No Class 4/10
Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating Jewish learning texts.

Introduction to Judaism
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm.
No Class 4/3
4/17, 5/1, 5/15
First year of a 2 year program leading to Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Weekly Torah: Parshat Hashavua:
Weekly Torah Study
Every Friday from 10-11:30 am.
No Class 4/6 or 4/13
Led by Kol Ami members

Parenting/Grandparenting Workshops:
Blessing of a Skinned Knee
with Susan Davis, LCSW
For parents of elementary school aged children.
4/30 Only
9:30-11:30 am

Adolescent Parenting Workshops
with Susan Davis, LCSW
4/5 Only
from 9:45-11:45
Discussion of parenting issues related to adolescents.

Grandparenting Workshops
with Susan Davis, LCSW
First Monday of each month,
9:15-10:45 am

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment
\$150 per semester
(scholarships available)
\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings
with Emily Fields
No class 4/11
Advanced Beginners/
Intermediate
7:30 pm

Sunday Mornings
with Emily Fields
No class 4/8, 4/15

Beginning Hebrew
9:00 am

Advanced Beginners
10:00 am
Intermediate
11:15 am

Intermediate/Advanced
with Alice Seidman
Sundays 9:00 – 10:00 am
No class 4/8, 4/15
Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455
for further information)

Important Message from our Executive Director

It has been brought to my attention that people are using the Cushman Road entrance as an exit.

This creates a dangerous situation for all users. The Cushman Road entrance is clearly marked as a one-way entrance only.

Please use the other Kol Ami exits when leaving our property.

CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS

AN EVENING AT THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL AT JACOB BURNS

Congregation Kol Ami is proud to be one of the sponsors of the film *Follow Me: the Yoni Netanyahu Story* during the Jacob Burns Film Center "Westchester Jewish Film Festival 2012 (April 11-May 22)".

Jonathan "Yoni" Netanyahu is an Israeli icon who was killed during the 1976 hostage rescue mission at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda. This biography interweaves the story of a young army commando driven by a sense of duty to his country with a fresh account of the Entebbe raid itself, including interviews with Yoni's brother Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ehud Barak, and others.

Congregational Relations has reserved a very limited number of tickets to the screening on **Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30pm**. Following the film, there will be a Q&A with producer Mark Manson and JBFC Executive Director Steve Apkon, concluding with a dessert reception. To reserve your tickets, please send in a check made out to Congregation Kol Ami and labeled Film Festival for \$10.00 per ticket.

Please include the number of tickets you are reserving, your name, mailing address, and phone number. Once we receive your check, we will mail you your tickets. Directions to the Jacob Burns Film Center can be found on their web site <http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org/>.

Last Oasis at Home Session "Honey from the Rock":

Sunday, April 22: 9:15-11:00 a.m. in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Rabbi Pamela Wax will lead this session.

If you have not come to one of these sessions, don't miss this one. You don't need to have read the book. In addition to the planned topic, we will be discussing where this group wants to go next in our study and conversation.



You Are Invited to Two County-Wide Events in April

Westchester County Yom Hashoah Commemoration
Thursday, April 19 10:00AM-12:00PM

Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville
This program will include a film, remarks from elected officials, and a candle-lighting service by Holocaust survivors

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

3rd Annual Westchester Jewish Council Celebration of Israel in Film & Art
as part of the annual Westchester Jewish Film Series
Thursday, April 26, 7:30 PM

Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville
The documentary to be shown portrays a poignant slice of Israeli life that is beautiful, tragic, funny and dynamic.

There will also be a special guest reception following the screening and the "Israel in Images: An Exhibition", can be viewed during the reception.

Tickets are available on-line: www.burnsfilmcenter.org
For more information call the Westchester Jewish Council (914) 328-7001
info@wjccouncil.org visit us at www.wjccouncil.org
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Welcome to the Second Annual Sustainable Local Food, Healthy Food Forum Thursday, April 19th @ 6:30 pm

Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY 10606

Join in an evening of education, networking, discussion, and community building to activate support of and strengthen local food production, farmland preservation, food waste reduction and recycling, water usage, and agricultural education. Learn with farmers, gardeners, chicken keepers, beekeepers, CSA's, food purveyors, rooftop gardeners, chefs, food justice advocates, school and community leaders and organizers, parents, families and concerned residents everywhere about building local community access to sustainable food sources and protection and preservation of our foodshed.

6:30pm-7:30pm: Sustainable Local Food, Healthy Food Exchange
7:30pm-8:30pm: Foodshed State of the State: Growing Concerns
Keynote speaker: Wes Gillingham, Catskill Mountainkeeper
8:30pm-9:30pm: Sustainability Panel - Voices From the Field

Hosted by Hazon CSA of White Plains and Stoneledge Farm CSA of White Plains (Community Supported Agriculture)
This event is free and open to the public and a part of the City of White Plains Sustainability Week, a week-long series of events, programs and projects.

For additional information please contact:
Ellen Weininger ellen@grassrootsinfo.org

Please join us as KABRO (Men's Council) sponsors Kol Ami's Second Night Seder for the community. See page 11 for a flyer with all the details and a reservation form.

**Coming Saturday, 5/19: KABRO will host a wonderful evening of dancing.
See Page 20 for details!**

KABRO Camping: Sign Up Now!!
In July, KABRO will hold its second Annual Family-Friendly Camping Trip.
We will camp on the weekend of July 13–15, 2012
at North-South Lake, New York

All congregants, family, and friends are welcome. Early reservations are needed; the park is beautiful, and campsites are booked months in advance. Saturday activities include hiking, swimming, canoeing/kayaking, great food, and campfire songs.

Cost: \$75 per campsite (up to 6 people). Discount: Early Birds (sign up by March 11) and KABRO (Men's Council) members pay \$60.

To sign up or for more info, contact Michael Berg at michaeladam@optonline.net.

Sisterhood News

YOGA....AMEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – 4:00 TO 6:00 PM

**Refreshments and class led by Yoga Instructor
Debi Mancuso
concluding with Sisterhood Havdallah**

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\$10.00 with paid up Sisterhood membership*
\$15.00 guests and non-members
(checks payable to Sisterhood)

THIS EVENT HAS LIMITED SPACE, DON'T DELAY!

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YOGA HAVEN-2

91 Montgomery Avenue, Scarsdale
Dress: Loose Fitting, Comfortable Clothing
Questions: KolAmiSisterhood@aol.com

*WRJ SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP of \$40 MAY BE PAID
AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. .

Sisterhood Membership Dinner

*Musical Entertainment
by Cantor Mo Glazman*

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Event is FREE for Sisterhood members,
but you must register to attend.

****Membership of \$40 may be
paid at time of registration**

To register: KolAmiSisterhood@gmail.com

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Thursday
April 19
from noon to 2:00 pm.

Join us.
Knitters of all skill levels
are welcome.
For further information,
call Elaine Cohen,
725-0248 or
elwilco@verizon.

Future Dates:
5/17, 6/21

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Crossing to Safety
by William Stegner
April 4, 2012

A Prayer for the Dying
by Stewart O'Nan
May 2, 2012

**The Hottest Dishes of
the Tartar Cuisine**
by Alina Bronsky
June 6, 2012

All meetings, unless otherwise
announced, are on the first Wednesday of
the month at 9:15am in Room 20
Come whether you've read the book or not;
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EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

YONKER'S FOOD PANTRY (Living Transformation International Center)—We have received desperate pleas from a food pantry in Yonkers that serves over a thousand people, one hundred of whom are homebound with cancer and other illnesses. They were nearly completely out of food. We sent the Yonkers Food Pantry a check so that they could shop for emergency food. Now that the UJA collection has been completed, we are hoping that we can begin collecting for the Yonkers food pantry that is so in need. If anyone is interested in spearheading this drive or knows of someone who may be in need of a worthy Bat or Bar Mitzvah project, please contact Wendy or Jodi ASAP.

GREAT FAMILY EVENT: Elm Street Garden Spring Planting with families from the Elm Street Youth Center of Yonkers—Sunday, May 6th - 12:15 PM to 2:15 PM . Location: Elm Street Youth Center; 217 Elm Street; Yonkers, NY. Help plant warm weather vegetables with the Elm Street Youth Center and members of Kol Ami, Bet Am Shalom, and The Hebrew Institute.

ASSISTING BAR AND BAT MITZVAH STUDENTS—Social Action will work with the clergy to help Bar and Bat Mitzvah students formulate and carry out their mitzvah projects. Additionally, we have started to advertise ideas for mitzvah projects in the Gold Standard.

Sam Jeske will begin collecting books for Head Start in New Rochelle on April 16th through May 15th. He wants new or gently used children's books and would appreciate any items you can provide. The bin will be in the Religious School lobby.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY COOKING—Nancy Marcus is chair of the Sunday cooking for the homeless. Laura Green will continue to chair the Monday cooking. Laura would like to step down as chair of this committee and would be interested in finding someone to take her place. These groups cook once a month for the Open Arms Shelter.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE—Provides support to congregants that are sick or bereaved. Ruth Goldberg chairs this committee that has expanded tremendously over the past several years.

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS—Bonnie and Eric Eilen have recently announced that they will stop their monthly collection of food for the troops but that they will continue to be involved in efforts supporting the troops, especially efforts related to helping the troops as they return to the US. Anyone interested in getting further involved should contact Bonnie and Eric. Bonnie and Eric have done so much for so many and it is an honor to have them as part of the network of social action efforts at Kol Ami.

COLLECTION BINS/BRIDGE FUND—Murray Shapiro continues to pick up collected food and transport it to the Bridge Fund. The Bridge Fund greatly appreciates the support from Kol Ami and Murray Shapiro.

**Wendy Greenberg Mikhailovich at 472-3377 or wendygreenberg@optonline.net
or Jodi Klein at 472-4617 or jodi.klein@gmail.com**

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Join us at The Kensington
Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 2:00 pm
and at Westchester Meadows on
Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 2:30 pm
as we sing songs accompanied by Paul Schwarz.
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For more info call Ellie Fleisch 481-1479.

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231
For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113
Sundays at 11:00 am: 4/22, 5/6, 6/10
Mondays at noon: 4/23, 5/21, 6/18.

If you are interested in chairing Monday Cooking for the Homeless in 2012, please contact Laura Green at 949-6113.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00 am Intermediate/ Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman 9:00 am Beginning Hebrew with Emily Fields 10:00 am Advanced Beginners Hebrew with Emily 11:15 am Intermediate Hebrew with Emily	2 9:15 am Grandparenting Class 8:00 pm Men's Council/ KABRO Meeting	3 11:30 am Women's Transitions Class 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm WRJ Board Meeting	4 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:15 am Book Club 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 7:45 pm Jewish Genealogy Class 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	5 9:15 am Jewish Meditation Circle 9:45 Adolescent Parenting Class 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	6 ECP CLOSED PASSOVER, FIRST SEDER Building closes at 3:00 pm NO EVENING SERVICES	7 PASSOVER, DAY 1 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE: PASSOVER FIRST DAY SERVICE 6:00 pm Men's Council Second Seder
8 PASSOVER, DAY 2 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL No Adult Hebrew Classes	9 PASSOVER, DAY 3 ECP CLOSED	10 PASSOVER, DAY 4 ECP CLOSED No Wisdom of the Sages Class 11:30 am Women's Transitions Class	11 PASSOVER, DAY 5 NO ECP OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL No Or Chadash Rehearsal No Adult Hebrew Classes No Israeli Dance	12 PASSOVER, DAY 6 ECP CLOSED No Jewish Meditation Circle	13 PASSOVER, DAY 7 ECP & OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am PASSOVER, DAY 7 & YIZKOR SERVICE in Chapel 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:00 pm TEFILLAH TEAM 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	14 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE
15 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL No Adult Hebrew classes	16 11:00 am Current Events class	17 11:30 am Women's Transitions Class 12:00 Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Julie Ross Lecture 8:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class	18 EREV YOM HASHOAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:00 pm YOM HASHOAH SERVICE, led by 8th Grade No Adult Hebrew No Israeli Dance	19 YOM HASHOAH 9:15 am Jewish Meditation Circle No Adolescent Parenting 12:00 Mitzvah Knitz 8:00 pm Board of Directors	20 SYNAPLEX 10:00 am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:00 pm TEFILLAH TEAM 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	21 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'not Mitzvah of Lily Sherwood and Maya Cohen in Sanctuary 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Noah Lichtblau in the Chapel in the Woods 7:00 pm NEW MEMBER GATHERING
22 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00 am Intermediate/ Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman 9:00 am Beginning Hebrew with Emily Fields 9:15 am Oasis at Home 10:00 am Advanced Beginners Hebrew with Emily 11:00 am Cooking for the Homeless 11:15 am Intermediate Hebrew with Emily	23 12:00 pm Cooking for the Homeless	24 11:30 am Women's Transitions Class 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class	25 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	26 YOM HA'ATZMAUT 9:15 am Jewish Meditation Circle 7:00 pm LIFE IS A CABERNET CONCERT	27 SECOND GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT 10:00 am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:00 pm TEFILLAH TEAM 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 7:40 pm Learner's Minyan class	28 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Caione in Sanctuary 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Scherr in Sanctuary
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