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S E R V I C E S

Friday, April 5

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, April 6

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

Coffee and community

9:45 am CONCERT: POLYPHONY GROUP

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Gellert in Sanctuary

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Abby & Samantha Zuckerman in Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 pm YOM HASHOAH SERVICE in Sanctuary

Friday, April 12

SYNAPLEX

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Sam & Jared Cole in Sanctuary

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service in Sanctuary

Friday, April 19

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, April 20

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am LIFT SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Feldman in Chapel

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rose in Sanctuary

Friday, April 26

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Julia Blotner in Sanctuary

An Important Message from
our Executive Director

Our congregation's safety continues to be our highest priority. Enhanced security measures are in place and are under constant review for further improvements as deemed necessary.

Jane S. Friedberg

Kol Ami's Inclusion Committee

This committee is here to assist any member or visitor with concerns about accessibility, a specific disability or inclusion in our activities. Please contact any one of us to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Gene Kava, esqesk@aol.com

Donna Klein, dklein@donnakleinassociates.com

or Rachel Feld-Glazman, rfeldglazman@gmail.com

Weekly Torah Portions for April

Week ending April 6, 2013

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. The *parasha* also stipulates the dietary laws concerning which animals are fit and which are unfit for consumption; and concludes with a rationale for being holy and distinguishing between the impure and the pure.

Week ending April 13, 2013

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.

Week ending April 20, 2013

Parashat Ahare-Mot/Kedoshim - Leviticus 16:1-20:27

In this double *parasha*, God speaks to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who were killed for coming too close to the presence of God. God instructs Moses and Aaron on the procedures surrounding Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. *Parashat Kedoshim* continues with the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God describes to Moses many ethical and ritual laws aimed to help people live lives of holiness. The laws described include some of those recorded in the Ten Commandments, such as respecting one's parents, keeping the Sabbath, and not stealing.

Week ending April 27, 2013

Parashat Emor - Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor provides details about the lives of the priests and their families. The priestly role was both an honor and the burden. This *parashah* also includes the most comprehensive holiday calendar in the Torah.

1200 Daffodils

An article in the weekend edition of the *New York Times*, "The Stories That Bind", described a fascinating correlation: the families that knew how to tell their stories (the story of the family) are more likely to produce resilient children. In particular, children who hear the stories of their families facing and overcoming hardship are better able to face their own challenges as they grow up. We are rounding into the season of storytelling (though I think as a Jewish people that's what we do most of the time—and most of the time do it great!). By the time of this *Connection*, we will have been at Seder tables, telling - singing - acting - eating through the story of our slavery and exodus from Egypt—the great narrative that God works through the liberation of human beings. And this month—the month of April—we tell a story from whose darkness we haven't yet emerged: the story of the Holocaust, the *Shoah*. We struggle with this narrative: will it confirm our deepest fears that the whole world is out to get us? Will it leave us without faith, without God, without hope? Will it rekindle courage—and the deepest awe that any

human being (whether Jewish or Christian or not religious at all) was able to find the strength to resist, to hide, to rescue, to fight, to dare? We have so many choices.

Each year, our 5th grade Religious School students embark in the fall on their first focused study of the Shoah. Their text is "Ten Thousand Children"—stories of children who were rescued via the Kinder transport—stories of their childhoods, their families and their lives as adults. Each October, as they begin this unit of study, they read the stories of King Christian of Denmark and the legendary resistance of the Danish people. The Jews of Denmark were not alone in wearing yellow stars; their fellow countrymen and women wore them, too. Every Danish Jew who agreed to be part of the clandestine rescue in fishing boats (they were rowed to Sweden) was saved. Our children then head out to the woods surrounding our Schulman Chapel in the Woods, scout out an area of land with Kol Ami volunteers Alan Steinfeld, Scott Pollak and Martin Kahn—and they plant hundreds of daffodil

bulbs. In the spring, around Yom HaShoah (the day of the remembrance of the Holocaust), they will bloom—hundreds of bright yellow faces. We have been doing this for many years.



Daffodil shoots have already made their appearance through the March snows. Soon, the earth around the Chapel will be covered in blooms. There are paths that will take you around—and to the woods in the back. Twelve hundred daffodils. A decade from now perhaps the forest floor will be ablaze with them.

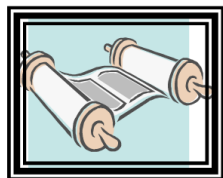
Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissman Klein wanted our young children to know that they are the promise of a new spring.

May it be.

Shira

The Road to Learning Never Ends.....

Please join us to celebrate the
B'nai Mitzvah of our
adult community.



April 13, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Jonathan Appel
John Auerbacher
Nancie Ellis
Ellen Flaks
Melanie Gluck
Lisa Hochman
Emily Kandel
Carol Kizer
Barbara Klein
Vivian Nadasdi
Mimi Rogowsky
Karin Segall

We Remember

At the age of seventeen, I remember coming home from school in Halifax, Nova Scotia to find my parent waiting a pamphlet entitled "The March of the Living." The March of the Living is a trip that takes high school students on a tour of pertinent Jewish sites and concentration camps in Eastern Europe followed by a trip to Israel. The European segment of the trip is cold and rainy, the foods are bland, but traveling with kids your age, being led by extraordinary counselors and staff members, guides and clergy made this segment of the trip unforgettable. Among other powerful memories, I clearly remember looking at the geographical distance between a concentration camp and village or town, and I remember being appalled by those who claimed they didn't know the Holocaust was happening. I was also completely inspired by the many Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jewish families.

We visited concentration camps that appeared that they could be started up and fully functional within a day. Some camps had huge reservoirs of human remains while others had stockpiles of eyeglasses and piles of prosthetic limbs, suitcases, etc. Needless to say, this trip was incredibly impactful on my Jewish identity and the Jewish identities of those with whom I traveled.

On one day we visited Auschwitz, the work camp, and then walked the short mile to Birkenau, the extermination camp. Though this "march" historically was a guaranteed death sentence, this modern day march was an affirmation of life for the thousands of Jewish teenagers.

The Israel journey was in many ways the complete opposite of our time in Eastern Europe. I remember landing in Israel and coming off the plane greeted by the warm Israeli sun and the sweet fragrance of the orange blossoms. I remember picnicking in a beautiful sun-lit park, enjoying fresh fruits

and vegetables while watching young Israeli children and their families unabashedly frolicking. This was a complete contrast to the cold and dark Polish experience I had shared with my bus mates.

One of our first stops in Israel was the ghetto fighters' kibbutz where we gathered as a large group to learn about the institution and those who built it. The curator of the museum singled me out and he asked if I knew the history behind my great uncle, Joseph Glazman. He took me to a wall of the museum dedicated entirely to the memory of my great uncle. He explained that Joseph Glazman was the leader of the Vilna Ghetto uprising, whose mandate was to ensure self-defense of the ghetto population and resistance. Their motto was: "We will not go like sheep to the slaughter." There have since been books written about the United Partisan Organization and in the State of Israel there are stamps honoring my great uncle. As a high school student, I was filled with pride to consider my great uncle's bravery.

The March of the Living is an incredible journey of peaks and valleys of emotional highs and lows, but ultimately it is a valuable journey of hope and celebration for the State of Israel. It was also an enlightening moment of appreciation for the many righteous Gentiles who helped Jews and others throughout this brutal massacre. Though the Holocaust will forever leave a scar on the human conscience this trip left me with great hope for a better world.

I share this with you with the hope that you will join our community in memorializing the Holocaust while standing up for human rights for all religions and minorities. Our community offers 3 different times for remembrance. One is Sunday, 4/7 at 1:00 pm where we will view La Raffle (the Roundup). This film highlights the Jews of Paris and the police raid on greater Paris in

which more than 13,000 adults and 4,000 children were arrested. It includes the public apology by Jacques Chirac to the citizens of France in 1995. It is written and directed by Rose Bosch.



A second opportunity for remembrance is the Westchester County Holocaust Commemoration, a county-wide event on Sunday, 4/7 at 4:00 pm at Scarsdale-Tremont Temple, sponsored by The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, an interfaith not-for-profit organization. Their directive is: "Working to enhance the teaching and learning of the lessons of the Holocaust to promote the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect and to encourage students to speak up and act against all forms of bigotry and prejudice."

The final commemoration, one I find to be incredibly moving, is the Kol Ami Community Remembrance led by our eighth grade religious school students on Wednesday, 4/10 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This is not just a religious school event; this is a community-wide event and an extraordinarily moving way to learn from our students and to learn about the Holocaust.

The inscription from the Garden of Remembrance in White Plains reads:

"In memory of those who died.

In thanksgiving for those who survived.

In gratitude for those who risked their lives in rescue."

As a beautiful children's song teaches us: "As we live our days, these are the ways we remember."

Yours,
Mo

Prospective Member Open House Sunday, May 5th at 9:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium

Join us for the morning to learn more about our Temple and our Religious School
We hope you will bring anyone you know who may be interested
in our Temple and Religious School.

Questions? Please call Janet Hershey, 949-4717 x 115 or Felice Miller Baritz, 949-4717 x 124

From the Religious School Principal



We're building a Community Garden! Spring is in the air (even if snow is on the ground!) and we've been talking about this for awhile. Now it's time to start getting down to business and we need help! This spring, with the guidance and support from our 7th graders and our TEVA farm specialist, we will be planning, building and planting a garden at Kol Ami. Our goal is to cre-

ate something that will be both beautiful and useful for years to come. We hope to plant fragrant herbs to use for Havdallah, flowers to use for Shabbat and food to use in our cooking for the homeless program.

If you love to garden, are an experienced gardener, are able to help with building or want to be a part of this important project in any way, please call or email Felice at 949-4717 x124 or felicemillerbaritz@nykolami.org We need committed adults to make our garden thrive! Help us put *Tikkun Olam* in action.

Religious School Registration Is About To Begin! We know spring is a busy time for many of our families. We've heard your feedback and we are beginning our registration process for next year in April, instead of waiting till May.

In order to make registration as easy and painless as possible, we'll be providing information about how to register a new student or re-register a continuing student on our website. All families currently registered will receive an email in early April with details. We hope you'll take care of this important detail quickly. If you have any questions, please contact Felice or Alix in the school office!



We have a Religious School OPEN HOUSE scheduled for Sunday, May 5th. If you know anyone who may be interested in learning more about our Religious School, please invite them to attend!

Felice

Ritual Riches: Reflections from a Child of Survivors

Every year, around this time of the year, I receive a series of invitations to Holocaust memorial programs. There is no shortage of events, from the county-wide commemoration to numerous synagogue-based programs to even more intimate gatherings of survivors and their families. There are speakers, politicians, second and third generations, film viewings, book discussions, interfaith services and rallies, all devoted to holding close the memory and message of the six million.

Yet, every year I find myself faced with the same question: how to remember in a meaningful way? As a child of survivors, each the only remnant of their families, I feel an obligation to preserve the memory of their experiences. My aunt's final words to my mother in Auschwitz were: "Live and remember. Let us not be forgotten. Remember what happened to us here." My dilemma is that I was not a witness to the events my mother and father experienced. The stories of their lives were related to me over Passover and Rosh Hashanah dinners where the absent ones were ever present.

After the war, with no families or resources, young survivors sought each other out for comfort and understanding, building communities and families. I was surrounded by other children of survivors in summer camp and secular Yiddish shul, absorbing the memories of their families as well. They

embraced life, but were ever mindful of the losses they experienced. They carried across the ocean the baggage of memory, voices of their loved ones soon forgotten and faces becoming blurry over time for few had photos. It came as a shock to many, upon arriving, that although welcomed by the American and Canadian Jewish communities, many of these same people did not want to hear what they had been through. Perhaps the stories the refugees wanted to share clashed too much with the new lives they needed to create in the post-war period. Maybe Americans worried that discussing these memories would further traumatize the young survivors and leave them vulnerable to pain and unable to assimilate. Some may have simply not wanted to know, preferring to move on. Certainly, not all survivors wanted to share their stories for the same reasons, but that didn't mean they wanted to forget either.

So survivors created ways to commemorate the dead with rituals of their own. Memorial events included poetry, music, readings both religious and secular, and often, lighting of six candles.

And then there is the cemetery. There are no graves for my family in Poland—I've traveled there looking for some connection, but, sadly, there are none. The cemetery in my father's town has been paved and landscaped into a park; no evidence that cen-

turies of Jews dwelled there. My mother's city houses one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in Europe, but all that remains of my mother's family is a small plaque with her mother's name placed there after the war. There was an intense feeling of emptiness.

There stands a granite monument to my father's shtetl in Beth Moses Cemetery on Long Island. It was placed there in the 1950's by the few survivors from his town. On it are inscribed the names of their lost families. When I visit, I run my hands over the polished surface, close my eyes and imagine I knew them. It enables me to cross that divide between the present and the past. It reminds me that I need to continue to try to not only hold them alive in my mind, but struggle to give purpose and meaning to their lives.

So, how to remember? I encourage my mother to tell her story over and over again, I transmit the words to my eighth grade students, I read, I reflect. Sometimes I attend a memorial service, sometimes it feels more "right" to light a candle at home and talk to my mother. I spend time with other children of survivors, and my own children. Mostly, I remind myself that there is no right or single way to commemorate. Simply because memory of the Shoah doesn't happen only on one day for me; it is ever present.

We Remember . . . Yom HaShoah

Sunday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 10th

At Kol Ami on April 7th at 1:00 pm:

Watch *La Rafle (The Roundup)*. On July 16, 1942, French police carried out an extensive raid on Jews in greater Paris, resulting in the arrest of more than 13,000 people — including 4,000 children. After spending several miserable days in the Vélodrome d'Hiver stadium at the apex of summer with little food or water, families were deported to internment camps elsewhere in France and then, finally, to Auschwitz. With its emotionally astute and sensitive exploration of a long taboo subject in France — Jacques Chirac issued a public apology to the citizens of France only in 1995 — the raid, its political backdrop and the exquisite and poignant beauty of Paris during war time are brought to stirring life in writer-director Rose Bosch's new French cinema classic. Please note that this film is not appropriate for children under 14 (see page 9).

Westchester County Holocaust Commemoration with the Westchester County Community — Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 pm

Held at Scarsdale Synagogues: Temples Tremont and Emanu-El
2 Ogden Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Kol Ami Community Remembrance — Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary led by our 8th grade Religious School students

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The Early Childhood Program Invites You To

An Evening with Julie Ross, MA

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

O.K. TO FEEL BAD: How Parents Encourage Problem Solving When Children Have Uncomfortable Feelings

Tuesday, April 19, 2013 • 7:00–8:30 pm

Congregation Kol Ami
252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains

Everyone in the community is always welcome! Friends outside of Kol Ami \$10.00

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program



March was fabulous in the ECP! We sampled every Macaroon and Matzah Brie recipe this side of the Nile, we asked lots of questions, Pharaoh finally gave up, and Elijah even brought his own chair! This year we tried something new to celebrate Pesach with our families. We put on a school-wide play complete with costumes! Our 2's played the part of frogs, our 3's were the slaves, our 4's were Moses and our 5's were the Israelites. Rabbi Tom played the part of Moses, Rabbi Shira was Pharaoh's daughter and Cantor Mo was the Pharaoh. It was a wonderful and meaningful morning of stories and songs for all of our families. After a

very enjoyable March vacation we didn't miss a step and began preparing for two more wonderful traditions in the ECP, our Annual Israeli Dance Festival and our Trip to Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut!

This year our 4's and Pre-K's will once again join with 4's from Temple Beth El Synagogue Center and Westchester Jewish Center for our fourth Annual Israeli Dance Festival which will take place on Monday, April 15th. The children have been practicing with our beloved teacher Shmulik Gov-Ari for a number of months and were very much looking forward to this wonderful event.

Our Trip to "Israel" to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut is another highlight our staff and families alike always look forward to with great anticipation and this year was no different. After a most enjoyable "plane ride" the children will have the opportunity to put messages into the wall of the Kotel, stomp on grapes in our vineyard, make orange juice, plant trees, milk a cow, take a picture with a camel, learn how things float in the Dead Sea, fish in Eilat, participate on an

Archaeological dig, make a stained glass window, relax at our very own Dead Sea spa complete with mud baths, taste the delicious foods of Israel, learn about the animals who live in the desert, and make their own pita!



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 the April sun is a welcome reminder that if spring is here summer can't be far behind!

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

Nan



Congregation Kol Ami's Summer Session June 24-August 6, 2013

Are dreams of warm summer days beginning to come to mind?

Include the Kol Ami's ECP in your summer plans.

We have just the right program for your 2's, 3's and 4's!!

Incoming 2's attend with a parent or caregiver on Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs

3's choose 3 day or 5 day options

4's attend Monday-Friday

Applications and additional information available by calling Director Nan Blank at 949-4717 x 107

From Our Co-Presidents: *It's Finally Spring!*

We hope everyone had a lovely Passover and that the beginning of Spring has put an end to the snow and a start to exciting new beginnings! One sure sign of spring is our upcoming Spring Fundraiser, for which you should have recently received an invitation.

This year we are honoring a group of amazing congregants: Andrea Seiden, who spearheaded our tremendously successful Capital Campaign; Jay Hack, who facilitated our securing both the refinancing of our existing mortgage as well as the interim financing of the construction for our sanctuary renovation; as well as all the members of our Building Committee: Glen Coben, Howard Klein, Margie Lewis, Jonathan Litt, George Lusk, Mariela Melamed, Steve Rieger, Hank Rouda, Ginny Ruder and Maggy Weber. The Building Committee met regularly for a year and a half to ensure that Congregation Kol Ami would have the beautiful new sacred space in which we now worship together. The sanctuary enhancement efforts are on-going as we are developing additional Judaic and architectural ele-

ments to enrich the interior and exterior spaces.

These honorees personify the spirit of dedication and generosity which makes Kol Ami such a special place. They, along with the Capital Campaign Committee and those congregants who gave generously to the campaign, will make a permanent and lasting difference benefiting our and many future generations of Kol Ami congregants. The evening of Saturday, May 4th, is your opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our honorees, while concurrently supporting our operating budget which enables us to both continue our valued programs and events, and assist those in our congregation who are currently unable to pay full dues. This evening is also your chance to enjoy delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres and desserts in the company of family and friends as we are entertained by Special Guest Star and renowned comedian, actor and musician Robert Klein, along with magician and mentalist extraordinaire, Ryan Oakes. If you are unable to attend, please consider the many Journal oppor-

tunities included in the invitation. The talented and committed group responsible for planning this gala event includes Lori Abrams, Gerri Sommers, Evelyn Klein, Jill Abraham, Jane Friedberg and Janet Hershey.



Photo by Mariela Melamed

Please be sure to read our article in next month's *Connection*. You will be introduced to the congregants who have been honored with the nomination to join the Board of Trustees and those who have been nominated to become officers. It will be obvious why the Nominating Committee has recommended that these congregants receive the privilege of being on the slate which will be voted upon at the May 7th Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fundraiser as well as the many programs and events coming up in April and May,

Mark and Ronnie

From the Director of Membership and Development

As you know from the announcement below, Kol Ami is hosting a Prospective Member Open House on Sunday, May 5th (please see page 4 for more information). We hope you will invite any friends or neighbors who may be interested in visiting the synagogue. You are our best emissaries for Kol Ami. You all know about the breadth and depth of the programs; you know about our innovative Religious School and Early Childhood Programs; you have

been to our beautiful services and know our clergy.

It is my hope that you will spread the word and feel comfortable inviting any one you know in the community who may be interested in learning more about Kol Ami.

In addition to the Open House in May, the Membership Committee will be hosting a barbeque for members and

prospective members following services one Friday night. So, please keep that in mind as another opportunity to bring friends to Kol Ami.



With wishes to you for a wonderful spring!

Janet

Congregation Kol Ami invites you to join us for a screening of *La Rafle (The Roundup)*

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 pm

About the Film

On July 16, 1942, French police carried out an extensive raid on Jews in greater Paris, resulting in the arrest of more than 13,000 people — including 4,000 children. After spending several miserable days in the Vélodrome d'Hiver stadium at the apex of summer with little food or water, families were deported to internment camps elsewhere in France and then, finally, to Auschwitz. With its emotionally astute and sensitive exploration of a long taboo subject in France — Jacques Chirac issued a public apology to the citizens of France only in 1995 — the raid, its political backdrop and the exquisite and poignant beauty of Paris during war time are brought to stirring life in writer-director Rose Bosch's new French cinema classic. Following the film there will be a discussion moderated by Kol Ami member Roger Seti.



France, 2012

124 minutes

French, German and Yiddish with English subtitles

Please note that this film is not appropriate for children under 14.

**Admission is free
and open to the community.**

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Nominations for 2013 – 2014 Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Officers to be Elected

(for a one-year term expiring in 2014)

President	Hank Rouda
Treasurer	Lori Okun
Secretary	Ellen Kurtz

(for a three-year term expiring in 2016)

Lori Abrams

Continuing Vice Presidents

Jonathan Litt*	term expiring 2014
Jessica Lorden	term expiring 2015

(*filling Margie Lewis' unexpired term ending 6/30/14)

Auxiliary Representative Trustees

Men's Council (KABRO)	Sisterhood
TBA	TBA

Trustees to be Elected

(for a three-year term expiring in 2016)

Susan Arovas	Betsy McCormack
David Cole	Lori Okun**
Laura Green**	Judy Sarch**
Ellen Kurtz	Steve Salzinger
Elaine Libman	Elizabeth Ward**
Daniel Lobatto	

**Returning Trustee

Continuing Trustees

(term expiring 2014)

Lori Abrams	Edward Nerenberg	Myra Oltsik
Michael Berg	Myra Oltsik	
Laurie Cole	Hank Rouda	
Susan Davis	Ginny Ruder	
Debbi Marcus	Gerri Sommers	
Amy Mauer-Litos	Leslie Wiesen	

(term expiring 2015)

Jeffrey Gelfand	Evelyne Klein
Howard Geller	Howard Klein
Adam Gluck	Jonathan Litt
Eugene Kava	Jessica Lorden
	Scott Musoff

Retiring Trustees

Ronnie Cohn Farley	Margie Lewis
Patricia Grossman	Stacey Matusow
	Mark Seiden

Nominating Committee

Lauri Carey, Chair

Nir Barzilai	Howard Klein
Jay Cohen	Edward Nerenberg
David Cole*	Gerri Sommers
Leslye Davidson	Leslie Wiesen

*stepped down from the committee to accept a Trustee nomination

*Please join us
at the Annual
Meeting of the
Congregation
Tues., May 7, 2013
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.

Friday, April 12, 2013



5:00 pm

- ◆ **Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests Kathryn Lockwood and Yousif Sheronik from duo Jalal**
Racing along with our new global society, duoJalal surprises the music world with their diverse and stunning artistry. duoJalal "are fearless seekers and synthesizers of disparate instruments and cultures" raves the Toronto Star. Like the marriage between Kathryn Lockwood and Yousif Sheronick, their music represents an organic amalgam of cultural traditions and musical styles.
€ *Main Sanctuary*

5:30 pm

- ◆ **Shabbat in the Woods**
€ *Petschek Gallery*

6:00 pm

- ◆ **Unwind with Hors d'oeuvres**
€ *Atrium*

6:15 pm

- ◆ **Shabbat Services**
€ *Main Sanctuary*
- ◆ **Torah Study**
€ *Conference Room*
- ◆ **Got Shabbat? Shabbat together –**
for elementary school children and parents.
€ *Schulman Chapel in the Woods*

7:15 pm

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

Adults \$25/Children & Teens \$15
Picnickers \$10/Free for children 5 & under

7:30 pm

- ◆ **Tzedakah Sandwich making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach**
€ *Petschek Gallery*

8:00 pm

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

All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., April 10th and are non-refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.

8:00 pm

- ◆ **THE MAIN EVENT—**
Deaf Jam: Muslim, Jewish, Hearing, Deaf – an exploration of identity, culture, poetry and film.
Join the young performers featured in "Deaf Jam" along with students from our high school program, Muslim high school students, and students from the NY School for the Deaf for a poetry slam performance, the culmination of weeks of collaboration kicked off by the February 27th screening of, **Deaf Jam**, a film by Judy Leiff. In the film Aneta Brodski, a deaf teen introduced to American Sign Language (ASL) Poetry, boldly enters the spoken word slam scene. In a wondrous twist, Aneta, an Israeli immigrant living in the Queens section of NYC, eventually meets Tahani Salah, a hearing Palestinian slam poet. The two women embark on a collaboration/performance duet - creating a new form of slam poetry that speaks to both the hearing and the deaf.
€ *Main Sanctuary*

9:30 pm

- ◆ **Dessert Oneg**

ASL Interpretation Provided

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 10th

Adult Name/s

Children's Name/s &

Ages

Phone #

Email address

"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only
Adults _____ @ \$25/ea

"Community & Family Dinner"
Adults _____ @ \$25/ea
Children/teens _____ @ \$15/ea
Children _____ 5 & under free

"Shabbat Picnic Dinner" Adults Only
Adults _____ @ \$10/ea

PLEASE SEAT US WITH:

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$

SEATING IS PLANNED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

ANY LAST MINUTE SEATING REQUESTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

Meet the Retreat Committee

Our Kol Ami weekend retreat will be at Circle Lodge this year starting on Friday, May 24. Come for the weekend or come for a day! The committee busy planning a multitude of activities consists of Adrienne Pollak, Stacey Matusow, Rachel Eckhaus, Robin Davies-Small, Jill Staffin, Vicki and Dan Horowitz, and Lori Okun. Rachel and Lori were kind enough to tell us more about themselves.

RACHEL ECKHAUS lives on Longview Avenue in White Plains. Her boys Daniel, age 13, and Ben, age 11, walk less than a block to the Highlands Middle School. She and her husband, Philip Hostetter, joined Kol Ami in 2010 and Rachel has become quite active, working with the youth groups as well as the Retreat Committee.

Rachel, tell us about the Youth Group.

"There is a Junior Youth Group for kids in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and one for kids in the seventh and eighth grades. The Senior Youth Group is for kids in grades nine to twelve. As chairperson of the Youth Group Committee, I work closely with Timna Burston, who is Senior Youth Group Coordinator, Rabbi Nadia Gold, Rabbi Tom and Felice. One of our challenges is keeping post b'nai mitzvah kids involved. The retreat helps a lot."

How does the retreat help?

"It's one more way for kids to make and solidify friendships. There's so much going on – drama, sports, dancing, campfires. Kids connect with one another. When that happens, they want to stay in touch. Youth Group is a great way to do that. Rabbi Tom is the glue; the kids adore Tom."

Tell us about yourself.

"I grew up in New Rochelle. I graduated from Ithaca College and have a CPA. I have done corporate work for 22 years, the last 16 with Strauss Paper in Port Chester. I am now their CFO. My dad grew up in White Plains. My grandfather was a rabbi and I have many, many fond memories of his wonderful stories. I especially remember our very large, wonderful

Pesach seders. We wrote our own hagadah. Together with a friend, I now plan and prepare seders for up to forty friends and family. One of my specialties is gefilte fish. There was a Sisterhood event – Gimlets and Gefilte Fish – that I implemented in March. What fun! I am also part of an interfaith family."

Would you tell us more about interfaith families?

"Sure. I think Kol Ami is a wonderful place for interfaith couples. Inclusion without conversion is a real option here. Issues do arise and they are handled in a caring manner. For example, how do you have an interfaith Bar Mitzvah as we did for Daniel? Phil wanted an aliyah; he wanted to be able to bless his son. He learned the Hebrew prayers and was able to be part of the ceremony."

Thanks for being so open. Do you have any advice for new or prospective members, interfaith or otherwise? "Join and get involved! Pick something! The clergy is inclusive and welcoming. If you're like me, you'll want to listen to Cantor Mo 24/7."

You must be very musical. "Yes, indeed. I'm a founding member and a board member of the Westchester Symphonic Winds, a 65 person ensemble that performs at the Tarrytown Music Hall three or four times a year. I'm the principal piccolo player. Our 25th Gala Anniversary Concert will be held on Saturday, May 18. Come see us!"

LORI OKUN lives on Barton Road in White Plains with husband David and daughters Rachel and Danielle. Rachel is a junior in high school and Danielle is in the eighth grade. Both attend White Plains schools.

Are your daughters in the Hebrew School?

"Yes and both are assistant teachers. They have been very active. Rachel has traveled with the Youth Group to Israel, Costa Rica and Washington. I had an adult Bat Mitzvah a year before Rachel had hers. Unlike Rachel and Danielle, I never went

to Hebrew School even though we belonged to a Conservative synagogue. My parents decided on a synagogue in a neighboring town and my sisters didn't know the other kids. So I never went."

Where are you and David from?

"I'm from Roslyn and he is from Randolph, New Jersey. His childhood synagogue could be called conservadox."

How did you end up in White Plains?

"We liked the diversity. It is also an easy commute to the city and it is closer to ski slopes. We all love to ski. The girls are expert skiers."

Do you and David commute to the city?

"I do. I work for Ernst and Young where I audit financial service companies. I have business degrees from University of Pennsylvania and the Columbia Business School. David works in White Plains. He is the chief operating officer of Jumpstart Healthcare Communications Consulting, LLC."

Tell us about your experience at Kol Ami.

"We joined about ten years ago. I'm presently Synagogue Treasurer and have had other responsibilities over the years. I co-chaired the B'nai Mitzvah Committee and the Drama Club. I have organized the welcome back picnic and, of course, work on the Retreat Committee."

Have you gone to Kol Ami Retreats before?

"Yes, we have and we love them. There are so many activities for the kids and for us bigger kids. It's a wonderful place to meet people of different generations."

Do you have any advice for new or prospective Kol Ami members?

"People are warm and welcoming at Kol Ami. Just about anything goes. Join and get involved. It's my family's second home and it can be yours also. Say yes to volunteering. Get to know our very special clergy. Each is unique in his or her own way. Rabbi Tom is so funny he could be a comedian. He may have missed his calling."

Congregation Kol Ami Early Childhood Program



Drop in and be part of our group...

Parent Talk!

Designed for Parents, Grandparents, and Babies 2–12 months Our discussions will be led by Susan Davis, CSW — Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage We will meet in the Gallery the 2nd and 4th Thursday (coinciding with the ECP calendar year)

September – June

Come and see what we're all about... everyone is welcome – Friends too!

Questions? Please call Nan Blank in the ECP office at 949-4717 x107.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Westchester Jewish Council
invites you to join us at the
2012 Celebrate Israel Parade
on Sunday, June 3rd 2012

The parade runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
along 5th Avenue in Manhattan
(between 57th and 74th Streets)

For more information, contact Donna at
donna@wjcouncil.org or 914-328-7001
visit us at www.wjcouncil.org
(formerly the Westchester Jewish conference)
A proud beneficiary of UJA-Federation of New York

Kol Ami Women's Oasis At Home

We gather. We explore. We learn. We connect.

Our final Session of the season:

Written Out of History: Our Jewish Foremothers

by Emily Taitz and Sondra Henry.

By sifting through historical reports, letters, memoirs, court papers, and other documents, the authors rediscover and rescue from obscurity the records of Jewish women from the Bible and Talmud, ancient Greece and Egypt, through medieval and Renaissance times, and into the modern period — proving Jewish women's presence as a vital force in the march of the Jewish people

Sunday, April 28 • 9:15-11:00am

in the Schulman Chapel in the Wood

To register, please contact the Kol Ami office, 949-4717.

TEENAGERS THIS summer CAN CHANGE YOUR WORLD

**LEARN, EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE OUR
INNOVATIVE GENERATION 2 GENERATION
4-WEEK, SUMMER INTERNSHIP.**

Rewards happen all around with our program. You get the opportunity to learn about Jewish culture, tradition and explore your own Jewish identity while gaining invaluable experience for your own future endeavors. Also, our residents get enrichment in their lives just from your participation.

Apply for either one of our two full time summer programs:

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You need to be 14 years or older. Stipend provided.

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Call us for more information at **718.581.1404** •
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THE HEBREW HOME
at Riverdale

Come One, Come Two, Come Three, Come All!

Kol Ami ECP's First Ever Family Math Night For Families with Young Children 2 years -K

Tuesday evening, April 30, 6:00 – 7:30

Join us for Pizza and Salad at 6:00 followed by a Program Introduction at 6:15

Games from 6:30-7:30



Everyone is Welcome

RSVP by Friday, April 26 To: nanblank@nykolami.org



Join us for an exciting evening of math exploration through a variety of hands-on activities.

Families will rotate through math stations where volunteers will introduce math activities fun for both parent and child.

Go home with a goody bag of math games to play at home, as well as practical ideas to weave mathematical thinking into everyday life with your child. Whether you loved or hated math as a student, you will love watching your child gain confidence and proficiency with numbers in a fun, engaging way.

KOL AMI VOLUNTEER FAIR

Sunday April 21st from 9AM -11AM

Are you interested in volunteering at Kol Ami or in our community?

Would you like to meet other congregants who share your interests?

Do you have talent, time, and energy you would like to use to improve Kol Ami?

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes",
please attend Kol Ami's Congregant Volunteer Fair on Sunday April 21st!

The purpose of the Volunteer Fair is to afford congregants an opportunity to meet the leaders of Kol Ami's committees and task forces and to learn more about each group's mission statement, projects, events, and membership. We hope you'll choose to participate in one or more Kol Ami groups after you learn more about the exciting projects and events being planned.

GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Questions? Please contact Jess Lorden, jlorden@us.ibm.com,
or Hank Rouda, hrrouda@gmail.com.**



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

Registration for 2013-2014 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

More Friends for Shabbat!

In case you haven't heard, Kol Ami's **Shabbat/Havdalah with Friends** evenings have been a resounding success. **Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends** has filled us with food, wine, conversation and laughter. Best of all, these gatherings have been part of our goal to build a community of caring, sharing and love. There are still many dates to choose from and we are always looking for more hosts. Hosts can choose to invite guests for dinner, for coffee and dessert, or for drinks and appetizers.

If you would like to host a meal, or if you have any questions please contact Ilene Miller at imillerkolami@gmail.com or 914-949-4717 x111.

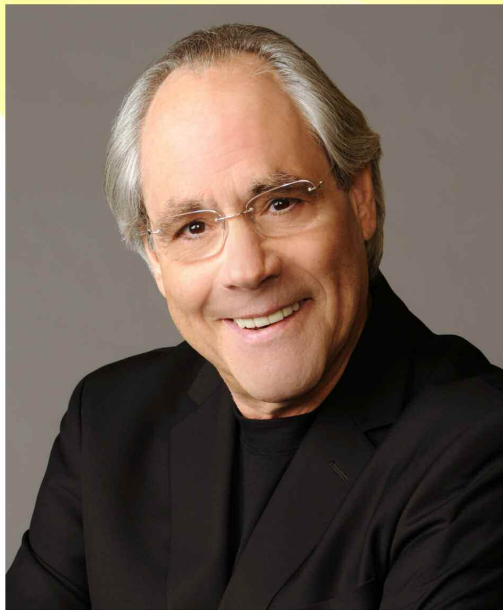
2013 DATES

Shabbat with Friends...

Apr 19 hosted by Lisa Borowitz

May 3 hosted by Susan and Paul Davis

DON'T MISS A NIGHT OF
LAUGHTER, FOOD AND FUN
THE KOL AMI SPRING FUNDRAISER



FEATURING COMEDIAN/ACTOR
ROBERT KLEIN

HONORING

Andrea Seiden and Jay Hack
and
THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Glen Coben • Howard Klein • Margie Lewis • Jonathan Litt
George Lusk • Mariela Melamed • Steve Rieger
Hank Rouda • Ginny Ruder • Maggy Weber

SATURDAY, MAY 4th 2013 7:30pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

KOL AMI ECP PRESENTS

A PRINCESS, PIRATE & SUPERHERO MASQUERADE PARTY

A FAMILY FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013
MAMARONECK BEACH & YACHT CLUB

Meet Belle, Spiderman,
Snow White, Captain Hook
and Superman!

Last day to bid in
our on-line auction!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013
11:00 – 1:30 PM

**The Castle at Mamaroneck
Beach & Yacht Club**
555 South Barry Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Family of 2 – \$75.00
Family of 3 – \$100.00
Family of 4 – \$125.00
Additional People – \$25.00
Children under 2 are free
\$5.00 per person more at the door!

To buy tickets, please contact
Nan Blank, Early Childhood Director
At 914-949-4717, ext 107

DON'T MISS OUT!

THE BALL'S HIGHLIGHT WILL BE:

**The Belle & Spiderman
Extravaganza**

performed by Dave's Cast of Characters
The performance begins at 11:45!

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Two Bouncy Houses
- Princess, Pirate and Superhero Crafts
- Hair Styling
- Make up Artist
- Pictures with the Characters
- Full lunch for children and adults
- And much more...

All proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go to support the ECP Scholarship Fund,
Community Garden Project, Lending Library and Family Programming

Congregation Kol Ami

Women of Reform Judaism

Dear Congregant,

With Confirmation scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 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 9th.

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, April 25th** 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,

Laurie Cole

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: Laurie Cole
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT or email to: Miriam.j.artz@gmail.com
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.

\$25.00 to send message # _____ to all Confirmands.

Name: _____ Address: _____

MEMBERS OF THE 2012-2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

Confirmand's Name

Parent's Name(s)

- ☐ Jack Brown
- ☐ Caroline Cole
- ☐ Ariel Coonin
- ☐ Ethan Cutler
- ☐ Zach Falk
- ☐ Jared Fischer
- ☐ Jordan Frankenthaler
- ☐ Jennifer Gordon
- ☐ Allison Jasne
- ☐ Jack Kantor
- ☐ Zachary Klein
- ☐ Rachel Norman
- ☐ Catherine Reynolds
- ☐ Alex Root
- ☐ David Scharf
- ☐ Zoe Shannon
- ☐ Barak Stockler
- ☐ Ross Van Doren
- ☐ Jake Zieman

Alix & Jim Brown

Laurie & Ronald Cole

Lauren Resnick & David Coonin

Wendy Zimmermann & Steve Cutler

Stephanie & Andrew Falk

Ronit Fischer & Bruce Stockler

Marci & Michael Frankenthaler

Lainie Julien & Steve Gordon

Gail & Hugh Jasne

Susan & Andy Kantor

Donna & Garry Klein

Marian & Paul Norman

Karen & Sean Reynolds

Rhonda Root & Brad Root

Leslie & Andrew Scharf

Ingrid Hauptman & Simon Shannon

Ronit Fischer & Bruce Stockler

Susan & Daniel Van Doren

Cindy & Josh Zieman

The Kol Ami Brotherhood — KABRO

Join KABRO for **KOL AMI'S 3RD ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP, AUGUST 2-4 AT NORTH-SOUTH LAKE IN THE CATSKILLS.** Swimming, Boating, Hiking, Campfire Singing and S'mores! Campsites are limited, so please reserve as soon as possible. See flyer

on our website for details. Questions or sign up: Contact Dan Horowitz at horowitz.dan@gmail.com

Anthony Zitrin



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — “Sisterhood”

MEMBERSHIP DINNER - MAY 21ST

All paid members of Sisterhood are welcome to our big annual event. There is no charge; however, pre-registration is a must. Contact Ilene Miller, Program Manager, at extension 111. This year the dinner is being catered and generously underwritten by Good Life Gourmet. The North East District of WRJ will be providing a speaker for a lively discussion on a timely topic for women. The food and program will be great.

As we wind down the year of programs, you may ask “Why join now?” For one thing, the evening’s dinner and entertainment will pay for itself. In addition, you will be making an invaluable contribution to the Temple activities Kol Ami Sisterhood sponsors. And, it is tax deductible. If you have participated in any of the Sisterhood co-sponsored Temple activities throughout the year, you are already a member in the most important way. If you become a dues paying member, you will join 330 other women in being a fellow sponsor for these events. Please contact Madiha Tubman to join.

CONFIRMATION GREETINGS

Look for the form in this issue of the Connection. Our Confirmation Students are provided with a beautiful booklet and treasured memento of greetings from fellow students, family friends and relatives and the larger Kol Ami community. Your contribution supports the Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund which presents scholarships to our college-bound Religious School Seniors in June.

THIS PAST MONTH:

March Madness Ladies Night Out: 52 women came out to enjoy Israeli food and wine at the terrific new restaurant Taiim Cellar in Scarsdale. Please stop in and mention that you are from Kol Ami. Who knows—you may get VIP treatment. They were fabulous- Give them our thanks and support their new business.

Gilda’s Club Westchester: Sisterhood and Pampered Chefs teamed up for another fun event in our Havdalah Series, which supported a worthy cause.

Gimlets and Gefilte Fish: Rachel Eckhaus led a dozen women in making her Grandmother’s wonderful, EASY recipe. We dined and enjoyed Pomegranate Gimlets. Our ancestors would be proud.

Coming this fall: Lattes and Latkes!

See you soon.

Ellen Kurtz



Mark Your Calendar – Kol Ami Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

4:00 – 9:30 pm at Bet Am Shalom

Please make sure there will be blood available when someone needs it. YOU can save lives.

Students returning from College are welcome. Give the GIFT OF LIFE. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 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. There are also 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. Chairman David Klein

“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

kol ami
 retreat
 Circle Lodge
 may 24 ~ 26, 2013
 20 years
 friends
 family
 relax
 connections
 laughter
 music
 new
 old
 learning
 together

cooking • hiking • eat • yoga • campfire • frisbee • discussion • biking • shabbat • art •
 cocktails • games • sports • relax • eat • yoga • arts & crafts • shabbat • ed

What is the Retreat? Is it religious?

The Retreat is a weekend that embodies the best of Kol Ami -- a multi-generational, diverse and dynamic community. In one weekend you can enjoy everything from lounging by the lake with a good book, relax with good friends, participate in religious study, and lakeside Shabbat services and enjoy crafts, drama, sports, dancing , campfires and more. The retreat is essentially about community. Come for the weekend or come for the day!

Where is the Retreat?

The Retreat is held at the Circle Lodge in Hopewell Junction, NY. It is a beautiful lakeside camp about 45 minutes from White Plains. Adults stay in motel-style accommodations. Children ages 6 and older usually stay in camp bunks with counselors and children their age. Of course, children also have the option of staying with their parents.

Will I be comfortable if I come alone?

The Retreat is a great way to meet new people. Each year, many adults come to the Retreat on their own. But, they are never “alone”! We are all together as a community.

We have young children – how will they spend their time?

Children have their own extensive list of activities to choose from. A group of experienced counselors (most of whom have grown up at Kol Ami) will provide your children with fun activities and make sure that they are cared for and supervised while you attend the activities that interest you. For younger children, there are special activities at our Children's Center, supervised by experienced staff. Babysitting is also available at night at an additional charge. And, of course, there are lots of things to do together as a family.

Is there a specific schedule that I have to follow?

Each day the activities are as diverse as Kol Ami is! While scheduled at specific times, you can come and go as you choose. There is NO pressure to attend any of the activities. Whatever you choose, we guarantee laughter and memories that will last until the next year brings us back together.

What if I have other questions?

Contact one of us...

Stacey Matusow [**sjmatusow@aol.com**](mailto:sjmatusow@aol.com)
Rachel Eckhaus at [**raeck01@gmail.com**](mailto:raeck01@gmail.com),
Robin Davies-Small [**robdav127@hotmail.com**](mailto:robdav127@hotmail.com)
Adrienne Pollak 686-9736, Jill Staffin at 713-3121,
Vicki & Dan Horowitz 834-8250
Felice Miller Baritz & Rabbi Shira Milgrom 949-4717

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.NYKOLAMI.ORG

Adult Education

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FINAL SYNAPLEX KEYNOTE EVENT:

April 12: Deaf Jam: Muslim, Jewish, Hearing, Deaf – an exploration of identity, culture, poetry and film.

Join the young performers featured in "Deaf Jam" (shown on February 27) along with students from our high school program, Muslim high school students, and students from the New York School for the Deaf for a poetry slam performance, the culmination of weeks of collaboration.

Mussar Classes

facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax:

At Kol Ami in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods, Mondays, 4/15, 5/13, 6/10 from 12:30pm-2:00 pm (note revised time). This workshop will introduce mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work. Contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com to register or go to <http://asoft8125.acrisoft.com/wjcs/clientuploads/HC-2013.pdf> for a full listing of the Healing Center programs (including an evening Mussar group).

Cost: Suggested donation:

\$72; \$54 for Kol Ami members

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,

The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician

Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 10:30 am

Jewish contemplative practices for clearing the mind, softening the heart and opening to the One. All Welcome. No meditation experience necessary.

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW:

Parent Talk!

Designed for parents or grandparents and infants age 2 - 12 months.

Topics at this drop in group will be related to parenting babies at this stage.

We will meet in the Gallery.

2nd and 4th Thursday

9:00-10:00 am

Please call Nan Blank in the ECP office at 949-4717 x107

Sunday Parenting Group

Raising resilient, self-reliant children—
A morning discussion group focusing on a variety of parenting issues and stresses.

4/14

in the Chapel

9:15 – 10:45 am

Adolescent Parenting Workshops

Discussion of a range of parenting issues related to adolescence, including physical and emotional development, trust and control issues, and staying connected in the midst of the turmoil.

First & third Thursdays of the month

First Thursday: 9:45 – 11:45 am

Third Thursday: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Grandparenting Workshops

Exploring intergenerational experience and Jewish wisdom as we share the challenges and opportunities of grandparenting.

Normally first Monday of the month

April date: 4/8

9:15 - 10:45 am

Weekly Torah Study

Every Friday morning 10:00 – 11:30 am

Led by Kol Ami members

Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. 9:15 am

Meets in Room 20. For more information call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

Mah Jongg and Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice

Wednesdays 11:30 am. Kol Ami Atrium

Email Wendy Roos to be added

to the Mah Jongg email distribution

wendyroos1@aol.com

Wisdom of the Sages

Lunch and Learn at Kol Ami

Bring your lunch and learn with Rabbi Tom. All are welcome. Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon

Israeli Folk Dance

*with Shmulik Gou-Ari**

Connect with the heart and soul of the Jewish story through dance.

Wednesdays

7:30 – 8:15 pm Beginners

8:15 – 10:00 pm Open Dance

Individual sessions -

\$10 members, \$13 non-members

No class 4/10

Current Events

with Beth and Gene Kava

Each session will provide the participants an opportunity to examine a current issue of the day in depth.

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20

Apr 8 & 22; May 6 & 20

Mitzvah Knitz

Together we will knit baby afghans, caps for Israeli soldiers, and more.

Third Thursday of the month

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multi-generational women for learning & friendship

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am

4/3, 5/1

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Make New Friends and Ask Great Questions

Tuesdays 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Apr 9

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Second year of a two year course

Hebrew Classes for Adults

Pending sufficient enrollment

\$150 per semester (scholarships available)

\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

10:00 – 11:00 am

Intermediate

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Sunday Mornings

with Alice Seidman

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and translating current Israeli publications. An informal learning environment.

9:30 – 10:30 am

(Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455

for further information)

Polyphony Concert, Saturday April 6, 2013

We are thrilled to announce that 3 musicians from Polyphony will be performing at Kol Ami on Saturday, April 6th from 9:45-10:45 am in the Chapel In The Woods. The founder and director of Polyphony, Nabeel Abboud-Ashkar (also a violinist), will be joined by violinist Yamen Saadi, a 16-year old Arab Muslim, and cellist Lia Chen Perloy, a 19-year old Jewish Israeli. Polyphony's mission is to bridge the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through the power of music.

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Half Blood Blues

by Esi Edugyan
April 3, 2013

Far from the Madding Crowd

by Thomas Hardy
May 8, 2013

In the Garden of the Beasts

by Eric Larsen
Discussion Leader: Devorah Banks
June 5, 2013

All meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in Room 20. Come whether you've read the book or not; the discussion is always lively.

For further information, contact Doris Dingott, 289-0869, DLDingott@gmail.com or Elaine Cohen, 725-0248, elwilco@verizon.net

MITZVAH KNITZ

**We will be meeting on
Thursday
April 18
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.net

Rabbi Norman Cohen to Speak at the Lift on Shabbat morning, Saturday April 27 at 9:30 am

Dr. Norman J. Cohen is widely recognized as one of the great teachers of his generation. A rabbi, professor of midrash and former provost of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, he frequently lectures to Jewish and Christian laypeople and scholars on Bible study and midrash—finding contemporary meaning from ancient biblical texts. Cohen was a participant in Bill Moyers' *Genesis: A Living Conversation* on PBS. He is the author of "Self, Struggle & Change: Family Conflict Stories in Genesis and Their Healing Insights for Our Lives"; "Voices from Genesis: Guiding Us through the Stages of Life"; "Moses and the Journey to Leadership: Timeless Lessons of Effective Management from the Bible and Today's Leaders"; "Hineni in Our Lives: Learning How to Respond to Others through 14 Biblical Texts & Personal Stories"; and "The Way Into Torah".

Kol Ami Cares

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

The Hazon CSA of White Plains and Scarsdale is planning for the upcoming season. For those of you who are new to our community or have not learned about this in the past, a CSA is basically a group of people who get together ahead of the growing season and agree to support a local farmer. Our farmers, Dan and Tracy Hayhurst, own Chubby Bunny Farm in the northwestern corner of Connecticut. Each shareholder commit in advance to purchase organic produce from Chubby Bunny for the season. The produce is delivered weekly from early June through the end of October, generally to Temple Israel Center in White Plains. The members' advance commitments and upfront payments help support the farmer's season start up costs. Each shareholder also has a small volunteer commitment to the CSA. The shareholder, aside from partaking in such wonderful, healthy food, agrees to share the farmer's risk that certain crops may be damaged in the rare event of a flood, drought, blight, etc., which may impact the harvest for that week.

Shares should generally contain 8-12 vegetables and/or herbs, enough for side-dishes for a family of four for the week. Since every household's needs are different, we offer these amounts as a guideline only. The majority of our shareholders split a share with a friend/neighbor/colleague. If you are interested in splitting a share and do not have a partner, please let us know and we will try to find someone for you.

There are many advantages to joining the Hazon CSA, including:

- Learning about and trying new vegetables; receiving a variety of fresh, local, organic vegetables at competitive prices
- Supporting local sustainable agriculture – helping family farms to survive
- Gaining a closer relationship to the source of your food
- Supporting a healthy environment – lowering your carbon footprint
- Building a strong community
- Receiving weekly newsletters with recipes, tips, news from the farm, and information about food issues
- Connecting Jewish values and traditions with food and sustainability
- Enjoying farm trips, educational programs, and community events around food and agriculture
- Linking into a national network of people who care about food, sustainability, and Jewish life

What is new this year? Hazon has merged with Isabella Freedman, a Jewish Retreat Center that happens to be in the same town as Chubby Bunny. The new combined group will be at the forefront of renewing Jewish American life and creating a more sustainable world for all. For more information on this exciting merger, go to <http://isabellafreedman.org/merger>.

Applications for the 2013 season are available on our web site www.whiteplainscsa.com. The price for the 2013 season is \$665 for 22 weeks of produce, including a \$15 administrative fee. Our farmers have not raised the cost of a share from last year's season. If you are interested, we encourage you to respond quickly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Daryl Moss at 421-9212 or Bonnie Hagen at 997-8164.

KOL AMI SINGERS

It's a mitzvah to bring an hour of music, companionship and smiles to those in need.

Wed., Apr. 24th 3:30pm – The Esplanade

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231

For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113

Sundays at 11:00 am: 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 4/15, 5/6, 6/3.

If you are interested in chairing Monday Cooking for the Homeless in 2013, please contact Laura Green at 949-6113.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED PESACH VII 10:00am PESACH & YIZKOR SERVICE in Chapel	2 ECP CLOSED 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages 7:30pm Sisterhood Meeting - Room 20	3 7:30am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:00am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 11:30am Mah Jongg/Bridge 6:00pm Or Chadash Choir 6:30pm Adult Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm Israeli Folk Dance	4 9:15am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 9:45am Adolescent Parenting Workshop 7:45pm Congregational Choir	5 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	6 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:45 am POLYPHONY CONCERT 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Gellert in Sanctuary 5:30pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: B'not Mitzvah of Abby & Samantha Zuckerman in Sanctuary
7 YOM HASHOAH 8:00am 5th Grade Trip: Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC K-6TH GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am Adult Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew 10:00am Advanced Beginner Hebrew 11:15am Intermediate Hebrew 1:00pm Movie "The Round-up" at Kol Ami	8 9:15 am Grandparenting Class 10:00am ECP YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM 11:00am Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava	9 11:30am Transitions group 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 7:00pm Julie Ross, ECP Speaker 8:00pm Adult B'Nai Mitzvah in Sanctuary	10 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Mah Jongg/Bridge - 6:00pm Or Chadash Choir 6:30pm Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:00pm YOM HASHOAH SERVICE	11 9:00am Parent Talk 9:15am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 8:00 pm Board of Trustees in Conference Room	12 10:00am Torah Study SYNAPLEX 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	13 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nei Mitzvah of Sam & Jared Cole in Sanctuary 5:00pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH in Sanctuary
14 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am Kol Ami Interfaith Families coffee 9:15am 10:45am Sunday Parenting Group - 9:30am Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew 10:00am Advanced Beginner Hebrew 11:00am Cooking for the Homeless 11:15am Intermediate Hebrew	15 YOM HAATZMA'UT 12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless 12:30pm Mussar Group 7:30pm KABRO Monthly Meeting	16 9:00am ECP YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages	17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ECP 3S PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 11:30am Mah Jongg/Bridge - 6:00pm Or Chadash Choir 6:30pm Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm Israeli Folk Dance	18 9:15am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 12:00pm Adolescent Parenting Workshop 12:00pm Mitzvah Knitz 7:45pm Congregation Choir	19 10:00am Torah Study 5:30pm ECP SHABBAT DINNER 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	20 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE WITH LIFT Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Feldman in Chapel 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rose in Sanctuary
21 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am Kol Ami Committee Fair 9:30am Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew 10:00am Advanced Beginner Hebrew 11:00am ECP PRINCESS/PIRATE & SUPERHERO PARTY 11:15am Intermediate Hebrew	22 11:00 am Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava	23 ECP CLOSED 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages	24 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:30am Mah Jongg/Bridge 6:00pm Or Chadash Choir 6:30pm Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm Israeli Folk Dance	25 9:00am Parent Talk 9:15am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting 8:00pm Congregation Choir	26 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:00pm 2ND GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	27 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am STUDY WITH RABBI NORMAN COHEN 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Julia Blotner in Sanctuary
28 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am Religious School Committee Meeting 9:15am Oasis at Home Series in Chapel 9:30am Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew 10:00am Advanced Beginner Hebrew 11:00am L'ag B'omer Celebration BBQ Jr. Youth Group 11:15am Intermediate Hebrew	29	30 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 6:00pm ECP FAMILY MATH NIGHT	May 1 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:30am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:00am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 9:00am ECP 4S BRING YOUR DAD TO SCHOOL DAY 11:30am Mah Jongg/Bridge 6:00pm Or Chadash Choir 6:30pm Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm pm Israeli Folk Dance	2 9:15am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 9:45am Adolescent Parenting Workshop 7:45pm Congregation Choir	3 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	4 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE

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