



DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL SYNAPLEX EVENT - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

A Conversation with Scientists Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein *From Womb to Tomb: Looking for the Longevity Gene*

Is our ability to live a long, healthy life determined at conception by our genetic make-up? Our interaction with the environment, and scientific discoveries that can turn to drug development, can assure healthy life span for all of us. Congregants Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein will share their discoveries about what can lead to a healthy life span.

Our Musical Explorations Guest will be Cantor Josh Breitner

The sacred vocal music of Jack Gottlieb (1930-2011) is rooted in both American popular song and high art music. Come and learn more about the varied works of this composer, scholar and author, whose books include *Funny, it Doesn't Sound Jewish* and *Working with Bernstein*.

See page 18 for more details.

Save the Date!! Saturday March 15th, 2014 Purim Synaplex

- * Adult Drama Club Musical Purimspiel
"Les Miz — Les Megillah: Do You Hear the People Sing?"
Fun for All Ages . . .
- * Carnival, games, face painting, crafts and activities for all!
- * Purim BBQ: burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salads and fixin's
(reservations a must. . . . Adults \$18, Children 12 and under \$10)
- * Purim Service and Megillah Reading
- * Israeli Dancing with Shmulik * Live Music by Nathann Flaks

See page 19 for more details.

SERVICES

Saturday, February 1

10:00am **SIXTH GRADE, B'NAI MITZVAH WORKSHOP**
SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:** Bat Mitzvah of Eva Gilbert in Sanctuary

Friday, February 7

9:30 am **CAREGIVERS SHABBAT**
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE – YAD B' YAD SHABBAT**

Saturday, February 8

SPIRITUAL LIFT
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Lang in Sanctuary

Friday, February 14

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, February 15

SPIRITUAL LIFT
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**

Friday, February 21

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, February 22

SPIRITUAL LIFT
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**

Friday, February 28

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 1

SPIRITUAL LIFT
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 11:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** B'nai Mitzvah of Andrew Sherwood and Lindsay Donat in Sanctuary

The Open Meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Chapel

Chairs:

Ronnie Cohn and Mark Seiden
Immediate Past Presidents

Board Members:

Susan Kohen Arovas	Debbie Marcus
Ronnie Cohn	Mark Seiden

Non-Board Members:

Dan Horowitz	Leslie Heineman
Stacy Matusow	Ben Kur
Rob Segall	

Weekly Torah Portions for February

Week ending February 1, 2014***Parashat Teruma* Exodus 25:1-27:19**

Parashat Teruma describes the construction of the Tabernacle. God gives meticulously detailed instructions regarding the design and elements of the Tabernacle, especially the Holy Ark. Each individual is asked to contribute to its building materials and furnishings as he or she is motivated.

Week ending February 8, 2014***Parashat T'tzaveh* Exodus 27:20-30:10**

The obligations of Aaron and his sons and the rituals surrounding the priests and sacrifice are described in *Parashat Tetzaveh*. This *parashah* has the distinction of being the only *parashah* in the last four books of the Torah in which the name of Moses does not appear.

Week ending February 15, 2014***Parashat Ki Tisa* Exodus 30:11-34:35**

The people become impatient as Moses lingers on Mount Sinai for forty days, and they persuade Aaron to fashion a golden calf in Moses' absence. Upon returning with the Ten Commandments, Moses sees the Israelites cavorting around the calf and smashes the tablets of God's law. Joined by the Levites, Moses executes a campaign to root out the offenders. Moses then pleads with God to secure divine mercy for the people. The *parashah* ends with a restoration of mutual faith and with Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with Ten Commandments.

Week ending February 22, 2014***Parashat Vayak'heil* Exodus 35:1-38:20**

In *Vayak'heil*, Moses reminds the people that God commanded them to keep Shabbat, not to do work on the seventh day, and to make the day holy. The *parashah* continues with Moses asking the Israelites to donate materials for the building of the *mishkan* (sanctuary).

Engage with Israel Study—a Rare Opportunity

The Shalom Hartman Institute—internationally known and based in Jerusalem—is offering the Westchester community an unusual learning opportunity to participate in a seminar that explores Jewish values and ideas at the foundation of our relationship to Israel. The nine-session course includes text study and discussion, video lectures and dialogues with Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman and other scholars and experts. The iEngage curriculum addresses questions such as

- What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty?
- How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically?
- What values should a Jewish state embody?
- What can Israel offer to the world?

If you would like to explore more about this course, you can visit the Hartman iEngage website at www.iEngage.org.



The sessions (held every other week at different White Plains synagogues –and being offered to the members of the White Plains synagogue) begin mid-February. Please contact me if you would like to learn more.

Yours,

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Kol Ami Torah Scroll (and 1 Rabbinic chaperone) Invited to London Reunion



After the end of World War II the Allies discovered huge warehouses in the city of Prague. Inside was found a tragic and priceless collection of Judaica stolen and confiscated by the Nazis during the War. Why did they amass such an astounding collection? They envisioned that at the war's end, with the Jews of Europe gone from the face of the earth, they would establish a *Museum of an Extinct Race*. We were to be the extinct and vanished people, and this collection of magnificent Judaica from all over Europe would constitute the collection's exhibits.

Perhaps most precious in that collection were the hundreds and hundreds of Torah Scrolls. The Nazis photographed and catalogued the entire collection, and numbered and marked each Torah. One of them was Torah 2741, taken from a synagogue in the Czech city of Brno. That is Torah that now lives in our own Ark.

Fifty years ago, 1,564 Czech Holocaust Scrolls arrived in London to be cared for by the Memorial Scrolls Trust. They

were to be lovingly disseminated to congregations and museums throughout the world on permanent loan.

In 1973, at the request of our own Rabbi Maurice Davis, our congregation was presented with Torah 2741 to give it a home, and by its presence, to make clear the message that the Jewish People live and thrive. We have taken this responsibility and honor with joy and a great sense of sacred weightiness.

Our Holocaust Scroll, and the rest of the 1,563 scrolls, have been invited to a 50th Reunion to take place on February 9th at Westminster Synagogue in London. I will have the honor of bringing the Torah to the ceremony in London to represent Kol Ami and to join with congregations from the world over in bringing these Czech Memorial Scrolls together to celebrate the ongoing, joyous life of our people. I look forward, upon returning, to sharing stories, photos and the history of our own Scroll and of its fellow survivors.

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From Our President

"Naked a person comes into the world and naked a person leaves it, after all is said and done they leave nothing except the good deeds they leave behind." ADAPTED FROM RASHI.

Congregation Kol Ami operates through a combination of professional and lay leadership. We have a dedicated staff who ensure that Kol Ami meets the high standards that we all expect. These are the people who are there every day and are visible to all congregants. We owe them all tremendous thanks for the hard work that they do.

But there are so many other people who are involved in the operation of our synagogue, many of whom you never see or hear about. It is these dedicated volunteers who help give Kol Ami its character and heart. Our Board of Trustees is made up of 31 Trustees and 4 voting ex-officio Trustees (our Immediate Past Presidents and the Presidents of Sisterhood and Men's Council). The Board is charged with overseeing the operation of the business of the temple. But that really is a limited view of what the Board does. In fact, the Board works closely with the staff and the clergy on almost all facets of the temple. In addition to their work on the Board, most of the Trustees are involved in our myriad committees, either as a Chair or as a member. I cannot imagine a more caring and thoughtful group of people than those who make up our Board and I'm so very honored to work with them.

Much of the work that goes into the specific projects that you attend at Kol Ami is performed at the committee level. You may recall that we restructured our committee system when we amended our By-Laws at last year's Annual Meeting, in order to make it reflect the way that an organization like ours operates today. To that end, we have fewer standing committees and more task forces, which are designed to focus on one particular issue or project and then disband. A good example of this is the Task Force which we are now forming to reexamine all ways that we communicate with our congregants, including The Connection. This flexible approach gives more volunteers the opportunity to work on a specific project or topic which is of interest to them for a discreet period of time.

Our volunteers are such a vital part of making Kol Ami the special place that it is. I'm in awe of the people who believe so strongly in this community that they put so much of themselves into it. I'm con-

stantly amazed by their creativity, compassion and commitment. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken a role, large or small, in shaping Kol Ami. I especially want to thank our committee chairs who work so tirelessly to bring our vision to fruition.

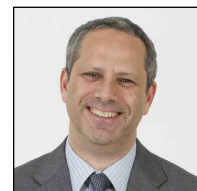


Photo by Mariela Melamed

I encourage all of you to find some way that you can give back to the community at large by volunteering, even if it's just for a single project or event. Here are just a few of the ways that you can participate:

- Cooking for the Homeless
- Join Sisterhood or Men's Council
- Participate in Kol Ami Cares and help a congregant in need
- Be a host for "Shabbat Across Kol Ami" on March 7
- Help send out the candles for Yom Hashoah
- Participate in an Interfaith Families workshop
- Chant or recite the parshah from your Bar/Bat Mitzvah (the Cantor and Rabbis will gladly help you prepare)
- Join a committee (many of the committees are listed on the website)
- Participate in the Second Seder
- Hold a "Shabbat With Friends" dinner
- Suggest your own project on which you would like to work

You can reach out to any of the Trustees and Officers or any of the Committee/Task Force Chairs to express an interest in volunteering. If you don't know on what you would like to work, we'll help you find your place.

You have heard me say that "entrances to Kol Ami are everywhere; you just need to find your own entrance." Our volunteers have found their entrances and have run through them. The doors are open and we hope that you will find your way inside.

L'shalom!

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Fourth Grade Havdallah Hispanica Program



The fourth grade students study the history of Jews around the world. As a part of their studies they presented a program of songs and dances reflecting the rich history and culture of the Jews of Spain.

From the Religious School

A special thank you to Jennifer Labovitz for sharing her insights into our new 1st-3rd grade Hebrew immersion program "Kashkesh"

My 7-year-old son, Sam, completely oblivious to the fact that we were not alone in the corridor as 7-year-olds often are, recently bolted out of Room 20 and gasped, "That was AWESOME! Totally awesome! The BEST!" Everyone in the hallway stopped and looked at him, and then me, in disbelief...did a young boy just announce, completely unsolicited, that Hebrew school was fun? You could see the bystanders' faces begin to search for answers...had I bribed him to say such things? Maybe he was referring to something else? In fact, my son had unknowingly satisfied every Jewish parent's dream...he loved Hebrew school and couldn't wait to go back for more.

My son is enrolled in *Kashkesh*, a Hebrew immersion program for 1st through 3rd graders immediately following Sunday school each week. Timna Burston, the teacher and lead curriculum developer of the program, is an imaginative educator who integrates education theory and practice in a way that makes it look easy. She uses project-based, inter-disciplinary, experiential learning to communicate the content and inspire children to participate. Her multi-layered lessons seamlessly satisfy different learning styles and abilities, often leaving students unaware that they are having a lesson at all! In simple terms, Timna gets it. My son and his new friends cook, play games, paint, make sculptures, sing, dance, and in the process, are learning how to speak, read, and think in Hebrew.

Each semester builds on a different theme. Last semester, the students learned about *Habayit Hayehudi Sheli* (My Jewish Home). This semester will focus on *Chagey Yisrael* (Jewish Holidays), and in the Spring, the students will learn about *Eretz Yisrael* (The Land of Israel).

Sam leaves class each week with vocabulary review sheets and by the time we get home, Timna has sent an email outlining the day's goals

and objectives. These weekly emails describe what the children accomplished in class, how each activity tied into the larger theme, and what we can do at home to reinforce what the kids are learning. I am thrilled to have transparency into the classroom without actually being there and I feel empowered to help Sam progress. (I've also been secretly using these tools to brush up on my Hebrew so Sam and I can practice talking to each other.)

Kashkesh arose from a request made by several parents who wanted their children to have an enriched Hebrew learning opportunity for younger students. The religious school administration agreed that the early immersion theory works—the earlier a child is introduced to a language the more able they are to retain it. *Kashkesh* was born to accommodate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students. Like many parents I have met at Kol Ami, I hope that, ultimately, my children will read Hebrew, be able to decipher the Torah and Siddur, and will have a working knowledge of spoken Hebrew. Through *Kashkesh*, I am confident that will happen a lot sooner than later.

It's ironic that *Kashkesh*, which means chat, doodle, or be silly, is exactly what parents and siblings do while class is in session. While my son can't wait to find out what activities await him in class, his 5-year-old twin sisters and I can't wait to spend the hour in the cafe. My daughters join other siblings for snacks, arts and crafts projects, puzzles, and games. I have made some incredible new friends and connected with some old ones, shared recipes, set up play dates, and have had the chance to chat with the clergy who often stop by. *Kashkesh* has inadvertently provided intellectual and emotional nourishment for my entire family. The hour always flies by and no one wants to leave, especially Sam. I hope to see you and your kids there next Sunday!

For more information about *Kashkesh*, contact Felice in the Religious School office!

Rabbi Emertius Mark L. Winer Honored by Queen

Rabbi Mark L. Winer, today was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for his work in promoting interreligious partnership during a period of raising religious tensions in England. The award is announced in the Queen's 2014 New Year's "Honours List."

Rabbi Winer becomes the First American-born rabbi honored with an MBE. The award is for "promoting interfaith dialogue and social cohesion in London and the UK," according to the citation from the Queen.

"I am humbled and thrilled to accept the MBE," said Rabbi Winer, who for 30 years led congregations in the United States before moving to London in 1998 for 12 years as Senior

Rabbi of the West London Synagogue of British Jews — Reform Judaism's flagship temple in Europe. "This signal honor demonstrates the importance of continuing the crucial work of improving interfaith relations, education, mutual respect and understanding, to combat religious hatred and violence in the world."

Rabbi Winer was instrumental in building interfaith relations and preaching for interreligious reconciliation after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States, and the 7/7 London Underground bombings. During that period, he appeared frequently on national BBC broadcasts calling for understanding and mutual respect.

Ritual Riches: *Talmud, Mishnah, Gemara, and the Oral Tradition*

For most of us, the word “Torah”, in its usual context, refers to the First Five Books of Moses (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*), but, for some, Torah can also be used to refer to the entire Jewish Bible (the *Tanakh* or written Torah), and in its broadest sense, may refer to the entire body of Jewish law and tradition.

There are many Jews, including Orthodox Jews, who believe that Moses received the entire written Torah along with Oral Commentary on Mount Sinai. The Oral Tradition explained and interpreted the written Torah as well as applied the Laws within it. God taught the Oral Torah to Moses who taught it to the elders who passed it on through the rabbis to the present day. Until the 2nd century C.E., this tradition was conveyed only in oral form until it was compiled and written down in a document known as the *Mishnah*. Over the next few centuries, commentators in Babylon and Jerusalem elaborated on the teachings of the *Mishnah* to create a second document called the *Gemara*. Together, the *Mishnah* and the *Gemara* form the *Talmud*, which was completed in the 5th century C.E.

The *Mishnah*: Rabbinical Sages living at the end of the Second Temple period and in the century following the destruction of the Temple (70 C.E.), compiled the *Mishnah*. For centuries, the leading Rabbis had resisted writing down the Oral Law, requiring students to learn from their teachers, whom they considered to be the best transmitters of Jewish tradition, rather than from books. However, confronting the future of a Judaism without a Temple and a loss of central authority as well as the deaths of many scholars in failed revolts, Rabbi Judah haNasi, a great Torah scholar and leader, feared that the Oral Law would be forgotten. In order to ensure the survival of Jewish laws and that the chain of transmission would never be broken, he decided to record the Oral Torah in writing. This was a task requiring a huge amount of editing, explaining, and organizing of a vast collection of material, resulting in a definitive, yet somewhat cryptic (a teacher was still required to make the material accessible) version of the Oral Law.

The *Mishnah* was written in a very concise way, assuming that the reader already had familiarity with the subject matter. Parts of it read as dry legal recitations, but Rabbi Judah frequently presented minority views which

enlivened the text and would serve as a guide to scholars in later generations.

The *Mishnah* is divided into six orders, ranging from “Seeds” (the agricultural laws of ancient Palestine) to *Taharot* (laws of purity and impurity). The *Gemara*: During the centuries that followed the compilation of the *Mishnah*, a number of factors further weakened the chain of Oral Tradition, and it became clear to the sages that the *Mishnah* itself was no longer sufficient or clear enough to explain the Oral Law. The substance of discussions about the *Mishnah* was written down by Rabbis living in Israel and in Babylon, resulting in two versions of the *Gemara*, the Jerusalem *Gemara* and the Babylonian *Gemara*. The Jerusalem *Gemara* was assembled in approximately 400 C.E. but was never fully completed and edited. The Rabbis of Babylon had access to the Jerusalem version while working on their text which was compiled more than a century later. As the Babylonian text is more extensive, it is considered more authoritative.

The subject matter of the *Gemara* ranges from the sacred to the profane and has an intimate relationship with the *Mishnah* and a far greater scope. Although organized with respect to the six orders of the *Mishnah*, the *Gemara* takes off from a close reading of the *Mishnah* with such diverse topics as prayer, superstitions, criminal and civil law, incorporating both *halachah* (legal material) and *aggadah* (narrative material). Multiple opinions of sages (even from different centuries) are presented and weighed, often as though in debate with one another, without a “clear winner”.

A page of the Babylonian *Talmud* contains the Hebrew text of the *Mishnah* in the middle of the page. Between the Hebrew of the *Mishnah* are explanations in both Hebrew and Aramaic comprising *Gemara*. Surrounding the *Mishnah* and *Gemara* are additional layers of text and commentaries from later periods. The entire *Talmud* comprises 63 tractates and is over 6200 pages long (in standard print).

This article was written by Sheryl Brady.

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



SHABBAT ACROSS KOL AMI

Please join your Kol Ami neighbors, as we all
celebrate **Shabbat Across America**.

Friday, March 7, 2014

for an evening of food, fun and community.

6:15 PM. Shabbat service at Kol Ami

7:30 PM. - Dinner at the home of a
Kol Ami friend.

- For families with young
children there will be a
special Kol Ami family dinner
after service which will include
candle lighting, shabbat dinner
& special shabbat craft (at a
minimal cost).

To host or attend this event
please contact:

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From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

*Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
It comes right back to you*

And that's just what we're learning everyday in the ECP! February especially is filled with wonderful opportunities in the ECP to share our love.

Beginning February 1st and extending throughout the entire month, our families will have the opportunity to donate new items for infants and toddlers including bottles, formula, baby food, shoes, and clothing. Our collection will be donated to the homeless shelters in Westchester at the end of the month. If you would like to partner with us, please drop off any of these much-needed items in the cradle outside the ECP office anytime during the month.

On **Friday, February 7th** we will be hosting our annual **Caregiver's Shabbat**. This is always a wonderful way to start our month of giving. All of our families' caregiver's are invited to join us for Shabbat to enjoy our songs and prayers with us and of course the delicious Challah that we bake!

Wednesday, February 12th the nursery school will be sponsoring our annual **Share the Love Mitzvah Bake Sale**. The Bake Sale will take place in our Auditorium from 9:00-9:45 am and the entire Kol Ami community is invited and encouraged to join us for coffee and

treats. The monies earned from this event are used for our Mitzvah Morning Project to be held at the end of May with the preschool children from The Center for Learning of New Rochelle. Last year we invited the Center's 3 and 4 year olds to come and play with us. Each of the children who came to visit received a new book, made a new friend, and enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat. We were also able to buy their school two new tricycles for their playground. It was a wonderful morning for everyone and we look forward to the children's visit again this year.



On **Thursday, February 27th** our 3's, 4's, and Pre-K's will participate in our seventh annual **Book Swap**. Each child brings in 2 books to share – they can pick one from the selection to keep and the rest of the books are donated to the shelters in our area.

February promises to be our month of sharing, caring and holiday fun.

*It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it close and you won't have any,
Lend it, spend it, give it away,
It comes right back to you...*

Nan

Please Join The Early Childhood Program at Our Annual Share the Love Mitzvah Bake Sale



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 12th from 9:00–9:45 in the Auditorium

All of the proceeds from our sale will be used towards our special School-wide Tzedakah Project for the children and families from The Center for Learning in New Rochelle

**Please join us and show your support for this wonderful project!
Everyone is Welcome! See you there!**



The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami
 Invite all families with young children to
A Havdalah and Sh'ma Pajama Party!

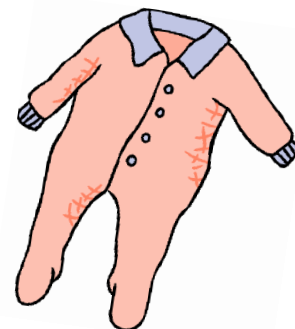


Join Nan Blank and Rabbi Tom Weiner
Saturday Afternoon, February 8, 2014

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Enjoy the Sweetness of Havdalah with Family and Friends!
 Crafts, Family Learning and Snack

Come in your Pajamas!



Admission: Please bring a new pair of Children's Pajamas to be donated to the local family shelter.

Reserve your place today by calling Nan Blank at 949-4717, choice 4
 See You There!



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

Registration for 2014-2015 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

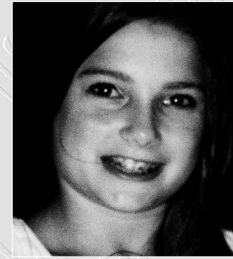
A Step Ahead! Our Pre-K program Designed for children turning 5 from September through December. See for yourself—nothing takes the place of a personal visit.

Call for an appointment and tour today • Nan Blank, Director, at Ext. 107

Congratulations



EVA JORDAN GILBERT, daughter of David and Jennifer Schneider and Ben and Marielle Gilbert and sister to Amanda and Alice, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 1, 2014. Eva is a 7th grader at Irvington Middle School. She loves basketball, soccer, singing and dancing around with her friends, and traveling. Eva has been doing volunteer work to help provide meals to people in the community without easy access to food for her mitzvah project. She has spent time volunteering at Kol Ami's Cooking for the Homeless, delivering meals with City Meals to homebound seniors in NYC and has donated money and goods to the Dobbs Ferry food pantry. She has also volunteered at the Burke Wheel Chair games. As John F. Kennedy said: "You're only happiest while you're making the greatest contribution."



JESSICA MORGAN LANG, daughter of Shari and Stuart and younger sister to Samantha, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 8, 2014. Jessica took on a Mitzvah project that is very close to her heart—she is working with the Melanoma Research Foundation collecting and donating sunscreen for the families of melanoma victims and helping support the fundraising events of the organization. Jessica lost her grandfather almost five years ago to this horrible illness. She is also handing out materials from the organization in an effort to educate others about the precautions to take with the sun. Jessica is in the 7th grade at Ardsley Middle School and enjoys her friends, family, and her dog, Maddie.

Junior Youth Group Events

Kol Ami 8th Grade Trip to Boston: The Journey Continues!

Bar and Bat Mitzvah is only the beginning—the gateway into the exciting years of High School at Kol Ami. It is now time to begin welcoming 8th graders into our High School program. Please join us on a very special trip with Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Nadia.

Highlights will include:

Spending Shabbat together • Havdalah on the banks of the Charles River • Museums
Harvard Square • and much more!

April 4 - 6

Cost for the weekend: \$395

LIMITED SPACE!

Please fill out the below formstack form to reserve a spot.

For more information please email Rabbi Nadia at rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com

<http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1190678-B3xuZbY9oH>

Or mobile phone link <http://www.formstack.com/m/?1190678-B3xuZbY9oH>

5th and 6th Grade Leadership Lunch

Help us plan our next event!

Sunday, February 9 at 11:00 am at Kol Ami

RSVP rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com

Kol Ami Cooks

Our 90th Anniversary Cookbook

Why is this cookbook different from all other cookbooks?

This is a health conscious cookbook for our community containing:

- * Jewish holidays and traditional recipes with a healthy spin
- * Tasty vegetable dishes
- * Appropriate recipes for cooking with the little ones in our lives
- * Favorites from past Kol Ami cookbooks

Share your recipes with us as we create this unique and one-of-a-kind cookbook available for sale in Spring.

Deadline: February 28th

Any questions, contact:

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Bring, mail or email your recipes to:
 Cookbook@NYKolAmi.org
 Congregation Kol Ami
 252 Soundview
 White Plains, NY 10606
 Include your name and phone number



**KOL AMI
WOMEN'S
OASIS AT
HOME**



Rabbi Shira Milgrom will take us on a journey of self to explore all the ways we connect with the people in our lives. She will be joined by Rabbi Pamela Wax, WJCS Spiritual Care Coordinator, and Dr. Ellen Umansky, the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies and Director of the Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies at Fairfield University, CT.

Register for the Oasis at Home Series Today!!

☐ Yes, I would like to attend the Series.

☐ Four sessions \$60

☐ Individual sessions \$18

☐ Session 1 ☐ Session 3

☐ Session 2 ☐ Session 4

Supplemental material will be provided and refreshments will be served at each session.

Women's Relationships: Many & Varied — Carefree & Complex

How we relate to the people in our lives reflected through Torah teachings and women's stories from the Bible.

WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP TO SELF

How our self-image is shaped by religious tradition

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

WOMEN & THEIR PARTNERS

Who we love and how we love throughout our lives

Joining us will be Pamela Wax, WJS Spiritual Care Coordinator

Please note new date: **Sunday, February 2, 2014**

9:15 – 11:00 am Schulman Chapel in the Woods

WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIPS AS MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Evolving through a lifetime

Thursday, February 27, 2014

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIPS & SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Our allies and our rivals

Sunday, April 27, 2014

9:15-11:00 am, Schulman Chapel in the Woods

TO REGISTER: please print this flyer and return the form with a check payable to "Kol Ami", and mail to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 or visit www.nykolami.org to register online.

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

For further information,
call Jill Abraham 472-5806
or Lauri Carey 472-8076.



Sending Purim greetings and contributing to tzedakah at the same time is a great way to celebrate Purim and let friends, family and teachers know that you are thinking of them.

Go to www.PurimProject.com by February 17th

*Your user name and password will be mailed mid-January
and baskets will be delivered the week before Purim.*



Questions? Contact Judy Sarch at 565-2128

Meet the Members

Victoria Drozdov and her family have been members of the Kol Ami community since 2000. They have marked many occasions at the temple, their own and their family's and friends', most happy and some sad. Though her professional life revolves around techni-

cal fields, she has a creative side that she expresses through art and poetry. At her three sons' Bar-Mitzvahs, Victoria read poems dedicated to each of them. A poem reflecting on the meaning of our Congregation in her life is below.

It is a place

December 13, 2012

It is a place of birth
Where beaming proud parents
Share their most special creation
With the adoring crowd.

It is a place of death
Where the lost son, or daughter, or parent,
Is enveloped in the caring thoughts
Of the worshipping faces.

It is a place to mark
All the in-between events
Of our lives, of our families,
Amongst the sea of heads.

It is the place where we welcomed
Our families and friends
At the Bar Mitzvahs
Of our three sons. Look at them now.

Here we learnt how to belong.
We walked in and stayed.
We brought in our kids, our parents, our families.
And we stayed. This is our home.

"Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends"

We can all agree that "Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends"
has been a resounding success.

In order to keep this wonderful tradition going we need more hosts and hostesses!

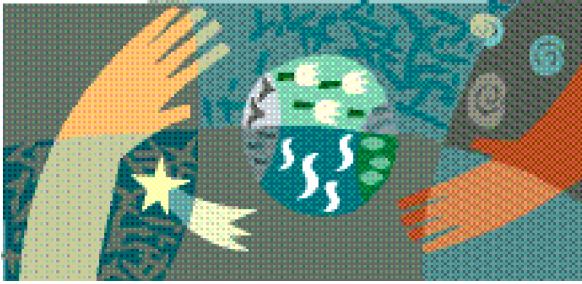
Please contact Ilene Miller at imillerkolami@gmail.com
or 949-4717 x111 to select a date to host a meal!

We thank everyone for their participation in these
wonderful Shabbat experiences!

We are currently taking reservations for the following dinners:

FRIDAY DATES / HOST(S)

February 7th Jennet Walker and John Auerbacher
March 21st Ellen Umansky April 4th Lisa Borowitz



Kol Ami Cares

Opportunities for Volunteering

Kol Ami Cares is the umbrella committee responsible for Social Action activities and providing support and mitzvot to those in need. You can choose to get involved once a year, once a month or once a week—we leave that to you.

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS has been a popular program for years. You can just drop in, ready to lend a hand on Sunday or Monday mornings. The group welcomes new comers and you may come away with a new idea for recipes to make at home. Food is taken to a local shelter and you may find you make new friends in the kitchen.

HOME VISITS – We are developing a list of older congregants who would appreciate a visit in their homes. It breaks up their days and can be a great way to help someone stay connected with our community who may not have family nearby. If you know a congregant who may benefit from this program, please contact Betsy with their phone number and address and details of their confinement. We hope to have members who would take time once a week or once every other week to make a connection. This is an opportunity that would be open to High School students as well.

Thanks for your help with these and all our other programs.

Ginny Ruder – ginnyruder@gmail.com 914-589-5283

Betsy McCormack – betsymc@aol.com 914- 960-9390

KOL AMI SINGERS

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

Schnurmacher Nursing Home, 10 Tibbits Avenue, White Plains

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 2:30 pm

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

Sundays at 11:00 am: 2/9, 3/9; 4/27; 5/4; 6/1

Mondays at noon: 2/24; 3/24; 5/19; 6/16

Bequests Made Easy: Kol Ami's Legacy Fund

When making a bequest to the Kol Ami Legacy Fund, not all bequests are treated equally. Traditional IRAs and qualified retirement accounts like 401(k)s or 403(b)s ("retirement accounts") can be one of the best assets to use when making a charitable bequest as they generally provide the best tax planning opportunities.

As year end approaches, you may wish to consult with your tax-planning specialist to see if it makes sense for you to make a bequest to Kol Ami directly from your IRA, or to name the Kol Ami legacy Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA. This type of bequest is not taxable to the donor. By virtue of its tax-exempt status, Congregation Kol Ami is also not subject to income tax upon receiving distributions from retirement accounts.

Accordingly, if a donor's estate plan seeks to benefit both individuals and non-profit institution, it is most efficient, from a tax standpoint, to direct that the retirement distributions pass directly from the IRA to the institution (in this case, Kol Ami).

Naming The Kol Ami Legacy Fund as a beneficiary of your retirement account will have no bearing on your right to receive lifetime distributions but it can save your family significant estate and income taxes.

This article is for information purposes only, and is not to be construed as tax advice. Please consult with your tax advisor or attorney on the above and all related tax matters.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — Leadership and Our Sisterhood

As this article is being written, the *parasha* is *Yitro*, named for Moses' Midianite father-in-law who arrives at the Israelite camp, bringing Moses' wife Zipporah and two sons with him to Sinai. Yitro observes Moses administering justice in the camp by serving as the sole magistrate among the people, "while the people stood about Moses from morning until evening" (*Exodus 18:13*). Yitro asks Moses what he is doing, why he is acting alone, and Moses explains that the people come to him with disputes, and he decides between them, making known the laws and teachings of God. Yitro's response is, "The thing you are doing is not right; you will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." (*Exodus 18:17-18*) And Yitro advises Moses to create a distributed form of leadership in the judiciary, allowing others to share the burden.

Our Kol Ami Sisterhood operates within a collaborative framework of shared leadership. From the "top down", we are governed by co-Presidents (three of us!), officers, and directors, who are happy to further distribute our leadership and work with our fellow sisters. We love to listen and learn from the ideas you share with us, and we are happy to have our members take on a project and run with it. From *Wine and Wisdom* to *Ladies Night Out*, *Vashti Self-Defense* to *Sharing Passover Recipes Pot-Luck*, from a new *Sisterhood Cookbook spanning 90 Years of (healthful) Cooking at Kol Ami* to *Food Truck Day*, even a travel opportunity still in the planning stages for next year, our members are providing wonderful inspiration while helping us to coordinate activities.

We love when our sisters attend our events, but we also love when you come to our monthly meetings with your ideas, enthusiasm, energy, and creativity. We love to share, and we love to delegate! The task is too heavy for us alone; we invite you to share our "burden".

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus

The Power of Women: Stronger Together



Reform sisterhood members take part in a demonstration for women's suffrage, circa 1910.

One woman can do amazing things.

Imagine what thousands of women can accomplish. Whether you're interested in social action projects, prayer and ritual, programs to strengthen Jewish identity, or just want to bond with women like yourself, sisterhood is for you.

Come and see what sisterhood is all about.



For more information, contact:

Judy Sarch 565-2128	Rachel Eckhaus 907-0097	Sheryl Brady 761-8345
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Visit us at www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood

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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Kol Ami Sisterhood

Invites you to

Ladies Night Out

March Madness

Tuesday, March 25th

7pm - 9:30pm

NoMa Social

1 Radisson Plaza in New Rochelle

Free on-site parking

\$33

Appetizers & Open Bar
Dessert & Coffee

R.S.V.P. and receipt of payment by March 20th

We regret that we can NOT accommodate late registrations or walk-ins

R.S.V.P. and pay online at

www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood

or drop off a check in the main office.

If you are sending a check, please write Ladies Night in the Memo

Friday evening schedule :

5:00 pm

Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests

5:30 pm

Shabbat -in-the -Woods for children ages 2-6; followed by supervised childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

6:00 pm

Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

6:15 pm

Shabbat Services

7:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

7:30 pm

Tzedakah sandwich making and arts and crafts

8:00 pm

Supervised sports and games with Coach Steve for children in grades K-6

8:15 pm

THE MAIN EVENT

9:15 pm

Relax at the end of a long day and week with dessert and coffee

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DINNER

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GUESTS...

Musical Explorations with Cantor Josh Breitzer

The sacred vocal music of Jack Gottlieb (1930-2011) is rooted in both American popular song and high art music. Come and learn more about the varied works of this composer, scholar and author, whose books include *Funny, it Doesn't Sound Jewish* and *Working with Bernstein*.



The Main Event -

A Conversation with Scientists

Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein

From Womb to Tomb: Looking for the Longevity Gene

Is our ability to live a long, healthy life determined at conception by our genetic make-up? Our interaction with the environment, and scientific discoveries that can turn to drug development, can assure healthy life span for all of us. Congregants Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein will share their discoveries about what can lead to a healthy life span.



**For further information, contact Ilene Miller
at 914-949-4717 x111/imillerkolami@gmail.com
or visit www.nykolami.org**

**CLIP & RETURN DINNER RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN FEB 25TH
TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI: 252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING
SYNAPLEX EVENTS...**

March 15th: (Saturday) A Purim Synaplex
May 9th: The People v The Macabees:
Heroes or Religious Fanatics?

"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only

Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

"Community & Family Dinner"

#Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

#Children/teens _____ X \$15 = \$ _____

#Children 5 and under _____ = N/C

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Adult Name/s

Children's Name/s & Ages

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Please seat me with _____

**Seating is planned 2 days in advance.
Last minute requests cannot be guaranteed.**

Saturday March 15th, 2014 Purim Synaplex

Adult Drama Club Musical Purim Spiel

"Les Miz - Les Megillah:

Do You Hear the People Sing?"

Fun for all ages...

- * Carnival, games, face painting, crafts and activities for all!
- * Purim BBQ: burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salads and fixin's (reservations a must...Adults \$18, Children 12 and under \$10)
- * Purim Service and Megillah Reading
- * Israeli Dancing with Shmulik
- * Live Music by Nathan Flaks

New this year!
Hamantashen
Bake-off

Carnival tickets
will ONLY be sold
at the Carnival
\$1.00/ticket

Come in
Costume!

5:00-6:30 pm

◇ Purim BBQ

◇ Carnival

◇ Live music

6:30ish

◇ Purim Service

◇ Megillah Reading

◇ Purim Spiel:

Les Miz - Les Megillah

8:00 pm

◇ Israeli dancing with Shmulik

◇ Hamantashen bake-off

Instead of groggers, please bring a box of pasta to shake and donate!!

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER ARE REQUIRED!

Please complete and return the form below
to the main office no later than March 10th

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Names/Ages _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

#Adults @ \$18 each \$ _____ #Children (12 and under) @ \$10 each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

SNACKS & CARNIVAL TICKETS to be PURCHASED SEPARATELY at the CARNIVAL

Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure that was distributed during the holidays or on our website,

<http://www.nykolami.org/images/PageDocuments/ADULT%20ED%20BROCHURE%202013-14%20FINAL%20SEPT%2011.pdf>

Spiritual Journeying Groups

Mussar Classes

facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator,

Westchester Jewish Community Services
Mondays, 12:30—2:00 pm

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 or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Mondays: Jan 13, Feb. 10,
Mar 10, Apr 7, May 12, June 9
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
the WJCS Partners-in-Caring
clinician for Kol Ami

Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 10:45 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

Women in Transition

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an Interactive Discussion Group. Topics to be discussed include but not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions (as desired). The goal of the group is to offer mutual aid in personal adjustment to life transitions, including discussion of: positive & negative aspects of individual life transitions, individual grief reactions to life change, and options that can aid personal adjustment.

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-723-7760

Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

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.

Meets the first Monday of the month
9:15 - 10:45 am

Parent Talk!

Designed for Parents/Grandparents
and Babies 2 - 12 months.

Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (coinciding with the ECP calendar)

in the Petschek Gallery

9:00 - 10:30 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 for
parents focusing on a variety of parenting
issues and stresses.

9:15 - 10:45 am

Weekly Torah Study:

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am

Room 20

Meets every Friday except when temple is closed. Led by Kol Ami Members

COURSES

Wisdom of the Sages

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

All are welcome.

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in Room 20

Introduction to the History of Israel from Joshua in Canaan to the Monarchy

with Emily Fields

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

A contextual study of Israel and the Middle East—then and now. If you are interested in participating, please email Emily at efgraph@optonline.net

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. Each session will begin with an overview of the issue. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video or a guest speaker.

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

Feb 10 & 24, Mar 3 & 17,

Apr 7 & 28, May 5 & 19

The Hebrew Prophets

Mondays 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Room 20

Led by Kol Ami Members

The bible chronicles the history of the Hebrew people from approx. 740 BCE to 520 BCE through the eyes and hearts of the prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi. Who are these men? How do they see their world? What are their messages and are they relevant today? We will explore these questions and more. Contact Paul Davis at paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com

Free University

Start a study group, discussion group or seminar at Kol Ami. Cover any topic that falls under the broad umbrella of Reform Judaism. Adult Ed will vet, advertise and coordinate. Contact Paul Davis at paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com

Other Items of Interest

Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wed., 7:45-9:00 am

2/5, 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7

Mah Jongg and Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium
Email Wendy Roos Wendyroos1@aol.com
to be added to the email distribution

Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.

with Dr. Carol Diamant

Please see the Adult Education brochure for more details
or [CLICK HERE](#)
for a listing of all their programs.

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

My Beloved World

by Sonia Sotomayor
February 5, 2014

The Yellow Birds

by Kevin Powers
March 5, 2014

Continental Drift

by Russell Banks
April 2, 2014

Behind the Beautiful Flowers

by Katherine Boo
May 1, 2014

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
February 20, 2014
from 11:00 am
to 1:00 pm.

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

Adult Education *continued*

COMING IN MARCH:

Textually Speaking: Modern Jewish Perspectives on Judaism and Jewish Self-Identity
Dr. Ellen M. Umansky

Sunday Mornings, March 9, 16 & 23, 9:30–11:00 am

Focusing on specific Jewish political, theological, liturgical, and sociological texts, we will discuss what it has meant, and still means, to be a Jew in the modern (and post modern) world. How do the experiences of Jews from the early 19th century through the present differ from those of earlier generations? How has Judaism been shaped by surrounding cultures? How important has gender and gendered-language been in shaping Jewish self-identity? These and other questions will be explored through the writings of philosopher Moses Mendelssohn and his disciple David Friedlaender; German Reform Rabbi Abraham Geiger; Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, founder of Modern Orthodoxy; American Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan; and contemporary theologian and liturgist Marcia Falk.

Welcome to Kol Ami's Winter Jewish Film Festival—Monday Movies Screenings of Israeli films and films with Jewish content

The February 10th film will be *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*

Hava Nagila (The Movie) is a documentary romp through the history, mystery and meaning of the great Jewish standard. Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Regina Spektor and more, the film follows the ubiquitous party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the kibbutzim of Palestine to the cul-de-sacs of America. High on fun and entertainment, *Hava Nagila (The Movie)* is also surprisingly profound, tapping into universal themes about the importance of joy, the power of music and the resilient spirit of a people.

The March 17th film will be *Fill the Void*

This film tells the story of an Orthodox Hassidic family from Tel Aviv. Eighteen-year-old Shira is the youngest daughter of the family. She is about to be married off to a promising young man of the same age and background. It is a dream-come-true, and Shira feels prepared and excited.

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

Hebrew Classes for Adults

Sunday Mornings
with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners Adult Hebrew

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Intermediate Adult Hebrew

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Cost: \$175

Please contact Emily at
efgraph@optonline.net if you
are interested in attending or
require additional information

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar,
vocabulary, reading, and translating
current Israeli publications.

An informal learning environment.

Alice Seidman

Sundays, 9:30 am

Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455
for further information

Classes meet when Religious School is in session

We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions

**Rabbi Shira Milgrom's
Discretionary Fund**

- In honor of our new granddaughter, Lefett, from Judy and Jeff Gelfand, Barbara Block, Mattie Abler, Elaine Libman
- For the ECP February Bookshare, from the Gicht and Akst families
- Mazel Tov to Alice and Stanley Seidman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Eliana, from Barbara Block
- In appreciation for being with us during Shiva, from Lisa Hochman and Kevin Worth
- In appreciation, from Ellie and Harry Fleisch

**Rabbi Tom Weiner's
Discretionary Fund**

- In appreciation, from Lisa Tames
- In appreciation, from Susan and Ken Wallach
- In memory of Joseph Weiner, from Evelyne and David Klein
- In appreciation and in honor of our wedding, from Penny and Mark Gompertz
- In appreciation and honor of Toby's Baby Naming, Matt, Lisa, Hannah and Toby Lowenbraun
- Thank you for performing the baby naming ceremony for our son Toby. We are forever grateful, from Matt, Lisa, Hannah and Toby Lowenbraun
- Thank you for performing the warm and beautiful naming ceremony for our grandson Toby Marcus Lowenbraun, from Liz Gordon and Neil Lowenbraun.
- In appreciation for officiating at our wedding, from Penny and Mark Gompertz
- In honor of Zoe's Bat Mitzvah, from Betsy and Stanley Weiner

**Cantor Mo Glazman's
Discretionary Fund**

- In honor of Katie's Bat Mitzvah, from Randi and Jonathan Guttenberg
- In appreciation of officiating at Ray Sarch's funeral, from Judy and Danny Sarch
- In appreciation for your get well visit to Neil, from Arlene and Neil Rhodes
- In memory of Valerie Heim, from Susan and Ken Gordon
- In appreciation for the joy of song at my dad's funeral, from Bobby Goldwater

Kol Ami Fund

- In honor of the birth of Lefett Sheinbein-Milgrom, granddaughter of Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott from Jean and Hank Rouda
- In loving memory of George Lusk, father of Jim Lusk from Susie Mantell, Jo and Abe Landau
- In loving memory of Valerie Heim from Grace Wiggs
- In loving memory of Robert Biederman and Nathan Schiffrin, from Carol Schiffrin
- In loving memory of Vide and Lou Wiggs from Grace Wiggs
- In loving memory of Hannan Wexler, husband of Barbara Wexler, from Grace Wiggs
- In loving memory of Harry Bohrer, father of Nathaniel Bohrer, from Susan and John Jureller

- In loving memory of Jerry Edelman, husband of Riva Edelman, from Ruth and Paul Keppler
- In loving memory of Jean Hershey, mother of Mark Hershey, from Jo and Abe Landau, Judy and Jeff Gelfand, Karen and David Cole, Marilyn and David Rivkin
- In honor of Harry and Ellie Fleisch from Nancy Sahlein
- In honor of Nancie Ellis Domm from Adrienne Weiss-Harrison
- In memory of Ellie Pohl, mother of Kathy Pohl Lee, from Mimi Feinberg

Adult Education Fund

- In loving memory of Susan Schall, wife of Frank Schall, from Phyllis and Irwin Margolin

Annual Fund

- In loving memory of Hannan Wexler, husband of Barbara Wexler from Karen Sandler

Capital Campaign Fund

- In loving memory of George Lusk, father of Jim Lusk from Harley Lewis

College Youth Fund

- In loving memory of Joseph K. Weiner, father of Rabbi Tom Weiner and grandfather of Samantha Weiner, from Jean and Henry Rouda

Flower Fund

- For the memorial tree, in loving memory of my sister and sister-in-law Valerie Heim, "We are grateful for Congregation Kol Ami's presence in Valerie's life," from Donna and William Rose-Heim
- For the memorial tree in loving memory of Valerie Heim from Barbara Shore, Linda and Milt Persily, Susan and Ken Gordon, Susan and John Jureller, Deborah and Stephen Marcus, Ellen Bittner, Gloria Lewit

Fund for the Needy

- In loving memory of Joseph K. Weiner, father of Rabbi Tom Weiner from Sheila, Jerry, Gabriel and Matthew Rothman
- In loving memory of George Lusk, father of Jim Lusk, from Bernice Brussel, Ellen Bittner, Nell and Victor Wyler
- In loving memory of Jean Hershey, mother of Mark Hershey from Ethel and Murray Shapiro, Bernice Brussel, Nell and Victor Wyler

- In loving memory of Hannan Wexler, husband of Barbara Wexler, from Ellen Bittner
- In loving memory of my husband Norman Schoenfeld from Michele Schoenfeld
- In loving memory of Harry Mason, father of Michael Mason, from Michael and Sandra Mason

People to People Fund

- In appreciation of Judy S., Ginny R., Ronnie C., and Beth K., and the meals provided while I was recovering, from Mimi Rogowsky

Prayer Book Fund

- In loving memory of George Lusk from Eric and Bonnie Eilen, Mimi Feinberg

Synaplex Circle

- From Mimi Feinberg, Jennifer Lemberg, Martin Kahn, Barbara Shore, Jeanne and Ed Nerenberg, Bonnie and Eric Eilen, Madeline and Sandy Zevon

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Carrie and David Freed on the birth of their son Ennis Marshall Freed
- To Jack Handelsman on the birth of his granddaughter Haley Maeve Arnow
- To Alice and Stanley Siedman on the birth of their granddaughter Eliana Kinneret Siedman
- To Harriet Kraver on the engagement of her son Barry to Jessica Garrett
- To Randy and Harris Jacobs on the birth of their grandson Jack Meyer Jacobs

CONDOLENCES

- To Mark Hershey on the death of his mother Jean Hershey
- To Jim Lusk on the death of his father George Lusk
- To Brian Ruder on the death of his stepmother Betty Cott Ruder
- To Norman Zarkin on the death of his wife Patti Zarkin

In Memoriam
George Lusk
Patti Zarkin

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:00am 6th GRADE B'NAI MITZVAH WORKSHOP, SHABBAT & BRUNCH 4:00pm WINE & WISDOM 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah Service of Eva Gilbert
2 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am Women's Oasis at Home in Chapel 9:15am Parenting with Susan Davis	3	4 7:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 7:30pm WRJ Meeting 8:00pm Adult B/BM Class	5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:30am Woman's Roundtable Breakfast 9:00am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 10:00am WAJE 6:00pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 6:30pm 7th Grade Visit to Mikveh at TIC 7:30pm Membership Meeting	6 9:45am Teen Parenting with Susan Davis 7:45pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30am ECP CARE-GIVERS SHABBAT 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15pm YAD B'YAD FAMILY & PEER MENTOR SHABBAT & DINNER	8 SPIRITUAL LIFT 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am Bat Mitzvah Service of Jessica Lang 4:30pm HAVDALLAH IN PJs
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