



Synaplex January 20, 2012

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Don't miss the prelude to this exciting Synaplex...
The screening of **Conviction: The Movie and True Story**
Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm

Conviction tells the real-life story of a single mother named Betty Ann Waters, who tended bar while acquiring her GED, bachelor's degree, and then her law degree, all so that she could represent her brother Kenny, wrongly convicted of murder. She worked with the Innocence Project to obtain DNA tests that finally proved Kenny's innocence. Both the film and the true story are accounts of incredible loyalty, courage, and determination.

Next Synaplex will be on February 10, 2012
A Plea for Peace from the Gazan Doctor

SERVICES

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 10:30 am **SERVICE:** Bar Mitzvah of Max Brown
 with Lift in Chapel

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:**
 Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Styler in Chapel

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

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 Rachel Gordon in
 Sanctuary

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
 Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Silverman in
 Sanctuary

Friday, February 3

YAD B'YAD FAMILY SHABBAT
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**
 in Main Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
 Bat Mitzvah of Annie Cohen in Sanctuary
 4:00 pm **HAVDALAH HISPANICA**

Nominating Committee Open Meeting

The Open Meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held on
 Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 7:30-8:00 pm
 in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods.

The members of the Committee are:

Board Members:

Lauri Carey, Chair
 Lori Abrams Laura Barzilai Edward Nerenberg

Non-Board Members:

Leslie Heineman Martin Kahn Ben Kur George Lusk David Okun

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, rachel.feld-glazman@nyumc.org.

*Weekly Torah Portions for January***Week ending January 7, 2012****Parashat Vayehi Genesis 47:28-50:26**

The final *parashah* in B'reishit, brings the first book of the Torah full circle.
 The family stories of patriarchs and matriarchs culminate in the blessings
 of Jacob to his sons and grandsons. The centerpiece of the portion is a
 sequence of twelve blessings, delivered by Jacob to each of his sons. Jacob
 brings his entire family together to hear his words.

Week ending January 14, 2012**Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1**

This week we begin the book of Exodus. In Hebrew, the name of the book
 and its first *parashah* is *Shemot*, meaning "names," referring to the names
 of the Israelites who come to Egypt with Jacob. A new Pharaoh who does
 not have direct experience with Joseph took control of Egypt. The Israelites
 are enslaved. Moses is born and in turn "gives birth" to the people of Israel.

Week ending January 21, 2012**Parashat Vaera Exodus 6:2-9:35**

God speaks to Moses, confirming the covenant that was made with
 Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The pleas of the enslaved Israelites have been
 heard by the Eternal, and God instructs Moses to promise them redemp-
 tion. God also commands Moses to speak to Pharaoh and demand that he
 liberate the people of Israel. Pharaoh refuses to release the slaves and God
 causes plagues on the Egyptians in order to change Pharaoh's mind.

Week ending January 28, 2012**Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16**

This *parasha* begins with a reiteration of God's challenge to Pharaoh to
 change his behavior while at the same time making it more difficult for him
 to do so; and it concludes with the freeing of the Israelites from bondage.
 God tells Moses and Aaron that the people must remember how God freed
 them from bondage.

You Have to Let Go...

"You have to let go of hate if you want to be free."

This quotation is from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of England (Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth), extracted from an interview together with the Dalai Lama. It ended an article in the last issue of *Reform Judaism*, a magazine sent to all the households of our congregation and Reform congregations across North America. He mentioned it in the context of interpreting a verse from Deuteronomy, "Do not hate an Egyptian, for you were a stranger in his land." Rabbi Sacks adds, "Had the Israelites continued to hate their enemies, Moses would have taken the Israelites out of Egypt, but he would not have taken Egypt out of the Israelites. They would be slaves to their past, slaves to their feelings of pain, injustice and grievance. This is what we have to repeat, day after day, in this difficult, dangerous, 21st century. You have to let go of hate if you want to be free."

The months of January, February and March will open up for us many opportunities to learn with and from Muslims—American Muslims, Palestinian Muslims and others. Our featured speaker at the February 10th Synaplex is Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish. Called a Palestinian Martin Luther King, Dr. Abuelaish, an obstetrician/gynecologist and fertility expert, was born in the Jabalia Refugee Camp. Through sheer determination and hard work, he became the first

Palestinian doctor to complete a formal residency and receive a staff position at an Israeli hospital, where he continued to treat both Israelis and Palestinians. In January 2009, during the three-week-long war in the Gaza Strip and a mere four months after losing his wife, Nadia, to cancer, an Israeli tank mistakenly fired two shells into Dr. Abuelaish's home, killing three of his daughters and his niece. His new book *I Shall Not Hate* is part of his ongoing work to create a lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

The March Synaplex features Dr. Sayyid Syeed, the National Director of the Islamic Society of North America's (ISNA) Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances. ISNA and the URJ (the Union for Reform Judaism) have partnered together to create a curriculum of study for Jews and Muslims and to address concerns of both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in the United States. As 5,000 Reform Jews gathered in Washington DC in mid-December, we also celebrated the 16 year tenure of Rabbi Eric Yoffie as president of the URJ. Dr. Syeed was among those whose tribute was printed in the honorary journal: "There was a time when Muslim and Jewish communities in America had no formal communication with one another, and the only things we knew about each other were filtered through negative stereotypes and demonized caricatures. It was difficult to find partners in this environment who would step forward and choose a path of reconciliation and dialogues. When I met

you in 2007, I realized that I had found a faith leader who embodied those higher values of reconciliation and understanding so admired by the prophet of Islam."



Beginning in January, our "Facing the Legacy of September 11th Ten Years Later: Jews and Muslims in America" series will meet on four Thursday evenings (1/26, 2/9, 3/8, and 3/22) from 7:30-9:00 pm at Kol Ami. During these winter months, we will have the chance to study about Islam with Muslim teachers: Imam Shamsi Ali of the Islamic Cultural Center of New York, Dr. Kareem Adeeb of the American Institute for Islamic and Arabic Studies in Connecticut, and Zead Ramadan of CAIR New York (Council on American-Islamic Relations). These evenings have been inspired and created by members of our Interfaithful Committee and I hope that as we learn from these courageous teachers we also will learn more about what we share as great religious traditions, and perhaps more about the uniqueness of our own.

So, a Happy New Year. I hope that 2012 begins for us as a community with wisdom, insight and new ways to see our world and our place in it.

Shira



*"As my ancestors planted for me,
I plant now for my children and
my children's children"*

The L'Dor Va'Dor (Capital Campaign) Committee is thrilled to announce that we are now just shy of having raised 3.4 million dollars for our project!!!

At this point, design decisions are being made based on our pledges and so we are all making a concerted effort to meet with and engage as many congregants as possible. When you get a call, we hope you will agree to meet with us and hear about our exciting plans for our soon-to-be beautifully renovated and congregant-friendly sanctuary and grounds.

Andrea Seiden, Chairperson

Ritual Riches: *Tu b'Shevat*

The “roots” of *Tu b'Shevat* can be found in the third book of the Torah. In Leviticus 19:23-25, the Israelites are told, “When you enter the land and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be set aside for jubilation before God; and only in the fifth year may you use its fruit—that its yield to you may be increased.” In the fifth year—and all subsequent years—the farmer would be able to harvest the crop for his own use.

In order to determine how the “birthday” of a tree could be marked, the early Rabbis established the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shevat as a general “birthday” for all trees, regardless of when they were actually planted. By this time, the majority of the annual rainfall has usually fallen in Israel, providing a healthy, water-logged soil in which to plant new trees. The holiday, *Tu b'Shevat*, derives its name from its date. “Tu” is the pronunciation of the Hebrew letters (tet + vav) that have a numerical value of 15; and the holiday occurs in (b’) the Hebrew month of Shevat. This year *Tu b'Shevat* falls on February 8th on our calendar.

In current times, *Tu b'Shevat* is considered to be a Jewish Arbor Day or “Earth Day” that teaches about Judaism’s attitudes towards responsible stewardship of God’s creation. Some observe this holiday by planting trees and promoting environmental activism. It is also traditional to eat fruit associated with the land of Israel. Another custom is to eat a new fruit or to eat from the “seven species” The “seven species” mentioned in Deuteronomy 8:8 are wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives and dates (honey).

The new fruits of the season fall into four categories. The first, hard on the outside and soft on the inside, symbolizes the protection that the earth gives us and reminds us to nourish the strength and healing power of our own bodies. These include walnuts, coconuts, or almonds. The second fruit is soft with a pit in the center (such as olives, dates, peaches, apricots, etc.) and symbolizes the life-sustaining power that emanates from the earth. It reminds us of the spiritual and emotional strength that is within each of us. The third fruit is soft throughout and is completely edible (figs, grapes, and raisins) and symbolizes God’s omnipresence and

our own inseparable ties with the earth. The fourth fruit has a tough skin on the outside but sweet fruit within (mangos, bananas, avocados, or sabra) and symbolizes the mystery of the world and the Torah.

Another tradition, developed by the Kabbalists, is the *Tu b'Shevat Seder*. The seder begins with the recitation of the *Shehecheyanu*, thanking God for bringing us to this joyous time of celebrating rebirth and change. Modeled on the Passover Seder, the *Tu b'Shevat Seder* includes eating fruit and drinking four cups of wine. These cups of wine contain varying percentages of red and white wine, possibly representing the shifting of the four seasons. The seder may also include readings on trees and fruit from a range of Jewish literature.

However you celebrate *Tu b'Shevat*, it is a time to reflect on our connection to the land of Israel, as well as to the land and nature throughout the world. *Happy Birthday Trees!*

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

From Our Co-Presidents

We have just returned from the URJ Biennial in Washington D.C., and to say that we were inspired by this gathering of over 6000 committed Reform Jews is not nearly enough. We learned, prayed, enjoyed contemporary and classic Israeli and Jewish music, participated in Shabbat dinner for 4500 people, heard first-hand from President Obama, were energized about the URJ’s new Campaign for Youth Engagement and the optimistic forecast about the Reform

Movement—and this does not begin to paint a full picture of the depth of the experience. That is why we have requested the input of the Kol Ami congregants, clergy and staff who attended with us so that they can share their impressions of the Biennial, in the February Connection. Printing deadlines and other such realities preclude presenting these testimonials now, but we know that the heartfelt reflections will be worth the wait!

We hope you all experienced the blessings of family and friends during Hanukkah and wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful 2012 filled with the blend of gratitude, hopefulness and joy that permeated the Biennial.
Ronnie and Mark



Photo by Mariela Melamed

From Our Director of Membership and Development



I hope you have received your invitation to be our guests at the New Member Shabbat Service and Dinner which is going to be on Friday, January 13th at 6:15 pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kol

Ami during services with a special blessing. Services will be followed by Shabbat dinner. After dinner, adults will have the opportunity to study with Rabbis Milgrom and Weiner while our children make sandwiches and snacks for the hungry and cards for those who are ill and at home or in the hospital.

Come and get to know our clergy, lay lead-

ers, and other new members who have joined Kol Ami this year.

Please RSVP by January 9th to JanetHershey@nykolami.org or call me at 949-4717 ext. 115

Janet

THE INTERFAITH CONNECTION
and
**WESTCHESTER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE**

present a community event in honor of

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.

MUSIC OF FREEDOM

HOSTED BY CONGREGATION KOL AMI
252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606

Performances by local religious and spiritual groups

- Choral Prayer & Ceremonial Taiko Drums of Shinnyo-En Buddhist Temple
- Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Inspirational Choir
- Choir of Memorial United Methodist Church
- A Nasheed performed by Hufsa Khan and Anoosh Khan
- The Part-takers of Little Mount Zion Holy Church
- Choir of Congregation Kol Ami

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NO ADMISSION CHARGE. THERE WILL BE A FREE-WILL OFFERING.
TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

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914-949-6555 or info@mlkwestchester.org

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NICKELODEON'S PARENTS
PICK AWARD FOR BEST PARTY
ENTERTAINER!

**AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND FUN FOR EVERYONE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 1:30 PM**

**JOIN US PRE-CONCERT AT 12:45 PM
FOR FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODIES
CONCERT BEGINS AT 1:30 PM.**

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 949-4717 X 107
ADULTS \$18 • CHILDREN \$15 • BOOK OF 5 \$75 • \$20 AT THE DOOR**

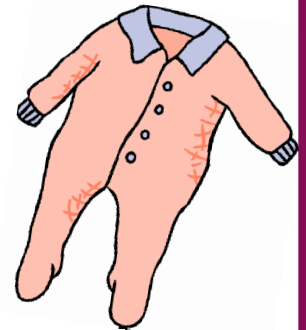


The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami
 Invite all families with young children to
A Havdalah and Sh'ma Pajama Party!



Join Nan Blank and Cantor Mo Glazman
Saturday Afternoon, January 7, 2012

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 2012-2013 Now Open

First Friends: A Toddler Program

2, 3, 4 and 5-Day 2's • 3, 4, and 5-Day 3's • Morning 4's
Full & Half-Day 4's • Extended Day Program for 3's & 4's

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

Meet Our Members



BARBARA BLOCK

How long have you been at Kol Ami?

"Next spring, I will have been at Kol Ami for 45 years. I joined Kol Ami in 1967. I had three small children and Kol Ami—then the JCC—was a wonderful fit." Barbara got involved immediately, attending a Wednesday afternoon bible class with Rabbi Davis and enrolling her daughter Paula in a newly started Junior Youth Group. Cantor Smolover noticed that Paula loved music and was happy to give her voice lessons. Paula is now a rabbi in Santa Cruz, California and she also serves the musical needs of her congregation. Barbara's son Steven also lives in Santa Cruz and son Andrew lives in Washington D.C.

Tell us a little about yourself?

"I was born and raised in the Bronx. Two of my children, Paula and Steven, were born in the Bronx and my son Andrew was born after we moved to Yonkers." Then the family moved to White Plains where Barbara has lived for 44 years. Barbara first worked as a bookkeeper and then as an office manager. After retiring she was asked to help a young couple and became their children's nanny. She continued as a nanny for three different families for a total of twelve years.

Do you have any hobbies you would like to tell us about?

"Music, for sure. I was a member of the first Kol Ami volunteer choir and I am still a choir member. I have gotten more and more interested in opera."

Tell us about some of your other activities at Kol Ami.

Barbara has been involved with almost every committee at one time or another. She tells us, "I've been on the Board. I'm presently on the Worship Committee and co-chair of the Interfaith Committee. I've always been a regular at Friday night services and the Saturday Lift." She also studies Torah Friday mornings with the Torah Study group and attends Rabbi Tom's Tuesday's class, *Wisdom of the Sages*. She attends Carol Diamond's class on Jewish writers which is held at Kol Ami and she attends classes at Temple Israel as well.

What advice can you give to newer congregants

"Give the temple a chance. Get involved. Find something that speaks to you. Remember that our clergy team is terrific and is receptive to new ideas. Tell us what you would like to do if it is not presently available."

Any last thoughts?

"Kol Ami has been a tremendous source of strength for me. It can be the same for you."



MATTHEW AND LISA SIGLAG

Matthew and Lisa and their two boys, seven year old Jason and five year old Ryan, have been members of Kol Ami for three years. Lisa grew up in Edgemont, where her parents still live and Matthew

was raised in New City. Matthew's mother still resides in Rockland County. Jason is a second grader in the Ardsley schools and Ryan is in preschool in Ardsley.

Matthew is head of account maintenance for HSBC. He is a SUNY Albany graduate and has an MBA from Boston University. Lisa graduated from Cornell and works as a freelance writer and editor with expertise in home design. She has been editor of several magazines, having been editor of *House Beautiful Kitchens and Bath* for about six years. She has written four books, the last being *Your Dream Home*.

What brought you to Kol Ami?

Both Jason and Ryan were in the Kol Ami preschool. We got to know other families, the rabbis and other staff members. We felt their warmth and commitment. The clergy's welcoming qualities set Kol Ami apart. They, and other staff members, are quite approachable.

Tell us about your involvement at Kol Ami

Lisa was asked to write and edit the Meet Our Members column of the Connection. She happily took on that responsibility and continues to be involved. Holiday celebrations are always fun for the family - Sukkot at Shira and David's home or something as simple as candy for the boys after Rosh Hashanah services. There are always wonderful stories for the kids and wonderful music.

Any other Kol Ami activities that you would like to talk about?

The boys really enjoy Sundays at Kol Ami. There is a lesson, a craft activity, snacks, Israeli dancing and a service. The kids learn letters through dance. What a wonderful idea.

If you'd like to be a part of our "Meet the Members," section and tell your story, please contact Janet Hershey, the Director of Membership and Development at 914-949-4717, x115.

MEET CINDERELLA, SNOW WHITE, BELLE & CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW...

DON'T MISS OUT ON

A chance to meet real princesses and pirates, princess and pirate crafts, tea and crumpets (or bagels and coffee)

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Please bring your friends, your grandchildren, and your friend's friends! Come in costume if you like.

Kol Ami ECP Presents

A Princess & Pirate Party

A Family FUNdraiser

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Congregation Kol Ami
252 Soundview Avenue,
White Plains, NY 10606**

\$15 per child/adult; \$20 at the door.
Kids under 2 are free.

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

Special ticket books can be purchased at the door for activities including:

- » Face Painting
- » Balloon Art by The Great Charlini
- » Photos with the Characters
- » Cookie Decorating
- » And much more...

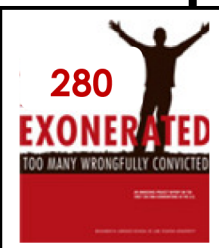
All proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go to support the ECP Scholarship Fund, Community Garden Project, Lending Library, and Family Programming.



FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2012

INNOCENCE PROJECT

The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice systems to prevent future injustice.



5:00 pm

- ☐ **Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guest Matt Turk** who will sing and teach several Piyutim, Jewish liturgical poems, recently gleaned from Piyut North America, a project at New York City's Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. He will also sing choice selections from his Jewish repertoire; perform original compositions and several instrumentals on mandolin. Matt is a veteran performer who has engaged audiences around the world, both as a hard-rocking bandleader and an acoustic folk troubadour. He serves as a resident musician at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City and is a roster artist for Arts Westchester.

o Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ☐ **Shabbat in the Woods**

o Gallery

6:00 pm

- ☐ **Unwind with Wine and Cheese**

o Atrium

6:15 pm

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

7:15 pm

- Shabbat Dinner (your choice)**
Adults \$30.00/Teens \$18.00/Children \$15.00
Free for children under 5/Picnickers \$10.00
- ☐ Teen Shabbat Dinner
- ☐ Community & Family Shabbat Dinner
- ☐ "Quiet Conversation" Shabbat Dinner
- ☐ Shabbat Picnic Dinner (we will provide challah, set up, dessert & beverages; you bring your own Shabbat meal)

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

7:30 pm

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

o Gallery

8:00 pm

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

o Gym

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CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JAN 18TH

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

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

Phone # _____ **Email address** _____

"Quiet Conversation Dinner"

Adults Only

Adults _____ @ \$30/ea

"Shabbat Picnic Dinner"

Adults Only

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

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

Please seat us with...

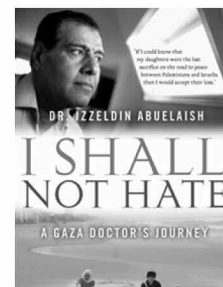
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ASL Interpretation Upon Request

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- ☐ **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.

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9:30 pm

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 Synaplex Events
 March 23, April 20 & May 4**

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEB 8TH

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

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"Quiet Conversation Dinner"

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Adults _____ @ \$30/ea

"Shabbat Picnic Dinner"

Adults Only

Adults _____ @ \$10/ea

"Community & Family Dinner"

Adults _____ @ \$30/ea

Teens _____ @ \$18/ea

Children _____ @ \$15/ea

Children _____ under 5

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

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

Please seat us with...

(We'll do our best!)

ASL Interpretation upon Request

Adult Education

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

COMING IN JANUARY:

Facing the Legacy of Sept. 11th: Ten Years Later

Jews & Muslim in America

Thurs., 7:30-9:00 pm

1/26, 2/9, 3/8 & 3/22

Rabbi Shira Milgrom & guest teachers

Martinis & Midrash

Sat., 1/28 from 7:00-9:00 pm

Registration/fee required

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Biblical Beauty: Ancient Secrets & Modern Solutions

How Women of the Bible Created a Timeless Beauty

Sun., 2/5 from 9:00-11:00 am

With Rachelle Weisberg

Free, registration required

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Judaism/Sisterhood

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am

NOTE DATE: Jan. 11, 2012,

2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

First Wed. of each month

9:15 am in Room 20

Doris Dingott, 289-0869

Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gou-Ari

Wednesdays when Religious School is in Session

\$10 members; \$13 non-members

8:00-8:30 pm Beginners

8:30-10:00 pm Open Dance

Current Events

with Beth & Gene Kava

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

1/23

Examine a current issue of the day in depth.

Will use readings, video or a guest speaker

Kol Ami Genealogy Group

with Dr. Alan Steinfeld

First Wednesday of month, 7:15-8:30 pm.

Next class 1/4/12

Wisdom of the Sages: Lunch and Learn

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Every Tuesday, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm.

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

Introduction to Judaism

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm. 1/10, 1/24

First year of a 2 year program leading to Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Weekly Torah: Parshat Hashavua:

Weekly Torah Study

Every Friday from 10-11:30 am.

Led by Kol Ami members

Parenting/Grandparenting Workshops:

Blessing of a Skinned Knee

with Susan Davis, LCSW

For parents of elementary school aged children.

Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the month,

9:30-11:30 am

Adolescent Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

First and third Thursdays of month

from 9:45-11:45

Discussion of parenting issues related to adolescents.

Grandparenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

First Monday of each month,

9:15-10:45 am

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

\$150 per semester (scholarships available)

\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners/Intermediate

7:30 pm

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

No class 1/1/12

Beginning Hebrew

9:00

Advanced Beginners

10:00

Intermediate

11:15 am

Intermediate/Advanced

with Alice Seidman

9:00 – 10:00 am

No class 1/1/12

(Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455 for further information)

Winter Jewish Film Festival

Tuesday evenings • Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 20 • In the Petschek Gallery at 7:30 pm

The January 17th movie will be "Sarah's Key"

In the midst of researching an article about the roundup of Jews that took place in Paris in 1942, American-born journalist Julia Jarmond (Kristin Scott Thomas) uncovers a sobering connection between her story and the home she shares with her boorish French husband (Frederic Pierrot). Gilles Paquet-Brenner directs this gripping drama based on a bestselling novel of the same name that was inspired by actual events.

CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS

2012 Programs and Events

Something for Everyone!

KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

*Two Sessions Remaining — We begin to explore
Honey from the Rock: An Easy Introduction to Jewish Mysticism*
by Lawrence Kushner

An introduction to the ten gates of Jewish mysticism and how it applies to daily life.

Tuesday, February 7	7:30–9:30 p.m.	at the home of Lauri Carey
Sunday, April 22	9:15–11:00 a.m.	in the Chapel in the Woods

We want you to keep coming and bring your friends
\$18.00 for individual sessions. Visit www.nykolami.org to register.

BINGO – A BIG BOLD BLAST!

Sunday, January 22- 4:30 p.m. – at Kol Ami (See page 19 for more information)
Co-presented by Social Action/Congregational Relations in support of Kol Ami's Social Action programs.
Bingo, Dinner, Raffle, Prizes – Save the Date – A night of fun for all ages.
Bring your family and friends!

AN EVENING AT THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL AT JACOB BURNS

Let's go together!
Festival Dates: Wednesday, April 11-Tuesday, May 1
Kol Ami will join in one of the special events associated with the Festival. Details to follow.



Help Us Celebrate!

The 36th Annual (Double Chai) Westchester Jewish Council Gala

Saturday, February 11, 7:15 PM, honoring Tobi & The Honorable Martin Rogowsky and Joyce & Fred Claar
Featuring an evening of fun and comedy with the Chicago City Limits plus the music of The New Relics
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Westchester Jewish Center, 147 Rockland Avenue, Mamaroneck

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For more information call the Westchester Jewish Council (914) 328-7001

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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

BARBARA GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kol Ami's Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) is involved in many facets of the Temple's life. We are proud that for many years, we have been able to recognize our graduating high school seniors in June when we award scholarships. To be eligible, students must have become Bat/Bar Mitzvah, been Confirmed, continued their Jewish education through 12th grade in our Religious School, and performed community service. Our financial support of these students is made possible through donations to our Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund. We invite you to contribute to this worthy cause.

The Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund is named in loving memory of Barbara Gruber who was an active member and leader of our congregation. Among her many contributions to our community, she was a President of our Sisterhood, co-chair of many of our Holiday Boutiques, and the manager of the Judaica Shop. Barbara was married to Matt Gruber, the Executive Director of our synagogue for many years, and a resident of White Plains where they raised their three children.

In 2011, the Women of Reform Judaism awarded nine such scholarships. In order for us to continue this valuable program, the Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund requires replenishment through contributions. Donations in any amount are welcome and can be made to honor an individual, to commemorate a meaningful experience, or "just because". Acknowledgement will appear in *The Connection*.

Checks may be written to "The Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund", WRJ, and left in the Women of Reform Judaism drawer in the Temple office. Any questions should be addressed to either Mimi Rogowsky at (914) 522-2723, mims.rog@verizon.net, or Sheryl Brady at (914) 761-8345, sxbrady@verizon.net.

Thank you for your support,
Your WRJ Sisterhood

Sisterhood News

Martinis & Midrash:

An intimate home gathering
for women,
Saturday, January 28th
from 5:00-7:00 pm
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom.

Drinks, Snacks and
Lively Discussion
closing with havdalah,
dessert and coffee.
Reservations required:
\$18 with paid up
Sisterhood membership
\$25 Guests and
Non-Members.

Contact Ilene Miller at
imsnoops1@aol.com
or call her at
914-949-4717 x 111.

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us as author
Rachelle Weisberger
talks about her book

**"Biblical Beauty: Ancient
Secrets and Modern
Solutions".**

Sunday, February 5
from 9:00-11:00 am.

We will explore how
women of the Bible created
a timeless beauty.

Please call Ilene Miller,
949-4717 x 111
or email her at
imsnoops1@aol.com to
reserve your space.
Free.

Sisterhood Membership Dinner

with Cantor Mo Glazman.

Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Admission:
Paid up Sisterhood
Membership for 2011-2012.

Your Sisterhood
membership of \$40
supports socializing events
throughout the year and
provides funding for a vast
array of charitable activities
throughout the Temple and
the larger community.

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Tuesday
January 17
from noon to 2:00 pm.

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

Future Dates:
2/21, 3/20, 4/17,
5/15, 6/19

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Unbroken
by Laura Hillenbrand
January 4, 2012

The Eye of the Leopard
by Henning Mankell
February 1, 2012

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

For further information.,
contact Doris Dingott, 289-0869,
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togetherness and tradition. But for families with aging relatives—
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and even, sad. If you have a senior family member who seems more
overwhelmed than overjoyed, then this is a good opportunity to pay
close attention to signs of trouble, such as depression or confusion.
If you sense the challenges are serious, then while family is all together,
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701 Westchester Avenue, Suite 203E, White Plains, New York

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. • 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

MOUNT KISCO

27 Radio Circle Drive, Mount Kisco, New York

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon • 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

*For more information on how you can volunteer, or **to register for the 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. shift**, please contact Arthur Jacobs at 1.914.761.5100 ext. 134 or jacobsa@ujafedny.org.

FAMILIES FEEDING FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE IN WHITE PLAINS

Drop off nonperishable kosher food items on or before Super Sunday and help stock the shelves of local food pantries. To register for the teen sorting and packing event contact Donna Divon at 1.914.761.5100 ext. 130.

To donate online, visit www.ujafedny.org/supersunday.



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Bingo Bingo Bingo A Big Bold Blast!

PRESENTED BY CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS AND SOCIAL ACTION

DINNER - BINGO - RAFFLE

PRIZES - FRIENDS

SUPPORT KOL AMI'S SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

Sunday, January 22, 2012 • 4:30 p.m. • at Kol Ami

ADULTS \$25 CHILDREN 2-12 \$15 CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE

FOOD PANTRIES ARE RUNNING LOW; PLEASE BRING CANNED FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.

KOL AMI'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE PROVIDES GOODS, SERVICES AND MONEY TO THOSE MOST NEEDY INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, THE HUNGRY, THE SICK, THE POOR AND THOSE FIGHTING IN OUR MILITARY. WE HAVE HELPED THOSE AS FAR AWAY AS NEW ORLEANS, SOUTH AFRICA, IRAQ AND OUR BELOVED ISRAEL AND AS NEAR AS LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTERS AND NURSING HOMES. WE HAVE KNITTED, SUNG, COOKED, FED, CLOTHED, PAINTED, WALKED AND COLLECTED.

TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY REQUIRES YOUR SUPPORT IN TIME, MONEY, AND COMMITMENT.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW OR VISIT WWW.NYKOLAMI.ORG

QUESTIONS? CALL LAURI CAREY 472-8076 OR JILL ABRAHAM 472-5806. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JANUARY 17, 2012.

Bingo Bingo Bingo

Sunday, January 22, 2012

☐ Yes, I would not miss this! # OF ADULTS AT \$25 PER PERSON _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

☐ No, I'm sorry to miss out. ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAIN SOCIAL ACTION

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI AND MAIL TO 252 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam

THANKS to all who volunteered to help with the **Project SHARE** dinner held on November 22nd. The dinner provided a Thanksgiving "family style" meal to nearly 600 homeless men, woman and children. This was the 3rd year that Kol Ami has hosted this dinner. Special thanks to NAN BLANK for organizing the candy bags and to JANE FRIEDBERG, PAUL AND ALL THE MAINTAINANCE STAFF.



BINGO IS BACK!!!!- JANUARY 22, 2012

See page 11 for registration information. Volunteers are needed to help organize the event. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Greenberg or Jodi Klein.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION-

We will be participating for the 5th year with UJA to collect non -perishable food for the Bronx Jewish Community Council Food Pantry. This pantry feeds 2,200 people monthly, a third of whom are children. We will be the sole supplier of food for February. The collection bin will be in the religious school hallway until January 26th. NO GLASS CONTAINERS, PLEASE! Students in grades 7-12 who would like to help organize the collection and/or pack the food for the pantry on Sunday, January 29th can contact Ellie Klein at 472-4617.

WESTHAB'S 3RD ANNUAL YOUTHFEST-

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 16TH, 2012 AND WILL BE HELD AT THE TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF PERFORMER MATISYAHU. Anyone interested in helping with this event can email Richard.nightingale@westhab.org

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

MITZVAH CORPS

Join us at Westchester Meadows,
Grasslands Avenue, Valhalla
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 2:30 pm
as we sing songs accompanied by Paul Schwarz.
Bring a little sunshine to the residents and make
a difference in their lives.

For more info call Ellie Fleisch 481-1479.

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231

For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113

Sundays at 11:00 am: 1/22, 2/5, 3/18, 4/22, 5/6, 6/10


Mondays at noon: 1/23, 2/27, 3/26, 4/23,
5/21, 6/18.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO HEBREW CLASSES	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 ECP RE-OPENS 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm WRJ meeting 7:30 pm Adult Purim Rehearsal 8:00 pm Intro to Judaism	4 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00 am Book Club 6:00 pm Or Chadash, Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 7:15 pm Genealogy Group 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	5 9:45 am Adolescent Parenting 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	6 SYG TRIP TO RAC 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	7 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 10:30 am SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Max Brown with Lift 4:30 pm HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS
8 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9 am: Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman 9 am Beginning Hebrew with Emily Fields 10 am Advanced Beginners Hebrew with Emily 11:00 am Drama Club Rehearsal 11:15 am Intermediate Hebrew with Emily	9 9:30 am Blessing of a Skinned Knee Class 8:00 pm Men's Council/Brotherhood Meeting	10 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Adult Purim Rehearsal 8:00 pm Intro to Judaism class	11 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:45 am Round Table Breakfast 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	12 9:30 am Grandparenting Workshop 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	13 NEW MEMBER DINNER 10:00 am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	14 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Styler in Chapel
15 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO ADULT HEBREW CLASSES 4:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert	16 ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OBSERVANCE	17 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Winter Jewish Film Festival movie 7:30 pm Adult Purim Rehearsal	18 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	19 9:45 am Adolescent Parenting Workshop 8:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting	20 SYNAPLEX 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	21 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Gordon in Sanctuary
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 22 9:00 am: Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman 9:00 am Beginning Hebrew with Emily Fields 9:00 am Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshop 10 am Advanced Beginners Hebrew with Emily 11:00 am Drama Club Rehearsal 11:00 am Cooking for the Homeless 11:15 am Intermediate Hebrew with Emily 4:30 pm BINGO -A Big, Bold Blast!!	23 9:30 am Blessing of a Skinned Knee Class 12:00 pm Cooking for the Homeless	24 9:00 am ECP program with Kodomo Kuni 7:30 pm Adult Purim Rehearsal 8:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class	25 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm Advanced Beginners/Intermediate Adult Hebrew 7:30 pm Open Meeting of Nominating Committee 8:00 pm Israeli Dance	26 7:30 pm Facing the Legacy of 9/11 course begins 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	27 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	28 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Silverman in Sanctuary 7:00 pm MARTINIS & MIDRASH †
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January 20, 2012

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