# The Connection



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### Congratulations to our Confirmands!



First Row (from left to right): Felice Miller Baritz, Allison Jasne, Caroline Cole, Rachel Norman, Zoe Shannon, Ariel Coonin, Jennnifer Gordon, Catherine Reynolds, Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Second Row: Cantor Mo Glazman, Jack Kantor, Ethan Cutler, David Scharf, Barak Stockler, Alex Root, Zach Falk, Ross Van Doren, Jake Zieman, Jordan Frankenthaler, Jared Fischer, Zach Klein, Jack Brown, Rabbi Tom Weiner



Join us for our Pride Shabbat!

June 21st at 6:15 Kabbalat Shabbat Services
with Special Guest Speaker Marc Solomon,
National Campaign Director for Freedom to Marry

#### SERVICES

Saturday, June 1

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel Coffee, Community and Oneg in

Chapel

9:30 am Study in Chapel

10:30 am LIFT JOINS SHABBAT MORNING

SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Samantha

Weiner in Sanctuary

Friday, June 7

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in

Sanctuary

Saturday, June 8

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

5: 30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON LIFT:

Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Sheppa in Chapel

Friday, June 14

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in

Sanctuary

Saturday, June 15

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 Matthew Schwartz in

Sanctuary

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Bat Mitzvah of Lindsay Smith in Sanctuary

Friday, June 21

PRIDE SHABBAT

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in

Sanctuary

Saturday, June 22

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE

Friday, June 28

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in

Sanctuary

Saturday, June 29

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 Matthew Braun in

Sanctuary

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Rabbi Shira Milgrom will be taking a Sabbatical this summer. Rabbi Tom Weiner or Cantor Mo Glazman will be leading the Lift June through August, except for June 15th which will be congregant-led.

#### 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.

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#### Weekly Torah Portions for June

### Week ending June 1, 2013 Parashat Sh'lach L'cha Numbers 13:1-15:41

This week's parasha continues the story of the Israelites wandering through the desert. Moses sends twelve emissaries to scout out the land of Israel. Only two (Joshua and Caleb) return with a message of hope. The people react to the terrifying account of the other ten spies with fear and panic. As a consequence for their behavior the members of this generation will wander the desert for another 38 years and will not be allowed to enter the "promised" land.

### Week ending June 8, 2013 Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32

Four rebels hatch an ill-fated "coup-d'état" against the leadership of Aaron and Moses. Two dreadful punishments await the rebels: for Dathan, Abiram, and their group, the earth bursts asunder, swallowing them. For Korach and his band, fire and plague bring death and havoc.

### Week ending June 15, 2013 Parashat Chukat Numbers 19:1-22:1

Miriam, the sister of Moses & Aaron dies at Kadesh. When the people complain that they have no water to drink, God instructs Moses to take his rod & order a rock to bring forth water. Moses strikes the rock with his rod, in anger against the complaining people. As a result, God informs Moses that he will not be allowed to lead the people into the Land of Israel. Aaron dies at Mount Hor & his son, Eleazer becomes his successor.

#### Week ending June 22, 2013 *Parashat Balak* Numbers 22:2-25:9

King Balak, afraid that the Israelites will attack his nation, commissions a pagan prophet, Balaam to curse the people of Israel. At first God forbids Balaam to grant Balak's request. Eventually, the seer is sent, but is told that he must say only what God commands. On three occasions King Balak asks Balaam to curse the Israelites, and each time the prophet utters blessings (Ma Tovu) instead.

### Week ending June 29, 2013 Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1

God promises that Aaron's son Phinehas and his descendants will forever be priests and instructs the Israelites regarding the lands that shall be apportioned to each tribe. God again tells Moses that he will not enter the Land of Israel, but shall appoint Joshua to succeed him as leader over the Israelites.

# Pride Shabbat, Friday, June 21st. The Freedom to Marry: Why We Are Winning

Back in the 1980s, the Reform Movement began its embrace of the LGBT community. We have often been at the forefront of embracing and forwarding this fundamental human rights issue in our own Synagogue. As our own observance of June, Pride Month, we are honored to have Marc Solomon, the National Campaign Director of Freedom To Marry, speak with us at Services. His topic will be: The Freedom To Marry: Why We are Winning

Marc Solomon is a preeminent front-

line leader in the movement to win and protect marriage for same-sex couples. As National Campaign Director for Freedom to Marry, Solomon leads the organization's programs to win more states, grow the majority for marriage, and end federal discrimination. Freedom to Marry played an instrumental role in successful efforts to secure the freedom to marry at the ballot in November, 2012 in Maryland, and Washington, as well as to defeat a constitutional amendment in Minnesota. It also led the effort to secure a marriage plank in

the 2012 Democratic National

Committee platform and a multifaceted campaign to enlist the support of President Obama. In 2011,



Solomon led Freedom to Marry's leadership in co-creating and co-managing New Yorkers United for Marriage, the campaign to secure the freedom to marry in New York State.



### **High Holy Days 2013**

The High Holy Days will be approaching before you know it. As you know, we love to have as many congregants as possible participate during the morning services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

There are two ways to participate in the Hebrew portions of the services:

1. Chanting or Reading from the Torah: You must be able to read Hebrew and be willing to learn and work thoughout the summer in preparation for the chanting of the Torah. You will receive

a CD with the specific portion and will have the opportunity to work with Cantor Mo to learn your portion. You do not need a professional voice, just a desire to learn how to chant.

2. Chanting Haftarah Blessings: The Haftarah Blessings, although similar to the Shabbat Blessings, are a bit lengthier. You will receive a CD with the blessings and Cantor Mo will be available to work with you to learn the trope.

By the time the High Holy Days arrive, you will be comfortable with your portion. We hope you will consider joining us in our outreach to include new faces on the Bimah, whether you have been a member of Temple one year or many years.

If you are interested in either of the above choices or would like more information, please contact Valerie Heim at 914-949-4717 x 103 or vheim@nykolami.org.

Visit Berlin and Krakow with Rabbi Shira September 29-October 8. Learn more http://www.arzaworld.com/Flipbook/Congregation kol ami white plains/#/1/

#### From the Director of Membership and Development



Thope this was a good year for you and yours at Kol Ami.

As you know, like most things, some aspects of

temple life slow down in the summer, but this is a busy time for membership and I am hoping YOU will help me on this! If you notice any new families in your neighborhood, I hope you will tell them about Kol Ami and encourage

them to call me! It would be my pleasure to meet and show them our building and our newly renovated sanctuary, as well as arrange for an opportunity to speak with the clergy and school staff.

Also, please save Friday July 14th! We will be hosting a Shabbat Supper following services. This is open to everyone in our community and will also be an opportunity to invite any friends who may be interested in learning more

about Kol Ami to join us and be our guests at services and for dinner.

For more information—contact me or our Membership Committee Cochairs: Susan Davis at susandavis@hotmail.com or Lisa Hochman at lisahochman@mac.com. And, if anyone would like to help with this event, please let one of us know.

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### Ritual Riches: Rosh Chodesh

Judaism is a religion that sanctifies time over space. Some examples of how we commemorate time are Shabbat, Havdallah, Rosh Hashana, and Shavuot. Also, the Hebrew date and month for celebrating many of our festivals are fixed in the Torah.

The Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar regulated by the cycles of the moon. Each Hebrew month begins with the appearance of the new moon. This monthly occurrence of the new moon's arrival in the sky is called Rosh Chodesh (שאר שדרו) – literally "head (rosh) of the month (chodesh)". In the days before the calendar was formally set, the declaration of Rosh Chodesh literally depended upon the physical sighting of the new moon.

Just as there are specific traditions and blessings to celebrate Shabbat and Havdallah, there are also particular rituals and blessings for Rosh Chodesh. On the Shabbat in the week preceding Rosh Chodesh, an additional prayer called Birkat HaChodesh (תברב שדחה) is added to the Torah service at the conclu-

sion of the Torah reading. This prayer, found on page 97 of our siddur Entrances to Holiness are Everywhere, expresses our hopes for the month to come, and asks God to "renew this month unto us for goodness and blessing." The prayer includes an announcement of the day Rosh Chodesh will fall and the name of the Hebrew month that is about to begin.

Although Rosh Chodesh is a function of the calendar it is often associated with women for a number of reasons.

- According to legend, Rosh Chodesh is a holiday that was given to the women of Israel as a reward because they refused to surrender their jewelry for the creation of the Golden Calf at the foot of Mount Sinai. As a result of their righteousness, women were released from doing their usual work on each Rosh Chodesh.
- Also, many people have pointed out that the women's menstrual cycle is similar to the monthly cycle of the moon. (The English word "menstruation" derives from the Latin word for "monthly.")

• More recently, Women of the Wall, an organization of women based in Israel, has been using the celebration of Rosh Chodesh to fight for women's rights and religious freedom in Israel. In a nation where religious practices are set by the Orthodox majority, it is currently illegal for women to sing and pray aloud, read from the Torah, and wear a tallit. Women of the Wall holds monthly prayer services at the Western Wall on Rosh Chodesh to achieve the social and legal recognition of the right of women to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall.

More information about Women of the Wall is available at http://womenofthe-wall.org.il/

Rosh Chodesh for Tammuz will be celebrated on Saturday June 8th.

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

# Yom Kippur

### Swab a Cheek, Inscribed for Life

### You Can Help Others — Save the Date: 9/14/13

On Yom Kippur Day, September 14, 2013, a day of reflection, renewal and commitment, the Kol Ami community will join with other synagogues around the country to participate in a donor recruitment drive by the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

This is our oppportunity to help save the lives of those in need of a bone marrow or blood stem cell transplant by increasing the donor registry.

You will receive more information about this

in your High Holy Day mailing. If you can volunteer to help with this important effort, please email Jane Friedberg at JSFKOLAMI@aol.com.



### Interfaith Family Committee's Coffee & Conversation

Sunday, June 9th from 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Chapel in the Woods
Rabbi Tom will lead us in discussing the history of our siddur (prayerbook) and how our non-Jewish families can feel included, informed, and inspired as we worship. We hope to see you there!

Bagels and coffee will be served. Children welcome.

Questions or want to join our email list? Please contact Sean Reynolds, whoisthatguy@optonline.net or Elizabeth McNamara Mueller, emcnamara@uwalumni.com.

### PLANNED BEQUESTS

Have you considered including The Congregation Kol Ami Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your estate, IRA or 401K?

For further information please call Evelyne Klein at 914-761-7659 or visit http://nykolami.org/donate-current-page/planned-giving

### Send the Sweetest Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Shana Tov

For a Sweet New Year שנה טובה ומתוקר

### HONEY FUNDRAISER



This distinctive 8-ounce jar of kosher honey arrives in time for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, decorated with a festive label, and includes a personalized card reading "L'Shana Tova—Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year". This card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to The Kol Ami Religious School.

What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a "Sweet and Healthy New Year" than sending honey?

Your cost is **\$10 per jar** which includes shipping and handling within the United States. We will gladly mail orders outside the United States for an additional fee. To order honey go to <a href="www.NYKolAmi.org">www.NYKolAmi.org</a> and click on the honey link and follow the step-by-step instructions. No password required.

If you placed an order last year the information was save for your convenience.

Free Shipping Until July 9th after July 9th it is \$3.50 per jar

For more information, please contact:

Debra Asher-Zitrin Debraasher@yahoo.com

Or leave a message in the office at 914-949-4717

#### From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

All of us here at the Early Childhood Program find it incredible to believe that on June 14th we will say farewell to another wonderful year. It was a year filled with fabulous experiences, fantastic opportunities for learning and terrific memories. It was a year we can all be very proud of. In fact, it's hard to say who had more fun: the children, our staff or our families!

This year would not have been possible without our incredible ECP Staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank Laura Abramsky, Paula Altneu, Andrea Altshuler, Jackie Barrett, Barbra Barsky, Erica Berger, Cheryl Bernstein, Lisa Beyer, Lauri Carey, Rachel Edelson, Susan Epstein, Allison Fiore, Jill Fodiman, Toby Friedman, Elisa Goldman, Debbie Klein, Lisa Lawrence, Jen Levy, Liz Marcus, Nancy Mariani, Julie Rabinowitz, Barbara Schwartz, Gerrie Schwartz, Sharon Sohl, Jill Staffin, Jen Strassler, Barbara Weiner, Debby Yablow and Cindy Zieman and our ECP Chairs Cindy Musoff and Margie Lewis and mentor Ellen Bittner for their tremendous dedication to

and support of the Early Childhood Program. Our Congregation is truly blessed to have these fabulous women at the helm.

I also want to thank our parents and Temple volunteer community who worked tirelessly on our Family Photo Days, Parent Cocktail Parties, Turkey Trot, Chanukah Parties, our Family Concert afternoon, our Shabbat Dinners, our Lending Library, Purim Carnival, our Model Seders and Passover Play, Speakers Series, Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, The Princess, Pirate and Superhero Party, our Family Fun Day, our Yearbook and our Garden project - a feast for the eyes and the soul. With your support and dedication, our year was filled with excitement and fun; together, we continue to Build a Community of Friends One Family at a Time and I am truly thankful.

Our enrollment for next year is just about full and we are delighted! Next year's Pre-K program: A Step Ahead! under the fabulous direction of Jill Staffin and Julie Rabinowitz will welcome a class of 12 children! We are

already planning our curriculum and programming for our 2's, 3's, 4's and 5's and it all promises to be very exciting. Finally, I want to thank our Congregation, the Board of Trustees, Jane Friedberg and the entire



office staff and Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Tom Weiner and Cantor Mo Glazman for your unending support of our nursery school and all that we do. Special thanks to Janet Hershey, Kol Ami's Director of Membership and Development, for her support and guidance to the ECP.

It continues to be my greatest pleasure to come to work each day and to be part of such a vibrant community. Thank you for the opportunity to help build a "Community of Friends". I wish you all a healthy, and relaxing summer filled with warm memories and contented smiles.

B'Shalom, Nan

#### The Remarkable Life of Centenarian Lilly Port

The Scarsdale Inquirer recently wrote an article on our own Lilly Port and all that she has achieved in her 100 years on earth.

If reaching the 100-year benchmark in good shape is everyone's goal, then we should all be doing what Lilly Port of Murray Hill Road does. A wonder woman who just reached that goal, Port has traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Machu Picchu (yes, she climbed everything everyone else did), Costa Rica, Singapore and gone on safari to Tanzania and the Serengeti—to name a few of her recent trips.

But to understand Port's vitality you have to experience her, to catch the sparkle in her eyes; the animation and ready responses when you converse with her. You have to feel the *joie de vivre* that emanates from her.

Lilly was born in Vienna to upper class parents. She was an only child and had a very happy childhood right through college, where she earned her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Vienna. But when Hitler became firmly entrenched in Vienna, her father committed suicide along with 120

other Jewish men who preferred to choose their own fate. Then Port and her mother left for Yugoslavia and stayed there six months to complete their transfer of property claims. Later they migrated to England and stayed there three years during the London Blitz.

When Lilly came to America, she was able to get a bona fide affidavit from Sandor Bruck. When they met, they instantly fell in love. They married in 1943 and spent 40 happy years together, moving from New York to Scarsdale in the early 1950's.

While married to Bruck, Lilly was appointed Director of Consumer Education at the Department of Consumer Affairs in NYC, a job she held for 20 years. She wrote the book Access: The Guide to a Better Life for Disabled Americans in 1978.

By 1976, Port had a weekly radio program called "In Touch" that lasted for 10 years on WEVD. She interview celebrities like Mayor Koch, Arnold Foster of the Anti-Defamation League and Judge Leon Fuchsberg.

Lilly is included in the 66th edition (2012)

of Who's Who in America. Among her credentials is President of Scarsdale Hadassah for eight years, chairman of Westchester County Bonds for Israel Drive, sponsor of the Purchase College creative writing program, associate of the Jewish Museum, trustee of Congregation Kol Ami and Project Director of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.

Lilly has had three husbands. When Sandor Bruck died, she married widower David Lieb in 1985. That marriage lasted 10 years until Lieb died. Port then married Charles Port, her first husband's attorney, in 1998 and they were together for six years before he died. Lilly says that all three of her mates were "loving, kind and faithful". She still lists herself as Lilly Bruck Lieb Port.

Lilly and her aide, Carolina Gonzales, are planning to go to Hawaii this summer.

The only concession Port makes to her advanced age is using a magnifying machine to read *The New York Times* every day.

#### KABRO (MEN'S COUNCIL) INVITES YOU TO THE 3RD ANNUAL KOL AMI

#### **CAMPING TRIP!**

NORTH-SOUTH LAKE CAMPGROUND Haines Falls, N.Y. (near Hunter Mountain)

August 2-4, 2013

ALL KOL AMI MEMBERS, CHILDREN & FRIENDS WELCOME!



Camp at beautiful North-South Lake in the Catskills!

http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24487.

- Hike to New York's tallest waterfall!
- Swim, canoe, kayak!
- Sing campfire songs, eat s'mores!
- For experienced and first-time campers

SIGN UP TODAY: This beautiful campground sells out months in advance.

#### Cost:

- \$75 Per Campsite (up to 6 people)
- Discount: \$60 for Early Birds
   (extended to April 30th) and KABRO
   members

Day Trippers Are Welcome For Saturday Activities & Dinner

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horowitz.dan@gmail.com



Happy KABRO Campers, 2012!



#### Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

Registration for 2013-2014 Now Open

First Friends: A Toddler Program

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

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

A Step Ahead! Our Pre-K program for children turning 5 from September through December

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

### **More Friends for Shabbat!**

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

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

## 2013 DATES Shabbat with Friends...

June 7 hosted by Doris and Marvin Dingott June 28 hosted by Lisa Borowitz

#### From Our Co-Presidents



For our final Connection article as Co-Presidents, we are sharing our remarks from this year's Annual Meeting. Please

accept our heartfelt gratitude for honoring us with the opportunity to lead this incomparable Congregation. We are leaving this position, but not this amazing community.

With our appreciation, respect and love, Ronnie and Mark

This is our final Annual Meeting as co-presidents of this wonderful Congregation. The time has flown by. It has truly been an honor, a pleasure, and personally satisfying to give back to our community and to our Congregation. We would also like to publicly acknowledge the strong, capable and committed assistance of all those who served on our Executive Board and Board of Trustees during our tenure as co-presidents. Without their leadership as well as the lovingly committed efforts of scores of congregant volunteers, we could not have achieved the many accomplishments over the past three action-filled years.

But there remains much to be done. Moving forward will require the continuing efforts and generosity of our congregants and our lay leaders. Our working relationship and friendship with Hank during these past years makes it abundantly clear to us that the Congregation will be in good hands as it moves forward.

Accordingly, our remarks this year will summarize on an executive level, some of the many improvements over the past few years and will conclude with identifying issues and challenges on the horizon that we believe will require diligence and thoughtful management. For purposes of logical cohesiveness, we will address the "where we are" portion of the discussion in five conceptual buckets:

- A. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS
  - 1. BRICK FAÇADE WORK
  - 2. NEW HVAC SYSTEM
  - 3. ENHANCEMENTS TO BOILER EFFICIENCY
  - STRUCTURAL AND COSMETIC ENHANCEMENTS TO CLASS-ROOMS
  - 5. NEW BOILER IN JAFFIN ACTIVI-TY CENTER
  - 6. ENHANCED BUILDING SECURITY
  - 7. SANCTUARY/L'DOR VA'DOR CAMPAIGN

- B. FUNDRAISING, DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP
  - 1. NEW ANNUAL FUND APPROACH
  - 2. ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISERS
  - 3. PREMIUM DUES INITIATIVE
  - 4. PLANNED GIVING INITIATIVE
  - 5. MEMBERSHIP / PUBLIC RELATIONS
  - 6. RETENTION
  - 7. SHABBAT ACROSS KOL AMI
  - 8. DONOR GIFT CARDS

#### C. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- 1. INVESTMENT GUIDELINES
- 2. REFINANCED MORTGAGE AND PAID DOWN PRINCIPAL
- 3. CAPITAL BUDGET
- 4. EVALUATING OUR PROPERTY ASSETS
- 5. SURPLUS OPERATING BUDGETS

#### D. OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

- 1. INTER-FAITH MARRIAGE GUIDE-LINES
- 2. CATERING GUIDELINES
- 3. HOSPITAL VISITATION GUIDE-LINES
- 4. UPDATED LEADERSHIP TRAIN-ING PROGRAM
- 5. BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRANSITION COMMITTEE
- 6. INCLUSION COMMITTEE AND INITIATIVES
- 7. CREDIT CARD USAGE POLICY
- 8. COMMITTEE TERM LIMITS AND SUCCESSION PLANNING
- 9. COMPLETE COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING AND RE-IMAG-INATION
- 10. UPDATED DUES REVIEW POLICY AND PROCEDURES
- 11. POLICY AND PROCEDURE MAN-UAL
- 12. IMPROVED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
- 13. UPDATED TRUSTEE REQUIRE-MENTS AND EXPECTATIONS
- 14. UPDATED PROPERTY INCIDENT REPORTING PROTOCOL
- 15. PROPOSED BYLAW AMEND-MENTS
- 16. DEVELOPED PERSONNEL REVIEW AND EVALUATION PRO-CEDURES

#### E. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- 1. YOUTH GROUPS
- 2. GOT-SHABBAT
- 3. SECOND NIGHT SEDER
- 4. COMMUNITY BREAK-THE-FAST
- 5. MINI-GOLF
- 6. KABRO (MENS COUNCIL)

- 7. WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
- 8. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND ECP EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
- SCORES OF ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL ACTION INITIATIVES, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING OPPORTUNI-TIES

### F. ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON

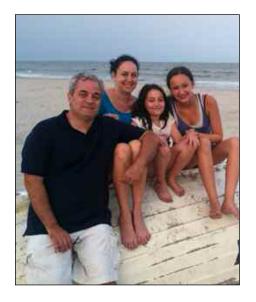
- 1. INCREASING MEMBERSHIP
- 2. INCREASING PREMIUM DUES PAYING MEMBERS
- 3. RE-IMAGINING DUES STRUC-TURE
- 4. ENCOURAGING MORE INVOLVEMENT OF MEN
- 5. REPLENISHING OUR DEPLETED BUILDING FUND AND ESTAB-LISHING A CAPITAL BUDGET
- GENERATING AN ENDOWMENT THROUGH DEVELOPMENT AND ALL FORMS OF CHARITABLE GIVING

We know that these challenges and others yet to be identified will be addressed enthusiastically and successfully under the leadership of those on the slate tonight, and Hank will talk about this a little later.

As Mark said, it has been a privilege to serve this congregation. After our first year as Co-Presidents, we expressed (in the Connection) our gratitude to our predecessors, our fellow congregants, our incomparable clergy and our dedicated staff. After our second year, we noted our pride in all that had been accomplished and said that "none of this would have been possible without Kol Ami's committed congregants, inspirational clergy and dedicated staff". The trend is clear. L'Dor Va'Dor sums it up. Two years ago, Shira (not surprisingly) said it best at the gala honoring her and David: "All of us work together for the sake of this community. Each person's success is everyone's success." Mark and I cannot thank every one of you enough for sharing our dreams, meeting and exceeding our every expectation, and making these past three years so memorable and rewarding for us.

#### **Meet The Members**

Our members have so many interesting backgrounds—we love to share their stories! Here, Susan Ritterman-Peña and Matthew Peña tell us a little about themselves



SUSAN RITTERMAN-PEÑA
AND MATTHEW PEÑA

Susan and Matthew live in Hartsdale with their daughters Clara, age 13, and Lily, age 9. Their kids go to the Ardsley schools and both attend Kol Ami religious school. Clara had her Bat Mitzvah in March of 2012.

#### How long have you been members?

Susan – "We started coming to Kol Ami after Clara began in the ECP program. We have continued as members ever since. You have to realize, though, that I had been coming to Kol Ami back when I was 12 years old."

#### Please tell us about it.

"My grandmother was Grete Sulzer, a long-time member of the JCC before she died in 1998. My family visited with Grandmother Grete frequently from Los Angeles where I grew up and began a career in advertising. She always took us to the Second Passover seder here and Friday night services. I re-joined the Kol Ami Community after I moved from Los Angeles to help take care of Grete when she became ill in 1994. We wanted

Grandma to move to Palm Springs but she refused to leave NY and asked if I would instead move to White Plains. Unfortunately, my Dad, her only child, had a terrible car accident and was severely brain damaged. He was a convalescent leaving him unable to care for her. So my husband, at the time my boyfriend, Matt and I moved to White Plains to watch over her."

#### That's a sad story

"Yes, my Dad and Grandma didn't have an easy life Besides my Dad's tragic accident, they were Holocaust survivors. That's why I couldn't let Grandma be alone in New York or put her in a home.

"Dad's father left Germany in March of 1939. He and his mother, Grete, stayed behind, waiting for Grete's mother, my great-grandmother, to get papers. Grete hid my father with a Catholic family. During that time, Grete could not say hello to my father when she passed him on the street. Remarkably, they were able to leave, together with my great-grandmother, Clara, late in 1939. They first went to Italy and then New York. Grete never left. My daughter Clara is named after my great-grandmother."

### Was it difficult for them to adjust to their new lives?

"My father learned English quickly and got a full scholarship to NYU and then Columbia. He was one of the founding scientists in solar ray energy and nickelcadmium batteries. He has a patented battery that powers the solar panels on Voyager II, the satellite that first travelled to Jupiter. But, because of his history, he was always fearful. Grandma saw life as an adventure. Even on her saddest days, she found joy. She lost so many siblings, friends, experienced great betrayal and her only son had that tragic accident, but she never stopped living. Grete continued to sing in the choir, go to the opera, love her grandchildren with all her heart and (yes, it's cliché) stop and smell the flowers "

### How has your family's history affected you and your children?

"I think the trans-generational transmission of paranoia, fear and anger has been greatly buffered by second generation Holocaust survivors. I hope so for us. My kids see Judaism not as a sadness or great weight but as joyful celebrations. They learned this from Kol Ami and I am learning the joy of Judaism from my kids. So in a way we have come full circle and I believe my kids experience Judaism more the way my Grandma did before WW2. Of course we should always remember and some people need more reminding than others, but I feel like a real survivor when my kids no longer carry such a heavy burden. I think I carry some of my father's feelings. But I try very hard to be a conduit connecting my daughters to the kind of life that Grete lived, one full of joy. My daughter Clara recently asked me to tell our story at the recent Yom HaShoah service. There must always be times for our story and the story of other survivors to be told. I'm so glad my daughter asked me to do it."

### Matt left his job and his family to come help with your grandmother?

"Yes. Matt knew how I felt about my Grandma and he loved her, too. Plus Matt has an interesting family history which makes him uniquely sympathetic. Matt grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. His father is Mexican and his mother is English and Irish and both parents are native American: Yaqui Indian and Blackfoot respectively. Luckily, Matt is in advertising and was able to get another job in NYC rather quickly in 1994. He currently works for North Shore Animal League as the Managing Director of Web Marketing."

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.

#### The Kol Ami Brotherhood — KABRO

Come Join us for Family Fun.....

Bridgeport Blue Fish Minor League Baseball Game Sunday June 9th at 1:05 p.m

KABRO (Men's Council) is organizing an informal outing on June 9th at 1:00 pm to watch the Bridgeport Blue Fish take on the Lancaster Barnstormers. If interested, please meet at the Atrium on 11:00 a.m and we can proceed together to the game.

Details: Tickets are \$13.50 per person.

Location: 500 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT (approximately 45 minute drive from Kol Ami)

Please contact Anthony Zitrin at anthonyzitrin@aol.com (917-856-1837) for additional information.

Also see page 8 for the information on our July camping trip!!

### Slate of KABRO/Men's Council Officers 2013-2014

President -- Anthony Zitrin

Treasurer -- Bill Waldorf

Vice Presidents -- Chuck Joseph and Harris Jacobs



### **WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — "Sisterhood"**

It has been a banner year for the Sisterhood of Kol Ami. Paid membership is up by nearly 30% and participation in WRJ-sponsored activities has been growing by the month. The Executive Board of Sisterhood Officers met regularly and led WRJ in planning programs that were fun while strengthening our financial position. Attendance at monthly meetings continues to increase and new members have aspired to assume leadership positions.

Some examples of our energized and re-imagined Sisterhood:

- The High Holiday Food Drive with the largest turnout since its inception
- Man/Woman of the Year which increased general auxiliary membership by advertising early in the year for discount admission with paid membership
- Fall Tag Sale that generated nearly \$1700 profit to help sponsor our high school graduates' college scholarships and other Temple sponsored events including Friday night onegs, Early Childhood holiday celebrations and the Purim Carnival for the Religious School.
- Our second year of the Havdalah Series had 68 registrants for "Tequila and Talmud".
- Other successful activities included "Sisterhood Chefs" which partnered with Gilda's Club Westchester to support the greater community outside Kol Ami, our annual "March Madness Ladies Night Out" at Taiim Cellar with 56 ladies representing every decade of adults in our Congregation.
- As always, we came together for Sukkot Decorating. We partnered with the Religious School for Purim Basket sales. Confirmation Student Greetings were once again successfully coordinated by WRJ.
- Our financial success provided donations to the Inclusion Committee for the new large print prayer books, and sponsorship for both the fall and spring fundraisers, the Kol Ami Golf Classic and the adult beverage service for the Spring Gala.
- This year's Membership Dinner included a catered dinner and lecture for the cost of annual Sisterhood membership. We had grand prizes from our Judaica Shop and local vendors including Wilson and Son Jewelers.

We continue to wave our lavender flyers and adom our custom name pins so everyone at Kol Ami will recognize the Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood as an integral arm of our Temple and one which all our women will want to support and enjoy for greater social, intellectual, spiritual and charitable opportunities for 2013-2014.

It has been a cherished honor to serve as WRJ Sisterhood President for the past two years. I am delighted to announce our Executive Board of Officers for the 2013-14 year who is already in the planning stages of next year. I wish everyone at Kol Ami a healthy and joyful summer.

Ellen Kurtz

### 2013-2014 Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood Officers

Co-Presidents: Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus – Board Representative

Sheryl Brady –

Northeast WRJ Representative

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Vice President: Mimi Rogowsky
Vice President: Stacey Matusow
Treasurer: Elza Rosen
Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Shore
Recording Secretary: Carole Ries

Director: Stephanie Levine
Director: Mickey Jacobs
Director: Jane Friedberg
President Emeritus: Ellen Kurtz

# Congregation Kol Ami's ECP Welcomes you to our Annual Family Fun Day! Everyone in the community is welcome!



Sunday, June 9th, 2013 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### MENU

- MLange's BBQ
- **☑**Arts & Crafts
- **⊠**Games
- **☑Train Rides**
- **⊠**Carousel
- ☑The Ice Cream Man ☑Lots of Family Fun!!

Rain or Shine

\$48 per family make your reservation by Friday, June 7th

(or \$15 per adult and \$10 per child)

\$55 per family at the door on June 9th

Please Respond by June 7th, 2013

Family Name:

Number of Adults: Number of Children: Total:

Please send cash or make checks out to Congregation Kol Ami and return the bottom part of this page and return to the ECP office.

### **First Friends!**

#### Toddlers 14-22 months (accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

Take a look and see what it's all about beginning with a welcome circle, our morning includes:

- Fine motor play with developmentally appropriate puzzles and toys
- Paint exploration
- Craft activity focused on a Jewish holiday or season
- Oatmeal and Water table play, gross motor toys including a pool of balls, slide, teeter totters, and dramatic play in our toddler sized kitchen.
- Bean bag chairs for cuddling and reading a story
- Snack
- Music and Movement
- Besides an ECP teacher, a social worker visits each month to stay and play so that any shared concerns or questions parents may have can be discussed

This program meets on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:15 and will run in two 10 week Sessions
Session 1: October 15 - December 17
Session 2: January 28-April 8, 2014

First Friends provides a wonderful segue to our Early Childhood Program and to our Congregation Cost per session \$180.00

If you have a toddler and you're looking to make some new friends what are you waiting for?

Maybe the time is right to think about joining us!

\*For more information please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107



#### SAVE THE DATE!

The Westchester Jewish Council invites you to join us at the

### 2013 Celebrate Israel Parade on Sunday, June 2, 2013

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

For more information, contact Donna at donna@wjcouncil.org or 914-328-7001

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### SAVE THE DATES FOR 2013-2014 SYNAPLEX EVENTS Friday evenings unless otherwise noted

#### Sukkot Harvest Festival Weekend

#### Sat evening, Sept 21st — "Kabbalah and Kitchen"

Join us for a Celestial Banquet with award winning chef Jake Des Voignes and restaurateur Yaron Milgrom, partners in the San Francisco Bay Area's top 100 restaurants, Local's Corner. "Des Voignes has created a menu that is unlike anything in the Bay Area", claims Michael Bauer, The San Francisco Chronicle's restaurant critic. Limited seating for this celebration of food and kabbalah.

Sun, Sept 22nd — Join the Kol Ami Community as we welcome in the festival of Sukkot. There will be crafts and activities as well as a farmers market, food, cooking for the homeless, learning and LOTS OF FUN! Everyone is welcome! Synaplex Sukkot Lunch—cook with the community on Friday and/or Sunday or just come and eat!

#### Nov 1

### In anticipation of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the screening of "Ingelore", a short documentary produced and directed by Frank Stiefel.

A powerful story of Ingelore Herz Honigstein who was born deaf in 1924 to Jewish parents in Kuppenheim Germany—her life, her escape, and her story here in the United States.

#### Dec 6

#### Harriet Rossetto, author of Sacred Housekeeping—A Spiritual Memoir

An honest autobiography of a courageous woman and social worker, who took an interest in the unpopular cause of helping incarcerated Jewish men re-enter society and made it her life's passion.

#### Jan 11

#### Shabbat Shira—Shabbat of Song

Featuring Six13, a six-man vocal band that brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems. They will work with some of our high school students who will develop their own a cappella sounds.

#### Feb 28

#### A Conversation with Scientists Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein

From Womb to Tomb: Looking for the Secrets for Healthy Longevity

#### Mar 15 (Sat evening)

#### Purim Extravaganza!

Purim Carnival, dinner, reading of the Megillah, Purim Spiel, learning and celebration for the whole community.

#### May 9

#### The People v The Maccabees

The Kol Ami Community as jurors, together with defense and prosecuting attorneys, bring the Maccabees to trial for Abuses of Power.

### Adult Education

Copies of the Adult Education brochure are available in the office. Please see our brochure or check online at www.nykolami.org for further information on courses

#### Coming This Fall: Free University at Kol Ami Become a Leader:

Start a study group,
discussion group or seminar at Kol Ami.
Cover any topic that falls under the broad
umbrella of Reform Judaism.
Find other congregants, find one or
twenty-two, that share an interest and study
together. Adult Ed will vet, advertise and
coordinate. Kol Ami facilities will be
available Monday evenings.
Other times will be arranged when
needed and when possible.

#### Come Study:

To kick off this new effort, the first new study group will be on the Hebrew prophets with a particular focus on their views of justice and righteousness. We hope to address modern issues of justice in the context of what the prophets teach us. (Primary sources will be the Tanakh and Abraham Joshua Heschel's book The Prophets).

Contact Paul Davis at paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com with your ideas for leading a study group or if you would like to join the currently planned study group on the prophets.

#### Mussar Classes

facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax: at Kol Ami in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods, Last Class: Monday, 6/10 from 12:30pm-2:00 pm.

This workshop introduces 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.

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Contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com
to register or go to
http://asoft8125.accrisoft.com/wjcs/
clientuploads/HC-2013.pdf for a full listing
of the Healing Center programs
Cost: Suggested donation:
\$72; \$54 for Kol Ami members

#### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring
clinician for Kol Ami
Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 10:30 am
Last class: 6/13/13
Jewish contemplative practices
for clearing the mind, softening the heart
and opening to the One.
All welcome.

No meditation experience necessary. Schulman Chapel in the Woods

#### Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

#### **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 – 2:00 pm
Last class: 6/6/13

#### **Grandparenting Workshops**

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

First Monday of the month
9:15 - 10:45 am
Last class: 6/3/13

#### Weekly Torah Study

Every Friday morning 10:00 – 11:30 am Led by Kol Ami members

#### Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. 9:15 am Meets in Room 20 For more information call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

#### Mah Jongg and Bridge

Final meeting 6/26/13
Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am
Kol Ami Atrium
Email Wendy Roos to be added
to the Mah Jongg email distribution
wendyroos I @aol.com

#### Mitzvah Knitz

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

Third Thursday of the month
6/20 from 11:00 am— 1:00 pm
(NOTE NEW TIME)

#### SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE MOVIES at Kol Ami

Movies will be shown in the Petschek Gallery, Wednesdays

#### Wednesday, July 17th @ 5:30pm FAMILY NIGHT MOVIE Ratatouille

Growing up beneath a five-star Parisian restaurant, Remy the rat inherits a taste for fine food. But his culinary ambitions only anger his practical father, who wishes his son could just eat garbage like everyone else.

See flyer on page 23.

### Wednesday, July 24th @ 7:00 pm Silver Linings Play Book

After a stint in a psychiatric hospital, bipolar Pat has no choice but to move back in with his football-obsessed parents. While he tries in vain to reconcile with his wife, Pat meets a woman who's as unstable as he is—and she changes his life.

#### Wednesday, August 14th @7:00 pm Anna Karenína

Set in late-19th-century Russia highsociety, the aristocrat Anna Karenina enters into a life-changing affair with the affluent Count Vronsky.

### Library News

There appear to be books missing from our second floor library. An Amnesty is extended to people with outstanding, overdue books. Just return the books to the main office (not the library) so that they can be re-shelved for others to use.

Those of you wanting to take books out of the library, please fill out the card in the back of the book with name, date and phone number and place in the box on top of the card catalogue. Thanks so much.

# kol Ami Reads Book Club

#### In the Garden of the Beasts

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

#### Love and Shame and Love

by Peter Orner July 3, 2013

#### **McTeague**

by Frank Norris August 7, 2013

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

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

### **MITZVAH KNITZ**

We will be meeting on **Thursday** June 20, 2013 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

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### **Kol Ami Cares**

### Opportunities for Volunteering

Kol Ami Cares is a group of committees that help others through mitzvot.

The following are some of the sub-committees with their missions and the name of someone to contact if you are interested in helping:

#### **ELM STREET GARDEN**

Jodi Klein – jodi.klein@gmail.com

Members of Kol Ami, Bet Am Shalom and parents and children from the Elm Street Youth Center of Yonkers tend the Elm Street Center garden and share a special lunch to celebrate. Harvest and gardening activities take place throughout early Fall.

#### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

Murray Shapiro – 946-7789 ettl18@optonline.net

Join us as we sing songs accompanied by Paul Schwarz. Bring a little sunshine to nursing home residents and make a difference in their lives. No rehearsals needed.

#### **COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS** on Sundays and Mondays

Nancy Marcus - 725-7231 (Sunday) and Laura Green- 949-6113 (Monday)

Kol Ami Cooks prepares dinner for the residents, approximately 50 men, of the Open Arms men's shelter in White Plains. Each time we meet, we make a main dish and sides as our goal is to provide a simple, hearty and nutritious meal. We usually finish with the prep, cooking and cleanup in about 90 minutes. Sunday's from 11-12:30. Monday's from 12-1:30 pm.

#### **HELPING OLDER CONGREGANTS IN NEED**

Leslie Wiesen 686-9516 – LSW20@earthlink.net

If you are interested in working with a program that focuses on helping local Senior Citizens in our congregation, there are many established programs in the White Plains community.

#### BIKUR CHOLIM - Helping the sick

Ginny Ruder – 722-1387 ginnyruder@gmail.com

Congregation Kol Ami, along with the Volunteer Office at White Plains Hospital Center, has for many years brought in and trained congregants for the WPHC Lay Chaplain Program. You are asked to commit to visiting Jewish patients in the hospital at least once a week for a two hour period. The program is organized by the Pastoral Care Office, managed by Bro. Rick Lorino.

#### **VISTING THE HOMEBOUND**

Betsy McCormack 725-7871 betsyrmc@aol.com

After people are home from the hospital, re-hab or simply living on their own we have a committee that focuses on staying in touch with those who need a connection to the world outside their four walls. We offer phone conversation, or face to face time.

#### MAKING MEALS FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPTAL OR RECOVERING

Ginny Ruder 722-1387 ginnyruder@gmail.com

Kol Ami members offer to provide a dinner to those families with a member in the hospital or single congregants recently out of rehab and unable to make a meal. We use the online Lotsahelpinghands.com system to register dates when meals are needed and to sign up as a provider. We typically provide one or two meals for a short recovery period so the family member can get back on their feet. Meals do not have to be home made.

#### **SHARING RIDES TO KOL AMI EVENTS**

Leslie Wiesen – 686-9516 – LSW20@earthlink.net

There are members of the Kol Ami community who are unable to drive to events at the Temple. If you are able to share a ride we post through Lotsahelpinghands.com the notices of need and you can sign up to share for a specific time.

#### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

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

Wed., June 5, 2:00 pm at Port Chester Nursing Home

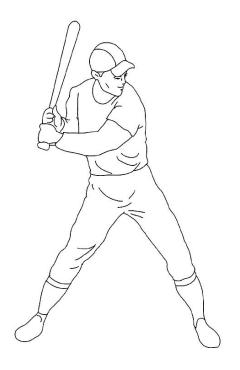
Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

#### **COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS**

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231 For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113

Sundays at 11:00 am: 6/2 Mondays at noon: 6/3.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Summer Schedule:  Rabbi Shira Milgrom will be taking a Sabbatical this summer. Rabbi Tom Weiner or Cantor Mo Glazman will be leading the Saturday Lift Services June through August, except for June 15th which will be congregant-led.						SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee, Community, and Oneg in Chapel 9:30 am Study in Chape 10:30 am LIFT JOINS SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah Samantha Weiner in Sanctuary
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# Enjoy Baseball and Family Fun

Sunday, June 9 at 1:00 pm

The Men's Council (KABRO) is pleased to organize an outing on Sunday, June 9th in nearby Bridgeport, Connecticut to watch the

Bridgeport Bluefish play the Lancaster Barnstormers.

#### Don't miss it!!!

Price: \$13.50 per ticket
Location: 500 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT

(approximately 45 minute drive from Kol Ami)

If interested, please meet at the atrium on June 9th at 11:00 am and we can proceed together to the game.

Please contact Anthony Zitrin at anthonyzitrin@aol.com (917-856-1837) for additional information.



Any Plans for Wednesday Evening, July 17?

Hope you'll be busy with us at Kol Ami's Family Movie Night!

We'll be showing

### Ratatouille

It's simple! You bring a blanket for your family

And we'll bring the Pizza,

Salad, and Ice Cream

5:15 for Dinner **5:45** Movie

7:30 Ice Cream/Ices and Home

Join us for a wonderful evening of family fun!

Let us know you'll be coming by filling in the form below or reserving your place by calling Nan in the Early Childhood office at 949-4717 x 107

Family Movie Night, 7/17/13 Attn: Nan Blank

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