



Wednesday, March 4

Purim

Adult Drama Club Musical Purim Spiel “You Can’t Stop the Spiel”

Fun for all ages...

- * Carnival, games, crafts and activities for all!**
- * Purim Heroes (sandwiches)**
- * Purim Service and Megillah Reading**
- * Israeli Dancing with Shmulik**

See page 14 for details



**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MARCH 20TH
SYNAPLEX FEATURING...**

Zackary Drucker

Transparent on Identities: Transgender and Jewish

TV Producer ~ Artist ~ Teacher ~ Speaker ~ Filmmaker ~ Actress

Zackary Drucker is a transgender performance artist who breaks down the way we think about gender, sexuality and seeing. Her participatory art works complicate established binaries of viewer and subject, insider and outsider, and male and female in order to create a complex image of the self. She has performed and exhibited her work internationally in numerous museums, galleries, and film festivals from Venice to San Francisco, from the Whitney to Lausanne. Drucker uses a range of creative devices that all strive toward the portrayal of bodily identity, her own and that of others, obsessively infusing visual media—photographs, videos and performance art—while helping us to understand and embrace the “T” in LGBT.

Ms. Drucker’s most recent success has been as a producer and actress in the Golden Globe award winning TV series “Transparent”, an American comedy-drama television series that debuted on Amazon Prime on in 2014. The story revolves around a Los Angeles Jewish family and their lives following the discovery that their father is transgender.

Click here to view the trailer of this award winning show www.youtube.com/watch?v=yawvtaFwfZs

**PLEASE NOTE: the Cushman Road entrance to the temple DOES NOT
get plowed when it snows. For your safety, please use
the main entrance on Soundview Avenue.**

SERVICES

Friday, March 6

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Atrium

6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 7

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

10:30am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Cohen

Friday, March 13

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Atrium

6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 14

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

Friday, March 20

5:00pm **SYNAPLEX**

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Atrium

6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 21

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

10:30am: **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Steinschraber

Friday, March 27

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Atrium

6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 28

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

5:30pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:**
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Smith

Weekly Torah Portions for March

Week ending March 7, 2015

Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35

Moses lingers on Mount Sinai for forty days. The people become agitated during Moses' long absence and persuade Aaron to fashion a golden calf in Moses' absence. Upon returning with the 10 Commandments, Moses sees the Israelites cavorting around the calf and smashes the tablets of God's law. Joined by the Levites, Moses executes a campaign to root out the offenders. Moses then pleads with God to secure divine mercy for the people. The *parashah* ends with a restoration of mutual faith and with Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with Ten Commandments.

Week ending March 14, 2015

Parashat Vayak'heil-P'kudei Exodus 35:1-40:38

This double *parashah*, brings us to the end of the Book of Shemot (Exodus). In *Vayak'heil*, Moses reminds the people that God commanded them to keep Shabbat, not to perform any work on the seventh day, and to make the day holy. The *parashah* continues with Moses asking the Israelites to donate materials for the building of the *mishkan* (sanctuary). Moses describes every object that is needed, every attribute of the structure, every manner of work, and every detail for the altar in building a *Mishkan* to God in *P'kudei*, the second part of this double *parashah*. As the building of the sanctuary and its holy objects are completed, Moses blesses all of the people who took part in their creation.

Week ending March 21, 2015

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26

We begin the third book of the *Torah* *Vayikra* (Leviticus) with a description of five types of sacrifices offered in the Temple. They are: burnt offering, meal offering, sacrifice of well-being, sin offering, and guilt offering. While the first three are voluntary, the last two are mandatory for guilty individuals.

Week ending March 28, 2015

Parashat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Tzav, the second Torah portion in Leviticus, continues with the regulations for sacrifices, and then outlines the ritual of priestly ordination for Aaron and his sons.

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A Kol Ami Food Bank?

“Let them build Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” *LVasu li mikdash, v’shachanti b’tocham.* The Torah’s call to build a sanctuary begins with these words: “Let the Israelites build Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” We might have expected, “Let them build Me a sanctuary that I may dwell in it.” But no, not in it. Among them. It is a beautiful phrase, often commented upon. The way we build a sanctuary brings God among us—not in it.

Alice Walker, in *The Color Purple*, writes in this conversation between Shug and Celie:

“...tell the truth, have you ever found God in church? I never did. I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him to show. Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me. And I think all the other folks did too. They come to church to share God, not find God.”

Build Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. We come to share God.

We are now in the the month of Adar, the month of Purim. There is a wonderful—and sad—Purim custom that takes place at services. We pass the plate. This is the only service of the year where this takes place. Yes, we collect money. We collect money on the eve of Purim for *Maot Chittim*—for Jews in poverty who are not able to buy foods for Passover. (We don’t collect money on Shabbat or other festivals—as they are money-free, business-free zones. Purim is not a “religious” holiday in the same way.)

Introducing: Wednesday Night in the Cantor's Office

It has always been very interesting to me the assumptions that people make about clergy. This is especially true when it comes to one’s perception about the role of a cantor. People who are not particularly engaged in Jewish life, but know what a cantor is, have been known on occasion to say something like the following to me:

“Wow, being a cantor must be pretty cool. You get to sing all the time...and what do you do the rest of week?”

Fortunately the modern cantorate has evolved beyond the bima over the past few decades. I am blessed to be a part of a community with so many different things happening within its walls. I am blessed to work with wonderful clergy partners and a dedicated and devoted staff who are always coming up with new and innovative projects to engage our community. While I do love to sing and music is an integral part of my life and my job, I am happy to report that there are many other things that keep me occupied during the week.

One of my greatest joys is teaching 11th and 12th grade here at Kol Ami. Aside from having a great group of students, I especially enjoy connecting with these young adults who are applying to colleges and about to venture off on what will arguably be one of the most exciting adventures of their lives. I feel fortunate to study and learn with them on a weekly basis, confident that they will carry their Judaism with them as they join the “real world”. Some of our most profound learning and connections emerge when we aren’t studying something specific. Rather, it just comes from talking about something as simple as what they had for lunch that day.

As human beings, we all crave connection. It is one thing to go out to dinner with a complete stranger but it is quite another to have a

Last month, women gathered at the Women’s Roundtable Breakfast heard a moving presentation by Jeanne Blum, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships at the Food Bank of Westchester. You know the stats: one out of five Westchester residents will go to bed hungry tonight. It is our collective shame that this is still the case. (Your contributions of non-perishable foods that you bring to the temple help supply the Westchester soup kitchens and food pantries. One can can make a difference.)



Following the breakfast presentation, one of the participants came over to me and said, “It is possible—even likely—that some of our own congregants are going hungry.”

If we are a sacred community, if we are here for one another, we must do something about that. We are putting our heads together on a Sunday morning between Purim and Passover to figure out what we can and will do. If you are interested in being part of this conversation, please speak to me or to Jess Lorden.

After all, we come here to share God. If we build it, God will dwell among us.

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meal with your three closest friends. In our president’s “Connection” article back in June, Hank spoke about the need for our congregation to become more “relational” in everything we do. For those of you who have been a part of Kol Ami for many years, you know the deep friendships and connections you have made with people over the years. It is these relationships that ultimately define us as a community.



At Kol Ami, we continue to strengthen our connections with each other through a variety of different programs and initiatives. Beginning Wednesday March 11th from 8:30-9:30pm I will be starting a new program entitled, “Wednesday Night in the Cantor’s Office”. It will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. No agenda; no appointment necessary. Just come and shmooze. You never know who will be there, you never know what the topic of conversation may be...come have a drink, share a story, bring some cookies you baked, bring a friend, talk about the Yankees’ new prospects, learn a new song, walk on my treadmill desk, or just chill on the couch.

Here are a list of dates for the rest of the year:
March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 13, 27; June 10, 24

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at 8:30pm starting on March 11th!

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From Our President

As I write this, the temperature has finally reached a balmy 66 degrees (which is a substantial improvement over the -5 degrees earlier this morning), so it's hard to think about spring. Yet the calendar tells us that, in just a few weeks, spring will be here and the beautiful flowers will start to arrive and rebirth will start anew. The consistently (we hope) warm weather will then be with us as we look forward to heading outdoors and spending quality time together with family and friends.

The return of the warmer months also means the return of one of our more beloved traditions at Kol Ami—the RETREAT! Every year, members of our community young and old with family and friends gather at Circle Lodge to spend the weekend together. Jean and I went to our first full Retreat a couple of years ago and weren't sure what to expect. We had heard that it was a great time, but what did that really mean? Well, I can happily tell you that we had an unbelievable experience and couldn't wait to go back the next year. So, what did we experience? Here are a few things:

- Fantastic massages on Saturday afternoon
- A very spirited basketball game on Friday night where Genna Farley schooled Marc Baritz and Cantor Mo showed off his cuts to the hoop (will Cantor David surprise us with his game?)
- Art with Avi where we etched wine glasses that we still use 2 years later
- Warm, inclusive and moving Shabbat morning services by the lake
- The Baritz men making sure that we had a beautiful bonfire where we all enjoyed making s'mores (Rabbi Shira has a technique that's guaranteed to not burn the marshmallows)
- Quiet time spent sitting in the chairs looking at the lake and catching up on some reading
- Interesting sessions ranging from healthy eating to learning sign language to biblical lessons in Star Wars

- Yoga
- Storytelling where we heard interesting, funny and touching vignettes about our friends, old and new



Photo by Mariela Melamed

We've made a few changes to the Retreat this year. The first and biggest change is that it's not over Memorial Day Weekend. Instead, it's the weekend of June 12-14. Second, thanks to the generosity of a few large donors, as well as donations to the newly created Retreat Fund, the cost of the Retreat will be lower than it has been in the past, hopefully enabling even more members of our community to experience this weekend. Even if you are not able to join us, please consider making a donation to the Retreat Fund to help us reduce the financial burden of this truly priceless experience.

What we didn't change is that there is supervision for children of all ages so that their parents can enjoy all of the activities without worrying about their children (or you can opt to have them with you for some or most of the day). This includes supervised children's bunks, so that the adults can have time together at the end of a full and fulfilling day. Even more importantly, we didn't change the opportunity to make new friends and deepen your connection to our community. I can't promise 80 degrees and sunshine, but I can promise that you will come away with a deeper appreciation for the friendships that you already have, possibly a few new friends, and a greater connection to yourself, your family and this wonderful community. Jean and I look forward to spending the weekend with you in June.

If you'd like more information about the Retreat, please reach out to our Retreat Chair, Genna Farley, at genna.farley@gmail.com.

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SAVE-THE-DATE!

The 2015 Kol Ami Retreat will take place from June 12-14, 2015,
at Circle Lodge in Hopewell Junction, NY. Please note this a different weekend than usual. Interested in volunteering to help make the 22nd Retreat an amazing weekend, with friends and family of all ages, that you'll never forget?
Contact Genna Farley at Genna.Farley@gmail.com.

**Want to support the Retreat but are unable to attend or volunteer?
Your donation, of any amount, to the newly created Retreat Fund is
the perfect way to support this Kol Ami tradition.**

From Our Executive Director

Kol Ami is often described as a warm and welcoming community and I so appreciate the warm welcome you have extended to me. Thank you for calling, dropping by, scheduling appointments, sharing your ideas, sending cards and introducing yourself to me at events and services. These first few weeks have been wonderfully invigorating and exciting.

So, in the spirit of these open communications, I wanted to share some of the things on which I've been working. Some changes are readily apparent such as cleaning and reorganizing the main office. These changes were made to enhance our efficiency and effectiveness so we may better serve you.

Other changes are more subtle. As mentioned last month, listening remains my first priority. But, the flip side of listening pertains to enhancing our communications within the Kol Ami staff, with congregants, and with the local community. Since both are essential, this month I have tried to focus on both aspects of communication.

How can we more effectively communicate with congregants? With the help of Ellen Bittner, Staci Krantz, Ilene Miller and Rebecca Reuben we restructured and simplified *This Week at Kol Ami*, updated and streamlined the *Order of Service*, and revised lifecycle notices. With Judy Sarch's help we've begun the process of updating the Kol Ami Website. Over the next few months we plan to restructure *The Connection*.

In the interest of making our communication more relational, with full support of our clergy, we have begun making weekly calls to congregants who, observing a *yahrzeit*, will have the name of a loved one read aloud at Shabbat services. These calls provide a wonderful opportunity for us to make a connection and find out more about the loved one who is being remembered. At staff meetings we share information gleaned during these calls noting where follow-up may be appropriate. After these conversations we are able to update congregant information in our database. We anticipate installing new software to help us more effectively track important congregant information.

Communication is also fostered, and meaningful relationships formed, by spending time together. With the clergy, I am seeking opportunities to visit with congregants. For example, we are planning a congregant luncheon at the Osborne. In addition, I am always willing to meet a congregant for coffee, breakfast, or lunch. Starting in February, I will be hosting an Executive Director's table at every Synaplex. If you'd like to join me for coffee or breakfast or

sit at my Synaplex table, please let me know. I would love the opportunity to spend time with you.



As much as you, our congregants, are my first priority, the Kol Ami professional team can't properly address your needs if we aren't operating cohesively. It has been a pleasure to get to know our wonderful staff. I have had team meetings and individual meetings with everyone on the team to share my expectations and to start building the trusted relationships needed for individual and collective success. The team is working hard and smart and I appreciate the new ideas they are bringing forward. I'm also meeting weekly with the clergy and Hank to ensure we share short-term and long-term priorities. I have been meeting with key Kol Ami suppliers and contractors pertaining to important matters such as our insurance, snow removal, security, HVAC, and payroll needs among others.

In addition, I believe that strong community ties forged by regular communications with community leaders make us stronger. Accordingly, I met the Director of Habitat for Humanity to see how we might participate in rebuilding certain areas in lower Westchester. I have been communicating regularly with our partners at the Coachman Family Center to ensure we continue to meet their needs. Furthermore, I have been participating in the Executive Director's Roundtable discussions so that I may learn from the Executive Directors of other Westchester synagogues. Perhaps most importantly, I have been meeting with leaders of the White Plains Police Department to see how we may partner together. This last relationship is helping me address simple issues such as improving the traffic flow in our parking lots as well as more critical ones such as enhancing our security and emergency preparedness.

If you would like to meet for coffee, have an idea you think we could implement to enhance our congregational relationships, or if you would like to volunteer at Kol Ami, I would welcome hearing from you. You may always reach me by calling me in the office at (914-4717 ext. 101) or emailing me at: jessicalorden@nykolami.org. I look forward to updating you on the details of some of the initiatives we've undertaken.

Until then...I look forward to "making the connection" with you.

Jess

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

*Oh Purim is a time when
We laugh and sing...*

And laugh we did—and sang, ate Hamantaschen, listened while Rabbis Shira and Tom, as well as Cantor David read the Megillah and led our costume parade. We enjoyed our very own ECP Purim Carnival with the assistance of 60 6th graders, from the Solomon Schechter middle school in White Plains, who were on hand to person our carnival booths in a warm and wonderful way.

*Megillah, gillah, gillah roll
Gillah roll away...*

We plan to spend a very exciting few weeks in March with fiber artist and author Sarra Roth, who works with our 3's, 4's and Pre-k's helping them make sculptures for our gardens! We are thrilled and grateful to host Sarra and so look forward to putting the sculptures in our two beautiful ECP gardens.

This month we will also engage in our **One Community, One Book** program. We will loan every 3's, 4's and 5's family a copy of a wonderful book called *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* to be read at home. Along with the book, each child will be sent home with some age-appropriate

questions, prompts and discussion points. Reading and talking about the story will provide our families with a special time together at home as well as help them understand important messages the story holds. At school we will be discussing the story as well so that it becomes a shared experience with their peers and teachers. Some meaningful and fun follow-up projects are planned as well.



Towards the end of March we will be spending time learning about Passover—from classroom projects and activities to learning songs and prayers. On April 1st we will join together as one community and celebrate this wonderful holiday of freedom in a Passover Play we will present to our families with the help of Rabbis Shira and Tom and Cantor David; a theatre extravaganza not to be missed!

As you can see our month is packed with wonderful opportunities for learning and fun. Our registration for next year is just about full and we are delighted! Remember you are always welcome to visit us – you'll surely leave with a smile!

Nan



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

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Ritual Riches

In Reform Judaism, is what we as individuals choose to practice only what seems important to us personally? Could we step out of “who we are” to practice what we haven’t felt any compelling need to practice? Is it possible to open our own personal world to additional religious practice?

We live in a world of Jewish friends, Catholic friends, secular friends, and a wide variety of friends of other ethnic and religious backgrounds. Could we be someone who is not just coasting along on the entire gamut of our relationships and sometimes just be a Jew?

It’s easy it is to be a Jew in Temple on Rosh Hashanah, it’s very different than being a Jew at a party of mixed friends at a friend’s house. I don’t wear a kippah outside of Temple. I will put it on in my home on Shabbat when I’m having a Shabbat meal and saying the *Motzi*. I will put it on in my home when I read *Kaddish* for a *Yarzeit*, I will put it on when I light Chanukah candles and say the blessings. It doesn’t make me orthodox, it doesn’t make me anything other than the Jew I want to be. I don’t eat treif but I don’t claim to be Kosher. My friends know that I won’t have pork or shrimp or even cheeseburgers and they respect that.

As we bring more traditional Judaism to Temple services, I wonder about people who joke about creeping orthodoxy. I wonder more about creeping assimilation. How often do we remember the pride or joy of being part of a tradition that goes back thousands of years? Couldn’t we stick a toe within the circle of our long heritage and see how it feels?

For the first 15 years of my marriage to Susanne, my beautiful Catholic Italian wife, being Jewish had never required anything of me other than to know I wasn’t Catholic. I wanted to find who I was so I decided to at least stick my toe into a Temple for the first time in twenty years. My first experience at a Shabbat evening service at a local Reform Temple convinced me that it wasn’t me, I was lost, but I wasn’t ready to give up

trying, I knew there was something out there and I felt compelled to find it.

I found Kol Ami, I found friends, and I found a rabbi whom I loved listening to every Saturday morning. I came at a time that fit my life and others. The “Lift” had a committee that had been planning and working on a Prayer book they had dreamed of having for years. They asked if I was interested in getting involved? I could barely read any Hebrew. I did remember that you read from right to left. However, they wanted to print a book and I knew printing production. They needed a few drawings and I could draw and even write a little. I soon found my toe, and the rest of me, in the circle of our long Jewish heritage. I was the “Lifts” missing piece and they were mine. A good marriage but what about my other marriage? When I asked Sue to stop ordering pepperoni pizza she knew something was going on that I didn’t want to talk about. This was a complex, if not scary, moment for me. Sue respected my involvement and didn’t mind the changes on the kitchen table. The Temple was welcoming to her and we grew our friendships. Our older son, Justin, converted to Judaism and Sue drew great pride in his making a monumental-sized life decision at seventeen years old. Then after a year of study, off he went with NFTY on a trip to Israel with the confirmation class.

Ready to stick a toe in? You might take pleasure from a Shabbat service, lighting Shabbat candles, saying a *Motzi* before breaking bread. Learning the Torah blessings before your child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah. It may open a new door in your life that you and your big toe might like.

This article was written by Ed Stotsky

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

Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends

Imagine...coming to Friday night services and then going to a congregant's house for an intimate dinner afterwards; or saying good-bye to Shabbat on Saturday evening with dessert and drinks in a congregant's home. This is what Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends are all about. In order for these popular get-togethers to continue, we need more host families. If you are interested in hosting a Shabbat with fellow congregants please contact Ilene Miller at ilenemiller@nykolami.org or 949-4717 x115.

**The next shabbat dinner will be hosted by Lisa Borowitz on March 6th.
Please contact Ilene Miller to sign up.**

Shabbat Across the World Pot Luck Dinner at Kol Ami

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! SHABBAT ACROSS THE WORLD AT KOL AMI

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH, 2015 FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICES

Some of you will remember the international potluck dinner held after services in November, 2013. Many congregants participated by bringing dishes from their own heritage. We enjoyed kibbe, stuffed cabbage, spanakopita, and dishes from Russia, Venezuela, Japan, Holland, India, and many other countries. The food was so diverse and delicious and the event was so much fun that we (Membership Committee) are hosting it again. This year it will be held on **Friday evening, March 13** after services. This date coincides with the country wide, Shabbat Across America, a time when in the past we organized individual dinners in people's homes. Instead of celebrating in separate homes, we will be together celebrating with Shabbat Across the World, our tribute to the many homelands and heritages represented at Kol Ami. This event is family friendly – children are invited and there will be activities for them. Once again we will ask you to bring a dish from wherever you or your parents or grandparents were born. Too busy to cook? Bring wine or pay \$18 per person. We wouldn't want anyone who is interested to miss this. Just fill out the flyer found below or outside the synagogue office.

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CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 10TH (POT LUCK)

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Names &

Ages _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

I will bring one of the following (fully prepared, ready to serve & in a disposable container).

Main dish _____ enough to serve 8 or more

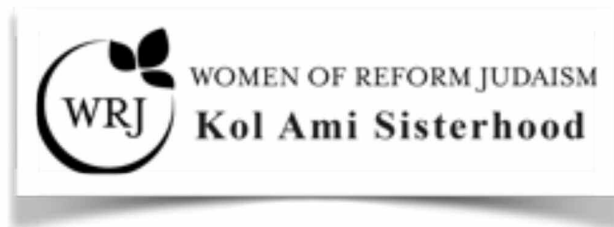
Side dish _____ enough to serve 8 or more

Dessert _____ enough to serve 8 or more

Wine (red or white) _____ 1 or 2 bottles

Too busy to cook? Enclosed is my check for \$18 per adult. Kids eat for free

Total # Adults: _____ **Total # Kids:** _____ **Total Amt Enclosed: \$** _____



Invites you to
Ladies Night Out/ March Madness
The tradition continues . . .

Tuesday, March 17th
 7pm - 9:00pm
 Sapori Italian Restaurant, 324 Central Avenue, Hartsdale

\$28 members/\$35 non-members
 Dinner, Coffee & Dessert, Wine
 Cash bar for other beverages

R.S.V.P. and receipt of payment by March 12th
We regret that we can NOT accommodate late registrations or walk-ins

R.S.V.P. and pay online at www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood or drop off a check in the main office.
 If you are sending a check, please write Ladies Night in the Memo



**Congregation Kol Ami Invites Families with Young Children
 to Join Us at Our Spring Shabbat Dinner
 on Friday Evening, March 27th At 5:30pm**

Meet New Friends, Catch Up With Old Friends, and Help Us Welcome Shabbat As One Community

Shabbat Services Begin at 5:30pm

Dinner Begins at 6:00pm

Immediately following dinner, your children can enjoy the music of
Bobby Doowah, children's performer extraordinaire, who will be on hand to entertain us!

So let us know if you'll be coming! Please RSVP by March 23rd

Family Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Dinner: \$48.00 per family or \$15.00 Adults and \$10.00 children over 2 years old

Please make your check payable to Kol Ami



MARCH 20, 2015

Friday evening schedule:

5:00 pm

Explorations in Jewish music with Cantor David Rosen and special guests Caroline Tye and Tyler Wayne Smith

5:30 pm

Shabbat -in- the -Woods for families with young children (newborn - kindergarten); followed by supervised childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

6:00 pm

Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

6:15 pm

Shabbat Services

7:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

7:30 pm

Tzedakah sandwich making and arts and crafts

8:00 pm

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

8:00 pm

THE MAIN EVENT

9:30 pm

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

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

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GUESTS...

Explorations in Jewish Music with Caroline Tye and Tyler Wayne Smith

A unique concert exploring the idea of gender identification in the world of opera and musical theater! The music world has long been a place of bending the definitions of gender. From women dressed as men, to men singing in the women's range (countertenors), we are asked to explore our thoughts and reactions beyond a rigid idea of gender and "what a man or woman should SOUND/LOOK like" In addition, the lyrics to many of the songs express the personal struggle to "fit" into society's ideas.

The Main Event -Zackary Drucker

Transparent on Identities: Transgender and Jewish

Zackary Drucker is a transgender performance artist who breaks down the way we think about gender, sexuality and seeing. She has performed and exhibited her work internationally in numerous museums, galleries, and film festivals from Venice, to San Francisco, from the Whitney to Lausanne. Ms. Drucker's most recent success has been as a producer and actress in the Golden Globe award winning TV series "Transparent", an American comedy-drama television series that debuted on Amazon Prime on in 2014. The story revolves around a Los Angeles Jewish family and their lives following the discovery that their father is transgender. The trailer of this award winning show can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yawvtaFwfZs>.

ASL Interpretation upon Request 

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT SYNAPLEX EVENT
May 1st

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252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606 NO LATER THAN MAR 18TH**

"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only

Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

"Community & Family Dinner"

#Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

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

#Children 5 and under _____ = N/C

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

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

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Name/s & Ages _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Please seat me with _____

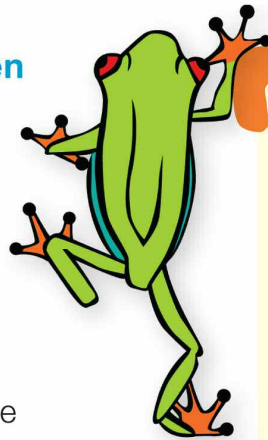


Congregation Kol Ami's Summer Session

Building a Community of Friends One Family at a Time

Kol Ami's Summer Session has been nurturing young children and their families for over 40 summers.

Groups are staffed with our own experienced Early Childhood Staff. Our 3's and 4's program is staffed with a 1:6 ratio. We have 2 well-equipped outdoor shaded playgrounds and in case of inclement weather, we also boast a large indoor play space. Our day includes an array of indoor and outdoor activities. All of our indoor play takes place in air-conditioned spaces.



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We'll bring the sunshine, you bring the towel!



ECP Families Sponsor February Coachman Birthday Party

On Sunday, February 8th, our Kol Ami community came together to celebrate the children at the Coachman Family Center and embrace them with our communal love.

Diane and Michael Litvak, Liz and Todd Illberg, Jodie and Michael Schmieder, and all of their children hosted our February birthday party at The Coachman. The sponsor families were also joined by Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Efrat Rotem, our Rabbinic intern, who helped serve pizza and cake, and interact with the children.



Entertainment was graciously donated by Dr. Debbie Mumford of The Nature of Things, who led an engaging, instructional program about local wildlife. The children were fascinated by a toad, turtles, snakes, bunny, rooster and chinchilla, all of which made guest appearances at their party. Rabbi Shira brought the event to a wonderful conclusion with a final round of "Happy Birthday" to celebrate our collective humanity.

Our sponsor families "loved every minute of it" and summed up their experience as "a great way to spend a Sunday, traditionally a day reserved for family and friends".



While the younger Coachman kids celebrated their birthday with a traditional party, Vania Sitruk led a group of the Coachman teenagers to an excursion to Grand Prix in Mount Kisco where they raced cars on the go-kart track and played arcade games together.

If you are interested in sponsoring a birthday party at the Coachman or would like to contribute to the Coachman Birthday Party initiative in myriad ways, please contact: Diane Litvak (dmlitvak@me.com), Alison Adler (aadler3@verizon.net) or Annie Rotberg (annie.rotberg@gmail.com). We are particularly in need of sponsors for the summer months.

We would also welcome donations of the following items as we prepare for more Coachman parties: new gifts for infants and children aged 3 -15; \$25 gift cards for teen gifts; and birthday themed gift wrap and curling ribbon.

There are designated Coachman Birthday Bins in the Religious School lobby and any gift cards can be left with Jess Lorden in the main office or Felice Miller Baritz in the Religious School office.

YOU can make a difference!

The Membership Committee Presents:

CURLING WITH THE CANTOR

A fun afternoon on the ice for the competitive man

Saturday March 21st, 2015 • 1–4pm

Ardasley Curling Club, 100 North Mountain Drive, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10503

Cost: \$60 includes instruction, game, all equipment and lunch!

Max space of 24 participants—first come, first serve!

Please RSVP to Cantor Rosen at cantordavid@nykolami.org
or Gary Zambardino at gzambardino@aol.com by Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Wednesday March 4th, 2015 Purim

Adult Drama Club Musical Purim Spiel
"You Can't Stop the Spiel"

Fun for all ages...

- * Carnival, games, face painting, crafts and activities for all!
- * Purim Heroes (sandwiches)
- * Purim Service and Megillah Reading
- * Israeli Dancing with Shmulik

Hamantashen

Come in
Costume!

Carnival tickets will ONLY
be sold
at the Carnival
\$1.00/ticket
Don't forget to bring cash!

5:00-6:30 pm

◇ Purim Heroes
(sandwiches)

◇ Carnival

6:30ish

◇ Purim Service
◇ Megillah Reading

◇ Purim Spiel: **You Can't
Stop the Spiel**

8:00 pm

◇ Israeli dancing
with Shmulik

◇ Hamantashen

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

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER ARE REQUIRED!

Please complete and return the form below
to the main office no later than March 1st

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Names/Ages _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

#Guests (all ages) for Purim Dinner @ \$10 each _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

SNACKS & CARNIVAL TICKETS to be PURCHASED SEPARATELY at the CARNIVAL

How to Listen *(Even When Your Child Doesn't Talk)*

The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami

Invites You to an Evening with



Julie Ross

Tuesday Evening, April 14

7:30—8:45 pm

Most parents want to hear how things are going at school, what their children's friends are up to, how they like their teachers at school, but what happens when your child clams up? Or seems angry with you and won't communicate? Or is talking nonsense? Children sometimes answer questions about "how was your day" with a monosyllabic "fine" and parents are left wondering what there is to listen to! Other children, when trying to communicate problems, will scream and yell and parents aren't sure they even want to listen anymore!

Free and open to everyone!

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Thank You for your support!

Any questions, please contact:

Jen Labovitz jenlabovitz@yahoo.com

Co-Chair, Kol Ami Religious School Committee

Kol Ami Men's Council/



A Second Night Seder for the Kol Ami Family

Saturday, April 4

Join us and bring your entire family. Participate in the tradition that has been passed on by Jews from generation to generation – for thousands of years. The ceremonial Haggadah telling of the story, with ever-present special Kol Ami twists, begins at 6:00, followed by a full traditional Seder dinner at about 7:00. Adults - \$25. Children living with their parents – FREE.

Bring your children and grandchildren. We explain our history, tell the story of freedom, and teach them lessons to teach to their own children. Men's Council underwrites the dinner so children are free. In the past decade of organizing this seder, we have had participants from newborns to congregants well into their nineties.

Return the coupon to our mailbox in the office with a check payable to Kol Ami Men's Council to reserve your spot by Friday March 27. Due to problems caused by a flood of late arrivals last year, first priority seating will be given to those who have submitted reservations

We also need volunteers. Learn to "Cook Jewish." Talent optional – we teach fast.

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

We would like to volunteer to help with:

- ☐ Cooking on Friday 4/3 ☐ Cooking on Saturday 4/4
- ☐ Reading from the Haggadah or participating in the Seder
- ☐ Our children would like to participate in the Seder

VOTE ARZA

REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IN THE 2015 WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS

From January 13th through April 30th, 2015 – the World Zionist Organization will hold open voting for all Jews to help shape its agenda, including issues affecting both Diaspora Jews and the state of affairs in Israel. The World Zionist Congress is the highest legislative body of the World Zionist Organization, which provides a forum for all the world's Jews to come together and deliberate about critical issues.

Every Jew has the opportunity to vote for the platform that most aligns with their personal views.

A VOTE FOR ARZA-REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IS A VOTE FOR:

WOMEN'S RIGHTS & GENDER EQUALITY

We strive to create a world in which gender equality is the rule – where men and women can pray, work and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

We envision and work for a society in which all denominations are treated fairly and with respect – and all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our level of observance.

REGIONAL SECURITY

Efforts to achieve lasting peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the Middle East region should be pursued and should reflect the principles and values of the Reform Movement.

A CALL TO VOTE

VOTE!

Visit ReformJews4Israel.org and we'll help you cast your vote for ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism in the WZO elections. By voting ARZA in the 2015 World Zionist Organization, you're taking the first step in shaping an equal, egalitarian and secure Israel for all.

SPREAD THE WORD

Spreading the word about the 2015 World Zionist Organization elections will be critical to our success. Share this flyer or email a link to ReformJews4Israel.org to your family and friends so they can learn more, vote, and help shape tomorrow's Israel today.

Voting occurs from January 13th through April 30th, 2015. A processing fee is \$10.00 USD (\$5.00 USD for anyone under 30) and offsets the cost of conducting the election. Requirements to register to vote: 1. You must be Jewish, 2. You must be 18 years or older by June 30, 2015, 3. You must be a resident of the United States.

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Kol Ami Cares

Opportunities for Volunteering

Providing endless opportunities for connection and caring in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

We call bereaved families, help, lead or participate in shiva services for families in mourning, visit the sick and connect with the homebound. We also work to support the larger Westchester and world communities by knitting for our troops, preparing food for the hungry and through many other activities of mitzvah.

Several of our congregants no longer drive or have difficulty getting to services and special events. Kol Ami Cares maintains a database of members willing and able to provide transportation as needed. Offering a ride even once in a while is hugely appreciated.

Also, within our Kol Ami community are older congregants who would welcome a visit in their homes. Many do not have family living nearby and would appreciate the company. Please join our growing list of members who spend time with our housebound congregants. (B'nai mitzvah students may choose this activity as a Mitzvah Project.)

In addition, Kol Ami Cares delivers meals to our members recovering from illness or surgery. We welcome anyone who can provide a meal for those unable to shop or cook for themselves or their families.

If you need one or more of these services or would like to be included in our database of volunteers, please contact Ginny Ruder 914-589-5283 ginnyruder@gmail.com Betsy McCormack 914-960-9390 betsymc@aol.com

KOL AMI SINGERS

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

The Hebrew Hospital Home, 61 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Members have been participating in this program for many years. Newcomers are welcome. Drop in ready to lend a hand on Sunday and Monday mornings. Food is prepared in our kitchen and driven to a local shelter.

Contact Laura Green greenlg@mac.com (Mondays) Nancy Marcus larrymarcus@aol.com (Sundays)

Sundays at 11:00 am: Mar 1, Apr 26, May 3

Mondays at noon: Mar 2, Apr 13, June 1

Looking for a Mitzvah Project?

Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity for Your Family?

Look no further than our own congregation!

Kol Ami Cares can help. We can match you with an older congregant who would love to get to know you and your family. Several of our members are homebound or have no relatives nearby and would greatly benefit from a meaningful connection with you.

Visit as often as you can—bring a game, puzzle, story to share. Celebrate a Shabbat dinner together, offer a ride to services, develop a lasting relationship that will enrich your lives.

Maybe your extended family lives out of town. By “adopting a grandparent” perhaps you and your children can fill a void in your own lives—hear stories from the old country, pick up some Yiddish, gain insight into World War II, learn to cook homemade mitzvah ball soup.

Please give this idea some thought and decide if it is right for you. We would be happy to meet with you and help you get started.

Ginny Ruder, ginnyruder@gmail.com

Betsy McCormack, betsymc@aol.com



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — Sharing Our Gifts

As this article is being written, the *parasha* is *T'rumah*, in which Moses conveys to the Israelites God's instructions for the construction of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle). Of particular note for us are the verses "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved." (Exodus 25:2), "And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." (Exodus 25:8).

Our Kol Ami Sisterhood has been very fortunate in having members whose hearts have so moved them to bring their gifts, talents, and interests to our receptive group of engaged women. On February 3rd, almost 30 women gathered at the Temple to celebrate Tu b'Shevat with a Tu b'Shevat seder. Thank you so much to Vicki Horowitz who helped us revive a program that had been lost over the last several years. Beautiful blessings, readings, songs, wines and juices, and an amazing variety of delicious fruits vividly portrayed the coming of spring in Israel (and brought to us hope of renewal and growth as we gazed upon the frozen, snow-covered landscape outside the window!) God indeed dwelt among us as we contemplated the wonders of the world and nature.

From the Tu b'Shevat seder to our Passover tasting scheduled for March 3rd, to our Purim Basket community-building fundraiser to our Ladies Night Out being planned for March 17th, our volunteers take ownership and shape our efforts, sharing their unique gifts with us. Whether it is shopping or cooking or typing or computing or setting-up for events or researching or writing or brain-storming or being the welcoming presence at a check-in desk, sisters have brought to our group their special and much-needed contributions.

Please keep bringing your gifts; we welcome more and more of you! Although our calendar for this year is pretty full, we are always happy to do more and to contribute more, to enrich our Kol Ami Sisterhood and the temple at large. And of course, there is always next year – and the year after that...!

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus



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Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure or visit our website, nykolami.org, and click on Adult Education to view an even more detailed brochure.

Spiritual Journeying Groups Mussar Classes

*facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator,
Westchester Jewish Community Services*
Mondays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 18
12:30—2:00 pm

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work.

Contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Group

The group meets every Thursday morning (except for holidays), 9:30-10:45, in the Chapel in the Woods. Join us in learning mindfulness meditation, a practice of training the mind and heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance and connection.

Contact Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, and certified meditation teacher, at WJCS, 914-761-0600 ext. 148, for further information. Free of charge, donations accepted, no prior experience required.

Current Events

with Beth and Gene Kava

Each session will provide an opportunity to examine a current issue in depth, beginning with an overview of the issue. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video or a guest speaker.

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20
Mar 9 & 23,
Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18

Weekly Torah Study: Parashat Hashavua

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am
Room 20

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

Prophets Seminar

Mondays, 7:30 pm

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

Parenting Workshops

First Friends:

an ECP Program for Toddlers 13–22 months
(accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

This program runs from October–December and January–April and provides a wonderful segue to our Early Childhood Program and to our Kol Ami. 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 and membership details please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107

Cuddles and Conversation

with Susan Davis, LCSW

For parent/grandparents and babies 2 to 14 months. Bring a mat or blanket and small toys for your child.

Meets twice a month on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00am.

Questions - please call Nan Blank in the ECP office at 914-949-4717x107

Sunday Parenting Group

with Susan Davis, LCSW

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

Meets the 1st Sunday of the month
9:15 - 10:45 am

Adolescent Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

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.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month
12:00 noon

Grandparenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

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

Meets the 1st Monday of the month
9:15 – 10:45 am

Women in Transition

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions.

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Led by Kol Ami Members

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Second year of a 2 year course with Rabbi Shira Milgrom. This course includes study of Jewish beliefs and practices, conceptual introduction to holidays, life cycles, rituals, new friendships and the art of asking good questions.

Tuesdays, 8:00-9:30 pm
Mar 10 & 24, Apr 14

Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year.

9:15 am, Room 20, Main Building
For more information call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

Mah Jongg & Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:00 am in the Kol Ami Atrium
Email Wendy Roos Wendyroos1@aol.com to be added to the email distribution

Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.
with Dr. Carol Diamant

For more information please contact Nina Lubin, WAJE Director at 914-761-6309 or waje@wjccouncil.org

Free University

Start a study group, discussion group or seminar at Kol Ami. Cover any topic that falls under the broad umbrella of Reform Judaism. 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.

Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational women for learning and friendship.
Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am
Mar 4, Apr 1, & May 6

Kol Ami Women's Oasis at Home

Next session: Thursday, March 5th
7:30-9:30pm
Section III: Opening the Gates (Psalm 118:19)
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom;
location to be announced

Welcome to Kol Ami's Winter Jewish Film Festival

Screening of Israeli films and films with Jewish content. Moderated by Roger Seti
March 16 at 7:30 pm

Inch'Allah

A Canadian obstetrician living in Israel makes multiple passes through heavily guarded checkpoints to get to her job at a women's clinic in Palestine. Political tensions take on personal overtones when she befriends a pregnant patient.

Adult Education *continued*

As a follow up to the Standing Room Only workshop on Forgiveness please join us for the last workshop with the same gifted teacher and psychologist, *Dr. Mimi Leibman* Friday, March 6th at 11:30am

How to Talk so People Will Listen and Listen so People Will Talk

Dr. Leibman is President of the Staff Development Institute. Previously she was Co-Director of the Human Relations Institute of White Plains and the Assistant Director of Professional Development for the Yonkers Public Schools. Dr. Leibman received her B.A. from Brooklyn College and her Ph.D. in psychology from the City University of New York.

Wise Aging - Part 2

Registration required; all are welcome, but space is limited and preference is given to those who attended Part 1).

Thursdays, March 26-May 14, 2015, 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

This 8 week program is a continued exploration and discussion of the developmental tasks and opportunities life offers to those of us 60 yrs. and older.

Topics will include but are not limited to:

What Now? *Becoming More of Our Selves and Who We Want to Be*

Relationships Now (continued from Part 1): *Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Release*

Losses and Gains: *The Offerings of This Stage of Life*

Legacy and Stewardship

THE discussion: *What is life? What is death? Beliefs, hopes and fears*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Contact Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW
rrosenblum@wjcs.com

This program is free of charge to synagogue members. Suggested donation for non-members: \$100-\$180.

Kol Ami Reads

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown
March 4, 2015

Gilead

by Marilyn Robinson
April 1, 2015

All Our Names

by Dinaw Mengetu
May 6, 2015

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,

MITZVAH KNITZ

**We will be meeting on
Thursday, March 19,
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

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

Hebrew Classes for Adults

with Emily Fields

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

Beginners Hebrew: 9:00 am

Advanced Beginners: 10:00 am

Intermediate Hebrew: 11:15 am

Cost: \$175

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

Intermediate/Advanced

with Alice Seidman

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

An informal learning environment.

Sundays, 9:30 am

Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455 for further information free of charge

MOVERS AND SHAKERS:

Men and Women Who Made a Difference in American Jewish Life, 1800-1950

For more than three hundred and fifty years, there have been individuals whose actions have helped shape the course of American Jewish history. This three week session will focus on six such individuals: religious leader, author, and publisher, Isaac Leeser; educating pioneer, Rebecca Graetz; Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, architect of Reform Judaism in America; Rabbi Kaufmann Kohler, author of the Reform movement's first major ideological statement of belief, the 1885 "Pittsburgh Platform"; banker, businessman, and philanthropist, Jacob Schiff; and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, communal activist and Zionist leader.

Sunday Mornings, Mar. 8, 15 and 22 • 9:30-11:00 am • Schulman Chapel in the Woods
Dr. Ellen M. Umansky, *Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies*, Fairfield University, CT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am 2nd Grade Book Club 9:00am K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:15am Parenting Group 11:00am Or Chadash 11:00am Cooking For The Homeless	2 9:15am Grandparenting 12:00pm Cooking For The Homeless 7:30pm Prophets Seminar	3 7:30pm WRJ Committee Meeting	4 7:45am Round Table Breakfast 9:00am KA Reads Book Club 9:45am WAJE 11:00am Mah Jongg 5:00pm PURIM CARNIVAL AND DINNER 6:15pm EREV PURIM SERVICE	5 PURIM 9:30am Jewish Meditation 11:00am Wisdom of the Sages 12:00pm Teen Parenting 7:30pm Women's Oasis	6 10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week 11:30am DR. MIMI LEIBMAN WORKSHOP 5:30pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	7 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Cohen
8 9:00am 6th Grade B'Nai Mitzvah Workshop 9:00am K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am ELLEN UMANSKY LECTURE 11:00am Or Chadash Rehearsal	9 11:00am Current Events 12:30pm Mussar Class 7:30pm Prophets Seminar	10 11:30am Women in Transition 7:30pm KABRO Meeting 8:00pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	11 9:45am WAJE 11:00am Mah Jongg 4:00pm 4th-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:30pm 7th-12th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	12 9:30am Jewish Meditation 11:00am Wisdom of the Sages 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	13 10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week 5:30pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary 7:00pm SHABBAT ACROSS KOL AMI INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK DINNER	14 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am 3rd GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT & DINNER
15 9:00am K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am Religious School Committee Meeting 9:30am ELLEN UMANSKY LECTURE 11:00am Or Chadash Rehearsal 1:00pm WRJ SEDER	16 7:30pm Winter Movie – "The Green Prince"	17 7:30pm WRJ LADIES NIGHT OUT	18 9:45am WAJE 11:00am Mah Jongg 4:00pm 4th-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:30pm 7th-12th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	19 9:30am Jewish Meditation 11:00am Mitzvah Knitz 11:00am Wisdom of the Sages 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	20 10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week 5:00pm SYNAPLEX 5:30pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	21 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Steinschraber
22 9:00am 6th GRADE FAMILY MUSEUM (at Kol Ami) 9:00am K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am Ellen Umansky Lecture 11:00am Or Chadash Rehearsal	23 11:00am Current Events 7:30am Prophets Seminar	24 8:00pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	25 9:45am WAJE 11:00am Mah Jongg 4:00pm 4th-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:30pm 7th-12th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	26 9:30am Jewish Meditation 11:00am Wise Aging 11:00am Wisdom of the Sages 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	27 10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week 5:30pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium (no crafts) 6:15pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	28 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Noah Smith 7:00pm Midnight Run
29 9:00am K-3 PESACH CELEBRATIONS! 9:00am K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:15am Parenting Group 11:00am Or Chadash Rehearsal	30 7:30pm Prophets Seminar	31				

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