



Synaplex

Friday, March 15, 2013

My Journey to Freedom, One Girl's Survival Story

by Tsering Keyzom
as told to Kol Ami's own Sanford Zevon.

Her story begins in Tibet in a small nomadic village and continues through Nepal, India and America in an extraordinary quest for freedom. This is a story of escape, sacrifice, hope, risk and courage.

See page 18.

Presented by
Tsering Keyzom and Dr. Sanford S. Zevon



DON'T MISS THE FINAL SYNAPLEX OF THE SEASON: APRIL 12

Deaf Jam: Muslim, Jewish, Hearing, Deaf—an exploration of identity, culture, poetry and film.
See page 19.



Second Seder at Kol Ami! Tuesday, March 26

Join in this family tradition sponsored by our KABRO (Men's Council). Activities begin at 6:00 pm.
All children living at home are free. See page 14.

Kol Ami Mini Golf Classic Sunday, March 17. See page 12.

Visit Berlin and Krakow with Rabbi Shira September 29-October 8. Learn
http://www.arzaworld.com/Flipbook/Congregation_kol_ami_white_plains/#/1

SERVICES

Friday, March 1

3RD GRADE SHABBATON SLEEPOVER
5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary
6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, March 2

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

Friday, March 8

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary
6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, March 9

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 Michael Rutter in Sanctuary

Friday, March 15

SYNAPLEX EVENING
5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary
6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, March 16

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 Charles (Charlie) Abrams in Sanctuary
5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Emma & Jake (Jakey) Mohammed in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am ECP PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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 Max Pushkin in Sanctuary

Monday, March 25

EREV PESACH - FIRST SEDER

Tuesday, March 26

PESACH, DAY 1
10:00 am PESACH SERVICE in Chapel
6:00 PM SECOND SEDER at Kol Ami

Friday, March 29

PESACH, DAY 4
5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

PESACH, DAY 5
SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
11:00 am SERVICE

Monday, April 1

PESACH, DAY 7
10:00 am PESACH & YIZKOR SERVICES in Chapel

Tuesday, April 2

PESACH, DAY 8

An Important Message from our Executive Director

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

Jane S. Friedberg

Kol Ami's Inclusion Committee

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

Gene Kava, esqesk@aol.com

Donna Klein, dklein@donnakleinassociates.com
 or Rachel Feld-Glazman, rfeldglazman@gmail.com

Weekly Torah Portions for March

Week ending March 2, 2013

Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35

Moses lingers on Mount Sinai for forty days, and the people 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 9, 2013

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 do work on the seventh day, and to make the day holy. The parashah continues with Moses asking the Israelites to donate materials for the building of the mishkan (sanctuary). Every article needed, every attribute of the structure, every manner of work, and every detail for the altar in building a Mishkan to God are described by Moses in P'kudei. As the building of the sanctuary and its holy objects are completed, Moses blesses all of the people who took part in its creation.

Week ending March 16, 2013

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 23, 2013

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.

Week ending March 30, 2013

Parashat Bo (Chol Hamoed Pesach) Exodus 12:21-51

This chapter is re-read during Passover as it relates the story of the final plague and the Exodus from Egypt. It includes God's instructions to the Israelite people regarding the laws of the Passover offering and the commandment to "observe this as an institution for all time."

Autumn in Krakow and Berlin

As Jews in the 21st century, we are bequeathed the task of making sense of the enormity of the human capacity for evil. What can the Holocaust teach us about human nature? Who are we as human beings? What about our capacity for courage? What is our truest nature?

In the fall of 2013, immediately after the fall holidays, Kol Ami is traveling to Krakow and Berlin. What better way to face some of these questions than with people we trust—and with whom we are building a community of courage and joy back here at home. Our days in Krakow will take us into the depths of Auschwitz; we will meet with members of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities who are struggling to deal with this history. Everywhere, we will face the

split-screen of painful memory—and a present-tense of charm, music, food, life and joys.

Berlin makes the split-screen easier to bear. Everywhere, the legacy of the Shoah expresses itself in museums, memorials, plaques on bus stops, signs in front of fancy department stores, daily conversation. Our guides in Berlin include the minds behind the Jewish Museum and artists whose installations have travelled from Berlin to NYC and back to Berlin again. Berlin has also been called one of the last great cities, and its museums and cafes and bars and galleries will beckon in between our serious encounters.

I hope and trust that our experience in Berlin will challenge our assumptions about what it

means to be Jewish—what it means to be human—what it means to be forgiving—what it means to affirm life—what it means to be honest and courageous. I

don't know exactly how we will be challenged—that part will be up to each of us.

I also expect that it will be an amazing – fantastic – interesting – fabulous trip. Space is indeed limited – there are some spaces left. Please call Suzanne Fromm, 949-4717 x 114, if you are interested in joining us.

Shira



Mourning Practices

In this article penned by Hank Rouda, we are offered an insightful overview on our mourning practices. Within each time marker of mourning rests the central liturgy of the Kaddish. While the Kaddish is recited in memory of the departed, it contains no reference to death. Rather, it is a statement celebrating God's dominion while celebrating the renewal of our faith in the great gift of life. There is nothing somber about the liturgy. In fact, within the Kaddish we express God's love and justice while praying for the ultimate blessing of peace. In addition, this piece of liturgy has been echoed in Christianity through "The Lord's Prayer." In my view, the Kaddish allows us to simultaneously mourn our loss while we express our great fortune to live another day. Thanks to Hank for a beautifully written snapshot of our mourning practices.

B'shalom,
Mo

"Judaism, with its long history of dealing with the soul of man, its intimate knowledge of man's achievements and foibles, his grandeur and his weakness, has wisely devised graduated periods during which the mourner may express his grief, and release with calculated regularity the built-up tensions caused by bereavement. The Jewish religion provides a beautifully structured approach to mourning."¹

When I first faced the reality of losing a parent, it dawned on me that I didn't know what do, meaning, what I "had to do" as a Jewish mourner. Of course, I knew about sitting shivah, covering mirrors, tearing of clothes (now done symbolically with a piece of black cloth typically provided by the funeral home), and

other "typical" mourning practices. I just didn't know what our Reform tradition considered necessary and appropriate. Fortunately, I was able to spend an amazing and revealing hour with Rabbi Shira who helped guide me through what was to come.

The first thing that I learned is that there are a wide variety of mourning practices and that, within the structure of these rituals, it was up to my family to decide what was appropriate for us. The second thing that Shira explained to me was the beauty of the Jewish mourning cycle. Judaism has created a framework to help the mourner (technically, only a father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter and spouse) gradually recover during several periods of decreasing intensity. There are four periods of mourning: Aninut—the time between death and burial; Shiva—the seven day period following burial; Shloshim—the thirty day period following death; and Shana—the twelve months following death. These mourning periods allow the full expression of grief, while discouraging excesses of grief and enabling the mourner to gradually return to a more normal life.

Shiva refers to the seven days of intense mourning after the funeral when mourners remain at home and accept comfort from friends, neighbors and their community. While shiva is traditionally observed for seven days (the word literally means "seven"), it is up to the family to decide how many days they will actually sit. It is followed by shloshim when the mourners leave their home and begin to return to society. Typically, mourners do not

participate in a full social life during this time. Shloshim is followed by shana when the mourners continue to recite Kaddish on a daily or weekly basis. With each successive mourning period, the mourners have made it through another cycle without their loved ones and have begun to experience their lives with this new reality.

Our traditions have wisely provided two different ways to continue to celebrate our loved ones after shloshim has concluded. The first is Yizkor where families can join with the congregation for a shared memorial service. There are typically four Yizkor services during the year, which are on Yom Kippur, the last day of Sukkot, the last day of Passover and Shavuot. In addition, on the anniversary of the death of the loved one, the family can observe *yahrzeit*, by lighting a memorial candle at home on the anniversary of the death and by attending services on that Shabbat and saying Kaddish. If you have not already done so, please let the office know the name of your loved one and the date of their passing and we will add them to the *yahrzeit* list which is read on Friday night and Saturday morning.

If you would like more information about Jewish mourning practices in general or Kol Ami's approach to end of life issues, please contact the Clergy or ask at the office for our publication entitled *We Remember: A Guide to Burial and Mourning Practices*.

¹The Jewish Way of Death and Mourning, Rabbi Maurice Lamm; David, Jonathan Publishers, Inc., November 2000

Tikkun Olam in Central America: A Kol Ami High School Journey

Just days ago we returned from our Costa Rican adventure. We all noticed that the planets were truly aligned in our favor. The eleven students were energetic, always smiling; willing and even eager to carry bags of gravel up a mountain to restore hiking trails in a cloud forest; laughed their way through a day of filling over 1500 bags with fertile soil for a reforestation project (breaking a previous record of 1200 bags); and energetically mixing cement and laying sidewalks at a nearby high school in Monteverde. All with only hand tools and strong backs.

Not one word of complaint the entire ten

days! Well, there was one complaint, "Why do we have to go home?!"

The staff was as stellar as the kids. Our Youth Director Timna Burstson created a masterful program of discussions, music and art throughout the journey. Our school principal Felice Miller Baritz taught and laughed and prayed with all of our students, while keeping them healthy and as loved as if their own "mom" was traveling with them.

And the stars were aligned in our favor as our partner organization, Costa Rican Adventures, sent us the best, brightest and

warmest of their staff, making sure we understood the country, its nature and its challenges. They also made sure we got to hang out with sloths, monkeys, raccoons, tarantulas and we even milked cows.

The planets were indeed shining on us, giving us the best possible group, guides and new knowledge, all in the magical setting of Costa Rica.




Participants: Rabbi Tom, Felice Miller Baritz, Timna Burstson, Alvaro Alfonso-Larrain, Danielle Abraham, Jared Fischer, Zachary Klein, Abbe Lazar, Hannah Litt, Jenny Moss, Robyn Moss, Danielle Musoff, Alexander Salzinger, Zoe Shannon, Barak Stockler.

From the Religious School Principal

Once March arrives, spring can't be far behind. I've just returned from a 10 day, intense community service experience in Costa Rica with a group of our Kol Ami teens. We filled bags of dirt to be planted with seedlings to re-forest areas where trees have been cut down; we mixed concrete and created 2 sidewalks for a local high school and we created a new trail in the cloud forest, which involved carrying bags of rocks up the mountain. Not glamorous work by any standards!

Our kids were amazing. They began each day with Tefilah, dug into each work project with enthusiasm and encouraged each other when it got tough. They never complained. Not even a little.

The theme of our journey to Costa Rica was

"Becoming a Responsible Jewish Global Citizen." We studied and discussed, questioned and challenged. What does this even mean? Why should we be responsible for anyone besides ourselves and our own family and friends? How can spending a week in another country actually make a difference in the world? In our lives? Well... I'm here to tell you, it does and it did. We are all changed as a result of the work we did and the time we spent together. This group of teens is more than amazing. They are exceptional. I am changed as a result of watching them, getting to know them and learning together with and from them.

The idea of the infinite possibility of the lives we live became a little more real over the past 11 days. We actually can change the world and with the leadership and guidance

of young people like these, I transition back into the "real world" with such hope for our future. We make these journeys every other year. For those of you with young children... plan on it. For those of you with middle school and high school aged children, I promise, if you give your child the opportunity to participate in one of these journeys, it will impact them in ways you can't even imagine.

I feel truly blessed to be a part of such meaningful learning and honored to have worked with these wonderful young people.

Felice



Ritual Riches: *Counting the Omer*

"And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering – the day after the sabbath – you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week – fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the Lord." LEVITICUS 23:15-16

"You shall count off seven weeks; start to count the seven weeks when the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall observe the Feast of Weeks for the Lord your God, offering your freewill contribution according as the Lord your God has blessed you." DEUTERONOMY 16:9-10

According to the Torah, it is a mitzvah to count the days from Passover to Shavuot; we call this the *Counting of the Omer* or *Sefirat Ha-Omer*. An omer is a biblical unit of measure, which literally means "sheaf". In the days of the Holy Temple, the Jewish people would bring a barley offering on the second day of Passover, and this was called the Omer. This time marked the beginning of the barley harvest when Jews would bring the first sheaves to the Temple as a means of thanking God for the harvest. So, in its biblical context, this counting connects the first grain offering (second day of Passover) to the wheat offering made at the peak of the harvest (Shavuot).

However, as the holiday of Shavuot became associated with the giving of the Torah, rather than solely being viewed as a celebra-

tion of agricultural bounty, the Counting of the Omer came to serve as a symbolic link between Passover's commemoration of the Exodus and Shavuot's celebration of the Israelites' receipt of the Torah. While Passover celebrates the initial liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, Shavuot marks the culmination of that process of freedom, when the Israelites became an autonomous community with its own laws and ideals. Counting up to Shavuot reminds us that our redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah at Sinai.

From the second night of Passover to the night before Shavuot, we recite a blessing and state the count of the Omer. The Omer is counted every evening, approximately thirty minutes after sunset. In the synagogue it is counted toward the end of the Ma'ariv or evening service. We begin this ritual by standing and saying the following blessing:

*"Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu
Melekh ha'Olam asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav v'tizivanu al sefirat
ha'omer."*

"Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments and commanded us to count the omer."

We then recite the appropriate day and week

of the count. For example, on the 23rd day, we would say, "Today is twenty-three days, which is three weeks and two days of the Omer".

Sefirat Ha-Omer is a time of partial mourning in the Jewish calendar. In the Talmud, we read that a plague struck during the time of Rabbi Akiva, and 24,000 of his students tragically died during this seven-week period because they did not treat each other with sufficient respect. Over the centuries, the Jewish people experienced massacres and pogroms during this time as well. Therefore, in traditional communities, weddings, parties, and dinners with dancing are not conducted during this period. Listening to live or recorded music and haircuts and shaving are not allowed. The one exception to this is the 33rd day of the Omer, or Lag Ba'Omer (Lag being an acronym of the Hebrew letters lamed and gimel which have the combined numerical value of 33), a minor holiday commemorating a break in the plague. This date is also the anniversary of the death of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, a leading disciple of Rabbi Akiva, who taught Kabbalah and authored the "Zohar".

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

We Remember . . . Yom HaShoah

Sunday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 10th

At Kol Ami on April 4th at 1:00 pm:

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

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

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

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

...סירכוז ונחנא...

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

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

And laugh we did—and sing, ate hamantaschen, listened while Rabbis Shira and Tom and Cantor Mo read the Megillah and led our costume parade. We enjoyed our very own ECP Purim Carnival, too, in the ECP in a warm and wonderful way.

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

A very exciting piece of artwork now adorns the back hall leading to the 3's and 4's classrooms. Fiber Artist Heather G. Stoltz worked with and helped our 3's, 4's and Pre-K's create a quilted tapestry depicting the story of the Biblical Jacob.

Heather and Rabbi Jennifer Goldsmith selected the inspiration stories for the artwork based on the *Torah Alive!* curriculum we follow in the Early Childhood Program. The students learned about Jacob's ladder, his meeting Rachel at the well, his marriages to Leah and Rachel, and his transformation into Israel by wrestling with the angel.

We are thrilled to add this fabulous piece of artwork to our ECP hallway so we will always remember how we transformed our understanding of this Biblical story into this colorful and textured work of art. Next time you're in our school, please enjoy taking a look at our masterpiece!

Much of March will be spent learning about Passover—from classroom projects and

activities to learning songs and prayers. At the month's end, all of us 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 Mo.

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

Nan



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

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

*Include the Kol Ami's ECP in your summer plans.
We have just the right program for your 2's, 3's and 4's!!*

*Incoming 2's attend with a parent or caregiver on Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs
3's choose 3 day or 5 day options
4's attend Monday-Friday*

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

From Our Co-Presidents: ***“Deeds of Giving are the Very Foundations of the World”*** — MISHNA PIRKEI AVOT 1:2

Kol Ami takes pride in its long standing core value and practice, that no one is turned away from our Congregation on account of financial need. Anyone who desires to become a member of our Congregation may become a member, irrespective of financial circumstances. In fact, currently close to 25% of our congregants receive some form of financial assistance. In aggregate, the financial assistance Kol Ami provides annually totals in excess of \$400,000.

However, preserving and implementing this core value places significant pressure on our operating budget. Every year, expenses increase and the number of congregants receiving dues relief in this challenging economy has risen. We do not want to sacrifice our robust programs, events, educational and social action activities, which are the backbone

of our temple.

So what's the solution? In a nutshell, it's premium dues members. In order to fully uphold our charitable values without sacrificing programming, we need those congregants who are able to pay in excess of our base dues to strongly consider becoming premium dues paying members. In addition, those who are already premium dues paying members should consider elevating to a higher premium dues level. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all of our existing premium dues members. However, we need more. The additional revenue generated from the premium dues members pales in comparison to the amount of dues relief Kol Ami currently provides its members. This ratio needs to be reversed.

A task force of Trustees, led by Gerri

Sommers and Elizabeth Ward, analyzed and made recommendations to our Board to create a clear definition of premium dues categories and benefits. The Board approved the recommendations of this task force, and they are reflected in the short flyer following this article. The flyer is also available on the Kol Ami website and in the Temple office.

Please consider joining the ranks of premium dues members. You will be helping other Kol Ami congregants, assisting Kol Ami in maintaining its core values, and will feel good about it. Thanks for your consideration.

Ronnie and Mark



Photo by Mariela Melamed

From the Director of Membership and Development

This is the time of year when people start to think about joining a synagogue if they have not done so already. Kol Ami is thriving in so many ways. People from all over Westchester County value this community and are willing to

spend a few extra minutes driving here. Our amazing Membership Committee, chaired by Susan Davis and Lisa Hochman, has hosted a variety of events and has assigned “buddies” to all new members. The Committee and I want to

encourage you to invite those you may know are synagogue shopping to visit us and learn who we are.

Janet



Religious School Open House Sunday, March 17th 9:30—11:00am

Kol Ami Atrium
Join us for the morning.

- Learn about our Religious School Curriculum
- Get a taste of what a Sunday morning feels like at Kol Ami.
- Adults will spend time learning with Rabbi Shira Milgrom.
- Children will participate in a special activity with Religious School Principal Felice Miller Baritz and ECP Director Nan Blank

Questions? Call Felice Miller Baritz at 949-4717x124

“Deeds of giving are the very foundations of the world”

Mishna, Pirkei Avot 1:2

Consider Becoming a Premium Dues Member at Kol Ami

Generous giving by those who are able allows Kol Ami to continue to operate as a vibrant community for all that need and enjoy it.

Benefits Include:

MAIMONIDES CIRCLE - \$25,000+

- Unlimited guest tickets to High Holy Day services
- Family admission to all Synaplexes throughout the year

HILLEL CIRCLE - \$18,000-\$24,999

- Eight guest tickets to High Holy Day services
- Family admission to four Synaplexes throughout the year

RABBI'S CIRCLE - \$10,000-\$17,999

- Six guest tickets to High Holy Day services
- Family admission to three Synaplexes throughout the year

PATRON - \$7,500-\$9,999

- Four guest tickets to High Holy Day services
- Family admission to two Synaplexes

BENEFACTOR - \$4,300-\$7,499

- Two guest tickets to High Holy Day services
- Family admission to one Synaplex

SUSTAINER* - \$2,500-\$4,299

- One guest ticket to High Holy Day Services
 - Admission to one Synaplex
- *Singles only

All Premium Memberships Include:

- Temple Membership
- Recognition in the Kol Ami Wall of Honor
- House account for incidental expenses
- Invitations to Premium Membership events
- Dinner with Clergy and Leaders of the Synagogue
- Babysitting for children or grandchildren at High Holy Day Services

*Your premium membership enables us to serve congregants who cannot afford basic dues.
Thank you for your support.*

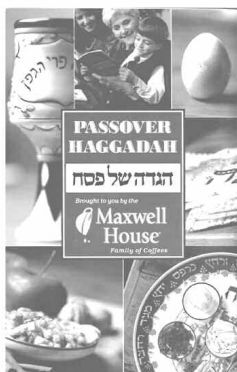
“Let My People Sing!” Music of the Seder



With Cantor Glazman

Tuesdays, March 12th & 19th

8:00 – 9:00 pm



**Why is this class different from all
other classes?....
you will rock the hagaddah!**

Join Cantor Mo Glazman for a pre-Pesach tune up with wine and finger foods. We will discover new melodies and rediscover old melodies for our upcoming Seder.

Our melodies will draw from

Cantorial music, the folk tradition, spirituals, and more!
(No formal musical knowledge required.)

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Reservations are necessary although program is free.

Please clip & return reservation form to Temple office

no later than March 8th or contact Valerie Heim

at [Vheim@nykolami.org](mailto:Vheim@nykolami.org) or 949-4717 x 103

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Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will attend: March 12

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I/we will attend: March 19

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## Meet Both New and Old Members



**ROB AND LISA EISEN**

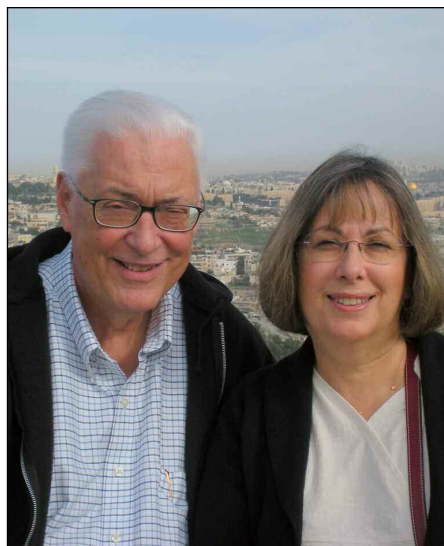
Although Rob and Lisa just joined this past fall, they have a longtime Kol Ami connection. Rob's parents were members and Rob was a bar mitzvah here. He has many memories of his JCC days, as well as memories of his many summers in Jewish camps, first as a camper and later as counselor. Rob traveled to Israel in 1987 as part of a Westchester Federation of Temple Youth trip.

Lisa and Rob met thirteen years ago and have been married for eleven years. They have three children: Madyson, age 9; Reid, age 7; and Taylor, age 3. Madyson is in fourth grade and Reid second grade, both in the White Plains School District. Both attend religious school at Kol Ami. Lisa grew up in Brooklyn in a traditional Jewish household. She remembers learning about Jewish life from her bubbe Rose.

Lisa received a bachelor's and master's degree from Brooklyn College and also studied at Columbia. For many years she taught K through 5th grade in Brooklyn and is a math, English and reading specialist. She has been subbing in the White Plains schools. Rob graduated from the University

of Rhode Island and the New York Law School. He practices personal injury law with Subin Associates, a NYC law firm.

Lisa and Rob attended many Kol Ami events before joining and Taylor was named at Kol Ami. Lisa, Rob and their family look forward to many happy years at Kol Ami.



**GENE AND BETH KAVA**

Gene and Beth have a long connection with Kol Ami which started 27 years ago when they joined shortly before the birth of their son Jonathan. Gene grew up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and went to Stuyvesant High School and Lehman College where he majored in political science. For twenty years he was a NYC social studies teacher and for four years attended Pace Law School at night. He retired from the school system and went to work first in the Westchester County Attorney's Office focusing on juvenile justice, and then in private practice representing juveniles. Before retiring, he served as a Magistrate in Family Court.

Beth grew up in the Bronx, went to Hunter College High School and the University of Rochester, majoring in history. After getting an MAT degree in history and education, she became a social studies teacher in New York City and then the district social studies coordinator in the White Plains schools. She is currently a Clinical Professor in the Pace University School of Education, working with undergraduates and career changers preparing to teach.

Beth is on the White Plains Library Foundation Board and the Education Committee of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center. She enjoys gardening and reading and collects bookmarks. Gene drives for Meals on Wheels, is their condo's president, collects fountain pens and is a devoted Mets fan. In addition to their son they have two daughters, all adults out in the world.

Gene and Beth's synagogue involvement includes College Youth Committee, Men's Council, Board membership – Gene presently serves as Board Secretary and is a co-chair of the Inclusion Committee. They participate in lay-led Torah Study and they currently co-lead the Current Events group. They have traveled to Cuba, Israel and Turkey with the temple. They especially enjoy the music of the service. A highlight of their time at Kol Ami was Beth's Adult Bat Mitzvah, where she wore her son's tallis from his Kol Ami Bar Mitzvah 3 years before. Having seen many changes over the years, they look forward to being a part of the Kol Ami community of the future.

*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.*

### Important Message from our Executive Director

**It has been brought to my attention that people are using the Cushman Road entrance as an exit. This creates a dangerous situation for all users. The Cushman Road entrance is clearly marked as a one-way entrance only. Please use the other Kol Ami exits when leaving our property. Please remember that this entrance is closed once there is snow. We do not plow the back parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

**Due to the weather the Kol Ami Classic has been rescheduled.  
New Date and Time: Sunday, March 17 at 1:30 PM**

**PRICE (includes admission and 18 holes of mini-golf)**

\$8 for a children (12 and under)

\$10 for adults (13 and over)

Work up an appetite? Have some delicious snacks at our  
9th Hole Snack Bar!

There will be an additional charge to  
purchase tickets for food and raffles for amazing prizes.

It's the perfect spot for a fun day with your whole family!  
Play a round of mini-golf on our beautiful 18-hole course.

**Don't miss this mini-golf extravaganza!  
Reserve your tee time now!**

**Mini Golf  
Sunday, March 17**

Children's Name/s &

Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults (13 & over) @ \$10/ea \_\_\_\_\_

#Children (12 & under) @ \$8/ea \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
Congregation Kol Ami





## ***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](mailto:imillerkolami@gmail.com) or 914-949-4717 x111.

### **2013 DATES**

#### **Shabbat with Friends...**

Mar 8 hosted by Bob and Judy Asher

Apr 19 hosted by Lisa Borowitz

May 3 hosted by Susan and Paul Davis

# Men's Council



## A Second Night Seder for the Kol Ami Family

**Tuesday March 26**

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 reading of the Haggadah 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. They play a special part in the Seder. We explain our history, tell the story of freedom, and teach them lessons to teach to their own children. Please return the coupon to the Men's Council mailbox in the office with a check payable to Men's Council to reserve your spot by March 21. We're cooking this meal ourselves, so space is limited.



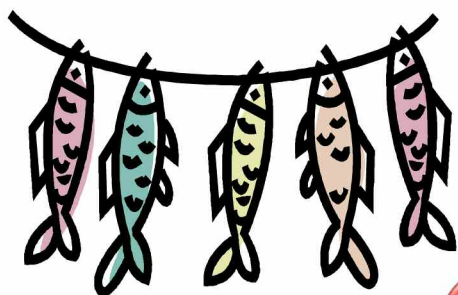
We also need volunteers. Please sign up on the coupon or email [JLH@gdblau.com](mailto:JLH@gdblau.com).

Second Night Seder March 29, 2013 - Checks payable to Men's Council - Volunteers e-mail [JLH@gdblau.com](mailto:JLH@gdblau.com)

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

We would like to volunteer to help with:

- ☐ Cooking on Sunday March 24
- ☐ Reading from the Haggadah or participating in the Seder
- ☐ Our children would like to participate in the Seder



# GIMLETS & GEFILTE FISH!

*Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm*

*Kol Ami Kitchen*

*\$25 for sisterhood members/\$32 non-members*

*You can join the Sisterhood for \$40 for the year*

Passover will be here before you know it....learn how to make Gefilte Fish the old fashioned way!

One piece to eat, one piece to take home...

(No live fish will be participating in the class!)

We'll make some Gimlets while they cook!

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Gimlets & Gefilte Fish! Monday 3/11/13

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: Y N

Make check payable to KOL AMI SISTERHOOD

Drop off your check and form in the main office by March 7th





# KOL AMI SPRING FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
DRINKS, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT  
AT THE

## KOL AMI SPRING FUNDRAISER

HONORING THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

AND Andrea Seiden and Jay Hack

**SATURDAY, MAY 4th 2013**  
**7:30pm - 11pm**

at

Congregation Kol Ami  
252 Soundview Avenue  
White Plains, New York  
10606

**LOOK FOR YOUR INVITE IN MARCH!!!**



KOL AMI ECP PRESENTS

# A PRINCESS, PIRATE & SUPERHERO PARTY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013  
MAMARONECK BEACH & YACHT CLUB

**A FAMILY FUNDRAISER**



***A super afternoon of fun for your little hero  
at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club  
The adventures will begin at 11:00...***

Princess Bouncy Castle • Princess and Superhero Performance  
Lunch • Crafts and much, much more...

For additional information please contact Nan Blank in the ECP office at 949-4717x107



# Friday, March 15, 2013

***My Journey to Freedom, One Girl's Survival Story*** is an amazing story by an inspiring young woman. A story of sacrifice, hope, risk and courage experienced by a twelve-year- old girl and her eleven year old friend, who escaped from Tibet.

5:00 pm

- ◆ Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests David Glukh and Gennady Gutkin, a smaller unit of the larger 5 piece band The David Glukh Klezmer Ensemble. They have recorded 2 CDs and have toured around the country and beyond in concert performances in over 30 states. In addition to their concert engagements, DGKE has been a featured wedding and corporate events entertainer in a variety of special events attended by Bill, Hillary Clinton, Caroline Kennedy and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.  
€ Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ◆ Shabbat in the Woods  
€ Petschek Gallery

6:00 pm

- ◆ Unwind with Hors d'oeuvres  
€ Atrium

6:15 pm

- ◆ Shabbat Services  
€ Main Sanctuary
- ◆ Torah Study  
€ Conference Room

- ◆ Got Shabbat? Shabbat together – for elementary school children and parents.  
€ Schulman Chapel in the Woods

7:15 pm

- ◆ Shabbat Dinner (your choice)  
€ "Quiet Conversation" Shabbat Dinner  
€ Community & Family Shabbat Dinner  
€ Teen Shabbat Dinner  
€ Shabbat Picnic Dinner (we will provide challah, set up, wine, dessert & beverages; you bring your own Shabbat meal)  
Adults \$25/Children & Teens \$15  
Picnickers \$10/Free for children 5 & under

7:30 pm

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

8:00 pm

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

All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., March 13th and are non – refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.

8:00 pm

- ◆ THE MAIN EVENT—  
"My Journey to Freedom, One Girl's Survival Story" is an amazing story by an inspiring young woman. A story of sacrifice, hope, risk and courage experienced by a twelve-year-old girl, Tsering Keyzom, and her eleven year old friend, who escaped from Tibet. It begins in Tibet in a small nomadic village and continues through Nepal, India and the United States in an extraordinary quest for freedom. As part of her studies at WCC, Tsering enrolled in a program called "Conversation Partners" and was paired with Kol Ami member, Sanford Zevon, who was a volunteer in the program. Tsering recounted a story about herself during the sessions. After a few weeks of listening her story, Dr. Zevon suggested that she write down what she had related, as a means of helping her with her English writing. After reading her account of the extraordinary events she went through, Dr. Zevon encouraged her to write this inspiring book. The evening's presenters:  
Dr. Sanford S. Zevon and Tsering Keyzom.  
€ Main Sanctuary

9:30 pm

- ◆ Dessert Oneg

Save the date for our final  
Synaplex of the Year—April 12th  
A Live Performance: Muslim, Jewish  
and Deaf Poetry Slam

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN March 13th

Adult Name/s

Children's Name/s &  
Ages

Phone #

Email address

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

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

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

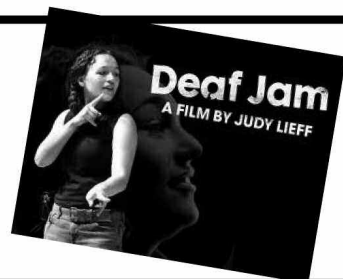
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SEATING IS PLANNED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE.  
ANY LAST MINUTE SEATING REQUESTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

# Friday, April 12, 2013



**5:00 pm**

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

**5:30 pm**

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

**6:00 pm**

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

**6:15 pm**

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

**7:15 pm**

- ◆ **Shabbat Dinner (your choice)**  
€ "Quiet Conversation" Shabbat Dinner  
€ Community & Family Shabbat Dinner  
€ Teen Shabbat Dinner  
€ Shabbat Picnic Dinner (we will provide challah, set up, wine, dessert & beverages; you bring your own Shabbat meal)  
Adults \$25/Children & Teens \$15  
Picnickers \$10/Free for children 5 & under

**7:30 pm**

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

**8:00 pm**

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

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

**8:00 pm**

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

**9:30 pm**

- ◆ **Dessert Oneg**

ASL Interpretation Provided

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

**Adult Name/s**

**Children's Name/s &**

**Ages**

**Phone #**

**Email address**

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

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

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

**PLEASE SEAT US WITH:**

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**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_



## The Kol Ami Brotherhood — KABRO

Anthony Zitrin was elected Interim President of Men's Council.

KABRO once again will be running the **Passover Second Seder on Tuesday, March 26th**. Look for flyers and other announcements to sign up if you are interested. See page 14 for flyer.

We plan an outing to a **Minor League ball game** (The Bridgeport Bluefish) on Sunday afternoon, **June 9th**. Please save the date if you are interested.

We also plan to sponsor an **overnight camping trip** again in mid-July.

New members are always welcome and our next meeting is set for Monday, March 18th at 7:30 at Kol Ami.

Please contact Anthony Zitrin at [anthonyzitrin@aol.com](mailto:anthonyzitrin@aol.com) if you want to attend the next meeting or are otherwise interested in getting involved in our activities.



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — “Sisterhood”

Are you up to date with the activities of Sisterhood?

Here is a convenient check list for your reference!

- Membership of Sisterhood is at an all-time high. Many have chosen to check off “Sisterhood” on their temple dues payment instructions. With increased participation in our events, others have joined Sisterhood at the time of registration in order to receive member discounts which are good on all events throughout the year. If you haven’t joined yet, it is certainly not too late. Your dues will easily pay you back in discounts, particularly our year end Membership Dinner which is FREE to all Sisterhood members.
- Tequila & Talmud had 67 registrants including several new members to WRJ.
- Sisterhood Chefs gathered 30 women. Over \$2000.00 in purchases were made, which resulted in a nice donation to Gilda’s Club Westchester.

Upcoming events include (check the web site for registration info):

- March Madness Ladies Night Out - March 5 SOLD OUT
- Gimlets, Gab and Gefilte Fish - March 11
- *New York Times* writer Devan Sipher, author of *The Wedding Beat*, will speak and sign books on Sunday, April 21. Stop by the Sisterhood table at the Committee Fair that morning and then head over to our author presentation.
- Hadassah Speaker on “Mission to Israel”—date to be announced
- Membership Dinner - May 21-watch for details

Open Monthly Meetings: Tuesdays , Room 20, 7:30-8:30 – March 12, April 2, May 14, June 4.

JOIN—ATTEND—HAVE FUN AND SHARE THE JOY AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SISTERHOOD AND OUR LOVING KOL AMI COMMUNITY.

Ellen Kurtz  
WRJ Sisterhood President

## *Purim Fun 2013: A Great Time for All*







#### **What is the Retreat? Is it religious?**

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

#### **Where is the Retreat?**

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

#### **Will I be comfortable if I come alone?**

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

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

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

#### **Is there a specific schedule that I have to follow?**

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

#### **What if I have other questions?**

##### **Contact one of us...**

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

**REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT [WWW.NYKOLAMI.ORG](http://WWW.NYKOLAMI.ORG)**

## Adult Education

### NEW: Mussar Classes

facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax:

At Kol Ami in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods, Mondays, 3/11, 4/15, 5/13, 10/10 from 12:30pm-2:00 pm (note revised time). This workshop will introduce mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work. Contact Rabbi Wax at [pwax@wjcs.com](mailto: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 (including an evening Mussar group).

Cost: Suggested donation: \$72; \$54 for Kol Ami members

### Let My People Sing!— Music of the Seder

with Cantor Mo Glazman.

Tuesdays, 3/12 & 3/19 from 8:00-9:00 pm. Please call Valerie Heim, 949-4717 x 103, [vheim@nykolami.org](mailto:vheim@nykolami.org), to register.

### SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING SYNAPLEX KEYNOTE EVENTS:

#### March 15: "My Journey to Freedom: One Girl's Survivor Story."

Westchester Community College's "Conversation Partners" program brought together congregant Dr. Sanford S. Zevon and Tsering Keyzom, a young girl who escaped from Tibet. At this event, they will speak about her inspiring journey.

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

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

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,

The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician  
Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 10:30 am  
No class 3/28

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:

#### Mommy Talk!

*Designed for moms and infants  
age 2 - 9 months.*

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

We will meet in the Gallery.

3/14

9:00-10:30 am

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

#### Sunday Parenting Group

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

3/3

in the Chapel

9:15 - 10:45 am

### Adolescent Parenting Workshops

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

First & third Thursdays of the month

First Thursday: 9:45 - 11:45 am

Third Thursday: 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm

### Grandparenting Workshops

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

First Monday of the month

9:15 - 10:45 am

### Weekly Torah Study: Parashat Hashavua

Every Friday morning 10:00 - 11:30 am

Led by Kol Ami members

### Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

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

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

### Mah Jongg and Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice  
Wednesdays 11:30 am. Kol Ami Atrium

Email Wendy Roos to be added  
to the Mah Jongg email distribution  
[wendyroos1@aol.com](mailto:wendyroos1@aol.com)

### Wisdom of the Sages

#### Lunch and Learn at Kol Ami

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

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon

No class 3/27

### Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gov-Ari\*

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

Wednesdays

No class 3/27

7:30 - 8:15 pm Beginners

8:15 - 10:00 pm Open Dance

Individual sessions -

\$10 members, \$13 non-members

### Current Events

with Beth and Gene Kava

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

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20  
Mar 18; Apr 8 & 22; May 6 & 20

### Mitzvah Knitz

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

Third Thursday of the month

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

### Women's Roundtable Breakfast

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

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am

3/6, 4/3, 5/1

### Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Make New Friends and Ask Great Questions

Tuesdays 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Mar 12, Apr 9

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Second year of a two year course

### Winter Jewish Film Festival

7:30 pm in the Petschek Gallery

Moderated by Roger Seti Free admission &  
open to the Community

Final Movie is on 3/5:

**Free Men.**

While getting by selling black market  
goods in Nazi-occupied Paris, a young  
Algerian immigrant is arrested and made  
to become a police spy. But when his  
activities expose him to a beautiful Arab  
Jewish singer, his loyalties soon change.

### Hebrew Classes for Adults\*

Pending sufficient enrollment  
\$150 per semester (scholarships available)  
\$180 per semester for non-members

#### Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

**Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough**

6:30 – 7:30 pm

No class 3/27

#### Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

No class 3/24 3/31

**Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough**

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Intermediate**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

#### Sunday Mornings

with Alice Seidman

No class 3/24 3/31

**Intermediate/Advanced**

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

9:30 – 10:30 am

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

## Kol Ami Reads Book Club

### *Defending Jacob*

by William Landay

Book/Author Discussion Leader

Marian Steinberg

March 6, 2013

### *Half Blood Blues*

by Esi Edugyan

April 3, 2013

### *Far from the Madding Crowd*

by Thomas Hardy

May 8, 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,

DLDDingott@gmail.com or

Elaine Cohen, 725-0248,

elwilco@verizon.net

# MITZVAH KNITZ

**We will be meeting on**

**Thursday**

**March 21**

**from noon to 2:00 pm.**

Join us.

Knitters of all skill levels are welcome.

For further information,

call Elaine Cohen,

725-0248 or

elwilco@verizon.net

# Kol Ami JYG Climbs at Cliffs, Valhalla

**Sunday March 10 – 7th/8th Grades**

**Sunday March 17 – 5th /6th Grades**

**Both: 12:30–2:30 PM**



**1 Commerce Street, Valhalla**

**Drop off and pick up will be at Cliffs**

**Drop off 12:15/ Pick up 2:30**

**Cost \$20.00**

**Includes lunch**



**March 3 – Volunteer to Help for Purim Celebration**



# SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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## **Volunteer needed to represent Kol Ami at SHORE'S monthly meetings**

Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility (SHORE) was founded in 1985 on behalf of people with housing needs. SHORE helps homeless families in Central Westchester find permanent housing. Since 1990, SHORE has developed 22 new units of affordable housing, including 15 rentals and/or home ownerships.

For more information, contact: Harley Lewis, 949-0189 or Gene Kava, 428-9362.

### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

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

**Wed., Mar. 20th 2:30 pm – King St Nursing Home**

**Wed., Apr. 24th 3:30pm – The Esplanade**  
(note different time)

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: 3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 3/11, 4/15, 5/6, 6/3.

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



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                   | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>9:00 am RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM CARNIVAL</b><br>9:15 am Sunday Parenting Group<br>9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman<br>10:00 am Adult Adv. Beg. Hebrew with E. Fields<br>11:00 am Cooking for the Homeless<br>11:15 am Adult Intermed. Hebrew with E. Fields             | <b>4</b><br><br>9:15 am Grandparenting Class with S. Davis                                                                   | <b>5</b><br><br>12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class<br>7:30 pm Kol Ami Winter Jewish Film Festival<br>7:00 pm Ladies Night out : Our March Madness (VVRJ)                                                           | <b>6</b><br><br><b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>7:45 am Roundtable Breakfast<br>9:15 am Kol Ami Book Club<br>11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge<br>6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew<br>7:30 pm Israeli Dancing | <b>7</b><br><br>9:15 am Jewish Meditation<br>9:45 am Adolescent Parenting Group<br>7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal                  | <b>8</b><br><br>10:00 am Torah Study<br><b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery<br><b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary<br><b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>                                                     | <b>9</b><br><br><b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee & Community<br>9:30 am Study<br><b>11:00 am SERVICE</b><br><b>10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:</b> Bar Mitzvah of Michael Rutter in Sanctuary                                                                                                  |
| <b>10</b><br><br><b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 am Sixth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop<br>9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman<br>10:00 am Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew with E. Fields<br>11:15 am Adult Intermediate Hebrew with E. Fields<br>12:30 pm JYG Cliff Climbing | <b>11</b><br><br>12:00 pm Kol Ami Cooks<br>12:30 pm Mussar Group<br>7:00 pm Gimlets & Gefilte Fish                           | <b>12</b><br><br><b>ECP 4'S: NO SCHOOL.</b> Parent/teacher conferences<br>12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages<br>7:30 pm Jewish Winter Film Fest<br>8:00 pm Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class<br>8:00 pm Let My People Sing Class | <b>13</b><br><br><b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge<br>6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew<br>7:30 pm Israeli Dancing                                                             | <b>14</b><br><br>9:00 am Mommy Talk Group<br>9:15 am Jewish Meditation<br>7:00 pm Worship Committee                                        | <b>15</b><br><br>10:00 am Torah Study<br><b>SYNAPLEX EVENING</b><br>10:00 am Torah Study<br><b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery<br><b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary<br><b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b> | <b>16</b><br><br><b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee & Community<br>9:30 am Study<br><b>11:00 am SERVICE</b><br><b>10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:</b> Bar Mitzvah of Charles Abrams in Sanctuary<br><b>5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:</b> B'nai Mitzvah of Emma & Jake Mohammed in Sanctuary |
| <b>17</b><br><br><b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 am Religious School Open House<br>9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman<br>10:00 am Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew with E. Fields<br>11:15 am Adult Intermediate Hebrew with E. Fields<br><b>1:30 pm KOL AMI MINI-GOLF</b>   | <b>18</b><br><br>11:00 am Current Events Class<br>7:30 pm KABRO Board Meeting                                                | <b>19</b><br><br>12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class<br>8:00 pm Let My People Sing Class                                                                                                                            | <b>20</b><br><br><b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge<br>6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew<br>7:30 pm Israeli Dancing                                                             | <b>21</b><br><br><b>9:00 am ECP PASSOVER SEDER</b><br>9:15 am Jewish Meditation<br>12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz<br>12:00 pm Adolescent Parenting | <b>22</b><br><br>10:00 am Torah Study<br><b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery<br><b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary                                                                                           | <b>23</b><br><br><b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee & Community<br>9:30 am Study<br><b>11:00 am SERVICE</b><br><b>10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:</b> Bar Mitzvah of Max Pushkin in Sanctuary                                                                                                    |
| <b>24</b><br><br><b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>No Adult Hebrew Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>25</b><br><br><b>ECP CLOSED EREV PESACH FIRST SEDER</b>                                                                   | <b>26</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 1 ECP &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>10:00 am Pesach Service in Chapel<br><b>6:00 pm SECOND SEDER</b> at Kol Ami                                                                       | <b>27</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 2 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL &amp; ECP CLOSED</b><br>No Adult Hebrew or Dancing                                                                                                                                           | <b>28</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 3 ECP CLOSED</b>                                                                                           | <b>29</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 4</b><br>10:00 am Torah Study<br><b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery<br><b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary                                                                   | <b>30</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 5 SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee & Community<br>9:30 am Study<br><b>11:00 am SERVICE</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>31</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 6 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b><br>No Adult Hebrew                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>April 1</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 7 OFFICE &amp; ECP CLOSED</b><br><b>10:00 am PESACH &amp; YIZKOR SERVICES</b> in Chapel | <b>2</b><br><br><b>PESACH, DAY 8 ECP CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>3</b><br><br><b>ECP REOPENS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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