

THE CONNECTION

Volume 7 ♦ May 2017



Thank you
Hank Rouda

Please join us for a Cocktail Reception in honor of Hank's dedication and leadership throughout his terms as President

Tuesday, May 9th

Reception and Program: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Annual Meeting: 8:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE CONFIRMATION OF

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Sara Frankenthaler
Ben Garelick

Eva Gilbert
Ari Greenberg
Ben Hostetter
Rayna Litt
Matthew Rothman
Jake Sherwood

Becca Sparer
Julia Staffin
Jacob Strier
Rachel Weisglass
Eli Worth

**AT SHAVUOT SERVICES
TUESDAY, MAY 30TH, 2017 AT 7:00PM IN THE EVENING
CONGREGATION KOL AMI**

DESSERT RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



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Friday Evening Services

Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children and their Families

5:30 - 6:00pm A service in story and song for families with young children

Atrium

6:15 – 7:15 pm Shabbat crafts, light supper & supervised childcare

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

6:15 pm

Main Sanctuary

Lift Your Shabbat - Saturday Morning

Torah Study with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Chapel in the Woods

Join Rabbi Shira and fellow congregants in our beautiful Chapel in the Woods on Saturday mornings. Step away from the chaos of the week and bring in the warmth and reflection of Shabbat that Torah study can offer for the week ahead.

9:00am Coffee, and community

9:30am Torah Study

11:00am: Shabbat Services

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR MAY

Week ending May 6, 2017 *Parashat Ahare-Mot/Kedoshim* - Leviticus 16:1-20:27 God speaks to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who were killed for coming too close to the presence of God, in this double *parashah*, God also instructs Moses and Aaron on the procedures surrounding Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. *Parashat Kedoshim* continues with a discussion of the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God describes to Moses many ethical and ritual laws aimed at helping the people live lives of holiness. The laws described include some of those recorded in the Ten Commandments, such as respecting one's parents, keeping the Sabbath, and not stealing.

Week ending May 13, 2017 *Parashat Emor* Leviticus 21:1-24:23 The priestly role was both an honor and a responsibility. *Parashat Emor* provides details about the lives of the priests and their families. This *parashah* also includes the most comprehensive holiday calendar in the Torah.

Week ending May 20, 2017 *Parashat B'har/B'chukotai* Leviticus 25:1-27:34 We have a second double *parashah* this week. In this double *parashah*, we see a vision of a society guided by God-given principles of human freedom, human dignity and concern for the most vulnerable in society, and includes laws regulating the sabbatical year and the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus is completed this week with *parashat B'chukotai*. It is filled with God's promises and warnings to the people depending upon whether they faithfully follow or disobey God's commandments.

Week ending May 27, 2017 *Parashat B'midbar* Numbers 1:1- 4:20 This Shabbat we begin reading the book of *B'midbar*, (in the wilderness). The book is called "Numbers" in English because it begins with a census of all male Israelites in the camp who are eligible to bear arms, as well as those responsible for the duties in the Tabernacle.

A LEGACY...

Everyone wants to leave some proof that they lived and that they made a difference by the way they lived, that their values are transferred to following generations.

By participating in The Legacy Fund of Congregation Kol Ami, you are ensuring that the synagogue that has enriched you and your family's identity by engaging everyone's entire person – sometimes for generations – can provide the same Jewish joy, spirit, and education for all those who follow.

In financially supporting the future of Kol Ami with a Legacy, you will have the satisfaction that some of your assets will be distributed to reflect your principles.

Leaving a Legacy is not complicated. You can talk to a Financial Advisor to determine the best way for you to include a Legacy in your estate. There is no minimum amount required in naming Congregation Kol Ami as a beneficiary in your estate.

For information contact Evelyn Klein: 914-761-7659, evelynklein29@gmail.com; or Judi Brown: 646-206-4547, gojustjudi@gmail.com.

WHAT IS A LEGACY?

- ◆ A Legacy supports the organization that has made a difference in the lives of you and your family.
- ◆ A Legacy to Congregation Kol Ami will ensure that the synagogue will continue to enrich generations to come through Jewish education, spiritual life and joyful celebrations.
- ◆ A Legacy making Kol Ami a beneficiary in your estate can be determined with a financial advisor.
- ◆ A Legacy does not require a minimum amount.

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B'NAI MITZVAH

We will be celebrating the following children's B'nai Mitzvah at these services.
Mazal Tov!



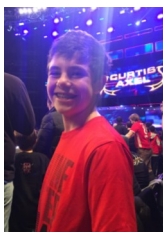
Ben Jeske, son of Andrew Jeske and Laura Wilker and brother to Sam and Naomi, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on

May 6, 2017. Ben is a 7th grader at Edgemont Junior High School. He enjoys technology, photography and playing jazz piano both on his own and with his band Standing Room Only. For his Mitzvah Project, Ben has been playing piano every Sunday afternoon for the residents of the Memory Care Unit at The Kensington assisted living residence in White Plains.



Talia Brook Levenson, daughter of Joele and Andrew Levenson, and eldest sister to Sasha and Miles, will be called to the

Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 6th, 2017. Talia is a seventh grader at Scarsdale Middle School. For her Mitzvah Project, Talia organized three fundraiser events, a Lemonade & Treats Sale in Scarsdale Village in October, a Skate for a Cure at Hommocks Ice Rink in January and an Ice Cream Scoop at All Good Things in June, to raise money for Cure JM in honor of a dear friend with the disease. She swims on the Wolverine Swim Team and plays on the Scarsdale Travel Lacrosse team. Talia is looking forward to sharing her special day with family and friends.



Samuel Kroin, son of Michelle and David Kroin, and brother to Julia and Teddy, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May

13, 2017. Sam is currently a 7th grade student at Rye Country Day School. In his free time, Sam enjoys playing soccer and tennis on his school teams. He is also incredibly warm and funny and keeps his friends and family laughing for days. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Sam decided to bring the tradition of Shabbat to our home and family. He has spent the past year learning Shabbat rituals and recipes and we have opened up our home to share these traditions with others. Sam intends to continue this practice after his Bar Mitzvah and hopes to host many Kol Ami congregants over the next year.



Stephanie Kornberg, daughter of Elaine Josephson and Robert Kornberg, and younger sister of Daniel and

Alyson, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 20, 2017. Stephanie is in the 7th grade at Edgemont Junior High School where she plays football, wrestles, and is the goalie for the Lacrosse team. She also enjoys playing the trombone in the band and singing in the chorus. For her Mitzvah Project she collected clothing donations and also helped with the setup of the Teen Boutique, organized by the Family Services of Westchester to provide girls ages 13-19 in

financial need a free shopping boutique experience. Stephanie loves spending time with her family, friends and dog Merlin and is looking forward to sharing this special occasion with them.



Noah Tirschwell, son of Carmel Lowenthal and Eric Tirschwell and brother to Oren and Talia will be called to the Torah as a

Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Noah is in the 7th grade at Hackley. He enjoys playing soccer, basketball and tennis and he also loves playing the violin and is a member of the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestra. For his Mitzvah Project, Noah has been volunteering at a soup kitchen at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Ossining. He plans to continue working there and doing whatever he can to support and help the homeless and hungry.

A Message From Our Rabbi

RABBI SHIRA MILGROM



From more than two thousand years ago, the words of Hillel continue to ring true:

- ◆ If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
- ◆ If I am only for myself, what am I?
- ◆ And if not now, then when?

To these words, people have added:

- ◆ And if not with others, then how?

Many of us were brought up on the American ideals of rugged individualism – if not rugged, then, just individualism. Our kids play in (private, individual) backyard playgrounds; Fresh Direct delivers to our doors; we exercise in our own private gyms. Our lives intersect less and less with one another – as we need each other more than ever.

Life is not meant to be lived alone. We need connection. We need to love, to do, to build, to help, to grow. We need to know that in this world of enormous need we can do something: we can alleviate some pain, we can welcome a stranger, we can house a refugee family, we can feed the hungry.

And we simply can't do this alone.

We need to dance and sing, learn and play, have fun and deepen friendships. We need to connect to the Spirit – the spirit within us, and the spirit beyond us – which nurtures our lives.

And one of the best ways to connect to that spirit is to come to the Kol Ami Retreat.

It may be great to be connected to the internet. It is truly amazing how the internet makes it possible to connect – for free – by phone or text or video – to people around the globe. But that doesn't take the place of connecting to yourself. That doesn't replace connecting to people – face to face. There's the Jewish story of two grandmothers meeting up in the park. One is strolling her new grandchild. "How adorable!" says her friend, looking into the stroller. "That's nothing," replied the first. "You should see the pictures!"

We've come to rely on the pictures, the phone gallery, the videos, the you-tubes. But they're not the real deal.

The real thing is you actually sitting by the lake, watching kids play in the sand, or singing your heart out at services, or sitting back in a chair with a book and a drink. Or just a drink.

Tennis, yoga, community baseball (little kids, big kids, teens, adults), BBQ's and art, learning and conversation, Havdalah and campfire, sunset and starlight.

Connecting to yourself, to others, and to the spirit of joy. The Retreat is June 16-18 (**Fathers celebrated**). Call me with ANY questions – including scholarships.

Love,

Shira

A Message From Our ECP Director

NAN BLANK



After Passover and our spring vacation we didn't miss a step and began preparing for another wonderful tradition in the ECP, our Annual Trip to Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut! Our staff and families alike always look forward to our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with great anticipation and this year will be no different. On May 2nd after a "rigorous security check" and a most enjoyable "plane ride" the children will have the opportunity to put messages into the wall of the Kotel, stomp on grapes in our vineyard, make orange juice, plant trees, milk a cow, take a picture with a camel, learn how things float in the Dead Sea, fish in Eilat, participate on an Archaeological dig, make a stained glass window, relax at our very own Dead Sea spa complete with mud baths, taste the delicious foods of Israel, learn about the animals who live in the desert, and make their own pita! Of course the morning could not have been possible without the able hands of our ECP Staff, Rabbis Shira and Tom, Cantor David, and Felice and Pam, our Religious School Director and Assistant Director, and our many parent volunteers. So, a special thank you to all who will make this morning so special for our 3's, 4's and Pre-k's.

This year we will again be hosting our ever popular *Bring your Favorite Guy* (dad or grandpa, your uncle, your older brother or adult male family friend) to *School Days* for our 3's and 4's. The 4's will be hosting their special visitor on Wednesday, May 10th with a classroom craft, special treat, and games with Coach Steve. The 3's will have their

chance on Wednesday, May 17th hosting their special visitors with a classroom craft, special treat, and games with Coach Steve.

Our 4's will also participate in our annual Israeli Dance Festival. This year it will be held at Temple Israel Center. This wonderful annual event involves 6 other Jewish Early Childhood Programs from the Westchester and New York City area. It's a wonderfully rich morning of Dance and celebration lead by our wonderful teacher Shmulik Gov-Ari.

Another priceless event we look so forward to in the ECP is our *Annual Art Show and Artists Breakfast*. This year our Art Show will take place on Thursday morning May 25th from 9:00-9:45. The children work all year on this event and this year our 4's will be showcasing a few special pieces including their version of a "Jackson Pollack" and their very own 3-dimensional "Community of Friends." We invite all of our families to join us for breakfast and a special "viewing" of the children's work. Needless to say this is always a special morning.

This month after the tireless and devoted work this year of our four fundraising co-chairs, Liz Ilberg, Emily Campbell, Danielle Gecht, and Lisa Bernstein, our new Courtyard Playground was completed. Our main school Playground, is now completely renovated and we are so thankful to Liz, Emily, Danielle, and Lisa and all of our families and friends in the community, Kol Ami and the Women of Reform Judaism who donated generously to help make this dream a reality.

Love,
Nan

Early Childhood Program Events & Reminders

May 10 4's Bring Your Favorite Guy to School Day
May 11 2's and pre-k conferences
5:00-8:00pm
May 12 ECP Closed for Staff In-service
May 16 Family Math Night for 3's, 4's and 5's
6:00-7:30pm - advanced reservations are a must

May 17 3's Bring Your Favorite Guy to School Day
May 25 ECP Art Show and Breakfast
May 29 ECP Closed for Memorial Day
May 31 ECP Closed for Shavuot



CONGREGATION KOL AMI early childhood program

building a community of friends one family at a time

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching Registration for 2017-2018 is 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 Programming for 2's, 3's, & 4's

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

**See for yourself – nothing takes the place of a
personal visit.**

**Call for an appointment today
Nan Blank, Director, at 914.949.4717, Ext. 107**

A Message From Our President

HANK ROUDA



There are some events that we do that embody all the wonderful attributes of our community and the Retreat is at the front of that line. Here are just a few:

- ◆ It's friendship, as relationships are made and renewed;
- ◆ It's multi-generational, as we have grandparents with grandchildren; we have parents with pre-school age children, parents with school age children and adult children coming back with their parents; we have single people of all ages; and we have teens enjoying supervised time together;
- ◆ It's full of learning, as we have a variety of topics taught by our clergy and fellow congregants;
- ◆ It's a spiritual release, as there is something even more special about our services held at the lake or by the fire;
- ◆ It's a physical release, as we have sports, yoga, massages and just time to relax and read a book or take a nap or take a boat out on the lake
- ◆ IT'S KOL AMI!!!!

The Retreat really wraps up in one weekend what we love about our community. The sense of togetherness extends through the weekend from the time that we first arrive and have Shabbat dinner and services together to the final circle where people share their most favorite moments (the most poignant of which are often said by our children). It's easy to say that it's "multi-generational," but that doesn't convey how the generations learn, pray, play and just hang out with each other. Everyone finds their place (their Entrance to Kol Ami) and their pace.

Jean and I absolutely love this weekend and get there at the very beginning and stay through the very last minute. But what if you can't make it for the entire weekend? No problem, as you can come for a day if that works better for your schedule. And for parents of younger children, as always, we will have activities for them so that you can spend as much (or as little) time together as you and they want. Most importantly, they can sleep in the children's cabins (totally supervised).

If these aren't reason enough for you, come up to me, Shira, Genna Farley (our Retreat Chair), or any of the other members of the Retreat Committee and we'll be glad to tell you why this is such a phenomenal event. We hope that you'll join us and "unplug and reconnect" with so many of your fellow congregants for an unforgettable weekend. See you at Circle Lodge in June!

L'shalom,

Hank

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COCKTAIL
RECEPTION IN HONOR OF HANK'S
DEDICATION AND
LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT HIS
TERMS AS PRESIDENT**

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**Nominations for 2017-2018
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

Officers to be Elected
(for a one-year term expiring in 2018)
Co-Presidents Susan Kohn Arovas and Scott Musoff
Treasurer Jonathan Litt
Secretary Rachel Eckhaus

Vice Presidents
(to complete the three-year term expiring in 2018)
Judi Brown

(to complete the three-year term expiring in 2019)
David Okun

(for a three year term expiring in 2020)
Lisa Hochman

New Trustees to be Elected
(for a three-year term expiring in 2020)
Kevin Cohen Michael Elkin
Jennifer Lemberg Michael Zweig

Trustees to be Elected for an additional Term
(for three years expiring in 2020)
Jack Berger Rachel Eckhaus
Linda Forman Lisa Hochman
Elizabeth Ilberg Andrew Levenson

Continuing Trustees
(term expiring in 2018)
Howard Geller Evelyn Klein
Howard Klein Jennifer Labovitz
Jonathan Litt David Okun
Scott Musoff

(term expiring in 2019)
Susan Kohn Arovas Judi Brown
David Cole Danielle Gecht
Bonnie Hagen Liz Mayeri
Betsy McCormack Pam Millian
Jeff Rothschild Steve Salzinger

Retiring from the Board
Lori Abrams Susan Davis
Michael Goldban Gerri Sommers
Leslie Weisen

Nominating Committee
Ronnie Cohn and Mark Seiden, Co-Chairs
Sharon Cohen Erik Klein
Evelyn Klein Jennifer Labovitz
Margie Lewis Adrienne Pollak
Eric Staffin

**Congregation Kol Ami
Article VII
Nominations**

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed each year by the President with the consent of the Board of Trustees at its November meeting. The Committee shall consist of nine members: at least five members shall not be present Trustees.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of prospective Trustees and Officers to be voted on by the Congregation at its next annual meeting. The slate shall be presented to the Secretary for the publication in the April issue of the Connection. No member of the Nominating Committee or any member of his or her family unit may be nominated to be a Trustee or Officer.

Section 3. At least 75 days prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall hold at least one meeting open to the Congregation. Notice of the time and place of the open meeting will be published in The Connection or will be mailed to each Member by first class mail not less than 10 days before the open meeting date.

Section 4. Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least 25 Members, and delivered to the chair of the Nominating Committee or any officer of the Congregation at least 20 days before the annual meeting of the Congregation. In the event of additional nominations, a list of all nominees will be sent by first class mail to each Member at least 10 days before the annual meeting.

A Message From Our Executive Director

JESS LORDEN



I am proud that Congregation Kol Ami continues to be a hub of Jewish social justice activity. One issue of particular importance to me is hunger. I am pleased to share excerpts of a report regarding the Kol Ami Pantry which Pam Millian, Pantry co-chair, presented to our Board of Trustees at the April Board meeting.

HISTORY

Congregation Kol Ami's Food Pantry was started when it became apparent that even in a seemingly wealthier area, hunger exists and there was a hidden need for food. It was felt that the pantry facilities already existing in White Plains might not fit the needs of some of these people due to embarrassment, need for financial disclosure, language, or cultural or ethnic background. There were no pantries in the City of White Plains that serve primarily the Jewish Community. Several meetings were held among congregants, clergy and the Food Bank for Westchester about how best to address this need. It was determined that partnering with the Food Bank for Westchester gave us our best chance for optimizing the value of our dollars, providing us with direction, guidelines, recommendations and peer advice. Our Pantry is required to comply with the Food Bank's firm regulations about running our Pantry, which includes making monthly statistical reports to them and having annual inspections by them.

PANTRY OPERATION

Our Pantry doors first opened in August, 2015. The Pantry is located in the entrance to the gymnasium. It is open for customers: Tuesday mornings 9:30-11am, Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm, and some Sunday mornings 11:30-1. It is also available on an as-needed basis. The Pantry serves Congregation Kol Ami members, staff, and guests of either. We serve adults, children and seniors. The Food Bank for Westchester requires that clients of our Pantry are registered with us in the unlikely event of a food recall. We do not have any additional eligibility requirements.

The Pantry stocks shelf stable foods and beverages, including baby food, when available. What is available to purchase from the Food Bank for Westchester varies at all times. When Clients visit our Pantry, they may choose what they want within minor guidelines. We also provide supermarket gift cards (to supplement our shelf stable goods with fresh, frozen and refrigerated foods) as requested.

EXPENSES AND FUNDING

The Pantry is funded solely by donations. Money comes from direct donations, the Fund for the Needy and from Rabbi Milgrom's Discretionary Fund. We have applied for and received 3 grants to date from the Food Bank (HPNAP donations, HPNAP purchases, and Green Thumb). We hope to receive these grants again. We also just submitted an application to The Giving Circle of Lower Westchester for a grant which would cover all of our expenses for a full year. Our current pantry expenses are approximately \$2,000/year.

STATUS

We just had an inspection by the Food Bank for Westchester this month, and we received glowing reviews.

The struggle to overcome peoples' shame and embarrassment at needing food continues. Despite our knowledge of people in the Congregation who might benefit from our Pantry, and our gentle calls, nudges and even sermons to ease this feeling, the hurdle persists. We have offered a variety of options to alleviate the unease including delivery, supermarket gift cards, and arranging a private date with Jess Lorden to shop in the pantry. Additionally, last Spring we began to prepackage bags of food from our Pantry, and they are left in our Temple foyer so that they can be taken anonymously. All of the bags are taken every week.

We are providing basic food to those who need. It is a mitzvah of which we should all feel proud, and just one more reason why Kol Ami is a Congregation Extraordinaire!

Fondly,

Jess

KOL AMI PANTRY



Celebrate Israel Parade Sunday June 4th

The five synagogues of White Plains, represented by the Israel Action Committee will join the Westchester Jewish Council to salute Israel's statehood and independence.

Parade time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm ~~~ Route: Fifth Avenue 57th – 74th Street

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

To register to march in the parade, contact the people listed below:

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Congregation Kol Ami, Jack Berger, jicchak@aol.com

Hebrew Institute of White Plains, Dean Ungar, deanungar1@gmail.com

Temple Israel Center, Jonathan Flaxer, jflaxer@golenbock.com

Young Israel of White Plains, Moshe Mirsky, mzmjfb@aol.com



A Message From Our Religious School Director

FELICE MILLER BARITZ



It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by. As the end of our school year approaches... there's still much to do and lots going on. Please keep checking The Gold Standard for updates. If you haven't yet... friend us on *Facebook* at Congregation Kol Ami!

With lots of end-of-year activities and programs, we don't want you to miss a thing.

Our annual Zimriyah (Song festival) will take place on Sunday, May 21st. Everyone is invited to join us as we mark the end of another year with songs and dances. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to join together and celebrate a year filled with joy and learning. Everyone is invited to join us afterwards for our end of year Picnic. Look for details soon!

Registration for next year is now open! **You**

only need to complete the online registration form if you have a NEW student entering our school, if your child is entering grades 8-12 or if any of your information has changed. Please visit www.nykolami.org and click on REGISTRATION!

Students currently enrolled in grades K-6 will automatically be rolled over in our data-base. To confirm your child's registration for next year, all you need to do is pay your tuition or arrange an updated payment plan. If you have any questions, please call us!

Don't miss the chance to participate in our annual retreat! You can register on line or pick up a form outside the main office. Come for the weekend, or just for a day. It's a wonderful way to connect to the very best Kol Ami has to offer. Get details on the website, and sign up to join us. We hope to see you there!

Fondly,
Felice



ROSH HODESH: IT'S A GIRL THING!

High School Girls
Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!

Come celebrate the new Hebrew month with some girl time at Kol Ami!

When: Sunday, March 5th, Sunday, April 23rd, Sunday, May 7th

Who: 11:15-12:30 Keshet (Hebrew for Rainbow) Peer facilitated group for all LGBTQ teens and allies
12:30-2:00 Rosh Hodesh monthly gathering for 8th – 12th grade girls.

What: The opportunity to talk about the things that matter...

Where: Room #20

Theme: Come as you are! (Wear comfy clothes and get ready to relax and recharge)

Eat: Pizzal (provided by Kol Ami)

RSVP: RavLaurie@gmail.com



Congregation Kol Ami, Scarsdale Synagogue, Woodlands Community Temple, Westchester Reform Temple

Invite you to join us for a special screening of the film SCREENAGERS.

Wednesday, May 3rd

Pizza and Salad at 6:00pm, The movie will begin at 6:30pm

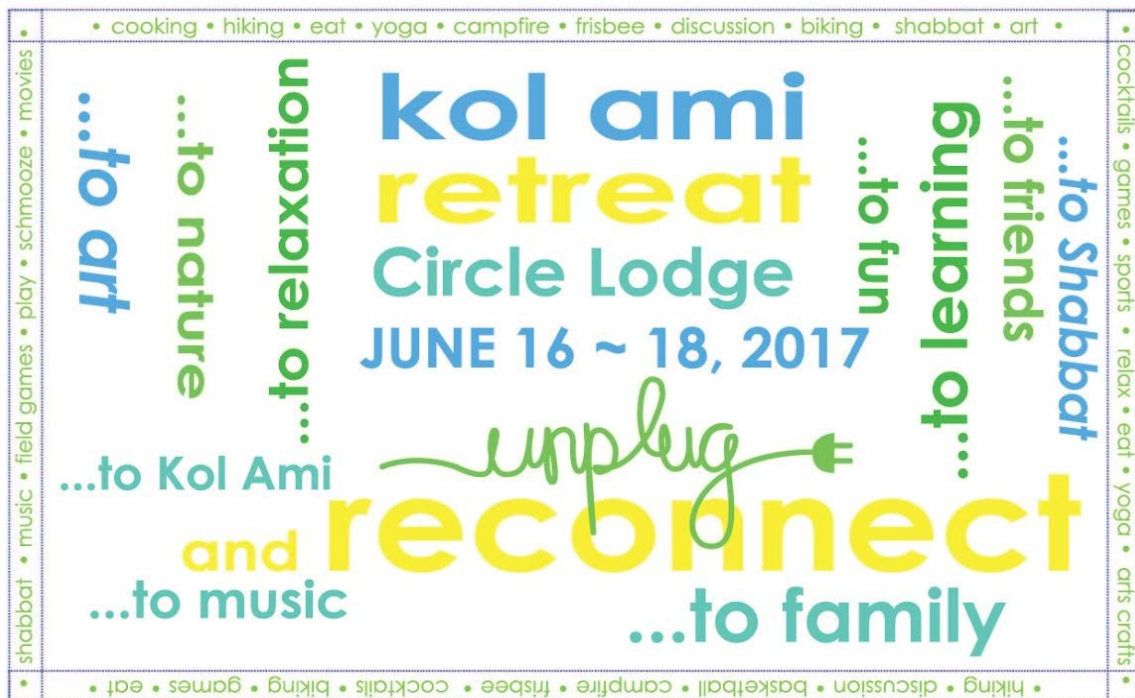
NO COST! RSVP REQUIRED!

Please visit <https://impactflow.com/event/2615/checkout/tickets> to reserve your spot now!

We are thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time.

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it.



LAST TWO CHANCES!

**Don't miss the opportunity to participate
in Kol Ami's Community Art Project
*Expressions of Hope***

Friday evening, May 12th & Sunday morning, May 14th

Your individual expressions of hope, your individual voice,
will become part of an art installation at the entrance to Kol Ami.
*Only with your participation can we successfully represent who we are as a community and truly
represent the "voice of our people."*

**The workshop will be presented throughout the evening and morning
before, during and after services and as part of our Religious School Day of Chesed**

~~Workshops will take place in the ATRIUM~~

No artistic talent needed!

Appropriate for people ages 6 and up.
We will have "stained glass" coloring activities to occupy
young children while parents participate.

Thank you to those who already participated in this workshop.
Your meaningful contributions to the project will be a part of the installation.

Women of Reform Judaism (Kol Ami Sisterhood)

KOL AMI SISTERHOOD BARBARA GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

The Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund is named in loving memory of Barbara Gruber who was an active member and leader of our congregation. Among her many contributions to our community, she was a President of our Sisterhood, co-chair of numerous Holiday Boutiques, and the manager of the Judaica Shop. Barbara was married to Matt Gruber, the

Executive Director of our synagogue for many years, and a resident of White Plains where they raised their three children.

In order for us to continue this valuable program, the Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund requires replenishment through contributions. Donations in any amount are welcome and can be made to honor an individual, to commemorate a meaningful experience, or "just because." Acknowledgement will appear in Kol Ami's Connection.

Checks may be written to "The Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund," WRJ, and mailed to Sisterhood, c/o Congregation Kol Ami or left in the Sisterhood drawer in the Temple office. Any questions may be addressed to either Mimi Rogowsky at (914) 522-2723, miriambrogowsky@optonline.net, or Sheryl Brady at (914) 761- 8345, sxbrady@verizon.net.

Thank you for your support!

Sheryl Brady Rachel Eckhaus

Stacey Matusow

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGANTS!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL

Holiday Shopping Spree!



**Sunday, December 3rd, 2017
9am - 3pm**

If you are interested in participating as a vendor in this year's event, please contact Jill jetdomino@optonline.net or Marsha marshageller@gmail.com by June 15th for more information



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM | Stronger Together



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM Kol Ami Sisterhood

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, May 30th. On that day, our tenth grade Religious School students, listed below, will participate in the Shavout Confirmation Service, dedicating themselves anew to the values of our faith. We rejoice with them and their families on this special occasion.

Sending a personal, simple greeting is traditional for this milestone, delivering the good wishes of the sender and providing the warm pleasure of being remembered to the recipient. Each confirmand will receive a booklet of greetings which will make for a wonderful keepsake. This form contains the name of each confirmand and the option to create a personal greeting or choose from

several pre-made greetings. The deadline for sending a greeting is **Monday, May 15th**. We hope you will participate in this meaningful project. Please visit: <https://congregationkolami.formstack.com/forms/confirmation2017> to send your greetings.

. . Thank you.

Sheryl Brady Rachel Eckhaus Stacy Matusow
Co-Presidents,

Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism

p.s. If you are a parent of a confirmand please feel free to share this form with friends and family outside of Kol Ami.

"Jewish Journeys" has expanded its horizons to include journeys of various types and destinations. No matter the journey - personal or professional, brief or in depth, spiritual or secular - travel of any kind enriches the mind, body and soul.

"Forever Journeys" By Susan Ross

In the months ahead, many of you will travel-- personally, professionally, near or far. No matter why or where, as you journey with family, friends or by yourself, may the following be yours:

May your travels have grand hellos and grateful goodbyes.

May you find friendships and laughter at every turn.

May your fulfillment be limitless in time and place.

May you embrace every journey knowing more than

before.

May you always have blessings of a life well lived.

Enjoy all future adventures, be it religious or secular, with family, friends or alone.

Travel always broadens the mind and nourishes the soul.

Have a glorious BON VOYAGE!

Congregation Kol Ami Invites you to LGBTQ+ Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 2, 2017

6:15 pm

Guest Speaker Max Antman



LGBTQ Advocacy in a New Political Climate

Max Antman is currently a Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center. He works as an advocate on Capitol Hill on behalf of the Union for Reform Judaism, whose 900 congregations across the United States encompass 1.5 million constituents. His legislative work focuses on LGBTQ+ equality, immigration, judicial nominations and Native American issues.

In this work Max authors press releases, opinion editorials, statements, action alerts, blog posts, speeches, talking points and memos connecting Jewish teachings to legislative issues in order to educate and mobilize our constituency.

Max also leads conferences for 2,000 high school students, including planning and facilitating educational programming and preparing students to lobby their members of Congress on the issues of LGBTQ+ equality, judicial nominations and economic justice.

Previously Max worked as a Legislative Staff Intern for the Illinois House of Representatives Democratic Caucus. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Max also has extensive experience in the Reform Jewish camping world.

Max Antman is an engaging, knowledgeable and brilliant advocate and speaker. We are very fortunate to have him with us.

THIS SERVICE IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

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Kol Ami Doctors and Nurses Needed

We would like to create a list of doctors and nurses who would be willing to be "on call" at Kol Ami during the High Holy Day services. If you would be willing to assist a congregant in need of medical assistance during the High Holy Days (at whichever service you typically attend), please email Staci Krantz at StaciKrantz@nykolami.org with your name and cell phone number. Jess, with support of Dr. David Cole and Dr. Jack Berger, will organize the group and follow-up with you.

Kol Ami Cares Opportunities for Volunteering

Kol Ami Cares provides endless opportunities for connection and caring in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Some of the ways in which our volunteers support the Kol Ami community include:

We call bereaved families, prepare a home for shiva, help, lead or participate in shiva services for families in mourning.

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.

Within our Kol Ami community, older congregants 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.)

Kol Ami Cares prepares and 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 or anyone you know can benefit from our assistance, please contact us immediately. Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers.

Kol Ami Cares Co-Chairs

Ginny Ruder -

ginnyruder@gmail.com 914-589-5283

Betsy McCormack -

betsyrmc@aol.com 914-960-9390

Please complete the form on the next page if you would like to be part of Kol Ami Cares.

Kol Ami Cares

The key is caring. Once a week, once a month or just one day.

Kol Ami Cares provides 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, 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 many other activities of mitzvot.

At the heart of a caring community is fulfilling these "sacred obligations" without measure:

- To perform acts of love and kindness
- To welcome the stranger
- To visit the sick
- To console the bereaved
- To make peace when there is strife

We hope you can contribute in one of the following ways (starred * items require at least one training session prior to participation):

A. Comfort the Bereaved

I would like to

- ☐ Provide a post-funeral meal or help set up the home for a shiva visit
- ☐ Help during a shiva period (e.g. childcare, telephoning, shopping or participating in a shiva service)

B. Visit the Sick

I would like to

- ☐ Visit congregants in their homes *
- ☐ Visit congregants in the hospital *
- ☐ Telephone congregants who are homebound or ill
- ☐ Offer help (e.g. transportation, food, shopping)

C. Share Knowledge

I would like to

- ☐ Read to those with limited eyesight
- ☐ Sing with a chorus in nursing homes
- ☐ Help tutor students after school
- ☐ Provide computer support

D. Support our Neighbors

I would like to

- ☐ Knit for our troops, babies and others
- ☐ Cook for the homeless shelter
- Sunday 11-12:30__ Monday 12-1:30__ Either __
- ☐ Focus on other Mitzvah programs in which I am interested
- Name of Program _____

E. Provide Transportation

I am available to

- ☐ Drive to/from Temple on Friday Shabbat Service
- ☐ Drive to/from Temple on Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
- ☐ Drive to/from Temple for Adult Education Programs or Special Events

Name _____

Email _____

Day Phone (cell) _____

Home Phone _____

- ☐ I am able to drive myself to programs.
- ☐ I need a ride to programs.

I would like to help in the administration of Kol Ami Cares.

**Please return completed forms
to the Kol Ami Office
Go to www.nykolami.org for program details**

Social Action

Cooking for the Homeless

In the Kol Ami kitchen

Sundays at 11:15am:

May 7, June 11

and

Mondays at 12:00pm:

May 22, June 12

The Cabin Group

Alcoholics Anonymous

Weekly (closed) Tuesday meetings

5:45pm

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Al-Anon

Weekly (closed) Thursday meetings

7:30pm

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Mitzvah Knitz

Together we'll knit afghans, caps for Israeli soldiers and more.

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

10:30am

The Kol Ami Singers

Join us at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as we sing songs, accompanied by Paul Schwarz. Bring a little sunshine to the residents and make a difference in their lives.

Wednesday, May 10th at 2:30 PM

Schnurmacher Nursing Home

12 Tibbets Ave.

White Plains, NY

KOL AMI PANTRY

Our Kol Ami Pantry, housed in the entry room of our gymnasium, is now open for our congregants, our staff, and guests of each. Our hours of operation are: Sunday 9:30AM - 11:00AM, Tuesday 9:30AM–11AM and Thursday 6:00PM–7:30 PM . If receiving food from our Pantry would help you at this time, please visit our Pantry and permit us to assist you. If you are able to make a financial donation to help us purchase food for others, we welcome your assistance as well. Operating the Kol Ami Pantry enables us to feed the hungry within our own community and promotes healthy living and social responsibility among our congregants and staff.

COACHMAN CORNER

We are thrilled to be working closely with new friends at the Coachman Family Center in White Plains. Our relationship began in the summer of 2014 and has flourished since that time. The projects include:

- Providing school supplies throughout the year
- Providing sports equipment
- Providing baby toys and equipment
- Providing books
- Providing tutoring support
- Monthly Birthday Parties for children up to 14 and separate teenage outings
- Thanksgiving Feast at Kol Ami
- Memorial Day Bar-B-Q at Kol Ami
- Knitting of blankets and providing them to the Children of the Coachman
- Providing winter coats
- Providing gift cards for the holidays

We welcome Religious School families to join us on these initiatives!

COACHMAN CORNER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are hosting new friends from the
Coachman Family Center for a
BBQ on Sunday, May 21st

at 5:00pm at

Congregation Kol Ami

If you are willing to help with set-up, serving,
games for children, or clean-up, please contact
Alison Adler at aadler3@verizon.net or
Lisa Hochman lisahochman@mac.com

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Mark Your Calendar and Give the Gift of Life Kol Ami Blood Drive

Tuesday June 7, 2016 -- 4:00 – 9:30 pm at Bet Am Shalom

We urge participation by temple members during this semi-annual blood drive.

You don't need to make an appointment.

Think About These Reasons to Give Blood

There is great satisfaction in knowing you've made a difference in the lives of others

As a blood donor you are an anonymous hero to somebody

"Pay it forward" if you have had a loved one receive blood in an emergency or when needed in surgery

It's a donation that only costs a little time

There is no substitute for blood; there is only one source – YOU

Make sure blood will be available when someone needs it

YOU can save lives. Bring a photo ID

For those who have never given, you will be surprised how easy it is. No one likes needles, but can't you endure a small bit of discomfort to save a life? Remember to eat well and have plenty of fluids prior to your giving. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

If you have specific questions about your donor eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900, or log on to www.nybloodcenter.org and click on Donate Blood,

or call David Klein, Men's Council Blood Drive Chair, at 761-7659.

"For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14
"Whoever saves a life, as if saves an entire world." Mishna Sanhedrin 4:5

Adult Education

Spiritual Journeying Groups

Mussar Classes

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
May 22, June 19

(fee for Kol Ami members \$72, \$100
for non-members)

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. Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. Please contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Women in Transition

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month,
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include but not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmshsheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

Women's Roundtable Breakfast*

Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am
May 3

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational women for learning and friendship.

Women's Oasis at Home "Getting in Touch with Mental Health through a Jewish Lens"

Final session - Eating Disorders - Who?
What? When? Where? Why?

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Tuesday, May 2

7:30pm

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Now entering its 6th year -

Newcomers Always Welcome!

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:45 am

Join us in learning mindfulness meditation, a practice of training the mind and the heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance and connection. No meditation experience necessary.

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, and certified meditation teacher. WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami.

Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, is our Partners-in-Caring liaison from Westchester Jewish Community Services, one of the largest social services agency in Westchester. WJCS, a non-sectarian agency, provides a wide variety of psychosocial programs and services to children, adults, families and special populations in our Westchester community.

Programs include:

- ◆ Geriatric care management and other senior programs
- ◆ Jewish Spiritual Healing Center: services for individual and families facing serious illness
- ◆ The Autism Center: residences for developmentally disabled adults individual bereavement counseling and support groups
- ◆ CENTER LANE: a center for the LGBT community....and much, much more.

As our congregation's liaison to WJCS, Ruth (an experienced clinical social worker and psychotherapist) can assist synagogue members in assessing and meeting challenging life situations by providing brief counseling, accessing needed resources and making appropriate referrals. Ruth also leads the Thursday morning Jewish Mindfulness Meditation group. Ruth can be reached directly through email (rrosenblum@wjcs.com) and phone (914 761-0600 ext. 148).

GATHER AND STUDY

God: A Biography

Thursday evenings

7:30 - 9:00pm

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

May 30 - Shavuot Tikkun (9:00-10:00pm)

A study of the Hebrew Bible as a biography of

God. How does God change or develop

throughout the books of the Hebrew Tanakh?

This fun, intriguing, eye-opening look at our Bible

is based on the book by Jack Miles, *God: A*

Biography. Participants should purchase the book

in hard copy or on a kindle

(the paper back has very small print.)

Israel in the News with David Gravitz

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:45 pm

May 2, 23; June 6, 20

Each session will feature in-depth discussion of

news items regarding Israel, both within Israel

and regarding Israel's relations with other

countries and with diaspora Jewry. History and

geography will be featured where appropriate and

occasionally guest speakers, both from within

and outside Kol Ami, will be invited.

Wisdom of the Sages at Kol Ami

Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Lively discussions of the world and our lives

based on some of the most provocative and

fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

All are welcome.

With Rabbi Tom Weiner

Current Events with

Beth & Gene Kava

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

May 8, 22, June 5, 19

Each session will provide participants an opportunity for in-depth examination of a current issue of the day. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video, or a guest speaker.

Kol Ami Book Club

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Come whether you've read the book or not; the discussion is always lively.

For more information contact Doris Dingott at

289-0869 or DLDingott@gmail.com

May 3rd

By "American Dervish" Ayad Akhtar

Prophets Seminar

Mondays 7:30 pm

Prerequisite-curiosity

We will study Deutero-Isaiah and Ezekiel. Ezekiel speaks of a return to the land after the Babylonian exile and the renewal of the covenant about which Jeremiah spoke. Deutero-Isaiah speaks of the Jewish future, a time when we shall be "a light unto the nations." We will examine the history and events surrounding their lives. Interpretations by Heschel, Buber and others will be examined.

PARENTING GROUPS

Parenting Teens Workshops

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

Next session May 4

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 and separation.

Grandparenting Workshops

Meets the 1st Monday of the month
9:15am

Next session May 8

Susan Davis, LCSW

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

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

Beginner Hebrew with Emily Fields*

Sundays at 9:00am

\$150 per semester/10 classes

Shabbat Sings

Hebrew prayers and songs

Learn the Service in Hebrew

(For Advanced Beginners who can slowly read Hebrew) with Emily Fields

Sundays at 10:00am

\$150 per semester/10 classes

Please contact Emily at
efgraph@optonline.net to register or if you require additional information.

Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman

Sundays at 10:00am

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and translating current Israeli publications. An informal learning environment. (Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455 for further information). Free of charge.

The Arts: Music & Drama

Congregational Choir

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm

For High School Students and Adults

Cantor David Rosen and

Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Or Chadash (A New Light)

Choir for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Sundays at 11:00 am

(when Religious School is in session)

Cantor David Rosen and

Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Fun and Games

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Kol Ami Atrium

Email Betsy McCormack

(Betsyrmc@aol.com)

for information

Join us for a great evening of fun and music co-sponsored by:
Congregation Kol Ami, Bet Am Shalom and Temple Israel Center



Thursday
May 25th
7:00 pm

Gratis Community Event
(Donations to HIAS* Welcome)

*Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, helping to
relocate those whose lives and freedom are at risk

Congregation Kol Ami
252 Soundview Ave.
White Plains

A Los Angeles based indie-global-collective group radically reconstructs Judaic and American cultural musical roots. Through ravenous post-klezmer beats and arresting Yiddish refrains, Mostly Kosher is a musical feast that explodes into a global food-fight of Jazz, Latin, Rock, Hip Hop, World and Folk.

Contributions



Congregation Kol Ami is grateful for the many donations that you give both in honor of joyous occasions and in memory of beloved family and friends.

To make the logistics easier and the gifting choices

clearer, a donor form is printed on the back of each monthly newsletter. Donor forms are also available in the Main Office and on our website (www.nykolami.org). We thank you for the generosity that goes into each of these donations!

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Donors' Address:

Occasion: ☐ In Memory of: ☐ In honor of: Name as you would like it to appear in our newsletter:

Send donation acknowledgement to:

(Please remember, acknowledgements are sent for contributions of \$18 or more. A listing will be posted as you would like it to appear in the newsletter for any donated amount.)

Amount Enclosed:

Please indicate your choice below and mail this form and a check to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. If you are interested in planned giving opportunities, please call the temple office at 914-949-4717.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships for high school graduates).	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Council Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities Fund (supports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
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May 2017 Calendar

Mon May 1

Yom HaZikaron
9:15 am - Gandparenting
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar
7:30 pm - Dr. Pierre Darmon - Why (and how) should I backup my computers?

Tue May 2

Yom HaAtzma'ut
7:30 pm - Womens Oasis - OFF SITE
7:30 pm - Israel In the News

Wed May 3

7:45 am - Women's Roundtable Breakfast
9:00 am - KA Reads Book Club
10:30 am - Mah Jongg
4:00 pm - 4th-6th Grade Religious School
6:30 pm - 7th-12th Grade Religious School Screening of "Sreenagers"

Thu May 4

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation
11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages
12:00 pm - Parenting Teens

Fri May 5

5:30 pm - Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm - Evening Shabbat Service
4th Grade Hassidic Wedding

Sat May 6

Lift My Shabbat
9:00am - Coffee and community
9:30am - Torah Study
11:00am - Shabbat Services
10:30 am - Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Ben Jeske and Talia Levenson
5:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Sophie and Aaron Klein

Sun May 7

9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School
11:00 am - Or Chadash Choir
11:15 am - Cooking for the Homeless

Mon May 8

11:00 am - Current Events
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

Tue May 9

11:30 am - Women in Transition
6:30-8:00pm - Cocktail Reception in Honor of Hank
8:00pm - Annual Meeting

Wed May 10

10:30 am - Mah Jongg
4:00 pm - 4th-6th Grade Religious School
6:30 pm - 7th-12th Grade Religious School

Thu May 11

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation

11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages
7:00pm - B'nai Mitzvah Introduction Meeting

Fri May 12

5:30 pm - Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm - Evening Shabbat Service
High School Shabbat
2nd Grade Family Shabbat & Torah Ceremony

Sat May 13

Lift My Shabbat
9:00am - Coffee and community
9:30am - Torah Study
11:00am - Shabbat Services
10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kroin
5:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service: Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Meyer

Sun May 14

Mother's Day
Religious School DAY OF CHESED
9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School
11:00 am - Or Chadash Choir

Mon May 15

7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

Tue May 16

10:00 am - Mitzvah Knits
7:30 pm - Israel In the News

Wed May 17

10:30 am - Mah Jongg
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LAST WEDNESDAY
4:00 pm - 4th-6th Grade Religious School
6:30 pm - 7th-12th Grade Religious School

Thu May 18

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation
11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages

Fri May 19

5:30 pm - Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm - Evening Shabbat Service

Sat May 20

Lift My Shabbat
9:00am - Coffee and community
9:30am - Torah Study
11:00am - Shabbat Services
10:30 am - Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Noah Tirschwell and Stephanie Kornberg
5:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service: Bat Mitzvah of Alison Kremer

Sun May 21

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LAST DAY
9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School
Zimriyah and End-of-Year Picnic
5:00pm: Coachman BBQ

Mon May 22

Yom HaShoah
11:00 am - Current Events
12:00 pm - Cooking for the Homeless
12:30 pm - Mussar Class
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

Tue May 23

7:30 pm - Sisterhood Annual Membership dinner

Wed May 24

10:30 am - Mah Jongg

Thu May 25

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation
11:00 am - Wise Aging
11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages
7:00pm - "Mostly Kosher," an evening of fun and music

Fri May 26

5:30 pm - Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm - Evening Shabbat Service

Sat May 27

Lift My Shabbat
9:00am - Coffee and community
9:30am - Torah Study
11:00am - Shabbat Services

Mon May 29

OFFICE CLOSED
Memorial Day
7:00 pm - Confirmation Dinner & Blessings

Tue May 30

Erev Shavuot
7:00 pm - Erev Shavuot Service & Confirmation & Dessert Reception
9:00 pm - Shavuot Tikkun, God: A Biography with Shira Milgrom

Wed May 31

OFFICE CLOSED
Shavuot
10:00 am - Yizkor Service
12:00 pm - Shavuot Oneg



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