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WE ARE A COMMUNITY  
THAT MAKES INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN**

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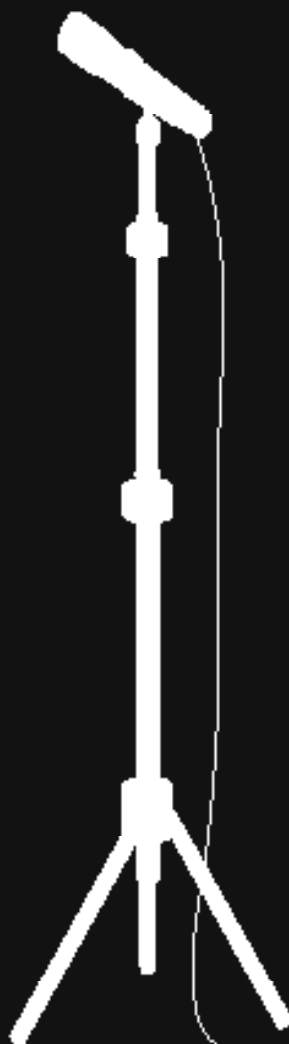
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# SHABBAT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Friday Evening Services

### Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children

A service in story and song

5:30 - 6:00pm *in the Atrium*

Followed by Shabbat crafts, light supper & supervised childcare

6:15 - 7:15pm *in the Gallery*

### Kabbalat Shabbat Services

6:15pm *in the Main Sanctuary*

## Saturday Morning Services

### Shabbat Morning Spiritual Lift with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

*Schulman Chapel-in-the-Woods*

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30 -11:00am Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

**Save the Date for our Annual Gay Pride  
Shabbat, June 17th**

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN BUILDING  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

## WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR MAY

### Week ending May 7, 2016

*Parashat Ahare-Mot* Leviticus 16:1-18:30

This *parasha* begins with a reminder of the death of Aaron's sons, and is a reminder of the magnitude of the priests' duties and responsibilities. The *parasha* also includes God's instructions to Moses and Aaron on the procedures surrounding Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

### Week ending May 14, 2016

*Parashat Kedoshim* Leviticus 19:1-20:27

*Parashat Kedoshim* continues with the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God explains to Moses the many ethical and ritual laws aimed to help 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 21, 2016

*Parashat Emor* Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor provides details about the lives of the priests and their families. The priestly role could be seen as both an honor and a burden. This *parasha* also includes the most comprehensive holiday calendar in the Torah.

### Week ending May 28, 2016

*Parashat B'har* Leviticus 25:1-26:2

This *parasha* presents a vision of a society guided by God-given principles of human freedom, human dignity and concern for the most vulnerable in society. It includes laws regulating the sabbatical year, giving the earth a complete rest; and the jubilee year, in which land and vineyards must not be worked. It also provides for the granting of liberty to all Israelites enslaved during the previous forty-nine years.

## We will be celebrating the following children becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah this month! Mazal Tov!



Julie Samantha Gross, daughter of Nancy and Roy Gross and sister of Liza and Daniel will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 7, 2016. Julie is a seventh grader at Edgemont Junior High School. For Julie's mitzvah project, she is taking part of her Bat Mitzvah money and donating it to the Yemin

Orde school in Israel. The Yemin orde school is a safe, supportive environment for children have suffered trauma in their young lives from isolation and neglect to abandonment and extreme poverty. At Yemin Orde, they find a home, a family and a future. We were fortunate enough to visit that school on our recent trip to Israel and she found it to be a compelling story. Julie enjoys playing tennis, basketball and golf.



Sabrina Zayle Koff, (zay-lee) daughter of Mitchell and Sandra Koff and older sister to Leanna and Talia is a seventh grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Blessed with smarts, athleticism, and a beautiful soul, Sabrina has excelled in competitive skiing and enjoys team sports surrounded by friends and was recently

picked to represent her school at a prestigious singing event in California.

Her Mitzvah and contributions to her community have been a myriad of projects including assisting low income families acquire furniture at Habitat for Humanity of Westchester, assisting a halloween event for challenged kids and volunteered with the Westchester food bank. On May 7, 2016 Sabrina will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends and take a traditional step forward as a young adult ready for new challenges and milestones.



Riley James Vogel, daughter of Tara and David and sister to Jessie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 14, 2016. Riley is a seventh grader at Ardsley Middle school. For her Mitzvah project she once again is involved in A Mild Sprain

Trail Race, which benefits JDRF by raising money in helping to find a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research. This years event will be held on May 22nd and info can be found at [www.amildsprain.org](http://www.amildsprain.org) Riley enjoys spending time with her family, playing lacrosse, hanging with her friends and making up crazy dances.



Ethan Paul Strug, son of Elyssa and Lowell Strug and brother to Danny & Alex, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 21, 2016. Ethan is in the 7th grade at Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School. He plays hockey for his school and is a Bronxville

Blackhawk. For Ethan's mitzvah project he volunteers his time at The Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, NY.



# A Message from our Cantor

DAVID ROSEN



Hi Everyone!

As I write this article I am preparing to embark on a wonderful journey to Jazz fest in New Orleans! I will be joined by Rabbi Tom and some other great Dads and their kids from Kol Ami...

I can't help but also look forward to next year at this time when I will be leading a congregational journey to Israel. The trip is entitled "Exploring the Arts: Food, fashion, wine and culture in Israel." The trip will be a 10-day voyage and will include highlights such as:

- a food tour of the Galilee with food connoisseur, forager and author Abbey Rosner
- a performance "Not By Bread Alone," featuring the NaL-agaat theater troupe, whose actors are both visually and hearing impaired.
- Fashion Tour through Tel Aviv with fashion aficionado, Galit Reisman.
- a stop at Nura's Kitchen in Daliat-al-Carmel for a traditional Druze meal and cooking workshop
- a trip to Tsefat and workshop with artist David Freedman on art and mysticism.

And so much more!!!

I hope you will join me on this incredible adventure...

Stay tuned for details!!!

Cantor David



# 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 12th 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, Rabbi's Shira, Tom, Cantor David, and Felice, our Religious School 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 Dad (or your 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 4th with a short morning of cooking sponsored by White Plains Hospital, games with Coach Steve and a classroom craft activity. The 3's will have their chance on Wednesday,

May 11th 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 Westchester Jewish Center in Mamaroneck. 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 led 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 26th 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 three fundraising co-chairs, Danielle Gecht, Liz Ilberg, and Emily Campbell our new Community Playground was completed. Our Sandy Playground, a place that our entire Kol Ami community and surrounding neighborhood enjoys all year long, is now completely renovated and we are so thankful to Danielle, Liz, and Emily and to all of our families who donated generously to help make this happen.

Love,  
Nan

## ECP EVENTS AND REMINDERS

May 4	4's Bring Your Dad to School
May 9	ECP Closed for Staff In-service
May 10	2's and pre-k conferences 5:30-8:30pm
May 11	3's Bring Your Dad to School Day
May 23	Family Math Night for 3's, 4's, & 5's 6:00-7:30pm <b>advanced reservations are a must</b>
May 26	ECP Art Show and Breakfast
May 30	ECP Closed for Memorial Day

## 4's and 5's Families



### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

And Join Us At  
Kol Ami's Religious School's

## Zimriyah 2016

An Annual Festival of Song and Dance



Our 4's and 5's will be Dancing with Shmulik and  
Singing with Cantor David

In the Auditorium at 10:00am  
Watch your kids singing and dancing!  
Then Stay for Lunch and Ice Cream!



### Congregation Kol Ami's Summer Session

Building a Community of Friends One Family at a Time

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

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



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An array of fun  
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#### Look at Me I'm 3!

Daily special activities,  
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## CONGREGATION KOL AMI early childhood program

*building a community of friends one family at a time*

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Registration for  
2016-2017 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 Program for 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 Ext. 107**



# A Message from Our President

HANK ROUDA



Every year the calendar plays a trick on me. I feel like we just started the programming year and then Hanukkah arrives and, just as quickly, it's Pesach. And, now, another programming year is coming to an end. And, as we've come to expect at Kol Ami, it was truly special.

Our music program, under the direction of Cantor David Rosen and our Music Director, Lenora Eve, was outstanding. Our new musicians are providing a new level of spirit and beauty to our Kabbalat Shabbat services. The versatility of this extraordinarily talented group of people adds to the diversity and uniqueness of each Shabbat. And adding to the beauty of our music program were the performances by the Westchester Symphonic Winds (with congregant Rachel Eckhaus) and the Chordsmen (with congregants Scott Pollak and Paul Schwartz).

Our Synaplex evenings continue to be thought-provoking, entertaining and uplifting. The last Synaplex of the year is coming up on May 13 and we'll reprise our most popular Synaplex evening – the Biblical trial. This year we'll be putting King Saul on trial for the attempted murder of the future King David. The trial teams led by congregants Scott Musoff and Michael Zweig will, once again, bring the Torah to life as we struggle with the real implications of the actions of our biblical heroes (and anti-heroes).

Since it is spring, that means that there's usually a benefit or gala and this year things are going to be a little different. First, you're going to get the opportunity to sample the varied talents of your fellow congregants at Kol Ami's Got Talent on Thursday, May 12. This promises to be a fun evening filled with plenty of laughs, singing and who knows what else. We're also kicking off our crowdsourced fundraiser that night – Kick In For Kol Ami. We're making it as simple as possible for you to participate. All that you have to do is go to the website <https://www.crowdrise.com/kick-in-for-kol-ami1> and make your donation. It's really that easy. The idea is to get as many people as possible to participate rather than relying on just those who come to the benefit (although, we hope that you do both!). How much should you donate to Kick In For Kol Ami? We just ask that you make a donation that is meaningful to you. It can be as little as \$18 or as much as... Together, we can make this unique fundraising initiative a true success. It is up to each of us to provide for the stability and well-being of our community.

This time of year also means that it's time for the Annual Meeting. I know, this is the part where you stop reading this column and look to see what else is going on at the temple. That's unfortunate, as you're missing out on one of the most informative and important nights of the year. The recaps that you'll get from the clergy, our

Executive Director, our educators and me will give you a better insight into the true depth and breadth of our programming and what has transpired over the past year and where we're going. But, even more important, you'll have a true voice in the future of our congregation. If, due to unavoidable conflicts, you are unable to attend, you can still have a voice by filling out a proxy that will be available on-line or at the office. While your proxy vote will count, we hope to see you, in person, at the Annual Meeting on May 17.

These are just a few examples of the tremendous depth and breadth of the programming that are offered at Kol Ami every year. I encourage you to check out our website ([www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org)) to find out even more about what's going on. I look forward to seeing you often!

L'shalom  
Hank

**Please join us at the  
Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
at 8:00 pm.**

**Watch the mail for  
further details.**

**Nominations for 2016-2017  
Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

**Officers to be Elected**

(for a one-year term expiring in 2017)

President	Hank Rouda
Treasurer	Jonathan Litt
Secretary	Rachel Eckhaus

**Vice Presidents (for a three-year term expiring in 2018)**  
Scott Musoff

**Vice Presidents (for a three-year term expiring in 2019)**

**Continuing Vice President (term expiring in 2017)**

Gerri Sommers	Susan Kohn Arovas
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**New Trustees to be Elected (for a three-year term expiring in 2019)**

Judi Brown	Danielle Gecht
Bonnie Hagen	Elizabeth Mayeri
Pam Millian	Jeff Rothschild

**Trustees to be Elected for a Second Term (for three years expiring in 2019)**

Susan Kohn Arovas	David Cole
Betsy McCormack	Steve Salzinger

**Continuing Trustees (term expiring in 2018)**

Howard Geller	Evelyne Klein
Howard Klein	Jennifer Labovitz
Jonathan Litt	David Okun

Scott Musoff

**(term expiring in 2017)**

Lori Abrams	Jack Berger
Susan Davis	Rachel Eckhaus
Linda Forman	Michael Goldban
Lisa Hochman	Liz Ilberg
Andrew Levenson	Hank Rouda
Gerri Sommers	Leslie Wiesen

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Elizabeth Ward

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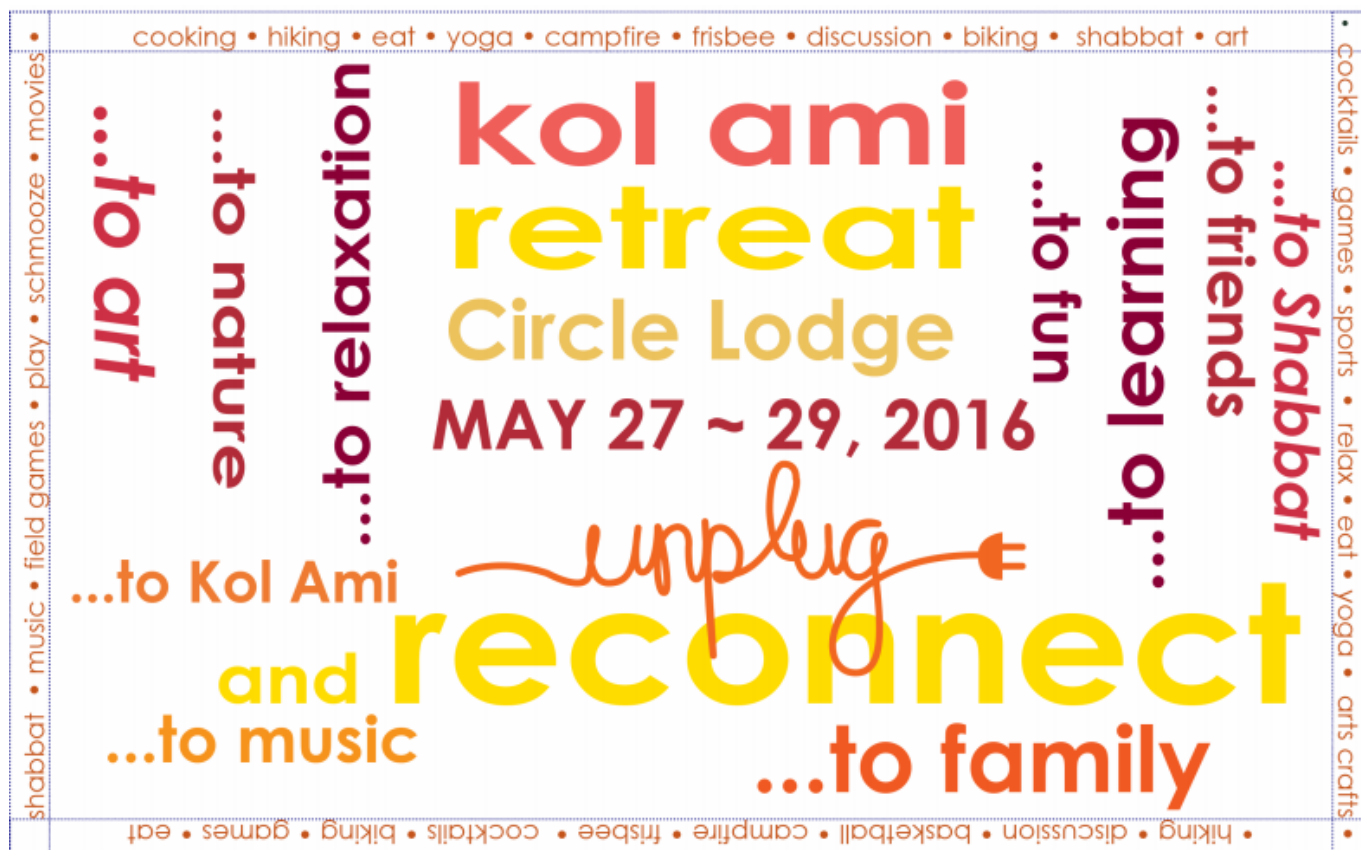
**Article VII  
Nominations**

**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 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.



#### Did You Know?

The Retreat is a chance to

**UNPLUG** from stress and distractions and **RECONNECT...**

...with family and friends when you participate in programming together.

...with nature while running or hiking on wooded paths in a boat on Sylvan Lake.

...with your mind and spirit during scholarly conversation or while reviewing Judaic text with clergy.

...with who you are surrounded by beauty, family, and friends.

#### Did You Know?

The Retreat has something for everyone! From supervised activities for our youngest members to opportunities for those that are young at heart. Join us at for a chance to release your inner scholar, artist and athlete. Or, for those looking for a more relaxed experience, grab (or download) your favorite book and take advantage of the chance to relax by Sylvan Lake.

#### Did You Know?

That you do not have to miss the Retreat because of a prior commitment or if you are unsure about staying at Camp Kinder Ring. You can come for just one night or for the day on Saturday!

**Ready to register?** [Click here](#) or stop by the Kol Ami Office to fill out a registration form.

**Have additional questions or concerns?** Contact Genna Farley at [Genna.Farley@gmail.com](mailto:Genna.Farley@gmail.com).

# A Message from Our Religious School

FELICE MILLER BARITZ



The view out of my office window is filled with green... spring has arrived and we are all enjoying the sunshine and warmth after a long winter. As our school year races towards the finish, we have so many exciting programs in the coming weeks. Please make sure you're reading

the Gold Standard and checking your calendar so you don't miss anything!

Religious School Registration for next year will begin SOON! Please watch for e-mails with information about our registration process. If you know of families in our community who are not yet members and are interested in putting their children into Religious School, please have them call me at 914-949-4714 x 124.

For those of you who have never been able to join us in the past... this year is a great time to become part of our community at our Annual Retreat. The Retreat, which will take place this year on Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29) is an amazing example of the best that Kol Ami has to offer. Our community joins together to celebrate Shabbat with food, study, games and all forms of fun. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and get to know members of our community. It's a chance to sit and talk... and learn about the

things that bind us together as a community. There is supervision for children of all ages and activities for everyone. If you want to learn more, or have any questions about the Retreat, please call me!

Our School Zimriyah (song festival) and end of year Picnic will take place on Sunday, May 15th. Please don't miss the chance to hear all our students join together in song and celebrate a wonderful year together! Everyone is invited!

Our work continues after the school year ends and I look forward to the opportunity to focus on planning and programming for the next school year. As always, the end of a school year provides me with the chance to thank all of our parents for the ongoing commitment to your children and to maintaining their connection to Jewish life and Jewish learning. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered, who have asked questions, challenged convention and just stopped in to share a part of yourself with me. Through these connections, we work together to build a vibrant, engaged and always evolving Jewish community. I am honored to be a part of such a community with all of you.

With wishes for a joyous and relaxing summer,  
Felice

**The 8th Graders  
of Congregation Kol Ami  
welcome the community to join  
together as we honor the memory of  
those who perished in The Holocaust**

*Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
at 7:30pm  
Yom HaShoah Community Service  
in the Main Sanctuary*





# A Message from Our Executive Director

JESS LORDEN



As I write this article, Earth Week is coming to an end and our flowers and trees are finally starting to bloom. Accordingly, this article concerns our Green Team and green initiatives. Our Green Team was formed just one year ago. The team,

chaired by Bonnie Hagen, includes Rabbi Ilyse Glickman, Pam Millian, Daryl Moss, David Seicol, Murray Shapiro, Abdul Tubman, and me. This dedicated team is making a difference and having a positive impact on Kol Ami and the world.

Our first significant project was intended to address energy conservation and reduce energy costs. After an energy audit and an engineering analysis led by Bonnie Hagen and her colleagues at Bright Energy Services and Atlantic Westchester, we secured a grant from Con Ed for \$85,000 to help pay for upgrades to our HVAC units, retrofitting the fluorescent and incandescent lighting to LEDs and installing controls. The project is expected to yield an annual energy bill reduction of more than \$80,000.

With an eye on raising awareness of conservation, the Green Team turned to the creation of a "Green" Shabbat. We joined together with our second grade families and our choir for a wonderful service on April 15th. The service

featured special readings by the Green Team. During the oneg we served exclusively local and organic food and drinks and served the food using recyclable plates and utensils. Our goal for the evening was zero waste.

Below you will find a photo of the Green Team (missing Pam Millian) in the main sanctuary and another of the Green Team with White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and NY State Assemblyman David Buchwald, both of whom attended the evening's festivities.

Over the next few weeks you will see new bins throughout the building with separate units for garbage, recycling, and composting. Thereafter, we will continue our exploration of solar energy options.

The enthusiasm of the Green Team is contagious. The team is focused on important projects, both financially and spiritually, intended to improve the sustainability of our synagogue and community.

If there is a social action initiative about which you are passionate, I would welcome hearing from you.

Regards,  
Jess



## "Jewish Journeys"

A journey implies traveling from one place to another, from Point A to Point B. A Jewish journey adds a greater dimension which may involve more introspection and evaluation of one's goals. The aim of "Jewish Journeys" is to be a "partner" with various congregants as they relate their experiences of discovery at Kol Ami.

In this edition of The Connection, Pat Haskel will be our "guide" as she describes her religious passages at Kol Ami.

We hope that this column will enhance our readers' connection to Kol Ami.

Why did I come to Kol Ami?

The first time I came to The Lift, I came with my friend, Barbara Wexler. We had met at Dorry's Diner and the Walkabout Chorus.

I was impressed with how friendly everyone was and how knowledgeable they were during the discussion of the Torah portion. It fascinated me and made me want to come back and learn more from the congregants and the clergy.

The first time I went to High Holy Day services, I found a packet of 3 pieces of paper on my seat. I was intrigued with that also. It gave me cause to reflect on my life and events of that past year. I completed the papers and returned them to the temple. Again, I was impressed with the services, the music and the congregants' participation. One of my favorite parts was the blowing of the shofar and the echo.

I have belonged to other congregations and have not felt the same connection that I do at Kol Ami. I have found my spiritual home and for that I am grateful.

Pat Haskel

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# Women of Reform Judaism

## Serach bat Asher

As I write this article, we have just completed the second day of Passover. Within the context of the story of the Exodus, I recently learned about a female Torah heroine about whom I had no previous knowledge, Serach bat Asher, who is counted among those who went down to Egypt (Genesis 46:17) and who is later enumerated among the Israelites who escaped from Egypt, at the steppes of Moab (Numbers 26:46). Having been listed as a granddaughter of Jacob and having participated in the Exodus from Egypt, she is often referred to as the oldest woman in the Torah. Although nothing further is written about her there, the fact that she is the only one of her gender to be mentioned in the genealogical lists, indicated to the Rabbis that she must have been very worthy to be singled out for special mention; thus Serach bat Asher is the subject of many midrashim which portray her as a fascinating personality. This month, I thought it would be interesting to introduce our congregation to a little-known woman in the Passover story. Here is just a snapshot distilled from the many narratives passed down about Serach bat Asher.

Serach bat Asher is described as a woman of great beauty and wisdom who could play the lyre. A midrash tells us that when Joseph was reunited with his brothers in Egypt and sent them back to Canaan to bring their father Jacob to him, Serach was chosen to break the news to Jacob that Joseph was still alive; through her beautiful music and song, she revealed the news in a gentle and loving manner. Jacob is said to have been so pleased that he responded by blessing her, "May you live forever and never die". And she was allowed to enter Heaven alive (joining the ranks of only Enoch and Elijah).

Serach's immortality and wisdom are part of a story set in the time of the Rabbis when Rav Johanan is teaching in the beit midrash, discussing verse 22 from Exodus 14 regarding the waters of the Sea of Reeds parting, "forming a wall for them on their left and on their right". When asked how water could become as a wall, Rav Johanan describes it as a sort of net. However, Serach appears in order to resolve the disagreement, describing herself as having been there, and that "the water was not as a net, but as transparent windows". She is perceived as able to comprehend and to participate in learning in the beit midrash, and her answer is the preferred one because of her first-hand knowledge.

In yet another midrash, when the Israelites are ready to leave Egypt, Moses searches for Joseph's coffin all over Egypt as Joseph had had his brothers swear that they would bring his bones from Egypt to Canaan upon their departure from Egypt. When Moses cannot find it, he turns to Serach for help, the only one of that generation still alive. She leads Moses to the bank of the Nile and tells him that Pharaoh had Joseph's body placed in a lead coffin and thrown into the Nile to bless its waters and so that the children of Israel would never be able to find it and fulfill their promise to Joseph, and thus

would not be able to leave Egypt. Moses pronounces some well-chosen words, and Joseph's coffin rises to the surface.

According to another tradition, Serach lived until the destruction of the First Temple and was one of the exiles who went to Babylon, where she died, nearly 1000 years old. Her grave is said to be located in Pir Bakran, a small town about 30 km southeast of Isfahan (now in Iran). The site consists of a small synagogue and a huge cemetery which is probably 2000 years old.

Serach, who accompanies the Israelites to Egypt and enters the Promised Land with them, is considered by some to be the guardian of Israel's communal memory. She is inextricably linked to the leaders of our people and is said to embody the history of our people as well.

Thank you for your support!

Sheryl Brady

Rachel Eckhaus

Stacey Matusow

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Susan J. Gordon

Susan J. Gordon writes personal essays and articles about marriage and family life; the Holocaust and genealogy; parenting, seasonal and national holidays; and travel. Her latest work, *BECAUSE OF EVA: A Jewish Genealogical Journey*, was published by Syracuse University Press in April 2016. It's about Susan's Jewish journey through her own personal heart of darkness, and tells how what began as a seemingly simple search for the woman who buried Susan's grandfather inspired her to track down family members, and fly to Budapest and Ukraine to see where relatives lived and died before and during World War II, and in the Holocaust.

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Great  
Prizes!

# Ritual Riches

In decades past what we understood as “Jewish” such as what Jews wore, what Jews ate, what Jews looked like, was a small variety in many peoples’ minds. Some of those beliefs were real and many were stereo types. However many people were not uncomfortable with the stereotypical Jewish image. This may be due to a fear of assimilation. Today what some fear as assimilation can now be described as rainbow like in its’ colorful variety of images. This beautiful array of more colors than a Pantone color book includes skin color, hair color, clothing color, even food color. Today we live inside a kaleidoscope of life but still Jewish.

Our ideals our belief in repairing the world, our pride and joy at hearing the Shofar blown, or wrapping ourselves in a Talite are still at our center of belief. We still study Torah, we still name our sons at their Brit Milah and now many name their daughters on the Bima. Men and women can choose to wear a Talit and a Kipah. We sit together in the Synagogues and our leaders and clergy are incredible women and men. Our mates may not be Jewish, but if we choose that our children will be raised Jewish, our family is part of a welcoming Jewish world. We are welcoming to same gender couples. We are welcoming mixed faith or mixed nationality.

We in liberal Judaism would strive for an almost utopian Jewish world. A world that doesn’t try to impose beliefs on those outside of our lives. Why then do the people outside of our view choose not to act conversely towards us? In particular our brothers and sisters who share our DNA but not our ideals. We see a Jewish world in colors other than black and white.

Fundamentalists in politics or religion walk a narrow path often with blinders on. Their etched in stone male dominated society is tearing our world apart. They are attempting to rule not just our beliefs and ideals but our very rights to a Jewish life.

When God, as the Exodus song says’ “gave this land to us” God did not amend it to mean Jewish men with beards wearing black and white clothes. Liberal Jews strongly say “God meant all Jewish men and women”. This certainly means in the land or at the Wall. Freedom to have liberal Temples serving Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative Jews in numbers that represent the liberal Jewish view. Jews with the desire to find an equitable way to share in the land with those that were here when we returned seventy years ago. We have to be a light unto the world. A light that shows a variety of choices and a multitude of freedom for a multitude of people in a multitude of color.

*This article was written by Ed Stotsky. Ritual Riches is a monthly column written by members of the Worship Committee. We hope you find these articles interesting and informative.*

## CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12

On June 12th, our tenth grade Religious School students, listed here, 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.

Sisterhood will be offering online access, to send your good wishes and warm congratulations to these young people. Each confirmand will be given a list of greetings being sent to him/her, similar to the letter that accompanies Purim baskets.

The deadline for sending a greeting is Wednesday, June 1st. We hope you will participate in this meaningful project. Thank you.

*Best Wishes,  
Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow  
Co-Presidents, Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism*

## 2016 Confirmands

Charlie Abrams  
Sydney Barest  
Sloane Bates  
Julia Blotner  
Matthew Braun  
Jared Cole  
Sam Cole  
Matthew DeMarco  
Alistair Gluck  
Max Karl  
Emily Kopp  
Alexander Mayeri  
Max Pushkin  
Ryder Rose  
Lindsay Smith  
Nathan Hirsch Ward  
Samantha Weiner  
Zoë Weiner  
Ruthie Yankwitt



# Kol Ami

## *Opportunities for*

# Cares

## *Volunteering*

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

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

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

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

If you or anyone you know can benefit from our assistance, please contact us immediately. Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers.

***Betsy McCormack (betsyrmc@gmail.com)***

***Ginny Ruder (ginnyruder@gmail.com)***



## Social Action

### **Cooking for the Homeless**

In the Kol Ami kitchen

**Sundays at 11:15 am:**

May 22

and

**Mondays at 12:00 pm:**

May 2, June 6

### **The Cabin Group - Alcoholics Anonymous**

Weekly (closed) Tuesday meetings at 5:45 pm in the  
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

### **AL-ANON**

Weekly (closed) Thursday meetings at 7:30 pm in the  
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

### **Mitzvah Knitz**

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

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month.

May 3 at 10:30 am

### **The Kol Ami Singers**

Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at  
local nursing homes and assisted living  
facilities. Join us as we bring a little  
sunshine to the residents and make a  
difference in their lives. For information, call  
Murray Shapiro 914-946-7789

**Wednesday, May 25th at 2:30 PM**

The Bristal  
305 North Street  
White Plains, NY 10605

## Kol Ami Food Pantry Hours

Kol Ami Food Pantry is open to serve our congregants, staff and guests of both.

The Pantry is located in the entrance of our  
gymnasium and is open Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am, Tuesdays  
9:30am-11:00am and Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

Gift cards, private ordering and delivery is also  
available. For information, gift cards, private ordering/delivery contact

Jess Lorden, 914-949-4717 ext. 101.

## 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](http://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***



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are hosting new friends from the  
Coachman Family Center for a  
Bar-B-Q on

Sunday, May 22nd 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  
Jess Lorden at [jessicalorden@nykolami.org](mailto:jessicalorden@nykolami.org) or  
(914) 949-4717 ext. 101

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## COACHMAN CORNER

We are thrilled to be working closely with 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

Tutoring support

Monthly Birthday Parties for children up to 14

Separate teenage birthday outings

Thanksgiving Feast at Kol Ami

Memorial Day Bar-B-Q at Kol Ami

Knitting blankets for the Coachman children

**We welcome all Kol Ami members to join us in these initiatives!**

If you are interested in sponsoring a birthday party at the Coachman or would like to contribute to the Coachman Birthday Party initiative in other ways, please contact:  
Alison Adler (aadler3@verizon.net).

### **HELP US MAKE MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FOR ALL THE MOMS AT THE COACHMAN FAMILY SHELTER**



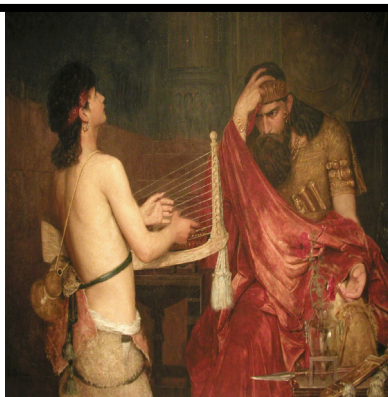
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Last year we made Mother's Day a special one for the  
Moms at the Coachman Family Center.  
We'd like to do so again this year!

We are asking our families to donate small, NEW travel size  
containers of soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, perfume  
samples, body and face lotion, deodorant, and make-up.

Beginning this week, you may drop-off these items in the collection  
bins in the Religious School Lobby.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!





Ernst Josephson



## The People v King Saul

### Crazy or Crazy Like a Fox? The Trial of King Saul for the Attempted Murder of David and other High Crimes

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

**Date/Time:** **Friday, May 13, 2016**  
5:00pm – 5:45pm Explorations in Jewish Music with  
Trio Shalva  
6:15pm – 6:45pm Services  
6:45pm – 8:00pm Dinner (upon reservation only) and  
congregational study  
7:15pm – 8:00pm **CLE Lecture (attorneys)**  
8:00pm - 9:30pm Trial  
9:30pm Coffee and Dessert  
(See Synaplex flier for detailed schedule & reservations)

Separate verdicts to be delivered by the Judge and the Congregation.

~~Attorneys: NY CLE Credit (2 hours)~~

#### Attorney for the People:

Scott D. Musoff, Litigation Partner,  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager & Flom LLP

#### Attorney for King Saul:

Michael P. Zweig, Litigation Partner,  
Loeb & Loeb LLP

**Presiding Judge:** Honorable Cathy Seibel, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (White Plains).

#### Participants and Actors:

Dr. Kathy Pike ♦ Paul Schwarz ♦ George Guidall (Shapiro) ♦ Jordan Stein ♦ Jordan Kalish ♦ Andy Sommers ♦ Ron Cole ♦ Josh Rosenthal

For more information, please call 919.949.4717 x115



**MAY 13, 2016**

#### Friday evening schedule :

**5:00 pm**  
Explorations in Jewish Music with  
Cantor David Rosen and special guests  
Trio Shalva. Israeli jazz Trio Shalva  
performs Mediterranean-influenced  
music from recent  
albums *Breeze* and *Riding Alone* as well  
as new original songs, with Assaf  
Gleizner (piano and melodica), Koby  
Hayon (bass guitar, acoustic guitar and  
oud), and Nadav Snir-Zelniker (drums  
and percussion). Trio Shalva (Hebrew  
for "serenity") explores both new and  
arranged compositions, combining  
elements of Jazz with Middle-Eastern,  
Israeli and Jewish influences.

**5:30 pm**  
Shabbat -in-the -Woods for families with  
young children; followed by supervised  
childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

**5:45 pm**  
Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

**6:15 pm**  
Shabbat Services

**6:45 pm**  
Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST  
BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

**7:30–9:45 pm**  
CLE Lecture, Congregational Study and  
Trial

**9:45pm**  
Relax at the end of a long day and week  
with dessert and coffee

#### The Main Event ...

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**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!!!**

For further information, contact Ilene Miller  
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## ENGAGE AND LEARN

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### **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**

#### **Current Events**

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30pm

May 2, 16, June 6, 20

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.

### **Women's Roundtable Breakfast**

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

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am

May 4

### **Kol Ami Book Club**

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20, May 4

"On The Move" by Oliver Sacks

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](mailto:DLDingott@gmail.com)

### **Mussar Classes**

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

May 2, June 6

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](mailto:pwax@wjcs.com) or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

### **Women in Transition**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month,

May 10, 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 [sturmersheila@gmail.com](mailto:sturmersheila@gmail.com) or 914-391-1227

### **Jewish Mindfulness Meditation**

#### **Now in its 5th 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.

## The Arts

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### **Congregational Choir**

Thursdays 7:45 - 9:30 pm

For High School Students and Adults

Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve, Accompanist

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Children in kindergarten through 6th Grade

Sundays at 11:00am (when Religious school is in session)

Cantor David Rosen and

Lenora Eve, Accompanist

### **Mah Jongg**

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Email Betsy McCormack

([Betsymc@aol.com](mailto:Betsymc@aol.com))

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**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**7:00pm**

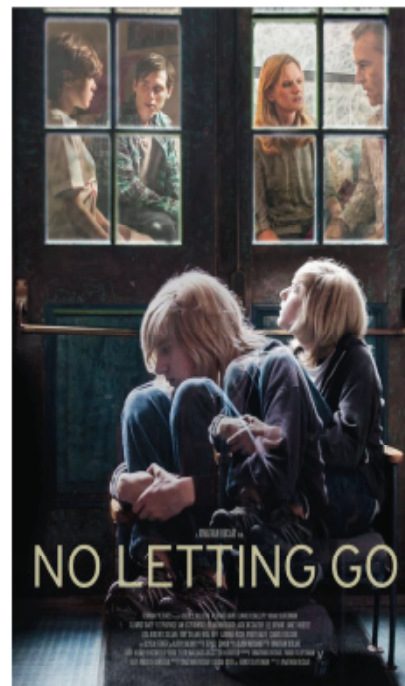
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Congregation Kol Ami is grateful for the many donations that you give both in honor of joyous occasions and in memory of beloved family and friends.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund for the Needy (provides assistance to those in need)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund for the Confirmands (10th graders)   |  |



# MAY 2016 Calendar

Sun May 1

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School

9:15am Parenting

11:00am Or Chadash Choir

Mon May 2

9:15am Grandparenting

11:00am Current Events

12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless

12:30pm Mussar Class

7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Tues May 3

10:30am Mitzvah Knits

7:30pm WRJ/Sisterhood

Membership Dinner Party

Wed May 4

7:45am Women's Roundtable Breakfast

9:00am KA Reads Book Club

10:30am Mah Jongg

4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School

6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School

Thu May 5

9:30am Jewish Meditation

11:00am Wisdom of the Sages

12:00pm Parenting Teens

7:30pm Executive Meeting

7:45pm Adult Choir

Fri May 6

5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods

6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service

7:00pm RS: Grade 4 shabbat

Family dinner/Chasidic Wedding

Sat May 7

Shabbat Lift

9:00am Coffee & Community

9:30am Study

11:00am Service

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service:

Bat Mitzvah of Julie Gross

5:30pm Sabbath Evening Service:

Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Koff

Sun May 8

Religious School Day of Chesed

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School

9:15am Parenting

11:00am Or Chadash Choir

Mon May 9

7:30 pm Prophets Seminar

Tue May 10

11:30am Women in Transition

Wed May 11

10:30am Mah Jongg

4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School

6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School

Thu May 12

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

9:30am Jewish Meditation

11:00am Wisdom of the Sages

7:00 pm Kol Ami's Got Talent Fundraiser

Fri May 13

SYNAPLEX

5:30 pm Shabbat In The Woods

6:15 pm Evening Shabbat Service

Sat May 14

Shabbat Lift

9:00am Coffee & Community

9:30am Study

11:00am Service

5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service:

Bat Mitzvah of Riley Vogel

Sun May 15

Last Day of Religious School – Zimriyah

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School

Mon May 16

11:00am Current Events

7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Wed May 18

10:30am Mah Jongg

Thu May 19

9:30am Jewish Meditation

11:00am Wise Aging

11:00am Wisdom of the Sages

7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

7:45pm Adult Choir

8:00pm Board Meeting

Fri May 20

5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods

6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service

Sat May 21

Shabbat Lift

9:00am Coffee & Community

9:30am Study

11:00am Service

5:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bar

Mitzvah of Ethan Strug

Sun May 22

11:15am Cooking for the Homeless

Mon May 23

7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Wed May 25

10:30am MahJongg

7:00 pm Screening of No Letting Go

Thu May 26 Lag Ba'Omer

9:30am Jewish Meditation

11:00am Wisdom of the Sages

7:45pm Adult Choir

Fri May 27

5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods

6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service

Sat May 28

Shabbat Lift

9:00am Coffee & Community

9:30am Study

11:00am Service

Mon May 30

Memorial Day

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